

CIA's Secret Superstaff Overseas

Washington

The Central Intelligence Agency built up an undercover bureaucracy abroad that for a time had almost as many employees abroad as the State Department's Foreign Service, according to informed sources.

Shortly after the advent of the Kennedy administration, sources said, the CIA had 37000 employees operating under diplomatic or other official U.S. titles overseas while the State Department had 3900 bona fide employees working abroad.

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"You'd be surprised at how few people ... the CIA has overseas these days," [another] source said....