

## Canadian Government

## Knew of FBI Informant

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OTTAWA, Feb. 18—The Canadian government said today that an FBI informant sent into Canada to spy on Maoist-oriented Communist groups was in this country with Ottawa's knowledge.

Solicitor General Warren Allmand said the operation had been approved and was monitored by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Allmand made the comments after a Florida auctioneer, Joseph A. Burton, 42, said he was sent on clandestine missions into Canada by the FBI.

According to Allmand, the FBI requested permission to send Burton to Canada after he infiltrated a radical Maoist group in Florida known as the Red Star Cadre.