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WASHINGTON, AUG. 3 (AP)-THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SAYS IT HAS TAKEN CUSTODY OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL FOUND IN THE HOME OF ONE OF ITS EMPLOYEES.

BUT THE EMPLOYEE, HANS TOFTE, WAS QUOTED BY THE WASHINGTON POST AS SAYING THE MATERIAL WAS TAKEN IN A "STUPID CLOAK AND DAGGER RAID" WHICH LEFT HIM "OUTRAGED AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN."

A CIA SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THE AGENCY IS COOPERATING WITH WASHINGTON POLICE IN INVESTIGATING A REPORT BY TOFTE THAT SOME JEWELRY BELONGING TO HIS WIFE WAS MISSING FROM HIS HOME.

A STORY IN THE MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE AND DES MOINES REGISTER BY CLARK MOLLENHOFF SAID SOME \$20,000 WORTH OF JEWELRY WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM TOFTE'S HOME AFTER SOME OTHER CIA PERSONNEL HAD BEEN THERE.

ASKED ABOUT THIS, A CIA SPOKESMAN SAID TOFTE HAD LISTED HIS HOME IN NORTHWEST WASHINGTON FOR SALE AND A REALTY COMPANY ARRANGED FOR KENNETH R. SLOCUM, ALSO A CIA EMPLOYEE, TO SEE THE PROPERTY.

"MR. SLOCUM WAS NOT AWARE OF MR. TOFTE'S AGENCY AFFILIATION AT THE TIME HE VISITED THE PROPERTY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID. "IN COMPANY WITH HIS WIFE AS A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL" SLOCUM WAS SHOWN THROUGH THE RESIDENCE JULY 23 BY TOFTE'S MOTHER-IN-LAW.

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"DURING THE COURSE OF THE VISIT, MR. SLOCUM NOTICED BY CHANCE CLASSIFIED AGENCY MATERIAL IN ONE OF THE ROOMS BEING SHOWN AND REPORTED THIS PROMPTLY TO AGENCY SECURITY OFFICIALS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SINCE THE PRESENCE OF EXPOSED CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS IN A PRIVATE HOME CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF AGENCY SECURITY

REGULATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, SLOCUM AND HIS WIFE AND CHARLES D. SPEAKE, A CIA SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE, RETURNED TO THE RESIDENCE THE NEXT DAY.

HE ADDED: "THEY WERE AGAIN ADMITTED BY MR. TOFTE'S MOTHER-IN-LAW AND TOOK CUSTODY OF THE CLASSIFIED MATERIAL."

"SUBSEQUENTLY, MR. TOFTE ADVISED A SECURITY OFFICIAL OF THIS AGENCY THAT SOME JEWELRY BELONGING TO HIS WIFE WAS MISSING," THE SPOKESMAN SAID. "HE WAS ENCOURAGED TO REPORT THIS IMMEDIATELY TO THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND, IS NOW INVESTIGATING THE REPORTED LOSS.

"THIS AGENCY IS COOPERATING FULLY WITH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE SEVENTH PRECINCT IN THIS INVESTIGATION."

POLICE OFFICIALS SAID MRS. TOFTE ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED \$29,000 WORTH OF JEWELRY WAS MISSING BUT REVISED THIS DOWNWARD TO \$19,000 AFTER FINDING SOME OF THE ITEMS AT THE JEWELER'S FOR REPAIRS. THEY SAID MRS. TOFTE ALSO REPORTED SOME MANUSCRIPTS SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY WERE TAKEN.

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THE CIA SPOKESMEN DID NOT DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF TOFTE'S AND SLOCUM'S JOBS IN THE AGENCY, BUT DID SAY THEY ARE NOT MAJOR OFFICIALS.

THE WASHINGTON NEWSPAPER QUOTED TOFTE AS SAYING SLOCUM HAD "SNOOPED" INSIDE HIS HOME IN AN AREA THAT WAS "ABSOLUTELY OFF LIMITS" AND THEN HAD REPORTED WHAT HE FOUND LIKE "A GOOD LITTLE BOY."

THE POST ACCOUNT ADDED:

THE TOFTES SAID THAT ALTHOUGH SLOCUM HAD COME TO SEE A BASEMENT APARTMENT HE GOT INTO A THIRD-FLOOR AREA USED BY TOFTE AS A LIBRARY AND WHICH WAS CLOSED TO EVERYONE ELSE.

THERE, TOFTE SAID, HE HAD MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL FOR A TEXTBOOK AND CIA MATERIAL TAKEN HOME "BY ME FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOMEWORK." MRS. TOFTE SAID THE CIA MATERIAL WAS SECURELY WRAPPED IN A PARCEL PREPARATORY TO MOVING, AND THAT THE PARCEL WAS UNDER A BLANKET THAT IN TURN WAS UNDER A TARPAULIN.

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