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## In Soviet Sanctuary

# Defector 'Quit' CIA After Plane Blowup

MOSCOW — (AP) — An American defector who describes himself as a former Central Intelligence Agency agent said today he quit the organization after being told he has been used to help blow up an airliner.

John Smith, a former State Department employee, said he provided a suitcase with two time bombs that was put on board the "Kashmir Princess" airliner. The plane was lost at sea while carrying delegates of the African-Asian conference from Peking to Bandung, Indonesia, in 1955.

### JFK CONSPIRACY

Smith said in the last installment of his memoirs in *Literaturnaya Gazeta* — *Literary Gazette* — that the suitcase was given him by an attache at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi.

Smith also said he is convinced President John F. Kennedy was killed four years ago by a "broad conspiracy in which the CIA was involved." He did not offer any new evidence or claim that he had access to any.

(In Washington, a State Department spokesman dismissed the Smith statement as "rather fatuous.")

### VIET WAR CLAIM

Smith says he is a native of Quincy, Mass. The State Department has acknowledged that Smith worked as a code clerk at various embassies but has denied that he had any connection with the CIA.

Smith said in *Izvestia* he "still has many things to tell" and will put them in a book he is working on.

He said he believes the day will come when he can rejoin

his daughter and mother in Quincy. Earlier, Smith said his wife was a former CIA agent.

*Izvestia* cited the Vietnam war as "one of the reasons Smith fled from the United States." It said he traveled from one country to another, escaping from the CIA, before he chose Soviet citizenship.

In *Literary Gazette*, Smith said four out of five diplomats at U.S. embassies are in fact intelligence officers.

Smith charged that the U.S. Information Service — USIS—is used as a front by the CIA. He said that in India, where he worked with the U.S. Embassy, many USIS officials were connected with either the CIA or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.