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according to two former FBI number of persons it beedge of such operations. lieved to be foreign spies, agents with -direct knowl-The FBI has kidnaped a

that, as far as he knew, the placed the number of such by the bureau since the technique had not been used kidnapings over the years at mid-1960s. 'fewer than ten." He said One of the former agents

missile crisis "when things were pretty rough," and War incidents as the Cuban that he was "certain that occasioned by such this is no longer going on." He said its use had been Cold

clined comment. An FBI spokesman de-

entered the United States munist countries who had suspected spies from Com-FBI kidnaping targets were ports and other documents. with forged American passone possible exception, the Both agents said that, with

FBI agents. firmed, although not in detail, by two other former technique was also con-The use of the kidnaping

> a person who proved to be an American citizen. reau had erred in kidnaping that in one instance the buings left open the possibility scribed the alleged kidnap-In separate interviews, the two former agents who de-

ties. No question about it." pletely wrong — completely in violation of civil libercase the practice was "com ed, however, that in every One of the agents conced-

activities." leads you into extra-legal pediency. That often times faced with the concept of exness of intelligence, you're But he said, "In the busi-

pointed out that an alien illegally in this country is by ican Civil Liberties Union, representatives of the Amer-Several lawyers, including

process as America citizens. same guarantees of due

espionage. them with illegal entry or tion Service for a deporta-tion hearing or to charge individuals over to the imlayer said, were to turn such ternatives in such cases, one migration and Naturaliza-The bureau's only legal al-

own intelligence service. agent willing to report to the found to interrogate a sus-"turn" him into a double agent said, was a last resort FBI on the activities of his pected subversive, or to means could be quickly used when no alternative Kidnaping, one former

law afforded many of the had been located. "You'd one said, used in such cases, although physical torture was ever Both men denied that when a suspect

murdered.

weeks." FBI safe house for "several case in which a person was gations. He described one portant part of such interroseized and detained in an mental duress was an immaintained, however, that One of the former agents

stantly. whom was with him conof whom was with him conligence agents," at least one captors only as "U.S. intel-The spy, he said, knew his

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pick him up and take him over." somewhere and work him

in which a hostage had been added, although neither offithreatened with death if they did not cooperate, he cial recaled any instance The victims often were

room," he said.

ble agent. and agreed to become a douterrogation the man broke After weeks of intense in-

word, the former agent said. ed meeting with an FBI inand appeared at an appoint-The man did keep his

same bed with him. We even went with him to the bath-"Someone slept in the er.

telligence agent a week lat-

knowing whether the man or others like him, reported became triple agents. flaw: the FBI had no way of nique contained a critical own government, and thus their experiences to their knowledged that the tech But the former agent ac-

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