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The operations of the CIA station in Havana, Cuba, received a crippling blow in September, 1960, when Cuban G-2 authorities discovered that CIA operatives had established a technical surveillance on the Overseas China News Agency which had offices located in the Centro Medico Building in Havana, Cuba.

Cuban G-2 evidently became aware of this CIA operation due to the fact that various CIA operatives, who were noticeably North Americans, were frequenting an apartment in the Centro Medico Building. In the general round-up, the Cuban authorities arrested two U. S. Embassy employees, one being Mrs. MARJORIE A. LENNOX, an employee of the Commercial Section, and a Mr. NEET, who was listed as a Third Secretary at the U. S. Embassy but who was actually a CIA agent. Also arrested were four undercover operatives of CIA who are North Americans. The Cuban Government was also able to confiscate much technical equipment which was used in this technical surveillance. Photographs of the technical equipment were published in the Havana newspaper, "Revolucion," and consisted of numerous tape recorders, and other monitoring equipment.

In connection with this operation, various other CIA operatives in Havana were compromised. Included among these were the following who were assigned as officers at the U. S. Embassy, Havana, Cuba: ROBERT D. WIECHA, DAVID BECK, (FNU) DE CASTRO, and another female employee of the U. S. Embassy who was secretary to the Administrative Officer and Security Advisor, CAROLYN O. STACY. It appears that actually she was the one who was working in an undercover capacity for CIA and not MARJORIE A. LENNOX who was the one arrested by Cuban authorities.

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From conversations with CIA representatives, it appeared that the agents were compromised because they were seen to be in direct contact with the undercover operatives whom CIA had placed in Cuba. The CIA agents assigned to the Embassy evidently mixed socially with the CIA undercover operatives and in this manner became known to Cuban authorities.

Another ^{U.S.A.} CIA representative, ~~DAVID~~ ~~MORALES~~, has also been recalled to the United States as it has been feared that his contact with counterrevolutionary groups in Havana, Cuba, might be known to Cuban G-2.

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^{U.S.A.} With respect to the four operatives who were undercover and who are presently being detained by Cuban police, these individuals have not been seen by any representatives of the U. S. Embassy for the past month. The Cuban Government has given no indication as to what penalty they might suffer. CIA station Chief, [redacted] ^(S) has expressed his concern to the Legat, Havana, concerning the possible action which the Cuban Government might take against these individuals. One source informed Legat he was informed by a G-2 representative that the Cuban Government might ask for the death penalty for these four, but that if such penalty is decreed, it would be reduced to a jail term of 30 years.

The present set-up of the CIA station in Havana is as follows:

^(S)
[redacted] Chief
~~ARTHUR~~ ~~AVIGNON~~, former Bureau agent who has been on transfer to Rio de Janeiro for the past month, Assistant Chief. He has explained that his transfer has been delayed due to the fact that if he is removed, it is doubtful whether any replacement would be sent in his stead.
~~ANTHONY L.~~ ~~SILEO~~
~~WILLIAM J.~~ ~~MURRAY~~
~~BENJAMIN C.~~ ~~EVANS~~, JR. is presently in the United States and it is not known whether there are plans for him to return to Cuba.
The office has a complement of five girls.

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