

The Secret Contenders

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*** Beck was in Cuba from 1960 to 1961.

*** Beck was in Mexico City from 1962 to 1967.

16. Only the most trusted Soviets are allowed out of the Soviet Union, and even for them, the RIS always details a security officer to accompany them or assigns a resident security officer to monitor their activities.
22. The Clandestine Services operated along the lines of a semi-military model.
23. CS training course for Chief of Stations.
25. Communications offices and Technicians functions in the Station; relationship with component parts of the Embassy; organizational chart; "one big family"?
28. International Cable Service?
32. Case officer reports.
48. Classic espionage in the bread-and-butter activity of the CIA's field stations.
64. Special Intelligence (SI) of the NSA - Communications Intelligence.
82. Description of "personality" of an overseas case officer - portrays

arrogance of CIA.

- 84. The agent is at the heart of the operation, who is the prime mover.*
- 84. "Flap" - Exposure of operation to local authorities.*
- 84. Beck worked for the Latin American Desk of the Soviet Division.*
- 84. Western Hemisphere Division had erected a secrecy barrier within the Agency and was pretentious about the way in which it was "hugging" the whole Cuban "show" to itself.*
- 93. Mexico City Station - "The 'hottest' Station in the Western Hemisphere."*
- 93. Beck was a case officer in Soviet Division of Mexico City Station.*
- 95. Description of the volume of surveillance.*
- 136. Paramilitary and political action were directed primarily by Headquarters covert action staff.*
- 136. Mexico City Station was one of the largest and best operated of CS stations - highly rated covert action case officer.*