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Colby Outlines The Spy Game

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — In the past five years between 400 and 500 Americans have been approached to serve as agents for some foreign power, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency said Wednesday.

William E. Colby told the Commonwealth Club of California that his agency has discovered some of these contacts that prove successful through the use of money or other pressures.

"We have stopped that kind of subversion," he said. "I don't know if we them all but we have got a got a substantial number."

Colby said that America was now the desirable country so that "The ideological appeal is much weaker today than it was in the 1920s and 1930s."

Colby said that American intelligence must be responsive and accountable, but must maintain those secrets "that are essential to our country."

He said the CIA had the same need for discipline, secrecy and organizational integrity as does the military.

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