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LONDON, NOV 1, REUTER -- A FORMER OFFICER IN BRITISH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE TODAY CONFESSED HE WAS PART OF A BRITISH SPY RING WHICH PASSED INFORMATION TO THE SOVIET UNION DURING WORLD WAR TWO.

LEO LONG, NOW A RETIRED FILM COMPANY EXECUTIVE, TOLD THE SUNDAY TIMES NEWSPAPER HE WAS PART OF THE NETWORK RUN BY ANTHONY BLUNT, A FORMER ART ADVISER TO QUEEN ELIZABETH WHO STRIPPED HIM OF HIS KNIGHTHOOD WHEN HE WAS EXPOSED TWO YEARS AGO.

MR LONG SAID HE CONFESSED TO BRITISH INTELLIGENCE IN 1964, AT THE SAME TIME AS BLUNT, AND LIKE HIM, WAS NEVER PROSECUTED FOR OFFENSES WHICH HE ADMITS WERE ''TOTALLY TREASONABLE.''

MR LONG'S STATEMENT IS LIKELY TO OUTRAGE BRITONS AND CAUSE A STORM IN PARLIAMENT, WHICH WAS TOLD LAST YEAR THAT BLUNT WAS THE ONLY SPY GIVEN IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION SINCE WORLD WAR TWO.

THE SCANDAL SHOOK THE BRITISH ESTABLISHMENT, WHICH LEARNED FOR THE FIRST TIME OF THE EXTENT OF WARTIME SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN BRITAIN CARRIED OUT BY THE SPY RING FORMED BY BLUNT, GUY BURGESS, DONALD MACLEAN AND KIM PHILBY.±

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