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Bush Reveals A Secret Trip To 3 Nations

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Washington, April 15 (news Bureau) — Central Intelligence Director George Bush revealed today that he ahd secretly toured three Europena countries recently on a fact-finding trip and was encouraged by what he had seen.

Bush mentioned the trip in a speech at a luncheon meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. He defended the Central Intelligence Agency and stressed necessity of intelligence-gthering activities.

Talking to reporters after the speech, Bush declined to name the countries he had visited.

The tour was apparently aimed at visiting key CIA stations to boost morale of agents. Bush said that CIA morale was "generally in pretty fair shape," but added:

"We've done some bad stuff in the past."

Bush also told reporters that he ahd taken "sufficient action" to prevent another CIA disclosure of military secrets. Members of the local chapter of the American Institute of Astronauttics were told by a CIA official at a recent briefing that Israel had between 10 and 20 nuclear weapons.

The report appeared in print a few days later, and Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, has called for an investigation.

Bush declined today to say what "sufficent action" he had taken, and he did not name the CIA official who had conducted the briefing. Other sources said the official was Deptty CIA Director Carl Duckett.

Meanwhile, former Defense Secretarty Melvin Laird says in the current issue of Readerr's Digest taht CIA agents who had infiltrated terrorist groups helped prevent explosions in New York City in March 1973 that could have killed hundreds of people.

Laird said the CIA had tipped the New York police, who "rushed to busy midtown intersections and hauled away two cars with enough Soviet-made explosives to kill everybody within a 100-yard radius."

"The terrorist explosives were timed to detonate at noon, when streets woul be most crowded," said.

Laird said the bombings would have coincided with a visit to New York by Golda Meir, the Israeli prime minister.

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