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THE LISTS

George Bush, new director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is problem-laden. One of his major problems concerns the exposure of CIA agents throughout the world.

In the past few months lists of alleged CIA agents, in many cases with their addresses, phone numbers, and cover titles, have been published in France, England, Spain, The Netherlands, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway and Finland.

In Bonn, a little-known weekly newspaper, "Information Service," published the names of 15 persons it said are CIA agents. In Athens, it was the publication of the name of Richard Welch, CIA station chief at the American Embassy, that led to his senseless assassination. In Italy, "Expresso," the newsmagazine, listed 28 names, including nine women. In The Hague, the weekly "Vrij Nederland" printed seven names, including one woman. In France, "Liberation," the left-wing daily founded by Jean-Paul Sartre, blew the cover of the CIA station chief and others. In London, CIA personnel at the U.S. Embassy have been widely publicized for some time.

Why are so many people in so many countries against the CIA?

Largely because for years the CIA has interfered in their governments. Take Italy. Since 1948 the CIA has paid approximately $74 million to Italian politicians, most of it to Premier Aldo Moro's Christian Democrats. All Italian premiers have been Christian Democrats since 1945. In the 1972 general election, the CIA paid out $9 million to various Italian center-left parties on the insistence of Graham Martin, U.S. Ambassador to Rome, although the then CIA station chief in Rome strongly objected.

In short, one job of the CIA has been to support governments the U.S. liked and help destroy governments the U.S. did not.

What right has the CIA got to do this? How would we like it if the Shah of Iran contributed millions of dollars to elect Ronald Reagan President of the U.S. and additional millions to defeat Gerald Ford or vice versa?

The CIA is absolutely necessary to collect intelligence, but bribing politicians in a foreign country in order to negate the will of the voters--that may very well be classified as dirty pool, a game prompting anger, revenge and exposure by the victims.

George Bush is going to find it tough to restructure the cover apparatus of his CIA agents. How many will have to be transferred, how many will have to be given new identities, how many will have to be "buried" in corporations--all of these are his problems.

Most of all, how is he going to prevent terrorists, patriots, Socialists, Communists, nationalists, friends as well as enemies from publishing future lists of CIA agents abroad?