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U. S. Indicts Ex-FBI Man As Illegal Foreign Agent

WASHINGTON, May 13 (AP)—A federal grand jury today indicted John Joseph Frank, 42-year-old Washington attorney and former FBI agent, on charges of acting for the Dominican Republic in this country without registering as a foreign agent.

Frank also is a former employee of the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency.

The four-count indictment said Frank, "also known as John Kane," was a Dominican agent from about May, 1954, until the present. He was accused of collecting information for Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo, the Dominican dictator.

The indictment was made public several weeks after the grand jury was reported receiving evidence in connection with the disappearance of Jesus de Galindez, Columbia University professor and bitter critic of the Trujillo regime. De Galindez dropped out of sight on a New York street in March, 1956. His friends contended he had been kidnapped.

The offenses charged against Frank—failing to register and acting as a foreign agent without registration with the attorney general—are punishable by fines up to \$10,000 and imprisonment for five years on each count, in the event of conviction.

Arrested In Washington

Frank was a special FBI agent from 1941 until early 1949, and later was employed by CIA. He left government work to enter private law practice here in 1953 and lives in suburban Alexandria, Va.

Shortly after the indictment was returned, the FBI said Frank had been taken into custody by special agents in Washington.

Life Magazine early this year associated the De Galindez disappearance with the reported death in the Dominican capital of Gerald Murphy, 23-year-old

flier from Eugene, Ore. Murphy was working for a Dominican airline at the time. The magazine said he had been hired to fly De Galindez from New York to the Dominican capital. Dominican authorities said Murphy was killed in a private quarrel in Ciudad Trujillo by a Dominican flier.

The U. S. State Department has asked the Dominican Republic to make a further investigation.

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