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BALTIMORE--PROTECTION OF "NATIONAL SECURITY" MAY EVEN JUSTIFY

THE USE OF SLANDER BY U.S. SECRET AGENTS, A FEDERAL COURT HAS HELD.

A FEDERAL JUDGE UPHELD THE RIGHT OF A CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENT YESTERDAY TO KEEP SILENT IN A CASE BROUGHT BY AN ESTONIAN EMIGRE WHO SAID THE AGENT SLANDERED HIM.

CHIEF JUDGE ROSZEL THOMSEN MADE THE RULING IN THE CASE OF JURI RAUS, 39, OF HYATTSVILLE, MD., AN ENGINEER FOR THE U.S. BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS AND ERIK HEINE, 46, OF REXDALE, ONT., A SUBURB OF TORONTO.

RAUS IS ALSO A NATIONAL COMMANDER OF AN ESTONIAN EMIGRE ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO FREEING THE LITTLE BALTIC STATE FROM RUSSIAN RULE; HEINE IS ALSO PROMINENT IN THE SAME CAUSE.

HEINE CHARGED THAT RAUS SLANDERED HIM BY TELLING OTHER ESTONIAN EMIGRE LEADERS THAT HE (HEINE) WAS A DOUBLE AGENT,

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SERVING THE RUSIANS.

THE CIA CONCEDED THAT RAUS HAD MADE THE CHARGES BUT BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN UNDER CIA ORDERS TO DO SO, HE WAS IMMUNE FROM PROSECUTION.

JUDGE THOMSEN AGREED AND ACCEPTED THE CIA CLAIM THAT RAUS' TESTIMONY COULD BE "CONTRARY TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES."

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