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MOSCOW--THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA TODAY CLAIMED TO HAVE UNMASKED AN ANTI-SOVIET ESPIONAGE RING IN SWEDEN INVOLVING BOTH AMERICAN AND SWEDISH CORRESPONDENTS.

THE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE BY AN ESTONIAN WHO DEFECTED TO SWEDEN EIGHT YEARS AGO AND WHO RECENTLY RETURNED TO THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE, HE SAID, HE REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO ACTIVITIES OF THE AMERICAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

THE ESTONIAN, IDENTIFIED AS ARTHUR TAMAN, WROTE THAT THE STOCKHOLM BUREAU OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, INCLUDING ITS AMERICAN AND SWEDISH CORRESPONDENTS, WERE INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES FOR THE CIA AGAINST THE U.S.S.R.

IZVESTIA SAID THAT TOM REDDY, THE AMERICAN AP BUREAU CHIEF WAS THE LEADER OF THE RING AND ACTUALLY HOLDS THE RANK OF MAJOR IN U.S. INTELLIGENCE. ALSO IMPLICATED, IT SAID, WAS GUSTAV SVENSSON, FORMER AP CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW AND STOCKHOLM, ALONG WITH OTHER UNIDENTIFIED SWEDES AND AMERICANS.

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