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JOEL SPIVAK: In a few minutes I will introduce you to a man who claims that he was a double agent and that the Russians are trying to kill him. They haven't succeeded, because he's sitting here with me. And I will introduce you to him in just a few minutes.

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SPIVAK: The Dossier magazine, which usually has pictures of society matrons and people like that, is an unlikely place to pick up a story like this. But we noticed a little blurb in the Dossier about a man by the name of Boris Korczak. Boris Korczak claims that he was a double agent, working not only for the KGB, but for the Central Intelligence Agency, and that -- well, he's sitting right here. I might as well let him tell you.

How long have you been in this country?

BORIS KORCZAK: I came 2 1/2 years ago to the United States.

SPIVAK: Under what circumstances?

KORCZAK: Since Christmas Eve 1979. And I've been looking really for this, what was promised to me by CIA, some kind of a security umbrella, since my cover was blown, you know, Christmas Eve 1979, and the CIA promised me to cover my expenses to resettle, free transportation, citizenship.

SPIVAK: Where were you at the time? You were in Europe?

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KORCZAK: I was -- yes. I was in Scandinavia.

SPIVAK: Where?

KORCZAK: In Denmark, in Copenhagen.

SPIVAK: In Denmark? You were operating some sort of an importing service?

KORCZAK: Yes. I was engaged in importing home electronics, like TVs, radios, stereo equipment, that sort of thing.

SPIVAK: And you were also engaged in gathering intelligence, I gather.

KORCZAK: That is true.

SPIVAK: For whom?

KORCZAK: For CIA.

SPIVAK: What about the KGB?

KORCZAK: Well, KGB, you know, I got in touch with the KGB on behalf of CIA. I am not -- this is what happened quite many times here. I am not a defector from the KGB. I'm a man who worked for the CIA, trying to infiltrate KGB.

SPIVAK: Did you infiltrate the KGB?

KORCZAK: Oh, yes. I did.

SPIVAK: Were you actually an employee of the KGB?

KORCZAK: That is right. In 1979, summer, I became a major in the KGB.

SPIVAK: Oh, you did?

KORCZAK: Oh, yes.

SPIVAK: Now, you're not Russian, are you?

KORCZAK: No, I'm not. I'm Polish-Lithuanian. I was born in Polish Lithuania just before the war.

SPIVAK: How did you find out, Dr. Korczak, that your cover was blown?

KORCZAK: A man came to -- a man whom I knew as a

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professional assassin, a psychopath, a man whose name I am not sure I should mention. It's better I don't.

SPIVAK: Is he here?

KORCZAK: No. No, no, no. He was [unintelligible]. He was the man who liked, in his sick way, he...

SPIVAK: He was a friend of yours, this...

KORCZAK: Well, you can hardly call it really friend.

SPIVAK: He was a sick friend.

KORCZAK: He was somebody who liked me. Occasionally they like, sometimes, people. He came to me. He was a Soviet KGB and he came to me and said -- it was Christmas Eve, just after Christmas supper. There was a knock on the door and there came a man, and he said -- he was completely drunk. He was -- this was very unauthorized, the visit. You know, usually [unintelligible] have to sign in in the book when they visit somebody. He came on his own and he told me that they know everything what I'm doing, and that he is going to get me. But because he liked me, he will kill me much faster than usual.

SPIVAK: That's nice. That must have made you feel good.

KORCZAK: Well, certainly it didn't -- it wouldn't make me terribly happy, not on Christmas.

SPIVAK: I see. Well, this was when you knew your cover had been blown. Do you have any idea how they found out what you were doing?

KORCZAK: I believe that we -- though CIA probably would object to that -- I believe we have a mole inside CIA.

SPIVAK: You're not the only one.

KORCZAK: I know. I believe that this -- that we claim that we don't have moles, that nobody ever been trying to assassinate, I mean from the KGB side, anybody in the United States. That is obviously just a propaganda and just to keep American population happy.

SPIVAK: Well, wait a minute. We're getting ahead of ourselves here.

You were in Denmark and this guy, this nut, you say, came and said to you, "Korczak, I have to kill you. But I'll do

it very fast and you'll never feel a thing."

So, what did you do?

KORCZAK: Well, I said, "Okay." Well, I asked him, "When is it going to happen?"

He said, "I came to drink the last bottle of vodka with you," which we did.

SPIVAK: You drank with your assassin.

KORCZAK: Yes. Yes. We drank with...

SPIVAK: This sounds like a Robert Ludlum novel now.

KORCZAK: I know. I know. We emptied the last bottle of vodka, and the man left, zigzagging down the street with his car. He was very drunk. And a few days later the harassment started. My wife was being pushed off the road with her car by Soviet Embassy car at high noon. There was an attempt to kidnap my son from school, which I prevented. There were quite a few attempts on my life, until, of course, I approached the CIA chief of station and told him what the problem is.

He said that I should just wait and see what will happen. I told him I'm afraid I'm not so patient to wait for the bullet that will go through my head. He said, "Well, that's the orders we got."

In March I dediced that I quit CIA after hiding in my neighbors' houses, and my friends'. I couldn't live in my own home. Well, I decided I would go -- I asked for this, what was promised by the CIA.

SPIVAK: What did they promise you?

KORCZAK: They promised a security umbrella. That's how it was called. They promised to take good care of me and my family in case of a blown cover.

SPIVAK: According to you, the Central Intelligence Agency made a deal with you that if your cover was blown, they would protect you. They said they'd bring you here?

KORCZAK: Yes, that's right.

SPIVAK: And that they would keep you out of harm's way.

KORCZAK: Precisely.

SPIVAK: Okay.

So, how did you get out of Denmark? I mean the Russians...

KORCZAK: Well, under a certain pressure from some people, some individuals in Copenhagen, from American community, the visa was issued to me, visitor visa, so I could see United States and eventually find that I can get justice here. I came here in April, it was. I came here and approached Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, at that time under Senator Inouye.

SPIVAK: Daniel Inouye of Hawaii.

KORCZAK: Yes, that's right. Yes. And after a week waiting, [unintelligible] became a main force for approach CIA asking, "Who is this man Boris Korczak, and what he wants?" The answer was given to me that we, quote-unquote, CIA, "We buy guys like you for a hundred bucks a head." That was flat stupid and harmful.

I decided that's not the United States I was fighting for. That's not the United States I was dreaming of. That was not the United States I had the image of.

I continued my long search for justice.

SPIVAK: Dr. Korczak was about to light my cigarette.

Is there a microphone in that lighter?

KORCZAK: No, there's no microphone.

SPIVAK: They're probably -- incidentally, they're probably listening up the street at Disneyland up there, you know.

KORCZAK: I hope so.

SPIVAK: They've already made -- wait a minute. You've only told me about this wacko that told you he would dispatch you mercifully. There were two other attempts on your life.

KORCZAK: Oh, yes. There were many more. There were seven attempts on my life.

SPIVAK: Oh, seven.

KORCZAK: In the United States, seven times I was being approached by Soviets. There are police reports in the little town of Vienna, Virginia. There was a dummy bomb put in my car just to scare me off. There were two hired men who tried to knife me, to kill me with a knife. I was only slightly hurt in

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my arm. We found the names and we found the men. I did not press charges against those men.

SPIVAK: Were they embassy employees?

KORCZAK: No, they were Mexicans, hired people. Because the CIA asked me not to press charges, I did not press charges.

SPIVAK: Why would they not want you to press charges?

KORCZAK: I haven't got the slightest idea.

SPIVAK: But you went along with it.

KORCZAK: Yes, I did. Well, you know, I am still very loyal. I was loyal, I am loyal, and I will stay loyal to this country. The CIA top people who misrepresent the interests of the CIA and this country, I don't call them even CIA. I believe in a strong arm of United States, of strong CIA that nobody can laugh at.

SPIVAK: Well, you know, I -- right there where you're sitting now was another fellow by the name of Sakharov, who was, I guess, a contract employee of the KGB. And he told some stories about coming over here after he got out. I forget where he was stationed, somewhere in the Middle East. And he had a rough time in this country for a while, too. It's not -- you know, he's doing all right now, but it took him a while.

You know him?

KORCZAK: I've heard about the man. I know quite a few other names of ex-KGB people who were on the other side of the line, people who were welcomed here with open heart and open arms, people who got a red-carpet treatment instead of red-tape treatment, the way I got it.

I can't understand how come that in the United States, friends of the United States are not welcomed, and enemies, or ex-enemies, they get a red-carpet treatment.

SPIVAK: Well, it's very difficult, you know. Meaning no disrespect to you, Dr. Korczak. It's very difficult for a mere mortal like me to run down a story like this. I mean I can't pick up the phone and call Langley, Virginia and find out whether in fact you actually did work for the CIA. And I certainly can't call Ivan up the street at Disneyland and find out whether you worked for the KGB. So, you know, it's difficult to know.

KORCZAK: Sure. I understand.

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SPIVAK: And yet, you know, you sort of glossed over this incident in Vienna, Virginia, which happened when?

KORCZAK: The last one we didn't mention yet, when I got shot with a poisonous pellet.

SPIVAK: Yeah.

KORCZAK: Well, I say we didn't talk about that.

SPIVAK: No. Well, tell about that story. Because, you know, it's very -- that story is very reminiscent of a story that was featured on 60 Minutes not too many moons ago, in which an assassination took place not here, in Europe.

KORCZAK: I know. It was Markov who got shot the same way, and he did not make it, as you say.

It was late summer in 1981. I was with friends of mine and my little son. He was that time eight years of age. We went to Vienna shopping center just to buy our groceries, as every week I did, and I still do. Not in Vienna anymore.

SPIVAK: Yeah.

KORCZAK: And there was a car that followed me. It was one of those [unintelligible] Chevette, the small American-made car. And I decided -- I said to my friend, I said, "Look, it must be FBI." Once in a while somebody was hanging behind me. I said, "Why do they do it so clumsily?"

So I didn't try to shake off the car. It followed me. We came to shopping center. I lost the car. He probably parked somewhere else. And I stepped into Giant food store, start shopping. And there was a man, this man that I saw in my mirror, that kept following me. He was not really shopping. He was taking things from the shelves, he was putting them back, just walking around. It was about 100 degrees with heat, horrible heat. And the man was wearing kind of a windbreaker, I guess you call it. That was something unusual. And he was wearing also British-made shoes.

Eventually I lost him. I got really busy shopping and I went to the fruit department just to pick up some fruit for my son.

Did you ever try to fight those plastic bags?

SPIVAK: Yeah. Oh yeah.

KORCZAK: Okay. Well, that was the case. And I got so

busy trying to open the thing that usually never...

SPIVAK: On the roll?

KORCZAK: That is correct.

SPIVAK: Yeah, yeah. Sure.

KORCZAK: And suddenly I felt a sting, something that hit me, that bit me just around my kidney on the right side. I decided it must be a bee. It was not very painful, it was just like a bee bite, or sting. I touch the spot. Actually, my friends appeared then, following me. And I saw that a little drop of blood on my finger. And I said, "You know, wherever it's a bee and me, I have to get." I didn't pay -- and I didn't see the man, really, close by.

Well, I finished my shopping. I paid the bill. I left my friend with my son to pick up the car and come closer to the Giant food store. And the friend of mine who was with me, she said, "You know, there was this man from FBI. He left the shop. He looked in my face, smiled, and he disappeared."

I came home. I packed my shopping bag where it belongs. The friends left. And three hours later I started dying. I developed a temperature of 42 Centigrade, which is 106, falling down in 15 minutes to 35 Centigrade again. How low it will be, I'm still not very good with Fahrenheit. Anyway, that's much below the normal. And it was jumping up and down for hours. And I decided I'm dying. I told my little son that there's something very wrong with me. And he decided to call my friends. They came and they found me absolutely unconscious. I was really dying.

That much for what happened in Vienna shopping center.

SPIVAK: Well, you're obviously alive now.

KORCZAK: Yes, I'm alive. I was sick for something like a half a year. Actually, there's not much I remember from that period. I remember horrible pain. I have developed, also, some kind of bacteria colonies in my blood, a special kind of seratio (?), which normally every human being has in his body and it is harmless. Those seratio were being trained, probably, in Soviet Union. [Unintelligible]. And the poison -- I somehow pulled through with the bacteria. I'm still fighting. Once in a while I have the small relapse, I'm bleeding internally.

After a week, by the way, after shooting, I have delivered, normal way with the [unintelligible], I delivered a small -- I mean a small -- five cubic millimeters clot.

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SPIVAK: You mean you went to the bathroom and it was like a kidney stone, a pellet came out?

KORCZAK: That's right. Yes, that's right, with incredible pain. I developed a clot that was too hard to be real. And after -- I mean pressing it, I found a silver-like pellet, a tiny thing that -- I was not aware that something goes through me. I never had any stones in my kidneys. It was quite an experience.

Well, this pellet was seen by Joe Walts, who wrote the article, the first article that appeared in the press, in American press. It was being photographed by UPI. It was seen by many journalists. It was seen by Mr. Keefe, who is also a journalist. It was seen by many people. Unfortunately, nobody else really paid any attention to that.

SPIVAK: All right. Just hold on here, Dr. Korczak.

For those of you who may just have joined us and are wondering what all this is about, Boris Korczak, who's sitting here with me, has claimed, publicly now, that he was a contract agent for the Central Intelligence Agency, he infiltrated the KGB. Mr. Korczak -- Dr. Korczak is Polish by birth. His cover was blown. He was in Denmark. He was threatened by an assassin over there. He's had several attempts on his life. He says the CIA is not protecting him, as they agreed to do.

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SPIVAK: Well, we were just sitting here talking to Dr. Korczak.

You know, the thing that comes to mind here is why would the Russians want to eliminate you? I mean what do you know that you -- so they knew you were a double agent. So your cover was blown. So there is a mole around somewhere. We presume that that is probably true. But, you know, why would they want to bump you off?

KORCZAK: Well, Joel, I'm afraid that you think very American way this time. It means you are thinking the civilized way. You are thinking in the way that, okay, a revenge is something that you wouldn't pay attention to that. You know, you wouldn't do that.

Soviets think a bit differently. They make a point. By getting Mr. Korczak, who was a small fish, or Mr. X or Mr. Y, they make a point to the others, their own or the infiltrators in the KGB. That's like whispering in your ear, "We can get you. WE got Korczak," providing that I would be dead, I would be killed. "We can get you anytime."

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SPIVAK: Yeah, but what about Sakharov? Sakharov even wrote a book. And, you know, he's gone public too. They haven't tried to bump him off.

KORCZAK: Well, don't forget that Sakharov was being taken into the safe house where he was provided all the necessary security.

SPIVAK: Not anymore.

KORCZAK: Pardon?

SPIVAK: Not anymore.

KORCZAK: Not anymore. Well, I believe that sooner or later -- I'm not trying to kill Mr. Sakharov at all. Sooner or later, they will catch up with him.

SPIVAK: Well, they sure know where he is. I mean that's -- well, all right. Just hold it here a minute, Dr. Korczak.

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SPIVAK: It's sort of an irony. You know, in the first hour of this program we were talking about whistle-blowers. Now here sits Boris Korczak, who, in a sense, if this story is true -- and once again, I mean no disrespect, Dr. Korczak. But if the story is true, you are, in a way, a whistle-blower. Because it is Dr. Korczak's contention that the Central Intelligence Agency has hung him out to dry here.

And, you know, just thinking about it, while the commercial was on, Dr. Korczak told me, he says, "I'm no Philip Agee." And that's an interesting thing. Because if you are -- if you were a contract employee for the Central Intelligence Agency, Dr. Korczak, it would seem to me that you're in a position to put a little heat on them by saying, "Look, you take care of me, or I'm going to, you know, tell some people some stuff that might get a lot of people in trouble."

KORCZAK: Well, Joel, I'm afraid that you're wrong. You see, when I come here and tell the story of bad treatment of CIA agents, I don't mean to hurt this country or CIA, which I believe we need CIA.

SPIVAK: ...talking about an agent now. You were not trained at Langley. You were a contract employee of the CIA.

KORCZAK: That's right.

I believe in improving the quality of intelligence. I

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believe in improving the -- well, you know, when I came to the United States -- let me put it this way. When I came to the United States, I found out that CIA became a dirty word. I was so proud being at CIA. I was so proud, you know, for this what I was doing. And I decided that -- I believed that something could be done by simple elimination of this mistreatment of agents.

Since you know that the real intelligence work is not being done by Americans, it is being done by people like me. It is being done by foreigners. Even official brochure published by CIA states that quite clearly. There is a question who is spying -- that's a bad word -- who is spying for the United States. And the answer is the foreign agents.

SPIVAK: Yeah. But, you know, you lived in such an arcane world, Dr. Korczak. How do I know, for instance, that you're not still in the employ of the KGB and are going around saying things like this in order to discourage other foreign nationals from doing contract work for the Central Intelligence Agency because of what may happen to them if their cover gets blown? I mean that's not beyond the pale, is it?

KORCZAK: Well, it is and it isn't. Thanks to the publicity I got -- actually, it was Jack Anderson who got the story before I got shot about me almost getting expelled from the United States because I asked for justice. I believe it is not -- well, there were so many investigations going in the direction of finding out if Boris Korczak is not...

SPIVAK: Let me make -- let me stipulate one thing here, to use Pat Buchanan's word. According to the Washington Post and the New York Daily News, the Senate Intelligence Committee was officially informed by the Central Intelligence Agency that Dr. Korczak, here, at one time was indeed a contract employee of the Central Intelligence Agency. So that much we are aware of and have no reason to doubt that fact.

So go on. I didn't mean to interrupt. I just wanted to make that clear.

KORCZAK: That's all right. I see what you mean.

Well, besides the whole thing what I said before, Admiral Bobby Inman, he guaranteed -- he actually stated it to Senator Charles Grassley from Iowa. He said that Boris Korczak is well-known and appreciated in the CIA.

CIA, number one, they knew me for seven years. Number two, I understand they tried to investigate if there is such a chance. I understand that FBI was investigating. I believe -- I know for sure that Joe Walts, the columnist from the Daily News,

the New York Daily News, investigated. Almost every paper that ran the story, and there were many, they ran such a fantastic investigation. So they tightened the ropes wherever they could, and they came up with a clean and clear picture of Boris Korczak.

I could -- theoretically, I could be working for the Soviets. I could be trying to damage this country. I don't see how, really. Because through all my life, you know, I started my anti-Soviet activity when I was 16. When I was 17, I landed in jail for that.

SPIVAK: Well, then how'd you get into the KGB if they, you know?

KORCZAK: Well, you see, people who are employed by CIA, they usually have a high IQ. That's almost a rule. I would say that is the rule. And what is so marvelous about intelligence work is this chess play, where a brain works against a brain, where it's not -- many people really have a wrong image about intelligence work. They believe that it is the James Bond type. You know, "My name is Bond." That's not true. It is putting small breaks on top of another, it's building up things just because you can think rationally, because you can think well. And...

SPIVAK: But you're not answering my question, with all due respect, Dr. Korczak. If you, you know, were engaged in anti-Soviet activity in Poland when you were a young man...

KORCZAK: That's what I'm answering you.

SPIVAK: Well, I mean the KGB, you know, is not exactly an inefficient organization.

KORCZAK: No, no, no.

SPIVAK: How did you get past them?

KORCZAK: Well, I gave them a story which they bought. They believed -- using my past, using my rebel youth as a motive, I proved to them that I am an adventurer, that I'm not politically motivated one way or another, and I couldn't care less. As long as you give me the adventure, I'll be with you.

So KGB was -- they would actually -- they are very careful with communists, convinced communists. They rather try to avoid them. They are also very careful with anti-communists. But a man who is looking for adventure, a man who is looking for a thrill, he is the right man to do the job.

Actually, in the KGB I haven't found a single communist,

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myself. Most of those people, they were cracking jokes against the system. They were calling Mr. Lenin, in his grave, canned meat. They were quite disrespectful to those who were -- to the Politburo, to the whole communist...

SPIVAK: I'm not surprised at that.

All right, look. Just for purposes of just polite conversation, you say you had seven attempts on your life, including that nice little steel-ball incident out at the Giant food store in Vienna. Some nut assassin for the KGB knocks on your door and says, "Hi, Boris. How are you? I'm going to kill you. But I'm going to do it quickly, so you won't feel a thing." And on and on and on.

How are you protecting yourself?

KORCZAK: Well, not without breaking a law.

Do you mind if I can come back one question back?

SPIVAK: Are you carrying a gun?

KORCZAK: Not now. I wouldn't dream, you know, of coming to see friends in WRC carrying a gun. I feel quite safe here. Especially since I see, you know, all those smiling faces.

SPIVAK: I wouldn't. You know, you listen to some of the people that call this radio station and you get the idea that this is the Kremlin.

KORCZAK: Theoretically, Joel, you might also be a KGB agent, you know.

SPIVAK: There are a lot of people who think I am.

KORCZAK: Sure. Oh, they do?

SPIVAK: Yeah.

KORCZAK: Well, theoretically, all of us can be KGB agents. Theoretically, all of us can work against the United States. And again, you know, it is the country where they have to prove that you're guilty. You don't have to prove that you're not. And so far, nobody proved otherwise than what I stated before.

So, you see -- well, that's what I like about the United States, actually.

SPIVAK: Yeah, but how are you protecting yourself? You

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must have...

KORCZAK: I'm carrying -- I'm driving with a gun. I'm carrying a Baretta, nine millimeter short.

SPIVAK: What about this thing I read that you and some of your friends from Eastern Europe are now turning the tables and following Soviet diplomats around?

KORCZAK: Well, I believe it's about the time that somebody starts doing something for security of American secrets. And I don't see any reason why it shouldn't be me if there's nobody better, so far. If there comes a better man, he's welcome to take the place.

I'm trying to organize a group of Kremlin watchers, people who would, without breaking the law, who will follow Soviets, without harassing them and without doing anything that is against the United States Constitution and law, who will check that the Soviets stay in their diplomatic posts, that they perform only the jobs that they're assigned to. Because it seems to be absolutely ridiculous. They have, for example, 24 second secretaries, 20-something third secretaries, 48 or 46 attaches, 14 first secretaries. I'm asking a question, what those secretaries are doing in Washington, D.C.? I'm not talking about New York. We might come to that.

SPIVAK: Well, you know, that's the Russian Hilton up there right up the street, you know, Disneyland. They have all those nice rooms with views and everything.

So that's what you're going to do, you're going to tail them around?

KORCZAK: Well, actually, Washington is not a spa for Soviets.

SPIVAK: Is not a spa?

KORCZAK: No. It is not a spa for Soviets. It is not a health resort.

SPIVAK: It isn't? I'll be darned. And all this time I thought they were over here soaking up the sun.

KORCZAK: Well, you see how wrong can we be.

SPIVAK: Hold on just a moment, Dr. Korczak.

I've been sitting here monopolizing his time now. The whole point of this, I presume, and the reason Dr. Korczak has

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gone public with all of this is that he feels like the CIA owes him a little something for what he did.

If you would like to ask him a question, you are more than welcomed to do so at 966-TALK. Maybe Ivan will call. It's possible.

Well, anyway, here sits Dr. Boris Korczak, who's had several attempts on his life, he says, by the Russians. And he's not backing off.

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SPIVAK: Oh, you know what, Dr. Korczak? I saw a car parked outside of the Russian Embassy about two weeks ago with a WRC Loves BWI bumper sticker. I thought maybe I was going to get...

KORCZAK: There must have been something they liked.

SPIVAK: Well, that's nice.

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SPIVAK: If you have just joined us, let me just explain that Dr. Boris Korczak, who we are given to understand infiltrated the KGB for the Central Intelligence Agency. And his cover was blown, he came over here, and he says that the CIA has hung him out to dry. And also that he has -- there have been several attempts on his life, and notably an incident over in Vienna, Virginia where he was shot by somebody and almost died.

You're on WRC.

MAN: Dr. Korczak, I'd like to know how do you make your living? Where does your money come from so you can survive, you and your family?

Plus, the other question I'd like to ask you is, why did the Russians make you a major? Why not a captain or a lieutenant in their organization?

KORCZAK: Well, let me answer first question first and second question second.

What do I live on? I came to this country carrying in my pocket all my life savings, all the free cash I could get from my bank in Denmark, which was 36,000 U.S. dollars. It was 2 1/2 years ago. As you know, the prices in the United States, those \$36,000, well, there's nothing left on that.

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I'm having problems paying my bills. I'm having problems buying my groceries right now.

SPIVAK: You're not employed by anybody?

KORCZAK: I'm not employ -- yes, I am employed by an opera, a national lyric opera. Unfortunately, those people, good people, don't have much money. So the money that I'm getting from them is nothing really to talk about.

SPIVAK: What do you have your doctorate in?

KORCZAK: I have it in the history of art.

SPIVAK: Oh. Okay.

KORCZAK: The second question. What was it? Excuse me.

SPIVAK: He wanted to know why they made you a major instead of a captain or a colonel.

KORCZAK: The Soviets try always to impress. If you remember Penkovsky's story, the CIA tried to impress Penkovsky by giving him American military rank. The Soviets do exactly the same. They try to please you. They try to make you higher than actually and effectively you are. That's to keep you happy.

It doesn't answer your question.

SPIVAK: Does it answer your question, sir?

MAN: Yes, I does. I do believe what he's saying. Because listening to him over the radio, he seems to have a frightened sound to his voice.

SPIVAK: Well, he doesn't look frightened to me. But how would you like it if somebody shot you in the Giant food store while you were picking potatoes, or whatever?

KORCZAK: Let me assure you, I am not frightened at all. And people treat me really nicely here.

SPIVAK: You're on WRC.

WOMAN: I'm quite well acquainted with Scandinavia. And Mr. Korczak said his Soviet -- the Soviet KGB visitor drove drunkenly down the street. I don't know anybody -- most Scandinavians are afraid to drive with the smell of alcohol on their breath, let alone to drive drunkenly down the street, because they would be immediately not only arrested, but jailed. I would think that a KGB agent would be very well aware of that

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and would be much more careful than that, no matter how drunk he was.

SPIVAK: Well, this guy was a hired assassin.

KORCZAK: Well, ma'am, with all due respect, let me answer this question this way. KGB is doing what they want, especially in Denmark. There were cases -- there was a case in 1978 when a drunken Soviet diplomat drove with his Ford Taunus on a pavement and damaged completely his car and some other cars parked along the road. There were no prosecutions, nothing happened. The Soviet Embassy did not even have to apologize. It is a fact, established fact, that Soviets driving their diplomatic cars, they drive drunk and nothing happens. Especially in Scandinavia.

WOMAN: This gentleman had a car diplomatique license?

KORCZAK: Certainly. Certainly.

WOMAN: The other question I'd like to ask Mr. Korczak is why when you were so sick, why didn't you immediately call a doctor?

KORCZAK: Why didn't I do what?

WOMAN: Immediately call a doctor.

KORCZAK: Well, I was being taken to Arlington Hospital, where the doctors could not -- I could not tell them what really happened to me, as I did not realize what really happened to me. There was nobody to pay my bills. As I just mentioned before, my money ran out. I still don't have a health insurance. I don't have money to pay the bill. So I could hardly stay in a hospital.

WOMAN: Are you familiar with Arnaud de Borchgrave?

KORCZAK: Yes. Certainly I know the name.

WOMAN: Well, I would suggest that you get together with him and have him help you write your story, and you can make some money that way.

KORCZAK: Thank you very much, ma'am.

SPIVAK: That's a possibility. Arnaud may be listening, as a matter of fact, if he's in town over at Georgetown.

KORCZAK: I would love to.

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SPIVAK: Well, it's quite a story.

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SPIVAK: Well, you know, that lady who just called and suggested you get together with Arnaud de Borchgrave, that's not such a bad idea, actually. This is quite a story.

But, you know, you've gone public with it now and you've been on the Tomorrow show with Snyder and you've made a few other appearances on television. Now here you are with me. So what do you want -- what do you -- they're probably listening out in Langley.

KORCZAK: Oh, yeah. I hope so.

SPIVAK: What do you want to have happen, I mean in the best of all possible worlds, besides not getting shot again while you're, you know, buying fruit? What would you like to have happen?

KORCZAK: I will give you the answer the way I say it. I would like my little son, who is today nine, when being asked again, "Who are you?" to answer, "I'm American," as he used to answer when he came to this country. It took him half a year when he decided that he is not, after the treatment we got here.

SPIVAK: Where is your wife, incidentally?

KORCZAK: My wife -- because, you know, I have a little daughter too. She's four years of age. And my wife, when the whole harassment was going on here in Vienna, Virginia, she decided that's a very unsafe place. She took my daughter and she left back to Denmark. She is living in hiding. And now she wanted to come to see us, at least for three months, and she was being denied a visa.

SPIVAK: By whom?

KORCZAK: By American Embassy, on the grounds that she might like America to that extent that she will stay. It was -- she was mistreated, really, in American Embassy, in American Consulate in Copenhagen. She was being said that they are tired, sick and tired of ex-CIA agents' wives. And she -- there is very little chance that she might come.

She is a professional person. She is a nurse. She's an honest person. And I would like very much to see my daughter.

SPIVAK: Why don't you go see her?

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KORCZAK: I can hardly appear now in Scandinavia, where Soviets do what they please. I would be a dead man.

SPIVAK: They will kill you if you go.

KORCZAK: Oh, yeah. Absolutely. No doubt about that. If there's any secure place for me right now, though so insecure it is, it is here in the United States. I can stay alive for at least a little while.

SPIVAK: Well, I mean, what do you want the CIA to do, give you money?

KORCZAK: I want CIA to keep a part of their agreement. They promised me United States citizenship, and they never kept their promise.

SPIVAK: Was this a written agreement?

KORCZAK: Yes, it was written agreement. Well, this agreement, no. It was -- I was told by my case officer, whose name, of course, will stay secret. So CIA doesn't have to worry about me exposing names. It was promised in the name of the United States and in the name of the CIA that those things will be observed.

Let me tell you one thing. People who work for Radio Free Europe in Munich, after working five years, without endangering their lives, they are granted automatically American citizenship.

SPIVAK: Oh, is that so?

KORCZAK: Yes.

I've been working seven years for this country, putting, really, my life on the table, you know, for anybody who wanted to hurt us, and I'm still, you know, an underdog. I think that that's a shame. That's not American way.

SPIVAK: Well, but I ask you again. Do you want them to pay you? Do you want them to give you...

KORCZAK: I want them to cover my expenses connected with the resettlement. That's what I want. I want them to take off the red tape. Wherever I applied for a job, wherever I tried to get a job, people were scared of. Right now, the people whom I try to organize, the Kremlin watchers, are being whispered in their ears, "Stay away. Stay away," you know.

Well, I just wonder how long will it take before

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somebody really starts -- I mean changes his mind and decides, "What the heck. The guy did something for us."

SPIVAK: Well, okay, Mr. Korczak. I'm glad to meet you. I'd suggest you stay away from the fruit counter in the Giant store for a while.

KORCZAK: Well, I'm glad to be here with you. I thank you that you're willing to have me here. And I'm sorry that I was being had.

SPIVAK: It's quite a story.

Well, we've been visiting here with Dr. Boris Korczak. And I guess -- what can I say? To be continued.

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SPIVAK: I must say, you people were strangely quiet while Dr. Korczak was here. I -- that surprised me. I wonder what people were thinking while all that was going on. Well, maybe we'll find out about that before we're through.