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Spy Magazine

COUNTER-SPY, a magazine whose stock in trade is the exposure of spies and other clandestine operators, was virtually unknown a few months ago.

Then came the accusations that the magazine, one of several publications to print the names of top CIA operatives, marked Athens station chief Richard S. Welch for death by gunmen last December 23. The magazine countered by saying that if anyone was to blame, it was the CIA.

Since then, Counter-Spy has received bomb scares, death threats and hate mail. It has also received "a healthy

new supply of subscriptions and renewals," according to co-editor Eda Gordon.

The magazine is funded by Fifth Estate, a loosely knit group of writers, former CIA agents and former Vietnam War protesters. It operates a "library" in Washington that specializes in intelligence documents and exposes.

Gordon says a much stronger effort is being made to distribute Counter-Spy through book and magazine stores. She says the upcoming issue contains articles on a right-wing liberation army in Portugal and speculation about new targets of the FBI's "ongoing" counter-intelligence program.