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SUBJECT Full Text

TED KOPPEL: A spy for the CIA in Moscow. Was his cover inadvertently blown here in Washington? And why did some details of the case leak out?

Tonight we'll examine the story of Anatoliy Filatov and what it tell us about the art of disinformation. We'll talk live with a journalist expert on espionage and with a former Czech agent who was assigned to give false intelligence to the West.

And on Day 319 of the crisis in Iran, the U. S. confirms it will cooperate in an investigation of Iran's complaints if that will speed the hostages' release.

ANNOUNCER: This is ABC News Nightline. Reporting from Washington, Ted Koppel.

KOPPEL: Good evening.

We want to focus tonight on a spy story. What needs to be said at the outset is that stories of this kind in real life do not easily lend themselves to a sharp focus. Too many people have a vested interest in highlighting parts of the story selectively, in blurring other parts, and, with some aspects, deliberately deceiving. There are national interests to be protected and political axes to be ground.

But, first, here's diplomatic correspondent Barrie Dunsmore with a look at the man who was once at the center of this story.

BARRIE DUNSMORE: Name: Anatoliy Filatov. Code name: