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CIA agent's maneuvers cover-up off-the-record candor

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A CIA agent was caught attempting covert maneuvers in UC's Annie Laws Auditorium Wednesday.

Art Holnick of the Central Intelligence Agency gave a 45-minute speech to a group of 200 UC students about the cloak-and-dagger work done by the CIA, but told reporters that his comments could not be printed.

"I should point out for any of you who may be from the media, that what I say is off the record, and I hope you will follow that rule," Holnick said.

Larry Cable, visiting assistant professor of history, brought Holnick to the lecture.

Elaine English, staff attorney at the Reporters' Committee of the Freedom of Information Center, said Holnick's speech was a public meeting and therefore subject to press coverage.

An announcement was also sent to the *News Record* for publication in the calendar.

Holnick told the group of students everything they wanted to know. Unfortunately, if everything he said was off the record and you did not attend his lecture, you would not know he said, "We believe that the flow of narcotics into this country is financing terrorism around the world."

Nor would you know that Holnick said, "It also seems clear, the Soviet Union is going to be a more difficult adversary in the future if Mr. Gorbachev is successful in making the Soviet Union more efficient."

The spy business, said Holnick, is likely to become more difficult in the future—not easier. "I don't believe that the world of intelligence is going to get any easier. I think it's going to get tougher."



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