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The CIA's 'Sex Squad'

Capitol Hill, the Central Intelligence Agency for years has conducted an elaborate and efficient sex operation.

Few national secrets have been more carefully guarded, but the CIA has provided kings, presidents, potentates and magistrates with female compansionship. On a lower level, women have been made available to defectors and CIA agents.

Sometimes, the CIA's guests bring their own partners. More often, the agency selects the women from its vice files. The agency also provides "safe houses" where the liaisons can be consummated in protected privacy.

The CIA's sex shop, according to knowledgeable sources, is run by the Office of Security. This division acts primarily as the CIA's internal police force.

Through field offices scattered around the country, the Office of Security maintains close ties with state and local police.In each field office, a "black book" is kept of the males and females who can be safely recruited to entertain the CIA's visitors.

The black books contain names, telephone numbers and details, gleaned largely from local vice squads. In Washington, for example, CIA agents paid regular visits to the police department's vice squad to photograph documents.

The late Deputy Chief Roy E. Blick, who headed the "sex squad" for years, kept exhaustive records on "perverts" and "miscreants" around the country. He had a close, backroom relationship with the CIA, say our sources.

From 1964 to 1974 the sex operation was supervised by security director Harold Osborn.

Each black book entry, according to sources with access to the files, contains some fascinating vital statisticsphysical description, measurements, health status and sexual specialties.

This information is used to find sexual partners for princes and potentates, defectors and agents. The congressional investigations of the CIA, however, skirted the sex operation. The

In contrast to the haphazard sex on House intelligence committee stumbled on to the information that the CIA once provided an unidentified Middle East monarch with female companions. We have learned that the king was Jordan's Hussein.

It's the CIA's own foreign agents, coming in from "the cold," who make the most use of the "safe houses." When an undercover operative reports back to the United States, he is whisked to a "safe house" and a "case officer" is assigned to watch over him.

The officer is supposed to keep his charge happy and to provide for his needs. If the need should be sexual, the right contact in the Office of Security is called upon.

The CIA uses sex for an even more seamy purpose. As we reported more than a year ago, the agency has used prostitutes to lure foreign diplomats into love traps where their sexual antics were filmed through one-way mirrors. The film was later used to blackmail the foreigners into becoming informants.

In New York, the CIA maintained adjoining efficiency apartments on the sixth floor of a high-rise in Greenwich Village. On the wall of the blackmail apartment was a large painting of two ships. The painting was actually a oneway mirror.

On the other side of the wall, CIA agents could watch the action through the see-through painting and film intimate moments. A Japanese screen, implanted with microphones, provided sound for the blackmail movies.

In San Francisco, the CIA operated a similar apartment equipped with bugging devices, but no observation mirrors. The New York apartment was used from about 1960 to 1966; the San Francisco apartment from the late 1950s to about 1965.

Footnote: We confronted Osborn with the facts about the sex operation. He denied that any such operation was conducted "during my tenure." A CIA spokesman had no comment. Our calls to the Washington police and the Jordanian embassy had not been returned by press time.