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23 September 1987

JUDGE:

RE: Speaking Invitation National Press Club Washington, D.C. Convenient Date

Mr. Andrew Mollison, President of the National Press Club and national correspondent for Cox newspapers in Washington, has invited you on behalf of the Board of Governors of the National Press Club to address the Press Club's luncheon meeting at a mutually convenient time in the near future. The suggested format is 20 minutes of remarks followed by 30 minutes of questions and answers. You could expect an audience of newsmen and in addition your address would be carried live over more than 335 stations of the National Public Radio network and some 2,500 cable systems affiliated with the Cable Satellite Public Affairs Network, C-SPAN.

As you remember, you spoke to the Press Club when you were Director of the FBI in 1980 and 1985. Since you have recently addressed this group, I recommend that you wait further into your term as Director of Central Intelligence before a return appearance. I suggest that you postpone the invitation for some future date. If you agree, attached is a letter for your signature.

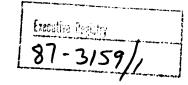
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Mr. Andrew Mollison President National Press Club Washington, D.C. 20045

Dear Mr. Mollison:

Many thanks for your invitation to address the National Press Club at a convenient date in the near future. In my new position as Director of Central Intelligence, my schedule is heavily committed for the next months and I am unable to speak to your group. However, I am sure that sometime in the future we will be able to work out a mutually convenient date. It is always an honor to be invited for a return appearance and I will look forward to meeting with the National Press Club again.

Sincerely yours,

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT WASHINGTON, D. C. 20046

August 24, 1987

The Honorable William H. Webster Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Webster:

On behalf of the members and Board of Governors of the National Press Club, I would like to extend an invitation to you to address a National Press Club luncheon at a mutually convenient time in the near future.

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Mr. Gil Klein of Media General Newspapers is the chairman of our speakers committee. Please contact him with your answer or with any questions. Mr. Klein's address is 1214 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045. His telephone number is 662-7660.

We sincerely hope you will accept our invitation and visit our club again soon.

Sincerely,

Andrew Mollison

President

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December 12, 1985, Thursday

SECTION: News in Brief; Pg. 2

LENGTH: 76 words

HEADLINE: 33% of communist officials in US have spy ties: Webster

DATELINE: Washington

KEYWORD: Stats

BODY:

One-third of the 4,000 diplomatic and commercial representatives of communist nations in the United States are affiliated with intelligence services, according to FBI Director William Webster.

In an appearance at the National Press Club, Mr. Webster said his agency has improved its counterintelligence ability because of increased manpower and better surveillance equipment. But he added that the FBI cannot possibly keep track of all foreign agents.

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December 12, 1985, Thursday, Home Edition

SECTION: Part 1; Page 17; Column 5; National Desk

LENGTH: 228 words

HEADLINE: FBI STEPS UP EFFORTS IN PROBE OF ATTACKS ON ARAB-AMERICANS

BYLINE: From a Times Staff Writer

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

The FBI is stepping up efforts to identify the source of a series of violent attacks on Arab-Americans and suspected neo-Nazis in California, New York and New Jersey, FBI officials said Wednesday.

About 40 FBI intelligence agents trained in combatting terrorism were summoned to Washington last month to exchange information about the violence in three states and to coordinate efforts to apprehend those responsible, officials said.

The officials, who spoke on the condition that they not be identified, said they wished to elaborate on brief remarks made by FBI Director William H. Webster in a question-and-answer session at the National Press Club

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Tuesday.

'Zone of Danger'

Webster warned that Arab-Americans were in a "zone of danger" because, he said, "a group as yet to be fully identified and brought to justice" is targeting persons it deems to be "enemies of Israel."

Officials said he had special reference to the bombing last October of the Santa Ana office of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in which Alex M. Odeh, the organization's West Coast director, was killed.

Webster noted that one group has repeatedly denied responsibility for the violent acts. Officials said he was referring to the Jewish Defense League.

Similar bombings of suspected Nazis have occurred in recent months in Paterson, N.J., and Brentwood, N.Y.

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Proprietary to the United Press International 1985

December 11, 1985, Wednesday, PM cycle

SECTION: Washington News

LENGTH: 392 words

HEADLINE: Webster: Would-be spies thinking twice

BYLINE: BY ANNE SAKER

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

KEYWORD: Webster

BODY:

FBI Director William Webster says there are too many classified documents and the millions of people with security clearances must be reminded that passing such material illegally is 'betrayal.'

Addressing the National Press Club Tuesday, Webster also said stepped-up anti-espionage efforts by the FBI and other agencies had made Americans who might be tempted to meet with foreign agents think twice.

A growing ''spider web'' of law enforcement snared an unprecedented number of spy suspects this year and the FBI now is focusing on agents from other countries who come to the United States to recruit spies, Webster said.

But he said the United States can take one important action to counteract espionage: Tighten up access to classified documents.

''There are simply too many classified documents and too many people -- over 4 million people -- with access to classified information,'' he said. ''This has produced a lack of respect for classified information and the principle of

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''We must find a way to build back into our system a more sensitive awareness that to give classified information to persons not authorized to receive it is to permit a crime and is a serious form of betrayal,'' he said.

Webster addressed the gathering three weeks after a five-day FBI dragnet reeled in four suspects believed to have been spying for Israel, the Soviet Union and China. Those arrests brought to 14 the number of people apprehended this year for selling secrets to foreign countries - the largest ever.

The common denominator for spy suspects arrested in the last two years is money, Webster said.

''I haven't seen a purely ideological case (of espionage) since I've been in office,'' said Webster, who became FBI chief during the Carter administration.

Webster said he favors the death penalty for peacetime espionage convictions because it ''would provide some degree of deterrence.''

More spies are caught now, he said, because the Reagan administration devoted more resources and personnel to the FBI and other agencies to find them.

''Our focus, indeed our strategy, must be on the intelligence operatives themselves and the identification of those who come here on intelligence missions by building a spider web throughout the United States that focuses on them rather than on our own citizens,'' Webster said.

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December 11, 1985, Wednesday, Final Edition

SECTION: First Section; A31

LENGTH: 406 words

HEADLINE: FBI Rules Out Closer Watch On Americans

BYLINE: By Mary Thornton, Washington Post Staff Writer

KEYWORD: FBI

BODY:

Federal Bureau of Investigation Director William H. Webster said yesterday that he has no plans to increase FBI surveillance of U.S. citizens, even though four have been arrested for espionage activities in the last three weeks.

"In a free society, this is the only way we can function without turning into a police state," he said. "Our focus . . . must be on the [foreign] intelligence operatives themselves."

Webster said the government should improve its security-clearance processes and reduce the number of classified documents and the employes who have access

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Included in the recent rash of espionage-related cases are those of Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard and his wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, accused of selling highly classified information to Israel; Larry Wu-Tai Chin, a retired Central Intelligence Agency analyst charged with spying for China for 30 years, and Ronald William Pelton, a former National Security Agency employe charged with selling secrets to the Soviet Union.

Webster said that these cases show "penetration or betrayal in each of our intelligence agencies . . . The threat is real."

Speaking to the National Press Club, Webster said that the FBI does not have enough foreign counterintelligence agents to maintain surveillance of suspected spies from the Soviet Union and other hostile communist countries. The number of counterintelligence agents is classified.

Webster said there are more than 4,000 diplomatic and commercial officials from communist countries in the United States, about 2,500 of them Soviets. Based on the bureau's experience, he said, about one-third of those officials "are affiliated with intelligence services in their home countries."

In addition, he said, there are spies among the 15,000 students and 90,000 visitors who come to the United States each year from communist countries.

Webster said that the Soviets are becoming more aggressive in their spying activities, and have "an insatiable thirst for high technology" information and equipment.

The only common denominator in the cases of the Americans spying for foreign countries, Webster said, is money.

In addition, Webster said, some Americans become involved in espionage to avenge themselves on a former employer or to seek excitement.

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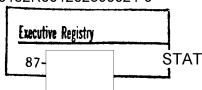
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