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ROGER MUDD: When we come to look back at 1985, it may very well be that we will remember it as the Year of the Spy. Spies have always been among us. They are fascinating and repellent figures: heroes when they're ours, villains when they're not. We have the CIA, the Soviets have the KGB.

But the spies have been more than just among us lately. We've heard too many revelations in the last few months of Americans doing the KGB's bidding not to realize that some sort of war is going on. Secrets are being bought and sold; and so, it seems, are Americans.

The latest is 33-year-old Edward Lee Howard, a former CIA agent who had been in training for a Moscow assignment. In 1983, however, he reportedly failed a lie-detector test on the use of drugs, and the CIA fired him.

Sometime last summer, the FBI put Howard under surveillance. A month ago, Edward Lee Howard vanished from his home outside Santa Fe, New Mexico, much to the embarrassment of the CIA, the FBI, and its Director, Judge William Webster.

Where is Edward Howard, Judge?

WILLIAM WEBSTER: I can't answer that question. And if I could, I don't think I'd be in position to tell you right now. He is a fugitive. We have substantial information about where he's gone. But I think that's all I can tell to you.

MUDD: How did he get away?

WEBSTER: Well, he got away because his departure was