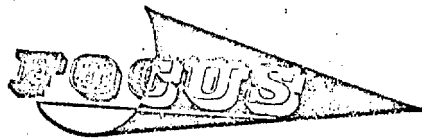


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In Washington, they nickname them "Blue-Birds" — so conspicuous are the bright blue shuttle buses which ferry "spies" and "secrets" between hush-hush CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) branch offices, which dot the capital and surrounding suburbs, and CIA Headquarters at Langley, Virginia.

One of these "spy-shuttles" even has a regular stop under the nose of the Soviet Embassy and their "spies". The CIA bus stops to pick up people and packages from 1016 Sixteenth Street, an eight story building where CIA conducts an "employment agency" directly across from the Statler-Hilton hotel.

The "Blue-Birds" (once painted green) even flaunt a destination sign in their front window which read "Langley," where all CIA operations are mistakenly thought to be housed in one headquarters.

En route to the hideaway, Bluebird shuttles stop at 1717 H street; at 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue (where CIA's Domestic Operations Division is housed, although the Agency supposedly operates only overseas); at Building 213 in the Naval Gun Factory in Southeast Washington; at the Ames Building, 1820 Fort Myer Drive, Arlington.

Heading south on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, the Bluebird shuttles finally turn off at a sign which reads "Fairbank Highway Research Station". The sign is a red herring.

For there amid a 125 acre estate is the hush-hush headquarters of CIA a vast white concrete building (price \$46,000,000) housing 10,000 workers. This is the "hideaway" tucked away in the rolling Virginia countryside.

Behind the door on the seventh floor numbered 75706 lies the coveted corner suite; and in the innermost sanctum of that suite, behind another door marked DCI sits the \$30,000 a year Director of Central Intelligence, Richard McGarrah Helms.

Silver Spoons and Secrecy. Helms, six foot one inch, sleek and dark haired at age 55, controls more people (over 15,000 direct employees, plus sub agents) and more money than the huge State Department. Over \$4,000,000,000 a year, much of it unvouchered and unreported is spent on all U.S. intelligence operations including satellites and aerial reconnaissance.

In addition to running CIA, Helms is chairman of the board of the entire United States intelligence community. This includes CIA, The Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency (even more secret than CIA, it makes and breaks codes, controls vessels such as Pueblo and alone spends \$1,000,000,000 a year, or \$15 for each family in the United States) Helms also watches over the intelligence branches of Army, Navy and Air, the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, plus the Atomic Energy Commission and the FBI.

Congress exercises exceptionally little supervision of CIA operations or expenditures. Most Congressmen seem to think that CIA does not operate within the United States.

The point is important because Congress, like American taxpayers, is wary of any vast network of secret police or spy power being developed within the USA by the Executive Branch of government.

Nevertheless CIA maintains branch offices, with listed telephone numbers but unlisted addresses, in the following American cities outside of the Washington area; —

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