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(Text) Sipping his first cup of tea in the morning, President Johnson first of all reaches for a sealed envelope placed on his tray. He opens it and takes out a small sheet of thin paper which he quickly and carefully scrutinizes. This is a secret report drawn up by Ray Cline, head of the "department of interpretation" of the CIA.

The "department of interpretation," which is one of the four main departments of the American intelligence service, does not employ agents hiding behind the brims of their hats, or waiters eavesdropping on merry guests, or cleaning women rummaging in office wastepaper baskets. Mr. Cline's aides are people with higher education, often university professors or outstanding specialists in free professions.

The fact that they are employed by the CIA "department of interpretation" is a deep secret and it is in this sense that they are secret agents of the intelligence service. Their task is to separate the "grain" from the "chaff" gathered by other units of the American intelligence service and to draw up a concise report for the President, the secretary of defense, the secretary of state, and the special adviser to the President. This last post has been held by McGeorge Bundy, who is to become president of the Ford Foundation in February.

The report contains information on the most important and most secret events in various areas of the world which the 40,000 agents of the American intelligence service managed to collect the previous day and night. "The working day" of Ray Cline's specialists begins at 3 a.m. so as to provide the latest information for the U.S. President by 8 a.m. It is easy to imagine how great an influence is exerted on the decisions the President makes that day by the content of the report compiled by the CIA "department of interpretation" and how much depends on the evaluation of this information by heads of the CIA.

Two American journalists, David Wise and Thomas B. Ross, disclosed in their book published in New York a year ago many secrets surrounding the activities of the "invisible government" of the United States, as they named the American intelligence service. The past year provided us with a great deal of fresh information on this "invisible government," which the Italian press did not hesitate to call a "Washington junta."

This definition does not seem to be an exaggeration if we take into account the connections between the intelligence service, government departments, numerous congressmen, even more numerous businessmen, and above all military and civilian functionaries of the ministry of aggression, or Pentagon. This combine of the mightiest elements of the legislative and executive powers, of banks, industry, and state contractors is almost omnipotent.

In 1963 the "junta" got rid of Kennedy and in 1964 it tried to place Goldwater in the White House. In 1965 it has been trying through various methods to convince the American government and people that the best solution to the Vietnam problem would be the bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong and a sea blockade of the Indochina peninsula.

According to the latest data published by the Washington weekly U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, the network of the American intelligence service consists of nine different units. Their activities are controlled by the "Presidential advisory committee for intelligence problems." However, despite its extensive powers with regard to control over intelligence activities, this committee has no powers to issue instructions to or to manage intelligence agencies.

The key positions among the nine units of the American intelligence service is occupied by the CIA. Its former chief, Allen Dulles, a brother of the late secretary of state, tripped up by launching the frustrated provocation against Cuba--the notorious Bay of Pigs landing.

Dulles was followed by William F. Raborn. At one time Raborn was a vice admiral. He is known among U.S. governing circles for organizing the production of the Polaris nuclear missiles and completing this production ahead of schedule. Full of glory and awards, he retired from the Navy in 1963 to take up the lucrative post of vice president of the Aerojet-General Corporation, which supplies jet planes to the U.S. Government. Last March he was transferred to the CIA, an institution that has at its disposal several billion dollars a year and whose budget is supersecret and not subject to any control.

Aside from the "department of interpretation," the CIA has three other departments--information, subversion, and counterintelligence. A sample of the character of the department of subversion is provided by a fact which was recently related by Senator S. Young of Ohio on his return from Vietnam. Young found out that CIA agents, dressed in the clothes of National Liberation Front fighters who had died or were taken prisoner, organized bestial massacres of Vietnamese women and children.

A great many other CIA secrets became known to the public, giving rise to concern not only abroad but also among the more enlightened minds of American society. Various congressmen led by Senator Fulbright have proposed nine times that the activities of the American intelligence service be investigated. None of these proposals has been implemented.

Despite all its might, the American intelligence service had to acknowledge a great deal of frustrated or at least unmasked designs directed against the sovereignty of other states and the prestige of the United States and threatening world peace.

Aside from the embarrassment of the Bay of Pigs in Cuba, CIA agents engineered the overthrow of the Iranian government of Mossadegh, who had "dared" to nationalize Iranian oil, and organized the first antigovernment coup in Indonesia. In Burma CIA agents organized Chiang Kai-shek's bands. The organizer of the frustrated Bay of Pigs operation, Frank Bender, was later transferred to the Congo, where he recruited mercenary pilots for Tshombe.

The list of 58 "communist agents" was forged by the CIA to serve as a pretext for armed interference in the Dominican Republic. CIA agents continue to take advantage of the occupation of this country by U.S. armed forces under the banner of the OAS, trying to assassinate the leaders of the constitutionalists headed by Colonel Caamano.

The breakdown in the peace negotiations between the republicans and the royalists in Yemen also occurred with the participation of CIA agent Kennedy, an American "Colonel Lawrence" who would take his place among the delegates of the dethroned Imam dressed as an Arab. The information launched into the world through the American press that the U.S. Government offered to supply the King of Saudi Arabia with weapons worth 200 million dollars was not without influence on the failure of negotiations. Who was behind this information?

More and more one can find in the world press various indiscretions exposing the machinations of the sinister "Washington junta." The head of the CIA suspects that these "leaks" must take place at a high level. This is why he recently dismissed one of his closest aides and promises further expulsions. In addition, he issued an extremely drastic instruction: Every functionary is obliged to report to the CIA in writing every conversation with any journalist and to state where and when the conversation took place, what was the subject, and what subjects were of special interest to the journalist. Up to now such regulations have been binding only in the case of foreign journalists. Now conversations with American journalists must also be reported.