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WITH SCHWARTZ 275A  
WASHINGTON (UPI)--A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID  
SATURDAY NIGHT THAT IF PASSPORT OFFICE DIRECTOR FRANCES  
KNIGHT HAD A "SCRAMBLER" TELEPHONE TIE LINE TO THE CENTRAL  
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) IT WAS WITH THE PERMISSION OF HER  
STATE DEPARTMENT SUPERIORS.

THE SPOKESMAN, JOSEPH REAP, WAS ASKED ABOUT A PUBLISHED  
REPORT THAT MISS KNIGHT HAD ORDERED THE PHONE INSTALED IN VIOLATION  
OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM HER SUPERIORS.

REAP REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE DEPARTMENT'S CLASSIFIED  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

"HOWEVER," HE SAID, "ANY SUCH DEVICE OPERATING IN THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT IS IN FULL ACCORD WITH HIGHER AUTHORITY."

THE PASSPORT OFFICE FREQUENTLY NEEDS AND OBTAINS CLASSIFIED  
INFORMATION FROM THE CIA.

A DIRECT LINE TO THE CIA FROM MISS KNIGHT'S OFFICE WAS  
REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN REMOVED SEVERAL YEARS AGO ON ORDERS OF ABBA  
P. SCHWARTZ, FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY-CONSULAR CHIEF.  
SCHWARTZ RESIGNED RECENTLY AFTER HIS JOB WAS SLATED TO BE  
ABOLISHED IN A STATE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION. HE AND OTHER  
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD MISS KNIGHT  
INFORMATION TO AND FROM HER HAD TO BE CHANNELED THROUGH THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT'S INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH BUREAU.

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