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THUNDER OVER THE POTOMAC

At Great Falls, a few miles above the Nation's capital, the Potomac is a narrow shining ribbon of water twisting and winding between its palisades as seen from 20,000 feet. It is here that the great procession of mighty thundering jetliners begin their descent as they head toward National Airport. It is challenging to the pilot to keep in the narrow twisting corridor above the river, where he is required to remain because the thundering roar of his aircraft is unwelcome to the residents of the District of Columbia and Virginia on the land below. Apparently the residents of Georgetown in the District of Columbia have more political influence, for as a result of their complaints pilots make sure that when they stray from over the river, it is on the Virginia side. As the planes thunder over Langley, Va., passengers look out upon the roof of a tremendous office complex, a massive white building with two gigantic bean-shaped parking lots--the imposing headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.).

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MYSTERY FOR A SHROUD

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Intelligence is generally thought of as a cloak and dagger hush-hush business, shrouded in mystery, and much is made of how secret the C.I.A. operation is. But the iceberg has a big tip--the building in Langley, the recruiters on college campuses, and operations such as the U-2 overflights of Russia, and the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. ✓

Most people recognize the need of governments for accurate intelligence, necessary for the protection of their nationals. Things that are really subject to question by the layman are the concept of this operation being a world wide network, computerized, and mass-produced with a massive bureaucracy, and the quality and orientation of the personnel involved. Of course, the size of the budget to sustain all this should be a justifiable question for taxpayers. This is particularly important as the budget of the C.I.A. is secret--even the Congressmen who vote the funds are not supposed to know the amount of the agency's budget. The allotments are concealed in appropriations for other agencies of government. If, however, the C.I.A. gets the reputed amount of \$4 BILLION a year, and this amount can be hidden in the budget, it would certainly cause taxpayers to wonder if the federal budget is not leakier than the New York City water system.

One thing is certain--anybody who recruits on college campuses should know what he is hiring--for the students who get honors these days are those who please their

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**KOHLY
FREED**

WASHINGTON OBSERVER is pleased to announce that it has won a singular victory in its crusade to secure freedom for Mario Kohly, the imprisoned anti-Communist Cuban exile leader.

Kohly was released from the Allenwood Federal Prison Farm by order of the President of the United States. He could have been caged 1¼ years longer. But, like everything else that LBJ does, there are strings attached. It is stipulated that Kohly must cease and desist in his efforts to overthrow the Communist regime of Fidel Castro.

For the past nine months, WO staffers have spent considerable time and intensive effort collecting evidence to prove in a court of law that Kohly was the victim of CIA entrapment and that he was railroaded to prison on trumped-up charges and arbitrarily denied the right to call witnesses in his own defense. Furthermore, WO was prepared to prove that two of Kohly's attorneys sold out to the CIA. Sixteen potential witnesses were interviewed and written statements were taken from seven of them.

WO published a series of three articles on the "Tragedy of Mario Kohly" (Feb. 15, Oct. 1 and Oct. 15, 1966) and was preparing to run several more detailing the shocking facts relating to the shameful frame-up against this great Cuban patriot.

The WO exposé aroused a lively interest on the part of several editors of other publications, who sought personal interviews with Kohly, but Justice Department officials denied their requests. Several Members of Congress made inquiries at the Department of Justice and received long, rambling replies.

Finally, the matter was called to the attention of President Johnson, who quickly decided that he did not want Kohly to become a martyr and the symbol of anti-Communist Cuban agitation embarrassing to the secret agreement between Washington and Moscow. LBJ ordered Kohly paroled for the remaining 15 months of his prison sentence—he has already served nine months. There was a hint that LBJ would grant a full Presidential pardon later.

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**KOHLY
SEQUEL**

Here is the latest sequel in the tragic Kohly story, revealed in an exclusive story in the last issue of WASHINGTON OBSERVER NEWSLETTER. A convicted narcotics violator, now serving a sentence at the Allenwood Prison farm, recently told Kohly that he had been offered \$50,000 to kill him. The confession was transmitted to the Justice Department authorities and is supposedly being investigated.

The Federal prison guards have taken a kindly attitude toward Kohly. Consequently, he has received reasonably fair treatment until now. Recently, Kohly broke his reading glasses. After waiting six weeks prison doctors furnished him new glasses, but he can't see to read with them. His wife sent him spectacles with prescribed lenses, but prison officials returned the glasses explaining they were unauthorized.

At the same time, prison officials ordered Kohly to teach a class of prisoners about civil defense—a subject he knew nothing about. He was furnished instructional material from the Pentagon, but he can't read the print. As a disciplinary measure for not obeying orders to teach civil defense, prison officials are threatening to send him back to the Lewisburg Penitentiary and place him in solitary confinement. This would put a black mark on his otherwise excellent conduct record and prevent him from becoming eligible for parole. His petition for parole is currently pending before the parole board and at the discretion of the board he can presently be paroled for good behavior.

Castro wants Kohly dead and the CIA-State Department clique wants to keep him incarcerated!

"EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW" is inscribed on the stone front of the U.S. Supreme Court Building in Washington, but that highest tribunal rejected Kohly's plea to review the entrapment case against him.