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CIA's Helms Talks Of '62 Cuban Crisis

Washington, April 14 (AP)—Richard Helms, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, implied today that there was more than one high-level Western spy in the Soviet Union during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. Helms' memoirs were published here in 1965, was said to have supplied vital information on Soviet plans and ability to carry them out during the Berlin crisis in 1961 as well as the Cuban crisis the next year.

In his first public speech since he became chief of the CIA, Mr. Helms told a newspaper editors' conference here that "a number of well-placed and courageous Russians," along with U-2 reconnaissance planes, had provided data on Soviet missile systems at the time. President Kennedy was said to have relied heavily on this information in planning his own moves. Mr. Helms was not available to comment further on his remark following the speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, in which he said U.S. intelligence "will have a major and vital role in any international agreement to limit strategic arms."

The only name previously connected with high-level leaks of military information has been Col. Oleg Penkovsky, a senior Soviet military intelligence officer who was tried and executed for espionage by the Russians in 1963. He said it would be "unthinkable to conclude a strategic arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union without the means for monitoring compliance."

Penkovsky, whose purported