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Spy George Blake 'unmasked by son of Czar'

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GEORGE BLAKE one of Russia's most successful spies, was unmasked by a CIA agent in Poland, a man claiming to be a son of the Czar, it was disclosed yesterday.

The man, who also called himself Michael Goleniewski, is said to have been the most productive agent in the history of the CIA.

But his real name, according to an article in the NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, was the Grand Duke Aleksei Nicholaevich, son of Nicholas, Czar of Russia.

He told the CIA when he defected in 1960, that his father had secretly escaped from Russia to Poland after the Bolsheviks had seized power.

He is said to have uncovered the identities of more than a dozen Soviet "moles," including George Blake.

Names from K G B

These disclosures have been made by Edward Jay Epstein, an author who is writing a book on the spy war. He reveals how Goleniewski helped to expose Blake's treachery.

He writes that Goleniewski provided the CIA with a document that was a purported list of 26 Polish officials compiled

by British agents in Warsaw as potential targets for recruitment. He said this list had come from the K G B.

When the CIA evaluated the list, the question arose: How could the K G B have obtained such a list unless it had a spy inside the British Secret Service?

Epstein says that when the CIA queried the British about the list they retorted that it was a "clumsy fabrication" and that the names could have been taken out of the Warsaw telephone directory.

Traced to Blake

He goes on: "Then, to everyone's astonishment, a researcher in the CIA's Eastern European Division discovered that British Intelligence had sent essentially the same list to the CIA a year or so earlier.

It now became clear that the list had not been lifted from the Warsaw telephone book but from the secret files of British Intelligence."

He says that Allen Dulles, then Director of the CIA, presented this evidence to his British counterpart and after several months of investigation those who had access to the list, British Intelligence traced the probable leak to George Blake.