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SUBJECT

Stanislav Levchenko

STANISLAV LEVCHENKO: I spent the best years of my life doing wrong things on the wrong side for the wrong cause.

LLOYD DOBYNS: His name is Stanislav Levchenko. He's Russian. And what he was doing for all those years was being a KGB spy.

This is Monitor.

DOBYNS: Major Levchenko started as a spy in 1965, when he was 24. His first job was minor. His last job was not. From February 1975 until October 1979, he was the KCB political intelligence officer in Japan. He has finally begun to talk about that in public, and it is a fascinating story.

We'll start in a moment.

DOBYNS: Late this week, a delegation from the Japanese Diet, or parliament, began talking to Stanislav Levchenko about his work in Japan and about the Japanese who helped him, some of them politicians, some of them journalists. We talked to Levchenko last week in Washington.

LEVCHENKO: I came to the United States to fight for my people. And as long as my health will permit me, I'll fight for that cause.

DOBYNS: Six years ago in Tokyo, Stanislav Levchenko is a correspondent for the Soviet weekly magazine New Times. He regularly files reports that are well-written and well-read. His