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# Washington Whispers

CIA Director Stansfield Turner has discovered that his purge of clandestine operatives last fall—the so-called Halloween massacre—has left the agency with too few qualified officers for important overseas posts. Result: Turner has backtracked sharply on retrenchment plans that originally called for dismissal of 820 agents.

*Top intelligence officials are concerned about large-scale and rapidly increasing theft of technical secrets by Russian spies invading the U.S. under cover of cultural-exchange programs. A secret report by the CIA describing stolen secrets is said to be several inches thick.*