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ANATOLIY MIKHAYLOVICH GOLITSYN

Anatoliy Mikhaylovich Golitsyn (DPOB: 25 August 1926, Piryatin, Poltava Oblast, Ukraine, USSR) was a KGB staff officer who defected to the West while stationed in Helsinki in 1961.

Golitsyn joined the Soviet State Security Service in the fall of 1945 after a short enlistment in the Soviet Army. In the late 1940's while in Moscow, he dealt with SK matters in the Far East. During that time he also studied counterintelligence and English, as well as general subjects, at the Higher Intelligence School. In September 1951 he transferred to the CI Section in the Anglo-American Department of the KGB Foreign Directorate. Two years later he was assigned to the desk which handled activities against emigres in Austria and Germany. From October 1953 until August 1955 Golitsyn was stationed in Vienna where he was assigned first to the Emigre Group and later to the British Section of the Anglo-American-French Group. Golitsyn attended the internal security counterintelligence course at the KGB Higher School, Juridical Institute, from 1955 to August 1959. In September 1959 he became a senior operational case officer responsible for NATO information within the Treaty Organizations Direction of the KGB Foreign Directorate. Seven months later he transferred to the American Section in the CI Department. Then in August 1960 Golitsyn, using the alias Klimov, joined the KGB residency in Helsinki to work against foreign intelligence services as a CI officer. During this tour, he was under diplomatic cover as a Soviet Embassy Third Secretary/Vice Consul.

On 15 December 1961 Golitsyn with his wife and daughter defected to US Intelligence in Helsinki. After his defection and arrival in the USA, he was debriefed by US Intelligence. Since the sixties he has occasionally traveled to Western Europe and has maintained intermittent contact with US Intelligence and other Western services.

Golitsyn has provided valuable insights into the operations and personnel of the KGB, updating previous holdings substantially. The most significant agent compromised by Golitsyn was Georges Paques, a French national, working in the NATO Press Relations Office.

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