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Doctor Says C.I.A. Asked That He Spy on Russians

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A Manhattan physician, known for his research in teaching in space medicine asserted yesterday that the Central Intelligence Agency tried to get him to spy on Russian scientists at an international conference in space medicine in Miami in May, 1972.

The doctor, Constantine D. J. Generales, said that he did not reject the overture, but that because of it, he failed to go either to the Miami meeting or to a similar one in Nice, France, in October, 1972, also attended by Russian experts in space medicine.

The overtures, Dr. Generales said in an interview, were made by a blonde woman in her twenties who showed him a C.I.A. identity card and left a business card identifying her as "Sharyn L. W. Beers, P. O. Box 129, Grand Central Station."

Her first contact, Dr. Generales said, was in brief telephone calls to his office on April 20 and 24. She did not identify herself as an agent but said "she wanted to talk about something very personal." "She made some innuendo about space medicine," Dr. Generales said.

She was given an appointment for May 1 at the physician's office at 8 West 72d Street. During a 30-minute meeting then, she offered her credentials.

"She said, 'There's going to be a lot of Russians down there' (Miami), Dr. Generales said. "And she wanted me to take them out for cocktails and find out as much as possible about what they do and what they think."

"But I told her I wasn't quite sure whether I was going there or not. I didn't want to get involved."

The conversation was recorded, but without the wom-

an's knowledge, the doctor said. "I wanted to be a little smarter than she was," he said.

Her next attempt to reach the doctor was a telephone inquiry on Oct. 2, 1972, about whether he had attended the meeting in Nice. She spoke only with the doctor's secretary.

But in an Oct. 11 letter written to her "after some thought," Dr. Generales called the spying overture "highly distasteful" and asked that she stop contacting him.

On Feb. 5, 1973, four months after Dr. Generales wrote the letter, the doctor's office was broken into. Stolen was a small portable television set, a ring of office keys and the portable tape recorder that still contained the tape of the May 1 meeting.

A floor around a cabinet containing dozens of folders of Dr. Generales's research and copies of his lectures was littered with matches, he said, leading him to believe that the files had been read.

The burglary, he said, was "most likely" made by Government agents. "But I have no proof of that."

Last Sept. 10, Dr. Generales said, he wrote to President Ford, seeking an investigation into the "efforts of the C.I.A. to engage me in despicable espionage-activities." The White House has not replied, he said.

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[Redacted]

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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

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SUBJECT: Allegation by Dr. Constantine D. J. Generales

Dr. Generales, a medical doctor in private practice in New York City who had been involved in some of the earliest aeromedical experiments, claimed in stories carried in several New York newspapers on 13 January that, following his refusal to spy on fellow scientists at a conference in 1972, his New York office was broken into on 5 February 1973 and a tape recorder, some tapes and a television set were stolen. While without proof, Dr. Generales told reporters of his assumption that CIA was responsible for the burglary; he claimed that he had recorded, on one of the tapes stolen, a meeting in his office with a CIA representative. He had written the President, General Haig and several members of Congress about the matter, and had subsequently received a visit from two FBI agents, but no satisfaction as to his suspicions.

Domestic Collection Division has confirmed that

[redacted] contacted Dr. Generales in the spring of 1972 by telephone. He granted an appointment without indicating any reservations and [redacted] visited him on 1 May 1972 to ask his cooperation in responding to foreign intelligence requirements on Soviets attending an aerospace medical conference to be held in Bal Harbour, Florida. While Dr. Generales did not indicate great interest in meeting the requirements and was uncertain as to whether he would attend the conference, he did not express any antagonism and the meeting ended cordially.

[redacted] followed up on 2 October 1972 by telephone; the doctor was out and his secretary did not reply to a question as to whether or not he had attended the conference. A letter dated 11 October 1972 from Dr. Generales to [redacted] stated that her inquiry on 2 October and her previous request for reporting on Soviet representatives were "highly distasteful" and asked that no further contact be made with him. This request has been honored.

The allegation that the Agency broke into Dr. Generales' office is of course without any foundation.

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