

Behind Enemy Lines

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Introduction

Bringing back our popular espionage series—but with a new twist—*Zman* presents accounts of spies who achieved significant intelligence coups without widespread public acclaim. Ironically, these are the spies who did their job best – after all, the whole point of spying is to do it without anyone else discovering it!

How many spies can you list by name? Most have heard of people like Mata Hari, Nathan Hale and Julius Rosenberg. Some might recall Aldrich Ames and Robert Hanssen. Those who are particularly well versed in the history of espionage may remember Klaus Fuchs, Kim Philby, Guy Burgess, Donald MacLean, Anthony Blunt and George Blake, all of whom were Westerners who spied for Soviet Russia. At the same time, Stella Rimington, Eddie Chapman

(aka Agent Zigzag), Peter Wright, Guy Liddell and Oleg Gordievsky all spied for the West. But that's probably the extent of names even the most informed aficionados have heard of.

Much less is known about the hundreds of successful agents. Some remained at their jobs for many years and kept their identity secret until their deaths, or at least until their retirement. These people did not write their books and did not run for political office. They remained in anonymity to the end, the hallmark of the *crème de la crème* of the espionage world.

We present here with the first in a series of articles about spies who carried on dangerous espionage operations in enemy territory but never received public recognition because they were not in it for the publicity. These are some of the world's greatest heroes... or villains, depending on how you look at it....

In July, 1975, an Aeroflot plane landed in the international airport in San Francisco. A history professor named Boris Yuzhin disembarked and looked around in fascination. It was his first time in America and he hoped to learn a lot about its history. He would spend the next few months at the University of California at Berkeley where he would deliver lectures about Russian history and listen to American professors lecturing about US history.

Passersby barely noticed the visitor from Russia. There was nothing particularly interesting about this newcomer. The fact that he was a professor of Russian history would certainly not have excited much attention from most Americans.

However, Boris Yuzhin was not a professor of history at all, but a spy for Soviet Russia. Yuzhin had been sent to America with a direct order to recruit Americans to spy for the Soviet Union. His credentials as a professor of history were nothing more than a cover.

Yuzhin, a loyal Communist, was an engineer by profession as well as a history buff. He spoke several languages fluently and the KGB saw in him the perfect espionage operative to send to America.

When the KGB first broached the topic with Yuzhin, he had embraced the plan enthusiastically. He was even ready to place his life in danger for the sake of Communism.

Now it was 1975 and he had found the first opportunity to begin his new, undercover career. Several universities in Russia and America had arranged exchange programs in which they swapped 50 professors as a way of "cultivating closer cultural ties" between the two lands. Yuzhin, a captain within the KGB, was planted among the professors sent to America.

Upon his arrival, he was assigned to the University of California. Over the previous years he had been trained by the KGB to use money and ideological and psychological tactics to convince potential candidates to spy for Russia. But once he was in the

The FBI had given him a tiny spy camera hidden in a cigarette lighter case to capture photos of secret Soviet government documents...

US, Yuzhin quickly realized that Americans were too patriotic and anti-Soviet to be easily convinced to spy for Russia.

This was a great surprise to Yuzhin, but he was soon disillusioned much more by a discovery of far greater significance. Having spent his entire life under the Soviet system, he found the taste of real freedom intoxicating. He had been brainwashed for years that capitalist countries – and none worse than America – mistreated their citizens! Suddenly he found that he could think, read and even speak whatever he wished without fear of reprisal, intimidation or even death. It was a breath of fresh air for Yuzhin.

He visited the university's library and was shocked to find there volumes that were outlawed in the Soviet Union, including books written by various Soviet dissidents. Reading these books, his eyes were opened for the first time in his life to the reality of the political world around him.

Since he was visiting as a Russian history professor, Yuzhin naturally fielded questions from American students having to do with the detention, exile and forced labor of millions of dissidents in the Siberian gulags. The ashamed "professor" was forced to admit that he knew nothing about the topic.

"I was very embarrassed by them," he

admitted years later. "I graduated university with top marks in history and I didn't know basic, historical facts about my own government. I wanted to argue with them but I couldn't."

Within one week of arriving in America, he was forced to admit that there were serious discrepancies between what he had been taught and what he now observed.

From a deep hatred toward the American way of life, he had quickly become a strong enthusiast for it. At the same time, he realized a new and deep hatred toward the Communist system that had robbed him and millions of others of their freedom.

"I saw that I had been fed lies my entire life. Not just me—the entire system was a lie."

Suddenly, the KGB captain was plagued by serious questions about what to do with his life.

FBI Senses a Candidate

Meanwhile the FBI was not sitting by idly. "Professor" Yuzhin had aroused the suspicion of counter-espionage agents, but they had no clear evidence to prove he was a spy. Therefore, the Bureau decided to set a trap.

One day a student timidly approached Yuzhin and poured out a tale of woe about how he had become entangled in complicated legal problems. The student gave Yuzhin the name of a lawyer who was trying to help him and asked him to speak to the lawyer to see whether together they could come up with a plan to extricate him. Both the student and the lawyer were FBI agents whose job was to befriend Yuzhin and gain his trust.

Yuzhin, however, quickly realized that this was a ploy. For one, the lawyer had way too much time on his hands to talk to him over the course of the week, far more than a successful lawyer could afford. It hardly looked like he worked at all. And each weekend the lawyer mysteriously disappeared. To

make matters worse, in a very careless slip of the tongue, one of them let the other's true name slip. Still, Yuzhin cautiously played along to see where matters would lead.

One day Yuzhin pulled himself together and decided it was time to turn the tables.

The next morning Yuzhin called the student and mentioned that he had something urgent to discuss. The student invited Yuzhin to his room where they could talk privately. Over a glass of steaming tea, Yuzhin suddenly said, "As you've surely assumed, I'm a KGB agent and I have an important message for your government. I'm prepared to become a double-agent and hand over classified Soviet secrets to the American government."

To Yuzhin's supreme disappointment, instead of responding directly to this bombshell, the FBI agent began fiddling with the hotel room's television set, which appeared to be malfunctioning. To the Soviet agent who was used to the mechanical dysfunction so ubiquitous in the Soviet Union, it did not arouse any suspicion. Only later would he learn that the television contained a secret camera which the student had just activated.

One of the FBI's Best Spies Ever

Right from the beginning, "Agent Twine," as Yuzhin was known by his FBI handlers, proved to be an invaluable source of highly



This small bridge was a drop-off point where FBI double-agent Robert Hanssen left secret documents for the KGB.