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AFSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF 6 APRIL 1976 TO AFSA BOARD

SUBJECT: Radiation and UHF and Electro-magnetic Dangers

1. Beginning in 1960 the Soviet Union directed high frequency beams of radiation at the US Embassy in Moscow which were calculated not to pick up intelligence but to cause physiological effects on personnel.
2. The effects the Soviets calculated to achieve in the personnel serving (at least as early as 1960) included (a) malaise, (b) irritability, (c) extreme fatigue. At this time the Soviets believed that the induced effects were temporary.
3. Subsequently it has been verified that the effects are not temporary. Definitely tied to such radiation and UHF/VHF electro-magnetic waves are: (a) cataracts, (b) blood changes that induce heart attacks, (c) malignancies, (d) circulatory problems, (e) permanent deterioration of the nervous system.
4. In most cases the after effects do not become evident until long after exposure--a decade or more.
5. It is not in Moscow alone where these dangers have occurred.
6. Soviet radiation standards--if they are enforced--are much more stringent than US standards, by a quantum jump--a factor of 10 or higher.
7. Therefore, the most exposure has occurred, in all probability from U.S. equipment in our own embassies.
8. This equipment is all over Moscow, the Iron Curtain posts and Asia, as well as other areas.
9. It is a fact that the Department of State has made no effort to contact all personnel stationed in Moscow since the danger began, much less in all of the other posts concerned. Three months have passed.
10. Therefore, the possibility of a Department of State official coverup should not be overlooked, and the AFSA Board should consider appointing a new chairman of the Extraordinary Dangers Committee who will have time to devote greater attention to the matters at hand.

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