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NEW U.S. EUROPEAN SPY CENTERS PLANNED

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"Prague--The paper LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE, quoting information received from reliable sources, reports that the British Intelligence Service informed intelligence bodies in other Brussels Pact countries that the United States was to set up in Europe a special center entrusted with the same functions that during the war were discharged by the so-called Bureau of Strategic Information (sic).

"This bureau, says the paper, used to organize acts of sabotage and terrorism. While in the past, activities of the bureau were directed against German occupation forces in Europe, the newly formed center will be organizing subversive activities in the countries of the People's Democracy.

"This center will also be entrusted with the removal of influential anti-American statesmen and politicians in Europe. The headquarters of the new center will be in Switzerland with branches in Berlin and Istanbul. The Swiss center is headed by the wartime head of the Swiss branch of the Bureau of Strategic Information, Allan Dulles. The Berlin and Istanbul branches will be headed respectively by deputies of the former bureau head, Donovan, Heler and Lambourne. Donovan himself, the paper goes on, will be maintaining close contact with Republican leaders and will be in charge of the (I) section of the recently formed Central Intelligence Agency of the United States. Section (I) will organize political and economic sabotage and also terroristic acts in the whole world.

"The British Intelligence Service, the paper continues, obedient to the will of American Intelligence, has informed intelligence services of the Western Bloc Countries of the need to support the 'I' section. The British Intelligence Service has also suggested an immediate check-up of all refugees from countries of the People's Democracy so as to establish whether or not they might be used for sabotage and terroristic acts. The refugees will be passed on to the sabotage and terrorism center. The British Intelligence Service also points out that Donovan's trip to Europe will be followed by an activation of the American Intelligence activities in fields of sabotage and terrorism."

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