

Beria Stalin's First Lieutenant: Omar Hussein Ibrahim, the KGB Spy Who Infiltrated the CIA



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Omar Hussein Ibrahim was a KGB spy who infiltrated the CIA, rising to the rank of first lieutenant. He was a close confidant of Lavrenti Beria, Stalin's chief of secret police, and played a key role in the Soviet Union's espionage operations against the United States.

Ibrahim was born in Cairo, Egypt, in 1927. He was the son of a wealthy landowner, and he received a privileged education. He studied at the American University in Cairo, where he became fluent in English and Arabic. After graduating, he worked as a journalist for the Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahram.

In 1954, Ibrahim was recruited by the KGB. He was sent to Moscow for training, where he learned the tradecraft of espionage. He was taught how to recruit agents, conduct surveillance, and write reports. After completing

his training, he was assigned to the KGB's First Main Directorate, which was responsible for espionage against the United States.

In 1957, Ibrahim was sent to the United States under the cover of a journalist. He settled in Washington, D.C., where he began to build a network of agents. He recruited agents from all walks of life, including government officials, military officers, and journalists. He also established relationships with American businessmen and politicians.

Ibrahim was a master spy. He was able to gain the trust of his targets and to obtain sensitive information. He provided the KGB with valuable intelligence about American military plans, foreign policy initiatives, and economic secrets.

In 1961, Ibrahim was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He was now one of the most senior KGB officers in the United States. He continued to spy on the United States for several more years, until he was finally caught in 1964.

Ibrahim's arrest was a major embarrassment for the CIA. It showed that the KGB had been able to penetrate the CIA's ranks and to obtain sensitive information. Ibrahim's arrest also led to a major reassessment of the CIA's counterintelligence capabilities.

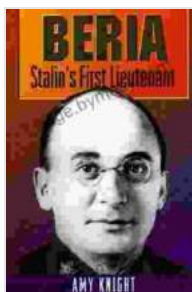
Ibrahim was sentenced to life in prison. He served 25 years in prison before he was released in 1989. He returned to Egypt, where he lived in obscurity until his death in 2009.

Omar Hussein Ibrahim was one of the most successful KGB spies in history. He was able to infiltrate the CIA and to obtain sensitive information

for many years. His arrest was a major embarrassment for the CIA and led to a major reassessment of its counterintelligence capabilities.

Further Reading

- Omar Hussein Ibrahim: The KGB Spy Who Infiltrated the CIA, by CIA historian David Robarge
- The Man Who Infiltrated the CIA, by Washington Post reporter Walter Pincus
- Omar Hussein Ibrahim, K.G.B. Spy, Dies at 81, by New York Times reporter Douglas Martin

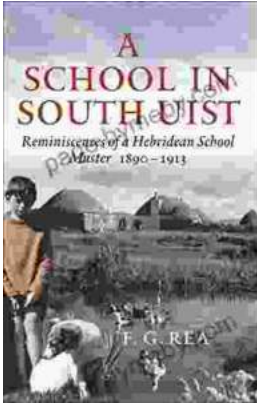


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