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This is a work of fiction. I have not received any special briefings or interviews, and I do not claim to have any special insight into the workings of any intelligence organizations. If any name, incident or item should resemble real persons or events then these were in the public record. This applies especially to the items on the page below of "Key abbreviations and Institutions." That said, I have learned a great deal from spy novels I have read and from those fellow aficionados with whom I have discussed those books. I have also learned from works of non-fiction.

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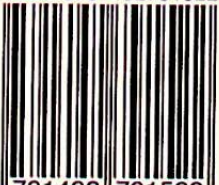
The Spymaster must also confront a vendetta within the Party as well as the determination of his Old Friends and their wives that he "meet someone."



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