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BEHAVIORS OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE CONCERN



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Behavioral Characteristics:

- Lying/withholding information from background investigators that could be used for extortion
- Overindulging in alcohol
- Having a known/suspected drug problem
- Exhibiting emotional instability
- Engaging in sexual deviations (blackmail accepted over discovery)
- Repeating problem relationships (multiple relationships/marriages)
- Maintaining more than casual contact with person(s) living overseas
- Going on frequent and/or unexplained travel
- Displaying greed
- Living beyond visible means of support
- Overburdened with debts
- Probing for information not needed to accomplish the job
- Working odd hours, especially when others are not present
- Keeping to oneself after normal working hours (i.e., the "loner")
- Desiring recognition, especially when the individual feels unappreciated
- Desiring revenge (i.e., the disgruntled individual who wants to "get even" for perceived wrongs committed against them)
- Expressing extreme dissatisfaction with U.S. form of government

NOTE: The following represents a compendium of behaviors historically exhibited by Americans spying against the U.S. These characteristics are based upon national counterintelligence (CI) community-wide analyses of espionage investigations.

Behavioral factors alone do not necessarily indicate that an individual is involved in espionage. However, they should be reported so that CI and security professionals can assess and mitigate any actual vulnerabilities.