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RUMORS ABOUT GLADIO FORCES IN DENMARK
ASKED TO BE INVESTIGATED BY THE POLICE

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MP Pelle Voigt from the Socialist People's Party now demands a police investigation in connection with exposure of a secret CIA army or Danish Gladio force in Denmark, Politiken reported this morning (on page 3, section 1).

The reason is that witnesses are now standing forward in some Sunday newspapers where they are confirming that the Cold War's secret network has existed in Denmark as recently as the end of the eighties.

The exposure began when former CIA Director William Colby said in an interview to the newspaper's correspondent in Rome that CIA during the Cold War had a network in various European countries, that he had worked with these networks himself when he was stationed in Stockholm, and that these networks existed in several Scandinavian countries, including Denmark.

The exposure of Gladio has created a political crisis in some European countries. The movement has in Belgium and Italy been linked with sabotage, murders and plundering of shops.

Jyllands-Posten wrote yesterday that former resistance fighters and CIA had established a secret network of sabotage and intelligence groups behind the back of Danish politicians. These groups were to make a stand against the Soviet forces in case they invaded Denmark. The key person was Ebbe Munck, who is a resistance man, journalist, ambassador and served as a lord chamberlain for Margrethe who was a crown princess at that time.

An anonymous resistance man told the newspaper about secret weapon depots in Jylland.

Ekstra Bladet reported yesterday that Danes were sent on CIA courses in the United States.

This is confirmed by a former resistance man whom Politiken talked to. He wanted to remain anonymous, but told that a Copenhagen journalist and former resistance man was a sort of regional chief of the said CIA network in Copenhagen.

--There is no doubt that a Danish Gladio section has existed. It is probably true that it never played any great role as it has elsewhere. I know quite concretely that the above-mentioned regional chief -- an Danish journalist -- was sent to the United States to be trained by CIA, told the former resistance man.

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Pelle Voigt told Politiken: --The exposures show that there were illegal activities in Denmark. For instance that they established secret weapon depots in a cooperation with foreign intelligence services.

--This information is of such a nature that it should be investigated by the police and not just shelved in the confidential committee controlling the intelligence services.

--It is also strange that former Defense Minister Poul Søgaard is contradicting himself in an article in Ekstra Bladet. He could first not remember anything about any Gladio-like movement in Denmark, and a little later he nevertheless remembers it all right, but pass it off with a remark that it never really became firmly rooted anyway in Denmark.

--I think that the Danish government should follow the recommendation from the European Parliament and take part in the clarification of the CIA mystery in the European countries and not just hide behind the secret control committee. That would be too embarrassing, concluded Pelle Voigt.

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