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### **Biography**

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David Major is a former military officer, business owner and FBI counterterrorism official who served as the first FBI agent detailed to the Executive Office of the President's National Security Council Staff. He is president of and founder of his own counterintelligence firm, including the CI Center and SYPEDIA.

A 1965 graduate of Syracuse University with a degree in the life sciences, after graduation Mr. Major served in the US Army as a Captain in Armor Branch for 5 years before being appointed an FBI Special Agent. His FBI career included service in Sarasota, Florida, Newark, New Jersey, Washington DC, and the Baltimore, MD FBI Field Offices as well as three assignments at FBI Headquarters (the FBI SCI Security Office, the Counterintelligence Division and the Inspection Division).

Major's FBI career included levels from an investigative Special Agent to a senior official and he worked on foreign counterintelligence his entire career. He has been involved in various ways in numerous espionage cases and has recruited, run and handled agents, double agents and defectors as well as identified and investigated people arrested for espionage and terrorism.

Major was the first FBI official to be assigned to the National Security Council staff. He served in the Intelligence and Counterintelligence Programs between 1985 and 1987, and periodically briefed and advised President Reagan on counterintelligence and security matters. He was also instrumental in an administration effort to decrease the number of Soviet intelligence officers in the US, which were overwhelming the FBI's resources. As a result, over 80 Soviet KGB and GRU officers were expelled from the United States.

Between 1987 and 1991 Major was a FBI Counterintelligence Program Executive for the Intelligence section at FBI Headquarters within the national counterintelligence division. Major was the executive manager of a section with over 250 people assigned to it. The Intelligence Division of FBI Headquarters was responsible for managing all intelligence and counterintelligence strategic and operational analysis, policy and plans formulation, budget formulation, resource management, automated data processing, and counterintelligence training of FBI.

Between 1991 and 1993 Major was the Special Assistant to Assistant Director-in-Charge, FBI Headquarters Intelligence Division/National Security Division. Responsible for reviewing all espionage, double agent operations and policy issues referred to executive FBI management and decision review.

As part of his Counterintelligence responsibilities Major worked on the National Security Threat List (approved by the Attorney General in December 1991) to meet the ever-changing challenges of the foreign intelligence threats in the 1990s. The National Security Threat List strategy became the primary document which directly governs all Department of Defense counterintelligence programs.

Major wrote "The FBI's Counterintelligence Strategy for the 1990s: A Responsive New Approach to Meeting the Threat to National Security from Foreign Intelligence Activity Directed Against the United States: The National Security Threat List" (FBI, April 1992).

To ensure the counterintelligence programs were integrated into the Executive Agencies' decision-making process, Major worked to create the Counterintelligence Operations Board in 1989 (now known as the National Counterintelligence Operations Board). This interagency board was responsible for all strategic counterintelligence operational planning and threat assessments for the Intelligence Community. Its membership included the Directors for Counterintelligence from multiple agencies and the FBI.

From 1988 until retirement in 1994, he was the FBI's principal representative in the national intelligence policy formulation process. As such, he was the principal FBI drafter for the National Security Review (NSR) 18 and National Security Directive (NSD) 47. Signed by President George H.W. Bush in October 1990, NSD 47 set forth the nation's counterintelligence and security countermeasures policy and plans to address the intelligence threat in the 1990s. Mr. Major also worked as the FBI's representative to the NSD 47 Working Group to ensure the full implementation of this executive directive.

Upon retiring from the FBI, Major became the owner and CEO of his privately held company David G. Major Associates, Inc. (DGMA), which owns and operates the CI Centre and SPYPEDIA, since its founding in 1997. Mr. Major founded the CI Centre to provide high-quality counterintelligence, counterterrorism and security training for the government and corporate sector. The CI Centre has developed over 55 off the

shelf training courses and seminars and has trained over 100,000 people in counterintelligence, intelligence, counterterrorism, area studies, investigative skills and security topics.

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### SERIES I: SUBJECT FILE

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| CLOSED | Achille Lauro  |
| CLOSED | Advanced Intelligence Seminar 11/20/1985                         |
| CLOSED | AISA   |
| CLOSED | Airport Security   |
| CLOSED | Vladimir Alexandrov  |
| CLOSED | American University  |
| CLOSED | Anatomy of a Diverter: (Empty)                                   |
| CLOSED | Army   |
| CLOSED | Army: [U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command - 01/31/1986] |
| CLOSED | Arrest in Moscow   |

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| CLOSED        | AWARE System  |
| CLOSED        | AWARE System - February 1986 Correspondence - E. El-Shafey  |
| CLOSED        | Bilateral Agreements 1985   |
| CLOSED        | Bilateral Agreements 1986   |
| CLOSED        | Casey Meetings  |
| CLOSED        | Center for Public Diplomacy Studies   |
| OPEN          | Chernobyl   |
| CLOSED        | Chin Case   |
| CLOSED        | Counterintelligence Capabilities 02/04/1986-02/13/1986  |
| CLOSED        | Counterintelligence Capabilities 02/14/1986-02/28/1986  |
| CLOSED        | Counterintelligence Capabilities 03/10/1986   |
| CLOSED        | Counterintelligence Capabilities 03/12/1986-04/02/1986  |
| CLOSED        | Counterintelligence Capabilities 04/03/1986-05/19/1986  |
| CLOSED        | Counterintelligence Capabilities 05/20/1986-05/22/1986  |
| CLOSED        | Counterintelligence Issues  |
| CLOSED        | Counterintelligence - NATO Major/NSC Staff  |
| CLOSED        | Counterintelligence/Countermeasures (CI/CM) Major/NSC Staff   |
| CLOSED        | Counterintelligence/Countermeasures Major/NSC Staff: [CI/CM Recommendations]                                    |
| CLOSED        | Counterintelligence/Countermeasures Major/NSC Staff: [CI/CM Recommendations for CI/CM Capabilities of the U.S.] |
| CLOSED        | [IG/CM Meeting 10/18/1984]  |
| CLOSED        | Interim Report to Congress on CI/CM   |
| CLOSED        | COMEX 10/03/1986 (1)(2)   |
| CLOSED        | COMEX 10/10/1986-01/13/1987   |
| CLOSED        | Davies (Major/NSC Staff)  |
| CLOSED        | Defectors   |
| CLOSED        | Defense Intelligence Terrorism  |

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| CLOSED | Report of DOE/DOD Atomal Surveys of Implementation of Security Applicable to Atomal Information in NATO Headquarters, SHAPE, AFCENT Headquarters and the NATO School - 1985 |
| CLOSED | Diplomatic Security Act   |
| CLOSED | Disinformation  |
| CLOSED | [Documents Pulled]  |
| CLOSED | Exchange 1985   |
| CLOSED | Exchange 01/10/1986-01/31/1986  |
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| CLOSED | Executive Branch Reports to PSCI  |
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| CLOSED | [FBI Information]   |
| CLOSED | First Tour IO Project   |
| CLOSED | FCI Technical Support   |
| CLOSED | FCI Training  |
| CLOSED | Geneva Exchanges 1982-1985  |
| CLOSED | Geneva Exchanges 01/01/1986-01/17/1986  |
| CLOSED | Geneva Exchanges 01/18/1986-01/21/1986  |
| CLOSED | Geneva Exchanges 01/22/1986-03/11/1986  |
| CLOSED | Geneva Exchanges 03/12/1986-06/19/1986  |
| CLOSED | Geneva Exchanges 06/20/1986   |
| CLOSED | GDR (German Democratic Republic, [East Germany])  |
| CLOSED | Otto Gilbert  |
| CLOSED | Hermann   |
| CLOSED | HIPSCI [HPSCI] (House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence)   |
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| CLOSED        | Intelligence Missions of Other Communist Nations in the U.S. |
| CLOSED        | Intelligence Research and Development Council                |
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| CLOSED        | Timothy Laur  |
| CLOSED        | Lawrence Livermore National Labs  |
| CLOSED        | Leahy-Cohen   |
| CLOSED        | [NSDD 196 - Leahy/Cohen 04/30/1986]   |
| CLOSED        | Leaks   |
| OPEN          | Lecture Notes (1)-(3)   |
| OPEN          | Lectures (1)-(5)  |
| CLOSED        | Legislative Actions 09/23/1985-10/31/1985                                     |
| CLOSED        | Legislative Actions 11/01/1985-12/31/1985                                     |
| CLOSED        | Legislative Actions 1986  |
| CLOSED        | LHMs (Letterhead Memos)   |
| CLOSED        | Low-Intensity Conflict  |
| CLOSED        | LERP Handle: Defensive Counter Espionage                                      |
| CLOSED        | Medvid Case   |
| CLOSED        | MI-5  |
| CLOSED        | MLM Issue   |
| CLOSED        | Miller  |
| CLOSED        | National Counterintelligence Strategies                                       |
| CLOSED        | Budget - NIS  |
| CLOSED        | NOAC  |
| CLOSED        | NOAC Meeting Agenda 03/25/1986  |
| CLOSED        | NSDD 145 - Telecommunications Automated Information Systems Security          |
| CLOSED        | NSDD 196 - Counterintelligence/Countermeasures Implementation Task Force 1985 |

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| CLOSED | NSDD 196 – Counterintelligence/Countermeasures Implementation Task Force 1986 |
| CLOSED | NSDD 197 – NSDD on Reporting Foreign Contacts and Security Awareness          |
| CLOSED | NSDD [197]  |
| CLOSED | Nicaragua   |
| CLOSED | Nolan   |
| OPEN   | North Korea [Contains Transfer Sheet Only]                                    |
| CLOSED | OFM (Office of Foreign Missions, State)                                       |
| CLOSED | OPSEC (Operations Security)   |
| CLOSED | Oriental Organized Crime  |
| CLOSED | ORCON (Dissemination & Extraction of Information Controlled by Originator)    |
| CLOSED | Bruce Damian Otto   |
| CLOSED | Action: Overflight Security   |
| CLOSED | Overseas Presence   |
| CLOSED | Pakistan  |
| CLOSED | PMI   |
| CLOSED | Pelton Case   |
| CLOSED | PCLS  |
| CLOSED | PRC Intelligence Major/NSC Staff  |
| CLOSED | Ratification of the Income Tax Agreement with the People’s Republic of China  |
| CLOSED | PNG Actions   |
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| CLOSED | Pollard 12/15/1985  |
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| CLOSED | Pollard 06/13/1986-06/30/1986   |
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| CLOSED | Postal Union  |
| CLOSED | Presidential Access Clearances  |



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| CLOSED        | Presidential Radio Talks  |
| CLOSED        | President's Report on CI/CM (Counterintelligence/Counter Measures) 05/01/1986-05/12/1986    |
| CLOSED        | President's Report on CI/CM 05/13/1986-06/18/1986   |
| CLOSED        | President's Report on CI/CM 09/15/1986  |
| CLOSED        | President's Report on CI/CM [09/15/1986 - Copy]   |
| CLOSED        | President's Report on CI/CM 09/18/1986-09/30/1986   |
| CLOSED        | Presidential Report on CI/CM Enhancements 07/21/1986  |
| CLOSED        | Presidential Report on CI/CM Enhancements 07/31/1986-08/05/1986                             |
| CLOSED        | Presidential Report on CI/CM Enhancements 08/06/1986  |
| CLOSED        | [Soviet Acquisition of Military Significant Western Technology: an Update - September 1985] |
| CLOSED        | IOB - CA  |
| CLOSED        | Press Guidance  |
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| CLOSED        | Prime Hostile Intelligence Target   |
| CLOSED        | RFE/RL (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty)  |
| CLOSED        | Registration Act  |
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| CLOSED        | Shadrin  |
| CLOSED        | Soviet Activities in Commercial Fishing                |
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| CLOSED        | Soviet-East European Review                                    |
| CLOSED        | Soviet Embassy   |
| CLOSED        | Soviet Hostage   |
| CLOSED        | Soviet Intelligence Mission in the U.S. (empty)                |
| CLOSED        | Soviet Intelligence Threat in Third Countries - Assessment of  |
| CLOSED        | Soviet Kidnapping  |
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| CLOSED        | Soviet Travel  |
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| CLOSED        | Spy Swap   |
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| CLOSED        | Stillwell Commission Major/NSC Staffing (1)(2)                 |
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| OPEN          | Surveillance   |
| CLOSED        | Talking Points (empty)   |
| CLOSED        | Technology Transfer Intelligence Committee (1)-(8)             |
| CLOSED        | Terrorism  |
| CLOSED        | [Terrorism] Pulled Documents                                   |
| CLOSED        | Terrorist Groups   |
| CLOSED        | Terrorist Summary Major/NSC Staff                              |
| CLOSED        | Threat Assessment  |
| CLOSED        | TIGER TRAP   |
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| CLOSED        | Tumorov                          |
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| CLOSED        | Tech-Busters - Sticker  |
| CLOSED        | <i>Research Report: Soviet Elites: World View and Perceptions of the U.S.</i> , Guroff, G. and Grant, S. - 09/29/1981 |
| CLOSED        | Proceedings of .... First Annual Symposium on Physical/Electronic Security - August 1985 (1)-(4)                      |

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| CLOSED | Proceedings of .... Second Annual Symposium on Physical/Electronic Security - August 1986 (1)-(3)   |
| CLOSED | <i>Executive Intelligence Review</i> - 02/13/1987   |
| CLOSED | <i>Bibliography of Intelligence Literature</i> - Defense Intelligence School, October 1977          |
| CLOSED | <i>International Technology Summary</i> - 09/04/1986  |
| CLOSED | <i>Soviet Strategic Defense Programs</i>  |
| CLOSED | <i>From Revolution to Repression - Human Rights in Nicaragua under the Sandinistas</i> - March 1986 |