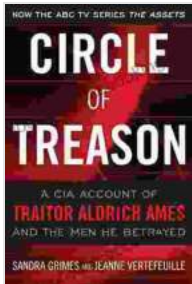


# Aldrich Ames: The CIA Traitor Who Betrayed His Country



## Circle of Treason: CIA Traitor Aldrich Ames and the Men He Betrayed by Caroline Stoessinger

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Aldrich Ames, a high-ranking CIA officer, betrayed his country for money. His actions had devastating consequences, leading to the deaths of several American agents and the compromise of sensitive intelligence operations. This is the story of his betrayal and the men he betrayed.

## A Promising Career

Aldrich Ames was born in River Falls, Wisconsin, in 1941. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he earned a degree in political science. After graduating, he joined the CIA in 1962.

Ames quickly rose through the ranks of the CIA, becoming a senior intelligence analyst in the Soviet Union/Eastern Europe Division. He was

known for his expertise on the Soviet Union and his ability to recruit and handle Soviet agents.

## **The Betrayal**

In the late 1980s, Ames began to experience financial difficulties. He was living beyond his means and had accumulated a large amount of debt. Desperate for money, he decided to sell secrets to the Soviet Union.

Ames began by selling low-level intelligence information to the Soviets. But as he became more desperate for money, he began to sell more sensitive information, including the names of American agents working in the Soviet Union.

The Soviets were delighted with the information that Ames was providing them. They paid him handsomely for his services, and he soon became one of their most valuable assets.

## **The Consequences**

The consequences of Ames's betrayal were devastating. The Soviets used the information he provided them to identify and kill several American agents. They also compromised several sensitive intelligence operations.

In 1994, Ames was arrested by the FBI. He was convicted of espionage and sentenced to life in prison. He is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution, Florence ADX in Colorado.

## **The Men He Betrayed**

Ames's betrayal had a profound impact on the lives of the American agents he betrayed. Several of them were killed by the Soviets, and others were

forced to flee their homes and live in hiding.

One of the most tragic victims of Ames's betrayal was Robert Hanssen, a senior FBI agent who was recruited by the Soviets in 1979. Hanssen sold the Soviets a vast amount of classified information, including information about the identities of American agents working in the Soviet Union.

Hanssen was arrested by the FBI in 2001 and sentenced to life in prison. He is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Florence ADX in Colorado.

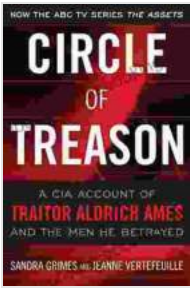
Aldrich Ames's betrayal was one of the most damaging in the history of the CIA. His actions had devastating consequences for the United States and for the men he betrayed.

Ames's story is a reminder of the importance of loyalty and the dangers of greed. It is also a reminder of the sacrifices that American agents make to protect our country.

## **Sidebar**

### Other Notable CIA Traitors

1. John Walker Jr.
2. Jonathan Pollard
3. Christopher Boyce
4. Harold Nicholson
5. Robert Kim



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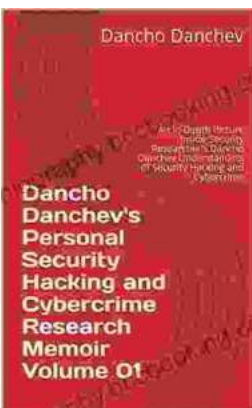
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