

Abstract

Cold War has escalated in the era of the nuclear weapons, which in case of use would mean a total war with an uncertain outcome for each side. Hence, the society saw the dawn of new kinds of weapons. At the time information became an important weapon, too. Therefore intelligence became a valuable resource, the competitors would spend millions of dollars on. As the need for information used for weakening the enemy grew, the number of secret services, spies and espionage operations grew as well. Secret services engaged in development of new spying technologies and kept on infiltrating strategic positions in order to facilitate the espionage. Berlin, situated in the very center of the Soviet occupation zone, became one of these strategic locations for gathering information. The city of Berlin was divided into four zones under the *Protocol on Zones of Occupation and Administration of Germany and "Greater Berlin"* in 1944, each of them under administration of one of the Allies. Moreover, the city as one whole experienced joint occupation regime. Therefore Berlin became an ideal environment in terms of secret services and the city turned out to be the undercover paradise. Especially American and Soviet secret services saw mutual clashes on the daily basis. Even though the United States mastered the espionage in nowadays world, in the beginning of Cold War, it took the back seat as the Soviets have excelled in both quality and quantity of their spies over US espionage staff. This Bachelor thesis examines the activity of CIA's Berlin Operations Base. The goal of this thesis is to analyze if and to what extend CIA with its activities in Berlin succeeded in supporting the US foreign policy.