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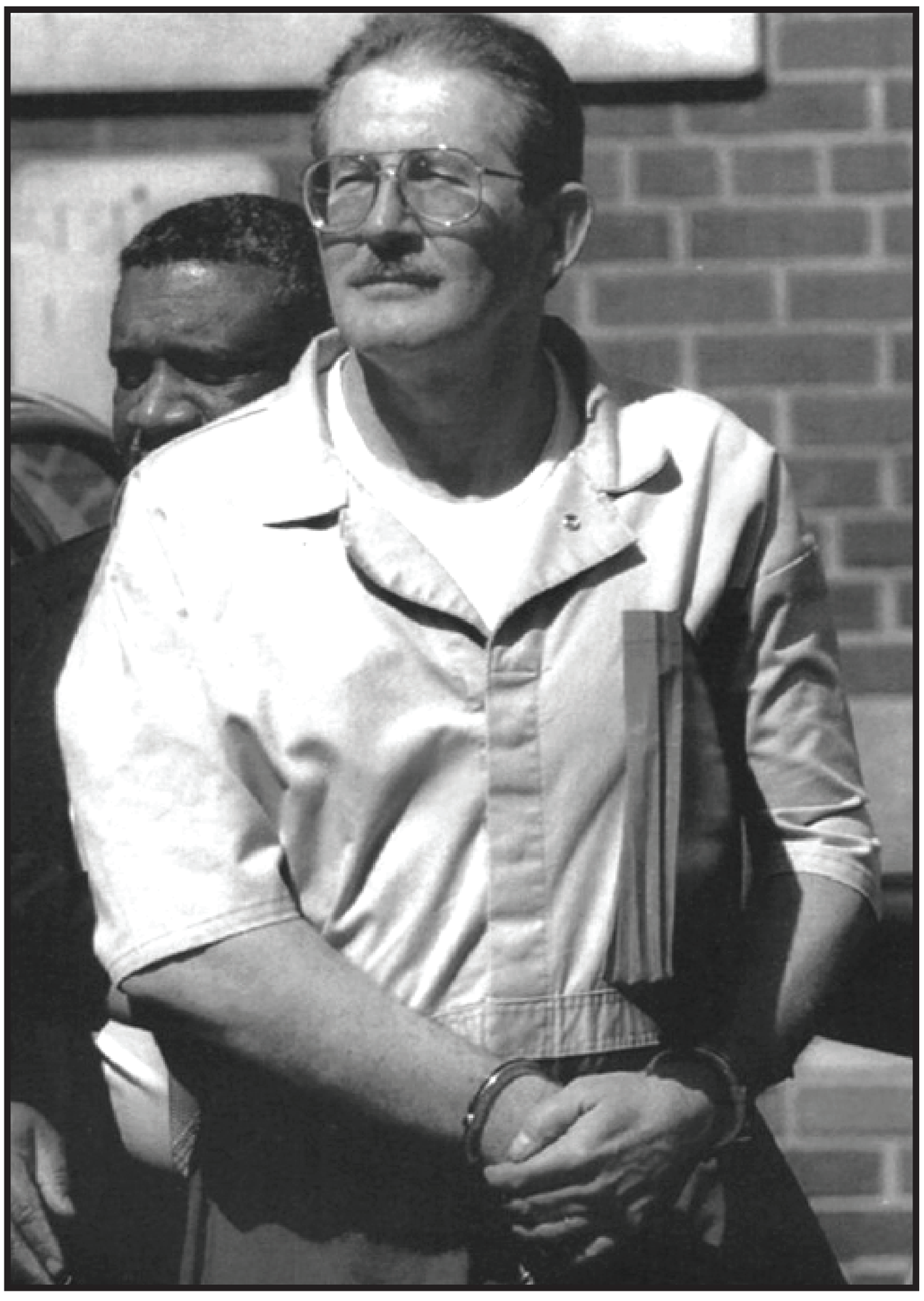
ALDRICH AMES b. 1941



Aldrich Hazen Ames was arrested on charges of espionage in 1994 after working for the Central Intelligence Agency for 31 years. He had been spying for Russia since 1985.

Ames was a CIA case officer specializing in Russian intelligence services, including the KGB. Ironically, his initial assignment was to target Russian intelligence officers for recruitment.

In 1985, Ames was heavily in debt and began selling classified information to the Soviets. The information he provided led to the compromise of at least 100 U.S. intelligence operations and to the execution of at least 10 U.S. sources. He ultimately gave the Soviet government the names of every American agent working in its country.

The CIA was tipped off when its agents began disappearing at an alarming rate. After a ten-month investigation, Ames was arrested and confessed. He is serving a life sentence. Ames received $4.6 million in total for his spying.

THE HIGHEST PAID SPY IN AMERICAN HISTORY