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Robert Hanssen joined the FBI in 1976 and began spying for the Soviet Union in 1985. He continued his activities until 2001 when officials apprehended him during a dead-drop just months before his retirement from the FBI.

Hanssen volunteered to spy anonymously for the KGB, and when the Soviet Union disbanded, continued to spy for Russia. Having used the code name "Roman Garcia," Russian intelligence never knew his true identity until he was exposed.

Trained in counter intelligence measures, Hanssen continually conducted database searches to see whether the FBI was suspicious of him.

He delivered sensitive and top secret information to a Russian contact via drop locations situated less than a mile from his home. It was during a drop that Hanssen was apprehended. He accepted a plea deal that spared him the death penalty and is currently serving life in prison.

A SPY INSIDE THE FBI