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**ON THIS DAY** In 1519, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan set out from Spain to find a western passage to the Spice Islands. He died en route, but one of his ships eventually circled the world.

## Probe was slow on CIA chief

*Pentagon waited for 18 months before it assessed data breach*

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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon was told in June 1998 that former CIA Director John Deutch had put defense secrets on unsecured computers but it waited 18 months before investigating the potential damage, Defense Department documents obtained Monday showed.

A Pentagon memo dated June 1998 showed the Defense Department was informed that the CIA was investigating Deutch's alleged mishandling of secrets. It

was also told the spy agency believed a damage assessment by the Defense Department was required "to protect the significant quantities" of Defense Department information on the computers.

Pentagon spokesman Craig Quigley said the Defense Department could not begin before February 2000 assessing the damage that the information could have on national security because it had not received the information from the CIA before then.

"This was all about a potential compromise of classified information on computers that we did not have in our possession," Quigley said. "It's not clear to me how we would have proceeded without reinventing a lot

of the effort that CIA investigators were doing at the very same time frame."

Deutch was deputy defense secretary prior to becoming CIA director in May 1995. He left the CIA in December 1996 when a CIA computer specialist discovered classified material on his unsecured home computers.

The Justice Department is considering whether to file criminal charges against Deutch, who has apologized for his actions.

On July 20, 1998, Defense Department Inspector General Donald Mancuso sent a memo to Defense Secretary William Cohen saying the CIA was asking for assistance in obtaining Pentagon records related to electronic mail and Internet access by

Deutch.

Cohen on Feb. 9, 2000, sent a memo to the Pentagon's acting general counsel and deputy inspector general saying the Pentagon received for the first time in early February material from the CIA's investigation of Deutch.

Quigley said he could not say when the Pentagon's investigation will be completed.

A CIA inspector general report found that Deutch kept highly classified information on computers at his home that were used to connect to the Internet, raising concerns that a hacker could have accessed the information.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*



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## Cuban plane down at sea; 9 of 10 live

*Survivors are found clinging to debris in rough Gulf waters*

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MIAMI — Nine Cubans apparently trying to flee western Cuba for Mexico's Yucatan peninsula in an old Russian crop duster Tuesday were picked up by a freighter when their plane ran out of fuel and crashed into the sea.

The crew of the freighter Chios Dream recovered one body and the nine survivors — three men, three women and three children — from rough seas 285 miles off the Florida coast about five hours after the plane took off, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The survivors were found clinging to debris.

The plane's pilot was identified in an Agence France Press report from Havana as Angel Lenin Iglesias Hernandez, 36, from Los Palacios, Cuba.

It quoted a friend of the pilot as saying he took his wife, Mercedes Martinez Paredes, his two sons, David, 7, and Erick, 13, and some friends. The pilot is a crop duster, it said.

The Coast Guard planned to

bring one man with serious head injuries to Miami for medical treatment, following a stop at the Lower Florida Keys Memorial Hospital. A doctor aboard the Carnival Cruise Lines ship Tropicale provided initial treatment because that vessel could reach the freighter more quickly than the Coast Guard.

Dr. Myron Binns said the injured man was 36 and described him as conscious and in stable condition, said Carnival spokesman Tim Gallagher.

According to U.S. officials, clinging information provided by the Cubans, the Antonov AN2 C-147 took off from a strip at Pinar del Rio province west of Havana at 8:45 a.m.

Havana air traffic controllers alerted their counterparts at the Federal Aviation Administration in Miami at 9 a.m. that the pilot of the plane had radioed to say he was being kidnapped.

Kathleen Bergen, the FAA's spokeswoman in Atlanta, said the FAA immediately notified the Coast Guard, which led the search for the plane, and the FBI.

Judy Orihuela, spokeswoman for the FBI in Miami, said the FBI would interview the survivors to determine what occurred.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

### NO WATER, NO COWS; NO COWS, NO FOOD

