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The BOOK OF HONOR of the Central Intelligence Agency will probably never be published fully in our time, nor will the deeds which prompted the awards be made public. Espionage, intelligence and national security are synonymous with the word clandestine.

So in the absence of words and deeds which earned the recipient the award we will merely be content with a photograph and description of what type of acts the medals were awarded for.

Of the five medals and one medallion awarded the order of precedence might be termed thus:

The following three are awarded by the Director and in some cases after the award are returned to the Agency for safekeeping (as the act for which rewarded is not made public).

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE MEDALLION:
  given for injury or death in the line of duty. (not illustrated)

DISTINGUISHED INTELLIGENCE CROSS:
  for exceptional heroism

INTELLIGENCE STAR
  for courageous act or outstanding service under grave personal risk.

The next three are usually awarded to retiring employees of the agency, or recognition of past services to the agency.

DISTINGUISHED INTELLIGENCE MEDAL:
  four outstanding service

INTELLIGENCE MEDAL OF MERIT:
  for especially meritorious service

CAREER INTELLIGENCE MEDAL:
  for exceptional achievement.

Some awards which have been reported in the press are those to:
Kelley Johnson, of Lockheed aircraft who designed the U-2 plane. He received the Distinguished Intelligence Medal.

James Angleton, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency counter-intelligence, who received the Distinguished Intelligence Medal.

There are supposedly 31 Stars in the Book of Honor which denote the highest award and if any reader can supply further on these awards or to whom awarded the author will present them in an additional article.

By the same token it is wondered if other countries have similar awards to their intelligence agencies and if so what are they?