‘Cloak and Dagger, Int’l’
– paradoxes of the Cold War cooperation of intelligence services
– selected aspects of the issues

The article presents a discussion of some of the issues of the international cooperation of intelligence organisations in the Cold War period of (1946–1989/1991). This phenomenon could already have been observed in the relations between the states earlier (‘Enigma’). In the post-war period, intelligence cooperation obtained the status of one of a handful of the main components of the power and potential of a given intelligence organisation, apart from, i.a. the volume of the archives, the extent and range of controlled intelligence sources’ operations, or the level of security observed in intelligence operations. The matter of international intelligence operation is illustrated by, e.g. the description of the American and French cooperation which resulted ad hoc, following the revelations of a KGB fugitive, Mr Anatoly Golitsyn, who had unmasked a huge number of Soviet sources in the West, placed in sensitive posts in administration in, i.a. the French Republic or the North Atlantic Alliance. The Author cautiously posits a hypothesis that, were it not for the international cooperation of intelligence services, the West would not have survived the intelligence offensive of the Soviet Union in the 1960s.