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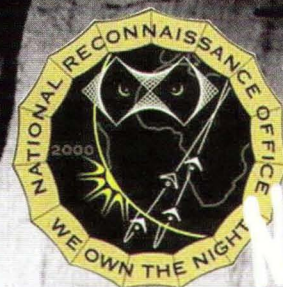
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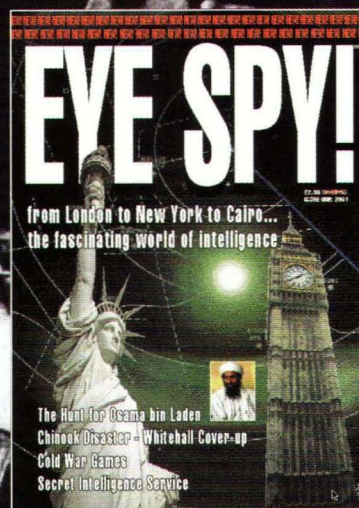
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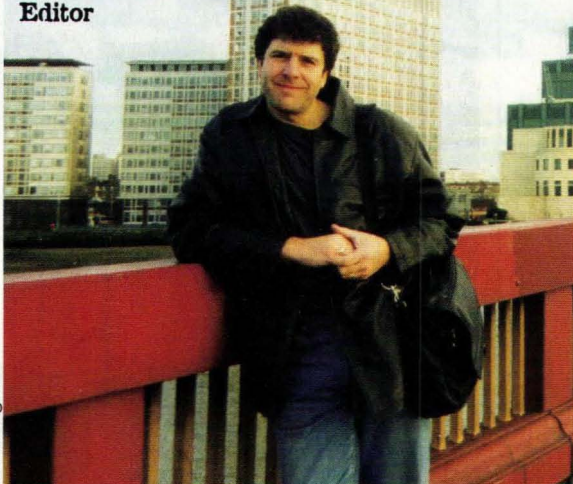
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Thanks to all the readers, organisations, groups and Downing Street who found the first issue of Eye Spy! informative and straight-talking. Some interesting events have caught the attention of the world's media of late, though I have no doubt this edition of Eye Spy! contains a few intelligence items they are oblivious to.

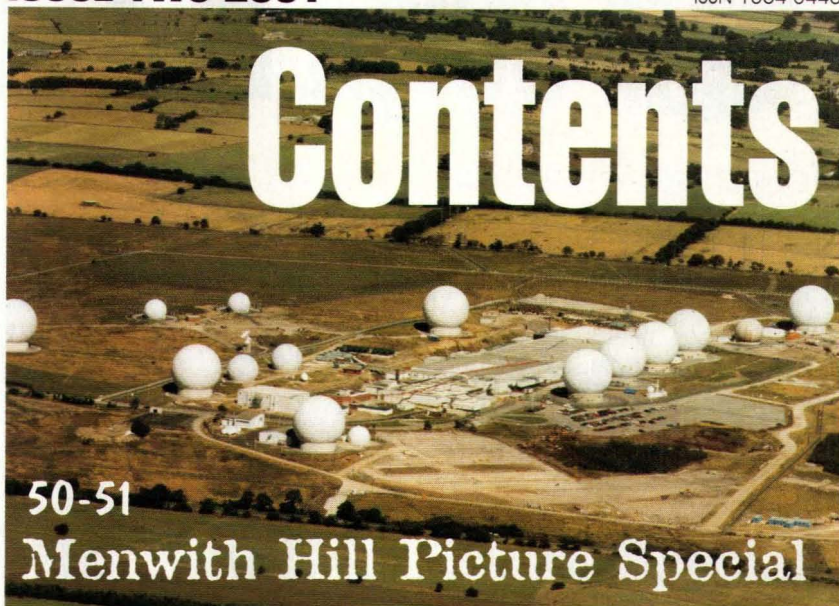
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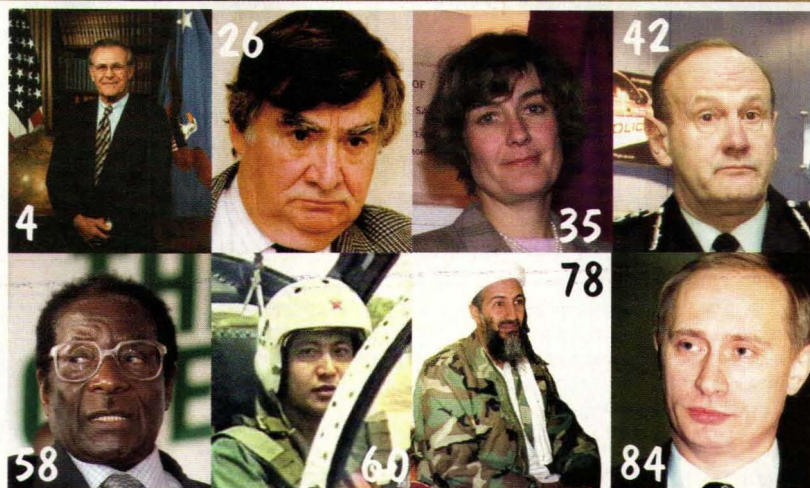
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Tourists reach for the spies



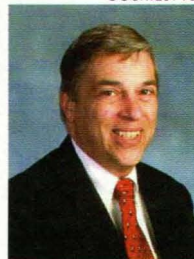
COURTESY COLD WAR MUSEUM

Spy aficionados can get a first-hand look at the "tradedcraft" of Robert Hanssen, the alleged FBI turncoat who was picked up for spying for the Russians. The fledgling Cold War Museum, run by Gary Powers Jr, (pictured above), son of the US spy pilot captured by the Russians in 1960, is organising a tour of Mr Hanssen's northern Virginia haunts.

FBI man denies spying

The former FBI agent Robert Hanssen made a brief and silent appearance in court in Alexandria, Virginia, yesterday, where a plea of not guilty to 21 counts of passing secrets to Moscow was entered. A jury trial was provisionally set for October 29. Washington normally avoids taking spy cases to trial but in this instance it is reported that attempts to negotiate a lighter sentence in return for information and a guilty plea have failed. AP, Alexandria

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MI6 'spy' awaits Moscow retrial



Platon Obukhov, pictured here appearing on Russian television, was recharged with spying for MI6, less than six months after Russia's Supreme Court set aside his guilty verdict. Obukhov, a former diplomat, had been sentenced in 1997, to 11 years in a Russian labour camp. He will be tried by a Moscow court. Britain has rejected the allegations outright.

Suicide bombers hit israel

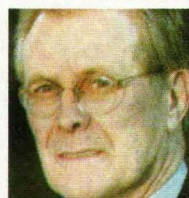
Violence has once again flared in Israel and the West Bank as months of bloodshed and over 600 deaths have cast a serious doubt on stability in the area. A wave of suicide bombings by Islamic Jihad against Israel has intensified the situation. This is Hussein Abu Nasser, videotaped just minutes before he drove a lorry packed with explosives at an Israeli checkpoint. On the tape, Mr Nasser said: "I want to avenge the killing of our martyrs by the criminal Sharon. In another incident, 19 Jewish teenagers, many of them from Russia, were killed when a young Palestinian suicide bomber exploded a device he was carrying on his stomach. Yasser Arafat and Israel condemned the recent upsurge in suicide bombings.



'Son of star wars' is coming...

Donald Rumsfeld, US Defence Secretary, warned sceptical NATO and European allies that America's anti-ballistic missile shield is coming... whether they like it or not. At a meeting in Brussels on 7 June, Mr Rumsfeld said that the US needed such a weapons' system to thwart any attempt to "hold our populations hostage to terror and blackmail." Ministers and military officials were shown top secret footage of two successful NMD tests. Only the UK has thus far supported the project.

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US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, has announced a radical shake-up of military and civil forces that will see the unique creation of a Pentagon Space Division. In what was his first keynote policy statement since George Bush appointed him, Mr Rumsfeld said he was shortly to name a four-star air force general who will construct and coordinate new US military space departments. The Pentagon will train, fund and equip the organisations that will now use the Earth's orbit and beyond, to install new weapons' systems to protect America.

Some intelligence and security services were left stunned by the news. Rumsfeld's announcement will see the super-secret National Reconnaissance Office (responsible for deploying spy satellites into orbit) fall under the umbrella of the space organisation. This is a blow to the NRO who have worked secretly for years on a massive surveillance network that is set to employ thousands of contract personnel over the next ten years. The NRO is currently at the fore of an incredibly secret space project believed to be code-named BLUE CRYSTAL (see page 20). Similarly, the CIA are not too pleased either. The NRO work closely with the CIA on several defence matters, but the CIA will now lose even more of its influence.

According to sources close to the heart of the project, America is determined to counter China's growing influence in space research that could jeopardise US and Western security in the next ten years.

Donald Rumsfeld felt now was the time to organise many US organisations under one authority to help construct the US defence shield. As head of a congressional commission formed to study military issues pertaining to space, some critics warned Mr Rumsfeld that it was quite possible the USA could one day be victim of another 'Pearl Harbour' if Washington continued to "neglect space issues."

Analysts believe that a surprise space-based attack could destroy US surveillance satellites, defence outposts and communication facilities in minutes, leaving the country vulnerable. In the commission's January report Mr Rumsfeld's views are echoed: "The present extent of US dependence on space, the rapid pace at which this dependence is increasing and the vulnerability it creates all demand that US national security space interests be recognised as a top national security priority."

Pentagon

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Not all analysts and military writers favour the Pentagon's move: "Weaponising space would be a badly premature idea," said Michael O'Hanlon, of the Brookings Institution. It may be impossible to keep space a sanctuary, but the US has no interest in breaking the taboo."

Experts on the commission feel that conflict in space is unavoidable: "We know from history that every medium from air, land and sea, have all seen conflict. In reality, space will be no different. Given this is a virtual certainty, the United States must develop the means to deter and defend itself from hostile acts in space."

President Bush supports this viewpoint. In February, he said: "In space we'll protect our network of satellites essential to the flow of our common interests. All of this requires great effort and new finance."

The new space defence project, together with that already in place at the US Military Space Command, will mean a marked increase in defence spending. In 2000, the Pentagon spent around \$8.5 billion of its incredible \$310 billion budget on space projects. This could treble in the next two years.

The final use of any new space weapon will still be the responsibility of the President. One supporter of the new project said: "We retain the right or option to deploy weapons in space to deter threats if necessary, and defend against attacks on US interests."

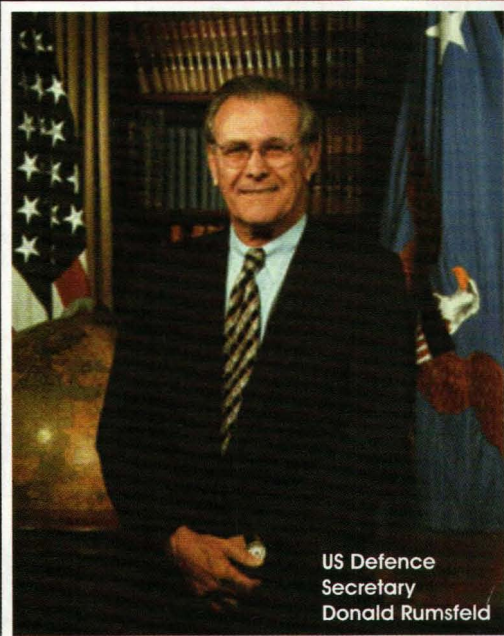
Prior to his appointment as US Defence Secretary, Donald Rumsfeld

led a congressional commission that studied space issues. He supports space-based weapons, and has often mentioned laser weapons capable of shooting down incoming missiles, protecting US satellites etc. He also wants the US to have the capability of destroying satellites in space.

All the various topics discussed by the new commission will parallel the work and research being conducted on the national missile defence shield, or 'Son of Star Wars' programme. The NRO is expected to liaise with NASA over part of the work.

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US Military Will Head Weapons Defence Systems



US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

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Eyes Deep Space Projects

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Spies Burgess and Maclean Received 'Home Finance'

Official documents released by the Public Record Office reveal that Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, two agents from the notorious Cambridge spy ring, received thousands of pounds from bank accounts and investments in the UK, even after they fled and settled in Russia in 1951.



Guy Burgess

The revelation has caused a bitter row among politicians who have demanded to know how it was possible that two double agents could still be rewarded for their treachery. One MP said: "It seems that treason pays after all." In 1962, worried Treasury officials informed Selwyn Lloyd, the then chancellor: "Non-resident status is not in itself a privilege." By resisting their request to draw upon their own finances "could only have been imposed out of political spite... we have to remember both Burgess and Maclean have not been convicted, let alone of an exchange control offence."

Interestingly, the Treasury officials also stated: "To reveal or discuss personal finances in the context of exchange controls, might develop into an embarrassing precedent for other private individuals." The documents reveal that Burgess set up a family fund of £60,000 in savings bonds. He also left another £2,000 to Kim Philby, another member of the Soviet sponsored spy ring. According to sources, the Government did not want a trial of Burgess or Maclean, because both were homosexuals. It is known they had friendships with many prominent figures in Government. Kim Philby was given immunity from prosecution, but fled to Moscow in 1963 anyway. Anthony Blunt, another Russian spy, was keeper of the Queen's pictures; he too was given immunity.

Maclean died in 1983, and Burgess one year later.

Former MI6 Head, Sir David Spedding, is dead

Sir David Rolland Spedding, the youngest ever head of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, died on 13 June 2001, aged 58, from cancer. Known for his "self-deprecating manner" he always played down his importance, even though he had spent more than 30 years in MI6. Interestingly, he was also only the second 'C' as the post is referred to by officials, whose position was announced publicly when his appointment was made in 1994. By that time he had worked in intelligence for 27 years, and was credited with saving the Queen's life following a visit to Jordan.

Even though the media knew who he was, Spedding never spoke publicly and quite unusually, no contemporary photograph of him exists. Born in 1943, his father was a lieutenant-colonel in the Border Regiment. He also went on the Aldermaston march in 1959 protesting about all things atomic, and wrote an anti-nuclear article when he was in school. His father was not happy with this, but apparently his MI6 colleagues found it amusing when they learned of the incidents.

By the early 1960s he was moving in diplomatic circles and was recruited into MI6 in 1967. He studied Arabic and became a specialist in Middle East affairs. In 1980 he was appointed OBE.

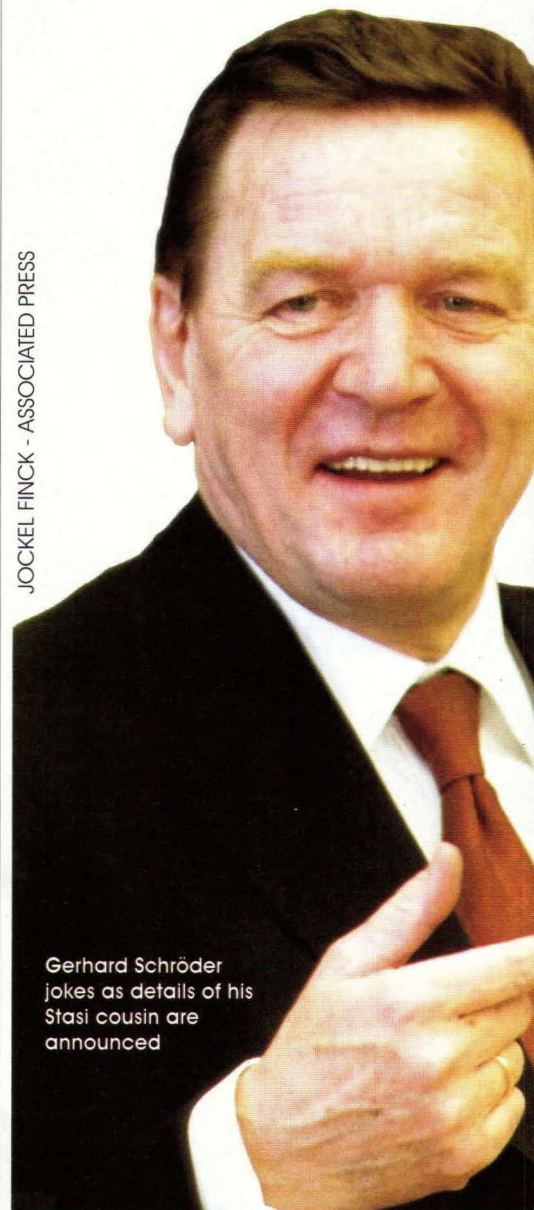
His knowledge and awareness of Arab thinking meant he had a crucial role to play when Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990. This impressed many in the Foreign Office and he became a key figure in the Service. By 1994 he had managed to rise to the very top of MI6. And though the Cold War was over, other dangers lurked just around the corner, and Spedding's brilliantly quick mind recognised this. Drugs, chemical weapons, rogue states, international terrorism, all were on the increase. And though he was adamant that MI6's position remain ghost-like, he did support the close ties with the parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee that essentially guides much of MI6's covert work outside the UK. He leaves a widow, Gill, and two sons.

Sir David Spedding, Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service. Born 7 March 1944, died 13 June 2001.

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Gerhard Schröder jokes as details of his Stasi cousin are announced

ER'S COUSIN WAS FFICER

Germany's Chancellor, Gerhard Schröder, got the shock of his life after journalists from the *Bild* Zeitung published extraordinary details about one of his long lost cousins. In May, Mr Schröder met with relatives he had never heard of before at his residence in Grunewald on the outskirts of Berlin. Two women (both cousins) from the former East Germany had been found by Mr Schröder's sister as she was investigating the final resting place of their father, a tank engineer who was killed in Romania in 1944.

His sister found Heidelinde Munkewitz, 61 and Inge Siegel, 58, in Gera, south of the city of Leipzig. Yet almost as the meeting in Grunewald was over, rumours spread within the media that there was a third sister, unemployed, and that she had refused to meet with Mr Schröder because he had apparently remarked that many jobless people are "work-shy." The real reason, however, was more to do with her past, said the *Bild* newspaper. "She simply did not want to embarrass her cousin."

However, journalists soon found the missing cousin and referred to her as 'Renate G'. And then the bombshell which amused much of Germany, but not Mr Schröder. Renate G had worked as an interpreter for the Stasi, East Germany's hated secret police. And, that since the fall of communism in the country, she had been unable to find work. The real

reason she had not travelled with her sisters to meet with the chancellor, was that she did not want to embarrass him because of her past.

Renate G is in fact Renate Gritzke, 49, very well known to Britain's MI6.

Indeed, once the secret was revealed, journalists from all over Europe made a bee-line for her flat. Ms Gritzke was a leading Stasi officer who held the rank of oberleutnant for 'Department 26'. This section of the Stasi was responsible for eavesdropping on the British Embassy in Berlin and often had entire hotels bugged with listening devices. It is known that in one incident, Stasi officers spied on a female British envoy through a minute camera in her bedroom. It is believed that particular diplomat was Ann Lewis, Head of Chancery at the British Embassy from 1982 to 1985. She told journalists from *The Times*: "As diplomats, you assumed you were under close surveillance in a communist country, but I was not aware of any video cameras. But they could get in and out of any building they wanted."

The Stasi also intercepted most telephone calls from embassies based in East Berlin, but Frau Gritzke worked primarily against British targets. On one occasion, she placed a listening device inside the British Embassy's central heating system to eavesdrop on conversations. Frau Gritzke said: "I have no regrets what I did. We joined that organisation because we wanted to work from our country. But the last thing I want to do now is cause any problems for my cousin - Herr Schröder." He was asked to comment on his cousin's Stasi role. Mr Schröder said: "How do I know if I would have put up resistance under such a system?" He then quoted from the Bible: "Let he that is without sin among you cast the first stone at her." Some of Frau Gritzke's former Stasi colleagues said that she

had "prospered under the communist system." She has been described as a diminutive, quietly spoken woman who joined East Germany's secret police in 1978. She joined Department 26 and a 14-person unit known as Section 5. This sub-section specialised in surveillance of the British Embassy and its staff, plus other English-speaking people in East Germany. One of her colleagues said: "She was a dedicated woman, very professional and hard-working."

Frau Gritzke told *The Times*: "I am a nice person, but not important." During a meeting with Mr Schröder, he remarked that "I have forgiven her."

Today she lives within 20 yards of where the Berlin Wall stood, a constant reminder of power of the Stasi. Speaking in her cramped flat, she spoke of the moment the Wall came tumbling down: "It was all such a shock for me when it happened, and now I have many problems."

Journalists say her existence was a bigger shock for Mr Schröder.

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The Foot-and-Mouth Disease Controversy Great Britain

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In an intriguing and unexpected twist on the current foot-and-mouth disease crisis that continues to afflict the entire country, Top Secret papers have surfaced under the terms of the United States Government's Freedom of Information Act showing that more than 50 years ago, American authorities were concerned that a potentially-hostile nation would attempt to cripple the US food-chain by deliberately infecting the country's cattle herd with foot-and-mouth.

Prepared by The Committee on Biological Warfare at the request of the American Government's elite Research and Development Board, the 50-page file in question dates from March 1947 through to the latter part of 1948 and makes for disturbing reading.

In a Top Secret paper of 28 March 1947 it was stated that "A memorandum from the Secretaries of War and Navy dated 21 February 1947, Subject: International Aspects of Biological Warfare, regarding biological warfare in relation to United Nations negotiations for regulation of armaments was referred by the Board to Committee 'X' for consideration and recommendations."

Seven months later, the Research and Development Board prepared an in-depth report (also classified Top Secret) that outlined its concerns with respect to biological warfare.

As the Board stated: "Preparations for biological warfare can be hidden under a variety of guises. The agents of biological warfare are being studied in every country of the world because they are also the agents of diseases of man, domestic animals and crop plants. The techniques used in developing biological warfare agents are essentially similar to the techniques used in routine bacteriological studies and in the production of vaccines, toxoids and other beneficial materials."

In its report, the Board continued: "...the Committee feels that although it may be possible to control atomic research and insure that it be devoted to peaceful purposes, it is impracticable to control research on biologi-

cal agents because of the close similarity between such research and legitimate investigations of a medical, agricultural or veterinary nature."

But what of the possibility that biological warfare could have been utilised as a weapon of mass destruction and the cause of extreme devastation? In 1947, as we shall now see, the Board had its doubts that biological warfare could be considered to be a tool of destruction on a par with atomic weapons; however, as we will later see, by 1948, that view had changed radically.

With respect to this matter, in October 1947, the Board wrote that: "On the basis of present knowledge the Committee feels that biological weapons cannot be compared in their effect with such so-called weapons of mass destruction as, for example, the atomic bomb. It is doubtless true that if a self-sustaining epidemic of a fatal disease could be established in a human population, indiscriminate destruction of life on a great scale might result. However, as has been pointed out earlier in this discussion, the Committee knows of no epidemic agent that could presently be used with confidence in its significant epidemic-producing property. The spread of epidemics depends upon a number of complex inter-related factors, many of which are poorly understood or perhaps even unknown. Furthermore, it is believed that the chances of discovering an unusually virulent epidemic-producing biological agent is highly improbable and cannot be anticipated at any time in the predictable future."

So much for the Committee's beliefs with respect to biological warfare and the Human Race; however, on the issue of the animal kingdom, it stated that: "The statements made in the preceding paragraph do not apply equally well to epizootic agents. Within this group are highly infectious agents that the Committee believes could be used to cause widespread epizootics in domestic animal populations. However, these agents could not be considered as a means of indiscriminate destruction of life in terms of human beings."

The Committee continued in its 1947 report: "As far as nonepidemic producing agents are concerned, the Committee feels that the use of these as weapons would cause no more

Nick Redfern

Foot and Mouth Crisis:

OWS

A common sight in rural Britain, as millions of animals still wait to learn of their fate.

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in ventilating systems, such as those of the Pentagon and subway systems. In addition to actual incapacitation or loss of key personnel such action might have serious psychological effects on the entire population.

By military attack BW agents could be carried to the enemy in bombs or other missiles. Heavy concentrations of BW agents would certainly be effective, although the minimum effective concentrations are not susceptible to direct experimental determination. Our superior sanitary and health organizations which would tend to reduce casualties, are counterbalanced by the fact that the United States has more and larger concentrations of people in urban centers than our potential enemies.

4.2 Against animals.

The use of epizootic agents against our animal population by sabotage methods is a very real and immediate danger. Foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest are among those which would spread rapidly, and unless effective countermeasures were immediately applied, would seriously affect the food supply of animal origin. Since foot-and-mouth disease is now present in Mexico, it would be relatively easy for saboteurs to introduce the disease into the United States and have this introduction appear as natural spread from Mexico. Since rinderpest and foot-and-mouth disease are not present in the United States, our animal population is extremely vulnerable to these diseases. Similar opportunities against our potential enemies are not as great because of lack of concentration of domestic animals and more limited movement of livestock.

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Anthrax in man can be expected to develop within five to ten days following attack. Fatality in untreated skin cases might reach 5 to 15%. Untreated cases of pulmonary anthrax usually are fatal.

Symptoms of botulism in man would appear in one to four days after attack. A fatality rate of 50-75% would be expected among non-immunized individuals.

Rinderpest when introduced spreads rapidly and frequently has caused over 90% mortality of susceptible animals.

Foot-and-mouth disease also spreads rapidly, but is not often fatal in mature animals. It would cause severe losses in milk and beef production.

Cereal rusts can cause very extensive damage in cereals if introduced at the right stage of growth.

6.1.2 For the sake of future planning, and taking liberties in drawing conclusions from very limited data on field tests with experimental animals, the author has made some calculations on the effectiveness of the bomb, particulate, A 10. (British Type F), an estimate of 16.7 tons for 1/4 sq. mile of city area to produce a 50% death risk was made for this bomb when charged with a 4% water suspension of anthrax spores. (Tab B). In a later estimate, taking into account the many possible factors for improvement, they concluded that 5 tons of bomb load instead of 16 tons would be necessary (agent not specified). Thus an industrial city (100 sq. mile area) would require 2000 tons for a 50% death risk.

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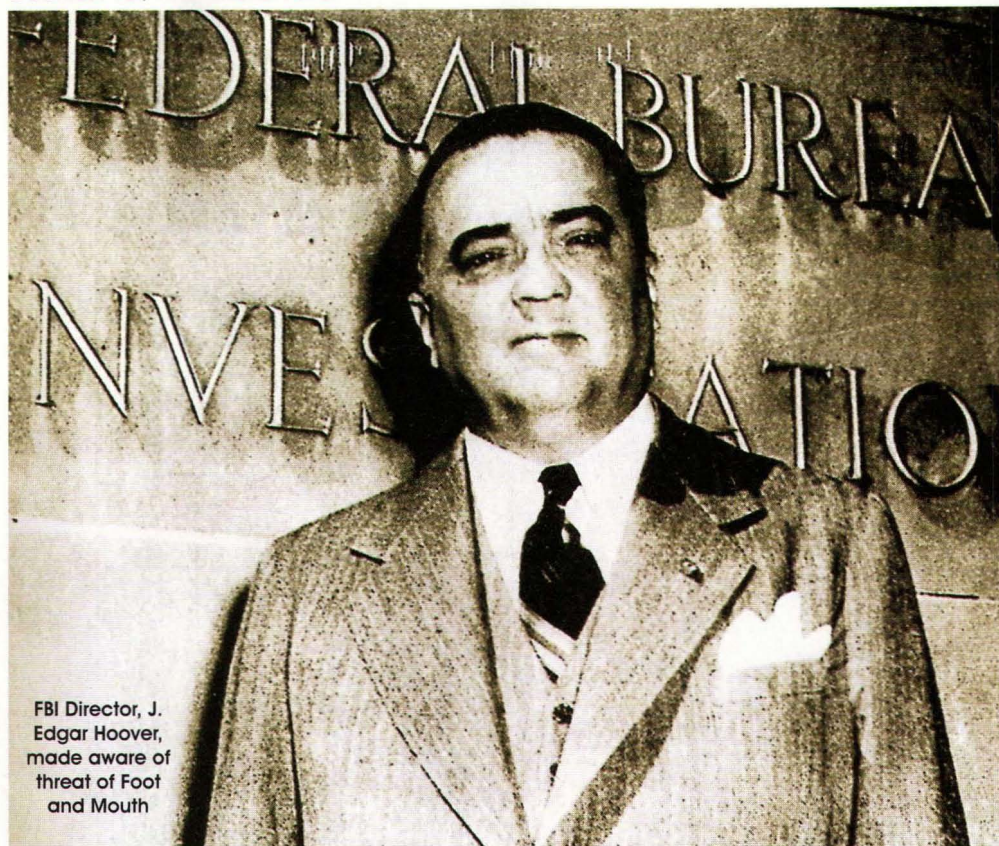
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indiscriminate destruction of life than would, for example, use of incendiary munitions. Also destruction of property would be practically nil with biological agents, whereas it is considerable with conventional incendiary or explosive munitions. While it is granted that innocent civilians would be affected by all biological agents, the same can be said for any type of explosive munition. Furthermore, since non-epidemic agents do not spread rapidly from one individual to another, an attack with these agents would be as indiscriminate and probably as localised as would an attack with incendiary bombs or high explosive munitions."

In conclusion, it was stated that: "As a matter of fact, predictions of effectiveness of biological agents against a human population must be taken with reservations. No experimental animal is available that can be used to measure the effectiveness of these weapons against man. For these reasons the Committee feels that at present biological warfare cannot be correctly classed as a means of mass destruction of human beings. The use of most biological agents might be more humane and less objectionable than the use of conventional weapons, for two reasons.

In the first place, property is not destroyed in biological warfare and production facilities of a defeated nation may recover more quickly than if large amounts of property were destroyed. In the second place, destruction of life may be less with biological warfare if debilitating but non-fatal agents are used. For example, the use of the agent causing undulant fever as an offensive weapon might be expected to cause large numbers of casualties and thus greatly aid the war effort of

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FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, made aware of threat of Foot and Mouth

the attacking nation, but most of the casualties would recover after a period of illness and could resume active lives."

With that, the Committee chairman, Vannevar Bush, prepared a Confidential memorandum for the Joint Chiefs of Staff that summarised the Committee's findings and recommenda-

tions with respect to biological warfare from a defensive perspective. However, by the latter part of 1948, as will now become apparent, biological warfare was seen as a major threat to the USA by the Research and Development Board. Moreover, the fear that a hostile nation would attempt to ravage the US food-supply by deliberately infecting its cattle herd with diseases

Vannevar Bush prepared a Confidential memorandum for the Joint Chiefs of Staff that summarised the Committee's findings and recommendations with respect to biological warfare from a defensive perspective...



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such as foot-and-mouth was running high in official circles.

According to the 1948 documents at issue: "Biological warfare lends itself especially well to undercover operations, particularly because of the difficulty in detecting such operations and because of the versatility possible by the proper selection of biological warfare agents."

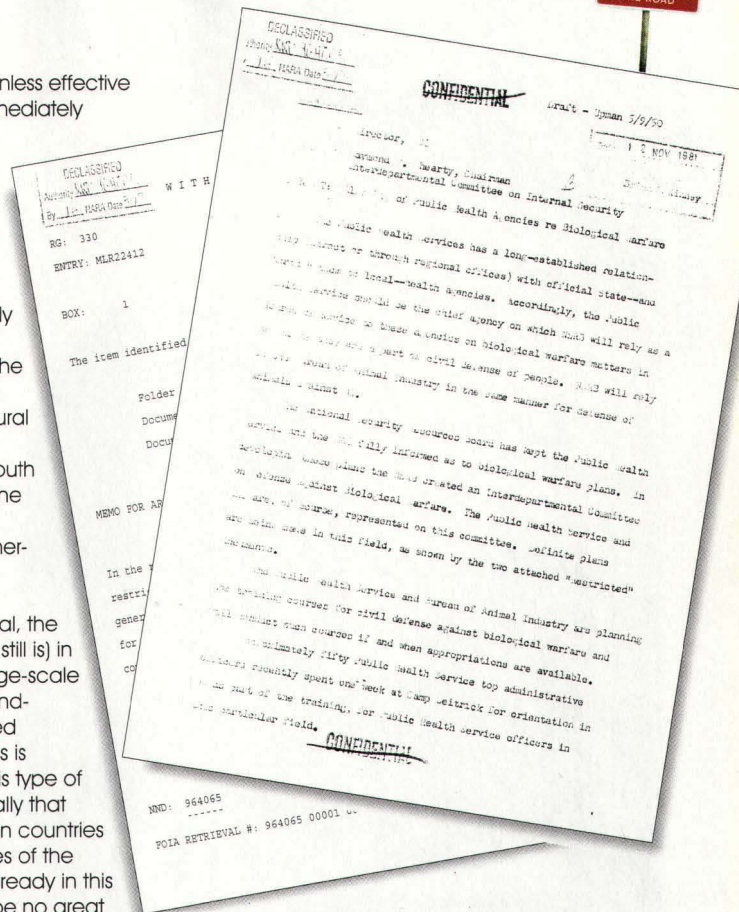
The Committee continued: "Within the last few years there have been several outbreaks of exotic diseases and insect pests which are believed to have been introduced accidentally but which could have been introduced intentionally had someone wished to do so. The use of epizootic agents against our animal population by sabotage methods is a very real and immediate danger. Foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest are among those which

would spread rapidly, and unless effective counter-measures were immediately applied, would seriously affect the food supply of animal origin."

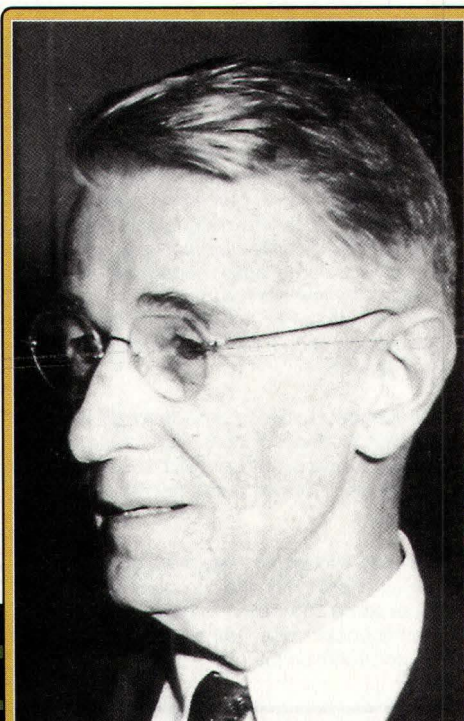
Grimmer still is the following extract: "Since foot-and-mouth is now present in Mexico, it would be relatively easy for saboteurs to introduce the disease into the United States and have this introduction appear as natural spread from Mexico. Since rinderpest and foot-and-mouth disease are not present in the United States, our animal population is extremely vulnerable to these diseases."

Alarmingly, the papers reveal, the US was (and logic dictates, still is) in no position to prevent a large-scale biological attack via foot-and-mouth disease had it indeed occurred: "The United States is particularly vulnerable to this type of attack. It is believed generally that espionage agents of foreign countries which are potential enemies of the United States are present already in this country. There appears to be no great barrier to prevent additional espionage agents from becoming established here and there is no control over the movements of people within the United States."

The document continues: "North America is an isolated land mass and hence specific areas therein present feasible biological warfare targets for an extra-continental enemy since fear of backfiring is minimised."



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Vannevar Bush - knew of dangers

Most disturbing, however, was the potential outlook for the USA in the event of a country-wide biological warfare attack utilising foot-and-mouth disease and similar devastating diseases: "A significant portion of the human population within selected target areas may be killed or incapacitated. The food supply of the nation could be depleted to an extent which

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The food supply of the nation could be depleted to an extent which materially would reduce the nation's capacity to defend itself...



The National Archives, Washington D.C.



Ex-MI5 Director-General in M & S Blood-letting

Dame Stella Rimmington, the former Director-General of MI5 is the latest victim of Marks and Spencer cost-cutting measures. However, her departure follows much criticism over comments she made in the row of a £816,000 bonus given by the high street company to Luc Vandervelde, the company's chairman.

Dame Stella is head of the M & S 'remuneration committee' and it was she who authorised the massive bonus at a time when the company was closing its European outlets. Over 1,000 workers from several European branches recently marched in London over the closures. 5,000 staff will lose their jobs.

When M & S made the bonus announcement customers and shareholders were furious. They believe Mr Vandervelde must take his part of the blame for the huge losses incurred by the ailing giant. Indeed, he initially informed his own directors that he wasn't happy about the award. Dame Stella meanwhile insisted he should keep it. The row simmered and then eventually exploded. Dame Stella and M & S directors then agreed the massive award should be waived. But by now the damage was done.

Marks and Spencer recruited Dame Stella, 65, after she retired as Director-General of the security service in 1997. It is believed she was paid around £50,000 in the last financial year for her part-time non-executive directorship.

Mr Vandervelde is to recruit three more non-executive directors in his efforts to turn the company around. M & S's profits fell some £35 million to around £470 million for the last financial year. Dame Stella, meanwhile, refused to comment on the affair.

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MI5 WARN OVER HINDUJA BROTHERS

According to reliable sources, The Prince of Wales's charitable body, the Prince's Trust, was advised by MI5 to reject donations worth hundreds of thousands of pounds from the controversial Hinduja brothers who are currently facing arms bribery allegations in India. Indeed, offers of money were made to the Trust in 1996 and 1997, a full one-year before Tony Blair and Peter Mandelson accepted a £1m donation from the brothers to rescue the Millennium Dome project. It has since transpired that MI6 provided Downing Street with intelligence that further warned of the Hinduja's 'dubious reputation'. This didn't stop Tony Blair using the brothers as envoys between Britain, India and

Iran, according to leaked papers. And more recently, five letters, apparently originating from Downing Street, have been leaked that clearly show the warmth of the brothers' relationship with Tony Blair and his chief of staff, Jonathan Powell. At the end of every letter he handwrites, "Yours ever, Tony."

At the time of the brothers' initial approach to the Prince's Trust, Mr Mandelson acknowledged they were "an above average risk," but without firm evidence of wrongdoing, "how could we bar them from involvement in sponsorship?" he said. In respect of the Prince's Trust, careful procedures (originally designed to protect the royal family from public

sleaze), were used. At least two intelligence reports from MI5 and MI6 were sent. These are similar to those advising Sir Peter Lloyd, the former Conservative Immigration minister, over the Hinduja's original passport applications. It transpired that the content of the reports led to the refusal of passports for the brothers, Gopichand and Srichand Hinduja, in 1991. Ministers were notified that the men "could well fail to meet the good character reference required," under the Nationality Act of Great Britain.

MI6 discovered that the brothers were under investigation by Indian intelligence for accepting "excessive commissions" over a gun contract. Both men deny the bribery charges.

According to Sir Anthony Hammond's inquiry into why Home Secretary Jack Straw later granted a passport

A LIFE OF SURPRISES

DAME STELLA SET TO PUBLISH

The former Director-General of MI5, Stella Rimington, will publish her memoirs in September, despite a tremendous amount of opposition in Whitehall and Parliament.

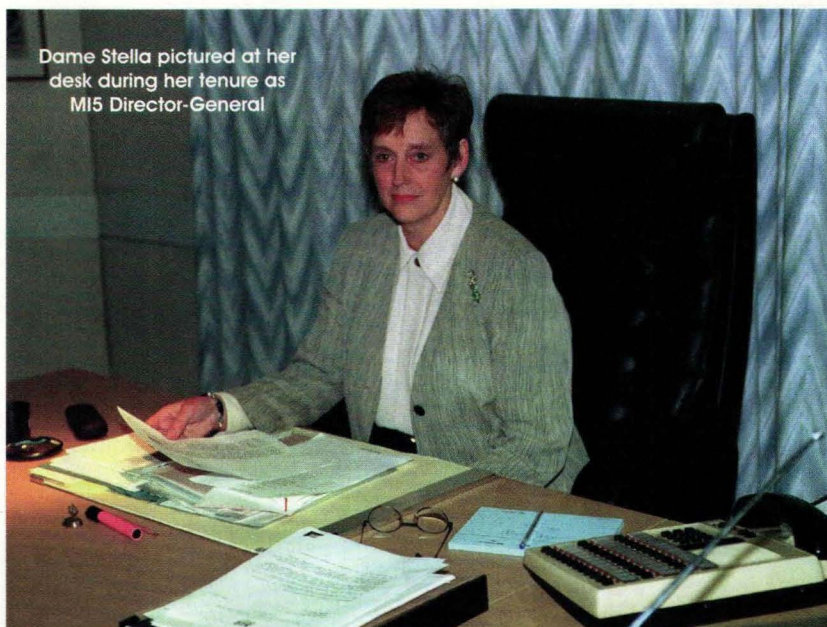
Dame Stella has had a number of meetings with her successor, Sir Stephen Lander, about the book. He has urged her to scrap the project, but undeterred, Britain's first female head of the security service insists she is going ahead with 'Open Secret'.

According to sources, her publisher, Random House, gave her a six-figure advance for the manuscript. She insists she had been lucky to be in a "central position during a time of great change in the security scene." Through her publisher she said: "I have had the difficult task of balancing openness and secrecy in my professional and private life."

This tough-talking and no-nonsense woman waved away early protests about security breaches when news

of the manuscript was first released. And though Whitehall have managed to secure a few deletions from the book, many remain to their anger. Stephen Lander is said to be "fairly relaxed" about the book, but his counterpart at MI6 certainly is not. Insiders say Sir Richard Dearlove is "furious" about the decision to release her memoirs. He is supported by many senior officials in the Ministry of Defence, who believe that their efforts to squash officials writing about military and intelligence affairs are being undermined.

Dame Stella has already warned the Government that she will invoke the Human Rights Act, which enshrines the right of any individual to 'freedom of expression', if officials try to block or ban the book. This has worried many intelligence personnel and members of Parliament, including Michael Mates, a Conservative member of the Commons' intelligence and security committee. He said her actions to go ahead were "totally disgraceful."



Dame Stella pictured at her desk during her tenure as MI5 Director-General

PRESS ASSOCIATION

And though he told his fellow members of the Joint Intelligence Committee that the book would not endanger MI5 operations, he said it would "seriously undermine the principle of secrecy binding former agents such as David

Shayler, who could be jailed for allegedly breaching the Official Secrets Act. The book will go through one last vetting by Sir Richard Wilson, the cabinet secretary. However, even then the work could be subjected to more cuts by Home Secretary,

Jack Straw, who is ultimately responsible for MI5.

• Dame Stella is separated from her husband and has two daughters. The book has been written to "explain her role" as a woman in "a man's world."

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to Srichand, "it raised the possibility that they had been involved in a number of dubious practices, in some cases potentially amounting to illegal activities, but that none of the indications of such involvement was conclusive." MP Frances Maude asked Tony Blair why letters to the brothers from him and Jonathan Powell were not given to the inquiry. Mr Blair didn't explain.

The *Guardian* newspaper said: "A source close to the Prince's Trust, commented: 'It is correct that we did have a number of approaches... which were not always very clear cut. We were warned off by intelligence reports and decided even if the evidence was inconclusive that we would always be cautious in our dealings with them.'"

On 12 May 2001, the brothers were given permission to leave India provided they paid bail of more than £2m each. The third brother, Prakash, was told to remain in India.

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Gopichand and Srichand Hinduja face journalists in Bombay

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Following mounting pressure from the families of 36 men who died on the Hull trawler, Gaul, the Government has announced that funding will be given to carry out an underwater survey. 27 years ago, the vessel sank in seas around Norway's sub-Arctic. And though one of the most modern trawlers in the country, well-equipped and thoroughly seaworthy, the ship went down so quickly that no distress call was ever made.

Relatives of the men have always insisted that the government try and determine just what happened. Many of them also believe the ship was in fact being used by British intelligence to spy on Russian vessels. The theory is that the Gaul was sunk by a Russian warship or submarine.

The Government has always denied UK trawlers were not involved in spying operations, but since the admission that an SIS spymaster secretly recruited sailors in Hull to take photographs, many of the relatives are not convinced.

Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, made the announcement that an underwater survey would take place to check for any evidence that the Gaul was indeed spying. Claiming a

manned dive would be too dangerous, Mr Prescott said: "I have authorised the survey to remove any lingering doubts about the fate of the Gaul. I hope this will bring some comfort to the families, who have suffered such uncertainty for so long."

Whilst most ordinary folk in Hull are pleased at the announcement, they are suspicious. The Government and Ministry of Defence have always maintained that the vessel sank in a force nine storm in the Barents Sea. And in 1997, a Channel 4 film crew actually located the ship and discovered evidence that indicated it had been overwhelmed by fierce seas.

However, when the KGB's former head in the United Kingdom confirmed MI6 used Hull trawlers to gather intelligence on Russian warships and communications, the official position looked vulnerable. And indeed, when several retired Hull fishermen declared they had been trained by the SIS to use cameras on trawlers, then an official admission looked likely.

Since then, Russia's intelligence service has confirmed that they regarded the Gaul as a spyship. The Government has finally acknowledged that a retired Hull sailor, General

Commander Brookes, was in fact an MI6 officer. Commander Timothy Clark, (defence intelligence staff), was asked to review ministry records. He confirmed:

"I have seen the MOD records reference to a Cdr [sic] Brookes as an intelligence liaison officer in Hull with the crews of fishing trawlers. He retired from the Royal Navy in 1960 and I understand that from then until his death in January 1971, he was a member of the secret intelligence service.

"I can confirm from MOD records that I have examined, that no record is held which indicates that any member of the crew of the MV Gaul was, or had been, engaged in intelligence activities for the Royal Navy."

Commander Clark also confirmed that other intelligence organisations were "also involved in intelligence gathering in the Barents Sea," in the 1960s.

Many people in Hull were surprised that Brookes worked for SIS. Some simply thought he secured jobs on trawlers. Others, however, did not. Eventually the MOD admitted that 40 trawlers at one time or another carried SIS surveillance equipment. Occasionally, Royal Navy intelligence officers were aboard.

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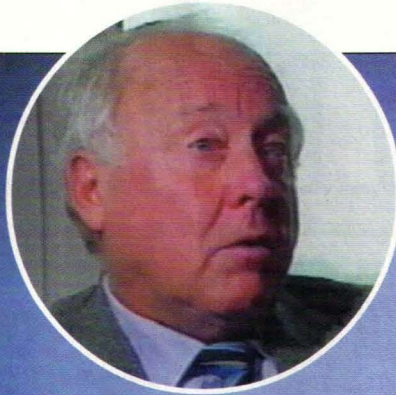
New Survey

Mikhail Lyubmov said: "This part of the ocean was ideal cover. It is a good fishing area, but also it was our main road to the Atlantic. Our warships and submarines used this stretch more than any other. It was a well known fact that many of the trawlers were spying - it was natural - we knew it."

Tenders for the underwater survey are already being prepared. Several specialist diving companies are in competition for the contract which will be announced in the next few months, although the actual operation will take place in the summer of 2002. The contract will also include the construction of a remote-controlled observation vessel capable of reaching the vessel which sits on the seabed a full 270 metres below the surface.

The mission will also look for any of the remains of the crew. DNA sampling should be able to identify any crew member. Asked why a diving team will not be sent, Mr Prescott claimed it would be "too dangerous." He did, however, state that there was no real evidence about what happened, but is adamant the Gaul was not a NATO spy ship.

EYE SPY!



"It was a well known fact that many of the trawlers were spying - it was natural - we knew it." KGB

Main picture: Rare photo of Gaul taken 36 hours before she went down. Above: Mikhail Lyubmov, former KGB spymaster in London says SIS used Hull fishing fleet to spy on Soviet warships in Baltic

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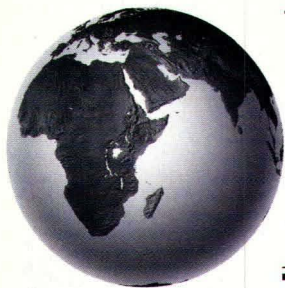


Commander Brookes, SIS intelligence officer

A Russian trawler that is in fact a spyship equipped with electronic eavesdropping equipment

COURTESY: US NAVY

Set to Reveal Fate of 'Spy' Ship



WORLDWIDE INTELLIGENCE

Britain Green Lights Asylum for ex-Russian Agent

Aleksandr Litvinenko, a former lieutenant-colonel in Russia's intelligence service, the FSB, has finally received the news he has wanted to hear since arriving in the UK last November. Sources in Moscow acknowledged that Mr Litvinenko had been granted asylum by the Home Office. When the former agent arrived in London, he immediately informed Scotland Yard that the FSB was plotting to assassinate him. The former aide to Boris Berezovsky, a billionaire and Kremlin aide, had informed the West that the FSB had ordered himself and two other officers to kill his former employer. He objected to the assignment and was apparently dismissed in 1999. It was then that he went to work for his former target.



BORIS BEREZOVSKY

A Russian intelligence source dismissed Mr Litvinenko's allegation: "I have never believed his accusations and I don't know why England needs him." The former intelligence man is but one of a wave of agents and officers from Russian and other Eastern European countries who have defected to the West or sought asylum. Alexander Litvinenko says



since his defection to Britain, the Russian security services have put pressure on his father and relatives to denounce him as a traitor. With help from friends he managed to escape to Turkey with his wife, Marina and his young son, Anatoly. His remaining relatives, including his father Valter have been repeatedly interviewed by the FSB in an attempt to make Litvinenko see sense and return home. Vladimir Belyavsky, his stepfather, suffered a major stroke just hours after being interviewed by Russian police. He died a few weeks later. Mikhail Marov, Litvinenko's Russian lawyer, said his client now faced a further charge, that of "violence against a witness in a case from 1997." Litvinenko could face up to ten years in prison if found guilty, though it is unlikely he will ever return to Russia.

Rommel's Nephew Linked to Atrocity

LONDON: The Public Record Office has released several formerly secret documents that indicate Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's nephew was implicated in the murder of three British prisoners of war.

Documents prepared by British military police investigators into the shootings in March 1943 confirm that SS Lieutenant Rommel of the 2nd battalion 3rd Brandenburg regiment was a prime suspect in the war crime.

Daniel Hollingsworth. Thomas White and LHT Brown, all from the London area, had been captured along with a Belgian intelligence agent on 10 March. The men had parachuted into the country and were to be given a safehouse by the agent. Shortly after, they were arrested by 30 German soldiers and fascists in Ascoli Piceno in central Italy.

When Italy signed an armistice, the Britons were released. However, they were soon detained again by German troops and questioned by Rommel and an officer called Fischer. At 11.00am the following day the men were driven to the Dragone bridge and executed. Rommel and Fischer were identified by a local Italian priest as the men who headed the operation.

British military police looked for Rommel for at least three years. The PRO file does not say if they were successful. Historians say Rommel's proud family wartime record is now stained by the actions of his nephew.

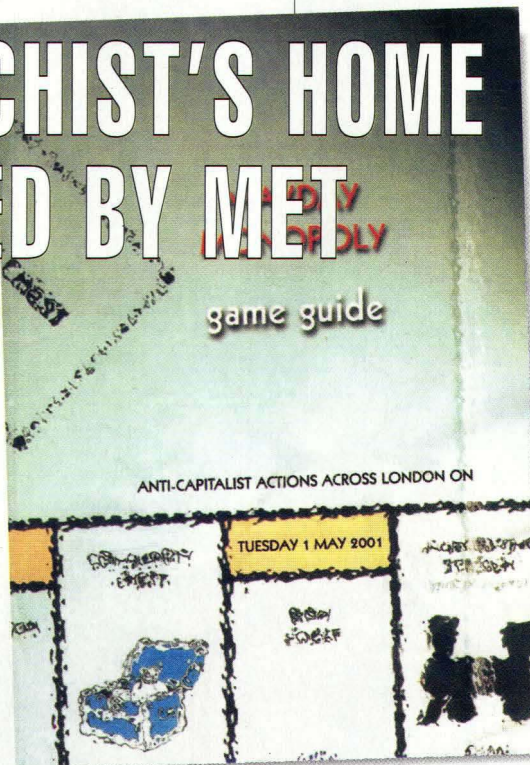


LONDON: ANARCHIST'S HOME BASE DESTROYED BY MET

Over two hundred police officer raided a secret training centre for anarchists ahead of May's anticapitalist demonstrations in London. The Scotland Yard squad using special riot gear and equipment, including a mechanical digger demolished a disused southeast London factory. Sir John Stevens, the Police Commissioner, ordered the raid after a joint operation with MI5 and Special Branch. Their immediate target was a relatively new group calling themselves Wombles - White Overall Movement Building Liberation through Effective Struggle. Inside officers found walls daubed in graffiti: "Smash Police Skulls" was one slogan.

According to intelligence sources, the Wombles are the British arm of the violent Italian anarchist organisation, Ya Basta. They hijacked an Italian train last year and tried to take it to Prague which was hosting a summit of world leaders. Interpol described their tactics as "paramilitary and sinister."

Their British counterparts noted Ya Basta members' distinctive white overalls which were reminiscent of the Womble characters in the children's 1970s show. Hence the name. According to sources, some of the Wombles members have been involved with actions in Europe. Scotland Yard say they are "very dedicated and highly trained."



This brochure produced by anticapitalists for the Mayday protests was used by MI5 and Scotland Yard to good effect in 'trapping' hundreds of people in the Oxford Road area. Protesters had hoped to bring London to a standstill, in the end there was little disruption. The civil rights group, Liberty, has begun preparing a legal case against the Metropolitan police for 150 people held during the protest

PINOCHET CASE COST \$4 MILLION

London: Home Secretary Jack Straw said in a written parliamentary reply, that the extradition case of Augusto Pinochet, the former Chilean dictator, had cost the British taxpayer almost £4m, of which some £1.2m was actually spent on his security and more than £2m on legal fees. Pinochet could still face prosecution in Chile.



HOME OFFICE PROTESTS

London: Some 250 people gathered outside the Home Office, in central London, to protest against legislation outlawing 21 foreign organisations as 'terrorists'. Protesters deliberately broke the terms of the Terrorist Act by bearing slogans actually promoting the banned groups. MI5 officers mingled with the demonstrators.

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Saddam's 'Dirty Bomb'

WASHINGTON: According to secret Iraqi war papers acquired by the CIA via the 'Wisconsin Project' on Nuclear Arms Control, a private firm, Iraq tested a so-called 'dirty bomb' in 1987. The device is intended to cause a lingering death by radiation. The weapon is also known by military analysts as a 'dirty nuke' as it would kill slowly by scattering radiation debris over a specific target, causing cancer, vomiting and birth defects before death. The CIA believe Saddam abandoned the project because the killing rate was too low. However, the Wisconsin Project who acquired the documents from a UN official say they do prove Iraq was indeed planning weapons of mass destruction as early as 1987 and probably earlier.

RED ARMY FACTION ARE BACK

German Intelligence Fears Worst

The Red Army Faction or RAF, the small and disciplined successor to the infamous Baader-Meinhof terrorist organisation and one of the world's most feared groups is believed to have reformed less than two years after the faction officially dissolved itself.

According to highly placed intelligence sources, German police have attributed a 1999 armoured bank van raid which netted more than £350,000 to two leading members, Ernst Volker Staub, 46, and his girlfriend, Daniela Klette, 42.

German police found two masks at the scene of the incident. And though no fingerprints were recovered, hairs inside the masks were sent to Interpol headquarters in Lyon. Through DNA testing

they were traced back to Staub and Klette. Police forces throughout Europe are now examining a number of other huge robberies to determine if these too can be linked to the RAF.

Analysts believe that these veteran terrorists have been encouraged in recent years by a new upsurge in anti-globalization demonstrations throughout the world. Indeed, one of the main theoretical pillars of the Red Army Faction was their fight against international capitalism.

During their previous bloody existence, the RAF was blamed for murdering at least 60 bankers and politicians. The group was operational for at least 25 years and had ties to other groups such as the Japanese Red Army Faction.

INTELLIGENCE PROFILE ON: THE RED ARMY FACTION (RAF)

Description: The small and disciplined RAF is the successor to the Baader-Meinhof Gang, which originated in the student protest movement in the 1960s. Ideology is an obscure mix of Marxism and Maoism; committed to armed struggle. Organized into hardcore cadres that carry out terrorist attacks and a network of supporters who provide logistic and propaganda support. Has survived despite numerous arrests of top leaders over the years.

Activities: Bombings, assassinations, kidnappings, and robberies. With decline of world communism, has had trouble recruiting replacements for jailed members. Now concentrating on domestic targets, particularly officials

involved in German or European unification and German security and justice officials. Carried out one operation in 1993, destroying a new prison with 600 pounds of commercial explosives. Police shoot-out with two members ended in death of GSG-9 officer and group member Wolfgang Grams. Group temporarily galvanized afterward. RAF has targeted US and NATO facilities in the past. During Gulf war, RAF shot up US Embassy in Bonn with assault rifle rounds. There were no casualties, however.

Strength: Ten to 20, plus several hundred supporters.

Location/Area of Operation: Germany.

External Aid: Self-sustaining, but during Baader-Meinhof period received support from Middle Eastern terrorists. East Germany gave logistic support, sanctuary, and training during the 1980s.

From: *Patterns of Global Terrorism*. United States Department of State Publication 10321



BRITISH 'SPY' JAILED

Moscow: A Russian accused of spying for MI6 was jailed for seven years on 23 April. The man, identified as Valery E. Oyamyne, was arrested in March 2000 whilst boarding a train bound for Tallinn, the Estonian capital. Russia says he admitted he was going to meet his British controller - a British Embassy diplomat. Estonia is Britain's most favoured Baltic espionage partner. Mr Oyamyne had served as a senior officer with the Russian domestic intelligence service.

SENIOR CIA MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Washington: Rick Yannuzzi, 46, one of the CIA's most senior analysts and a member of the agency's National Intelligence Council, has allegedly committed suicide at his home

in the Washington D.C. district of Oakton in April 2001. Yannuzzi was the CIA's Deputy National Intelligence officer for strategic and nuclear programmes.

RUSSIA'S YAKHONT MISSILES HEAD FOR IRAN

Tehran: Russian and officials from Iran have reached agreement over the sale of the advanced ship-borne Yakhont missile system. The deal was first hinted at last March when President Putin and President Khatami met in Moscow. The \$5 billion deal will give Iran total domination in the shipping lanes in the Gulf, especially around the Hormuz Strait. US protests about the deal (Moscow signed an agreement not to sell arms to Iran), were waved away.



RAF: A BLOODY RED HISTORY

The last incident involving a Red Army Faction terrorist took place on a Vienna street corner in September 1999. Austrian police shot and killed Horst Ludwig Meyer, 43, after he drew a pistol and disarmed an officer who had asked to see his identification papers. His female companion was arrested and identified later through fingerprints as Andrea Klump, 42, a suspected member of the Red Army Faction wanted in the attempted bombing of a Spanish disco in 1988.

With Meyer's death and Klump in custody only three Red Army Faction suspects on Germany's most wanted list remained at large: Ernst Volker Staub, of Hamburg; Sabine Elke Callsen of Hanover; and Daniela Klette of Karlsruhe. The Red Army Faction

has claimed responsibility for killing more than 30 people, including chief federal prosecutor Siegfried Buback, Dresdner Bank chief Juergen Ponto and Employers' Association president Hans-Martin Schleyer.

The group's last fatal attack took place in February 1991. A RED gunman shot dead Detlef Rohwedder, the head of the federal agency for privatizing former East German enterprises. The Red Army Faction's attacks against NATO and industrial targets in Germany ended in 1992, when the group said it had given up violence.

Meyer went underground in 1984 with his wife Barbara, who returned voluntarily to Germany to face terror charges. She had been in hiding in Lebanon, but

authorities said they didn't know if Meyer and Klump were with her. She had been wanted in connection with the 1984 murder of Siemens' researcher Karl-Heinz Beckurts, whose BMW sedan was blown 20 feet off the road while being chauffeured to work. The driver was also killed. Meyer also was a suspect in an attempted car bomb attack on a NATO school in Oberammergau, Germany in December 1984. Officials found the bomb-laden car early enough to defuse the device.

Many of the gang's estimated three dozen commando-level terrorists who were caught over the years and sentenced to life in prison have since been released on parole. Only six remained jailed before Klump's arrest, the federal prosecutor's office said.

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How a German Intelligence O

His name is unknown, and he has fled Germany. The story of a German spy and his efforts to penetrate and entice leading INLA members (Irish National Liberation Army) to Germany in a sting operation, have been released by the Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz (BfV), Germany's domestic intelligence agency.

In conjunction with MI5, the BfV had agreed to lend one of its leading agents in an attempt to trick the INLA and arrest its leaders, notably its chief-of-staff, Hugh Torney, Gino Gallagher and Peter Stewart, two leading members. They were to travel with the agent to Germany and then on to Czechoslovakia and purchase Semtex. En-route back to Ireland they would be arrested.

The BfV officer travelled to Dundalk in 1994, and posing as a left-wing extremist and republican sympathiser held a meeting with INLA members. At the time, it was clear the Provisional IRA was on the brink of declaring a cease fire. The INLA wanted to carry on fighting the British, and believed it would

swell its ranks with unhappy Provos. The INLA had several experienced bomb-makers and arms' experts, it also had a number of well-trained active service units operating not only in the UK, but in Europe as well. Organised and feared, the only thing the movement lacked was advanced explosives. And this is where the German agent was regarded as useful. Semtex production had been outlawed by the Czechs in 1990, though started again a year later after a clever system for identifying supplies was adopted. This didn't however stop covert production and 'lost' items concealing illegal deals.

In a prepared statement still classified confidential, the agent commented on the operation:

"The aim was to stop further transportation of weapons and explosives and to find out the routes used. To this purpose, leading INLA members were to be enticed, under observation, to a procurement activity in BRD [Germany] and to be arrested having been seen making purchases in the Czech Republic and storing the goods in the

Schwäbisch Hall. At the end of July 1994, a talk was held at the house of one of the old bosses of INLA, Peter Stewart. Stewart, INLA member Gary Adams and I were present at this meeting. It took place in Dundalk.

"Two days later at Gary Adams's house there was a meeting between the chief-of-staff of INLA, Hugh Torney, the area leader responsible for Tyrone, Gino Gallagher, and myself. As much Semtex as possible was to be bought in the Czech Republic, also detonators would be needed. Short and long weapons were of no interest."

The agent said he could organise a safe house to store the material. The INLA was to pay him £50,000 plus \$25,000 which he was to collect from a location in Dublin the next day. "A man who was supposed to hand over the dollars murdered a man so we had to forget about the dollars," wrote the German. In early August he returned to Germany. On 3 August Torney arrived in Stuttgart with Sean Green, a junior member. Adams and a service unit stopped in Amsterdam, in the event they were needed to assist the operation.

MI5 and the BfV were aware of the plan, but amazingly, the German intelligence made contact with their agent and informed him they could offer no safe house. "This was critical for me," said the agent. "The INLA chief-of-staff was already with me and I could not keep my promise."

Nevertheless, a few days later the team travelled to the Czech Republic and met another member known only as Murphy. In Pilsen, they were introduced to a 'representative' of the Omnipol company who make the explosive Semtex.

The BfV infiltrator told his superiors in Berlin that illicit quantities of Semtex were "always available if one was willing to pay for it."

The INLA were informed that no safe house was available to store the Semtex, Murphy opted to take the explosives back to Ireland with him. After Murphy left, the BfV notified German police that two terrorists Torney and



MI5 Headquarters, London

STUTTGART

cer Infiltrated the INLA

Green were on their way to Stuttgart train station. At 3.26pm on 10 August, the police swooped and both men were arrested. According to reports, the officers found £10,000 in various currencies, apparently monies used to finance the purchase and to facilitate their journey across Europe. In their bags police found gloves, bags, sealing tape and overalls, all intended for one-off use. The agent said: "Objects such as these are not often carried by tourists."

But because Murphy had left the group and wended his way back to Dublin, no trace of Semtex was found on any of the others. During questioning, the men refused to answer questions, and it soon became clear the arrest was way above the head of the local police chief in charge of the swoop. His report was analysed by senior officers, and because of its content, they were forced to release the men. The BfV agency was astounded and MI5 infuriated. The BfV, incidentally, have no powers of arrest. One BfV agency source said: "You could see that the police regarded these two as trouble, and just wanted them out of Stuttgart and out of the country."

They couldn't conceal their relief when the train pulled out of the station."

"Both men were known as members of the INLA, but there was no warrant for their arrest," said the agent. The next day, Torney and Green were transported back to the train station and caught a train to Paris. "Although the police authorities were handed a leading member of the INLA on a plate, they failed dismally. Later I was warned that INLA member Michael Weldon had been given the job of liquidating all

those responsible for betraying Torney and Green in Stuttgart."

The report prepared by the agent concludes by reflecting on the blood-letting that followed in the INLA: "Torney killed Gino Gallagher and Dessie McCleery was also killed. Torney is now looking for McCleery's German girlfriend, Steffi Schultz, who is also to be killed."

After the failed operation MI5 asked the agent to travel to London to discuss the possibility of another operation: "I turned them down because of my previous experience," he said. The primary aim of the operation had been to penetrate the INLA, identify members, and locate weapons' d pipelines throughout Europe. The second phase of the operation was to stop other supplies getting through to Ireland.

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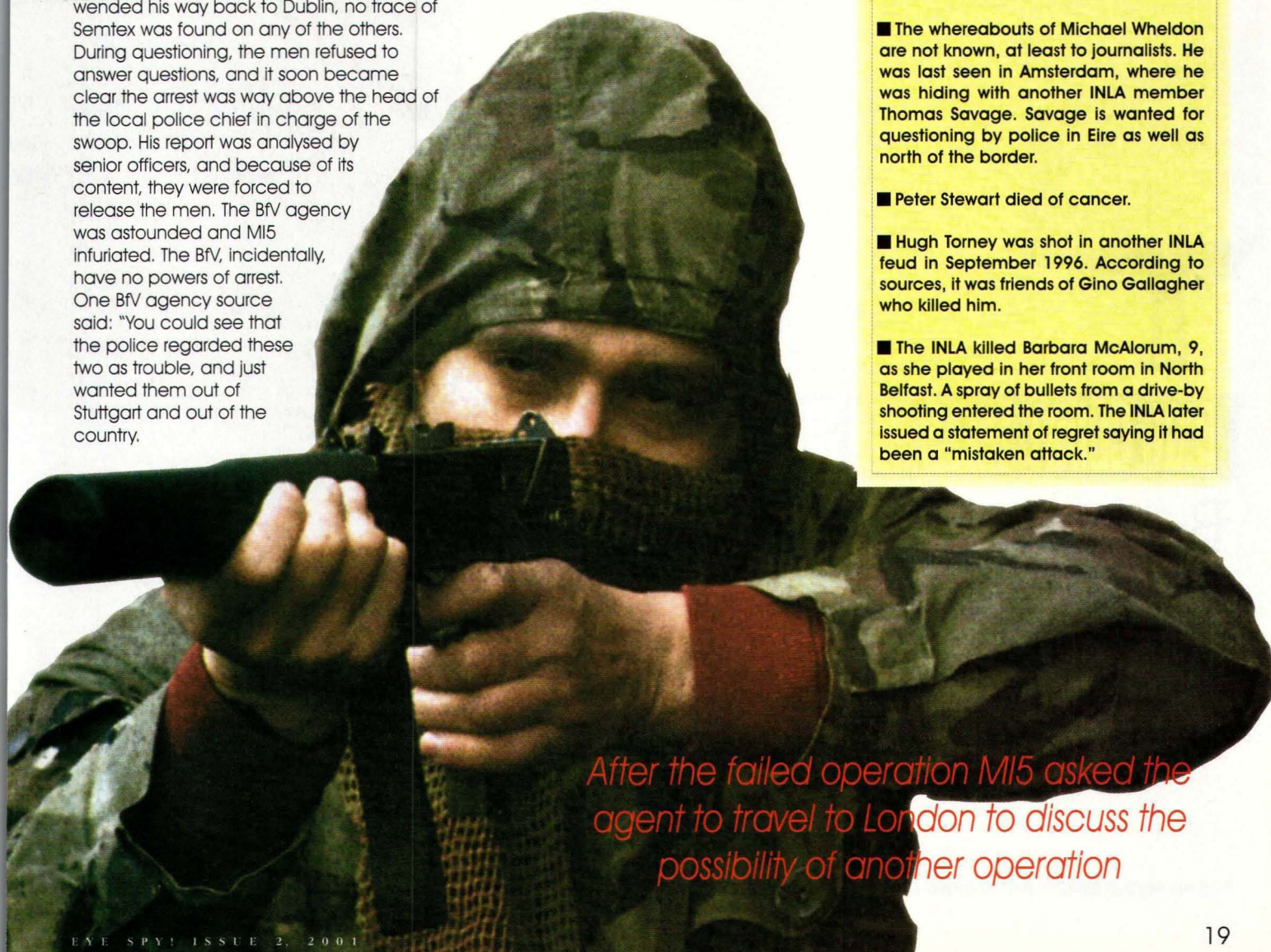
■ In 1999, Sean Green was sentenced to five years in prison for his role in a letter-bomb campaign that included targets such as Unionist leaders David Trimble and Jeffrey Donaldson. He served only six weeks before being freed under the 'early release programme'.

■ The whereabouts of Michael Wheldon are not known, at least to journalists. He was last seen in Amsterdam, where he was hiding with another INLA member Thomas Savage. Savage is wanted for questioning by police in Eire as well as north of the border.

■ Peter Stewart died of cancer.

■ Hugh Torney was shot in another INLA feud in September 1996. According to sources, it was friends of Gino Gallagher who killed him.

■ The INLA killed Barbara McAlorum, 9, as she played in her front room in North Belfast. A spray of bullets from a drive-by shooting entered the room. The INLA later issued a statement of regret saying it had been a "mistaken attack."



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UNOFFICIAL NEWS

Tony Blair, MI5 and the Angry Letter Writer

Intelligence files released under data protection laws reveal how Tony Blair was so concerned about one man's letter writing to him, that he called in MI5 to deal with the matter. And even though the files show that a Robert Henderson had committed no crime, Scotland Yard's Special Branch actually prepared a secret surveillance report on him after Mr Blair had said he was "an irritant." MI5 often use the phrase 'intelligence nuisance' when dealing with such people.

Robert Henderson, a retired tax inspector, appealed to a special tribunal for any files held on his case by MI5. Initially this was blocked by the then Home Secretary Jack Straw, and Robin

Cook, the former Foreign Secretary who was ultimately responsible for MI6 signed a similar 'blocking order' after Mr Henderson applied for the release of "any relevant MI6 reports."

The case will be heard in November 2001 by a three-person panel - two of whom are friends of Tony Blair.

Mr Henderson first started writing to the



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Blairs in the run-up to the 1997 general election. Mild comments soon turned insulting. In one letter to Cherie Blair, Mr Henderson writes: "Your husband, Miss Booth, is a weak egotist who will behave both incompetently and viciously should he become PM."

Tony Blair called in detectives just as the election campaign began in 1997. Some of Scotland Yard's files notes read: "Mr Blair handed over a quantity of letters received by the office from the suspect Mr Henderson." His views were described as "extreme right."

Local police were advised over the situation and the Blairs' personal security assessed. However, the Crown Prosecution Service decided the letters were not malicious or threatening and that no crime had been committed. They did note that "security had been put into the hands of the right people," a hidden reference to MI5.

Downing Street and Roger Hartley, the secretary of the data protection tribunal refused to comment on the case. Mr Henderson, meanwhile, told reporters: "I was officially cleared of any criminal liability. I have never issued any threats against Blair or his family. My only contact with him has been by letter. Yet the security services were sent to spy on me. Why have they been so heavy handed?"

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Remember that late 1960s wonder spoof *Alternative 3**. Earth is doomed so the USA and Russia start recruiting scientists to help get some people off the planet... all the way to Mars? That involved clandestine meetings with military and scientific companies, politicians and the educational elite of this world. A covert plan to conceal a truly global operation involving tens of thousands of people. A bit like the Manhattan Project but a little bigger.

Science fiction undoubtedly, but evidence is growing that America's most secret agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, NRO - yes even more secret that the NSA - have begun an operation that involves the covert employment of more than 25,000 people, many leading scientists and academics. The Bush administration, following consultation with other security agencies, has continued to support a project believed to have been started in the early years of Bill Clinton's reign. And, according to one lucky journalist from the *Los Angeles Times*, who somehow stumbled across the project, "is the biggest intelligence-related contract for almost 50 years."

It is believed the project is based in California and concerns several major aerospace companies. Around 24 spy satellites are now under construction that will use ultra-sophisticated camera and photographic equipment that will be able to take extremely detailed surveillance photographs 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And unlike conventional NSA and CIA satellites, these machines will operate in the night and during the day, regardless of any adverse weather conditions. According to sources, the project will be comparatively more expensive than the building of the atomic bomb. The *Los Angeles Times* said that to build the atomic bomb today would cost \$20 billion. (The Manhattan Project as it was designated employed 125,000 people and started in 1942).

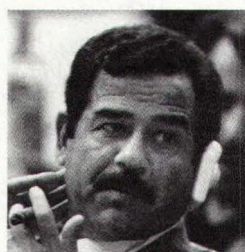
Now that details have been released, intelligence is starting to spill into the media. What is known already is that the project is unconnected with the American and British

HIGH COURT TELLS MI5 'OPEN UP YOUR FILES'

Britain's two main intelligence agencies have been ordered by a judge at the high court to release extremely sensitive intelligence documents to an 'arms to Iraq prosecution'. There is no real possibility that the government will sign requests from both MI5 and MI6 for 'gagging orders'.

The order was made on behalf of Ali Daghiri, an Iraqi businessman who also holds British citizenship. He is claiming 1m compensation from HM Customs for malicious prosecution of power. Mr Justice Mitting said MI5 and MI6 must hand over to Mr Daghiri's lawyers all intelligence documents containing internal advice given to customs on his prosecution and the "potential use of electrical equipment" he tried to export to Iraq. Both the Home Secretary, and Foreign Minister (Jack Straw) responsible for MI5 and MI6 respectively, must now either agree to the release or sign what are known as 'public interest immunity certificates' - gagging orders.

Mr Daghiri, former director of Euromec was jailed in 1991 for conspiring to export electrical capacitors to Saddam Hussein. His conviction was squashed three years later on the grounds that the trial judge misdirected the jury. Robin Cook vented his fury at Conservative government ministers for signing PII certificates in arms to Iraq prosecutions which all collapsed.



Saddam Hussein

STAL: We Own the Night



The new programme has been called 'Future Imagery Architecture' (FIA), and is definitely under the auspices of the NRO, whose annual budget is over \$6 billion. This far exceeds that spent by the NSA and the CIA.

When questioned by inquisitive journalists, an NRO spokesman said: "Boeing has won the contract to launch and operate the country's next generation of IRS's (imagery reconnaissance satellites)." This could well explain why Boeing seemed quite unconcerned after it dropped out of the race with the European Airbus company to build the 'Super Jumbo'.

Journalists then hounded the Federation of American Scientists for a comment. They concluded: "The space project will be the most expensive programme in the history of the intelligence community."

Analysts have concluded that the NRO has targeted a minimum of 6,000 computer experts and defence scientists. Many of these are already in employment, though future personnel will be brought in until

the year 2010. After that, thousands more personnel will be required in areas of maintenance, operations and support. Loren Thompson, a defence analyst at the Lexington Institute said: "The programme is so secret that most of the people who work on it won't have a good sense of what they are doing."

Eye Spy! understands that Boeing has started employing technicians and engineers from many of America's elite aviation companies such as Lockheed Martin, Northrop and independent experts. The NSA are believed to have offered personnel support.

For years the NRO managed to keep the project secret, and still the codename is not fully known though some analysts believe they have discovered its initial project name - Blue Crystal. "I don't think most people are aware of how big this thing is," said a spokesperson for the California Technology Trade and Commerce Agency.

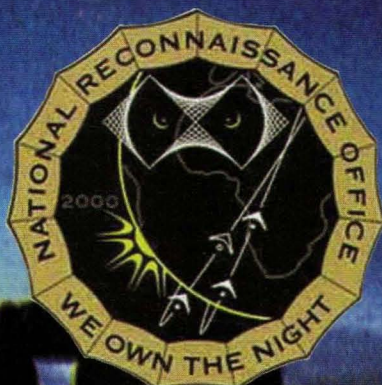
The satellite project started after US officials were dismayed by relatively poor reconnaissance images taken during the Gulf War. Often obscured by sand storms or atmos-

pheric disturbances, Pentagon officials requested a complete overhaul of US satellite imaging potential. The new machines that will be up and running before 2005, will be able to return dozens of high-resolution images a second. These images will be able to follow moving vehicles whilst providing a major overview of specific or 'wide-contoured' areas.

Like technology in most areas, the new satellites will be quite small in comparison to the huge 15-20 ton machines operated by the NSA and CIA. The target area, because of new optics, will be in range for a greater period, thus no longer will terrorist organisations be able to determine and list the exact overflight times of some reconnaissance satellites.

The NRO has declined to give details of the Blue Crystal project but has confirmed a new range of satellites would be operational by 2005. "These will undoubtedly be more capable of fulfilling the nation's imaging needs," said a spokesperson.

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THE SPY TUNNEL

US Admit Soviets Knew of Eavesdropping Tunnel

Unbeknown to the NSA and FBI, Putin and his KGB comrades had known about the spy tunnel since its construction

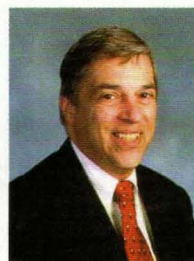


COURTESY RUSSIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON D.C.

When the FBI arrested Robert Hanssen, one of their most senior agents on 15 February this year for espionage, they feared that he had supplied a plethora of vital intelligence to the Russians. Those fears of course were justified and Hanssen may yet face the death penalty, for he is suspected of providing the names of dozens of US contacts who worked for the Americans. Many of the agents are now known to be dead or missing.

Besides human intelligence, perhaps the most damaging 'package of information' left inside one of many 'dead letter boxes' was details of a National Security Agency project. The NSA had colluded with the FBI to build a super-secret tunnel from a safehouse in Washington to travel directly under the new Soviet Embassy in Washington. It was, as one source said, "America's most ambitious espionage sting of the 1970s."

NSA officials had purchased two houses in an area close to the embassy called Glover Park; and for the few years tunnelled deep into the earth and constructed a passage-way complete with accommodation, listening rooms and toilet facilities. Started around 1977, the project lasted well into the 1980s. Ironically, as Washington edged ever nearer the embassy, other White House staff were accusing the Soviets of spying on their embassy in Moscow. And for years a status quo existed. The men behind the tunnel project were frustrated because other US officials would not allow the Soviets to occupy the embassy on Mount Alto, Wisconsin Avenue, saying that their new embassy was riddled with bugging devices.



Robert Hanssen codename Ramon, informed the Russians of America's secret spy tunnel under their embassy in Washington



COURTESY FBI

As the years dragged on, the FBI managed to install the listening equipment and tap into existing telephone lines. It was quite an engineering feat and US intelligence was rightly proud of the achievement. Meanwhile in Moscow, US engineers started dismantling the top floors of the embassy and brought in American builders to complete the construction. Happy that everything was now satisfactory, both governments occupied their new buildings.

The spy tunnel was also complete and interceptions and intelligence flowed down to the listening NSA operatives. This intelligence was analysed and documented and fed through to the President's foreign policy makers and military analysts. Small groups of senior agents would allow politicians to walk through the tunnel and allow them the privilege of listening to intercepted messages. There was, however, just one small problem. Unbeknown to Washington, Robert Hanssen had informed his Soviet friends years ago that the tunnel was operational and all the lines had been bugged. The KGB had for years fed disinformation to the NSA and CIA. The sting had backfired.



MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND AFFAIRS

THE HAGUE SEEKS SECRET AGENTS TO GET KARADZIC

Carla del Ponte, the chief prosecutor of the international criminal tribunal in the Hague, has said she wants to form a crack team of agents to capture some of the world's most wanted war crime suspects, including Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, for incidents that occurred in and around Bosnia.

Ms Del Ponte has requested her budget be increased by \$100m so the United Nations can run a special unit who could infiltrate areas so far inaccessible to the likes of the CIA and MI6. Even the SAS have found information difficult to come by.

"I need a team of between six and 15. It's difficult to understand how the strongest, biggest and most powerful organisation in the world cannot arrest fugitives for so many years," said del Ponte.

Mr Karadzic and Mr Mladic went on the run since they were indicted in 1995. Their hideaway is in an area swarming with NATO and intelligence officers, though they remain elusive.

Jacques Klein, a senior UN officer in Bosnia said: "The failure to arrest these men [and others] is a clear impediment to reconciliation

in Bosnia. Having war criminals at large demonstrates the impotence of the West in the face of evil."

Mr Mladic, for example, is alleged to have led a large Serb force through the tiny enclave of Srebrenica in 1995. 7,000 people are thought to have died. Another 12,000 or so civilians died in the four-year siege of Sarajevo. That operation was enforced by Mr Karadzic say NATO.

Jacques Klein will almost certainly be involved with the new unit, that will host personnel from several intelligence services, including MI6 and the CIA. Klein used a crack Polish intelligence team to arrest a war criminal in Croatia's eastern Slavonia region in 1997.

Privately, intelligence elements in NATO are fuming. "All the countries have built up intelligence over the last five years, and you can't just transfer it to a new team," said a French Sfor soldier.

Eye Spy! has learned that the Central Intelligence Agency has been using a huge \$5m budget to entice former bodyguards and close associates of Mr Karadzic to provide them with his whereabouts. However, there have been no sightings of him for over two years, though he does



Radovan Karadzic

communicate with friends and family through a secret network thought to be run within the Orthodox church. His bodyguards are extremely loyal and the CIA doubt that financial rewards will turn his men.

Florence Hartmann, a close associate of del Ponte insisted that there was nothing illegal about the formation of the 'tracking team'. She also said that the unit will simply locate wanted people and provide intelligence to NATO who will execute arrests.

Mrs Hartmann said that another Hague unit similar to that proposed for Bosnia had helped in the arrest of many people suspected of war crimes in the Rwandan genocide of 1994. Arrests took place in Britain, Germany, France, Belgium and Denmark. In each case, domestic intelligence services made the arrest after liaison with the Hague.

Carla del Ponte

COURTESY: NEZAVISINI NEWS MAGAZINE, BOSNIA

Carla Del Ponte is the current Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal, in the Netherlands. She received an LL.M. in 1972. After a few years of on-the-job training at a law office in Lugano, Switzerland, she set up her own law and notary's office and started practising law in 1975.

In October 1981, Ms. Del Ponte was appointed investigating magistrate and became a public prosecutor when working with the Lugano district attorney's office. Responsible for investigating financial and white-collar crime, international drug trafficking and organized crime, Carla Del Ponte gained thorough knowledge of international legal assistance in criminal matters.

In 1994, Ms. Del Ponte was nominated as Switzerland's attorney general, and she is also a member of the Federal Commission on White-Collar Crime. In 1999, the UN Security Council appointed Ms. Del Ponte to the position of prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunals of the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.



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Under Embassy

Following Hanssen's arrest, the FBI was horrified to learn that the Soviets and then the Russians lived quite happily with the NSA tunnel beneath them. The court papers referring to the disclosure merely state: 'Mr Hanssen compromised an entire technical programme of enormous value, expense and importance to the United States government.' Former CIA agents said, "the tunnel never brought us any useful information." This has been interpreted to mean that the Soviets simply used the bugged lines to pass dead information or useless intelligence traffic to the Americans.

Robert Hyman, president of the Glover Park Citizens' Association, said for years residents had been aware that "something strange was happening," in the area. The *Washington Post* said: "For those who live in Washington, it is no big deal. It's just another hundred million dollars down the drain."

Yet local engineers and construction firms are puzzled - "what happened to all the soil?" Indeed. However, there may be a more down-to-earth explanation. A storm drain crosses the area and it is thought a buggy was used to shuttle the materials away from the embassy and Glover Park to a waiting pick-up that was allegedly removing building materials from a construction site.

• Interestingly in 1994, following the arrest of CIA agent Aldrich Ames, there was some belief that the tunnel had already been compromised, hence a search was ordered to find an internal mole.

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WORLDWIDE INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SAS Capture Albanians

The Government has confirmed that a unit from Britain's SAS successfully seized a group of ethnic Albanian warriors suspected of killing dozens of innocent Serbs. Interestingly, four of those detained were actually identified as belonging to the Kosovo Protection Force, which developed out of the Kosovo Liberation Army. Headed by the KLA's commander, Agim Ceku, the KLA was trained by the SAS before it was disbanded after the war.



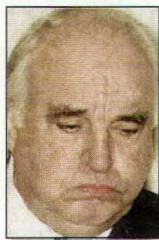
The 22 SAS Regiment was asked to send several men trained in counter-terrorist warfare in March. The request came from the British commander in Kosovo, Brigadier Hamish Rollo, who wanted the SAS to spearhead a surveillance operation involving some 3,000 British and Norwegian soldiers. The arrests are sure to embarrass NATO, the UN and other forces in the area who have tried in vain to impose law and order.

Few details of the SAS raid are known, but it is understood they entered Pristina and the town of Podujevo, where seven Serbs were killed and 43 injured in February this year. That incident was described by Brigadier Robert Fry, as "a ruthless premeditated attack of mass murder."

The SAS suffered no casualties.

Kohlgate

Manfred Kanther, Interior Minister in Helmut Kohl's former administration, has been charged with embezzlement as part of the Christian Democrat slushfund scandal. Herr Kanther and two others were charged with spiriting £7 million to Swiss banks. (Reuters)



Loyalists 'Killed UVF Rival'

Rival loyalists are being blamed for the murder of Stephen Manners, 40, who had associations with the Ulster Volunteer Force, in a gun attack in Newtownards, Co Down.

Security Chief Killed in Ethiopia

An army officer is accused of shooting dead Ethiopia's security chief as the official, an ally of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi, entered an officers' club in the capital, it has emerged. Kinfe Gebremedhin was killed by an army major as he entered the armed forces officers' club in Addis Ababa. One man was arrested. Reuters, Addis Ababa.

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LISTENING WHITEHALL

During a lecture to several senior MOD staff on espionage, an electronics expert from RAF Digby in Lincolnshire, one of the UK's major communications facilities, revealed how 27 electronic listening devices had been found. He didn't give details of just when the bugs were found, though it is understood most had been located in the past 10 years. However, a number were apparently discovered only recently during refurbishment work in offices used by intelligence staff.

had to have been quite close to receive the signal. There were no devices attached to electricity mains that could have been operational for years.

Two devices were located in a room at Turnstile House, an MOD building where UK electronic experts and other scientists design surveillance equipment used by MI5 and MI6. Others were found at MOD headquarters in Whitehall which has a staff of 3,500.

A senior MOD source said: "There have certainly been finds, mostly during work to modernise the building. We are a prime target and from time to time we accept that things will get in. It's why we spend so much time and money making sure we can find them."

While most of the bugs were found in areas that rest above a secret underground nerve centre, none was allegedly found on the sixth floor. This is where senior officers and ministers deploy fixed sensors that should locate the devices. The monitoring equipment sweeps the rooms for radio signals and magnetic pulses that are emitted by listening devices. These offices cannot be entered without a high-level of clearance. And though this area of the Main Building is relatively secure, other parts of Whitehall are less so. Sources claim that unlike the practise of sweeping visitors at MI5 and MI6 headquarters, the MOD do not do this.

Interestingly, Tony Blair recently launched a scathing attack on the rise in Russian spy activity in Britain. This followed President Putin's call for Russian intelligence to "get back to work and help develop the new Russia."

Privately the MOD blame the Russians for the mischief. Builders, contractors, foreign journalists and diplomats who have entered Whitehall officially, are thought to have hidden the devices in walls, air shafts and even under a skirting board. Many remained hidden for years even though the MOD regularly 'sweep' the rooms for such devices. A number of them were home-made, some were purchased from security firms, and others were almost certainly manufactured by foreign intelligence services.

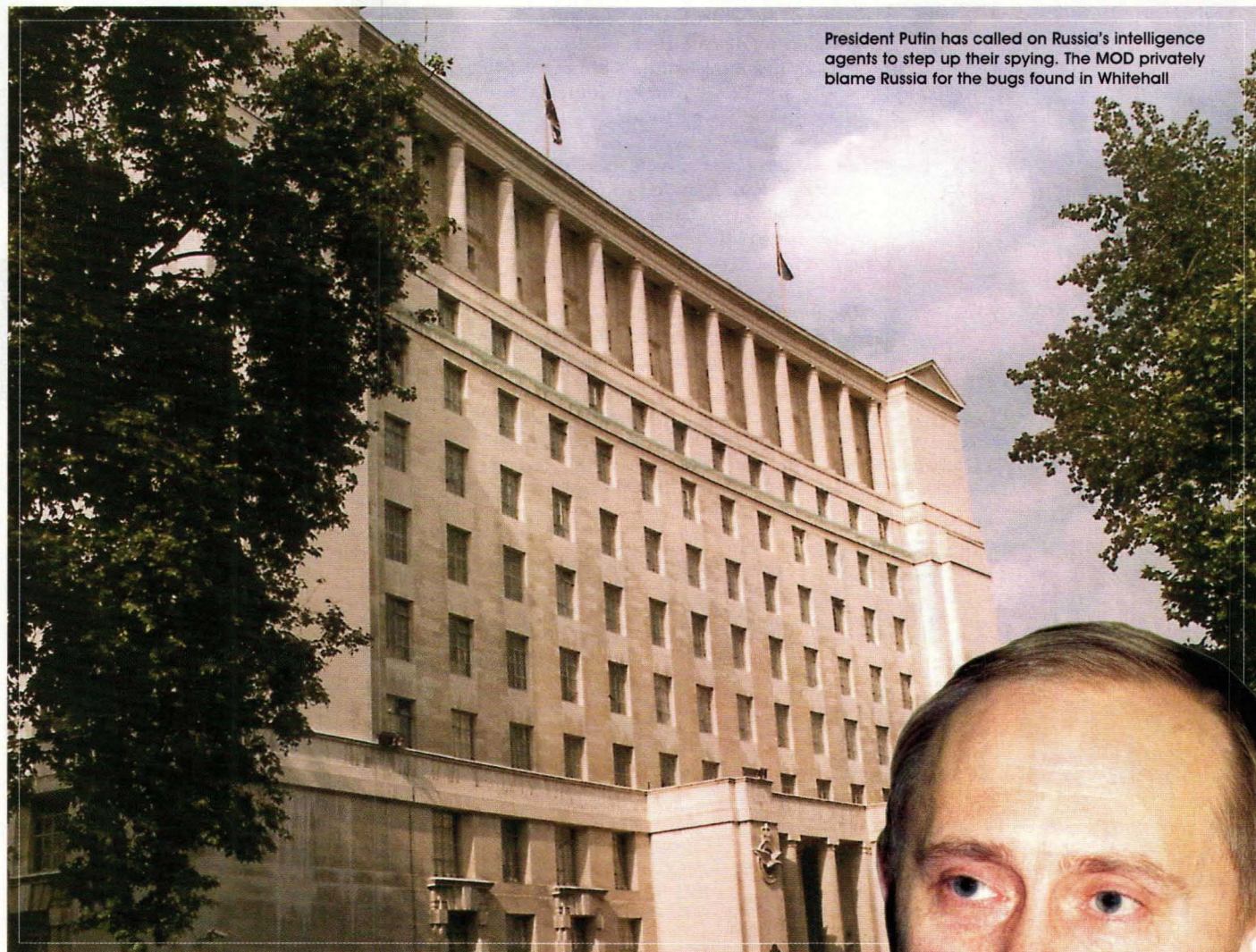
Workmen found the bugs whilst renovating ex-MOD property that had been sold to private developers. When the renovation company informed the MOD, they were told not to reveal anything about the find.

What is of concern to the intelligence services is that nearly all of them were operated by battery, giving rise to suspicion that they were placed for a "dedicated purpose." The bugs had a shelf-life for around 30 days, indicating prior knowledge of a specific MOD meeting by overseas agencies. Similarly, a receiver would have

VICES FOUND IN

President Putin has called on Russia's intelligence agents to step up their spying. The MOD privately blame Russia for the bugs found in Whitehall

DAVID CAYTON



The head of MOD security refused to confirm that the listening devices had been found, but it is believed they were discovered over a year ago. An MOD spokesman was equally as coy: "We have rigorous security procedures and we update them constantly."

A BIZARRE ADMISSION

Surprisingly, Geoff Hoon, the defence secretary revealed he was unaware of the incidents: "I will certainly be asking about this, although I am confident we do not have a problem." He then told BBC1's Breakfast with Frost programme: "These

reports were over a 10-year period and if we weren't able to find these bugs and deal with them in the way we have, then we might have a problem. My security experts tell me the fact that we can detect these things does indicate that security remains at the very highest level in the MOD."

It has further since transpired, that the MOD never told MI5 about the devices. MI5 is responsible for advising Whitehall about security.

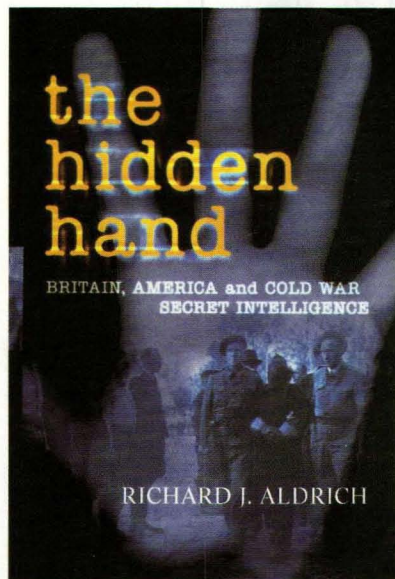
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Major-General Sir Stewart Menzies, Chief of the Secret Service or 'C', 1939-52

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He listened to months of prosecution evidence at the Lockerbie trial, but observers were surprised that Lord Sutherland, the presiding judge prevented the naming of other possible suspects. Pierre Salinger, President Kennedy's press secretary said that he knew the real identity of the Lockerbie bombers, but was prevented from "telling the truth," in court. Salinger, who also served as a senator and then went on to work as ABC News chief foreign correspondent after Kennedy's assassination, was "infuriated," with the judge for not allowing him to name in court those he believed were behind the downing of the aircraft.

Journalists and observers were dumbfounded when Salinger was called as one of the crown's final witnesses, only to hear him offer testimony which many analysts believed undermined its case. The witness revealed details of his interviews with the two Libyans in November 1991 after they were indicted. At that time he was head of ABC's London office. The court heard Salinger questioned by prosecution and defence lawyers about those meetings, which had, according to intelligence sources, been arranged by Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

Astonished observers in court heard Salinger cry out that he knew who had carried out the bombing and why. The judge then ordered him to leave the stand before he could reveal the information. He stood up and angrily demanded to know, "That's all? You are not letting me tell the truth about

The IRA, MI5 and the 'Peace Note'

According to a BBC documentary, an MI5 officer who provided a covert channel of communications between the Government of John Major and Martin McGuinness of Sinn Féin, actually helped start the peace process by doctoring a communication allegedly written by Mr McGuinness, to the British Government.

The note received by Downing Street allegedly read; "The conflict is over... but we need your advice on how to bring it to a close." Mr McGuinness, now Northern Ireland Education Minister, denied he wrote such a message.

The documentary, Endgame in Ireland, claims the letter was actually written by a Roman Catholic priest and two other people. It was then handed to an MI5 officer codenamed Fred, who, added, "we need your advice."

Denis Bradley, the priest in question, said the message was put together with the help of some "close to the IRA," and another person who was "good at reading the minds of the British." Mr Bradley says: "We gave it to Fred and I will swear to the day I die that Fred added the words, 'we need your advice'."

In the four-part documentary, Mr Bradley says they did not use the expression 'the war is over', but referred in a vague way to the conflict coming to an end. "Fred must have edited the final version to have maximum impact on the Government."

Fred handed the letter to his superiors in Belfast. After reading the information, the note travelled across the Irish Sea to London, or more exactly, Sir John Chilcot, the

Permanent Secretary at the Northern Ireland Office. John Major said: "It was a message I was delighted to receive... but was it authentic?"

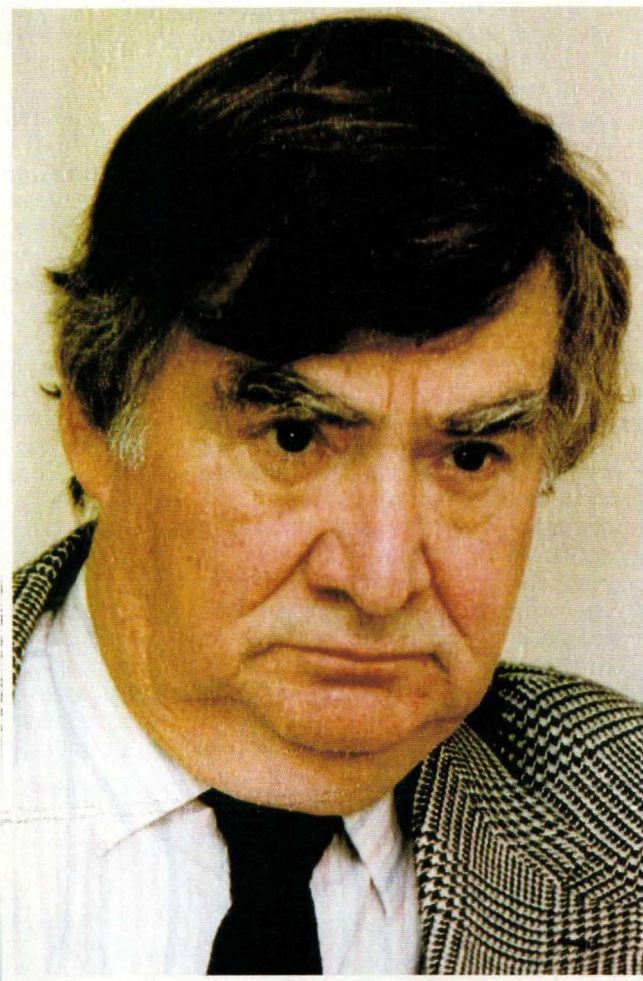
There is already much folklore about the note. The documentary only adds to the mystery. However, what is clear is that after MI5 received the document, the peace process moved forward apace, and by 1995 the IRA Army Council had declared a nationwide ceasefire.

Fred, the MI5 officer who delivered the letter, is now retired and undoubtedly unavailable for comment. Whitehall continue to say the letter was written by Mr McGuinness who rejects this. Needless to say, the PIRA and Loyalist organisations have in general managed to maintain the ceasefire.

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Man Who Could Not Be Heard



Main picture: Police and British air accident investigators sift through the wreckage of Pan Am Flight 103 which exploded on 22 December 1988 killing over 250 people. Above: Pierre Salinger

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who did it. These two [Libyans] had nothing to do with it. Wait a minute - I know exactly who did it. I know how it was done." Lord Sutherland immediately interrupted and said: "If you wish to make a point you may do so elsewhere, but I'm afraid you may not do so in this court."

Under Scottish law, Salinger was only permitted to tell the court what he had directly seen or heard, and not what he had overheard or been told by a third party. Salinger's evidence, apparently fell into the latter.

A few days prior to this strange turn of events, film footage of Salinger's interviews with prime suspects Abdul Baset Ali al-Megrahi and Al-Amin Khalifa Fhimah was shown in court. Both showed surprise and shock that they had been identified and accused of the terrorist act. Both men denied any involvement. Al-Megrahi informed the journalist that he had never been an agent of the Libyan intelligence service, as the prosecution alleges. He also dismissed suggestions that he had been in Malta on the day the bomb began its devastating journey to Heathrow via Frankfurt.

The two men blamed several Palestinian terrorist organisations - including the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command - for the atrocity.

THE MAIN ALLEGATION

The case was extremely complicated and multi-faceted, but the prosecution argument rested on the belief that the bomb started its journey in Malta, and many analysts still do not believe that has been proven.

Both Abdul Baset Ali al-Megrahi and Al-Amin Khalifa Fhimah are alleged to have been in employment of the Libyan intelligence organisation, the JSO. They are accused of working under cover in the offices of Libyan Arab Airlines at Malta's Luqa airport. On 21 December 1988, the prosecution said the men planted a bomb inside a radio cassette which in turn was put in a Samsonite suitcase and loaded on an Air Malta plane at Frankfurt airport. The crown say that suitcase was transferred on to Pan Am Flight 103. The scenario was so simple. No sooner had this part of the trial ended, Robert Black QC, the Edinburgh law

professor who first proposed the trial at a neutral venue, issued a warning that the crown had not proven its case. "Unless I have missed something, and I do not think I have, there is a gaping hole at the centre of the crown's case. It is an absolutely crucial element in all the three charges that the suitcase containing the bomb started [its journey] in Malta. The crown has to prove the bomb was planted in Malta, and it has not. It has merely proved there is a theoretical possibility that it was."

There has been other key information given at the trial, but most of this is technical, and has gone unreported. However, there are a few issues that must be answered and examined. One involves Maltese shop owner Anthony Gauci, who was crucial to linking the bomb with Al Megrahi. When investigators carefully sifted through the tons of wreckage of Flight 103 they found clothing stained with residue from a Semtex explosion. Some of the material was labelled, 'Malta Trading Company'. Investigators found that the clothing was sold at a Mr Anthony Gauci's shop. He said he, Al-Megrahi, resembled a man who bought similar clothing, but he couldn't be 100 per cent it was him.

Then came Edwin Bollier, a Swiss businessman whose Zurich-based company, Mebo, is alleged to have made the timer used in the bomb. SIS were convinced this was a major breakthrough. Yet for the next few years, Mr Bollier used the Internet to maintain that his company had not supplied the timer. Yet the SIS and CIA stuck to their guns. Eventually in court, Mr Bollier said the device could have only been made by Mebo. It was a breakthrough. Then more good news - at least on the face of it. British and US Intelligence learned that Mebo only supplied this type of timer to Libya. But even before investigators had time to congratulate themselves, Mr Bollier dropped his bombshell. He said he also sold the identical timers to East Germany's secret police - the Stasi. SIS knew full well that the Stasi backed Palestinian terrorist organisations. Thus it seems almost certain that the timers could have found their way to a PLO group. This of course is exactly what Fhimah and Al-Megrahi had been saying all along.

As far as the prosecution's star witness is concerned, Abdul Majid Giaka, who claims he saw the accused handle explosives and had given Al-Megrahi a plan showing him how to place a bomb on board an aircraft, there is still much doubt. Giaka was a CIA double agent, recruited by the 'company' more than ten years ago. Under cross-examination his credibility was damaged. Richard Keen QC, counsel for Fhimah asked him: "While in America, have you been able to dip into gems of American literature, such as their short-story writers like James Thurber? Have you encountered someone called Mitty... first name Walter?"

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December 1988: Part of the deadful aftermath of the Lockerbie disaster.



Just over two years ago Colonel Gaddafi delivered two Libyans the CIA and MI6 believed were directly involved with the explosion on board Pan Am flight 103. Abdel Basset al-Megrahi, an intelligence officer was sentenced to life imprisonment for planting an explosive device on board the aircraft. A second defendant, Ali Amin Khalifah Fhima, a Libyan airline official walked free. Colonel Gaddafi says both men are innocent and he has the evidence to prove it, though he still has to present any additional information to the courts.

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Libyan leader Colonel Gaddafi, pictured in Tripoli on 2 December 1997. He claims that both Abdel Basset al-Megrahi, sentenced to life imprisonment, and Ali Amin Khalifah Fhima, who was cleared of all charges, are innocent.

The German Chancellery and Foreign Ministry are currently involved in a bitter feud after a leaked diplomatic document linked Colonel Gaddafi with a bomb explosion in the La Belle discotheque in April 1986, and the downing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, two years later.

Andreas Schultz, a lawyer for the survivors of the Berlin blast told a court that he had "good evidence" that Mr Gaddafi had accepted his country's responsibility for Lockerbie at a meeting in Tripoli with Gerhard Schröder's aide, Michael Steiner. To the astonishment of the court, Andreas Schultz read out the text of a diplomatic telegram.

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GADDAFI LINK TO LOCKERBIE & BERLIN BLASTS

Scottish Judge Slams UN Observer

Prof Hans Koechler, one of the UN observers at the Lockerbie trial, has been heavily criticised for his allegation that the judges allowed their verdicts to be affected by political considerations and interference. Infuriated one Scottish QC, Prof Koechler allegedly said: "This [the verdict] may have a profound impact on the evaluation of the professional reputations and integrity of the panel of three Scottish judges."

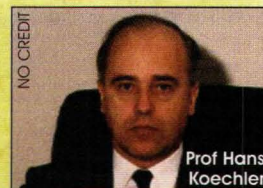
Sir Frederick O'Brien, QC, said: "I have read and re-read these

words with incredulity. I have known the three judges for some 40 years, and like everyone else who has had the privilege of being their professional colleagues have never before heard their professional reputations or integrity questioned.

"No court is entitled to reach conclusions based on suspicion or what may have happened. Yet it is good enough for him to justify the slur he casts on the reputations and integrity of the judges. I can find few specific reasons given

by Prof Koechler for his sweeping allegations. He claims that it was "highly arbitrary and irrational" for the court to accept parts of the evidence of certain witnesses while rejecting other parts. Every presiding judge directs the jury that it is for them to assess the credibility of the witnesses and, in the context of the whole evidence, decide what parts of a witness's evidence to accept and what parts to reject. To assume that, because much of a witness's evidence is unreliable, all must be untrue is as irrational as it is illogical.

"To Prof Koechler the conviction of one accused and the acquittal of the other is "totally incomprehensible." Perhaps it is to one unfamiliar with criminal trials. He may not know that it is a judge's duty to direct a jury to consider the evidence against each accused separately. It is not at all unusual for a jury to find enough evidence to convict one accused but not enough to convict another. Perhaps he thought that his views ought to be known to the five appeal judges. At any rate he expresses the hope that the appeal will correct the deficiencies of the trial and adds "and that will depend on the integrity and independ-



ence of the judges who will hear it".

"The implication that if the appeal judges do not see eye to eye with him they too will sully their professional reputations and integrity is breathtaking."

Sir Frederick O'Brien, QC - Edinburgh

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CIA ACCUSED OF HELPING ITALIAN TERRORISTS



Thirty-year-old Operation Comes Back to Haunt 'The Company'

General Gianadelio Maletti, a former head of Italy's military counter-intelligence organisation, has accused the CIA of "instigating and abetting right-wing terrorism" in the early 1970s.

Maletti, commander of the service from 1971 to 1975, was speaking at the trial of extremists accused of killing 16 people when a bomb exploded at a bank in Milan's Piazza Pontana in 1969. The terrorist atrocity was committed to try and "shift the country's political centre of gravity to the right," said one source. However, of equal interest to everyone in court was the alleged interference of the CIA. This is the first time such a senior intelligence officer has made a comment about the agency's covert actions in Italy.

His statement, which received much attention in the Italian press, was ignored by Washington. He claimed that his men had discovered a terrorist cell in the Venice region that had acquired explosives from Germany. There was evidence he said that the German end of the chain had been liaising with US intelligence officials from the CIA. "The CIA, following the directives of its government, wanted to create an Italian nationalism capable of halting what it saw as a 'slide to the left'. It may have made use of right-wing terrorism. I believe this is what happened in other countries as

well," said General Maletti. A reference to CIA activity in Central America (Cuba), Vietnam and some parts of Asia.

What makes this particular case more interesting is the fact that General Maletti has been living as a fugitive in South Africa for over 20 years. He was originally sentenced to 12 years imprisonment for leaking an intelligence file to the media and just last year received another 15-year sentence for 'obstructing justice'. Because of his knowledge of the 1969 incident, an Italian intelligence team argued with the government that he should be given a special 15-day immunity from arrest if he agreed to give evidence at the trial. He duly flew to Rome.

Speaking from his hotel room during the trial, General Maletti said: "The impression was that the Americans would do anything to stop Italy from sliding to the left. Don't forget that President Nixon was in charge and Nixon was a strange man, a very intelligent politician but a man of rather unorthodox initiatives."

In 2000, Count Edgardo Sogno, a wartime resistance hero explained how he visited the CIA station chief in Rome in 1974. Whilst there he informed the CIA of an operation that was basically an anti-communist coup. "I told him that I was informing

him as an ally in the struggle for the freedom of the West and asked him what the attitude of the American government would be." The CIA chief said they were willing to support any initiative that would keep the communists out of government. General Maletti commenting on the coup plot said: "I for one, didn't know about the Sogno thing. I knew Mr Sogno was being investigated by a Turin magistrate but I didn't know he had such important contacts with the US agencies in America and Italy."

Last year General Maletti was sentenced in absentia, though he claims he still feels a great deal of affection for his country. The 79-year-old, who is planning to publish his memoirs next year, spends most of his time painting.

The Italian Government is not convinced of his qualities and has recalled a particular nasty incident in which the security service he controlled did nothing to stop. In 1973, an anarchist known as Gianfranco Bertoli, threw a hand grenade into a crowd of people who had gathered outside police headquarters where minister Mariano Rumor was attending. Four members of the public died instantly and a further 40 were seriously injured. According to intelligence sources, Bertoli was in fact a long-time informant under General Maletti's wing. The court ruled that Maletti knew the attack was going to go ahead but did nothing to stop it. Their written verdict said he had "obstructed an investigation by withholding crucial information from the magistrates." Bertoli was also a SID (Italy's defence intelligence service) informant code-named Negro. Maletti knew this but again didn't comment. ■

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More Global

In Moscow the FSB, Russia's security service is once again prowling the activities of businesses and ordinary citizens on the look out for spies. Unfortunately whilst converging on alleged suspects, it has also swept into its web innocent people like Igor Sutugin, the analyst who has spent more than a year in jail on treason charges.

President Putin has been under pressure from his former KGB and military colleagues to show the world that Russia is still a force to be reckoned with. Unfortunately his moves to appease his critics has been dogged by failure and controversy. The Russian military machine is in decline, its air force, army and navy are all short of spare parts and the complex infrastructure needed to support each service is simply not efficient enough. Its army has suffered great losses in Chechnya and has had to call in the FSB to rout a stubborn enemy. Several dozen warships of the vast Russian Navy lay rusting in ports because Russia has neither the money nor resources to maintain them; the air force is in a similar state.



Two Japanese Air Force F15s ushered Russian military aircraft away from their airspace

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WAR GAMES

Manoeuvres by Russian Forces

Yet behind the scenes moves are afoot to stop the decline, though they may be too late. In a period of six months, Russian jets have swept over American and British warships, penetrated Japanese and Norwegian air defences, and perhaps most worrying of all, they have once again deployed nuclear missiles in Kaliningrad, a chunk of land sandwiched between Poland and Lithuania... at least according to the CIA.

At the turn of the year, Britain was warned that Russian warplanes would overfly the North Sea as part of a new strategy to keep its aircrews alert and trained. A memorandum was sent advising the MOD that Russia was "stepping up" air exercises from its Kola peninsula bases in the Arctic, close to the where the Kursk submarine perished last August. Yet when similar incidents over Norway and Japan took place on 14 February, there was no such warning and the overflights almost triggered a confrontation.

Four Tu22 Backfire bombers escorted by two Su27 Flankers entered Japanese airspace near the island of Rebun off Japan's northern coastline. Immediately the Japanese Air Force scrambled ten fighters, including American F-15 aircraft. The Russian aircraft then moved away before they were intercepted. Some three hours later that day, the Russians repeated the exercise and spent 180 seconds inside Japan's airspace.

This resulted in a harsh warning from the Japanese Government who demanded an assurance that it would not happen again. Analysts believe it was no coincidence as to the point of incursion; on the opposite side of Hokkaido from the disputed Kurile Islands, which Moscow seized during World War II. Tokyo has long demanded that the isles be returned.

A few thousand miles away close to the Arctic Ocean above Norway, several Blackjack bombers were detected off Andøya, an island to the north of Norway. Norway sent two



Whilst America
Considers the
Chinese Threat,
Russia Flexes its
Muscles

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RNAF F-16 fighters to intercept and then escort the Russian aircraft away. Meanwhile the Russian defence minister, Igor Sergeyev, said that "no Russian aircraft had violated Japanese airspace." He acknowledged that six aircraft were in the area but they simply hugged the coastline. "We analysed all our flights," Marshal Sergeyev told Interfax news agency.

Wing Commander Andrew Brookes, an expert in air power at the International Institute of Strategic Studies, said that he was not surprised Russia had stepped up its exercises. He explained such manoeuvres were "vital for keeping air crews properly trained." And obviously it provided Moscow with fresh intelligence on radar and response times from opposition air forces.

In February 2001, Moscow issued a "formal warning" to the British Embassy that Russian aircraft would be regularly flying over the North Sea on long-range missions. In response, the RAF issued this statement: "This is what they used to do during the Cold War, but now that we have friendlier relations with them, they have let us know in advance that they are coming."

The North Sea flights follow closely behind the resumption of regular patrols by long-range Tu95 (NATO callsign 'Bear') towards Alaska which has made US military analysts nervous. These also coincided with Russian Far East naval patrols which resumed in January. It was the first time in more than five years that warships set sail from the icy port of Vladivostok to "reassert" Moscow's role in Asian security affairs. Two anti-submarine ships and a refueling tanker set sail just days after Russia and China revealed plans to strengthen their "strategic partnership."

The Admiral Vinogradov and Admiral Panteleyev joined 25 other navies to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Indian republic. Thus President Putin sent a warning to the world that Russia can still ruffle feathers if required. All the aircraft used in the Norway and Japan overflights are capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

NUCLEAR MISSILE DEPLOYMENT

When President George Bush Sr and Mikhail Gorbachev signed an agreement to make the Baltic a 'nuclear free zone', the populations of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania breathed a huge sigh of relief. The decision was also welcomed in nearby Poland. However, according to the CIA (who deliberately leaked this information), Russia has once again deployed nuclear weapons in Kaliningrad. A tiny piece of information appeared in an American military intelligence bulletin and was picked up by *The Washington Times* in Spring 2001. According to the newspaper, the Russian military began an operation in June 2000 to redeploy 'tactical nuclear weapons'.

When journalists from the *Times* approached the Pentagon, they refused to comment. Yet other senior US defence officials have indicated that such weapons have been moved to a military base in the area. And while Moscow admits its conventional forces

are not what they used to be, nobody can deny that Russia is still a superpower in respect of its nuclear arsenal.

Russia has over 4,500 tactical nuclear weapons. These have a relatively short-range of around 190 miles. Under a previous agreement signed in Washington, both the USA and Moscow have eliminated all tactical nuclear weapons with a longer range capability.

The move is another warning to the West that Russia is becoming increasingly threatened by NATO's move eastwards. With the accession of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to NATO, Putin and his advisors are alarmed that the three Baltic states could also join the alliance. Russian analysts watched carefully when US Defence Secretary William Cohen, visited Lithuania last year. He told them "the door to NATO would remain open." According to *The Washington Post*, nuclear-tipped Tochka SS-21 missile with a range of just 80 miles could have been deployed in Kaliningrad even before Mr Cohen arrived.

In response to the intelligence reports, Russian Defence Ministry staff said: "This information does not correspond with reality. And has the character of a provocation." Moscow said that none of its nuclear weapons had been moved from permanent sites, giving rise to the belief that the weapons were already there.

The CIA hit back, however, and produced high-quality satellite imaging to reveal the weapons being unloaded in Kaliningrad in June.

ZAPAD 99

In 1999, the Russians conducted a major military exercise codenamed ZAPAD 99. The central theme to the exercise, that was held to coincide with NATO's Kosovo campaign, was an 'unprovoked Western attack on Kaliningrad'. Two Tupolev 95 nuclear-capable bombers simulated the launch of cruise missile towards the American eastern seaboard from Iceland. That incident which was photographed by NATO fighters who intercepted the bombers, proved to Washington that Russia was willing to respond with nuclear weapons to a conventional attack.

In April 2000, with decaying tactical weapons, President Putin in one of his first acts as President, blessed the doctrine that Russia would forestall a tactical attack by using nuclear weapons.

MORE WAR GAMES

Donald Rumsfeld, the US Defence Secretary caused more controversy when he called "Russia part of the problem" of nuclear proliferation that the 'Son of Star Wars' (National Missile Defence) missile shield is designed to

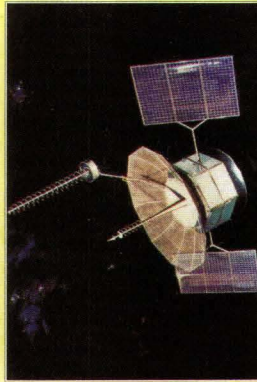


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Of 190 satellites put into orbit by the Soviet Union, only 111 are still there, and 80 per cent of these are obsolete. NORAD believes that the Kremlin's early warning system has suffered tremendously and has blind spots because of faulty satellites. The CIA believe that the situation is much worse; the system closes down for up to seven hours a day. The CIA point to a report released by the US Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. They say the USSR placed two sets of satellites in space to monitor a possible US nuclear attack. Eight satellites were deployed in low orbit and a further nine in higher orbits. The IEEE claims that of the eight devices in low orbit only one is still operational - and that has strayed off course.



counter. As Russia announced plans to conduct three major missile test launches, Mr Rumsfeld said: "Let's be honest about what Russia is doing. It is an active proliferator. They are selling to and assisting countries like North Korea, India and Iran with these technologies, which are threatening other people, including the United States, Western Europe and countries in the Middle East."

Again it was the CIA who tipped journalists off on *The Washington Post* about the long-range missile tests. A former CIA Director said: "What Moscow plans and what it is doing reflects a return to Soviet tactics of the early 1980s." The CIA believe as President Putin is Russia's

Commander-in-Chief, he too will take part in the first test of a road-based SS25 intercontinental missile and two submarine-based launches of long-range weapons equipped with multiple warheads apparently with the potential of defeating America's NMD.

The CIA has discovered that Russia has negotiated to sell several nuclear reactors to India; are currently building a reactor in Iran and has tried to sell advanced laser technology to Tehran that would enable it to all but convert reactor fuel into weapons-grade plutonium.

SATELLITE INTELLIGENCE

Russia has admitted that in February a rocket carrying six satellites crashed over the Arctic Ocean. The Ukrainian-built *Cyclone III* took off from Plesetsk cosmodrome, a top secret military base close to the Arctic Circle. Three of the satellites were intended to upgrade its early warning systems.

Western intelligence analysts note that *Cyclone III* is a low payload military rocket designed in 1977. Spare parts are regularly stolen and morale amongst the company's Ukrainian work force is low.

The launch of the rocket was perfect, but things started to go wrong two hours later. The stage three rocket booster failed to separate from the cargo capsule. The satellites were intended to orbit at 812 miles above Earth.

And in a further development that has surprised defence analysts in Washington, the Russians have revealed ambitious plans to launch satellites from giant Antonov 124 aircraft. Four such aircraft were delivered to a giant hangar on the banks of the Volga east of Moscow. Here a Russian company will convert the aircraft to release a shortened variant of the Polyot rocket, for mid-air launches. According to the Russians, a technique has been devised whereby the rocket will be able to climb anywhere from 140 miles to 6,500 miles above the Earth. "We will be able to use any airport with a two-mile runway as a cosmodrome," said Leonid Shirobokov, deputy director of the new organisation 'Air Launch' - a private venture backed by funds from Moscow. The aircraft will be able to deliver a payload up to 3.5 tonnes. The venture was announced within days of the failure of *Cyclone III*.

EYE SPY!

JILL DANDO

KILLED BY A PROFESSIONAL?

Intelligence Report Suggests TV Presenter Killed by a Professional Hitman.

A report written by the National Criminal Intelligence Agency (NCIA) suggested that Jill Dando, a BBC television presenter, was assassinated by a Serbian agent in retaliation over a NATO strike that killed a number of journalists in Belgrade during the Balkan conflict. The document also says that the initial target of the killer/s was Sir John Birt, the then Director-General of the BBC. However, when Scotland Yard increased his security, the Serbian unit decided to hit probably the most high-profile journalist in Britain at the time.

During the recent trial of Barry George, 41, who was accused of her murder, details of the intelligence file emerged. The dossier was initially handed to Detective Superintendent Hamish Campbell, who explained in court that there was "no evidence of any Serbian involvement" in Miss Dando's death.

The NCIA report said the Serbian response was ordered by Zeljko Raznatovic, better known as

Arkon the Serb warlord. NATO bombers had hit the television station in Belgrade on 23 April 1999, just three days before Jill Dando was shot in the head on the steps of her home in Fulham, London. A further paragraph said: "The gunman was a Yugoslav and arrived in the UK from Germany via France." This was dismissed at the trial. It

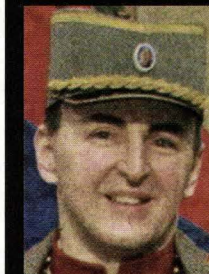
was unlikely, the prosecution said, that a hitman could have arrived in the country, raced to Jill Dando's house (where apparently she rarely stayed), and killed her.

There are a number of other threads which some analysts believe are also relevant. The day after Jill Dando was shot a man with an east European accent telephoned the BBC in London. He declared: "Tony Blair has murdered 17 innocent people in Belgrade," a reference to the NATO strike. "We butcher back. The first one we had yesterday, the next one will be Tony Hall [BBC head of news and current affairs]."

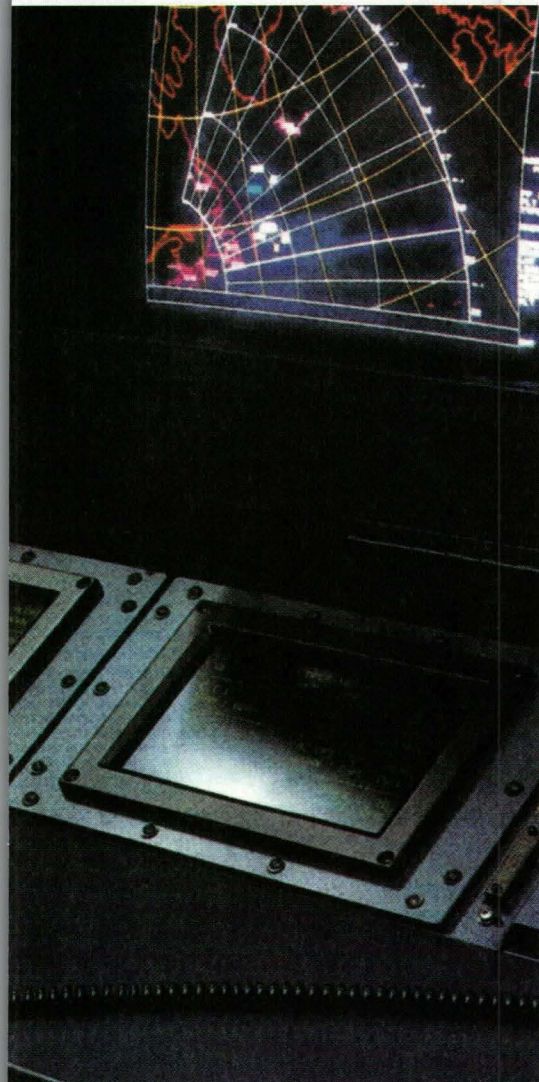
During the trial there was much discussion over the bullet case found next to Miss Dando's body. The cartridge had been crimped, a manufacturing technique used in eastern Europe.

Another aspect to fall under the magnifying glass was the manner of her killing. Mr Campbell said that Serb-style murders were "characterised" by masked men firing multiple shots. Miss Dando was allegedly grabbed from behind and the killer fired a single shot into her head behind the left ear. Other professional bodyguards and ex-security officers regard the manner of the shooting as "that of a professional," and have disputed Mr Campbell's comments.

Mr Campbell believes that had the slaying been carried out by a terrorist group, they would have announced it.



Arkon 'King of Tigers'



The Ministry of Defence was asked to help in the design of a massive building that posed a threat to Heathrow Airport's air traffic control and radar.

British Airways World Cargo Centre is the largest building at Heathrow, and is five times the size of a football pitch. Because of the amount of cargo it had to handle, the building was constructed as close to the runways as possible. However, this caused major problems to ATC because aircraft radars simply bounced off the building and often confused pilots.

Using technology already in existence on aircraft such as America's F117 stealth fighter-bomber, the MOD's Defence Evaluation and Research Agency, DERA, based at RAF Farnborough in Hampshire, set about tackling the problem. A DERA

specialist said: "The structure was designed using various angles to minimise the massive construction's radar-cross section." Radar-absorbing materials were placed on many parts of the building to prevent radar signals reflecting off the roof and sides. Hundreds of stealth-like panels were arranged in a jigsaw manner.

These panels are also fitted on the Royal Navy's nuclear-powered submarine fleet and are clearly visible on the RAF's Eurofighter.

- On 1 July DERA was split into two companies. One will function solely to win lucrative civilian contracts using military technology. The Heathrow Airport construction is a prime example of military technology being applied to a civil problem.

HIDING HEATHROW:

This superb close-up photograph reveals the exaggerated angles of the USAF Stealth F117 fighter.

ANDY KELLY PHOTOGRAPH

Stealth Technology Combats Radar Problems

10 Boeing 737s Sabotaged

Boeing and the FBI have clashed over the alleged sabotage of 10 of its 737 airliners built at the company's factory in Renton, Washington. Damage was found in the wiring of the aircraft that were some 50% constructed. Boeing believe that the attacks were caused by a few disgruntled workers in its 1800-strong workforce, after the company announced it was to move production from Renton to Wichita, Kansas.

The FBI said the damage was in various parts of the aircraft, including the wiring that controls the rudder and elevators. "We have an investigation into whether there was criminal activity or possibly an accident that occurred during manufacturing," said an FBI spokesperson. Privately both the FBI and Boeing agree that the incidents were deliberate acts, though the aircraft company are trying to play-down the situation. "It is not obvious that this was intentional," said a Boeing spokesman. "It is not unheard of to find damaged wiring."

Maybe not, but to find it on 10 aircraft is stretching the credibility of Boeing's statement.

Flight Through Hell

Konstantin Lyasnikov, a former pilot from an elite Soviet bomber squadron called the Bagerovsky unit situated at a base code-named Polygon 71, has been speaking about his flight through an atomic blast.

The unit was established in 1947 and dropped 178 bombs between 1949 and 1962. Konstantin, now 79 said: "It was terrifying. The plane shook so hard the controls kept slipping out of my hands. The heat was so intense I could hardly breath. The mushroom looked like hell."



Sale of the Last Russian TU-144



Tupolev TU-144, built to specifications acquired by the KGB on the Anglo-French Concorde

The last flying Tupolev TU-144 supersonic jet, often referred to as 'Concordski' because of its similar shape and design to Concorde, is being sold through a Texas-based online broker. Offers are being accepted for about £7.5m. The aircraft had been used as an airborne laboratory by US and Russian scientists in the mid-1990s.

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the alliance against NOVEMBER 17

When Brigadier Stephen Saunders, Britain's defence attache in Athens was cruelly murdered by gunmen in Athens last

year, Scotland Yard was invited to send an experienced team of officers to assist the Greek anti-terrorist agency in the hunt for his killers. Since then, they have been constantly thwarted by a series of unusual occurrences and just bad luck.

November 17 is a very elusive and shadowy organisation that takes its name from an incident that occurred in November 1973, which saw an American-backed colonel's junta crush a student protest. Two years later as Richard Welch, the CIA's station chief in Athens, left a Christmas party, N17 struck for the very first time. Since then they have killed US and Turkish diplomats, Greek politicians, leading businessmen and now

of course, a Briton whom they accused of orchestrating attacks against Serbia. Britain denies this.

One person was more shocked at the killing of Mr Saunders than anyone else - Mrs Heather Saunders. For over a year she has acted with dignity and courage as she and her family try to come to terms with what has happened. Her bravery in front of the cameras captured

the imagination of the Greek people and appeared to have intensified that government's resolve to find the killers. However, it has proved a false dawn.

In recent months Mrs Saunders has formed an alliance with other victims of N17 violence, including Nicos Peraticos, the brother of Costis, a shipping magnate who was killed by N17; Christina Welch, the wife of Richard, the CIA officer, and Patricia Nordeen, the widow of US Navy commander, Bill Nordeen. Mr Paraticos said: "The aim is at a very human level to remind people that our relatives have been murdered and nothing is being done to stop this happening again." That was a reference to the frustration felt by many people who feel that the Greek authorities have simply not done enough to tackle N17.



Heather Saunders pictured with former Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook in front of the memorial plaque in the British Embassy, Athens, in honour of her husband, Stephen Saunders.



PRESS ASSOCIATION



Some CIA analysts believe that N17 has threads that lead directly into the Greek Government. Such beliefs have infuriated the Greeks, but Washington has labelled Greece "weak on terrorists." Other analysts believe N17 is being protected at the "highest level." Hence after 26-years, not one arrest has followed at least 25 murders.

Heather Saunders is feeling somewhat disheartened at the lack of progress in the hunt for her husband's killers:

"I am feeling very frustrated. I thought there would have been some progress by now, a little evidence... the failure to get anything concrete is unreal. I am more adamant now about speaking out. He was an innocent man who was murdered and I want his killers to be caught and punished.

"I believe keeping it in the public eye does work, and myself and the others are ready to keep on banging on doors and asking a lot of questions for as long as it is necessary."

Mrs Saunders, 43, and her two daughters, Nicola, 16, and Catherine, 14, unveiled a memorial plaque to Stephen at the British Embassy in Athens. She also addressed a congregation at Athens' cathedral on the anniversary of his death.

In March, Costas Simitis, the Greek prime minister held lengthy talks with Tony Blair at Downing Street. The subject of terrorism was indeed raised. And since the BBC showed a no-holds-barred documentary about terrorism in Greece, Mr Simitis has tried to dampen-down its content. Indeed, Greece objected to two interviews on the programme. One concerned Wayne Merry, a former US diplomat based in Athens. He was adamant that N17 had not been broken because there is a high-level cover-up by ex-members of Pasok, the Greek socialist party currently heading the country. Merry says that because of solidarity between "former comrades who became terrorists, no information is forthcoming."

Officers from Scotland Yard have reported a major leak of information that has dismayed them. In an effort to close-in on Mr Saunderson's killers, they decided to trace all mobile phone calls from "an area in Athens at a specific time." Amazingly, someone in the Greek police or intelligence community, almost certainly sympathetic to N17 (or just ignorant), passed details of this part of the investigation to two Athens' newspapers who duly published. All Scotland Yard would say was "it has obstructed our inquiries."

Mrs Saunders will not give up hope that justice will be done. Indeed, Scotland Yard are actually training a special body of Greek police to augment their fight against terrorism. "The British police feel as long as they are there, they can do something positive."

SO13 OFFICER RETURNS TO LONDON

A senior officer from Scotland Yard's SO13 anti-terrorist branch recently returned to

The Slaying of CIA Man Richard Welch



The Central Intelligence Agency is an enormous organisation and as is probably the world's most controversial intelligence service. However, like MI5 and MI6, some of its officers have, in the past, written books and disclosed facts about its operations with disastrous results. At best intelligence leaks can lead to the loss of vital information, at worst it can result in the loss of lives. And this indeed is what happened in 1974, when gunmen from November 17 murdered Richard Welch, the CIA's station chief in Athens on his own doorstep.

The CIA were furious when a book written by Philip Agee, 'Inside the Company: CIA Diary' was published with the clandestine help of the Cuban government. Agee, who had served with the CIA in Cubas and Latin America in 1969, became sympathetic to Marxism. Cuban intelligence persuaded him to identify everyone he knew was associated with the CIA, agents, governments and companies. Washington moved quickly and banned the book, but Agee published the work in England outside the jurisdiction of US courts. Other names were published in a magazine called Counter Spy, an extreme anti-CIA newsletter published by far-left American journalists. In one edition of Counter Spy, the name and address of the CIA's Athens chief, Richard Welch was revealed. The data was reprinted in the English language version of Athens News on 25 November 1975. Four weeks later Mr Welch was shot and killed.

In the edition of Counter Spy which had published Welch's name and address, Agee had written: "The most effective and important systematic efforts to combat the CIA that can be taken right now are, I think, the identification, exposure and neutralization of its people working abroad."

The CIA read this as an invitation by terrorists to take out its known officers.

Agee denied his revelations had anything to do with Mr Welch's death, and said that an East German publication had identified Welch as a CIA officer as early as 1967. He also pointed out that the station house in Athens was well known.



London with an estimate of the case for Sir John Stevens, the Metropolitan police commissioner. He said that the "Greek police are not prepared, for political and other reasons, to arrest a November 17 member unless they are 95% sure they are going to get a conviction."

There is much fury in Greece and a real belief that N17 is being protected by senior politicians and police officers. One person who is adamant this is the case is Costas Peraticos, the brother of Nicos who was gunned down in 1997: "How can terrorists shoot these men in broad daylight, during the rush hour in front of dozens of witnesses, and not get caught?" he said.

The CIA and FBI have both had a presence in Athens for almost 25 years. They too have ordered investigations and assisted wherever possible. Wayne Merry is not convinced. "Both the FBI and CIA thought they would inevitably catch the terrorists... they never did."

Such is N17's stranglehold over much of Greek society, even when convictions are made, something untoward happens and the case collapses. George Balafas, accused of being a leading N17 member, was freed on appeal in 1997 after a 10-year sentence in 1995 for six murders. Kyriakos Mazokopos, an associate jailed in 1990 for 17 years served less than 10. Avraam Lesperoglou, an N17 suspect, was convicted in October 2000 of attempted murder but later released on appeal.

Heather Saunders has been promised compensation by the Greek government. She said: "All contributions are welcome, but I don't want this to be a means of wiping the slate clean. I want to see those responsible brought to justice and no amount of compensation will bring Stephen back."

Mr Saunders is laid to rest in his local churchyard. Mrs Saunders had the following inscription placed on her husband's headstone: *To the world you were a soldier, to us you were the world, a loving father and husband.* N17 is still as elusive today as it was in 1975.

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Publicity photograph released by November 17

A Plethora of Blunders

At the inquest held into the death of Stephen Saunders at Salisbury Coroner's Court, Mrs Saunders told how she was appalled that the assumption her husband was linked to NATO's bombing of Yugoslavia had led to his death. Brigadier Saunders was shot five times through the passenger window of his vehicle as he drove to Athens on 8 June 2000. Mrs Saunders was distressed that the world's media had been informed a full 15 minutes after she was told. As a result of this, she had no time to inform her two daughters, before the news of their father's death was broadcast. The inquest also heard that she arrived too late to see her husband alive. Embassy officials failed to send a police escort to her to speed her through Athens' busy traffic. His journey had started at 7.40am, and by 8.45am he had been pronounced dead. However, it

emerged that at 10.00am, when she eventually reached the operating theatre, doctors were still trying to revive him.

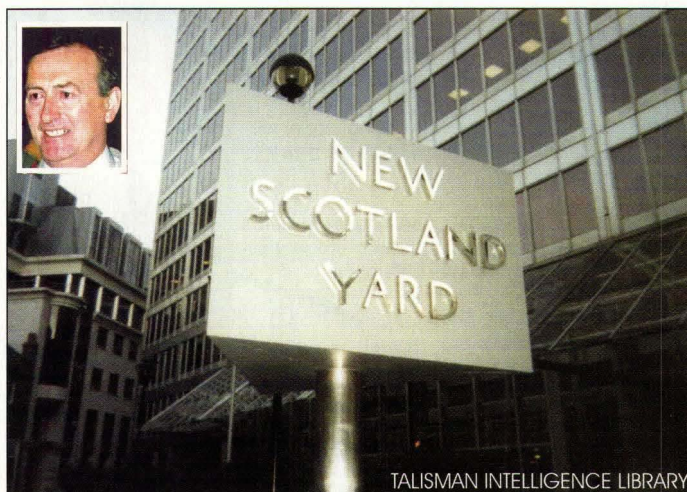
Heather Saunders told the inquest that she received a telephone call from a British Embassy colleague, who had passed the scene of the incident. She then telephoned her husband's secretary, but was unable to acquire further information. An embassy car was promised but it never arrived.

The coroner David Master's, recorded a verdict of unlawful killing. He also recommended that Mrs Saunders' pleas to improve security for diplomats be officially considered.

Mr Saunders' colleagues in Athens are still not happy. Commenting on the moments after the shooting, one Foreign Office

source said: "They [the Greek police] dealt with Saunders' murder as British police might have dealt with a traffic accident. He was barely alive in the back of a vehicle and the police priority was to keep the traffic moving."

The Greek Government has announced a £2.5 million reward for information leading to the capture and successful conviction of Stephen Saunders' killers.



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Behind Closed Doors



UK INTELLIGENCE STAFF GRANTED NEW RIGHTS

The Government has bowed to increasing pressure from unions and human rights' organisations that will give Britain's security and intelligence personnel the right to take their grievances to an industrial tribunal. According to intelligence sources, the ban that effectively stops any officer or employee of MI5, MI6 and GCHQ bringing such cases is to be lifted by 2002.

However, it is believed that the media will not be allowed at such hearings and the results of any such case will be withheld. Similarly, the names and address of those attending industrial tribunals will remain secret.

The Department of Trade and Industry has apparently drafted a document called 'employment tribunals' and an updated section which will cover intelligence officers. The new DTI regulations state: "New provisions will allow Crown employees (including members of the security and intelligence services) to bring claims to employment tribunals in a similar way as is possible for other employees."

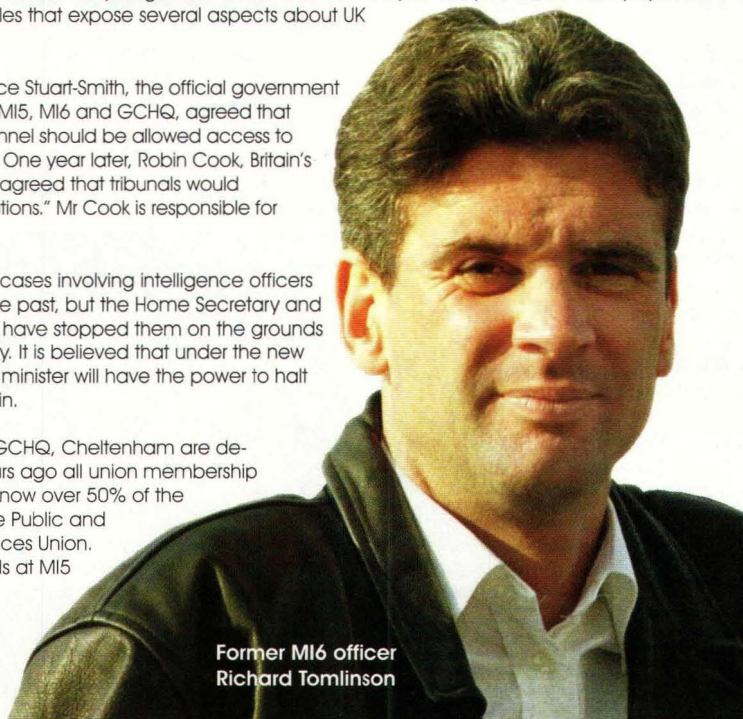
Normally tribunals are open to the media, but any evidence that is regarded as classified, secret or that could affect national security will be heard behind closed doors.

The news is music to the ears of renegade intelligence officers like David Shayler and Richard Tomlinson who have long argued for such an act. Mr Shayler whose trial will take place in November for alleged breaches of the Official Secrets Act was paid £10,000 compensation from MI5 after he was told he could not take the security service to a tribunal for unfair dismissal. Mr Shayler, from Middlesbrough, said "if I had been allowed to take my grievances to an industrial tribunal, I would not have published anything about the service." Mr Shayler had provided a newspaper with a number of articles that expose several aspects about UK national security.

In 1997, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, the official government commissioner for MI5, MI6 and GCHQ, agreed that intelligence personnel should be allowed access to industrial tribunals. One year later, Robin Cook, Britain's Foreign Secretary agreed that tribunals would "improve staff relations." Mr Cook is responsible for MI6.

There have been cases involving intelligence officers and tribunals in the past, but the Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary have stopped them on the grounds of national security. It is believed that under the new legislation neither minister will have the power to halt proceedings again.

Union officials at GCHQ, Cheltenham are delighted. A few years ago all union membership was banned, but now over 50% of the staff belong to the Public and Commercial Services Union. Now senior officials at MI5 and MI6 are also considering lifting the ban on union membership. ■



Former MI6 officer
Richard Tomlinson

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Like him or loath him, ex-MI5 officer David Shayler is certainly getting his chance to put his points of view across. However, the renegade intelligence officer who claims he acted in the "public interest" when he made some quite astounding allegations, including malpractice by the security services, has been effectively silenced by a High Court judge in London.

In May he appeared in court charged with three breaches of the Official Secrets Act, 1989.

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JON BUSHELL MATRIX



The trial of David Shayler, once the most wanted man in Britain, has started tentatively at a hearing in the Old Bailey. He will not get his chance, however, to question the legalities of a number of British intelligence operations which he says were dubious at best, possibly illegal at worst. Mr Shayler is pictured here with Annie Machon, also a former MI5 officer.

to any of his superiors about his grievances. He also reminded everyone in court that any MI5 office had the right to complain to the police, commissioners, appeal court, judges etc. These bodies oversee MI5's work, according to Mr Moses. Mr Sweeney for the prosecution agreed: "A responsible person with real concern has the opportunity to go to his secretary of state, to the Cabinet Secretary, the Prime Minister. Failing satisfaction he could even seek a judicial review." Above all he told the court that there "existed proper routes for complaints and allegations to be made with the 'ring of secrecy or outside it, provided he went to the police."

He went on to say that he agreed that 'freedom of expression' as outlined in Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights was: "One of the essential foundations of democratic society." However, when Mr Shayler joined MI5 he had "expressly undertaken special duties and responsibilities," in relation to the maintenance of secrecy. Bearing in mind that there is a risk to national security should disclosure take place, no system should permit an individual to take the decision into his own hands.

"It is necessary to provide complete confidence as possible for members of the security and intelligence services in their dealing with each other, with informers and with others on whom they depend for confidentiality... Absent such trust, no colleague nor informer nor overseas agency would be willing to cooperate."

Mr Sweeney for the prosecution said: "Secrecy was the lifeblood of MI5 and MI6." He then read from a book quoting a House of Lords judgement referring to the case of George Blake, the ex-MI6 double agent who spied for Russia. He said Blake was a traitor who gained financially from a book about his time in the intelligence service: "An absolute rule against disclosure, visible to all, makes good sense."

After the hearing Mr Shayler told reporters: "If this judgement is correct, the security services can take comfort from the fact that they are immune to 'whistleblowing'. We hope that the court of appeal will restore to me the opportunity to run a defence concerning the illegality and malpractice of the intelligence services. We feel the court should at least be allowed to hear evidence which indicates that the oversight systems do not work."

His solicitor, John Wadham, director of the civil rights' group Liberty said: "We fought long and hard for the Human Rights Act. Parliament, by passing that act, gave the courts a tool to prevent injustice. But if the judges are too cautious about using it, human rights in this country will suffer a step backwards." ➤

The judge said he is prohibited from using "public interest" as a defence in his trial at the Old Bailey. Mr Justice Moses stated: "Any unauthorised disclosure by a serving or former member of the security and intelligence services puts national security at risk." Mr Shayler had hoped to use the new Human Rights Act as a justification for his revelations. Within moments of the decision, Mr Shayler's counsel, Edward Fitzgerald QC, lodged an appeal.

The trial of Mr Shayler, 34, who is charged with passing information to *The Mail* on

Sunday some three years ago, began with legal arguments to see if the new Human Rights Act had affected the legal status of the OSA.

Mr Shayler, who returned from France and was immediately arrested, sat with his girlfriend Annie Machon, who is also a former MI5 officer. A few days before the trial, Mr Shayler had openly stated, "the case will put the British state on trial."

Mr Justice Moses then asked Mr Shayler why he had not gone and complained internally

SHAYLER

Which Way But Lose?

"What we are asking the courts to allow is the same defence as Tony Blair and Jack Straw and other cabinet ministers voted for when the Official Secrets Act was on its way through parliament."

Mr Wadham believes his client has other defences which could be argued even though the human rights appeal had been turned down.

Mr Justice Moses announced that Mr Shayler's trial could start in November 2001, though this will depend somewhat on the outcome of the appeal which will go before the House of Lords.

Mr Shayler has said that MI5 kept files on Labour politicians and has also blasted the

service's surveillance operations. He even said that MI5 was "incompetent."

Yet quite bizarrely, Mr Shayler has not been charged over his subsequent allegations, one of which identifies an alleged MI6 plot to assassinate the Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi; that MI5 had good prior knowledge of the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in London in 1994, and at MI5 could have helped prevent the massive PIRA blast that wrecked Bishopsgate in the City of London in 1993.

The judge advised Mr Shayler to be cautious in the comments made outside the court before the trial begins.

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SIS AND THE GADDAFFI ASSASSINATION PLOT

MI6 is under pressure from the Crown Prosecution Service after the police handed the CPS a report containing amongst other things, allegations made by the former MI5 man David Shayler.

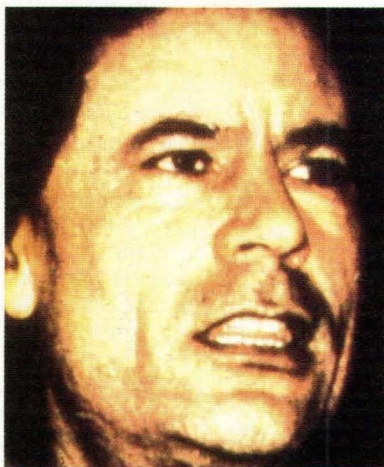
The report contains a full account of how British Intelligence allegedly became involved in a plot to assassinate the Libyan leader, Colonel Gaddafi. CPS lawyers have examined the material and are believed to have met with the Metropolitan police commissioner, Sir John Stevens. Together they will decide what action, if any, to take.

When the allegations first surfaced in 1998, Robin Cook, Britain's foreign secretary dismissed them as "pure fantasy." However, in February 2000, documents or 'CX' (SIS reports) reports on the plot were mysteriously posted on the internet. These showed that MI6 was aware of the operation and that the plotters had managed to acquire 250 British pistols. Similarly, the reports said that an MI6 source hoped a new Libyan government could enlist British support if the coup had been successful.

Just before the plot became known to journalists, David Shayler was arrested in Paris. The government had previously tried to extradite him but had failed. When Mr Shayler eventually returned to the UK after a bitter dispute with his former employers, Roger Pearce, head of Special Branch, told John Wadham, Mr Shayler's lawyer, that he wanted to interview the former agent about the Gaddafi plot.

Mr Shayler has said that an MI6 agent code-named PT-16B, advised him that the plot was real. According to Arab journalists in the Middle East, the assassination attempt only "narrowly failed" but ended with the deaths of six innocent civilians.

The very fact that the CPS has been handed a report on the



Colonel Muammar Gaddafi - MI6 Target?

affair is evidence enough that the police are interested. And the government has been equally shaken by the fact that the allegations are to be investigated by the parliamentary intelligence and security committee.

Mr Cook's previous remarks of "pure fantasy" have been ignored, and the committee has said it will definitely submit a report to Tony Blair. Observers say it is extremely unusual for a parliamentary committee to inquire on an incident, especially when the case is under police investigation.

David Shayler has long denied having anything to do with the posted CX material. It is also worth pointing out that Mr Shayler, whose trial started in April, was not charged under the Official Secrets Act with 'unlawfully disclosing information on the Gaddafi plot', as some analysts forecast he would. The charges are related to alleged disclosures he made to the *Mail on Sunday* concerning MI5 activities, including information on a suspected Libyan intelligence agent operating out of London.

Several documents pertaining to the involvement of MI6 were handed to Scotland Yard by Annie Machon, David Shayler's partner, in 1999. This was seen as a particularly clever move by Mr Shayler who was under pressure to return to England. Scotland Yard sought guidance, and questioned whether or not MI6 agents could be prosecuted, because the plan was hatched before 1995 when terrorism legislation did not fully cover conspiracy to murder

abroad. The 1994 Intelligence Services Act protected MI6 agents from carrying out missions overseas, which, had they occurred in the UK, would be deemed illegal. The police believe the agents could be now prosecuted for "aiding and abetting."

When the Gaddafi operation was devised, the foreign secretary was Conservative Sir Malcolm Rifkind. He said he was not told about the plot. Francis Maude, the shadow foreign secretary has asked for an immediate inquiry into the affair.

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Attempt on

Sir John Stevens is Britain's most senior officer. As Commissioner of the 25,000 strong Metropolitan Police Force, he was appointed to head a controversial inquiry more than 10 years ago to investigate claims of collusion between the security forces and loyalist paramilitaries in Northern Ireland. Few outside MI5 and MI6 understand the complexities and dangers involved in his investigation.



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Sir John Stevens' Life?

The inquiry has been focused around one of the most shadowy units of British military intelligence, the FRU or Force Research Unit (sometimes referred to as the Forces Research Unit or Company). Together with Special Branch the FRU has been investigated by Sir John following accusations by republicans that the organisation has carried out "state-sanctioned murders" in Ulster.

The FRU was a highly secret Army unit, probably unheard of in the UK at the height of its operations. The 'cell' handled all intelligence agents and contacts in Ulster in the 1980s and early to mid-1990s. The central allegation is that they "colluded with a number of killings in the province."

Little comment has been forthcoming in respect of current research, but it is clear



Some analysts believe Sir Stevens' aircraft was sabotaged because of his investigation into Britain's shadowy Force Research Unit

something unusual and odd is taking place, with Sir John at the centre of the affair. Before he had settled into his job, his office containing much information on the allegations was burnt down in Northern Ireland. An allegation quickly surfaced that officers in the FRU had secretly chartered an aircraft from England and flew to Ulster and set fire to Sir John's office. There is no evidence to support this, however.

But the inquiry rolls on though very rarely gets publicised in the UK. However, in late February rumours began circulating that three serving or former soldiers could be charged with conspiracy over alleged "dirty tricks" by the Army.

The three named officers were all involved in the handling of Brian Nelson, an agent operating within the Ulster Defence Association (UDA). Mr Nelson was initially jailed for conspiring to murder Pat Finucane, a Belfast solicitor, in 1989. He was recently told he would not have to stand trial. The three include: Brigadier John Gordon Kerr, currently a serving diplomat in China. Kerr was allegedly in overall command of the FRU. At Brian Nelson's trial in 1992, he said he had recruited the agent from the Black Watch Regiment, then serving in Germany.



Sir John Stevens, Britain's most senior policeman pictured with Tony Blair

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Mr Nelson was one of 20 Northern Ireland-born soldiers who were recruited by British military intelligence to go undercover in Ulster. Several of these agents actually penetrated terrorist groups.

Captain 'M', is now a Special Intelligence Wing officer. She was one of Nelson's immediate 'supervisors' and served as an instructor at the Counter Revolutionary Warfare Wing in Hereford. Here she trained MI6 officers, including former SIS man, Richard Tomlinson. In Mr Tomlinson's book, *The Big Breach*, she of course is described as "the troll-bitch from Hell." *The Sunday Times* knows of her identity, but has agreed not to publish her name. However, according to sources, her identity has been leaked to Sinn Féin.

Then there is Captain G. He or she is Captain M's immediate superior who has left the Army.

Hugh Orde, a Metropolitan police deputy has prepared the first draft of the inquiry. He is basically the 'overlord' of the inquiry. In a rare comment he said: "The report will address all relevant aspects of police and army intelligence gathering and undercover operations.

One person who allegedly fell victim to the undercover activities was Belfast solicitor, Patrick Finucane. However, the case against the double agent accused of his death could collapse after a key witness withdrew evidence.

William Stobie, a UDA member who secretly worked for the Royal Ulster Constabulary special branch, was to appear in court on 24 April, 2001, in connection with the death of Mr Finucane who was shot dead at his home in February, 1989. Some statements are believed to have been withdrawn that implicated Mr Stobie in the murder.

The FRU affair is so very complex and truly multi-faceted. However, until the inquiry is closed the full truth may not be known. Yet one wonders if certain incidents that have occurred are by chance or intended. None more so than an incident that happened in February this year in the north east of England. According to sources, a light aircraft belonging to Sir John may have been sabotaged by rogue army or intelligence officers suspected of colluding with some elements in Northern Ireland.

Sir John narrowly cheated death when his Piper Seneca crash-landed after failures in its undercarriage and strategic air instruments occurred in mid-flight. A spokesman for the New Piper Aircraft Inc., Florida said: "Nose gear failure is not a common occurrence, but for air speed instruments to go at the same time is unheard of."

A member of the FRU inquiry team said: "If he wasn't such an experienced pilot, the boss would never have pulled off that emergency landing. He had to belly-flop the plane after circling for 90 minutes to burn off most of the fuel."

Sir John was lucky say aviation experts, yet, behind the scenes, MI5 were privately fuming. Indeed, another inquiry team member said: "Some people are prepared to go to any lengths to stop this inquiry."

Besides the mysterious fire which destroyed so much vital evidence other sinister incidents have occurred. Intimidation is prevalent and when a key witness refused to cooperate with the inquiry just before Christmas, explaining his life was at risk, Sir John felt disappointed. Unfortunately, the undercover soldier, apparently on the UK witness protection scheme, had his name and his whereabouts e-mailed

to a number of media outlets. He has since had his home burgled and received a number of menacing phone calls. Another potential witness told a British journalist: "What is happening is just an extension of the dirty tricks war that has long been waging in Ulster. I am in no doubt Sir John's plane was deliberately tampered with."

Another aviation journalist added: "It would be very easy to breach security and tamper with that sort of craft using a delayed stress action device to stop the wheel from dropping and interfering with the controls to cause a failure. One of Sir John's spokesmen said: "We are awaiting the report from the Air Accident Investigators. However, we have no reason to believe the incident was caused by anything other than mechanical failure." However, a senior Metropolitan police officer said: "This is so sensitive that if there was a personal threat to Sir John not even Special Operations would be told."

The actual incident occurred on 3 February 2001, though few details of what happened to the six-seater aircraft have been readily realised. *Eye Spy!* has learned that the small aircraft was taken to a hangar at Newcastle Airport. Yet before a full investigation could begin, a fire swept through the hangar where the damaged aircraft sat. MI5 was immediately alerted and flew to Newcastle to assess the situation. Once again it appears that vital evidence has "gone up in smoke".

Apparently the FRU still exists today, though is shortly to be combined with other secret units into a group known only as the 12th Military Intelligence Company. "Within a year hardly anything will be left or known about the FRU,"

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PA34 Piper Seneca, similar to the one flown by Sir John Stevens

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United Nations Casts Fleeting Glance at FRU



The British Government is under fire for not corresponding with officials at the United Nations who have called for a judicial inquiry into the alleged collusion of security forces in Northern Ireland, and in particular, the actions that resulted in the deaths of two solicitors. 'Param Cumaraswamy special rapporteur' on the independence of lawyers and judges, says that it is vital that public investigations are carried out into the deaths of Pat Finucane and interestingly, Rosemary Nelson, who was killed when a car bomb exploded in Lurgan, County Armagh in 1999. The UN official also revealed that he is still waiting for a response to a letter sent to Tony Blair last September, in which he said there was "reason enough to believe the authorities knew Mr Finucane's life was in danger."

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'SPECIAL BRANCH SUPPRESSED TAPE CONFESSION'



Pat Finucane

On 1 May 2001, Ulster Television broadcast a number of extremely serious allegations in connection with the slaying of Belfast solicitor, Pat Finucane in front of his family in 1989. Detective Sergeant Johnstone Brown of the Royal Ulster Constabulary has recently taken early retirement after 30 years in the force. He claimed that Special Branch officers suppressed a taped conversation between the RUC and a member of the Ulster Freedom Fighters in October 1991.

On one of the tapes, one can clearly hear the UFF gunman saying he shot Mr Finucane. He gave this tape to Special Branch together with another tape of the conversation. However, Mr

Brown says only the second tape which did not contain the confession was passed on to the inquiry headed by Sir John Stevens.

"Someone, within a week of that confession being in our domain, made the decision not only to go forward with the investigation but to obstruct and ensure anyone like myself and my colleague coming forward would be ridiculed," said Mr Brown. He also alleged that Special Branch officers threatened to wreck his career and discredit his family if he pursued the matter.

The allegations will intensify the calls for an independent tribunal into the murder of Mr Finucane.

Military Intelligence Chief Jailed

Colonel Disrael Lima, Guatemala's Intelligence Director from 1980 to 1982, has been found guilty and jailed for 30 years for the murder of a leading religious figure. His son, Captain Byron Lima, 30, and Sergeant Jose Obdulio Villanueva, a former presidential guard were also jailed for 30 years.

Bishop Gerardi, fought extremely hard under difficult circumstances to expose hundreds of atrocities during his country's 36-year long civil war. The Bishop's assistant, also a religious figure, was found guilty of being an accessory to the murder and sentenced to 20 years.

Bishop Gerardi, 75, was killed in April 1998, when a huge concrete block

was repeatedly smashed against his head. This occurred within two days of publication of a report entitled, 'Never Again', that blamed the military for 90% of the crimes committed during the war. The prosecution argued that the men had killed the bishop in retaliation for his report. It was also said that Byron Lima was the mastermind behind the killing. He said, "This is a

circus... we are never going to let the guard down."

During the trial, Judge Iris Barrios had a bomb thrown through the window of her house. She was unharmed.

The trial was seen as a stern test of Guatemala's commitment to human rights.

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THE BRITISH ARMY'S FORCE RESEARCH UNIT



On 30 May, ex-members of the British Army's Force Research Unit visited the MOD's Main Building in Whitehall, London, and put up around 1,000 stickers and posters claiming that the British Government had abandoned them. Since the group went public to highlight their grievances, another five soldiers have come out of hiding. The members explained how they infiltrated the IRA on behalf of British military intelligence at the height of the troubles.

The FRU was the army's secret intelligence wing and it is now known that at least 20 men served with the force during the 1980s and 90s. Members of the group which has been absorbed into another unit of Army Intelligence, claim that since the Good Friday agreement they have been forgotten. "We too want to be brought in from the cold," said one former member.

A group has been established to help them lobby the MOD. One main request is that

they want protection and/or new identities because it is believed some republican groups have vowed to seek out the men. The members are also seeking an MOD pension.

The pressure group is known as the Ex-Service Group, and has some 16 or 17 members, the majority of which are former soldiers. One member, a civilian computer technician claimed he hacked into IRA computer data files on behalf of the army, posing as a company manager in Galway.

Amongst many controversial allegations made by the ESG, is that the FRU said they were given clearance to manufacture explosives and participate in shootings to augment their standing in the IRA. Eye Spy! spoke to one member who claimed to have intimate knowledge of the slaying on 27 March, 1992, of a female RUC officer, Colleen McMurray. She was killed when a mortar bomb hit an RUC patrol in Newry, County Down.

Willie Carlin, a former Sinn Féin press officer spent more than 10 years working undercover for the intelligence services. He is acting as a spokesman for the group. He said:

"I've been approached by five other former soldiers. Although they undertook different tasks at different times for the army, they all feel they have been left in the lurch by the MOD.

"They are in fear of their lives and they need help. The information passed on by these people [the FRU] helped to save lives. Without them, many more would have been lost.

"They were put under tremendously stressful situations and are still suffering because of what they were asked to do. Some of them cannot hold down jobs, their health is in ruins."

The Force Research Unit is the subject of a major inquiry overseen by Sir John Stevens, commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. The Ex-Services Group are assumed to be double agents who worked for the army's FRU, currently involved in allegations over state-sponsored assassinations of republicans.

Imran Khan, the well known lawyer, wrote to former Home Secretary Jack Straw, "demanding to know why the former soldiers have been abandoned."

As per official policy, the MOD refuse to discuss the activities of the FRU.

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Five more British intelligence soldiers who infiltrated IRA say "MOD has abandoned them"

NAME AND ADDRESS PLEASE: "David Shayler"

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June: Our photographer just happened to be in the right place to catch the moment when renegade ex-MI5 officer David Shayler found himself questioned by police after he attempted to arrest a driver who knocked a motorcyclist off his bike and then drove off. The incident took place on Vauxhall Bridge, London... right in front of the MI6 headquarters! (left).

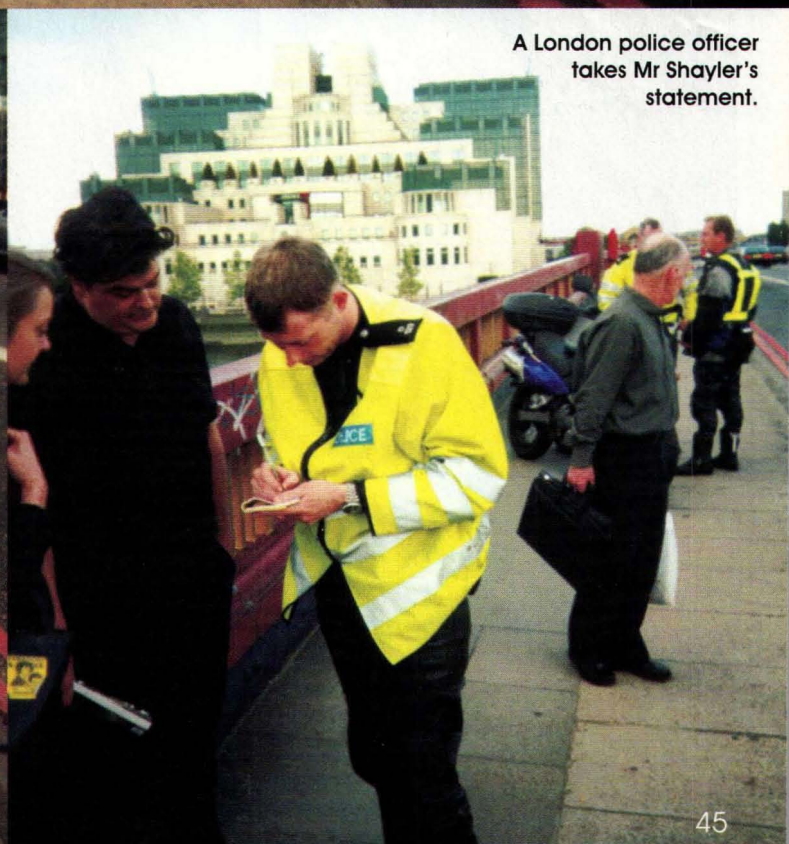


Mr Shayler returns looking a little tired after giving chase down Vauxhall Bridge

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The motorcyclist thanking Mr Shayler and colleagues for their assistance. He was taken to hospital but suffered only minor injuries



A London police officer takes Mr Shayler's statement.



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NSA

According to Mr Desmond Perkins, 65, a senior EEC computer official: "I have always had very good contacts with the NSA in Washington... they regularly check our systems to see that they are being well looked after and not being misused by me."

These strange words shocked many officials, because it just so happens that he works in

With Thread

the EU's cipher unit - a system used for despatching encoded confidential messages all around the globe! This extraordinary statement helped fuel French and German suspicion that America has access deep inside the European Commission.

Mr Perkins was asked "why are the Americans involved?" He said: "Because I have relatives working in [the NSA] there, that is why. It is simple as that" He then came out with another statement that almost caused listening British officials to fall off their seats. "You have got to remember... that the Americans read everything, no matter what is going on inside here, they read everything with their satellites lined up."

Special Report: UK

Twenty years ago the sight of peace protesters outside the joint USA/RAF base at Greenham Common was an everyday occurrence. Dozens, and sometimes hundreds of people would gather at the gates demanding the removal of Britain's arsenal of nuclear cruise missiles.

One would have thought that when the missiles were removed, that would be the end of the protesters. But 20 years later they're back with a vengeance. In recent



Veteran Nuclear

"the NSA in Washington... regularly check our systems"

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COLLEAGUE ESCAPES

Britain has been under fire recently over its involvement with the spy satellite system known as ECHELON. UK officials tried to play down the remarks but were again thwarted when Mr Perkins proclaimed: "And after two weeks they could not break it [the EEC cipher], so I'm quite happy about that."

EEC officials dismissed any suggestion that the EU's intelligence traffic had somehow

pitch. The system is good but it's not perfect."

Another spokesman said: "There is no US agency charged with checking our systems. And the codes used are changed every 24 hours. It would be a challenge for them every day." However, these statements seem at odds with those made by Mr Perkins to MEPs: "The Americans had once spent two weeks trying to break in to the Commission system... but had failed."

The EU uses two cipher systems - Savil (top secret communications) and Cryptofax (secret). Officials at the commission said they were aware that Mr Perkins had a relative working for the NSA before they employed him in 1976. He insists his words had been "misconstrued." Details of the incident were initially published in the French newspaper *Libération*.

• Interesting to note the NSA tested the system ten years ago. The EEC must have great faith in the NSA's honesty - editor.

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weeks several military bases in the UK run by US forces have been singled out because of their forthcoming involvement with America's controversial missile shield.

One veteran protesters is Lindis Percy, 59, who has often been to court as a result of her actions. In April she was again in trouble, this time outside the world's most advanced communications' base at Menwith Hill, North Yorkshire. Ms Percy trailed a US flag across the road and one guard had to drive across it. At a court hearing she was acquitted.

However, when she tried the same trick a few hundred miles away outside the US space tracking facility, she was fined £200 for a public order offence, and a further £100 for obstructing the highway. She was then fined another £250 for refusing to apologise to district judge Patrick Heley for her criticism of his judgement.

Menwith Hill in particular is set for a massive redevelopment as Britain green lights George Bush's 'son of star wars' programme.

MENWITH HILL, USAF

According to European sources, a suspected terrorist and former accomplice of the notorious 'Carlos the Jackal', has violated bail and fled France, escaping to her native Germany. This has caused tensions between the two countries. Remarkably the countries do not have any extradition mechanism in place.

Christian Margot Frohlich, 58, who was due to face a number of charges this summer, left France more than four years ago after being arrested for her participation in the 1982 bombing of an Arabic-language newspaper in Paris. A passerby who was pregnant died in the explosion and 63 people were injured, many of them seriously. Fraulein Frohlich has been accused by the French police of driving a vehicle to the city containing a booby-trapped bomb.

In April the German Foreign Office announced that if she had returned to Germany, as lawyers in France allege, that she is "untouchable." A spokesman said: "There is European Union legislation being formulated to return citizens to member countries, but that doesn't apply yet. We have no extradition for German citizens as such."

Late last year, Jean-Louise Bruguière, one of France's leading anti-terrorist magistrates, requested that Italy, the country where Frohlich was arrested, extend the terms of the extradition request under which she was initially sent to France to include suspicion of helping bomb a French train that was believed to be the work of the Jackal - Ilich Ramirez Sanchez - where five people were killed. Had Italy agreed, she would have had to stay in prison because of the new charges. However, they didn't and she was released in December 2000.

German judicial sources have revealed that they have traced some of her phone calls from inside the country. She said in one of those calls that "I have no intention of turning up at the trial." That trial was due to start in July 2001.

Sources say she is also suspected of planting a bomb in France that blew up a train, killing five people and injuring several others.



Christian Margot Frohlich

Inside EEC?



Mike Hayden, NSA Director

Arms Protesters Target US Base



WORLDWIDE INTELLIGENCE

CIA EXAMINE SADDAM PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE

The CIA have spent almost five months studying the content of a "tragic novel of love, rape and death." That in itself may not be too unusual, for intelligence agencies employ dozens of personnel to sift through hundreds of newspapers, books and magazines to obtain what sometimes seems like the most obscure bits of information. However, this 160-page book is slightly unusual. *Zabibah wal Malik* (Zabibah and the King) is the favourite book in Iraq.

However, the CIA believe its author is none other than President Saddam Hussein. Analysts think that they have acquired the evidence to confirm this.

The work, while fairly mundane, has been hailed "innovative in the history of novels," by Iraq's newspapers. Superb reviews and not one word of criticism have been muttered by the journalists and writers. The CIA also gathered intelligence in

2000 that indicated Saddam was to write a book.

Looking through a bookshop in London, a CIA officer spotted the book and thought it unusual. Besides the title it simply read, "a novel by its author." The first paragraph reads: "What is more wondrous and delightful than heroines and the level of great deeds, and even miracles in Iraq!"

Some CIA analysts believe that Saddam did not write the book himself,

but just gave a basic outline of the story to an author or authors. This also happened when Saddam decided he wanted a new national anthem for his country. He

invited a group of musicians and poets to his palace and passed a few lines to them: "Glory to martyrs - glory to mothers - down with hesitation and defeatism - glory to our homeland."



NO CREDIT
The cover of Saddam's book

Washington is interested in Saddam's book because even if it were not written by him personally, it does offer a psychological profile of the Iraqi leader. The storyline reveals Saddam's insecurity and ends with a murder of 17 January - the anniversary of Desert Storm.

Iraq's most controversial leader who has been nicknamed 'The Butcher of Baghdad' by the CIA and MI6 is not the only Arab leader to have written what are quite good stories. In 1998, Colonel Gaddafi of Libya published a book of short adventure stories called 'Escape to Hell'. Interestingly, President John Kennedy's former press secretary, Pierre Salinger wrote much of the book (see also page 26).

Saqi Books, Britain's leading Arabic bookseller was asked if *Zabibah wal Malik* was selling. "We have sold several hundreds."

UK and India Discuss 'British Agent'



According to reliable intelligence sources, Tony Blair has met with Atal Behari Vajpayee, the Indian prime minister, over the continued detention of Peter Bleach (pictured right), a British arms' dealer.

Bleach was convicted and sentenced for "conspiracy to wage war against the state of West Bengal", following an arms' drop over the countryside in West Bengal on 17 December 1995 that went badly wrong.

Five other people, all Russians were also arrested. But after President Putin threatened to cancel a visit to India last July, the men who are all pilots, were released. Britain has become increasingly exasperated with the Indian authorities over their lack of communication. New Delhi has failed to respond to several requests, including letters from the Home Secretary, Jack Straw and Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook. A senior official said: "When the Foreign Secretary write a letter four months ago and receives no reply, patience starts to wear thin. There was no diplomatic ambiguity to his letter. It was a simple request requiring a simple answer."

Foreign Office officials say there is no reason why Mr Bleach should not be released as like the Russians, he pleaded innocent but was convicted and sentenced identically. "There is no reason at all, based on the outcome of the case, why Mr Bleach should not be released," said Sir Rob Young, the British High Commissioner. "India's assertion that Bleach was the key conspirator just doesn't stand up. Whom was he conspiring with?"

Mr Bleach, has repeatedly said he told British Intelligence of the planned arms' deal. According to reliable sources in India, the government's line is that only a small number of firearms were dropped. However, a local journalist who investigated the case around the village of Purulia where the arms drop took place, said that there had been reports of up to 40 vehicles waiting to transport the weapons. Mr Bleach has now been in prison for almost six years. Though after Tony Blair's intervention, it is hoped he will be free by Christmas 2001.

China's Mobile Phone Bugs

Beijing: Taiwan's Defence Ministry has recalled thousands of mobile telephones used by military officers because an oversight had enabled a massive bugging operation by China. Phone numbers were published in Taiwanese phone books by accident and could easily be identified, embarrassing the Government of President Chen Shui-Bian. Beijing was potentially able to follow all mobile communications between Taiwan's senior officers. The scandal comes at the worst possible time for Taiwan, which is trying to buy a battlefield command system from the USA. Washington will be wary of selling any equipment to Taiwan if it cannot be trusted to keep it secret. Credit Oliver August

'Q' PROVIDES INTELLIGENCE STAFF WITH NEW GENERATION OF

Since 1997 military and intelligence staff have lost a staggering 204 laptop computers. Some of these have been stolen or left on trains, some have even turned up abroad. However, such was the alarm with our friends in Washington over the loss of intelligence information, that the CIA complained officially. Indeed, Britain's "record of ineptitude" threatened to damage our splendid accord with the security services in America.

Ministers raised the matter with all departments and the result is, the taxpayer will now be charged a staggering £35 million to fully equip defence

and intelligence staff worldwide. The Government has ordered over 15,000 bombproof armoured cases, some of which are more sophisticated than others.

The more interesting ones will have a data-self-destruct button which is activated if the thief or someone enters the wrong code. The SIS and MI5 plus senior foreign office officials will carry cases that contain a hidden tracking device that can be located by satellites. According to defence sources, the new briefcases are so tough they can withstand a Semtex explosion.

Mr Steve MacDonald, head of the MOD HQ Security at Abbey Wood, showed one of the new laptops in an exhibition in the South Concourse of Main Building. The actual briefcase was developed by the Security Equipment Assessment Panel, SEAP. This secretive group has a number of MI5 personnel from the protective security division, military advisors, civil servants and MI6 officials.

The exhibition lasted just a few hours and was by invitation only. At the Communications Electronic Security Group (CESG) stand, which is part of GCHQ, another defence

system was on show that should help protect Britain's security laptops. Mr MacDonald commented: "These are new types of cases that will help keep the laptops safe. Meanwhile John Doody, the head of customer service for CESG, demonstrated a "unique encrypting device" that enables only authorised personnel to use the computer. "When you turn the laptop on," he said, "you enter some passwords and it will operate normally. From then on the hard disk is fully encrypted and nobody can access the computer." Concealed at the rear of the laptop is a touch memory

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Alleged CIA 'Spy' Executed in Iran

A former California man who worked for a federally funded program that helps refugees find jobs was executed in Iran on 24 May. Mohammad Reza Pedram had been held on extremely dubious spy charges, his family has learned.

Pedram's friends, many of whom still live in Tehran called his wife who lives in Chicago and related the grim news. It is believed they heard a news story on state-run radio that announced the execution,

though exactly when and how Pedram was killed was not divulged. Iranian officials have not formally notified relatives in Tehran or the United States of the execution.

According to intelligence sources, Iran claims Pedram divulged military and state secrets to the CIA during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. This has been strongly denied by his family and friends, and Washington. The family also has no word on whether the 56-year-old's remains will be returned. Under Islamic law, burial is supposed to take place within 24 hours of a person's death.

When news of the killing was heard, Pedram's family and friends wept in stunned disbelief. "It's just too hard," a shaken Pedram-Sarnet said. "We were hoping for five years that he would come back. My mom is trying to be strong."

Pedram's former colleague, Mohammad Parvin of Rancho

Palos Verdes, said: "This case is not going to end here; that I guarantee, even if I have to spend the rest of my life going after this." Parvin, who runs Mission for Establishment of Human Rights in Iran, a grassroots expatriate group that spotlights torture and executions of prisoners held by the Islamic Republic, added "Mr. Pedram symbolizes . . . prisoners of conscience."

It is believed Pedram disappeared during a 1996 trip to Iran to visit his dying father. His wife and children stayed behind in Reseda in silence, frightened that any protest over his imprisonment would anger the Iranian judiciary, which remains firmly controlled by largely anti-Western hard-liners rather than more moderate, elected officials.

Pedram, was a former officer in the Iranian Air Force. He was sent to Evin Prison just outside Tehran on what everyone who knows him says were trumped-up charges of being a CIA agent spy, as well as desertion for emigrating in 1986 during the Iran-Iraq war. Relatives and friends said his jailers "repeatedly beat him" in an attempt to coerce a confession, breaking several bones and damaging his left eye. "My father's time is over," Pedram-Sarnet said. "But hopefully our pain will make a difference for somebody else."

ETA Gundown Newspaper Executive

MADRID: The Basque separatist group, ETA, shot dead a newspaper executive in San Sebastian on 24 May 2001. It brings the total to eight ETA murders this year. The death of Santiago Oleaga, 54, financial director of the conservative newspaper, *Diario Vasco*, has all but ended any hopes that ETA might seek a ceasefire following regional elections. The death of Vasco was ETA's first murder since its political ally, the Euskal Herriarrok Party, lost almost half its seats in regional elections, the worst result in its history.

As Mr Oleaga parked his car near a hospital a lone gunman walked up to him and shot him at point-blank range. As he lay dying the gunman fired a further six bullets into his head. Oleaga newspaper is part of a group of publications belonging to the Bilbao-based Correo Group, and is very anti-ETA. Many of its staff have been targeted by ETA and threatened. In 2000, ETA members shot dead a columnist for the newspaper *El Mundo*, Jose Luis Lopez de Lacalle. Other newspapers and magazines to have been pursued by the organisation are *El Pais*, and *Tiempo*; state radio RNE and Antena 3 television staff have also been warned about their anti-ETA rhetoric. Also in May Gorka Landaburu, a Basque journalist lost several fingers as he opened a parcel bomb.

Many of Spain's journalists now have 24-hour protection or private bodyguards.

WAR CRIMES

LIMA: Peru has charged its former president, Alberto Fujimori, with murder for the killing of 15 people in 1991. Fujimori is in Japan and can only be brought back to Peru if he is charged with crimes against humanity



THE SPYING GAME Ex-Para to Sue MOD for Wrongful Arrest

Milos Stankovic, a former Army officer who was with the Parachute Regiment is suing the Ministry of Defence for wrongly being arrested for spying. Stankovic negotiated on behalf of the British government during the war in Bosnia, as part of the United Nations' delegation which met with Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb President.

He was arrested back in 1997, suspected of breaking the Official Secrets Act, even though he had been awarded for his part in a top secret mission codenamed Schindler's List to get ordinary civilians out of the warzone. After NATO had completed the operation Stankovic was

arrested by MOD police who accused him of spying. For over three years he remained under investigation and suspicion.

According to Stankovic, it was the CIA who provided the MOD with inaccurate intelligence. Indeed, his arrest angered many senior Army officers, including General Sir Michael Jackson, the commander-in-chief of Britain's land forces. He dismissed pleas from the MOD and provided an affidavit and said Stankovic was "professional, understanding, articulate, humane and intelligent."

This didn't stop MOD police officers armed with a search warrant entering Stankovic's



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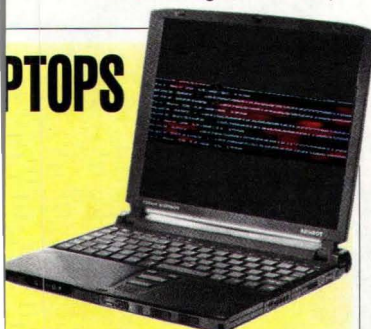
home in Farnham, Surrey. They removed some "30,000 possessions," mostly documents and personal items. These have yet to be returned.

After the Government dropped all charges against him, he launched a counter-claim through the High Court for compensation.

The MOD were told that he had colluded with Serbian warlords and officials in Belgrade. Stankovic's writ against the Government shows that he was issued with a false passport with the name 'Mike Stanley' to assist

his secret intelligence work. During his two years in Bosnia, Major Stankovic was chief liaison officer with General Sir Michael Rose and General Sir Rupert Smith, both United Nations' commanders.

An MOD spokesperson said the Stankovic investigation has thus cost £226,000. 107 people have been interviewed in America, Switzerland, Germany Cyprus and the Balkans. "Our legal advisors are preparing a defence which will be presented in good time." A reference to the writ.



device that users press with their personal 'crypto keys'. "Once this is on, nobody can get into it," said Mr Doody.

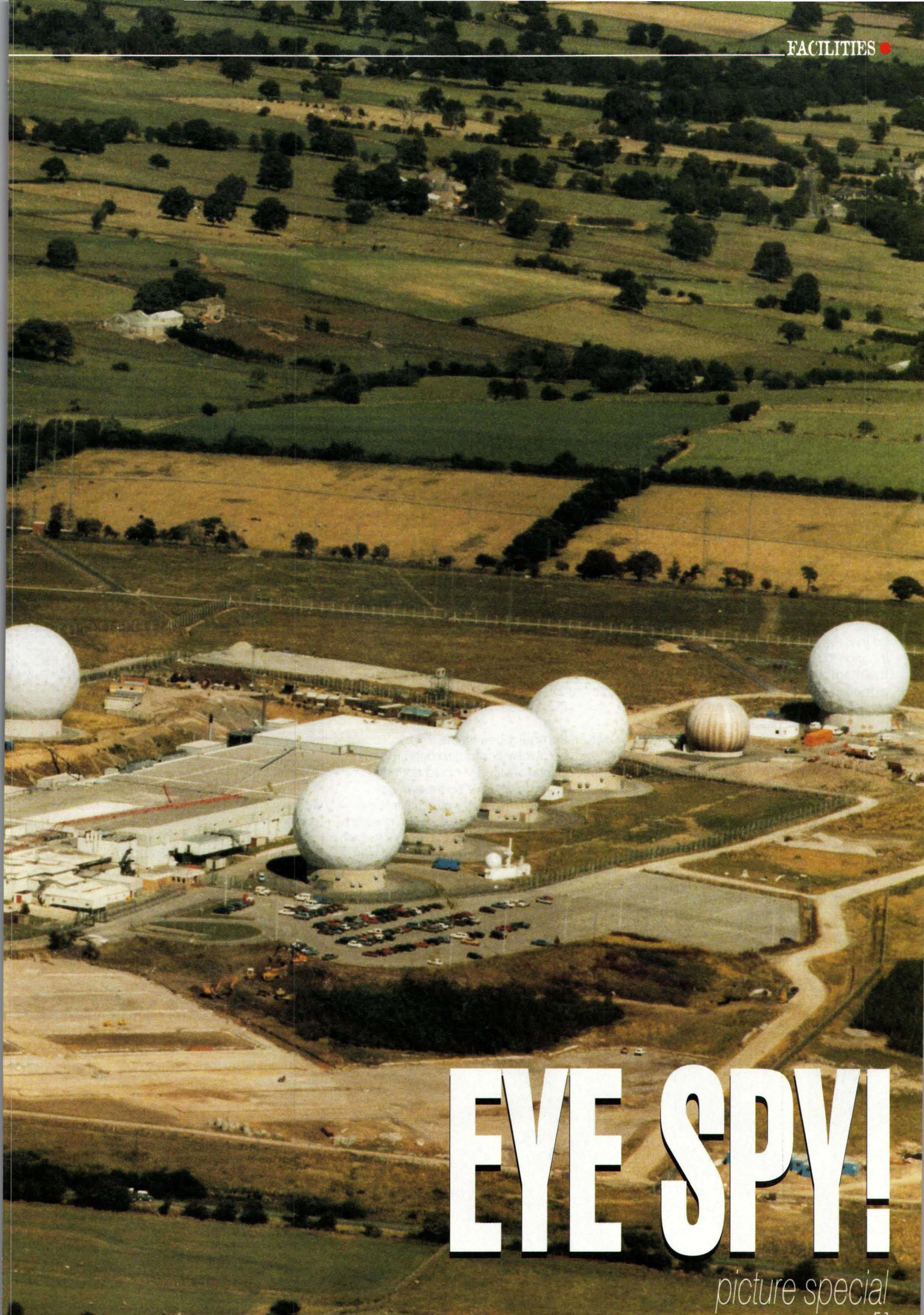
Interestingly, amongst a variety of advanced technology on show, was an iris scanner. Officials claim that this type of identification is more accurate than taking DNA samples.

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RAF Menwith Hill, Yorkshire

National Security Agency Communications Base

Menwith Hill has the capability to intercept over one million e-mails, telephone calls and faxes every minute. Home to over 2,000 US intelligence and military personnel, this huge facility will play a primary role in America's National Missile Defence Shield



EYE SPY!

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THE UNLIKELY LIA

Scottish Nationalists Tried to Forge Links

Intelligence documents from MI5 and MI6 released by the Public Record Office (PRO), reveal that a renegade Scottish group tried to use the war with Germany to obtain a Scottish republic.

Secret communications intercepted by British intelligence in 1943, show that a group known as the Scottish Independent Movement had made contact with Dr Eduard Hempel, head of the German legation in Dublin and his superiors in Berlin. The memorandum contained proposals for a Scottish and German alliance "as a weapon in the fight against the gross materialism of the capitalist-communist union of English, Americans, Bolsheviks etc."

The letter to Berlin also requested that "German wireless broadcast to Scotland." Other requests were for Scottish prisoners of war to be segregated from captured Allied troops; and perhaps more bizarre, that an Irish republican "versed in the Scottish

independent movement," be sent to Germany for discussions. They demanded that Scotland be spared from the Luftwaffe and hoped that during the "impending attack on England, a number of republicans and some war materials be sent to Scotland from Ireland to take advantage of the general panic in England." When Nazi forces landed, Scotland would proclaim that it is a free republic. The last request by the group was that Berlin announce an "international congress of liberation." Officials from the group would represent Scotland and a Celtic union with headquarters in Dublin would be formed.

When Hempel received the letter in August 1943, he quickly contacted Berlin. He told his superiors "obviously I could not have anything to do with the business in any shape or form." He was worried that if the British uncovered the plot, it would threaten the neutrality of Eamon de Valera's Irish Free State. Not to miss an opportunity, however

German intelligence suggested that he "explore the possibility of utilising the movement as a source of information about what is going on in England."

When MI5 began their investigation it was clear the group lacked any coherent strategy and had as few as a dozen members. They described them as "mischievous, and potentially dangerous," but dismissed them as being of "very little consequence." However, MI5 traced the communications between Scotland, Berlin and Dublin and identified the main players in the projected operation. Soon they learned that three IRA men had requested to go to Berlin to receive training in explosives for terrorist missions in Northern Ireland.

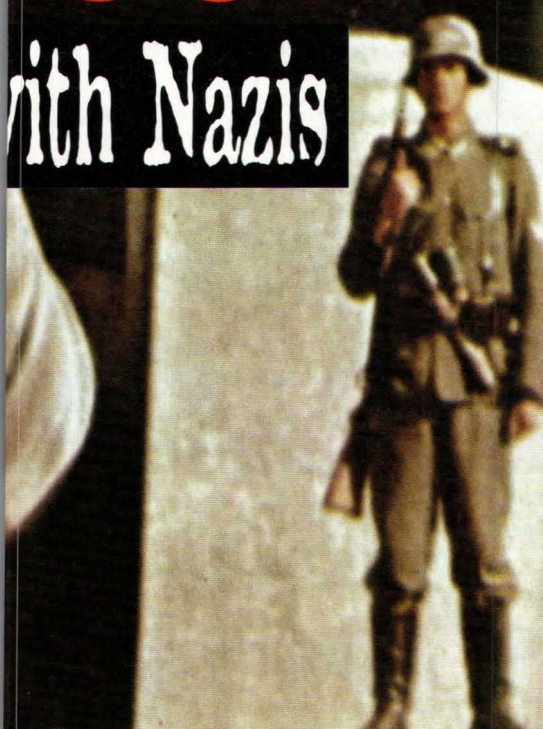
MI6, meanwhile, confirmed that a similar anonymous approach had been made by a Scottish group to the Germans as early as 1940, and that a number of nationalists had fled to Eire at the beginning of the war. Further investigation revealed that at least two of them had become closely involved with the IRA.

As to the actual identification of the men, the data is unclear. MI5, however, state:



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with Nazis



"The wording of the naive document suggests collaboration by Gerald Cunningham, founder of the Irish Fascist Movement, who has opened an office for a Pan-Celtic Union in Dublin. He has so far met with no success."

Other documents released by the PRO show Britain's frustration at the lack of cooperation with the Irish Government. In a memorandum written by Winston Churchill to Clement Atlee at the time of the Scottish nationalist approach to the Nazis, and Dublin's failure to confiscate a German wireless transmitter from the Dublin legation, Churchill wrote: "I think we must endure this abominable state of things for the present... Their conduct [the Irish] will never be forgiven by the British nation unless it is amended before the end [of the war]. This in itself would be a great disaster. It is our duty to try to save these people from themselves. Any proposals you have to terminate the enemy representation in Dublin will be immediately considered by me. We ought not to shake the difficulties unduly for the sake of a quiet life."

The Germans acquired no intelligence from the Scottish group.

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Force 17

Palestinians watch the remains of the Force 17 headquarters burn in Ramallah. Within hours the armed wing of the Islamic militant group Hamas - 'Unit 103' responded with a series of attacks.

Building Destroyed

This image shows the aftermath of an Israeli gunship attack on Yasser Arafat's Force 17 headquarters in Ramallah in the West Bank. Two people died in the attack, including a member of Force 17, Mr Arafat's personal bodyguard. A low-flying Israeli gunship fired a missile into the building - once used as a weapons' arsenal - but now allegedly empty. The explosion occurred just 500 yards from Mr Arafat's home and also severely damaged a nearby police station. Force 17 members have been repeatedly blamed for 'drive-by-shootings' of Israeli settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The elite unit denies this charge. According to Israeli sources, the building was being used to construct bombs.

This dramatic photograph was taken by Mr N. Nasser of the Associated Press.

SECRET PLOT TO KILL ARAFAT'S AIDES

According to security sources, Israel has drawn up secret plans to assassinate several of Yasser Arafat's closest government advisors. Aerial Sharon has ordered the army's Battalion 202 to take up positions around Hebron, the most rebellious of Palestinian cities. Sharon once commanded the elite unit himself. The move follows close on the heels of a helicopter gunship attack on Force 17, Mr Arafat's personal security force. Since the intifada began nearly one year ago, almost 450 people have been killed and a staggering 12,000 injured.

ISRAELI 'STING' KILLS PALESTINIAN COMMANDER

A booby-trap bomb concealed inside a public telephone box killed a commander of the militant Islamic Jihad group in the West Bank town of Jenin. Iyad al-Harden died instantly when the device ripped through the booth and was identical in nature to a similar incident in 1996. The bomb was hidden inside the actual phone

unit and exploded as al-Harden inserted his phone card.

Palestinian officials immediately blamed Mossad for the incident but Tel Aviv distanced itself. However, Israeli radio reported that Mr Harden had been "liquidated" by the security forces because he was responsible for a series of attacks on Israelis.

FORCE 17 EXPANSION

Force 17, Yasser Arafat's elite personal bodyguard takes its name from the last two digits of the telephone number of Ali Hassan Salameh, its commander. While the Palestine Liberation Organisation was in exile in Tunisia in the 1980s, its members were trained in Russia and Libya. Since 1993, Force 17 has expanded from a few dozen men to nearly 3,000. Many have police and army skills and some have an intelligence background after training in America. Since the Al Aqsa Intifada in September 2000, Force 17 patrols have been seen more frequently in virtually all Palestinian towns. Israel holds the group personally responsible for 'terrorist attacks' in the 1980s.



THE MYSTERY OF HEINRICH MÜLLER

CIA MAY HAVE DISGUISED GESTAPO OFFICER IN EX

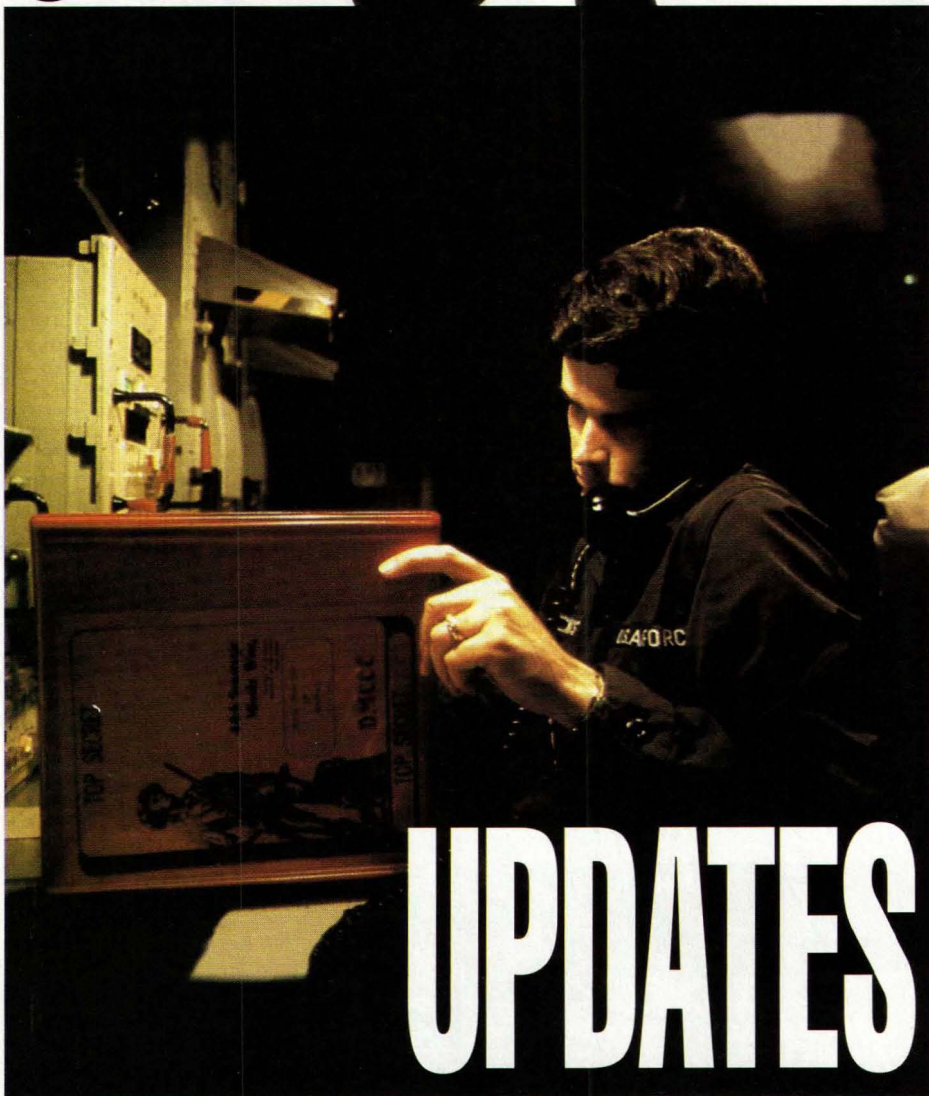
Recently released documents may have at last solved the 50-year mystery of what happened to Heinrich Müller, Germany Gestapo chief, who was last seen fleeing Hitler's bunker in Berlin.

Historians have always conjectured over the fate of 'Gestapo Müller' as he became to be known. Born in Munich in 1900, he was an experienced and decorated pilot. Some believe he used a false identity and fled to South America via the Middle East. Others maintain he was killed during the Soviets' crushing advance on the city in 1945. However, documents discovered in the National Archives in Washington have shocked many people. It appears Müller was captured by the Americans and then used as an undercover agent against the USSR. Three military cards reveal how Müller was moved from a civilian prison camp in Altenstadt, Bavaria, to an American-controlled holding site at Ilmenau in northwest Germany.

The second record says: "Wanted as to war crimes List No. 7 for murder." It states how the CIC (one of the CIA's predecessors) wanted to question him over his work for the Gestapo. The document then imparts a brief

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE



CIA's Stop-Start Middle East Role

When CIA Director George Tenet arrived unannounced at an emergency summit in the Egyptian resort of Sharm al-Sheikh in October 2000, few could have anticipated the demise of virtually all of the peace accords which the agency has almost single-handedly brokered in the region.

Perhaps Mr Tenet had sufficient information to suggest that former President Bill Clinton's efforts to secure a lasting peace would melt away in a wave of killings and ill-tempered debate. And when George Bush entered the White House, Mr Tenet became more than aware that the CIA's peace role in the region was almost at an end.

In March the agency abandoned its active role in trying to get Palestinian and Israeli politicians to renew security cooperation. "Why should the CIA and Washington want to take responsibility for two nations who are like cats trying constantly to scratch each other's eyes out?" said a CIA source.

The CIA had managed to gain Yasser Arafat's confidence and their withdrawal was seen as more of a blow to them than to Tel Aviv. During Bill Clinton's reign, Mr Arafat was a constant visitor to America. The CIA was a corridor used by the

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description: "Height: 5ft 3in. Thin dark hair. Lively black eyes, pleasing face and very active. Gives the impression of great intelligence."

Other information states how he was interrogated and the information passed to US Army Command and the CIC. The third card is perhaps of most interest: "Case closed January 29, 1946."

Historians located a grave in 1963 that allegedly held his remains. When the grave was opened they found a skeleton of a man aged around 30; some 15 years younger than Müller would have been.

Analysts believe Müller would have gone on to work for the CIA in return for his freedom.



Heinrich Müller

AGENCY

Palestinian people to get access direct to the heart of the US Congress.

Often accused of interfering in foreign nations and undermining democratically installed governments, the CIA's role in the area was supported by many former adversaries, including Syria and Iran. The CIA helped broker the 'three-way' security agreement between the United States, Israel and the Palestinians in 1998. This became known as the 'Wye Plantation Agreement'. Then the CIA decided to embark upon one of the most daring and controversial episodes in its history. A team of specialists began training former PLO soldiers and guerrillas into a viable and professional police force. After the new force was installed acting as a frontline defence and jailing hundreds of Islamic Jihad and Hamas activists, the CIA genuinely believed peace in the West Bank and Gaza was achievable.

The police force's failure to seize arms and explosives from militants and the current fighting which has left over 500 people dead in the last 12 months, meant the CIA efforts had evaporated into thin air.

Initially the CIA tried to broker new peace deals, hence George Tenet's direct involvement. These lasted but a few days or at most a week. Intelligence links with Mossad remain firm and it is the Palestinians who have lost out by the agency's decision. Then in an extraordinary move to get the CIA involved again, Mr Arafat appealed directly to US secretary of state, Colin Powell. Acting on advice from senior officials President Bush and Mr Powell refused. In June however, Tenet was back and has since managed to gain support from both sides.

Once hated by many Arab countries, the CIA has found itself welcomed, especially Tenet, who has patiently tried to gain support from leaders of Syria and other states.

CIA TRIED TO AVERT PERU AIR FORCE ATTACK

It has transpired that a CIA surveillance aircraft tried desperately to avert the fatal interception of a missionary aircraft by a Peruvian Air Force fighter. Peru's nervous military shot down the Cessna 185 in April believing it was actually a Colombian sponsored drug-trafficking aircraft. Veronica Bowers, 35, and her adopted baby, Charity, were killed by the same bullet as the jet strafed the helpless aircraft. Mrs Bowers's husband, Jim, 35, and their six-year-old son, Cory, survived the attack, together with pilot Kevin Donaldson. The incident happened during a flight from the

shouting: "Jeez! Are you sure he is a bandito?" The pilot of the surveillance plane, also a CIA agent joined the conversation: "I think we are making a big mistake here. His Washington colleague says: 'I agree with you.'" Nevertheless, the jet strafed the Cessna hitting the aircraft several times. At that moment Captain Donaldson can be heard screaming: "They're killing us... they're killing us." "Don't shoot... don't shoot," cry the CIA agents as they hear the distressed passengers over their radio. At that point the Peruvian pilot tells the fighter to back off: "No more... no more."



Brazil-Peru border to Iquitos, 625 miles north of the capital, Lima. Kevin Donaldson managed to land the single-engine aircraft in a clearing in the Amazon jungle. A veteran of many missionary flights in the area, Mr Donaldson temporarily lost control as a bullet shattered his right leg. Amazingly he managed to land the plane on an Amazon waterway. However, as it struck the water it flipped over and caught fire. Thankfully the plane didn't ignite and the survivors were rescued 45 minutes later by locals in a canoe.

Watching the incident was a CIA surveillance aircraft. They were listening to the pilot of the fighter and military operatives at a nearby base. Indeed, the CIA are so unhappy about the incident they released part of the cockpit recording to journalists. A CIA officer clearly says to the Peruvian ground controllers: "Are you sure this is a bad guy?" They respond by saying "No." The fighter pilot who is shadowing the light aircraft asks for permission to attack anyway. The CIA intervene: "But he's taking no evasive action."

Suddenly the jet moves within striking distance. A Peruvian surveillance official onboard the CIA aircraft ignores his colleague and asks the base for permission to go to Phase 3, the codeword for 'attack'. The base confirms the attack order. The CIA observer can be heard

The Reverend E. C. Haskell, the administrative executive for the Baptist's Association, that has worked in Peru since 1939, said that the three survivors sat on pontoons for 45 minutes before being rescued. "The aircraft was registered, clearly marked and had filed a flight plan. Everything was legal about the flight. The pilot said an air force interceptor approached the plane and began to fire on them. There was no radio contact with the air force plane."

A spokesman for the Peruvian Government said the air force expressed "deep regret" but strangely claimed the Cessna had entered Peruvian airspace without filing a flight plan. This of course contradicts Mr Haskell's statement.

The missionaries, who had worked in Peru for over 10 years, were returning from Leticia in Brazil. Mr and Mrs Bowers had just picked up a Peruvian residency visa for Charity. In an official statement the Peruvian Government apologised for the incident saying that it had mistaken the aircraft for drug traffickers. Between 1994 and 1997, Peru has shot down at least 25 suspected drug planes, the result of tough laws implemented by the ousted president, Alberto Fujimori. The US State Department has launched an inquiry into the incident in conjunction with Peru's military.

ECHELON

President Bush and his huge entourage arrived in Europe to convince his allies that they should support Washington's National Missile Defence programme, and ignore the controversial Echelon spy satellite network. He received a luke warm reception on his 'son of star wars' vision, and a quite hostile reception from France and Germany relating to Britain's participation in Echelon.

Colin Powell, the US Secretary of State, typifies the new Bush administration. This tough-talking man explained to a meeting of NATO leaders that the free West no longer faced a Russian threat, but that it should still seek to defend itself against so-called 'rogue states' - namely Iraq, North Korea and Iran. Senior US officials piled on the charm, but most European nations believe a missile shield will simply not work. Similarly, many European leaders would rather talk to potentially hostile countries rather than move further away from them. Mr Powell did get NATO leaders to drop references to the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty.

President Bush said, "this is a relic of the Cold War." Some European leaders disagreed, saying it was the "cornerstone of strategic stability." Washington must remove the treaty if it is to press ahead with NMD. Following the meeting, at which only Britain offered Colin Powell considerable support, the US announced: "There is a threat out there. Some people see it as more immediate than others."

At the recent NATO summit on 13 June, the US failed to gain any more support, though a number of countries are expected to join Britain and pave the way for at least a partial start to NMD. And when Bush met President Putin in Geneva a few days later, he informed Moscow that enlargement of NATO to Russia's border will not mean a new threat. Putin rejected this. However, in a show of support for the Russian President, Mr Bush offered to buy Russian \$300 surface-to-air missiles.

Lord Robertson, pictured (right) here in Budapest with Colin Powell, Nato Secretary General, said that Europe must shoulder a greater burden in the maintenance of security. Turkey, whilst not a member of the EU but a leading member of NATO, reluctantly allowed some bases to be used by any future operation planned by the new European Rapid Reaction Force.

Britain has come under attack from several European nations regarding its involvement with the Echelon spy satellite system. The EU has warned Britain, the only EU Echelon member, that "any state involved with electronic eavesdropping systems used to spy on European citizens and companies is in breach of both the European convention on human rights and EU law."

The Government has thus far managed to manoeuvre free of any possible legal moves by the EU to challenge its participation of Echelon, but France in particular, a non-NATO country, wants Britain out of the American headed system.

Gerhard Schmid, a German Social Democrat said: "Britain has one leg in Europe and one in mid-Atlantic. If there are conflicts of interest between the EU and USA there could be potential conflict for the UK."

Giuseppe Di Lello Finuoli, an Italian left-winger, said that GCHQ, Britain's eavesdropping centre which works closely with the NSA, had "tested encryption equipment used by the EU council of ministers, responsible for developing the union's fledgling rapid reaction force."

Britain's position on Echelon, also operated by Canada, New Zealand and Australia, is that interceptions of communications carried out by GCHQ and Menwith Hill are strictly covered by legal guidelines, ministerial control and parliamentary supervision.

Echelon is allegedly only ever used when there are threats to the supply of energy, commodities and raw materials, or attempts to manipulate or undermine financial markets. It is clear, however, that this powerful intelligence tool is being used in other dimensions.

Whitehall has now issued a statement on Echelon saying that it retains the right to use the system to counter industrial espionage by others. France says Britain and the USA are "abusing the tool to further intensify their intelligence gathering prowess."

- One of the main opponents of Echelon in the European Union was Spain. However, during George Bush's meeting in Europe over NMD, the CIA held secret talks with

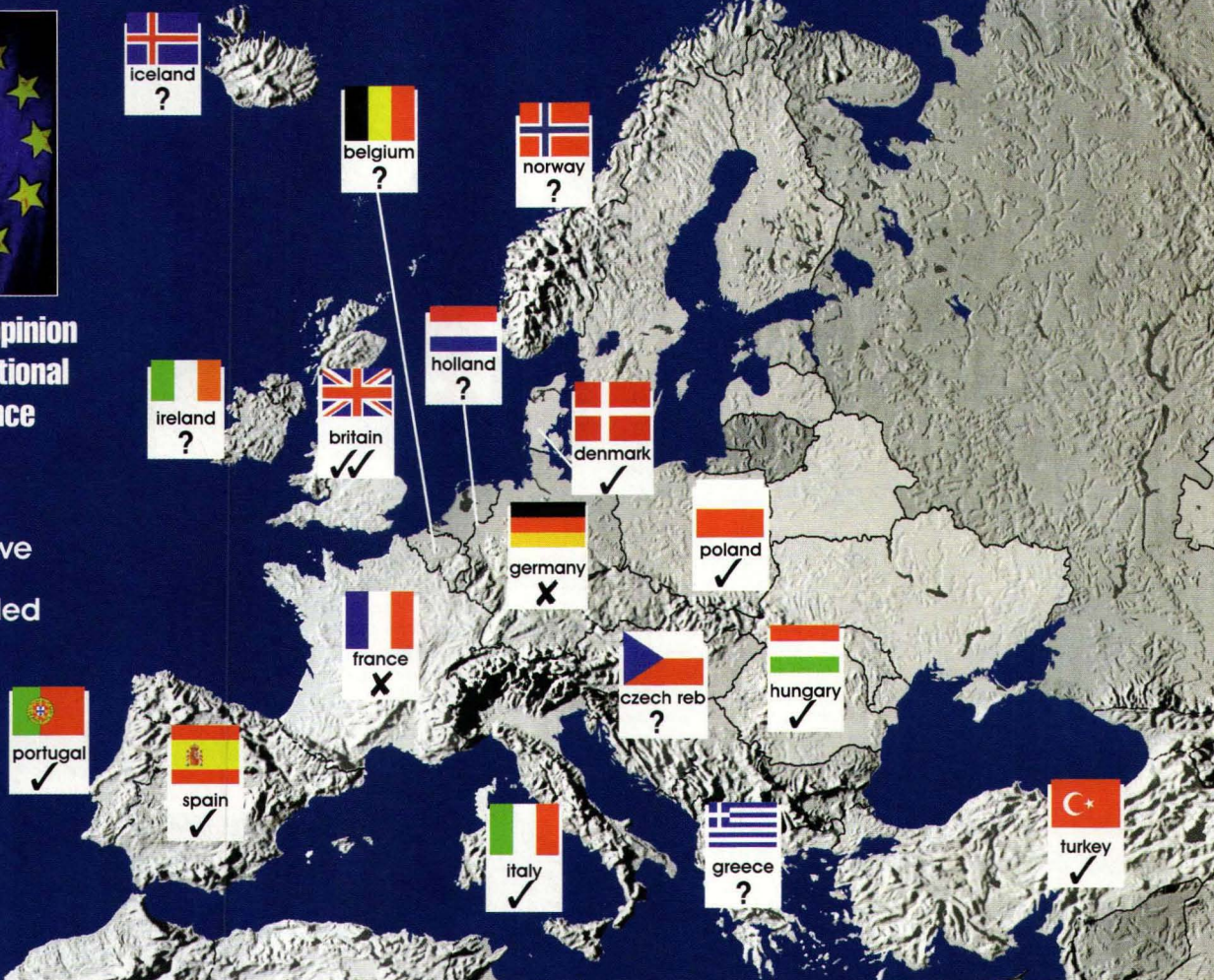
President Bush Seeks Support

National Missile Defence



How European opinion stands over National Missile Defence

- ✓✓ yes
- ✓ supportive
- ? undecided
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Spain's intelligence services and offered Madrid limited access to Echelon in Spain's war with ETA, the Basque separatist group. Spain has now dropped many of its grievances about the system. The move is sure to inflame Spain's simmering relationship with France.

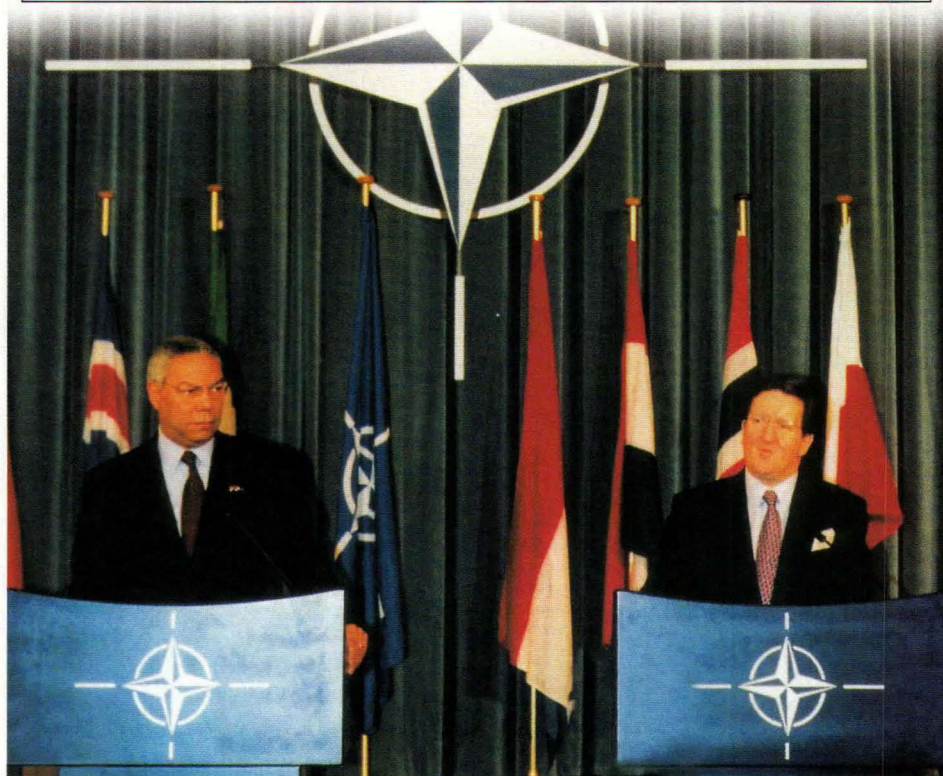
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COURTESY GCHQ

Below: Lord Robertson, NATO, and Colin Powell, US Secretary of State address NATO and European leaders. Only Britain supports America over its controversial National Missile Defence Shield, but other nations are set to follow the UK lead.

Below left: GCHQ receives intelligence daily from the Echelon spy system



COURTESY NATO

Echelon



BREAKING NEWS

MOD and ex-Gulf War ops man set to publish controversial new thriller

Nick Pope is regarded by his Ministry of Defence colleagues as something of a maverick. Best known for his official research and investigation into UFOs and other strange phenomena, he caused a sensation when he wrote about this work in his bestselling book *Open Skies, Closed Minds*. The book was serialised in the *Daily Mail* and discussed on *Newsnight*, while questions concerning its contents were raised in Parliament.



Saddam Hussein - 'What if?'...

Dubbed "the real Fox Mulder" by the media, the former custodian of Britain's real-life X-Files is currently writing a thriller about the Gulf War, entitled *Desert Fury*. "It's a 'what if' story," Nick told *EYE SPY!*, "in which Saddam Hussein makes none of the military blunders that ultimately led to his defeat. The book will combine political intrigue with action, and will certainly cause a lot of debate and controversy".

During the Gulf War Nick worked in the Air Force Operations Room, within the Joint Operations Centre (Now known as the Defence Crisis Management Centre). Accordingly, he'll be writing from a position of authority and using some of his inside knowledge to make the story more realistic. Even though



Nick Pope

this is a work of fiction, the book will still need to be vetted by the Ministry of Defence, prior to publication. Although Nick has yet to complete the book, there has already been some interest from publishers, and Nick's agent Andrew Lownie hopes to conclude a deal shortly.

Menwith Hill set for influx of NSA personnel as German base closes

Whilst many journalists continue to report on Britain's lukewarm response to America's National Missile Defence programme, we can reveal that extensive work has been going on for at least two years at the world's most secretive listening base, RAF Menwith Hill. This will allow Menwith Hill to act as a major link in the NMD shield which Britain, despite its hesitancy, fully supports.



The role of Menwith Hill has often been misunderstood. This massive American facility is a communications and signals interception base that also transfers intelligence to US and British forces throughout the world. It is NOT a front-line early warning base as referred to by journalists in numerous papers.

At present some 2,000 US workers and their families live on and around the base. There is one MOD liaison officer. The number of US servicemen occupying Menwith Hill is set to increase when America closes the Bavarian base at Bad Aibling, southern Germany, next year.

Already Britain is under pressure from its European allies over the Echelon eavesdropping satellite network. The European 'end' of



Echelon functions from Menwith Hill. 500 operatives from various arms of the US military and NSA will arrive in Yorkshire when new facilities currently under construction are built.

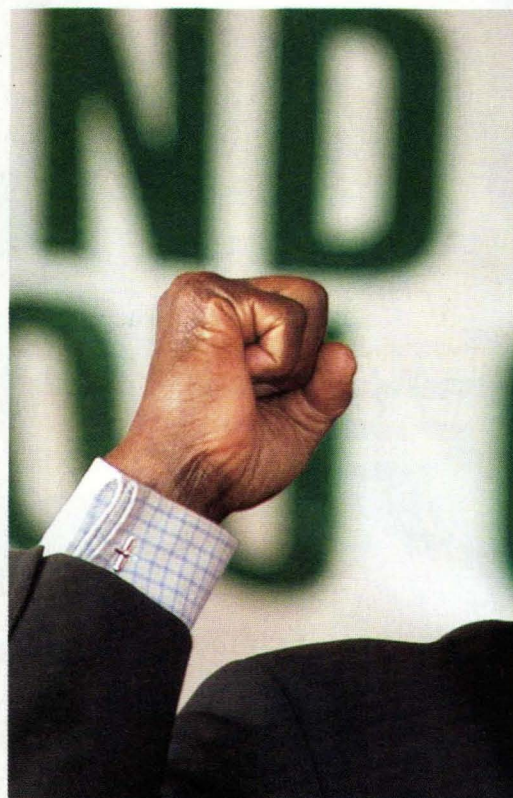
And though Tony Blair has made no official announcement over NMD support or the redevelopment of Menwith Hill, we believe both have been secretly sanctioned at least two years ago. Most people living in this area of Yorkshire support the American base, even though they are unsure of the consequences of NMD.

Move over Dark Star... here comes the X43A

Edwards Air Force Base, California: An unmanned X43A prototype of an aircraft intended to travel at seven times the speed of sound (7600mph) was destroyed by scientists on its maiden flight after a booster rocket veered out of control and fell from the sky. *Eye Spy!* has knowledge of a high-speed unmanned device being flown out of RAF Machrihanish towards Norway, that was tracked by RAF Staxton Wald, one of Europe's most sophisticated early warning stations perched high on the North Yorkshire Moors. One RAF radar operator who contacted RAF Machrihanish to enquire about the device, recorded the aircraft travelling at speeds close to Mach 10, was told to kindly mind his business. Other eye witness accounts of the super-fast unmanned aircraft have also been forwarded. An unknown aircraft measuring around 20ft in length was also seen at RAF Machrihanish a few years ago. These are all believed to be part of a new UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) project. Dark Star (see *Eye Spy!* issue 1, was part of that same project.



Zimbabwe



WARS

M15 has been warned that Zimbabwe has deployed an extensive network of black, white and Asian intelligence agents in the UK, to hunt down and intimidate supporters and officials of the MDC (Movement for Democratic Change), the official opposition to President Mugabe.

Mr Ncube, a Welshman who is also secretary-general of the MDC, said: "We have very reliable information that there are more than 30 agents in Britain who are deliberately trying to destabilise our movement. The paranoid Mugabe regime is desperate and will resort to desperate measures to stay in power."

In 2000, journalists from *The Times* revealed that Mugabe agents were "shadowing MDC meetings in London." During a visit to London, Morgan Tsvangirai, the Opposition Leader, was protected by bodyguards. However, the CIO (Central Intelligence Organisation - Zimbabwe's secret police) has become brazen about its activities and

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CIO Assassination Attempt Fails

It has emerged that members of President Robert Mugabe's Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO), hatched an incredible plan to assassinate the Mr Tsvangirai, leader of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC).

The plan was for hundreds of Zimbabwe's war veterans to stage a noisy political demonstration outside the MDC offices in Harare. The fracas would turn violent; and agents of the CIO would secretly slip inside the office and kill Mr Tsvangirai. The assassination was scheduled to

take place on 27 May, while Mr Mugabe was attending a summit in Jakarta, thus providing him and his closest body guards with a concrete alibi. However, because of the recent death of Moven Mahachi, Zimbabwe's defence minister, and then war veterans' leader, Chenjerai Hunzvi (pictured), plus a leak of information, Tsvangirai own security personnel changed his work schedule.

Mr Tsvangirai commented on the plot: "It would be such an obvious thing to do. Mugabe



could not escape blame for it." Colin Powell, secretary of state for America and South African President Thabo Mbeki have put tremendous pressure on Mr Mugabe to ensure trouble-free elections next year. One human rights campaigner said: "That's a bit like telling Dracula to stop sucking people's blood."

Mugabe's Central Intelligence Organisation Operating in Britain

WITHOUT FRONTIERS

Albert Weidemann, an MDC supporter in Manchester, was informed by an official at Zimbabwe's High Commission in London, "that his activities were being monitored."

He was told: "We have followed your messages on Zimbabwe to various personalities and establishments with interest." The letter was sent to Weidemann by Tadzingaira Tacheveyi, an employee of the Zimbabwe mission, who MI5 believe has close links to the CIO. When questioned about the letter, Mr Tacheveyi, who is connected to the commercial section of the High Commission said he was simply exchanging views.

Weidemann isn't convinced and has said he and a colleague have been followed by agents of the CIO. The incidents have been reported to police who in turn have notified Scotland Yard and MI5.

Mr Ncube said the events in Britain are disturbing, but pale into insignificance when compared to what is happening in Zimba-

bwe itself. He said his name and that of nine other leading MDC figures have appeared on a *hit list* drawn up by Mugabe's closest allies.

From February to December 2000, there have been 22,877 incidents of violence, 8,840 directly linked to those involved with the MDC, claimed *Amani Trust*, a local human rights monitor. Indeed, any Zimbabweans, black or white who have links to the Opposition have exacted a violent toll by President Mugabe's ruling Zanu (PF) party.

Some of the incidents reported are: murder, rape, burnings, beatings, death threats. The attackers have been mainly Mugabe's so-called 'war veterans', ruling party youths, and his dreaded secret police.

Amani says it is impossible to allocate total blame on Zanu, but he points to the fact that most of the victims have been members of the MDC, with only four per cent Zanu supporters. 47 people have been murdered of which 42 were MDC people.

In 1997 almost two years before the creation of the MDC, Mr Tsvangirai escaped with his life after war veterans tried to throw him from a ten-storey office building. Mr Mugabe declared: "We have degrees in violence."

MI5 meanwhile have drawn-up a lengthy list of suspected CIO agents and are monitoring the situation. Any acts of violence or threatening behaviour will see police officers swoop on Mugabe's agents.

• Mr Mugabe still refuses to acknowledge a Supreme Court ruling that condemns the further taking of white-owned farms.

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CONNERY 007 - GOING FOR A SONG

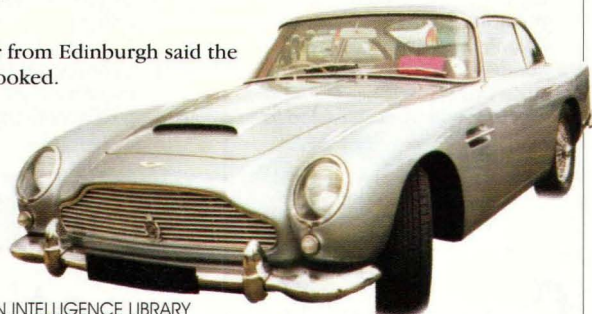
Perhaps the most famous of all actors who played James Bond, was Sir Sean Connery. Now a youthful 70 years-old, Mr Connery has been speaking about his appointment to the world's most famous, but fictitious MI6 officer - 007.

"I only got the role because they could afford me," he told the Scottish Daily Record. "Ian Fleming was a terrible snob, but an interesting guy. He really wanted Cary Grant or Trevor Howard to fill the role, but instead he got me." Basically the reason why Mr Fleming opted for the 'English gentleman with a Scottish accent' was because they could not afford the others. Hence when he starred in his first 007 film, Dr No, Sean Connery was little more than a stand-in. "The movie's budget was around \$1m. Then the American dollar devalued, so it was \$960,000. I think I got just \$5,000."

Mr Connery, a former body-builder from Edinburgh said the role was far more difficult than it looked.



Ian Fleming, creator of the world's longest running movie series - James Bond



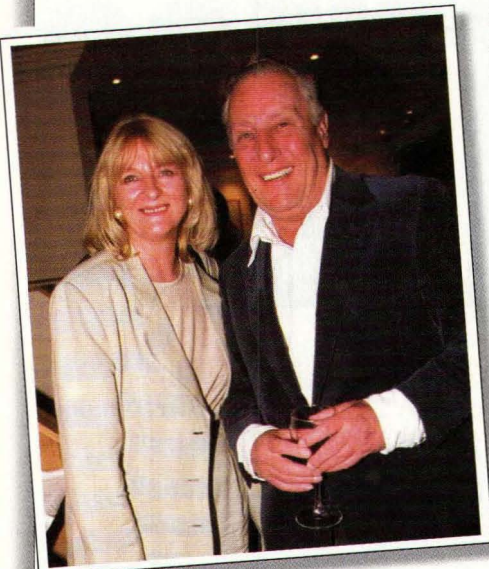
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EYE SPY! MEETS FREDERICK FORSYTH

Eye Spy! has appointed a new public relations' agent. Georgina Bruni, a well-known PR agent from London, will work with the editorial team in securing the very best breaking news from the world of intelligence. Some 18 months ago Georgina published her first book, *'You Can't Tell the People'*, that covered an interesting event at two RAF/USAF bases in Suffolk, in 1980. Details on the Eye Spy! magazine website (eyespy.com).

In June this year, she met with one of the world's most famous international authors, Frederick Forsyth, author of such fantastic intelligence books as *'The Day of the Jackal'* and *'The Fourth Protocol'*. He told Eye Spy! that he is currently writing a book that will feature a series of short stories. Georgina can be contacted via the magazine or website.

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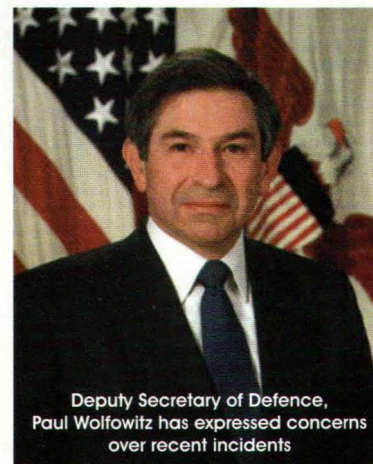
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DEFLECTIONS

In December 2000, a Chinese embassy official telephoned a senior diplomat in Washington and asked if the US Government could help locate a Chinese military officer who had disappeared in the metropolitan sprawl of New York City. "Of course," said the White House official, knowing full well that Colonel Xu Junping, head of the foreign affairs department of China's Central Military Commission, was under FBI protection at an unidentified location. Junping's job was to liaise with military personnel officers from the USAF, ARMY and Navy. Alongside him in his safehouse was his wife, who had been literally 'smuggled' out of China by the CIA in a wonderfully executed operation. As Junping disappeared, she had been invited to attend a US Embassy party where CIA officials greeted her and flew her out of the country. The Washington Post said: "At the end of the function Mrs Junping never left the US Embassy. The Americans put her on the guest list, she went in and never came out."

The wives of Chinese Embassy officials are not allowed to accompany their husbands abroad. It is clear that they will be watched even closer after the defections.

A US spokesman said: "The Chinese Government asked us in December for assistance in locating a Chinese military officer. The US Government located the individual, who was in good health, and notified the Chinese Government." Beijing was furious.



Deputy Secretary of Defence, Paul Wolfowitz has expressed concerns over recent incidents

RED

The Chinese Foreign Ministry issued the following statement: "An investigation is being conducted on a People's Liberation Army [PLA] officer who left China and did not return."

Many observers believe that since George Bush took over at the White House relations with the Chinese have worsened. That may be true, but the situation has been deteriorating for several years and came to boiling point in 1999. Two B2 stealth bombers entered Yugoslavian airspace on the night of 7 May and released two laser-guided bombs. These were supposedly directed at the Yugoslav Federal Directorate of Supply and Procurement. Unfortunately whilst intelligence reported a direct hit there was but a small problem. The missiles while hitting the 'correct target', had just taken out a major part of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade. Three Chinese officials lay dead and 20 were injured in the attack. The problem lay not with the USAF, but the CIA. The Agency had supplied the air force with the old location of the Yugoslav military supply agency vacated in 1996 and occupied by the Chinese a few months later. The CIA had apparently used an old map (even tourist maps from 1998 showed the Chinese Embassy at the address). The Chinese demanded an explanation. What they got was an apology and a cheque for millions of dollars to rebuild the embassy. The CIA officer who supplied the intelligence got the sack. The Chinese, however, suspect a deliberate CIA plot. And indeed, the part of the building that was destroyed was used by Beijing's overseas intelligence to coordinate operations in Europe. The CIA replied that this was a coincidence. Asked by the Chinese to reveal how many target coordinates had been supplied by the CIA to the USAF and NATO during the conflict, the CIA embarrassingly announced "one - the Chinese Embassy."

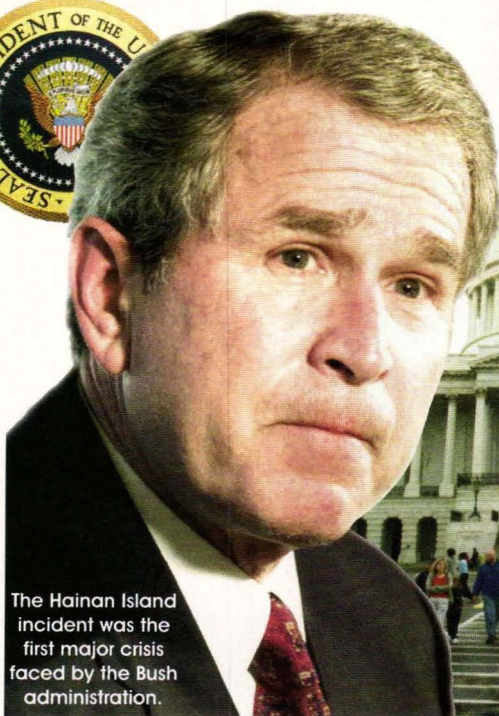
The Pentagon often invites Chinese officers to seminars for military equipment and demonstrations. Popular with the Red Army personnel, they are viewed with suspicion in Beijing.

Colonel Junping's defection to the Americans was greeted loudly in intelligence circles. He was a senior officer in the PLA and had a great insight into Sino-American politics. Already the CIA and NSA have raised questions about China's 18 per cent budget increase in its

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The Hainan Island incident was the first major crisis faced by the Bush administration.



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defence and strategy policies towards the United States. The Pentagon is also interested to learn of what Beijing's reaction is towards the planned nuclear missile defence programme.

There have been a number of other diplomatic clashes between Beijing and Washington that have further soured relations. George Bush was angered when the Chinese arrested Andrew Xue, a five-year-old US citizen. His mother, Gao Zhan, an academic at American University in Washington - a long-term resident in the US, though who still holds a Chinese passport, was also detained in China. The youngster was released but his mother remains in China. Her husband, Xue Donghua has also recently become a US citizen.

In March President Bush met with Qian Qiche, a Chinese deputy prime minister to Washington. Mrs Zhan's case was discussed. However, within days of that meeting another US citizen and scholar was arrested in China. Li Shaomin has been in custody for weeks. Born in Beijing he studied at Princeton University between 1982 and 1988 when he received his US citizenship. Mr Shaomin now lives in Hong Kong and was arrested on the charge of "violating state security." He is an associate professor at City University in the former British outpost. His father was arrested during the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests and deported four years later.

China blatantly ignored a US-China treaty which says that for any citizen of either country who is detained, details should be declared within four days. Beijing responded in 30.

A Chinese Government official waved away US protests: "The fact is that Gao Zhan is a Chinese citizen, she holds a Chinese passport and she is engaged in activities endangering Chinese state security on Chinese territory. No other country has the right to interfere."

Interestingly, it is believed that at least six other Chinese military personnel or diplomats have also defected to the West in recent months. The first public reference of this was made in a Hong Kong-based magazine called *Kaifang*. They claim four senior military officers have disappeared. Neither Beijing nor Washington would comment on this allegation. Similarly,

the Hong Kong-based Information Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, said as many as 20 intellectuals have been detained since July last year. China says they have leaked state secrets and gathered intelligence.

POLITICAL AND MILITARY POLICIES

Since George Bush reached the White House, he and his defence secretary, Donald Rumsfeld, plus the majority of his senior advisors, have openly stated the threat to US interests no longer lies with Russia, but China.

Washington appointed 79-year-old Andrew Marshall, described as "legendary," and "the most important person the world has never heard of," to review defence policies. Mr Marshall has been an advisor since the Nixon era and is respected for his views.

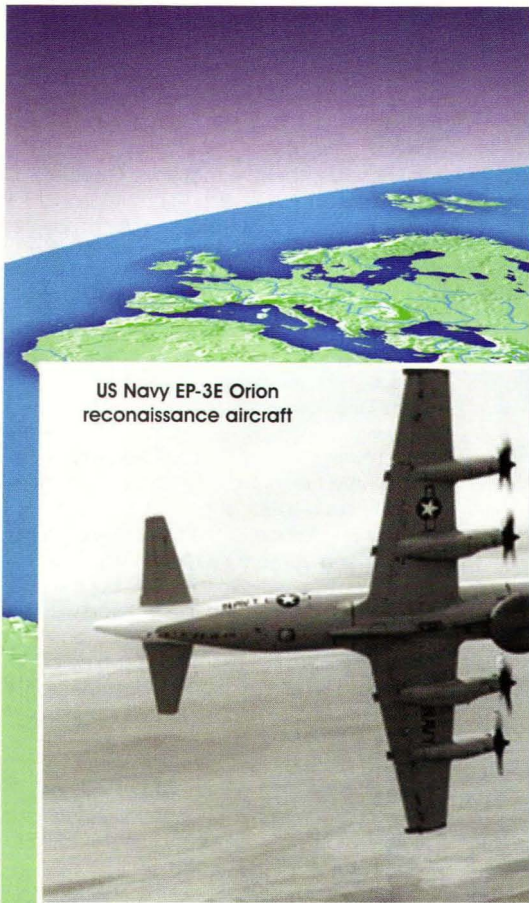
Mr Rumsfeld has given him the job of dividing the US military's annual budget of \$310.5bn. It will undoubtedly be influenced by a report that stated China will be a persistent competitor to the US. The report goes on to say: "China will be constantly challenging the status quo in Asia. An unstable China could be dangerous because its leaders might try to bolster their power with foreign military adventures."

America has gleaned much intelligence from Taiwan which has a very active intelligence network with the Red Army. China's threat to many countries in and around Asia has worried military analysts so much that the US has realigned its sights towards Beijing instead of Moscow. The simmering row over Taiwan has not helped the situation, and US intelligence has told President Bush that if America responded to any threat, China would retaliate.

MILITARY BUILD-UP

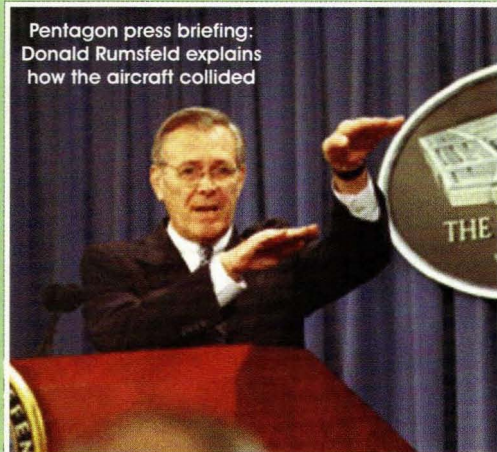
Since early March the US has gradually increased its military potential in the waters around Korea, Taiwan and other areas of the Pacific Ocean. Three aircraft carriers, the USS Carl Vinson, Constellation and Kitty Hawk are situated there. Nuclear submarines patrol the seas and reconnaissance flights are more frequent. Military exercises involving troops and aircraft are to be increased. The US has over

Graphic: QPIL



US Navy EP-3E Orion reconnaissance aircraft

Pentagon press briefing: Donald Rumsfeld explains how the aircraft collided



100,000 military personnel in East Asia, 40,000 in Japan and 37,000 in South Korea. The rest are based at various outposts. There are also a significant number of CIA stations in the area. In Spring, President Bush attended the launch of the latest and probably the last great warship ever to be built. The USS Ronald Reagan is the ninth Nimitz-class aircraft carrier though even the Pentagon now recognise that such vessels are simply too big and expensive. The Air Force is one service that will benefit following the decision to scale-down the size of future ships.

Some analysts have argued that China is *not* a threat, and their views appear part-supported by a statement released in a recent CIA Assessment. "By 2015 China will have several tons of nuclear missile targeted at positions in the USA. However, this will be still fewer than the

The EP-3E Incident



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hundreds of missiles we have pointed at Chinese targets today." Mr Marshall overruled the CIA and said he believed China was a threat and that threat was growing. His stature grew even higher when an incident occurred on 1 April 2001.

AIR INCIDENTS

The USAF and Navy had warned the Chinese Government over their concern that there would be a disaster if Chinese fighters continued to fly too close to US vessels and aircraft. Hence when on 1 April two Chinese fighters decided to unnerve the crew of a \$100 million US Navy Orion EP-3E Aries II 'eavesdropping' aircraft and clipped the wing of the American plane, those fears were realised. The damaged fighter fell into the sea killing the pilot. The Navy plane made an

emergency landing on the Chinese island of Hainan, the most southerly point of China and heavily militarised.

Yet the danger signals had come on 24 March. A Chinese Navy warship approached a US Navy vessel and came within 100 yards. A tragic incident could easily have occurred for the Chinese warship then locked its gunfire control radar on the US ship. The American vessel was then chased away from the area. Beijing later said the ship had been spying on Chinese submarine exercises.

Both sides point the finger at each other. Yan Zuetong, of Beijing University said: "It's often the case where you have US Navy planes flying over China's southern territories. The Chinese then send up fighters and chase them away." Admiral Dennis Blair, Commander of the US

Pacific Fleet, responded: The intercepts by Chinese fighters over the past few months have become more aggressive, to the point where we felt they were endangering the safety of Chinese and American aircraft. The EP-3 affair then is not surprising. The aircraft had taken off from the Kadena air base on Japan's Okinawa island for a routine maritime flight and headed towards the South China Sea. As it flew on the edge of China's airspace near Hainan Island, two J-8 (F-8) fighters intercepted it. The fighters flew dangerously close to the aircraft despite knowing the EP-3 had limited manoeuvrability. One fighter clipped the wing of the US plane and its underside. The fighter broke in two and plummeted down into the sea. The US aircraft was also in trouble: "Engine one was damaged and losing power," said Commander Rex Totty, of the US Pacific Command at Camp Smith, Hawaii. ➤



The captain of the EP-3 requested permission to land at Lingshui, the Chinese airfield on the semitropical island, Hainan.

As it did so, the crew of 22 personnel from the Navy, one advisor from the Air Force and a US Marine, began sabotaging the equipment and deleting intelligence from the highly sophisticated surveillance computers. Dozens of Chinese soldiers surrounded the aircraft after it landed. However, the crew had a further 15 minutes to delete software and smash hardware with on-board axes. Even today, analysts are not sure if all the data was removed.

Admiral Blair was in no doubt who was to blame: "The EP-3 aircraft fly straight and level on their path. Little planes zip around them. Under international airspace rules, the faster aircraft is obliged to get out of the way of the slower aircraft. This clearly did not happen." Beijing said that blame rested solely with the US. "The aircraft had violated flying procedure," said a spokesman, meaning that it had allegedly entered Chinese airspace. Indeed, within hours of the incident another statement from the Chinese Foreign Ministry was read out on state television. "A Chinese aircraft was conducting normal flight operations six miles south of Hainan island when a US plane suddenly veered towards it. The nose and left wing of the US plane hit the Chinese aircraft causing it to crash." Aviation analysts could hardly believe the statement.

President Bush, who was staying at Camp David when the incident occurred, immediately demanded that the aircraft not be boarded as it was "US sovereign territory." This didn't mean anything to the Chinese authorities who took the US crew into custody and then decided to obtain as much intelligence about the aircraft and its vast communications system within.

Immediately Mr Bush ordered other US warships into the area as a warning to China that they were prepared for confrontation. China responded by saying that the crew were safe and would be returned. But President Bush was not happy with that: "China's failure to comply with my requests for access was inconsistent with standard diplomatic practice and with the express desire for better relations between our countries."

After numerous attempts by US diplomats to visit the crew, China allowed a brief meeting. A CIA official was told that the EP-3 had been struck and descended 8,000ft before the crew regained control. China meanwhile started to demand an apology. President Bush was facing a more serious crisis, for he was adamant the fault was China's alone. The CIA had a file on Wang Wei, the Chinese pilot who was killed. "He was a well-known risk-taker." Mr Bush and Colin Powell played a delicate game of chess. China held the upperhand, but again the CIA stepped in. They decided to release several intelligence images taken of aerial intercepts made by Chinese fighters in recent months. Some fighters had approached within 20ft.

Brigadier-General Neal Sealock, the US defence attache in Beijing met the crew on several occasions and said they were in good spirits. However, this was not totally true, but for diplomatic purposes Washington continued down this line. Eventually Mr Bush sent a letter "regretting the death of the pilot." After a near-hostage situation China announced it was releasing the crew, who had been threatened with a variety of charges, including the death of Wang Wei. They had been held captive for 11 days.

Only when the crew returned to US soil did Washington reveal further information. Lieutenant Osborn was congratulated for saving the lives of his crew. He in turn placed the blame firmly on the reckless action of Wei: "The first thing I thought was, this guy just killed us. Our aircraft was straight, steady, holding altitude, heading away from Hainan when the incident occurred. The sharp left [turn] people were talking about happened when our aircraft was out of control." He also saw Wang's plane on fire and hurtling towards the sea.

Lt. Osborn revealed that the resultant interrogation was tantamount to torture: "I hadn't been asleep for 30 hours. It was sleep torture."

THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE EP-3 MISSION?

Both China and America continued to blame each other for the incident, but Washington and the security forces were more concerned with trying to get their aircraft back, and



learning just what secrets the Chinese had acquired. Donald Rumsfeld announced: "The crew managed only the 'major portion of its lengthy 'destruction check'." Similarly, there is growing evidence that the aircraft was eavesdropping on Chinese military frequencies and electronic communications some 2,000 miles northwest of Hainan Island.

US intelligence had acquired information that China was planning an underground nuclear test at Lop Nor. On 27 March, a US spy satellite had passed over Xinjiang province and noted much activity at the test site. The test was quite legal, and permitted under the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty signed by Beijing in 1996. This ensures it still retains a credible nuclear deterrent. CIA analysts believe the test was brought forward by China as a political signal to Washington that it will counter their anti-ballistic-missile defence system. America said the flight was simply routine.

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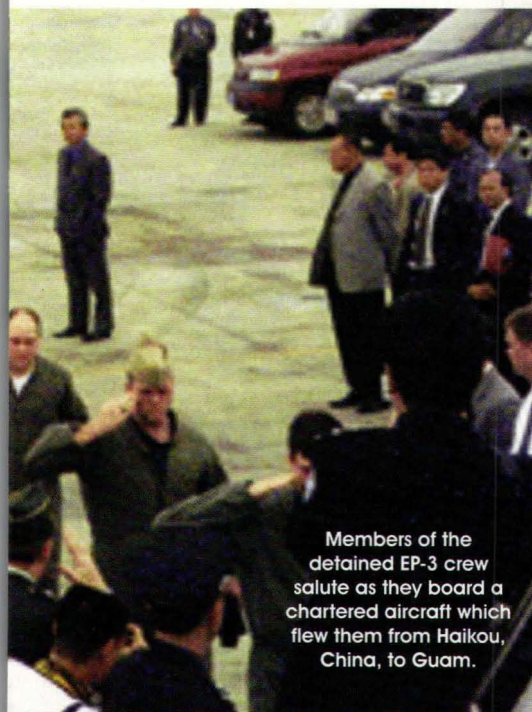


USAF intelligence image 1 released by the DOD showing Chinese Air Force intercept. 24 January 2001



Lt. Marcia Sonon one of three female USAF officers detained by China

DOD IMAGE BY STAFF SGT. JOHN A. GILES, US MARINE CORPS



Members of the detained EP-3 crew salute as they board a chartered aircraft which flew them from Haikou, China, to Guam.

Wang Wei pictured with his wife. The CIA described Wei as 'Gung Ho'



Revealed: Secret British Aircraft Grounded During China Crisis

Britain has been using at least three specially converted Nimrod aircraft to support US intelligence missions around the Chinese coast. However, as soon as news of the forced landing of the EP-3E Orion on Hainan Island took place, the RAF immediately grounded the aircraft.

The three aircraft are part of 51 Squadron based at RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire. Intelligence sources confirm that at least one of the Nimrods has been working out of Okinawa. Analysts say the Nimrod has been deployed as an airborne relay and using air-to-air refuelling, some missions have lasted over 30 hours. The aircraft have



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assisted the USAF in various ways, including signals.

The Nimrods have carried CIA staff and USAF personnel, but the RAF have refused to

comment on the allegations: "The worry for the UK is getting dragged in. The unit has flown there recently and it is not something the top brass want to shout about," said the source.

● **ON BOARD THE EP-3E ORION:** The four-propeller aircraft (fitted with Allison T56-A turboprops) is 106ft long and has a wing-span of 100ft. It is capable of remaining airborne for more than 12.5 hours and has a range of 3,000 nautical miles. Its maximum ceiling is 28,000ft and has a maximum speed of 473mph. Some defence

analysts say that the 'capture' of the aircraft was catastrophic. Paul Beaver, a spokesman for *Jane's Defence Weekly*, said: "It is catastrophic for the US if the Chinese have managed to gain access to the aircraft and if they've managed to access the computers and hard disks. The Chinese will probably sell the information to the Russians, so it means everyone will have access to one of the most sophisticated intelligence-gathering aeroplanes in the world."

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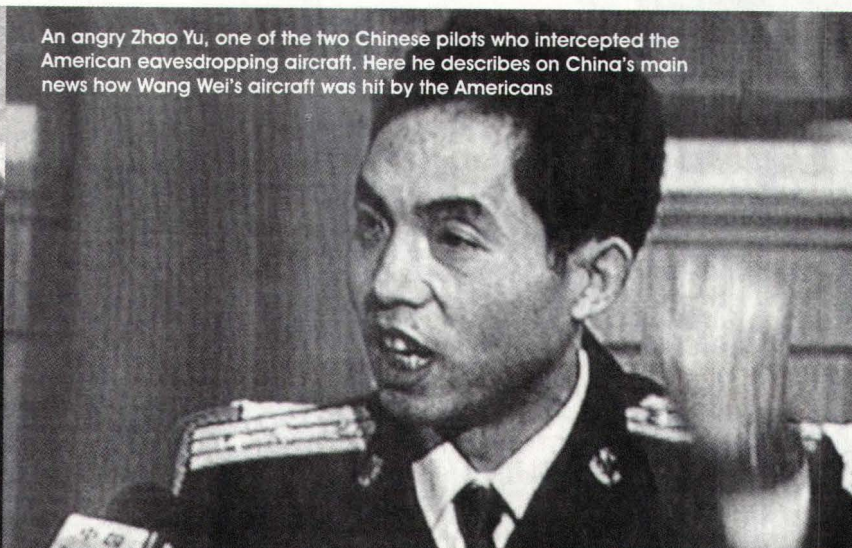


● **HAINAN ISLAND:** The island of Hainan is strategically important to the Chinese. In recent months there has been much debate over Washington's decision to sell sophisticated Aegis radar system and Patriot anti-missile weapons to Taiwan. China claims sovereignty over Taiwan. Meanwhile the Taiwanese also want to purchase US warships and submarines. According to analysts, Washington has also agreed their sale. This has infuriated China which have warned of an invasion. And the area of Hainan is particularly sensitive as it is from here that a likely invasion would be coordinated. China's president, Jiang Zemin said: "The more weapons you sell, the more we will prepare ourselves in terms of national defence. That is logical." Hainan is also the proposed site of a major space launch facility and is used extensively by the Chinese Navy and Air Force. Its capital, Haikou, was once a British treaty port, but the UK pulled out in the 1920s.

USAF intelligence image 2 released by the DOD showing Chinese Air Force intercept. 24 January 2001



An angry Zhao Yu, one of the two Chinese pilots who intercepted the American eavesdropping aircraft. Here he describes on China's main news how Wang Wei's aircraft was hit by the Americans



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MI5 SUPPORTS B SUNDAY AGENT

Lord Saville of Newdigate, who is heading the inquiry into the Bloody Sunday shootings when 14 civilians died in 1972, has been listening to evidence that an MI5 agent who claimed Martin McGuinness fired the first shot, was a "reliable operator." This is a

'reassessment' of the agent 'Infliction' whose information was not always taken seriously. An official telegram dated 1984 from MI5 in London to its Belfast office notes that Infliction is "a leading member of the Provisional IRA who no longer has access to the organisation."

claimed to have talked to Mr McGuinness soon after the shootings. He said Mr McGuinness had told him he fired a "single shot" from a Thompson sub-machinegun from the Rossville flats in Bogside. Mr McGuinness, now Northern Ireland Education Minister recently admitted he was the second-in-command of the PIRA in Londonderry in 1972, but refutes any suggestion that he fired a weapon.

Officer A stated: "In 1984 Infliction was providing information which was potentially of great value, but much of it could not be verified at the time. This lack of ability to verify the information meant that some recipients of the information viewed Infliction's reporting with scepticism."

In his written statement to the inquiry officer A remarks: "Also, there were, as with most agents, some things he did not, or would not tell me. Looking back at Infliction's information, there has been corroboration for much of what he told us, but not everything."

The inquiry has also heard that a tape-recording of an MI5 debriefing that is probably Infliction was found. Officer A said: "One of the topics covered is Infliction's previous report that Martin McGuinness fired the first shot on Bloody Sunday."

Some of the evidence heard at the Saville Inquiry reveals how MI5 operated its PIRA moles or double agents. Officer A had

Infliction's participation in the incident when soldiers from The Parachute Regiment shot unarmed protesters during a civil rights' demonstration, was raised by renegade MI5 officer David Shayler (see page 38), who is currently facing charges under the Official Secrets Act. In a newspaper interview, Shayler claimed that MI5 did not take Infliction seriously and that his file was marked: 'Source whose reliability is being reassessed.'

That reassessment, written in April 2000 by an MI5 officer known only as 'A', was in fact Infliction's case officer. "With hindsight I can say that Infliction was a reliable agent. I say with hindsight because it is not always possible to judge immediately the accuracy of the information supplied and it is often years before corroboration of it comes to light."

Infliction was a former leading member of the Provisional IRA. He



Martin McGuinness

Agent 'Infliction' was a Reliable

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worked in the security services for over 25 years, he admitted his relationship with Infliction was relatively short. "I did see a lot of him during this time. He was an established agent who was on the MI5 payroll, but was not an agent in 1972." On his discussions with Infliction about Mr McGuinness, 'A' said: "This was an informal debriefing session and no topic was initiated by formal questioning. The impression I had at the time was that it was Martin McGuinness who admitted to have precipitated the Bloody Sunday episode by reason of his being the first to fire. Infliction did not say that Martin McGuinness said that he intended that outcome by opening fire."

The inquiry was told that MI5 could not "corroborate what Infliction had said." Officer A agreed although did say: "There was nothing in the conversation I had with him about this matter to suggest that he was lying or deliberately misleading me. It was information that he volunteered to me."

Analysts believe there is no evidence to confirm the allegations.

EYE SPY!

THE DERRY BRIGADE

Martin McGuinness assumed control of the Derry Brigade shortly after the introduction of internment in 1971 and retained command until 1973. MI5 estimate that the DB was responsible for killing at least 30 members of the security forces. Sean O'Callaghan, the former IRA Commander, confirmed Mr McGuinness was in charge.

Mr McGuinness faxed the Saville inquiry offices and said he was second-in-command at the time of the Bloody Sunday incident. Two days prior to the controversial shootings, the Derry Brigade shot and killed two RUC officers on the outskirts of Belfast.

security affairs

RUC Officer's Nightmare Security Lapse



A government source has revealed details of a terrible security blunder by an RUC superintendent. In February the officer left a diary containing the name, home telephone numbers and addresses of the ex-assistant chief constable and 21 chief inspectors and inspectors in a briefcase. The case in turn was left in a vehicle that was stolen from the Abbey Centre shopping complex on the outskirts of Belfast. And even though it has been four years since the IRA announced its ceasefire, all of the men have been told they are at risk and should move home.

MI5 are fairly convinced the diary is in the hands of senior IRA officers, even though police found the vehicle burnt-out in the Poleglass area of the city.

"Most police officers, retired or not, remain paranoid about their security," the source said. "The IRA could still pose a serious threat to their safety, and then there is the blurring of the lines between some members of the Provos and the Real IRA, which is not on cessation. If this information gets to the Real IRA then there could be added fears."

Some analysts believe the security blunder could cost the taxpayer as much as £2 million in resettlement grants. Officers who do not want to move could be provided with £50,000 to install added security measures. Some RUC officers are not taking the chance and have already moved, others are furious that such a mistake could have been made by a senior officer. A police officer based at the RUC's Belfast headquar-

ters said: "This is a monumental blunder. To leave the details of 20 colleagues in a diary in an unattended car while you go shopping is inexcusable."

A friend of one of those officers on the list asked: "Superintendents sit on disciplinary panels adjudicating on the mistakes of young constables and sergeants. Will this senior officer face a disciplinary charge for a breach of security?"

• The Sunday Times has been handed a list of the men who run the IRA, according to the newspaper. Under the heading, 'Head Quarters, Dublin' the list names several known Sinn Féin members and ministers. The leaked document has been "verified" said the paper.

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No Inquest into Death of Diana?

Al Fayed Set to be Thwarted

Dr John Burton, the coroner who is due to hold the inquest into the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, is calling for a change in the law that would effectively mean no inquest is ever held. Dr Burton, who is coroner for the Royal Household told journalists that he believes that any inquest into the Princess's death and that of her lover, Dodi Fayed would be "costly and pointless." He also revealed that he had been lobbying former Home Secretary Jack Straw for a change in the law that means in every case where a body is returned to UK shores, an inquest must be held. These comments are sure to infuriate Mohamed Fayed, who insists Diana, Dodi and the driver, Henri Paul, were murdered in an MI6 operation in

August 1997. The inquests have been delayed by Mr Fayed's action. Dr Burton said: "An inquest would be a waste of everyone's time and money. Nobody can be forced to give evidence as a witness and it would serve no purpose. The aim of an inquest is to identify the cause of death but in this case all the evidence was collected in France and any inquest would just be a forum for different people's views." Mr Burton did not disclose the contents of his private correspondence with Mr Straw, though he said it was still on-going.

Mr Fayed challenged the ruling in France, where a near two-year inquiry had said the crash was an accident caused by the "loss of control, speed and alcohol."

Operative

UNDERCOVER

EYE SPY!

by Nick Redfern

Title: The Autobiography of Abbie Hoffman

Author: Abbie Hoffman.

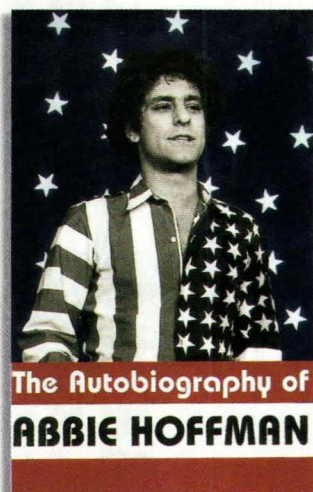
Publisher: Four Walls Eight Windows.

Price: £9.99/\$13.50.

ISBN: 1-56858-197-1.

Fighting for social justice and against America's involvement in the Vietnam War, Abbie Hoffman electrified the nation and inspired a generation to question authority and challenge the status quo.

Beginning with his youth in Worcester, Massachusetts, Hoffman recounts his involvement in the student movement as it rose to national prominence. He gives the inside story of the founding of the Yippies, the "levitation" of the Pentagon, the historic demonstrations at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, and the ensuing Chicago Conspiracy trial. This edition of the book also includes previously unreleased photographs by Joanna Lawrenson from Hoffman's seven years underground and his years of continued social activism after he resurfaced in 1980.



Featuring a new afterword by leading historian Howard Zinn that celebrates Hoffman's enduring legacy, *The Autobiography of Abbie Hoffman* is an unforgettable look at a tumultuous era by one of the most important activists of the twentieth century.

As Norman Mailer states in his introduction to the book: "Abbie is one of the smartest - let us say, one of the quickest - people I've ever met, and he's probably one of the bravest...this book is a document, is, indeed, the autobiography of a bona fide American revolutionary."



Title: Gangbuster.

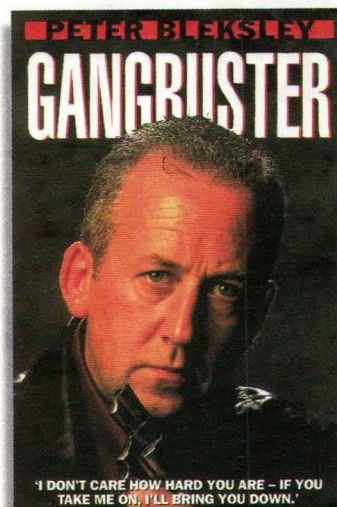
Author: Peter Bleksley.

Publisher: John Blake.

Price: £15.99.

ISBN: 1-903402-19-0.

Peter Bleksley was arguably the best undercover cop that Scotland Yard ever had. In over ten years operating in covert squads, he came up



against some of the most hardened, lethal and bizarre underworld operators, constantly putting his life on the line so that the deadliest villains would end up where they belonged: behind bars.

A master of disguise, he assumed numerous identities in order to get close to his targets - drug dealer, counterfeiter, gangster and hit man to name just a few. When the Yard needed to crack one of the biggest international drug rings, it was Bleksley who risked his life by going undercover to infiltrate the gang and seize \$4 million worth of heroin. He pulled it off, but the danger did not end there: the gang took a contract out on his life and he was forced into hiding.

This is a solid, readable story that will take you inside a world that few have access to. It is the story of a man so dedicated to his job that it became more important even than his own life, a man so professional that his reputation preceded him the world over. This is the story of *Gangbuster*.



Title: Emerging Viruses.

Author: Leonard G. Horowitz.

Publisher: Tetrahedron.

Price: \$29.95 (for UK price see your local bookshop).

ISBN: 0-923550-12-7.

Could modern advances in cancer research and genetic biotechnology have given rise to new viruses and the current and coming plagues? More controversial: could the AIDS and Ebola viruses have been planned? These are just some of the questions that Horowitz asks in a book that is certain to generate a mountain of publicity.

This is arguably the first in-depth exploration into the origins of the world's most feared and deadly viruses - HIV and Ebola. Claims that these "emerging viruses" naturally evolved and then jumped species from monkey to man seem grossly unfounded in light of the compelling evidence assembled in this extraordinary text. Alternatively, the possibility that these bizarre germs were laboratory creations, accidentally or even intentionally transmitted via tainted hepatitis, polio and smallpox vaccines in the USA and Africa - as

numerous authorities have alleged - is investigated here.

During the Cold War, in the 1960s and early 1970s, the biological weapons' race was a horrifying reality. Military contractors, with technical support from the World Health Organisation (WHO), developed countless immune system ravaging viruses, and experimented with antidote vaccines for national "defence" and cancer prevention.

Logically, the author's suspicions fell on a narrow network of virologists, including Dr. Robert Gallo, the co-discoverer of the AIDS virus, working under the auspices of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) during a highly funded (yet largely secret) "Special Virus Cancer Programme". These colleagues, representing Merck, Sharp and Dohme, the world's largest pharmaceutical company, Hazleton Research Laboratories, the site of the famous Reston virus outbreak, the New York University Medical Centre, linked to the infamous New York Blood Centre, and Litton Bionetics, a medical division of the mega-military contractor Litton Industries Inc., were not only among America's premier biological weapons contractors, but

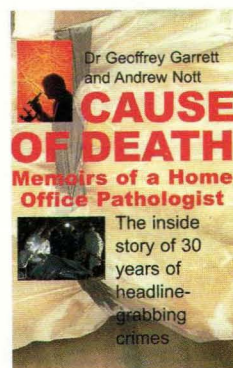
Title: Cause of Death.

Authors: Dr. Geoffrey Garrett and Andrew Nott.

Publisher: Robinson.

Price: £7.99.

ISBN: 1-84119-295-3.



Dr Geoffrey Garrett was a Home Office pathologist for over 30 years. This is his personal memoir of many infamous, unusual and heartbreaking cases, which gives a unique insight into the intriguing world of forensic pathology. Beginning with a no-holds-barred account of the basic methodology of a post-mortem examination, the book chronicles many of Dr Garrett's most memorable cases, including: (a) the discovery of a preserved body on the Yorkshire Moors later identified as Pauline Reade, the first victim of the Moors Murderers; (b) The Moss: a seminal piece on Manchester's "Bronx" - Dr. Garrett reveals life in the ghetto, the drug gangs and how they operate; (c) how a man's face - burned beyond recognition - was reconstructed; and (d) "Mr Asia", the high-flying international drug

smuggling millionaire who ran out of luck in the most terrible fashion!

From body parts in the post to the policeman who ate the evidence, compelling accounts of the author's most fascinating, bizarre and horrific cases features in the pages of *Cause of Death*. Strange and fascinating!



Title: Snitch Culture.

Author: Jim Redden.

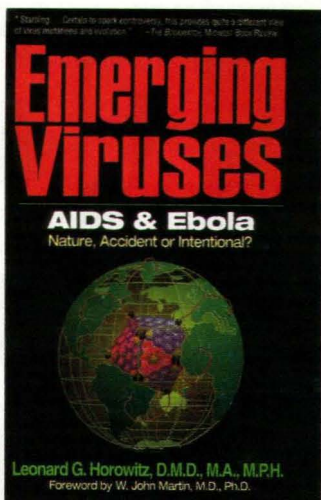
Publisher: Feral House.

Price: \$14.95 (for UK price see your local bookshop).

ISBN: 0-922915-63-6.

You can't trust anyone these days - and it's no accident. Children turn their parents into the police on two-bit drug charges; classmates tell on one another to school officials; political advocacy groups report suspected dissidents to the FBI; employers hire undercover agents to spy on workers. Lawyers are forced to report clients who pay with cash to law enforcement agencies.

Welcome to *Snitch Culture*, a surveillance society far more insidious and pervasive than anything George Orwell ever imagined. Elected officials from both US political parties have spent decades building a vast domestic intelligence network to track every man, woman and child. *Snitch Culture* is a veritable tour-de-force and includes information on: (a) The US Government's new high-tech surveillance systems, including the FBI's Carnivore internet monitoring



also conducted numerous viral vaccine experiments simultaneously in New York City and Central Africa in the populations most plagued by AIDS.

This fascinating and unsettling book explores the accidental and intentional theories of AIDS and Ebola within the social and political context of this stormy period of American history. CIA activities and foreign policy initiatives in Central Africa in response to threats posed by Communism, Black

Nationalism, and the Third World populations are examined.

The important roles played by political leaders including National Security Advisor Dr. Henry Kissinger, Department of Health, Education and Welfare directors Frank C. Carlucci III, and Joseph Califano, presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, and economic notables Nelson and Laurance Rockefeller are considered.

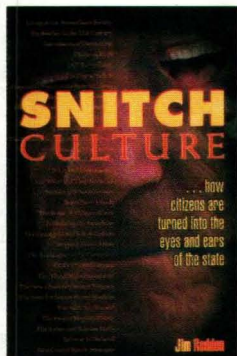
The text hauntingly dissects the potential motives and administrative mechanisms underlying the belief held by a vast majority of African-Americans - that HIV and Ebola may have been deliberately deployed, and that the AIDS epidemic may be accomplishing what was desired.

In the end, this highly acclaimed and controversial book challenges the AIDS establishment and much of what is considered gospel about emerging viruses. Meticulously documenting how, when, where and why the viruses (that now threaten humanity's survival) were made, Emerging Viruses will undoubtedly shock and intrigue all who read it.



computer and the National Security Agency's spy-in-the-sky, ECHELON; (b) the US Government's efforts to turn America's children into informants with sophisticated snitch programmes in public schools; (c) how informants are fuelling the growing assets' forfeiture scandal; (d) how the war on drugs uses informants to oppress inner-city blacks; (e) the Government's successful infiltration of the growing Anti-Globalisation Movement; and (f) the role of private informant networks through history, from the early prohibition movements to the anti-Communist super-patriot groups of the 1950s to the so-called civil rights' watchdog

organisations of today. Scary in its implications.



Title: Special Agent.

Author: Candice DeLong.

Publisher: Headline.

Price: £17.99.

ISBN: 0-7472-3248-2.

Special Agent is Candice DeLong's extraordinary and unique story - of drama and danger on the front lines of law enforcement, of the art and science of criminal profiling, and of the challenge of maintaining courage, wise cracking humour and grace under fire. It is the first career memoir ever to be written by a female Special Agent of the FBI. Special Agent Candice DeLong's twenty-year career in the FBI has seen her working on some of the toughest, high-stakes criminal

investigations in the USA. She was one of the only three agents hand-picked to carry out the manhunt for the Unabomber in Montana, she has trailed terrorists and helped track some of America's most notorious killers; and she has gone undercover for major stings, sometimes in such exotic roles as a gangster's moll and as the madam of a call-girl ring. As Profiling Co-ordinator she had a key role at the Bureau's legendary Behavioral Science Unit, spearheading investigations into the most recondite serial murders and sex crimes. She has also had to battle to gain respect in what is still a highly male-dominated world.

And did you know that Candice DeLong's was the inspiration for Clarice Starling in the Hannibal Lecter novels! A fascinating look at the hidden world of the FBI.



Letters

(your address must be included though not necessarily for publication)

The Chinook Affair

Sir,

I was encouraged by the Chinook article in your new magazine Eye Spy. I am an active campaigner in this injustice and would call your attention to the following web site: www.pprune.org/ubb/NonCGI/Forum46/HTML/000333.html

Please keep up the good work. I am looking forward to issue 2.

From: Brian Dixon (address supplied)



Sir

Well done. The feature on the Chinook was accurate and informative. The new inquiry will hopefully clear the two RAF pilots who have been blamed for the crash, though I can't help feeling there is more to this affair than meets the eye.

From: Douglas McCarthy, Portsmouth

Sir

Does the title of the magazine imply that articles will actually focus on moles and spies of the super powers? Will features include Mossad or Shin Beth whose intelligence methodology is equally fascinating. I have just bought two books which held my attention for hours.

1. *The Woman from Mossad* (Story of Morchedai Vanunu & the Israeli Nuclear Program), Hounam 1999
2. *Gideon's Spies, Mossad's Secret Warriors*, Thomas 1999

Mossad's operations have failed at times but there have been some notable successes: - the hunt of Adolf Eichmann : <http://www.us-israel.org/jsource/Holocaust/eichcap.html> - the hunt for the Engineer 'The hunt for the Engineer : how Israeli Agents tracked down the Hamas Bomber', Katz 2000 - the murder of Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shqai in Malta 1994.

Then there is Italy's secret service SISDE who have had some success in tracking down MAFIA clans. The list is exhaustive as is for other Intelligence agencies. Therefore I hope your new magazine will comprise the fascinating accounts from all over the world and not just M15, M16, CIA and KGB.

George Vital Zammit (address supplied)

Editor: Eye Spy will publish and feature international events

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Sir

Very interesting magazine and a good wide coverage of subjects, keep up the good work. But, the uniformed men in the picture are not a Gestapo patrol but the hated Jewish Police who kept order in the ghetto and rounded up recalcitrant elements who did not report passively to the collection centres within the ghetto. They were Jews who were recruited by the SS to form a police force within the ghetto. They were not recruited by Gestapo. The Gestapo investigated the most serious crimes against the state and were all plain-clothed political policemen rather akin to our Special Branch/M15.

The men in the picture are wearing a variety of uniform items, mostly Polish police and military and are clearly wearing the blue and white the Star of David armband on the right wrist.

Name & address supplied

Sir

As an author of a recently published book about Raoul Wallenberg, I was disappointed with the article in your magazine which suggested that the mystery of his disappearance has been solved. The article reported the result of a ten-year joint Swedish-Russian investigation that concluded with Moscow sticking to their original declaration that the Swede who rescued Hungarian Jews died or was murdered in 1947.



The latest Russian statement is in fact the old Russian statement. Your article should have pointed out that Sweden do not accept this explanation and are pressing for further details. In January 2001, Goran Persson, the Prime Minister, stated, 'As long as there is no unequivocal evidence of what happened to Wallenberg, and this is still the case, it cannot be said that Raoul Wallenberg is dead.' Your article was titled: 'Wallenberg Mystery Solved'. Hardly.

I read your magazine with interest and wish you success.

From: Danny Smith, London.

Editor: Mr Smith is quite correct. There should have been a question mark after the word 'Solved'. His book, 'Lost Hero' is recommended. Published by Harper Collins, £6.99

THE STASI'S SECRET



M15 are poised to make arrests across Britain as a lengthy investigation that started in the clamber for freedom in East Berlin concludes. It is believed around a dozen secret files have been scrutinized by Lord Williams of Mostyn, the Attorney-General. He will have the final say as to whether or not there is sufficient evidence to prosecute. It is believed that the subjects are amongst nearly one hundred Britons who either worked for the Stasi, or passed information to agents during the height of the Cold War.

Much of the data has been acquired from German Intelligence and The Gauck Commission. This authority was established when the Berlin Wall fell and secret files that were said to stretch over 100 miles were found. The German parliament put Joachim Gauck, a former pastor, at its head, hence the name. He began the arduous task of examining nearly 40 years of secrets and the process of releasing the information to the public. It was clear, however, that, right from the very beginning of the Commission, not all data would be readily available to the public.

The story of how MI5 ended up with the files is perhaps down to a little foresight by MI6, and a great deal of luck. Months before the collapse of communism in the East, MI6 and the CIA had devised a plan that might enable them to seize intelligence material from the Stasi headquarters - an enormous complex situated on Normannenstrasse in East Berlin. A great deal depended on how soon the demonstrators in East and West Berlin would dismantle and break through the Wall.

On 16 January 1990, thousands of people gathered on either side of the Wall. The Stasi directors realised that the end was coming for

the Eastern bloc's most powerful intelligence machine. With 90,000 staff and over 100,000 registered informers, the Stasi employed 1,000 people just to bug telephones. A further 2,000 sat patiently and steam-opened suspect mail. Amongst the crowd were officers from MI6 and the CIA. Inside leather jackets, the agents carried walkie-talkies and maps detailing some secret corridors and offices in the Stasi headquarters.

Inside a room on the ninth floor of the building known as 'Department III', a Stasi agent codenamed 'Wilf Tanner' watched the crowd burst through the Wall at 6.00pm exactly. He was apparently grateful his Stasi colleagues decided not to authorise a 'chicken shoot'. On the wall of Department III a safe contained spying operations and secret projects controlled by Stasi operatives based at dozens of East German embassies throughout the world, mostly authorised by Marcus Wolf, the former intelligence chief who had challenged many Western nations during the height of the Cold War.

The MI6 and CIA agents ran with the mob into the building. Demonstrators wrote messages on the walls like "where's my file?" others started to urinate on the carpets. Stasi employees ran away and left 'intelligence jewels everywhere'. As a last-gasp attempt to confuse the mob, an agent wrote on a piece of paper, 'Foreign Intelligence Service of the Democratic Republic: Keep Out'. He promptly taped it to the entrance of a door. The mob was not interested in foreign agents and did not enter the office. Other offices were not so lucky; shredding machines were targeted so no further evidence could be destroyed and chairs and desks ransacked. By early morning all was quiet. Tanner's office had not been touched. For the next three months he and his



Computer Tapes Reveal Stasi

RET SIRA TAPES



colleagues destroyed tens of thousands of documents. He eventually negotiated with the united Government of Germany and a new identity was provided.

OPERATION ROSEWOOD

Shortly before the unification of Germany, the CIA had ordered Mike Bearden, a tough no-nonsense officer to run the Berlin station. He was charged with identifying the Stasi's vast international network of agents and to establish just what information had been acquired. Bearden believed that when Stasi HQ was overrun, he would get access to the material. He was mistaken; the Foreign Intelligence Office had of course remained intact. He therefore implemented Operation Rosewood - which is still secret today. Bearden managed to get listings of 4,500 Stasi code-named agents. Through tenacious research he matched a few to their real names, but there was no evidence of wrongdoing that would stand up in court. Bearden travelled to London and met with senior SIS officers. He supplied them with 100 alleged subjects in England. MI6 then advised MI5. MI5 investigated but they too found no evidence of espionage.

THE TELEPHONE ENGINEER AND SIRA

The CIA and MI6 hoped that the BfV (German counterintelligence) would cooperate and help match real names to codenames. Initially they were to be disappointed. The files found at Stasi headquarters were given to the newly established Gauck authority for analysis. Yet there was intense pressure from many people, including politicians, not to make public their content. At the same time, a telephone



Operatives in British Spy Ring

engineer from the former East Germany, applied for a job to help evaluate and analyse the material. And though he sent several application forms to the Gauck Commission, people from the East were not too welcome.

The engineer's name was Stefan. Born into a very religious family, he was a brilliant mathematician and computer analyst. Throughout the 1980s, he was a target for the Stasi for his "oppositional activities." By the end of 1989 he realised the East German system was corrupt. He became involved in local elections and took part in the counting. The results had been faked. When the demonstrations against Communism grew louder, he took part and joined the crowd at the Wall in Berlin. His reasons for examining the Stasi files were therefore very obvious.

He again applied for a technician's job at the Commission; this time he was successful. And for the next six years he worked his way through hundreds of covert tape-recordings made by the Stasi as they bugged suspect's apartments. Then he heard a rumour that the BvF had found Stasi computer tapes in a room at the headquarters of East Germany's former National Army in the Strausberg area of Berlin. The tapes had been stored next to several very tall East German 'Robotron' computers in the army's computer centre. Further investigation showed they belonged to a Stasi department known as SIRA (system, information and research). The department also used West German Siemens computers.

MI6 had guessed that some of the Stasi's files had been transferred and stored on computer,



George Tenet
CIA Director

but these must surely have been destroyed? Not so. The SIRA tapes were in good condition.

It was in 1992 the Gauck Commission passed the tapes to the BvF's computer experts, but they couldn't crack the access codes. Five years later they still couldn't. Only tiny bits of data had been retrieved, but it was sufficient for their analysts to conclude these were Stasi back-up files and that they were of immense importance. It is not clear if the BvF had invited MI6 or the CIA to try and crack the tapes. Then in 1997, the Gauck Commission called for Stefan, or 'Stefan K' as he is now known. He occupied a tiny office near Alexanderplatz, the heart of East Germany's government. A few months later he discovered why BvF

computer experts couldn't get into the tapes. They had used western computer codes, whereas the Stasi used 'eastern codes'. Stefan took four CD-Roms that were copies of the old SIRA tapes. He placed them on the Microsoft Office application and used the eastern codes. Soon after digits and numbers, codes and letters started to download from the CDs. In a short while there was one gigabyte of data, a million characters. These still had to be decoded, but at last the data was visible.

Stefan called on the services of a former East German technician at the Gauck Authority. Together they began turning codes into writing and identifying the information. At 1.35am, one week before Christmas and almost 12 months later, Stefan was alone in Room 607 at the Gauck Commission's headquarters in Berlin-Lichtenberg. The code had been cracked and everything was now making sense. 180,000 intelligence reports appeared, codenames, agent evaluation, and Stasi projects from around the world.

ROSEWOOD AND SIRA MARRIED

The German Government were highly suspicious of the CIA who they suspected of stealing BvF and Gauck materials. The CIA for their part had supplied Rosewood data to the BvF and MI6, but not to the Gauck Authority. How surprised they were when the BvF contacted Milt Bearden at CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia and told them of Stefan's breakthrough. Within days the Stasi files were married to the Rosewood materials and codenames and real names sat side by side. There were names of MI5 agents on the listings.



Eye Spy! Announcement - Secret Files

Eye-Spy! is pleased to announce an exciting new venture, Secret Files, that is certain to appeal to all readers of the magazine and that commences with this issue. As many readers will be aware, under the terms of the American Government's Freedom of Information Act, literally millions of pages of previously-classified files from agencies such as the CIA, FBI, National Security Agency, Defence Intelligence Agency and others have been released into the public domain. Eye-Spy has acquired copies of a whole host of sensational files from all of the above agencies and is making them available for you the reader!

For the sum of just £6.00 including postage, you can acquire a 50-page package of copies of US Government files on a whole host of topics. Checks should be made payable to: *Eye Spy Publishing Ltd.* Currently available in the Secret Files directory are:

(a) The FBI's files on the late actress Marilyn Monroe. Was she murdered by the CIA? Did she have an affair with both President John F. Kennedy and his brother, Robert Kennedy, the Attorney General? Why was she put under surveillance by US

authorities? Read the FBI's own papers on the late great Hollywood star!

(b) US Government files on swashbuckling actor Errol Flynn. Nazi spies, extortion, Fidel Castro, allegations of rape, links with German Intelligence, blackmail, FBI spies, J. Edgar Hoover and more all feature in this file of official papers on one of the most controversial actors of the golden age of the film-world.

(c) Defence Intelligence Agency files on psychic-spying. In the mid-1970s, the DIA began conducting research into a controversial data-collection operation known as remote-viewing. Encompassing everything from ESP to mind-reading and levitation to thought control, the DIA's remote-viewing teams attempted to psychically spy on the former Soviet Union! Learn about the successes and the failures!

(d) US Intelligence files on the late rock star, John Lennon. From the CIA to the FBI and from the State Department to MI5, all manner of government agencies in both the USA and the UK were interested in the activities of the late Beatle John Lennon. Obtain a copy of this file and find out why!

(e) American Government files on the dangers posed by microwaves. Today, many people are intensely suspicious of microwaves and the potential hazards they may pose to our health. In 1976, the US Department of Defence prepared a report on microwave hazards and the way in which microwaves could be used as devastating tools of destruction on the battlefield.

(f) Department of Justice and State Police files on cattle mutilations. Is the US Government engaged in a programme to conduct covert biological warfare operations? Why have so many animals been found dead under unusual circumstances with organs removed and blood drained from their bodies? Why have unmarked helicopters been seen in the areas in question? Read the shocking truth for yourself!

(g) Research and Development Board files (formerly classified at Top Secret level) concerning the fears of the US Government in 1948 that a hostile foreign nation would try and cripple the US food chain by using biological warfare and specifically by infecting the US cattle herd with foot-and-mouth disease. An essential purchase for anyone interested in the current foot-and-mouth outbreak in the UK, the origins of the disease and biological warfare operations.

AND DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OUT FOR FUTURE FILE PACKAGES IN THE

The Stasi had been busy. Over 100 agents were operating in the UK. They had produced 8,000 reports pertaining to Britain. Analysts have been able to uncover a network of spies in this country, and according to sources, Robert Pearson, the Hull University lecturer uncovered as a Stasi contact is small fry. Markus Wolf ran the Stasi from the late 1950s until 1985. He said: "Our greatest success in the UK was when we bought scientific information: nuclear technology, aerospace, chemical technologies were all acquired for military purposes." Wolf said he had been put under great pressure from his task masters in Moscow to spy in the UK.

When Britain expelled over 100 Soviet Embassy staff - the majority of them working for the KGB, the Stasi operation was crucial. Wolf explained some of their successes: "A female agent was recruited into Department 12: responsible for infiltrating NATO." That agent collected vital intelligence on British Army bases in Germany, on radar systems, aircraft, helicopters and rockets.

WHAT THE FILES REVEAL:

When Labour came to power in 1974, the Stasi moved quickly to exploit its soft left-wing centre. Information was acquired by a contact in the party codenamed RANK (German for Slender). During a five year period, RANK supplied over 100 intelligence reports and nine files from Labour's national executive several marked 'Secret'. Further information was stolen from the Labour Party by an agent called Wein in the 1980s.

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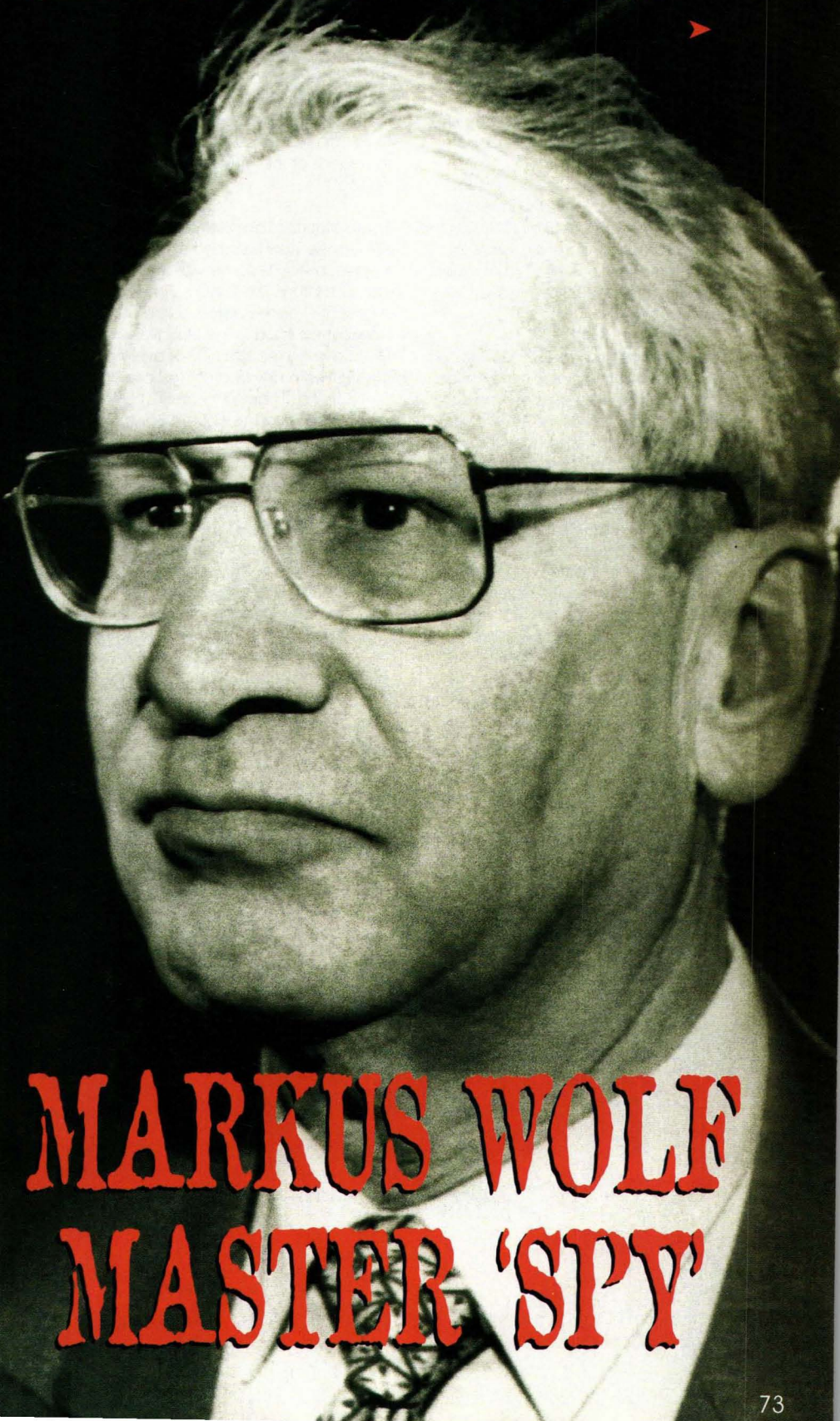
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The reports were on Dennis Healey and Neil Kinnock. His controller was an agent called Eckhart believed to have worked at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, better known as Chatham House - a powerful 'think-tank' organisation. Eckhart dismisses Wolf's suggestions and says he was a member not employee of Chatham House. He did, however, admit he was an agent. Eckhart used dead letter boxes around London. One was in a wall in Hamstead Heath. If it contained material, a nail on a nearby lamppost would be turned horizontal. "I was the most productive of all the agents in London," said Eckhart. "But if you looked

at my reports, you would find nothing on Chatham House. All that information was available to people who paid a membership fee."

Eckhart claimed to have made contacts in Parliament and even Conservative Central Office. "They were very curious," he said.

He said the most vital intelligence report he ever dispatched was in 1986. He had met a Whitehall source and delivered a report marked 'top secret'. "Of all the intelligence reports I sent, this was perhaps the most important and the most urgent."



**MARKUS WOLF
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London." The file revealed how Britain intended to give support to America for an air strike against Libya, whose leader, Colonel Gaddafi had been called a "mad dog," by President Reagan. This after the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque. It was in fact the NSA listening post of Menwith Hill in North Yorkshire that had intercepted telephone messages revealing Libya was behind the blast.

Wolf claims the Stasi's London station shared two double agents from MI5 during the 1980s, and four senior "high-grade" sources in Whitehall. One of the men was codenamed PARK and supplied 51 intelligence files between 1983 and 1989. According to sources, he worked in the Foreign Office. From Birmingham University in the late 1970s, the Stasi recruited three contacts with the codenames, PETER, HARRY and LINDA. Linda eventually infiltrated Amnesty International.

Linda was described as a "vigorous agent." And the Stasi received overviews on technological symposiums organised by NATO on the prospect of a European defence force. In 1981, her final intelligence report concerned the movement of US and British nuclear missiles around the UK.

Another recruit, codenamed BEERMAN joined the Stasi in 1968 and could well have joined the British Army. He gave details on various manoeuvres by the British Rhine Army and plans for military bases. Other Stasi files detail Polaris nuclear missiles and atomic weapons' storage. A great deal of data was carried by couriers. One such man known as 'Peter Schneider' was an East German university lecturer who often travelled to Britain using a false passport. By claiming he was a historian researching Bismark he moved around the country freely. He often met his contacts who wore animal rights' badges so he could identify them. To recognise each other, the contact would say: "Could you tell me the shortest route to the bus station? My heart can't take a long walk." Mr Schneider would reply: "I am not from here, I would rather drive a Mercedes." If his station master needed him to return to East Germany, he would telephone

and say: "Aunt Else is very sick, please come home immediately." Schneider would then catch a plane from Manchester.

Reiner Oschmann was a Stasi agent in London. He confirmed that an MI6 agent had "offered him a bag full of money to defect." He knew his cover was blown, but he was allowed to stay in England and fell in love with the country. As to his real identity, he is apparently the senior spokesperson for Germany's reformed Communist Party, the PDS and makes regular appearances on television!

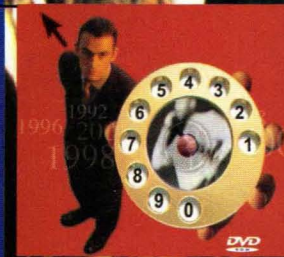
But British Intelligence was breached by the Stasi in various ways, and on more than one occasion. Alfred Spuehler, German secret intelligence service (BND), worked on a joint project with officials from GCHQ. He said: "Virtually everything British intelligence gave to the West Germans landed shortly thereafter in the hands of the HVA [Stasi foreign intelligence]."

David Mourtou, another person identified in the SIRA tapes, now lives near Frankfurt. Codenamed DAVE, he was traced by journalists from *The Sunday Times* and said: "It is possible I came across some of the documents listed in the Stasi files at this time. But I have no recollection of ever handing them over to any kind of Stasi agent." Mr Mourtou was married to an East German and was once a member of the British Communist Party.

Another Briton is Stanley Hodgson, who now lives and works in South Africa. His codename was BURGER. He told *The Sunday Times* journalists who traced him to a public works' department: "I've never done anything I'm ashamed of. The only contact I've ever had with the East Germans was part of the struggle against apartheid. I've never done anything on their behalf. Hodgson is the son of two leaders of the South African Communist Party.

MI5 and MI6 are certain to act over the SIRA tapes though it must be stated, David Mourtou and Stanley Hodgson are not thought to be on the MI5 subject list.

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REAL IRA INCREASES MEMBERSHIP

WASHINGTON: The Real IRA has doubled its strength in the last 12 months according to the US State Department's annual Patterns of Global Terrorism for 2000. The PIRA splinter group has recruited between 150-200 new members compared with around 60 for 1999. The Real IRA was not listed among 'designated foreign terrorist groups' which under US law prevents their members from visiting America and bans them raising funds. However, in May Washington officially outlawed the RIRA. The PGT report added a number of new groups to their listings of organisations that pose a threat to world peace, including the Revolutionary United Front which has been fighting British-backed fighters in Sierra Leone, Africa.

The Khmer Rouge in Cambodia has been removed from the PGT list.

FORMER IRA LEADER DIES

DUBLIN: Gerry Adams, Sinn Féin's president, paid tribute to former chief of staff of the Provisional IRA, Sean MacStiofain, 73, who died in May after a long illness. He headed the paramilitary group in the early 1970s after it split from the Official IRA at the beginning of the troubles in Northern Ireland. He quit Sinn Féin in 1981 after it dropped its 'federal Ireland' policy.

The London man who never lost his cockney accent mellowed in later life and in 1983 called on the IRA to declare a ceasefire. They ignored him. He was actually born John Stephenson but changed his name in honour of his Belfast-born mother. He spent eight years in Wormwood Scrubs for stealing firearms from a British Army base in the 1950s. In 1966 he became the IRA's senior intelligence officer before leading the organisation in 1969.

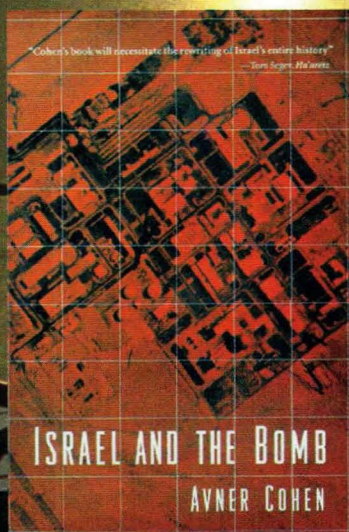
BLOODY SUNDAY INQUIRY

LONDON: MI5 and the Ministry of Defence intelligence reports that relate directly to the events of Bloody Sunday, when 14 unarmed people were shot, should be given to the Saville Inquiry, formed to examine the events. This ruling comes after a bitter row regarding intelligence passed on to MI5 by informants. The Security Service say all such files should be made available to the inquiry team, but this has been bitterly contested by lawyers representing many of the 1,200 civilian witnesses. There is some confusion over this matter, but Lord Saville said: "The tribunal only wanted information that throws light on the plans made by paramilitary organisation for Bloody Sunday or on the actual events of the day." There will be no publishing of materials which would "prejudice" the rights of individuals. The witnesses will therefore not be questioned about MI5 or MOD files that they had not seen and whose veracity could not be tested. British Army soldiers may yet have to travel to Derry to give evidence, though it is thought a compromise might be right in which they give video evidence from London.

israel

PARAMILITARY ISRAEL'S NEW

MOSSAD has once again become very public in its determination to detain and quiz scientists involved with possible breaches of Israel's nuclear secrets



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For 50 hours Israel held and questioned Avner Cohen, an Israeli academic who wrote *Israel and the Bomb*. Cohen, who studied in Chicago and Boston, claims that the book contains no classified secrets or new information not already in the public domain. Israel disagreed and banned it anyway. The work was eventually published in America where Mr Cohen now lives. When Mr Cohen arrived in Jerusalem in March to speak at an academic conference, he told delegates and the media that after he arrived in Israel, he was interrogated by police and intelligence officials for 50 hours.

Mr Cohen's experience came just two weeks before the arrest of a senior, though retired, Israeli military scientist. Itzhak Yaakov, 75, a brigadier-general and former chief of research and development for the Israeli Defence Force (IDF), was questioned about his relationship with a Russian female who the authorities believe may have had access to his work. Tel Aviv immediately imposed an injunction banning all reporting in Israel of proceedings against Mr Yaakov, who holds joint Israeli-American citizenship. He was arrested by the defence ministry's Special Security Department.

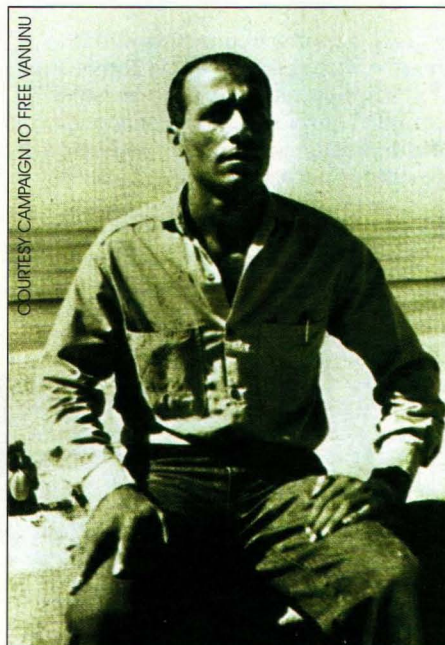
Mr Yaakov was heavily involved in Israel's nuclear programme, both as chief scientist at the ministry for industry, and in a military role. It is unclear whether or not his arrest is linked to the detention of Mr Cohen. His

friends in the USA are stunned, as too are his former colleagues at a computer hardware firm with laboratories in Israel and Russia. Mr Yaakov's close friends say his arrest is a further example of Israel's paranoia towards its nuclear potential being revealed to the rest of the world.

Since the arrest of Mordechai Vanunu in the 1980s, who allegedly leaked details of his country's nuclear programme to a *Sunday*

Times journalist in 1986, Tel Aviv has monitored all possible breaches of security.

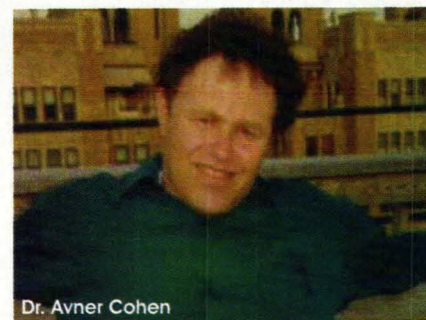
Some of Mr Yaakov's friends have revealed that he retired from the IDF almost 25 years ago, and that he may well have been a "naive old man," but would not have deliberately betrayed his country. Israel has not said when or where Mr Yaakov met the Russian, though his friends point out that he has been divorced for many years.



Mordechai Vanunu

DR. AVNER COHEN

Dr. Avner Cohen, the author of *Israel and the Bomb*, is Senior Research Fellow at the National Security Archive. Formerly, Dr. Cohen was co-director of the Project on Nuclear Arms Control in the Middle East at the Security Studies program at MIT (1990-95). In 1997-98 he was a Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), where he was working on issues related to arms control and the peace process in the Middle East.



Dr. Avner Cohen

COURTESY DR AVNER COHEN

After undergraduate study at Tel Aviv University in Philosophy (1975), Cohen earned his M.A. in Philosophy at York University (1977) and Ph.D. from the Committee on History of Culture of the University of Chicago (1981). He was a member of the philosophy department at Tel Aviv University from 1983 to 1991 and has been a visiting professor at various American universities and colleges.

For more than a decade, Dr. Cohen has written on issues related to nuclear weapons, primarily on the questions of nuclear deterrence and morality as well as issues related to nuclear proliferation in the Middle East. In 1987-88 he was a research fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, where he developed the notion of "opaque" nuclear proliferation. He is the co-editor of *Nuclear Weapons and the Future of Humanity* (Rowman & Allanheld, 1986), *The Institution of Philosophy* (Open Court, 1989), and the author of *The Nuclear Age as Moral History* (in Hebrew, 1989). In 1989 Dr. Cohen was awarded a MacArthur Research and Writing Fellowship to work on the question of nuclear weapons and democracy, focusing on the Israeli case.

Dr. Cohen has published numerous articles in *Ethics*, *The Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Survival*, *Israel Studies*, *Security Studies*, *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, *The Nonproliferation Review*, *The Washington Quarterly*, *The Journal of Israeli History*, *The Middle East Journal*, as well as op-eds in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. He is also an occasional contributor to the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*.

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In 2000 Mr Yaakov resigned as chairman of a New York-based company known as Constellation 3D Inc. (CD3). CD3 developed optical data storage products. Professor Eugene Levich, an astrophysicist, who received a masters degree from Moscow University in 1968, succeeded Mr Yaakov. Months before he left the company, he sold over \$1 million worth of shares. CD3's chief counsel, Craig Weiner said Mr Yaakov had resigned because of a "difference of vision - he is from the old school and we are a new technology company." CD3 deny his arrest was linked to them.

Israel has always remained silent on its nuclear capability. Similarly, when questioned about its Dimona reactor in the Negev desert, Tel Aviv is dismissive of "the rumours."

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OSAMA BIN

M 15 agents have discovered a plan devised by London-based supporters of Osama Bin Laden, the world's most wanted man. According to sources, the gang had intended using the capital as a base to organise a prolonged bombing campaign against Western targets, though not necessarily in the UK.

Special police used in the raid, swooped on several addresses and arrested 10 Muslim men suspected of being terrorists linked to the Saudi-born millionaire. Some of the men are believed to belong to 'The Base', or Al-Qa'ida, Bin-Ladens' worldwide organisation regarded as militant by most nations. Computers and other items are thought to have been confiscated by the police.

MI5 believe one of The Base's active service units had been using London and that an attack was imminent - hence the raid. Like the FBI and the CIA, MI5 and MI6 believe it was Bin-Laden's supporters who were responsible for the massive blast at the US Embassies in East Africa in August 1998 that left more than 200 people dead and hundreds more injured. It is believed that one person arrested in the London raid is fighting an extradition order by Washington over the African blasts.

London Plot Un

Al-Qa'ida sits high on the list which Home Secretary Jack Straw has outlawed in the UK. Indeed, in February 2001, police arrested several Muslim men during a series of dawn raids in London, including Omar Mahmood Abu Omar, 40, an Islamic cleric who has been convicted on at least two occasions for his role in terrorist acts in Jordan. Released on bail, it has been alleged Abu Omar has links with Bin Laden. Omar is better known as Abu Qatada who has been living in England as a political refugee for some eight years. He runs an Islamic library from rented accommodation in northwest London.

Omar rejects any connection with Bin Laden and terrorist actions in Jordan. He was, however, found guilty in absentia by a court in Amman last year of financing and coordinating a gang of suspected terrorists who were plotting to blow up tourist locations in Jordan during the millennium celebrations.

The Jordanian Government claim the gang was sponsored by Al-Qa'ida. And that prior to their arrest, some of its

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members had visited Afghanistan - the country ruled by the Taliban who are shielding Bin Laden. Qatada was also convicted in absentia over his involvement in a number of bombings in Jordan in 2000.

Qatada says he is a peaceful man: "I deny completely the Jordanian allegations. I do not head any group or follow Bin Laden.

His views, however, are radical according to MI5, and he was once involved in the now defunct newsletter called al-Ansar, which often published views and press statements issued by the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), an Algerian terrorist organisation. Qatada and three other men were released after questioning. Six other Algerian nationals aged between 18 and 38, were charged with owning computers, electronic devices, false credit cards, false identity documents and money for terrorist purposes.

The operation followed a similar series of arrests made by German Intelligence in the city of Frankfurt just before Christmas. Berlin issued a statement saying the men were believed to belong to the GIA and were plotting to explode a number of bombs in Strasbourg. MI5 was alerted after a number of London addresses and telephone numbers were discovered on the men.

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ATTACK ON USS COLE

FBI Secure Evidence that Links Attack to Osama Bin Laden

Since the deadly attack on the American warship USS Cole on 12 October 2000, the FBI and CIA have been carefully gathering evidence to identify those responsible for the blast.

Two men in a small boat packed with explosives rammed the Cole as it was refuelling at Aden harbour, Yemen; the result was carnage. 17 sailors died and dozens more were injured as the bomb tore a 40ft hole in the main recreation area of the vessel.

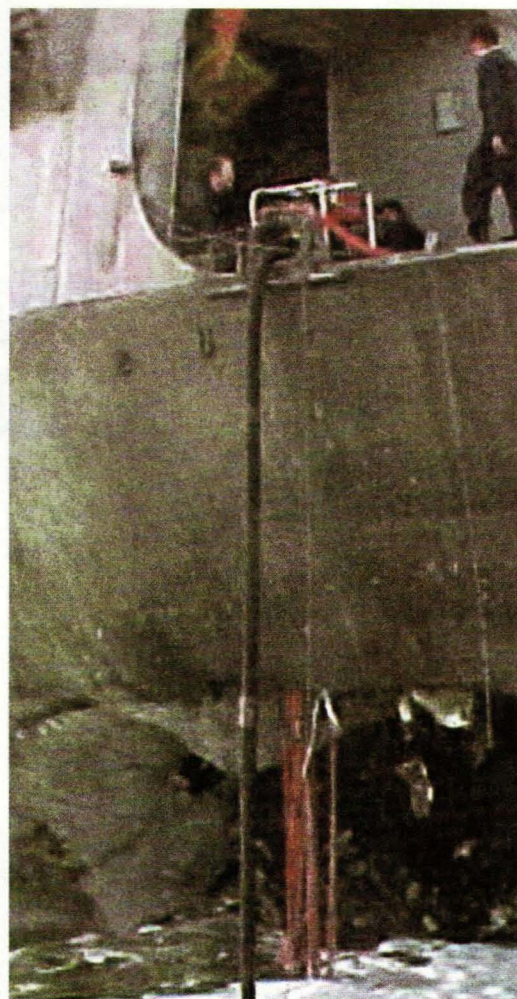
The early evidence pointed to members of Osama Bin Laden's powerful Al Qaeda organisation (the Base). And it was not too long before Yemeni police arrested other suspects. Yet the FBI needed to secure real evidence. Thus it began the massive operation of sifting through thousands of news reports, criminal records, suspect files, and more importantly, the CIA's huge portfolio of bin Laden and his hundreds of active service members.

It is believed that the FBI have obtained key intelligence from Yemeni police who conducted numerous interviews with Jamal Al-Badawi, a man thought to have been one of those behind the operation. Intelligence sources say Al-Badawi travelled to Afghanistan in 1997 where he received training at an Al Qaeda camp. It was there he swore allegiance to Bin Laden and met

with other members and the Aden plot was hatched.

According to high-level sources, Al-Badawi met a man called Tawfiq Al-Atash and they became friends. Al-Atash is better known to US intelligence by his codename - KHALLAD. MI6 and the CIA informed the FBI that Al-Atash, a Yemeni subject and veteran of the Afghan and Chechnyan wars, is in fact a senior security and intelligence advisor to Bin Laden. What has since transpired is that the National Security Agency (NSA) using advanced satellite imaging equipment believe they have located Al-Atash at another camp in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan. And, sources close to the CIA have seen an FBI intelligence document which has identified KHALLAD as "the liaison officer between Bin Laden and the active service unit of 'the Base' in Aden," who carried out the USS Cole attack.

Khallad was noticed by the CIA in 1999 when two of his colleagues visited Al Badawi in Yemen. It is believed he was handed a letter by the liaison team on behalf of Khallad. He was basically asked to provide a small boat that would be used in an operation against a US warship when the time was right. Al Badawi then travelled to Saudi Arabia and purchased the boat using a very complex method of payment to conceal the purchaser. The small dinghy-sized boat then ended up with the two suicide bombers who attacked the USS Cole.



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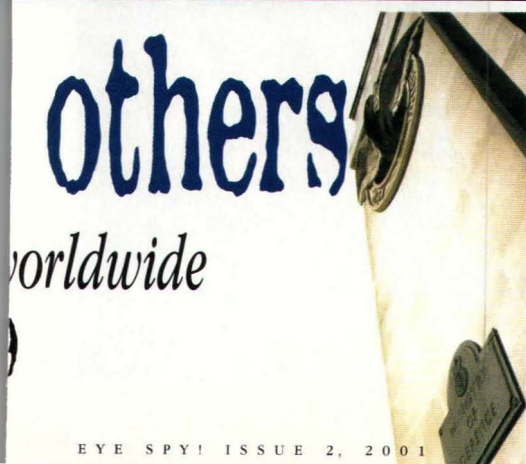
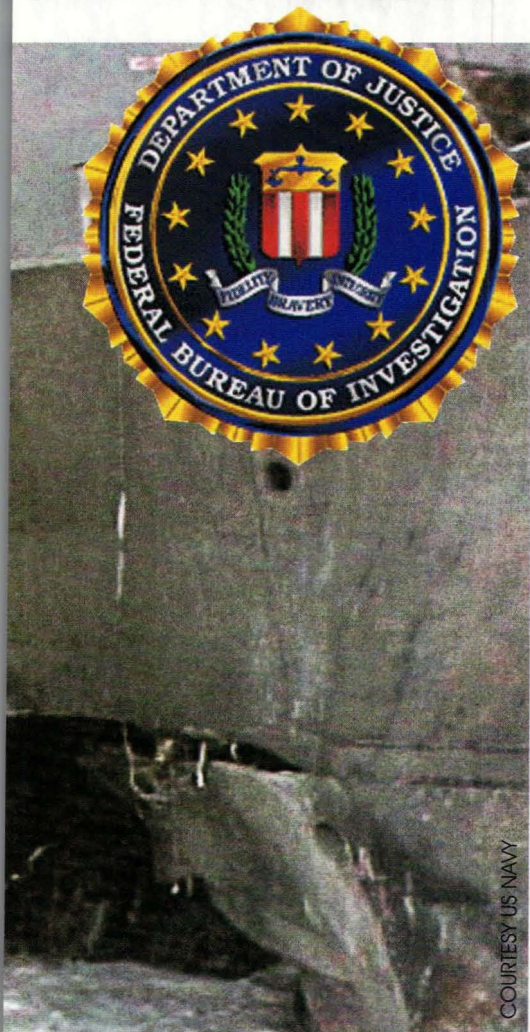
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OSAMA BIN LADEN:

Followers guilty of Embassy bombs

Four followers of the world's most wanted terrorist, Saudi-born Osama bin Laden, were convicted on 29 May for conspiring to kill Americans in two almost simultaneous bombs that shattered US embassies in Africa in 1998. The jury in New York took 12 days to reach its verdict. Rashed Daoud al Owahli, 24, a Saudi, and Khalfan Khamis Mohammed, 27, from Tanzania, both face the death penalty after confessing to playing a direct role in the attack.

Prosecutors maintain that Owahli drove a lorry containing a massive bomb to the American embassy in Nairobi, Kenya. There he threw several stun grenades at guards. Mohammed meanwhile is said have helped work on a TNT bomb that exploded in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on 7 August.

According to the intelligence services, they claim al-Hage is a former personal secretary to Bin Laden, and that he led a "secret double life." He tried to finance the purchase of weapons while running "legitimate businesses" to help fund terrorism. Following the explosions, the FBI moved very quickly. It has transpired that the Bureau had been watching al-Hage for two years. He worked at a tyre-repair shop in Arlington, Texas. The CIA had followed him to Nairobi, the FBI had interviewed him three times and it is understood another security service, presumably the NSA or NRO had tapped his phone. The court heard how all these measures did not stop the bomb.

The CIA working closely with officers from the Kenyan secret service stopped al-Hage, took papers and computers from his African base and even questioned him on his links with bin Laden - all before the huge explosion. It wasn't until five weeks after the incident that FBI agents arrested him with information supplied from the two Bin Laden defectors. At the trial, the FBI said that obtaining intelligence using phone taps etc was slow, primarily due to messages being passed from member to member using intricate code words.

Peter Bergen, a terrorism researcher who is writing a book on Osama bin Laden, believes the men who have been convicted are only 'foot soldiers'. "They are low to middle levels. These are not the leaders." Other people convicted were Wadih al-Hage, 40, a Lebanese-born naturalised American, and Moham-



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med Sadiq Odeh, 36, a Jordanian. All the men are accused of belonging to Osama bin Laden's network, "al-Qaeda" (the Base).

Odeh is regarded by the FBI and CIA as a leading explosives' expert. He was accused of being a "technical adviser" to the bombings. The CIA presented evidence that Odeh stayed in a hotel with Bin Laden's alleged leader in the Base's Kenyan terrorist cell.

The jury heard evidence from the prosecution's two main witnesses, Jamal Ahmed Fadl, 38, and L'Houssaine Kherchtou, 37. Until the end of the trial, they used the codenames of CS-1, and CS-2. Both were members of the Base, and both defected less than two years ago. At the trial, Kherchtou and Fadl pleaded guilty to terrorist charges. Indeed, both the FBI and CIA learned a great deal about Bin Laden's international organisation. The men were granted immunity in return for their testimony under the terms of the US federal witness protection programme.

Osama bin Laden is suspected of being involved with several bomb plots against America, though the embassy bombings is the only incident he has been indicted on.

Eye Spy! has learned that thirteen people have been charged with the bombings, and remain on the run. However, MI5 arrested three persons wanted in connection with the incidents in London. They were detained immediately and are currently awaiting extradition from the UK.

Al-Fadl is said to have tried to buy \$1.5m worth of uranium because Bin Laden wanted to build a nuclear weapon.

224 people died, 12 of them Americans.

FBI CHIEF RES

Louis Freeh Leaves Controversial Leg

Bill Clinton disliked Louis Freeh and Louis Freeh disliked Bill Clinton. For four years the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation never had one single conversation with the President of the United States. Now Louis Freeh's eight-year reign as Director, FBI, is over. Adored by the Republican majority in Congress for his stance against the Clinton administration the staunch Roman Catholic believed in good against evil and often took no prisoners, not even in the White House.

However, the clean-cut Freeh, 51, leaves behind a number of high-profile case files that have embarrassed both the FBI and his reputation.

The latest Bureau error, and perhaps the most cruel, occurred in May, and this one was not really Freeh's fault. It transpired that 3,135 pages of documents written in the first seven days of the devastating bomb blast that destroyed government buildings in Oklahoma City, were not handed over to convicted bomber Timothy McVeigh's lawyers. This incredible omission left the US Attorney-General's Office no alternative but to postpone McVeigh's execution until 11 June. McVeigh, who has long said he will not appeal, may now change his mind. Freeh himself was devastated by the error and launched an internal investigation. It transpired

that the FBI's computer had failed and automatically by-passed the early intelligence papers. In 1997 Freeh approached Washington about the computer and that it was somewhat prone to making mistakes. He requested a total overhaul of the system, but this was refused.

The McVeigh affair followed closely on the heels of the Robert Hanssen scandal. Hanssen was one of the FBI's most senior and respected agents, yet he had given America's secrets to the USSR and then the Russians for over 15 years; this in return for \$1m in diamonds and cash. Freeh came under a hail of abuse. "How could an agent spy for the Russians for 15 years and not get caught?" he was asked. Knives were sharpened when it turned out that Mr Freeh had resisted administering lie detector tests to his personnel. When Hanssen was eventually arrested, Mr Freeh announced that random lie detector tests would be brought back in.

These latest scandals are not the first to have undermined the FBI's credibility under Freeh's management. In 1996, the FBI wrongly identified Richard Jewell, an innocent security guard, as being the prime suspect in the Atlanta Olympics bombing. And then followed the collapse of the case against Chinese nuclear spy, Wen Ho Lee, a scientist at the top secret Los Alamos Government laboratory.

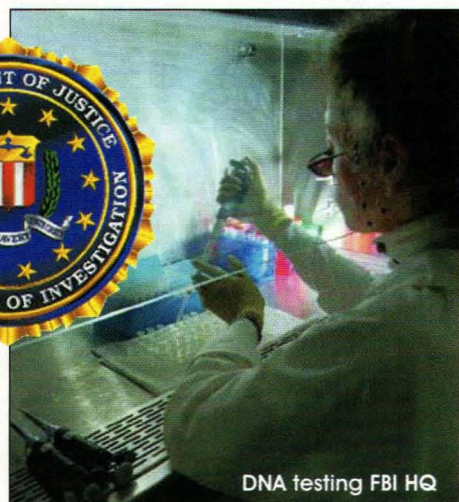
There have been other slightly more mundane FBI failures, but many Directors would only have survived one.

Louse Freeh was seen by former President Clinton's inner circle as almost untouchable. A young 51, built more like a New York City builder than an executive, Freeh's presence could be intimidating. Combined with his extremely short hair that obviously goes under the shaver every seven days, he joined the FBI after leaving law school. His prowess was instantly noticed and he became a federal prosecutor in New York. It wasn't long before his name was being hailed as the man who shut down a heroin smuggling organisation, or the 'Pizza Connection' as the US media called it.

Freeh was climbing ladders faster than any of his friends or colleagues could ever have envisaged. And after becoming a federal judge, US intelligence observers started talking him up as one person who could hold the position of FBI director without succumbing to the frequent interference from the White House and Presidential aides. Freeh got the job but immediately demanded that his office be protected from political interference. Clinton agreed.

His early months were not helped by the killing of a young mother by a bullet from an FBI marksman during a 1992 siege of a white

FBI headquarters



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Louis Freeh, former head of the FBI

supremacist at Ruby Ridge, Nevada. A few months later the debacle at Waco, Texas, occurred. 83 people died after FBI men stormed the Branch Davidian's cult compound. Several FBI men were also hit. Rumours abounded that the no-nonsense Freeh and his closest colleagues had got this wrong as well.

But while Freeh may have been feared by criminals and some politicians alike, he did have huge support... and many successes. He set about expanding the Bureau's overseas' role, and this upset his friends in Central Intelligence. Freeh recognised that international terrorism was on the up and that the CIA alone had very little chance to protect the USA. Several FBI offices were opened abroad and together with the CIA, America's fight

against groups who had vowed to wage war against Washington were identified and taken out.

In 1993 terrorism on American soil was still somewhat of a phenomenon. This changed forever when Islamic fundamentalists bombed the towering World Trade Centre in New York. Freeh said he would leave no stone unturned to capture those responsible. True to his word the Bureau won convictions. A few years later they mounted a massive international operation to catch the terrorists behind two US embassy bombs in Africa which left 200 people dead. Freeh's slick investigators caught some of the bombers and identified others.

And when followers of Saudi-born terrorist Osama Bin Laden attacked the American warship, the USS Cole in Aden, killing 19 sailors, the FBI quickly hunted down the terrorists.

Freeh was seen as a 'loose cannon', by Democrats. His relations with this political party went downhill following his call for a special prosecutor to investigate the 1996 Clinton-Gore re-election campaign. That began a long period of silence between him and Clinton. Freeh chanced his arm again and proved a powerful adversary to the 'President's men', after he congratulated and praised Kenneth Starr for his investigation of the infamous Lewinsky affair. Bill Clinton too showed all his skills by surviving enormous criticism!

There was too much distrust between Freeh and Clinton. This was evident when the FBI director waited until President George Bush took over at the White House, before he sought support for the possible indictment of Iranian intelligence officers for the 1996 attack on US military personnel at Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia. Thus it is surprising that less than one year into Bush's presidency, Freeh has decided to call it a day.

Louis Freeh resigned officially on 1 May 2001. President Bush visited Mr Freeh and insisted he see out his ten-year term that would have seen him in control of the FBI until 2003. However,



Robert Hanssen, FBI man who allegedly received over \$1m from the Russians for US secrets

after a meeting which lasted over one hour, the tough-talking Freeh said he was leaving law-enforcement to "tackle new challenges."

Close associates of Mr Freeh said he wanted to spend more time with his six children, at the end of a 27-year career in government. During his tenure, the FBI added 4,000 technical staff and a further 5,000 agents to its personnel. 27,000 are now employed by the FBI.

Freeh would write 26,999, just to be accurate.

EYE SPY!

Seminar halted as Libyan guest linked to 1984 killing

LONDON: Britain's leading foreign affairs think tank quickly cancelled a London seminar after learning that one of the delegates attending the meeting had been expelled from the UK, following the killing of WPC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan embassy in 1984. Ms Fletcher was killed by a bullet fired from inside the embassy as she controlled a demonstrators in Sloane Square.

The Royal Institute for International Affairs, at Chatham House, who were due to host the seminar, played down the cancellation saying "it had never been confirmed." Dr Rosemary Hollis, head of the Middle East unit, said: "We remain enthusiastic about an exchange of views, but we will not be holding the meeting as originally mooted."

Saleh Ibrahim al-Mabrouk, part of a four-man team, had been allowed to return to Britain thanks to a change in the foreign policy of Robin Cook, the former Foreign Secretary. Tony Blair believes it is better to have a dialogue with such countries rather than to isolate them.

Al-Mabrouk was a member of the Libyan Revolutionary Committee - students who were expelled after WPC Fletcher was murdered.

Al-Mabrouk is alleged to have been an agent of Libyan intelligence, and connected to the group that allegedly ordered Libyan embassy officials to open fire on the demonstrators outside the embassy.

Relations with Libya have been gradually warming. President Gaddafi has cooperated with the Lockerbie trial, and special police officers based at Scotland Yard recently visited Tripoli.

"Chatham House's decision had nothing to do with the Foreign Office," a spokesman for the Foreign Office said. "Al-Mabrouk is free to apply for a visa to visit the United Kingdom and any application from him will be dealt with in accordance with the usual immigration rules."

Scotland Yard, however, said that al-Mabrouk was wanted for questioning in connection with the slaying of WPC Fletcher. "He was a member of the committee in charge of running the embassy," they said.

Yvonne Fletcher's mother, said: "This is absolutely shocking. I can see no earthly reason why they are letting him

back in. The Government should make them honour Gaddafi's commitment to bring those responsible for my daughter's murder to trial.



Britain cut all ties with Libya after an 11-day police siege of the embassy ended with the expulsion of 30 people. Al-Mabrouk is regarded as the leading "architect" of the embassy siege.

Much controversy has ensued since the slaying of Yvonne Fletcher. MI5 and Scotland Yard have privately argued about intelligence (or lack of it), that could have prevented her death.

• No one has ever been charged with Ms Fletcher's murder.

FOOT & MOUTH CRISIS

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materially would reduce the nation's capacity to defend itself and to wage war. Serious outbreaks of disease of man, animals or plants also would result in profound psychological disturbances."

But how would a covert introduction of foot-and-mouth disease into the US food-chain be undertaken? The Committee had a number of ideas: via "water contamination"; "fodder and food"; "infected bait"; "contamination of soil"; "Biological Warfare aerosols"; and deliberate "contamination of veterinary pharmaceuticals and equipment".

The results envisaged back in 1948 parallel precisely and eerily what we are seeing in the UK today: "a reduction of meat supply"; "disruption of economic balance"; "reduction of animal transport"; and most illuminating of all: "Establishment of a source of infection for man."

Realising the potentially grave implications that such a scenario presented, the United States' Government carefully and quietly began to initiate a number of plans to try and combat any possible attack on the continental United States that might have occurred. Recommending that a special unit should be established to deal with the situation,

the Committee asserted that ventilation shafts, subway systems and water supplies throughout the country should be carefully monitored. Similarly, the Committee stated, steps should be taken to determine "the extent to which contamination of stamps, envelopes, money, cosmetics, food and beverages as a means of subversively disseminating biological agents is possible."

In addition to preparing for the worst from a defensive perspective, however, US authorities were not above planning their own biological warfare operations from an offensive perspective. "Major goals and objectives of a research and development programme in the field of offensive special biological warfare operations include: (1) Development of new agents suitable for special operations; (2) development of methods of dissemination for special BW operations; (3) determination of effectiveness and feasibility of methods of dissemination; and (4) estimation of approximate dosages required for specific special BW operations."

But it was in the conclusions of the Committee's report on the use of foot-and-mouth disease and other diseases as a biological weapon that the utter lack of defence against such an attack was spelled out. "It is concluded that: (1) biological agents would appear to be well adapted to subversive use. (2) The United States is particularly susceptible to attack by special BW operations. (3) The subversive use of biological agents by a potential enemy prior to a declaration of war presents a grave danger to the United States. (4) The biological warfare research and development programme is not now authorised to meet the requirements necessary to prepare defensive measures against special BW operations."

Indeed, such was the concern shown that even the FBI got in on the act. A Confidential memorandum to FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover on 9 May 1950s from Raymond P. Whearty, Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security and titled "Alerting of Public Health Agencies re Biological Warfare", states:

"The Public Health Services have a long-established relationship (direct or through regional offices) with official State-and through

them to local-health agencies. Accordingly, the Public Health Service should be the chief agency on which NSRB [Author's Note: The National Security Resources Board] will rely as a source of advice to these agencies on biological warfare matters in so far as they are a part of civil defence of people. NSRB will rely on the Bureau of Animal Industry in the same manner for defence of animals against BW. The National Security Resources Board has kept the Public Health Service fully informed as to biological warfare plans. In developing these plans the NSRB created an Interdepartmental Committee on Defence Against Biological Warfare. The Public Health Service and BAI are, of course, represented on this committee. Definite plans are being made in this field, as shown by the two attached "Restricted" documents. The Public Health Services and Bureau of Animal Industry are planning the training course for civil defence against biological warfare and will conduct such courses if and when appropriations are available. Approximately fifty Public Health Service top administrative officers recently spent one week at Camp Detrick for orientation in BW as part of the training for Public Health Service officers in this particular field."

As this document makes abundantly clear, numerous US Government agencies in the late 1940s and early 1950s were implicated in the biological warfare issue as it specifically related to animals and the Bureau of Animal Industry. But that is not all.

Also contained within the released files are various "Withdrawal Notices" where certain documents have been withheld from public consumption and scrutiny on the grounds of national security. More than half a century on, it seems, some of the US Government's findings on biological warfare remain classified.

Until now, the idea that our current foot-and-mouth crisis could be anything other than a tragic accident is one that would have been dismissed as rank paranoia. With this formerly-top Secret US Government document now in the public domain, however, we would do well to remember that there are other ways to bring a country to its knees than via the bullet and the bomb. ■

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Putin's Reveal

Speaking from Dresden, a former Soviet KGB intelligence officer known as 'Agent M', has revealed how the Russian leader, President Putin was so inexperienced that he became exasperated with his job and almost left his post.

Putin arrived in Germany in 1985. There he was introduced to agent M at his flat in the East German city of Dresden. M was an experienced criminal police inspector who was regarded highly by Moscow for his covert undercover work.

Still living in the city, though now retired, he gave his first interview to journalists eager to obtain information on Putin. "We were introduced by his predecessor, my former handling officer. Putin was a newcomer and he was being shown the ropes by the resident. He clearly had little experience. This was his first foreign posting. He knew the theory but not the practice."

He then went on to say how Mr Putin had brought a little "Soviet timekeeping to Germany." The KGB had arranged for both men to attend a meeting. Putin forgot and the resident was furious to say the least. "To forget a meeting with the agent you are handling is a mistake that could cost him his life. I warned him that unless he sorted himself out, I would get out of the business immediately."

Agent M then spoke of his dismay as Putin handed him a radio complete with a recording mechanism and a new sophisticated timer built by the KGB. Putin admitted

Some people in the UK believe the current F & M outbreak is a deliberate act... this follows the alleged loss of a phial of the virus from an MOD facility...



Early KGB Career

ed Former Soviet intelligence officer provides insight into Russian President

that he didn't have a clue how it worked. The device was to be used by M in covert operations.

As the years passed, Putin gradually gained in confidence and started to impress the Dresden agent. "He was typically Russian in that he had a problem with punctuality. But after a while he changed. He began to admire the German work ethic. He learned fast, worked hard and became very sharp."

M and Putin established an excellent rapport and used as many as ten 'safe' locations for meetings. If information or an operation needed discussing, they used 'dead letter boxes' (DLB) to liaise. One such drop site was on a path near the River Elbe, frequented often by M on an evening as he jogged. A beer tin or cigarette packet (a KGB favourite) was often left at a specific spot where either man could easily find it and pass data or items. A more unusual DLB was a lump of concrete shaped often like ordinary stones. Putin and M would smash the cement to find little messages on the inside. Three rings on Putin's office telephone meant that M needed to meet urgently. He had just one hour to get to a specified location or the meeting was called off.

Putin coordinated an operation to establish a network of contacts with Latin American students in the University of Dresden. "We targeted students whose parents had links in the world of politics and the military... students who one day could be in positions of power."



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PUTIN'S EARLY KGB CAREER REVEALED

Some we turned into agents, some were used to make contact with other potential informers," said M. "I had agents at the university in Dresden and inside cultural and sports' organisations. Their job was to spot young foreigners with interesting backgrounds. We could check them out and find a way of latching on to them. I would then pass all of this intelligence to Putin who in turn sent it to Moscow."

The KGB once authorised Putin to use M in the hope of weeding out a suspected Chinese double agent who belonged to the Soviet foreign office in Beijing.

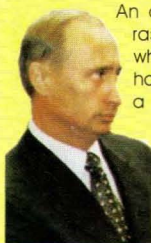
Besides M, Putin also ran another agent who worked for Dresden's local crime team. Unbeknown to Berlin, he is still employed by the German police authority. Unlike M; for after the fall of Communism in East Germany and the destruction of the Berlin Wall, M was arrested in 1993 on suspicion of spying for the KGB. After six months in jail he was released for lack of evidence.

"Putin may have been nervous when he arrived in Dresden, but he left in good shape," said M. "He was very sharp and always in control. I got to know him well, he always had an answer and you could never trip him up. He did not drink he did not smoke. He was never distracted by women or needed money. He kept his cards and his thoughts close to him. If he had a weakness I never found it."

When the time arrived for the two men to go their separate ways, Putin was sad. He told M to destroy all evidence of his work for the KGB and anything that could link him with Moscow. "He didn't want to go back to Moscow. He was worried about the political situation at home and in a way had become accustomed to living in Germany. With tears in his eyes we said goodbye. He told me I had become a mother and father to him. But I never saw him again."

EYE SPY!

The Unruly Schoolboy



An amazing find has embarrassed the Russian President who always tries to live up to his hard-man image. In the attic of a dacha just outside St Petersburg where the Putins used to spend their summer, Vladimir Putin's school reports when he was aged just 11, have been found. He was a "mediocre student" who "threw blackboard rubbers around the classroom," and failed to do enough homework. The reports offer a cheeky contrast to the 'ice-cool' image portrayed by Putin in Moscow today. The find by two journalists from a Moscow tabloid, seem to vanquish the two-year old rumour that Russian Intelligence backtracked over Putin's past and destroyed everything that might be used against the judo-black belt in future years. The newspaper proclaimed, "He's one of us after all," a curt reference to some fairly mediocre school marks.

MI6 AND THE UK INDEPENDENCE PARTY

FOX IMAGES

TALISMAN INTELLIGENCE LIBRARY

Following Labour's General Election victory, it has emerged that some conspiracy theorists believed Tony Blair was so insistent that nothing should stop Britain being "bounced" into the euro, he ordered MI6 to infiltrate the United Kingdom Independence party who opposed the move.

MI6 apparently moved to "neutralise opposition" to the euro after the election, by seeing that the UKIP do very well, thus "triggering a Conservative leadership election."

In a feature in *Spectator*, 24 May, Lord Tebbit, the former cabinet minister, says that infiltration of UKIP has been

revealed by the change in tactics. In the last election, UKIP stood only against pro-European Tories. Mr Tebbit, a former chairman of the Tory party, said:

"If I am right, UKIP's intervention will be immensely damaging to the Tories and will give the Europhiles the platform to overturn a Eurosceptic leadership.

"A badly battered Tory party plunged into a leadership crisis would offer Blair the perfect opportunity to bounce Britain into the euro before the sceptics could be rallied to organise a NO campaign. That fits with Blair's fanatical obsession not

just to beat but to destroy the Conservative party."

Lord Tebbit acquired his information from a former UKIP member, who claimed MI6 had infiltrated the party. One of the Tories' former 'hard men', Lord Tebbit told colleagues: "Unexpectedly I struck gold. There is no doubt in my mind about what is known in the trade as 'provenance'." He went on to say: "Denial came there none, only an angry retort that I should be ashamed of myself for asking such a question."

Lord Tebbit believes the same MI6 agents who have infiltrated UKIP also worked for Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum party in 1997. He says there should be an inquiry into the affair.

Nigel Farage, who stood for the UKIP, thought Lord Tebbit's remarks should not be discounted. "I have mused for a long time on the peculiar events in the UKIP. A lot of confidential letters, a lot of confidential conversations were leaked in the most damaging way possible.

Remember the remarkable terrorist rocket attack on MI6's Vauxhall Bridge headquarters in London, last September? MI6 are now satisfied it was the work of one man who made his escape on a powerful motor bike. Sources say the reconstruction on the left is similar to eye-witness accounts of the attacker, though the helmet may be slightly darker. The bomber was around 5ft 10 inches, and made his getaway through central London. Part of an RPG-18 hand-held rocket launcher was found nearby.

united kingdom

MI5 INFILTRATE THE REAL IRA

Not many people outside of the intelligence community will have known too much about a man called David Gary Rupert. Yet the 6ft 4 inches giant who claims to have German and Mohawk Indian blood in him has been at the centre of one of MI5's most daring operations.

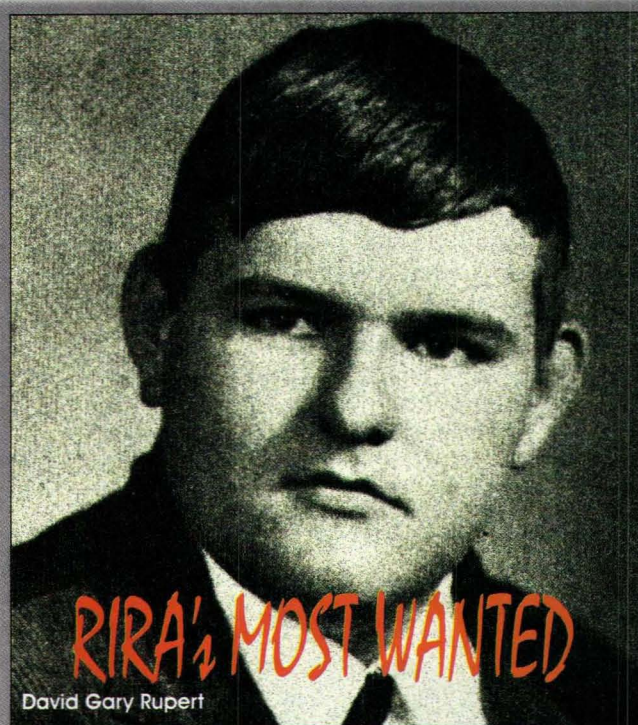
David Rupert was to many in republican circles a modest and mysterious American character, often flying in from the US to deliver funds raised for jailed prisoners or republican organisations.

Weighing in at over 20 stones he first surfaced at an IFC (Irish Freedom Committee) meeting in Chicago in 1997. He introduced himself as a lorry driver with no fixed address. He told members at the meeting that his real name was Scott Post. Born in Madrid, New York State, he was regarded as a rebel and a loner. As a young man he went from one job to another and even crossed the Atlantic and obtained a tenancy on a bar in County Leitrim. After that he returned to the Chicago area and bought a lorry, hoping to shift haulage across the vast network of roads that cross America. All along, however, he mixed with Irish dissidents and fund-raisers in Chicago's huge Irish population.

Somewhere along the line he became disillusioned and sold his truck. He was a well-known figure at meetings and became the talk of the IFC. Many believed he had contacts that wended their way to the very top of organisations like Sinn Féin and the IRA. The groups were very suspicious of US intelligence, especially the FBI who they referred to as the "FRONT for BRITISH INTELLIGENCE." Amazingly they couldn't have been more correct.

MI5 had successfully tracked US fund-raising efforts to certain US citizens and groups through bank accounts. But they needed more information. Together with the FBI and Irish security police, they spoke to Mr Rupert who agreed to work for them as a double agent. It was a major coup.

Throughout the last four years he has supplied intelligence on fundraising, bank accounts, and recruiting campaigns. He "networked" between various rival factions and was so trusted he eventually befriended members of the Real IRA and several political organisations, such as the 32 County Sovereignty Committee. Similarly, he was befriended by Martin Galvin, a New York lawyer and the head of Noraid, the American fundraising arm of the Provisional IRA. Rupert was given codes and access to various associated groups and learned of leading personnel on both sides of the Atlantic. As Rupert forwarded donations to Ireland and elsewhere, MI5, the FBI and the Garda were carefully following the transactions, collecting details of every bank



account the money was channelled through. In 1999 Rupert met with Michael McKevitt, who MI5 believe is the head of the Real IRA. Mr McKevitt is said to have introduced Rupert to other leading players in the group. And, according to sources, he handed over a £10,000 donation to 'cement relations'.

Rupert told the Garda that the organisation was planning a series of top-level meetings at a certain location. The Irish security services planted listening devices and surveillance equipment in the room. Much evidence was apparently acquired and then the Garda asked MI5 and the FBI if it was time to act. The agencies' mind was made up for them when Rupert said McKevitt had allegedly asked him to participate in a terrorist act. The Garda said that if they arrested McKevitt, Rupert would have to testify and this meant blowing his cover. MI5 knew they were about to lose one of their most important agents, but the prize they believed was worth it. Rupert agreed to testify for a massive sum of money and a new identity. He was also relocated.

The Garda swooped and arrested Mr McKevitt and charged him with "direct paramilitary operations." The trial is expected to take place in September at a special criminal court in Dublin. Since then the Garda has hinted that they have a "secret weapon" in the trial, undoubtedly a reference to the 49-year-old Rupert.

• The Real IRA have been accused of the Omagh bombing in 1998, which resulted in the deaths of 29 people. Their most audacious attack was the rocket strike against the SIS headquarters in London last year.

EYE SPY!



Intelligence flows as MI5, FBI and the Garda use American for incredible 'sting'

OSCAR SCHINDLER

Oscar Schindler will forever be remembered by those Jews he somehow managed to save from certain death at the hands of the Nazis in WWII. However, before the release of the book *Schindler's List*, and Steven Spielberg's superb film of the same name, his deeds were only really known in Israel.

At the centre of the movie was Schindler's extraordinary attempt to list hundreds of Jews he wanted to work in his bogus pots and pans factory, that eventually made poor arms. Initially he was absorbed by the potential of huge financial gain, but seeing the dreadful treatment of Jews on the streets of Germany and elsewhere, his stance changed to that of a relatively caring, though tormented person.

A rather nasty affair has unfortunately overshadowed the extraordinary efforts of Schindler.

In 1999, a suitcase was discovered in the loft of a house in Baden-Württemberg. Inside were hundreds of old letters, photographs and official papers belonging to the many Jews saved by



Oscar and Emilie Schindler pictured on their wedding day in 1926

Widow Fights For Origin

SLIST

Schindler. In total, it is thought over 1,200 people were saved from certain death in the Nazi concentration camps across Europe.

The lists of names are worthless in terms of paper value. To historians and the Jewish people their value cannot be calculated. Unfortunately they are at the centre of a legal row that Oscar Schindler would surely not have wanted.

When the papers were discovered they were handed to the *Stuttgarter Zeitung* newspaper. They in turn published around six features and thought they were doing the right thing when they forwarded them to the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum in Israel. Six copies were made for the German Federal Archives. However, lawyers representing Oscar's wife, Emilie, 93, who now lives in Argentina, have started legal proceedings to get the papers back and claim compensation from the newspaper. The copyright case was initiated last year but has just started in the city of Stuttgart.

The briefcase was found in the home of Oscar's last girlfriend in Hildesheim. The material had been placed there in 1974.

Mrs Schindler believes that as the last living relative she is the legal heir to the papers and she owns the copyright. A temporary restraining order was issued against the newspaper last year, but by then the original lists were already in Tel Aviv. In the meantime, the Stuttgart newspaper obtained a judgement overturning the restraining order and then sent a huge bill to Mrs Schindler for its legal costs.

Meanwhile it has since transpired that one of the main reasons for Mrs Schindler's anger is that apparently a book deal was under negotiation. This has been thwarted thus far because having the documents would have made the book more saleable.

Mrs Schindler is claiming a total of £33,000 damages. The court case could last two years.

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Disaster at Biggin Hill

Top RAF Fliers Killed



Left: The King Cobra photographed hours before its fatal flight

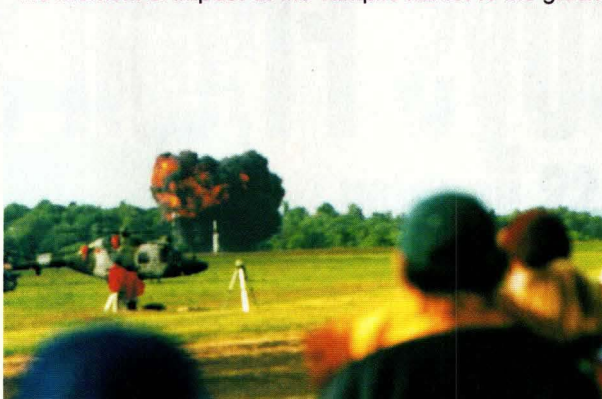


Sir Kenneth Hayr, 66, (above) one of the RAF's highest ranking and most decorated ex-commanders and his co-pilot, Jonathon Kerr, 32, died when their de Havilland Vampire jet crashed at the Biggin Hill air show in June. Sir Kenneth, a holder of the Air Force Cross Bar, commanded the first ever RAF Harrier squadron in 1969. He was knighted twice, the second time in 1991 for his role in the Gulf war.



Sir Kenneth's Vampire (rear aircraft) 5 seconds from disaster

The moment of impact as the Vampire hurtles to the ground



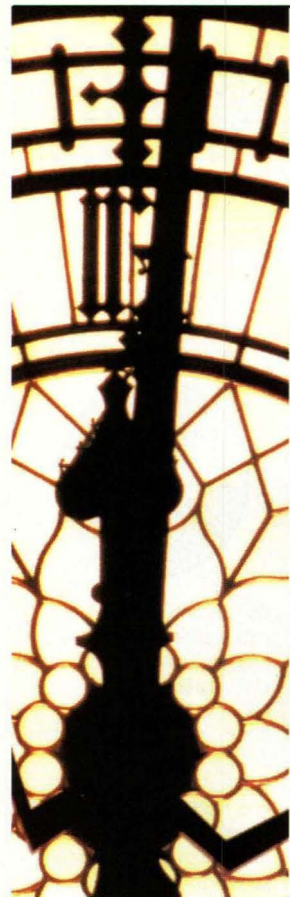
More than 35,000 spectators had been watching the aircraft taking part in formation flying with the much larger Vixen aircraft. As the planes banked to return towards the runway, the Vampire appeared to wobble and crashed from the sky. Three small white flashes and then a larger one were followed by a loud explosion and plumes of black smoke. Though accident officials will take months to complete their report, it appeared the Vampire got caught in the Vixen's slipstream.

The following day a US King Cobra failed to complete a manoeuvre and crashed close to the control tower killing the pilot outright. The accidents were the first at Biggin Hill since 1981.

Eye Spy! sends condolences to the families of those killed in both tragedies.



Plumes of smoke rise from the crash scene



the other side of midnight

New Book Challenges Chirac

President Jacques Chirac faced allegations that his Gaullist party helped itself to millions of pounds that were designated to fund France's intelligence services.

The funds apparently amounting to an astonishing £40m, were originally created by General Charles de Gaulle in 1946 to "bankroll covert actions initiated in defence of French national interests."

Some of that money is believed to have been used to finance the bombing in New Zealand of



Charles de Gaulle

the Greenpeace vessel, Rainbow Warrior that had tried to stop French nuclear tests.

The allegations are made in a new book called *Les Gaullistes et l'Argent* (The Gaullists and the Money), by Philippe Madelin. He also claims that the party received more than £10m in the 1960s and 1970s, which apparently was used to cover three-

quarters of the cost of the presidential campaigns, as well as helping to finance a number of referendums.

The allegations have come as another blow to Chirac, 68, who faces further claims that he accepted undeclared donations on behalf of his party in return for political favours. He has denied the charges but refused to testify in a court of law in March this year.

Murder in the Park?

Intelligence officers in Yugoslavia believe that a "desperate hunt for funds" by former leader Slobodan Milosevic in the run-up to last year's elections, led him to order the assassination of his political mentor, Ivan Stambolic, the Serbian president until 1987. Belgrade police say he might have been murdered because he was aware of a number of secret bank accounts in Switzerland, that were linked to the regime, and he refused to reveal them.

The Swiss-based accounts relate to complex business deals which were financed through the state-owned bank, Yumbes, control-

led by Stambolic. He is said to have known where the bank "parked its money."

Massive deals were brokered, and huge profits made, but these allegedly never appeared on any balance sheets.

MI6 believe Milosevic and his inner circle plundered around £5 billion.

"Milosevic knew Stambolic could unlock further funds, but he refused," said one police officer.

Stambolic disappeared whilst jogging in a Belgrade Park. Eyewitnesses saw him being bundled into a van. He has not been seen since.



The Boys From Belgium

minister at SS reunion

Johan Sauwens sits next to the Flemish national flag and reflects on his big mistake



A senior Belgian politician resigned after it emerged he had attended a reunion of Waffen SS officers in Antwerp. Johan Sauwens, minister for Flanders, acknowledged that he made an "error of judgement" but claimed he was misinformed about the precise nature of the function. The incident comes at a particularly bad moment for Belgium as it prepares to take over the presidency of the European Union on 1 July.

Sauwens was Interior Minister in Belgium's Flemish regional government and was well-liked by his colleagues. His statement that he was misled backfired somewhat after photographs and video footage showed him singing Nazi songs and participating in a parade of uniformed extremists at a right-wing meeting in Antwerp in May.

It has been learned that he was a member for 25 years of the Sint-Maartensfonds, a support organisation for ex-Belgian SS veterans who fought against the Russians on the Eastern Front. Film footage on Belgian television showed the minister standing to sing the anthem of the Flemish SS regiment, including a 'call to arms'. 1,500 people, many of whom were Waffen SS veterans still wearing the SS insignia packed the hall. A large banner proclaimed: 'Germania - Our Aim A New Start'. One speaker demanded the creation of a "Greater Germany."

Sauwens apologised for what he called an "error of judgement." He said he was in no way a Nazi sympathiser: "Some friends invited me. I turned up without paying attention to the decor and didn't think for a moment about what was being said. I wasn't familiar with the patriotic songs that were being sung. It can be revealed however, that Sauwens had been receiving the Sint-Maartensfond's monthly magazine. In April 1989, that publication devoted its entire contents to the 100th anniversary of the birth of Adolf Hitler.

MI6 LOSE TRACK OF IRAQI GERM WARFARE EXPERT

Whilst much of rural Britain came under siege from the dreadful foot and mouth disease, Saddam Hussein moved quickly to rebuild a former biological weapons' storage facility that was partially blown-up by United Nations inspectors following the end of the Gulf War. The factory at Al Baura on the outskirts of Baghdad was originally built in 1982 by Merieux, a French

pharmaceutical company to manufacture the foot and mouth virus for veterinary purposes. MI6 now believe Saddam is rebuilding the plant using the ruse of the disease to distract UN officials.

MI6 have received a copy of a letter that was sent to the UN Security Council from a senior official in Iraq and dated 28 March: "Iraq will contact specialist companies with a view to the renovation of the laboratories for the production of a foot and mouth vaccine." It further goes on to say that "attempts by the United States and Britain to obstruct the renovation of the laboratories will be ignored." The Al Baura plant was once used to make biological weapons, including the deadly botulinum toxin. David Kelly, a Whitehall official and expert on such weapons, said: "We have no reason to trust Saddam and every reason to believe he will subvert the laboratories for military use."

Perhaps of most concern to the West is the whereabouts of Dr Hazem Mohammed Ali, who studied virology for five years in England. He became director of Iraq's germ warfare programme at Al Baura in 1990, three years after returning to his homeland. In 1998 he suddenly resigned from the plant and became head of Iraq's Al Razi scientific research institute based in Abu Ghraib and then moved to Baghdad University. Embarrassingly MI6 then lost track of him. Dr Geoff Toms, Ali's immediate supervisor in Newcastle said: "He was among our best students, but he was shrewd and very capable."

Whilst director of the Al Baura plant, Ali had about 50 people under his control. The factory was adapted to manufacture the toxin which

Saddam hoped would be used as a tactical weapon. "It was all part of his secret programme to develop weapons that could inflict massive damage," said Kelly.

When United Nations inspectors found the plant in 1991, they established that equipment had been converted from filling milk churns to empty the lethal toxin in warheads and bombs. Ali conversed with one inspector and explained that Iraq was working on 'camel pox', a virus that induces fever and a rash in camels.

In recent months, the factory has been given permission to start operating again as a diagnostic centre for foot and mouth. This follows a letter sent to Kofi Annan, the UN secretary-general, from Hamid Yusef Hammadi, the acting Iraqi foreign minister. He insisted that it was crucial the plant was rebuilt to combat the foot and mouth disease should it spread from Britain. He further referred to an outbreak of the disease in Iraq in 1998. "That outbreak caused the loss of 575,421 lambs and calves and the infection of more than 2.5 million animals."

EYE SPY!



Northern Ireland... Aug '69

the road from there to nowhere

Q. can the Irish defence forces control Loyalist paramilitaries in the event of their infiltration south?

A. only if God intervenes.

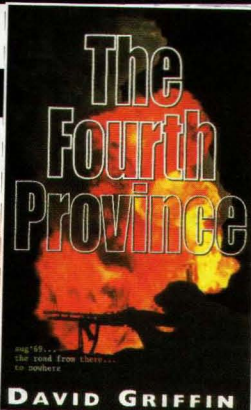
Q. why would Loyalists move south?

A. political restraint from London and Dublin... the armalite has risen above the ballot box... though terror can never be justified such groups were formed initially as defensive... even the PIRA.

Q. how does a Dublin-born Catholic end up as a British military covert field operative?

A. let me tell you why.

"Hell is Truth... Seen too Late..."



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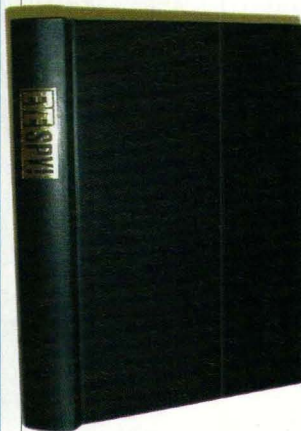
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WATERGATE 'SECRET MISSION'



This was the first time Liddy had testified in public over his role in the affair. He described how he listened to a walkie-talkie as he sat patiently in a hotel room above the Watergate complex and became worried as the dramatic night's events unfolded. He said he had acted on orders to assist "an all-out offensive to re-elect Mr Nixon." He also confirmed the orders had come from Nixon's camp to break into the Democratic National Committee offices.

For a number of years Liddy grudgingly accepted the view that the operation was simply to bug the premises so that Nixon's people had good intelligence on their opposition. However, he learned that the true purpose of the break-in was to retrieve the photo of Ms Biner who was allegedly wearing only a skimpy nightdress. The allegation is that the picture had been put into an envelope of "fresh faces" for clients of the call girl service by another woman whom she had apparently annoyed. This call girl information was first proposed by Robert Gettlin and Len Colodny in a 1991 book, *Silent Coup*.

Liddy has said that the 'photograph theory' became more plausible when he was shown floor plans of the Watergate offices and believed that the burglars must have been given other instructions to those he had supplied. (His were to bug the chairman of the DNC, Lawrence O'Brien.) Liddy claims that this office could not have been successfully bugged because the receiver in another room was not in the 'line of sight'. The office where Ms Wells worked meanwhile, was in line of sight and a bug was discovered inside her phone. Similarly, detectives noted the fact that her drawer had been opened. Liddy said: "When I saw the plans I said, 'Oh my God'. My eyes opened. I couldn't figure out for the life of me why they wanted to go in there. The whole thing was stupid. This was a John Dean op."

Historians have always believed that the Watergate complex was broken into by President Nixon's people to place listening devices in the offices of their rivals in the run-up to the 1972 presidential election. The burglars were of course traced back to the Committee to Re-elect the President and Nixon resigned.

However, there is another scenario that has been mentioned on more than one occasion, and one that will undoubtedly be tested in America's court rooms.

The man who organised the failed operation at the Democratic Party HQ was G. Gordon Liddy. In April this year under oath, he said that the primary objective of the burglary was to steal a photograph of Maureen Biner, Mr Nixon's White House counsel. This he maintained was kept in an envelope containing pictures of prostitutes. Mr Liddy said the images were kept in the desk of Ida Maxwell or "Maxie Wells" as she was known, a 23-year-old secretary. These photographs were used by the Democrats "to set up liaisons."

Ms Wells, however, is not amused and is suing Mr Liddy for \$5.1 million for "espousing his theory in lectures." She says that the content of his lecture implies she was "procuring prostitutes."

After the trial of those involved in the break-in, Mr Liddy served a little over four years of a 20-year sentence for crimes associated to Watergate. Today he is a successful radio chat show host.



Gordon Liddy pictured with his solicitor

Mr Dean refutes the suggestion that he was behind the burglary and called it "baloney." And he has also settled a libel action against the publisher of *Silent Coup*.

Ms Wells who broke down in the Baltimore court said she intended to sue Mr Liddy because his lectures had damaged her reputation. She is currently attempting to become a university professor.

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August 9, 1974

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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Richard Nixon

The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
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For Your Eyes Only...

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We are pleased to announce that commencing with this issue of Eye Spy! a new feature will be appearing in the magazine. In *For Your Eyes Only*, Nick Redfern will be conducting interviews with leading authors, journalists, sources in the worlds of Intelligence and the military and more on matters of critical concern. In the first Talking Heads he speaks with Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince, co-authors with Stephen Prior (and with additional historical research from Robert Brydson) of a fascinating new book on the controversy surrounding the enigmatic Rudolf Hess.

Numerous books have been written about the Second World War; and

the many and varied claims and counter-claims concerning Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, are legendary. However, it is fair to say that no-one has successfully penetrated the inner sanctum of official secrecy that surrounds the Hess affair - until now, that is. According to the authors of *Double Standards: The Rudolf Hess Cover-Up*, for sixty years an unprecedented conspiracy has existed at the highest levels of the British Establishment to prevent the truth about Rudolf Hess and his fateful flight to Scotland in May 1941 from surfacing into the public domain.

Long dismissed as the misguided attempt of a madman to make contact with a non-existent British peace party, Hess's mission - as

with Nick Redfern

Double Standards asserts convincingly - was one of the pivotal events of the twentieth century. And the Establishment had very good reasons for covering up the truth: for the Establishment was the peace party that Hess had come to meet!

Even more controversial, *Double Standards* reveals that members of the Royal Family itself - whose involvement in the Hess affair has been conveniently airbrushed out of history - were at the heart of this group.

Exposing the wartime propaganda that still masquerades as fact, and based on entirely new material from eyewitnesses, hitherto inaccessible archives and intelligence sources, *Double Standards* reveals that:

(1) Despite official denials Hess flew to Britain with Hitler's full knowledge;

(2) There was a substantial peace party in Britain in 1941, which included most of the aristocracy - and the Royal Family;

(3) The King's brother, the Duke of Kent, was actively involved in Hess's peace mission;

(4) There is substantial evidence that the prisoner who died in Spandau prison was not the real Rudolf Hess;

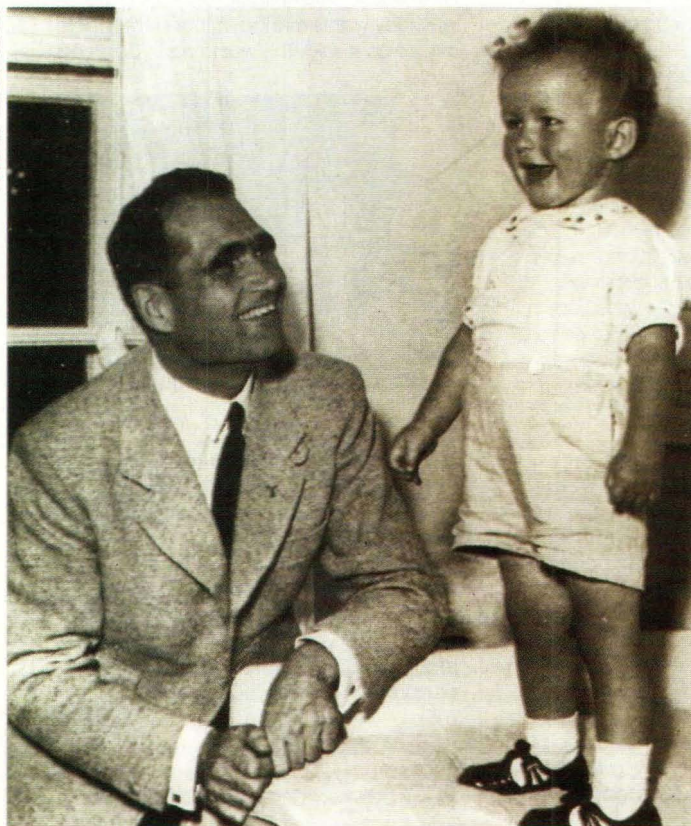
(5) The fate of the real Deputy Fuhrer was inextricably linked with that of the Duke of Kent - *Double Standards* finally presents a solution to the long-acknowledged mystery of the Duke's death in 1942;

(6) Winston Churchill guilefully used Hess to influence Hitler and change Britain's fortunes in the War.

But that is not all - as co-authors Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince make abundantly clear.

LP: The official story behind Rudolf Hess's flight to Britain in 1941 is that he was a lone madman who had stolen a plane and flown to Scotland with the wild idea of contacting a non-existent peace party spearheaded by the Duke of Hamilton - who was totally innocent of course and knew nothing about it - in an attempt to broker a peace deal and end the War. But from there, Hess was arrested and following the end of the War was tried at Nuremberg and spent the rest of his life in Spandau Prison. The story was that Hitler knew nothing of it either and he said so and also said that Hess was suffering from a mental illness and had been for some time. And Churchill basically stated that the only time that he ever agreed with Hitler was on that story! Now, there are some very interesting things about this story that we uncovered for our book that show the official line wasn't anywhere near the truth and that Hitler had knowledge of what was going on, that Hess had links with the Duke of Kent, that both of them may have been killed, that the Hess put on trial at Nuremberg wasn't the real Hess and the impostor or double was the man who died at Spandau. Hess's wife said that Hess had left a letter to be given to the Fuhrer and it said effectively, "If the mission fails you can always say I was mad." Also, after the mission effectively failed, the Gestapo interrogated Hess's staff; and the reports - which we've seen - make it clear that Hitler knew. Hess's son, Wolf Hess, tells how almost immediately before the flight Hitler and Hess had this enormous row for about three hours - Hess was one of the few people who could argue with Hitler and get away with it. But then it went quiet in the room and when they came out, Hitler had his arm around Hess and he said: "You know Hess, you always were and are one of the most stubborn men," and as Wolf Hess says: "I don't think they were talking about the weather."

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Hess enjoyed his family life. Pictured with his only child, Wolf Rüdiger

EYE SPY!: So what does your research suggest the truth behind the flight was?

LP: It wasn't altruism, obviously. But there was a very practical reason: the Nazis wanted to be assured that they could open the Eastern Front and attack Russia without having to watch their backs with Britain. But actually it would have suited us to because not only would we have got a respite from the War - which was going badly for us at the time - but Russia and the Nazis would have battled it out between them and that was fine with us as they would have weakened each other. And after the War they would both have been so weak that there would have been no Cold War and that would almost certainly have worked to our benefit.

EYE SPY!: What evidence exists to support the notion that the man who died in Spandau Prison wasn't Rudolf Hess?

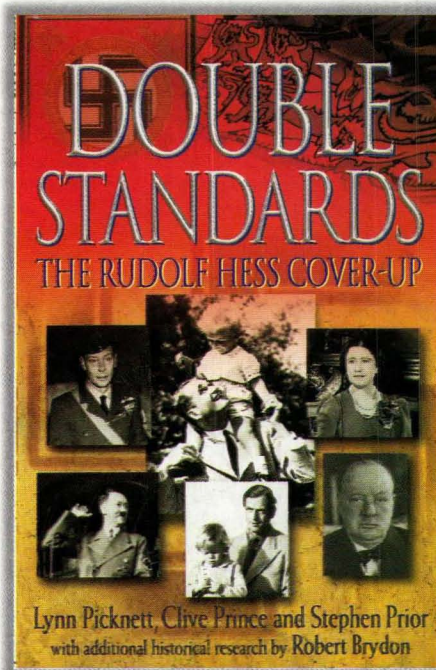
LP: Alan Dulles, who became the head of the CIA, was of the opinion that the man who was condemned to life imprisonment at Nuremberg, was not the real Rudolf Hess - as was President Roosevelt himself. And in the 1970s, a British surgeon and ballistics expert, Dr. Hugh Thomas, actually had chance to physically examine the old man in Spandau. He knew that the real Hess had been wounded by a bullet in the First World War; so he looked on the old man's body for signs of the wound but couldn't find it. Now we're not talking about someone who simply cast an eye over the man without knowing what he was looking for. Dr. Hugh Thomas, I must stress, is a surgeon and a ballistics expert who has been used in trials such as Bloody Sunday, so he really knows what he's talking about. Also, there are circumstantial things, if you like. The man at Nuremberg refused to see his family

and in fact he also refused to see anyone other than his lawyer for over twenty years - which is astonishing considering that he'd been locked up as you would think he would want to see them. Also, at Nuremberg the man had very, very convenient amnesia. He behaved very oddly at Nuremberg, he failed to recognise people that had worked very close with the real Hess. And at times he also failed to recognise colleagues in the Nazi hierarchy. And they seemed to think there was something strange about him especially Hermann Goring, a co-defendant at the trial. He was quite amused when someone was talking to him about Hess. This isn't an exact quote, but Goring said: "Hess? Which Hess? The Hess you have here? Our Hess? Your Hess?" It was that kind of exchange. The man had also agreed to give evidence on behalf of one of the co-defendants but on the day claimed not to remember anything. In the book too we reproduce dental records of Rudolf Hess and of the old man who died at Spandau and they are not of the same man. We took them to a consultant dentist in this country and asked if they were from the same person and his reply was "Absolutely not". The other thing I must point out, which is the clincher, when Dr Hugh Thomas came up with the revelation that the old man was a double, the British Government tied itself in knots trying to prove that this was Rudolf Hess - and they couldn't do it.

EYE SPY!: And do you have any idea who the double may have been?

LP: All we know is that he was German and presumably a Nazi. He might have been interned in Britain - or he might have been sent over after the event. We don't know who the double was but we did learn that when Hess arrived, he asked for by name two prisoners - two German internees, Dr Eduard Semelbauer

and Kurt Maass. He knew where they were held and, interestingly, these two had already been moved from their respective internment camps - which suggests someone here knew about the flight and the plans - to a place near Glasgow. Now we don't really know why he wanted them - he said it was to interpret for him but he spoke very good English! But we did discover that they were later sent to a camp on the Isle of Man for, quote, "Non-returnable Nazis", which is a rather sinister phrase, I think! But it's possible that one of them became the double as part of Churchill's plot to deflect attention away from the real Rudolf Hess. For example, when Hess was first imprisoned in England it was at Aldershot and the place was a fortress; but then all of a sudden after a few months "Hess" was moved amid virtual fanfare to Abergavenny and the staff lined up to meet him and it was in the newspapers. So it seems that this was really a case of drawing attention to the double. Also there is evidence that the double was seen to meet Churchill in a place opposite Windsor Castle. The importance was to imply to the peace party and thereby to the Germans that Churchill was talking to Hess, even though in fact he wasn't and was against the peace plan. So Churchill was playing a very, very cunning game.



EYE SPY!: And why was the ruse continued after the War?

LP: Well, Hess, or whoever the old man in Spandau was, became the focus for the Cold War; and as far as the Russians were concerned, the focus for their hatred of the Nazi regime. There was no way that the British were going to announce that "By the way, he's not really Hess!"

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RUDOLF HESS: FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

He was very useful. And one reason why he was looked after during the Cold War was because as long as he was alive Spandau would be there. And as long as Spandau was there, it gave the four victorious powers a reason to continue to occupy Berlin. It literally came down to this one man in the end.

EYE SPY!: You mention in the book the links between Hess and the Duke of Kent. What is the story there?

LP: The Duke of Kent was the father of the present Duke of Kent and the youngest brother of King George VI. It's interesting that although he was such an amazing character (he was the first member of the Royal Family to die in active service in over five hundred years) very few people today are aware of who he was. He was very glamorous; a slightly camp, James Bond-like character in a way and he'd acted as political advisor for three kings. So at the time of his death in 1942 Kent was acting as political advisor for George VI. He had been involved in peace moves before the War and he was married to Princess Marina of Greece who was very anti-Bolshevik. It wasn't so much that he was pro-Nazi or sucking up to Hitler - he was simply pro-peace. He thought that anything was better than going to war again - as did George V. Had there been a deal with Germany the peace party would have insisted that Hitler be removed. And as we understand it from the German side, they would have wanted Churchill removed before they started to negotiate.

EYE SPY!: And how does the Duke of Kent's death tie in with Hess?

LP: The story is that Hess came over on a peace mission in May 1941 with peace proposals which Churchill does not show the War Cabinet and Hess is locked up - despite the fact that he's a peace envoy. Now in 1942, we know that there were definitely two Hess's held in Abergavenny, Wales. One was a decoy and one was the real one - to try and prevent rescue attempts or assassinations. In fact, most notable figures have doubles - like, for example, Montgomery. But later in the summer of 1942, one of the Hess's had disappeared. Now, what had happened, we discovered, was that the real Hess had been secretly taken up to Scotland where he was kept on the shores of Loch More. Now we had been researching this, as had Stephen Prior; but at the same time our historical researcher, Robert Brydon, had been researching the death of the Duke of Kent and had masses of material and he and Stephen discovered an explosive connection between the two. The Duke of Kent had set off in August 1942 on, allegedly, a morale-boosting trip to Iceland and his Sunderland flying boat had

crashed in the Scottish hills and everyone except one member of the crew had died, including the Duke of Kent. The plane crashed approximately two miles from where Hess was kept but there's something else too: the flying time of the plane had an extra half hour unaccounted for. Then from our investigations, we were able to determine that there was an extra person on board the plane! Had they used the extra half an hour to put down on Loch More to pick somebody up who then died in the crash? We believe - and it does look like - the real Rudolf Hess died with the Duke of Kent in 1942.

EYE SPY!: And why was Hess on the plane?

LP: Our research suggests that they were not heading for Iceland but were in fact en-route to Sweden to broker a peace deal. Things were going badly wrong at the time and it looked like we would lose the War and Kent was fanatically pro-peace and so, in his own way, was Rudolf Hess. There are other reasons to link them too. One thing that is often over-looked is that before the War both Kent and Hess were aviation aces. In those days there was a kind of loose-Freemasonry, if you like,

among flyers and a kind of chivalry between them. And there is evidence that George VI had given safe passage to Hess but that Churchill got to him first and locked him up. So under the circumstances, one of these knights of the air perhaps thought it incumbent on him to help another knight of the air to escape to safety - a chivalric element to it perhaps.

EYE SPY!: If this was an attempt at a peace deal and there were those within the British Government who didn't want this to come about such as Churchill, is there anything sinister to the air-crash that killed Kent and possibly Hess?

LP: That's one of the biggest questions! It does look very, very coincidental. The plane just exploded and the wreckage was quickly taken away by teams of people who suddenly appeared. Now often in similar circumstances in the Highlands the bodies were removed but the wreckage was left there because it was seen as too difficult a job. But in this crash every last piece was removed. And we do point out that about a year later, Kent's great friend and ally, General Wladyslaw Sikorski, the leader of the Free Polish forces and who was based in Scotland died in a similar crash. And there is evidence that General de Gaulle was almost the subject of a similar assassination while preparing for a flight to Glasgow from Hendon. At the time it was thought that this might have been the work of Nazi infiltrators but the evidence now points towards the Special Operations Executive working on the orders of Churchill and of course it failed. And this was all to prevent the brokering of a peace deal.

EYE SPY!: You talk in the book about how Churchill used Hess to influence Hitler and change Britain's fortunes in the War. Can you expand on that?

CP: First of all, Churchill was in a very, very insecure position politically in May 1941. In fact, three days before Hess arrived, there had been a vote of no-confidence in Churchill. He didn't have the support of the aristocracy or the support of MI6 and the King. But the Hess affair basically gave Churchill the opportunity to blackmail his opponents who were involved with the Hess flight into supporting him. It made his position secure and he made veiled hints and threats in the House of Commons where he would drop Hess's name in. It was like "Back me or I'll tell the full story." He also used the Hess flight to ensure that Hitler went ahead with his attack on Russia six weeks after Hess arrived. He also used it to worry the Americans that a deal was about to be done and to get Roosevelt to increase his support and ensure that the great Triple Alliance happened.



Rudolf Hess claimed he had flown to the UK to meet with the Duke of Hamilton. He denied all knowledge of the arrangement

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Churchill also fooled Hitler into thinking that the British Government was negotiating with Hess. It's very clear that when he was held at Aldershot, Hess was under the impression that he was negotiating with representatives of the Government. Churchill had his own network in the intelligence services and he was well aware of what was going on with bringing Hess over.

EYE SPY!: You talk in the book about new files surfacing on this whole controversy. Where did these come from?

CP: The two main new files that we found and used in the book and that haven't been seen before were, firstly, the archives of the Duke of Hamilton who was involved in the Hess affair and that are kept at the Scottish Office. And although some had been available to other researchers, we were able to get almost unrestricted access that most previous researchers hadn't really had before. The other thing that hadn't really seen the light of day before - and this relates more to the death of Hess or whoever the prisoner in Spandau was in 1987 - were the administration records from prison. Now, the British authorities said that all the records for the prison should be destroyed - and they were. But before that the Russians insisted that they make a microfilm record of everything and the Russians then gave microfilm copies to the other three powers. And we managed to get hold of one of the copies that contains a lot of interesting material relating to Hess's death and what was going on. The files at the Public Record Office that were held by MI5 and released in 1999 fill in some of the holes - one MI5 file in particular which blows the lid on the accepted story of the flight refers to Hess's request for access to

the two German internees Semelbauer and Maass. Maass was the more interesting one because he was a member of the Nazi party. In the PRO files we found a lot of background on him and contacted the Red Cross in Geneva and found that it was three days before Hess's arrival that they were transferred out to the camp near Glasgow. Yet no-one is supposed to know he's arriving! In a margin note in one of the PRO files written by the head civil servant in the Foreign Office, he had been told that Maass had been released! So whoever transferred these people out of the internment camps, there was a lot of skull-duggery going on. In fact, it was almost like whoever got them out of the camps did it without the official knowledge of the Government. We're certain that MI6 was totally



The Hess Authors

involved in the Hess affair - they weren't luring him over: they were inviting him over. This was because MI6 were supportive of the idea of ending the War with Germany. MI6 saw the real enemy as being Russia. Sir Stuart Menzies - the head of MI6 - advised Churchill to stay out of things and let the Nazis and the Russians get on with it and which ever one wins to pick a fight with them afterwards! So up until the middle of 1941 MI6's primary thing was to get Britain out of the War. Now the fact that the Foreign Office didn't know

what was going on with Maass and Semelbauer suggests to us it was the peace group that got them out. Presumably, if everything had gone to plan and Hess hadn't been captured, these two guys would have acted as secretaries for Hess at the peace talks. Hess would then have flown back to Germany and Maass and Semelbauer would have been returned to their camps. As it was, the whole thing went very messy but MI6 wanted this plan to succeed.

EYE SPY!: Do you think that there are factions of the Intelligence community and the Establishment that want this story to come out?

CP: Well, Sir Maurice Oldfield, a former head of MI6, is known to have essentially stolen one of the files on Hess to stop it being destroyed and gave it to certain historians and it's now in safe-keeping in Holland. So it shows that he was unhappy with the fact that a lot of these files were being destroyed to stop them being released.

EYE SPY!: Bearing in mind the sensitive nature of the story, did you find yourselves thwarted in anyway?

LP: Let's put it this way: it would have been very surprising if we weren't being watched: authors who had written only a fraction of what we uncovered had found their paths strewn with obstacles. But having said that, of course, we now have a Labour Government and it was always the Conservatives who were very anti documents leaking out; and now there appears to be a greater openness. But, in saying that, on a couple of occasions manuscripts went astray in the post for suspiciously long periods of time and turned up having obviously been opened. This was the whole

typescript that vanished for 10 days and it only had to travel across London! But the book came out! And Rhodri Morgan, the First Minister for Wales, who had always been intrigued by the Hess mystery, was prompted by the launch of the book to say on television that he believed that the British had Hess bumped off in Spandau and I don't think that would have happened under the old regime. So there is a new openness up to a point!

EYE SPY!: How do you feel now having completed the book and looking back on things?

LP: Writing, researching and being involved in this story has really opened my eyes - not so much about skull-duggery in high places because we've learned to expect that - but because of the way in which Churchill got away with this and was feted for it. And yes, okay, Hess was a Nazi - the Deputy Fuhrer - but he came over that night on his own, unarmed, under virtually a white flag and was then locked up for the rest of his life - however long or short that was. My father was a straight-down-the-line regimental sergeant major and I was brought up to start off with a kind of simple patriotism. Obviously as I got older things changed and they have certainly changed with this. They really have!

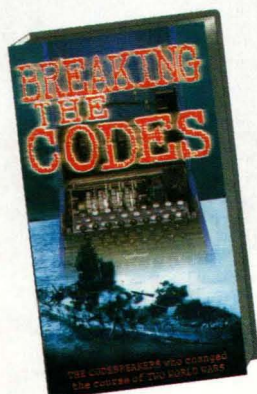
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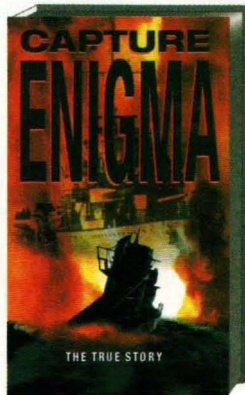
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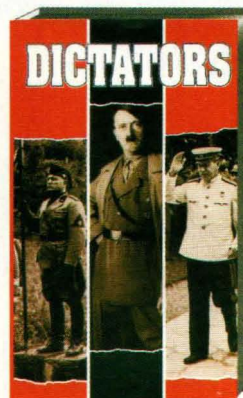
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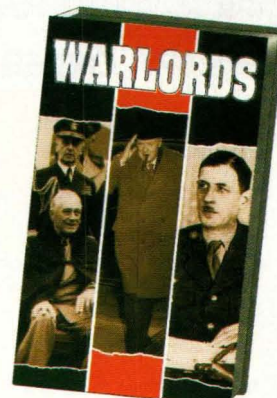
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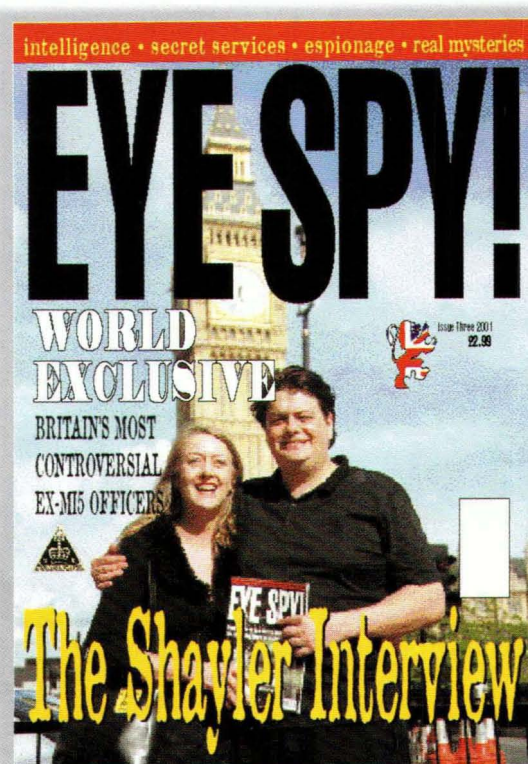
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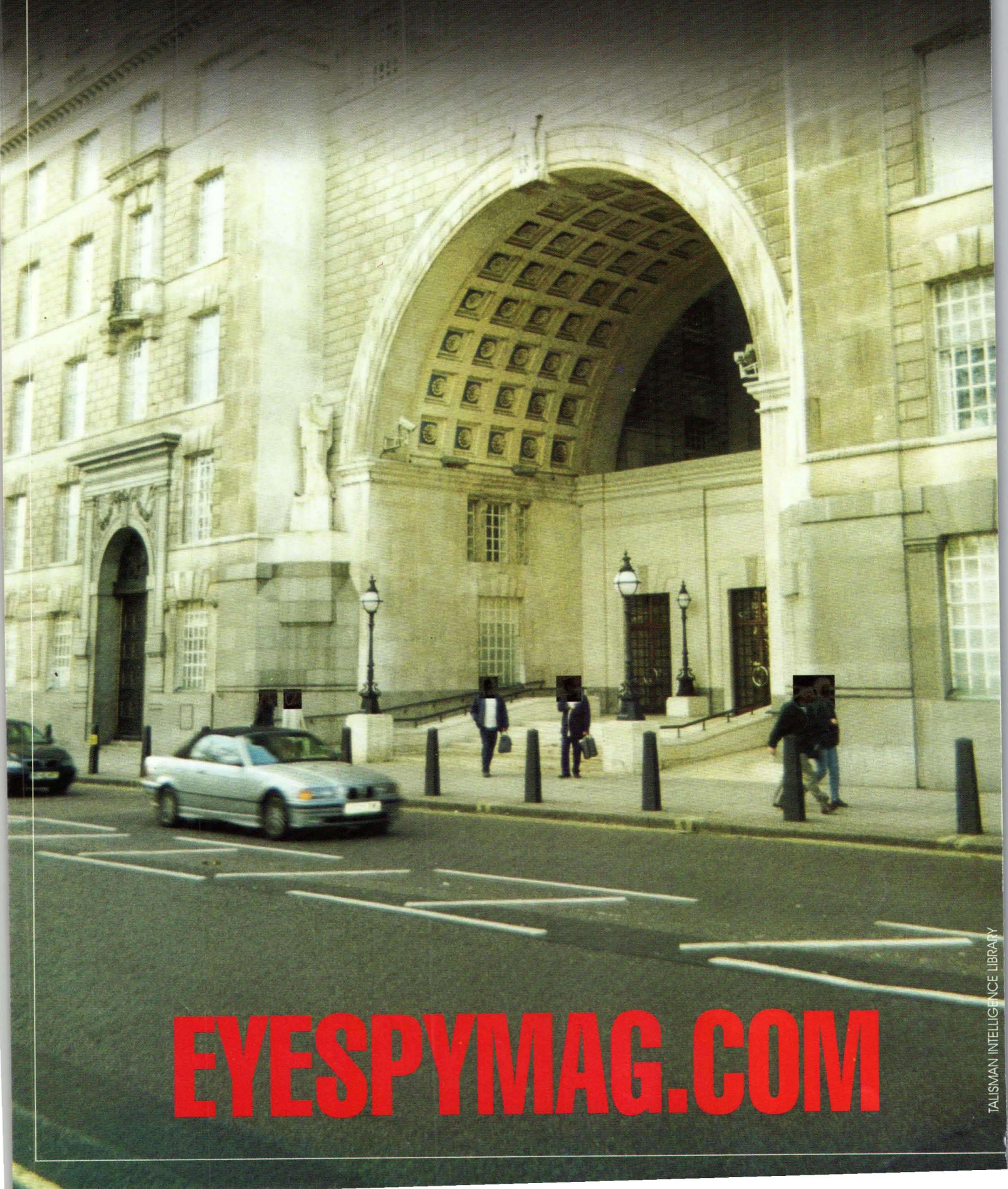
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