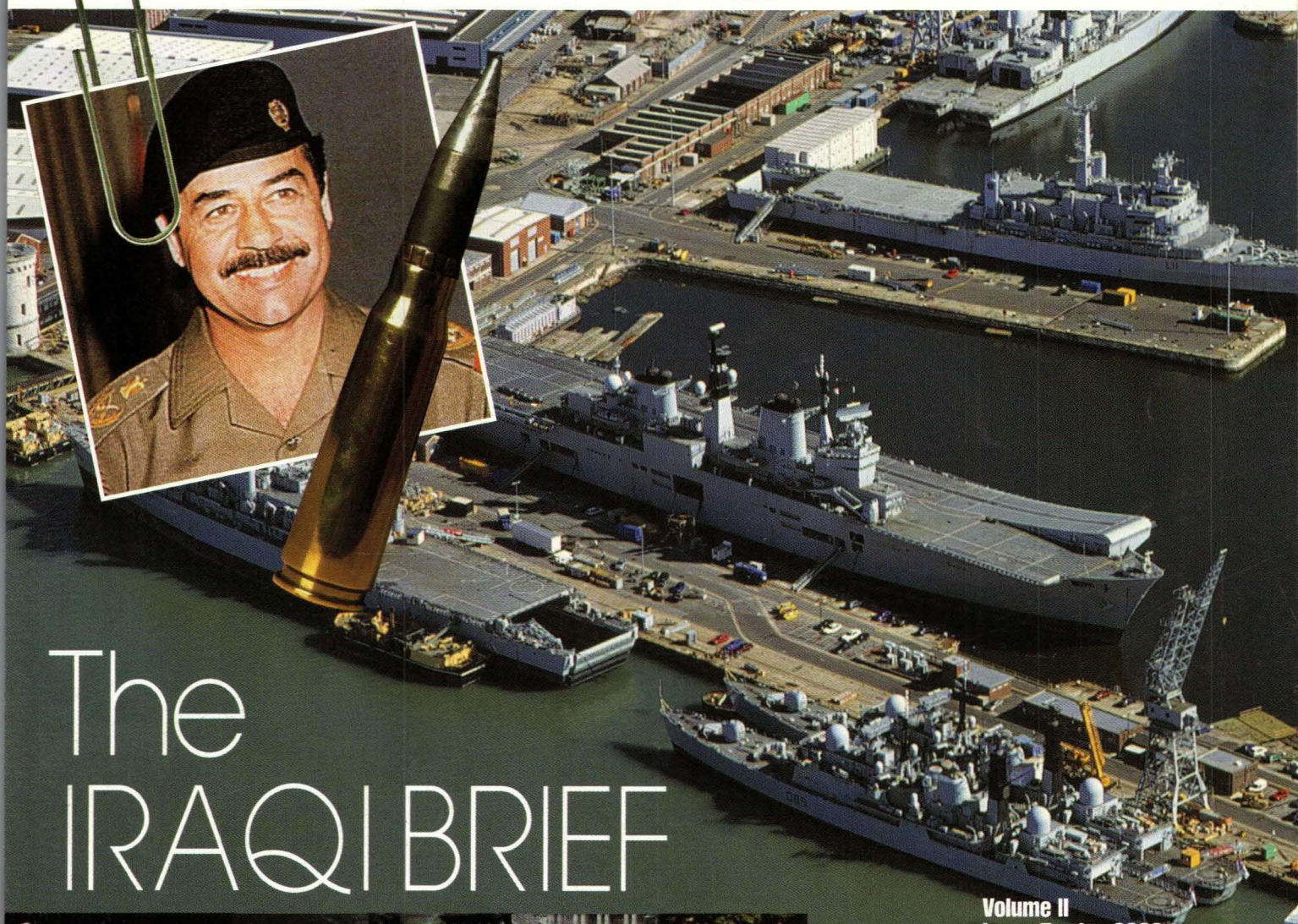


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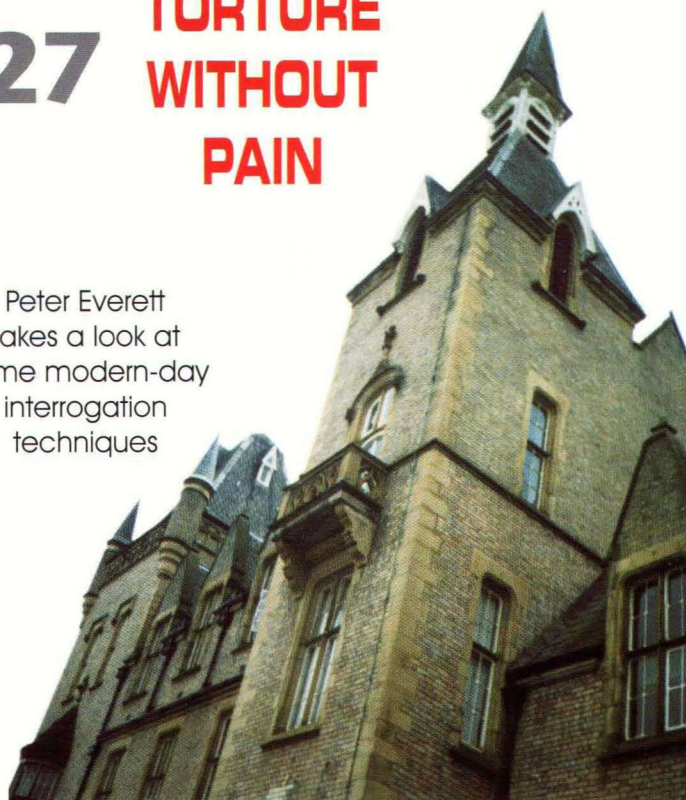
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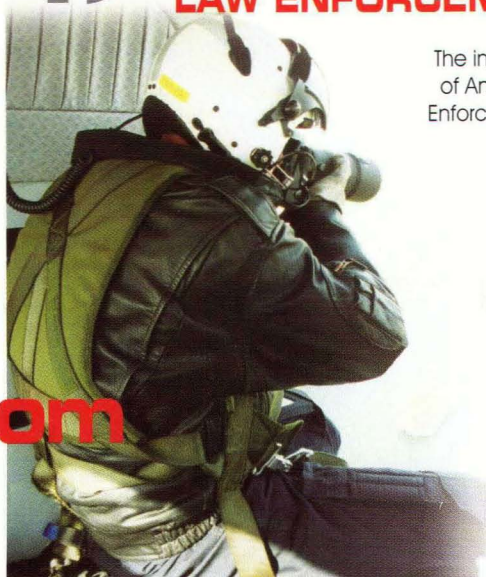
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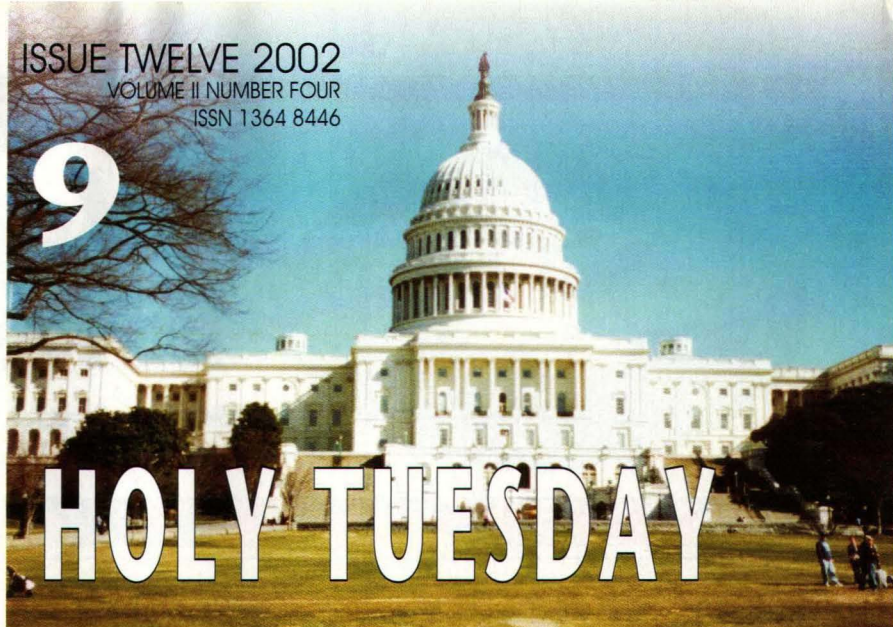
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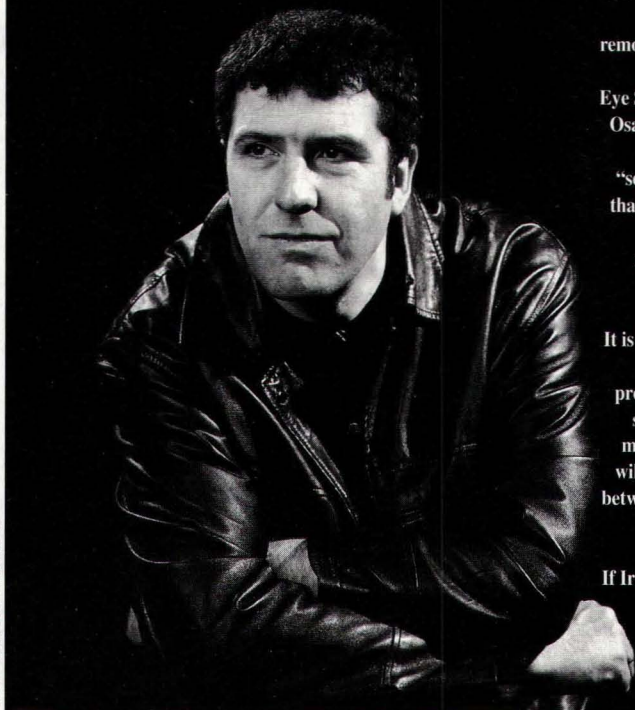
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from the editor



There seems little doubt that the next step in America's war on terror will be the ousting of President Saddam Hussein. Few will shed a tear for the dictator, but it remains to be seen how he will be removed by foreigners or his own people.

Eye Spy learned last Christmas that once Osama bin-Laden's al-Qaida group had been ejected from Afghanistan, Iraq "seemed a target." However, it appears that whilst the UK and USA continue to state Iraq must comply with UN regulations over weapons inspectors, there is indeed a secret agenda.

It is known that Saddam has been trying to push forward Iraq's nuclear programme, but it is Baghdad's covert support of al-Qaida that has angered many in Washington. No doubt details will emerge of a huge and secret liaison between Baghdad and al-Qaida in future months and years.

If Iraq is attacked, the ripples will surely be felt all over the world.

Mark Ian Birdsall

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Worldwide Briefings

Some fascinating intelligence stories collected by **ROBERT JOHN MILLER**



KGB Poison Dart Assassination Foiled

Intelligence papers released by the Public Record Office in August, reveal that MI5 discovered an unusual assassination plot to kill Gheorghe Gheorgiu-Dej in 1964. Dej was known for his anti-Soviet rhetoric after a number of border incidents involving Moscow. He had already survived two attempts on his life, but a third, involving a professional actress with an over-

the-top hairstyle, almost succeeded.

Dej ate out every Wednesday with his daughter, an actress. She had a Russian-born friend who was also an actress. The military attache at the Soviet Embassy in Bucharest asked her to hide a plastic firearm loaded with a poison dart inside her bouffant-styled hair.

The young lady then managed to arrange lunch with the Romanian leader and walked straight through security. Then, as they talked casually, she pulled the gun from her hair and was a second away from pulling the trigger when a bodyguard kicked the weapon out of her hands. The dart was fired but missed Dej. The

woman was initially charged with attempted murder but given a pardon because the Romanians did not want to upset Moscow.

• In another file released by the PRO, MI6 said of Nicolae Ceausescu, Dej's successor: 'Not a very intelligent man. His success was partly due to his habit of always taking an extreme position.'



Gheorghe Gheorgiu-Dej



Nicolae Ceausescu

FBI MAN WHO SAID OSAMA BIN-LADEN DEAD "RETIRES"

DALE WATSON, executive assistant director of the FBI and counter-terrorism official, who innocently made remarks that he believed Osama bin-Laden was dead, has 'left' his post at the FBI and move to the commercial sector (see Eye Spy 11). The Bureau denied that his retirement had anything to do with his remarks, though insiders say his departure is a "surprise."



Dale Watson

Watson was charged with investigating the 9/11 attacks and discovering who was behind the anthrax attacks that left five people dead. Intelligence sources say that at time, the FBI seemed to distance itself from the possibility that the anthrax could have originated from inside the USA and that the sender was in fact an America. Both now seem likely. FBI Director Robert Mueller said no replacement as yet had been chosen, though he did announce that Bruce Gebhardt is the new FBI Deputy Director.

MORE 9/11 BLOODLETING? ANOTHER INS "RETIREMENT"

JAMES ZIGLAR, commissioner of the US Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), announced his retirement just weeks after Mary Ryan, the US State Department official in charge of issuing visas also went. Ziglar's authority was heavily criticised after his office stamped its approval on student visas for two of the 9/11 hijackers.

Ryan left after a scandal involving a shadowy Saudi Arabian operation known as Visa Express which helped

get a number of unacceptable people into America. The Center for Immigration Studies released a report this year in which it stated 48 al-



Qaida suspects have been in the United States for the past ten years.

Ziglar said the 9/11 attacks were the result of "evil" not immigration.

However, clearly the man who was

appointed on 6 August 2001 by a unanimous vote in the Senate is out of step with America as the INS looks to take on a more active role in homeland security.

United Nations Weapons Inspector Says Bush is Wrong

Speaking on the BBC, Hans Blix, the senior United Nations weapons inspector, and former Director-General of the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) was critical of President Bush. He said the military option should be secondary to the pursuit of a UN inspection team once again being allowed into Iraq.



Hans Blix

"If the Iraqis conclude that an invasion by someone is inevitable, then they could conclude it is meaningless to have weapons inspections," said Blix. "If inspectors are allowed in and they are really given unfettered access with no delays, then this might play an important role and we would be eager to do that and to help towards a non-belligerent solution."

BAGHDAD - ISRAEL WOULD STRIKE FIRST

TEL AVIV: Following a frank discussion between President Bush and Ariel Sharon, the Israeli Prime Minister, Washington knows that by delaying an attack on Baghdad, Israel may strike first if it thinks Saddam is poised to launch any sort of chemical or biological attack on Tel Aviv.

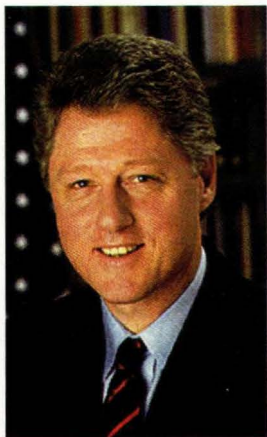
Israel's Foreign Minister, Shimon Peres told CNN: Does America think that if they wait Saddam will change his mind? If he does it will be for the worse. He will have more weapons and more non-conventional weapons."



Eliza Manningham-Buller, new Director-General of MI5



70,000 'Cruise' Missiles - CIA Assessment



Bill Clinton

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY analysts believe as many as 80 countries could have cruise missiles of a sort and the figures in terms of actual warheads are frightening - 70,000. Donald Rumsfeld has warned that Iraq, along with other countries and al-Qaida, could launch a cruise missile-type attack on a US port or town from a boat or any other platform. He issued a memorandum title: *'The Growing Threat Posed by Cruise Missiles.'*

Eye Spy learned that as early as 1999, al-Qaida had acquired unexploded US cruise missiles launched under President Clinton's authority at al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan, and sold the technology to the Chinese and possibly a Middle East country.

The CIA are concerned that any missile could be converted to carry payloads of chemical, biological, or even nuclear warheads.

SPY SHIP GAUL Remains Discovered

The solicitor representing families of 36 victims of a British trawler disaster has confirmed that human remains have been found on board the wreck. The Hull-registered ship, the *Gaul*, mysteriously sank off the coast of Norway in 1974 and there have been persistent rumours that the vessel was in fact spying for MI6 and British naval intelligence. Many analysts believe the Russians

deliberately sank the *Gaul* because they learned a number of the crew were spying on Soviet ships.

No distress signal was ever sent by the captain indicating the ship sank almost immediately. It was not until 1997 that the wreckage was found. Max Gold, the solicitor, said evidence collected during a new survey could possibly shed new light on why it



Commander Brookes - recruited men to spy for MI6

sank. Mike Spurgeon, whose father was first mate, said the families of those who died still believed the government was not telling them the truth.

Eye Spy learned that at least one crew member had links to MI6 (see issue 2).

FREEDOM BECKONS

Nuclear scientist Mordechai Vanunu, who has been in prison since 1986 for revealing details about Israel's top secret nuclear programme, is to attend a parole hearing on 15 October.

Vanunu was jailed for 18 years after the *Sunday Times* published information supplied by Vanunu. He is not considered a threat any more. (See Eye Spy 1 and 2)



Israeli Nuclear Scientist Vanunu - Payroll Hearing

BEHEADED BRITONS - MAN HELD

A senior Chechen fighter by the name of Khusein Idiyev, 36, has been arrested in Chechnya for participating in the beheading of four men: three Britons and a New Zealander. The head of the British telephone workers Darren Hickey, Peter Kennedy, and Stanley Shaw were found in a line on a road in December 1998. Their bodies were found a few weeks later.



Idiyev belonged to a group run by Arbi Barayev, who is thought to have links with Osama bin-Laden. A major BBC investigation in 2001 alleged that bin-Laden paid the terror group \$30 million for the beheadings. Barayev was apparently offered \$10 million to release the men.

MI5 to Publish Secret History

well, some of it!

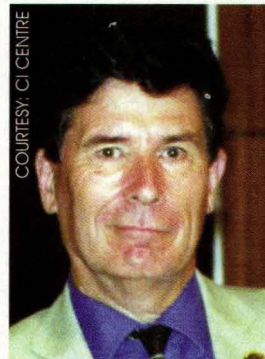
Eye Spy understands that Sir Stephen Lander, the outgoing Director-General of MI5, has been invited to find an historian to chronicle the history of the Security Service. The book could be published in 2009 to mark the service's official 100th anniversary. It is believed Sir Stephen has already written to a number of historians asking them to put themselves forward to write the single-volume history.

The incoming DG, Eliza Manningham-Buller, who takes over in October, and Britain's Home Secretary, David Blunkett, have approved the project. A government source said: "We have an excellent story to tell and hopefully this

book will dispel some myths."

According to informed sources in London, three contenders have been shortlisted including Christopher Andrew. Author of many excellent books, the *London Evening Standard* said: "He would not rock the boat." Another favourite to get the job is Dr A. J. Hilton of Trinity, Cambridge. It is believed he is a "principal recruiting officer from MI5 and MI6." The third person in the frame is Dr Sebastian Cox, an historian at the Cabinet Office. He is currently working on a confidential history of the RAF in the Gulf War.

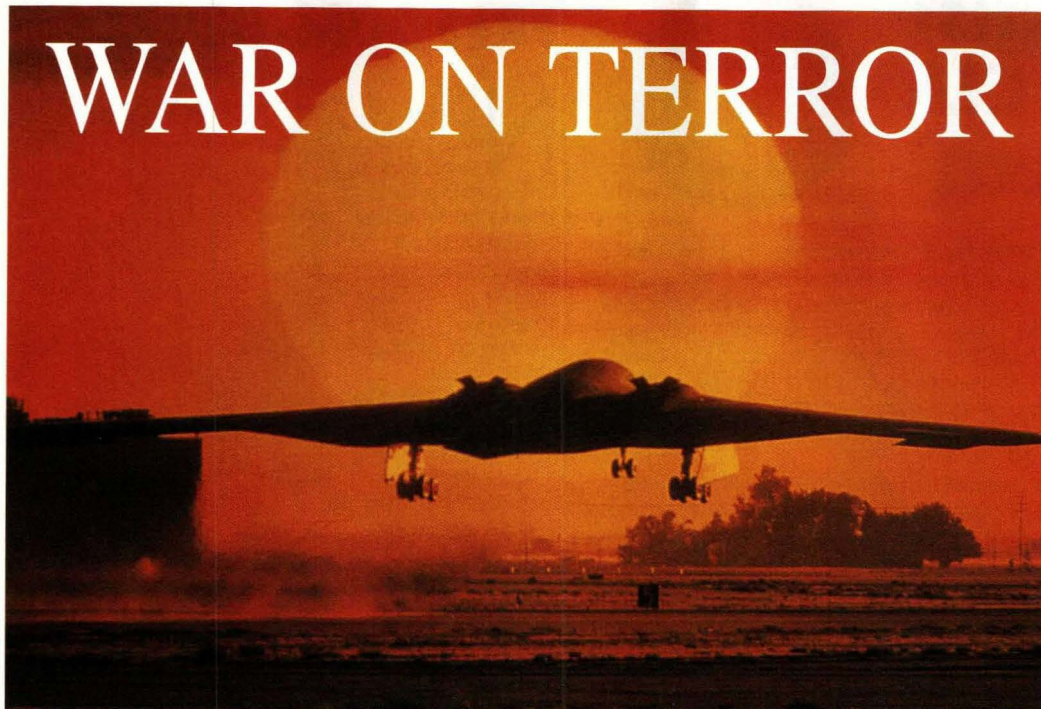
Whoever is chosen to write the history of this most



Christopher Andrew

famous Service, will also receive a part-time wage from MI5 and have full access to most files. In return, HM Government will make a handsome sum of money from sales and serialisation rights, including a possible movie and documentary.

WAR ON TERROR



ARMS TO IRAQ Weapons Search

A few months ago, Eye Spy learned from an intelligence source that Baghdad was secretly purchasing materials from the Ukraine in an attempt to further its nuclear weapons programme. Civil cargo aircraft were being chartered to fly materials via Greece into Iraq. Greek Intelligence may have been aware of the flights.

This appears to have been confirmed by Hrihorly Omelchenko, a senior Ukrainian investigator who has accused President Kuchma of selling arms to Iraq. This action violates a United Nations embargo.



Carlos Pascual

Omelchenko is currently heading an investigation into the beheading of Heorhiy Gongadze, a journalist. Omelchenko alleged that there were four Ukrainian Kolchuha radar stations in Iraq.

The US Embassy in Kiev, whose ambassador is Carlos Pascual, said it would investigate the claims.

M16 Pass on Vital Clues on Lost US Navy Pilot

Washington has accused Baghdad of concealing vital information about a US Navy pilot declared 'killed in action' on the very first day of the 1991 Gulf War. However, new intelligence gathered by M16 from an Iraqi source, suggests that Michael Scott Speicher may still be alive but in captivity.

Since learning of this information, the Pentagon has officially redesignated the pilot 'missing in action'. Sources told Eye Spy that that decision may be reviewed next year to 'missing or captured'. That suggests the Pentagon believes Speicher might be a prisoner of war.

Commander Speicher was downed flying an F-18 Hornet in the desert west of Baghdad. Following an M16 intelligence briefing in Washington, the CIA and DIA are investigating "new channels." Similarly, pressure is

being put on Iraq by the International Committee of the Red Cross to cooperate.

John Negroponte, the US ambassador said: "Despite our extensive efforts in this regard, Iraq has continued to assert that they will provide no new information. We consider the treatment of this case a perfect example of their non-cooperation on the prisoner of war and missing persons issue."

A US intelligence dossier supplied to the Senate Intelligence Committee last year clearly showed there was a good chance the pilot "survived the loss of his aircraft." And if he did so, "he was almost certainly captured by the Iraqis." The report continued: "We assess that Iraq can account for Commander Speicher but that Baghdad is concealing information about his fate."

When hostilities ceased in the Gulf War, the Iraqis handed the US



Commander Speicher - US Navy

Speicher's uniform. It had been cut open.

Last year the *Washington Post* said that British officials had told the CIA that they had heard from an Iraqi source Speicher was alive. Only two people had ever been allowed to see him, Uday Hussein, Saddam's son, and the Iraq's most senior intelligence officer.

The intelligence report to the Senate also said Speicher's aircraft was found "more or less intact." The canopy was several hundreds of yards away from the aircraft, suggesting the pilot had ejected.

Speicher's family from Florida have been advised on the new information and Richard Adams, a nephew, believes that Saddam is holding him as a trophy until he needs him.

QUICK BRIEF

- Since 9/11, 1,204 people have been detained in the United States as the FBI seeks to clampdown on suspected terrorists.
- 600 suspected al-Qaida fighters and members are being held at Camp X-Ray in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; 13 of them are British.
- Almost 2,000 people have been detained throughout the world as part of the war on terror. Most are thought to be linked or sympathise with Osama bin-Laden.
- 150 people have been arrested in Britain; 46 were charged but only 10 await trial. None has been convicted.
- Some 11 foreigners were detained in the UK under emergency anti-terror legislation.
- Only two people, Zacarias Moussaoui, 33 (right) and Mounir El-Motassadeq, 28, have been charged in connection with 9/11. That may change with the arrest of Ramzi Bin al-Shibh in Pakistan.



F-18 Hornet US Navy

US BELIEVES SENIOR AL-QAIDA COMMANDERS IN IRAQ

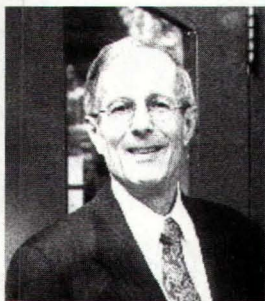
Military chiefs in the United States are convinced that Iraq is hiding several senior al-Qaida figures, though sceptics say the intelligence was deliberately leaked to generate support for the war with Saddam Hussein.

Reports that Iraq was giving refuge to the fighters appeared in *The Washington Post*. However, even some ardent supporters of the policy to oust Saddam thought it was a leak. "The basic information is not new. There has been attention paid to this area. I am sceptical," said David Mack, a vice-president of the Washington-based Middle East Institute think-tank.

"Recurring reports blaming Iraq for everything are giving Iraqi hardliners like myself a bad name, because some people are straining to find the smoking gun, and they tend to cloud a lot of the reasons for regime change."

The initial reports of al-Qaida operating in Iraq first appeared in *The New Yorker* magazine. They published interviews with captured al-Qaida prisoners held by the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) - a pro-Washington group opposed to Saddam. The report clearly stated Iraqi intelligence had been in close touch with officials from Osama bin-Laden's group for years. Of further interest was the allegation that both the Iraqis and al-Qaida jointly operated a terror group called Ansar al-Islam, that operates in the north of Iraq in the Kurdish area.

Donald Rumsfeld said: "At some point it may make sense to discuss this publicly."



David Mack

Secret US Weapons

THE PENTAGON has been chartering private companies to move heavy weaponry into the Gulf.

One company hired to move equipment is the huge Maersk Line. Washington awarded a contract for eight ships.

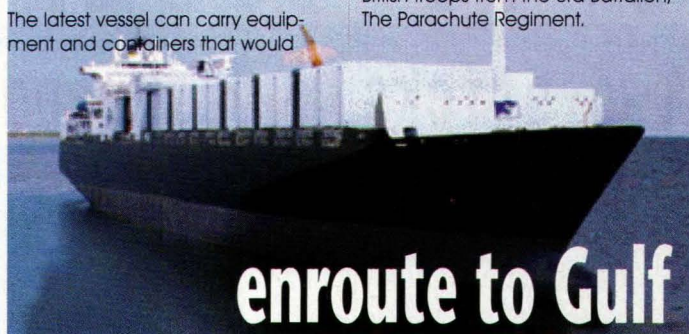
Several other massive cargo ships with a carrying capacity eight times greater than any US Navy ship, have been quietly traversing the oceans between the USA and the Middle East for several months. The Pentagon said the ships were merely delivering armoured vehicles for military exercises in Jordan and other areas.

The latest vessel can carry equipment and containers that would

cover the size of a football pitch. It is sailing from an undisclosed port in the USA to an unspecified location in the Gulf. It became the third ship hired in August to move heavy weaponry to the area, fuelling speculation that a massive arms build up is taking place. Other chartered container ships have been seen at the British facility on Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

In July, the US Military Sealift Command used chartered vessels to take helicopters and other weaponry to the Red Sea.

In the recent Jordan exercise, US and Jordanian forces were joined by British troops from the 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment.



ALERT AT HUGE US CHEMICAL FACILITY

A terrorist alert was sounded after National Guardsmen at The Deseret Chemical Depot in Tooele, Utah, America - a facility which stores and destroys nerve gas and other chemical agents, spotted a possible intruder.

On 5 September, National Guardsmen, who have provided security at the depot since the 11 September terrorist attack, searched the Deseret Chemical Depot and its surrounding area by helicopter, but failed to find the reported intruder.

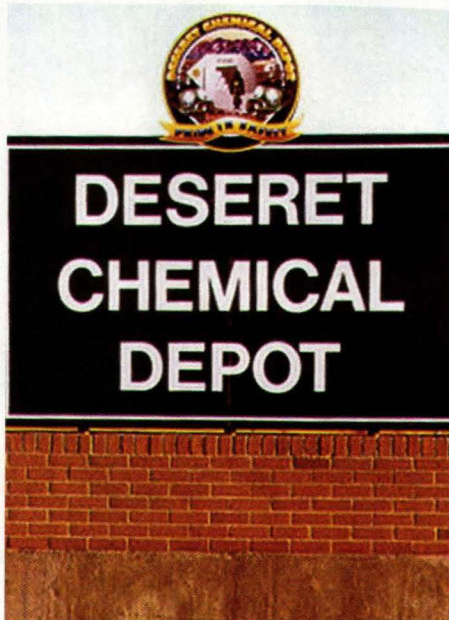
The depot's alarm sounded at 9.24am, and all operations were immediately halted. According to Colonel Peter Cooper, the depot commander, four depot guardsmen reported spotting the intruder. The guardsmen were approximately a quarter of a mile from the intruder, who fled when they approached. Cooper reported that no shots were fired.

It was reported that the intruder, dressed in dark clothing, was seen in a fenced area between the stored chemicals and the perimeter. Cooper stated: "We are talking about the outer boundaries... he never got close to the chemical storage area at all. The security of the depot was not at risk."

The Deseret Chemical Depot is located about 45 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, Utah. It covers approximately 19,000 acres of desert and has been destroying chemical weapons since 1996. The depot destroyed the largest supply of sarin nerve gas in the United States earlier this year.

The depot is scheduled to destroy 1,300 tons of VX, a more toxic but less volatile nerve agent. It will also destroy 6,100 tons of mustard gas, a blister agent.

According to reliable sources, a senior administration official in Washington, stated: "There was no evidence that anything was stolen or that terrorism was involved." And, according to Tooele officials, the situation did not pose a threat to the surrounding community.



George Tenet,
CIA Director

CIA HUNTERS HASTEN SEARCHES

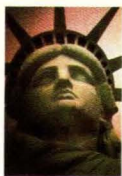
Following consultations between senior US intelligence leaders, the CIA has been asked to speed-up its

development of small anti-terror units that will be tasked with capturing or removing known and wanted terrorists.

The regulators have removed legal obstacles that were put in place several years ago to stop the CIA from conducting assassinations. Now the organisation's Special Activities Division (SAD) is creating an elite division that will have the ability to strike anywhere in the world, overtly or covertly.

Shortly before Christmas 2001, Britain's MI6 invited retired SAS soldiers to join the Secret Intelligence Service for certain tasks that required experienced troops.

Some analysts believe that the Iraqi problem (i.e. Saddam Hussein), might be solved by simply killing the leader of the regime rather than attempting a dangerous invasion.



In June 2002, following a number of journeys and meetings that were cancelled, Al-Jazeera's most senior investigative reporter, Yosri Fouda, met with two of America's most wanted, Khalid Sheikh Muhammed, 38, and Ramzi Bin al-Shibh, 30, the al-Qaida fighters who are now known to have been prominent in the organising of the strikes against America. Indeed, one senior intelligence official told Eye Spy: "These two men were probably the masterminds behind the complex operation." Khalid is in

fact Ramzi Yousef's uncle, now serving life in prison for the 1993 World Trade Center car-park bombing.

Bin al-Shibh, a Yemeni national, was arrested in Karachi after a bloody gunfight on Wednesday 11 September that left two suspected terrorists dead, and six police officers injured. Pakistani security officials working in conjunction with the CIA and FBI, began the operation on Monday night, following the arrest of two men in the city. They provided vital information, and when

the FBI intercepted a satellite phone call from a person inside the building, it was clear some senior al-Qaida men were present. The CIA then used special electronic equipment to monitor the apartment and to try and identify the suspects. The FBI and police surrounded the safehouse and when the group resisted arrest, a three-hour shoot-out erupted. Besides the fatalities, ten other people were arrested in the raid. Heavy weapons and communications equipment was also recovered.

9/11 CODEWORD:

Two sticks a dash and a cake with a stick down

Remarkable
Senior Al-Ja

'HOLY TUESDAY'

General Pervez Musharaff said the men were "very important."

Pakistani officials said that the arrests bring the total number of al-Qaida suspects detained to 400, though Bin al-Shibh, is by far the most important.

The FBI contend that Bin al-Shibh, was a key member of the same al-Qaida cell that Mohamad Atta joined in Hamburg. German officials issued a warrant for his arrest a few days after the 9/11 attacks, but



General
Pervez
Musharaff

Ramzi Bin al-Shibh.
Inset: Ramzi Yousef



he fled to Pakistan where the authorities had been unable to trace him until now.

Washington insists that on two occasions he forwarded money to at least two of the hijackers, Mohamad Atta and Marwan al-Shehi.

However, some analysts believe it was his participation in the recent interview with Al-Jazeera, that could have led to his downfall. Eye Spy has been told that as many as 30 ISI agents from Pakistan could have been involved in an operation to follow the journalist. Khalid had announced himself as the head of al-Qaida's "military committee" and Bin al-Shibh, "the coordinator of the 'Holy Tuesday' operation." Holy Tuesday being the 9/11 attack. "They wanted to make a big bang and chose targets that would be more symbolic, and at the same time, kill as many people as possible," said Fouda.

Following the Al-Jazeera meeting in Karachi, the reporter said Bin al-Shibh had the

makings and ability to become the next Osama bin-Laden. A Yemeni by birth, it is believed he took an active role in the holing of the US warship Cole in waters just off Aden in October 2000.

But it is the incredible operational details of the 9/11 attacks that the Arab television station obtained that is astonishing senior CIA, FBI, and NSA analysts, and this makes his arrest even more important.

Using an elaborate number of codewords to disguise the talk or 'chatter' about USA targets, al-Qaida managed to avoid detection. However, some now out-of-work code-breakers believe that the US intelligence services missed several "golden opportunities." One British intelligence officer said that a simple phrase by itself means nothing, but together, they form a picture that should have been apparent to America's huge intelligence gathering bodies.



The Pentagon: 'Faculty of Fine Arts'



Khalid Sheikh Muhammed

Intelligence Gleaned by
a Journalist Yosri Fouda

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COURTESY FBI



Bin al-Shibh
photograph
- retouched
by FBI

operation." Mohamad Atta, one of al-Qaida's sleepers, was summoned to what was described as a "council of war" in Afghanistan. Several times al-Qaida terrorists crossed into the United States, often flying direct from Hamburg or via London.

Bin al-Shibh, who had sought asylum in Germany in the late 1990s met Atta on several occasions. His flat in Hamburg became known as "the kitchen of the 11 September operation," according to Fouda.

Eye Spy learned late last year that hijacked United Airlines Flight 93's target could have been Three Mile Island, or another nuclear plant west of Washington D.C. Khalid told Fouda that the original plan was indeed to strike the nuclear plants, "but we decided against it because it would go out of control." Henceforth, the hijackers did try to destroy the Capital building. Unbeknown to them of course, even had the valiant passengers not fought back, two USAF fighters would have shot them down. Strangely, the men with an FBI reward of \$25m on their heads said the White House was not a target.

Though the genesis for the plot started in 1996, when some of the terrorists moved to 54 Marienstrass in Hamburg, the origins of the 'Holy Tuesday' plan was hatched in 1999, according to the men. They called it a "martyrdom

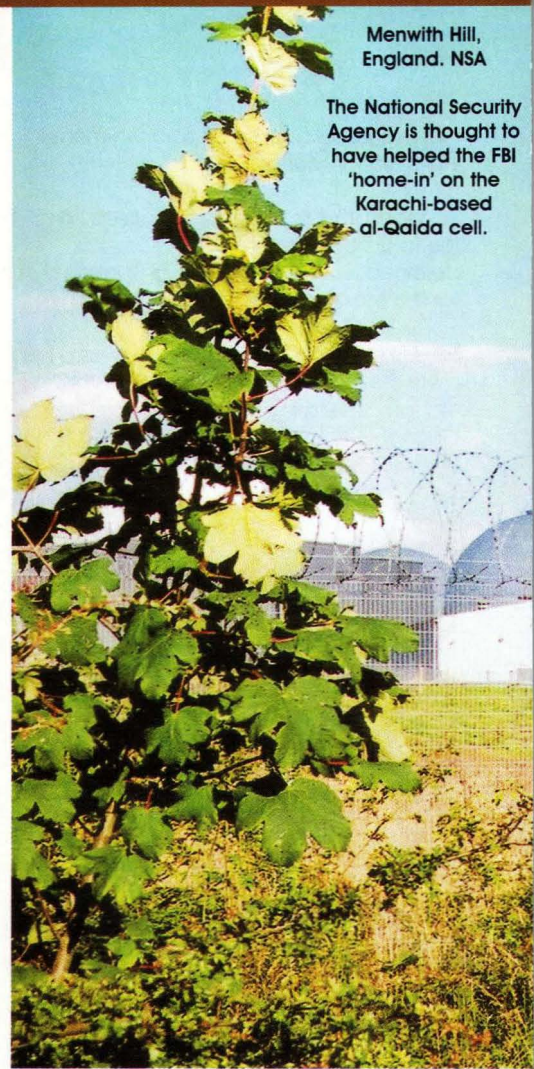
Many of the 9/11 hijackers, including Atta, took flying lessons in America. What is now known is that Bin al-Shibh put forward his name to be the '20th hijacker'. However, this arrangement collapsed when he was refused entry into the USA. Khalid also shared the flat with Atta in Hamburg and the men had much respect for each other.

Fouda discovered that al-Qaida had managed to insert four reconnaissance teams into the United States prior to the arrival of Atta and his group. The CIA will now be examining a huge amount of data to try and deduce who may have played a role in this part of the operation.

In late 1999 Bin al-Shibh and other members of the Hamburg cell travelled to

Menwith Hill,
England. NSA

The National Security
Agency is thought to
have helped the FBI
'home-in' on the
Karachi-based
al-Qaida cell.



The hijackers studied furiously about airport
security and how not to cause suspicion



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"We need a thousand operations like these... it will be the beginning of the end for America."



Yosri Fouda

Atta's last call to Bin al-Shibh was confirmation that the US-based terror group had selected the date. Using the code "two sticks, a dash and a cake with a stick down," i.e., 9/11.

Fouda was told that al-Qaida never used words such as Pentagon or White House. Instead, these were exchanged for more mundane phrases and names. Al-Qaida was fully aware of Echelon and that the NSA regularly engaged in tracking and intercepting key words. Thus, the World Trade Center became the 'faculty of town planning', Capital Hill was the 'faculty of law', the Pentagon became the 'faculty of fine arts', and so it went on. Such words would not trigger Echelon or even cause suspicion to a regular listener.

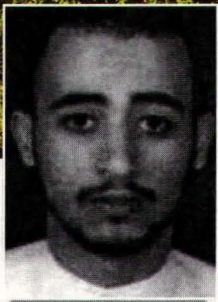
Bin al-Shibh, and Khalid met Fouda in a six-room flat. They still had a suitcase full of maps, documents, flying manuals, CD-Roms, and a navigation map of the eastern seaboard of the USA. Bin al-Shibh, issued a chilling message: "We need a thousand operations like these... it will be the beginning of the end for America."

Fouda was then told to leave his tape recordings so that they could be edited. The tapes should have been returned to Al-Jazeera, but they never showed up. Instead, what they got was a voice recording only. This has led to much belief that there has been a mind-shift in policy, or another indication that Osama bin-Laden is dead. Analysts believe that on at least two occasions, Bin al-Shibh used bin-Laden's name in the past tense. Had visual footage been available, experts could have detected facial movements that in all probability may have confirmed this.

Al-Jazeera said that Osama bin-Laden was notified of the date of the attack as late as 6 September 2001.

The CIA said that Bin al-Shibh could hold vital intelligence because he has probably been central to the planning of fresh outrages against US interests. The tapes meanwhile are certainly authentic and name Mohamad Atta, Marwan al-Shihhi, Kani Hajour, and Ziad Jarrah as the four men who led the terror attacks.

As for Bin al-Shibh, he probably regrets making the tapes. (See also page 23) ■



Hani Hanjour



Jarrahzi



Marwan Al-Shehhi



Mohamad Atta

Kandahar in Afghanistan and received training. It was here that they were introduced to other participants of the 9/11 operation. The CIA believe Bin al-Shibh is the only person to have attended two crucial meetings in Spain and Malaysia that dealt with the attack.

Atta and al-Qaida meanwhile, had established a complex and thoroughly professional line of communication using the internet and a series of coded messages. It was an elaborate scheme. Atta channelled messages to Bin al-Shibh posing as a "student in America writing to his girlfriend Jenny," in Germany.



The White House -
"not a target"

america's

LONGEST DAY

ATC

Four hours and 4,500 aircraft later - the skies over America on 11 September 2001 fell silent. The FAA reveals how they watched in disbelief the events unfold on that fateful day, and how their swift response may well have saved countless other lives...

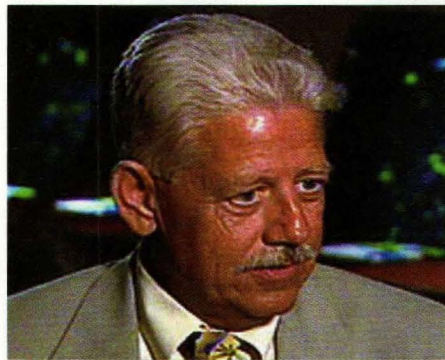
In response to numerous request from the world's media, America's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), allowed journalists a brief glimpse of how orders were issued to land over 4,500 aeroplanes in a matter of hours. Additionally, senior FAA officials spoke of their helplessness as the events of 9/11 began to unfold in front of the very eyes.

Reporters were invited, under strict rules, to attend meetings in New York, Boston, and Washington DC. It soon transpired that air traffic controllers were fully aware that following the first strike on the World Trade Center, another hijacked airliner also intended to attack New York. Initially, however, ATC officials were baffled until unusual chatter was picked up from a Flight 11, and then that aircraft's transponder, which boosts radar signals, fell silent.

For eleven minutes, controllers watched United Airlines Flight 175 change course towards New York. "One of the most difficult moments of my life was the 11 minutes from the point I watched that aircraft after we lost communications to the point that the aircraft hit the World Trade Center," said

Michael McCormick, air traffic director at the FAA's New York City Center.

Frank Hatfield, Air Traffic Division Manager, revealed how they learned that Flight 11 had been hijacked: "When we had a loss of communication and transponder, we considered it, at that point, a possible hijacking." That was at 8.25am, some 25 minutes after the aircraft took off. NORAD was informed 15 minutes later, but it could not have responded in time, even though two USAF F-15 Eagles from Otis AFB in Massachusetts were airborne at 8.52am.



Frank Hatfield - praised air staff

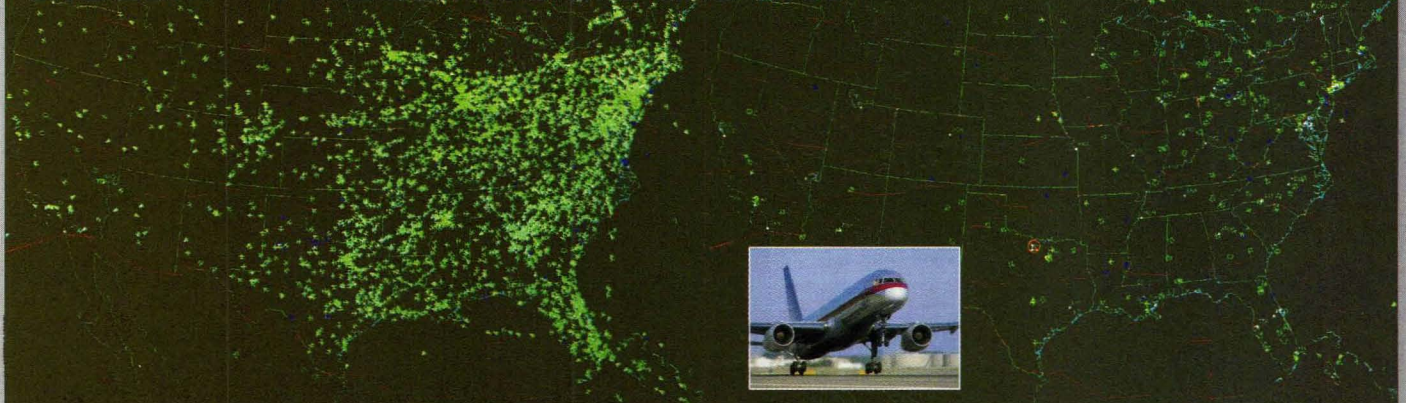
Simply, it was too late to do anything. He also described how all of America's air traffic controllers started searching for the "enemy."

"The air traffic controllers in the eastern region were trying to identify four aircraft out of 6,000, whose sole intention was to avoid detection by flying low, flying fast, and who had shut off all electronic means of communication... this was the equivalent of finding four needles in a haystack."

Flight 11 was descending and moving south. Then the FAA said that Flight 175, itself soon to be hijacked, was asked if it could see Flight 11. It responded simply with the aircraft's altitude.

McCormick was watching CNN and the devastating scenes in Lower Manhattan. He instinctively knew Flight 175 was also going to strike New York: "I knew at that time this was in fact an attack," he said. "We knew that the World Trade Center had been the target of a previous attack... this was in fact another attack. For those 11 minutes, I knew what was going to happen, and this made it very difficult."

8.30am - 11.30am before and after





USAF fighter jets launched 462 times between 11 September and June 2002

The United States Department of Defense has announced a dramatic increase in the number of intercepts launched by chase aircraft since 11 September 2002. US military fighters have been scrambled 462 times to examine suspicious aircraft.

The news has been welcomed by those critics who have claimed the USAF did not act quickly enough last year. New systems and a greater sense of urgency and cooperation between the FAA and NORAD ensures that any suspect aircraft can be intercepted at speed. NORAD was not warned of the hijackings last year for several vital minutes; now a direct link across America means that fighters can be launched in a matter of minutes.

"NORAD is linked telephonically 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week, so

anything that is an anomaly or a suspected anomaly that's found in the system, NORAD knows about it quickly as we do," said David Canoles, the FAA's director of Air Traffic Evaluations and Investigations.

At NORAD's huge underground facility deep in Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, they listen to conversations on the FAA lines throughout the USA, said Major Douglas Martin, Canada's NORAD's spokesman. "If we hear anything that indicates difficulty in the skies, we begin the staff work to scramble."

Fighters intercepting aircraft may tip their wings, or contact the pilot to invite identification. Since the events last year, not one aircraft has been fired upon, despite a number of close calls.



At 9.04am, Mike McCormick made a decision unprecedented in the history of the FAA; he announced ATC ZERO - a codeword that meant all aircraft regardless of size, should land at the nearest location.

Controllers at New Jersey - across the Hudson River from Lower Manhattan - watched in despair as Flight 175 turned on their radar, and seconds later, vanished as the airliner struck the South Tower of the WTC.

Moments later, controllers at Washington DC's Reagan National Airport saw American Airlines Flight 77 make a 360 degree turn and crash into the Pentagon. On duty that day was Linda Schuessler, manager of FAA Air Traffic Investigations. She said: "I think we were all looking at each other in disbelief... is this really occurring in the national airspace system? This was unheard of before.

"But we had jobs to do. We were tackling our jobs, gathering information and data, making decisions."

Mike McCormick's instructions were being adhered to as 3,000 lay dead. At 12.15pm, over 4,500 aircraft had landed; an enormous

task that covered 48 States. "History may reveal, or we may never actually know, if their actions on that morning saved lives, or prevented potential terrorist acts, but I can say absolutely without a doubt that their actions eliminated that possibility," said Mr McCormick.

The briefing also heard that at one point, the FAA believed as many as eleven aircraft had been hijacked. "All the reports were treated as unconfirmed hijackings until we eliminated that as a possibility," said Mr Hatfield.



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NORAD working with the FAA to protect the skies over the United States



A Post Card From London



The Spying Game

PETER EVERETT REPORTS ON A NEW INFLUX
OF TELEVISION SPY PROGRAMMES

Londoners are starting to act very strange. Courting couples walk on opposite sides of the street from each other while talking into mobile telephones and close observers will see teenage heads protruding from dustbins.

The cause of this strange behaviour is due to the rapid growth of television spy courses. No, you did not misread the sentence - British digital channels are screening a series of 'teach yourself spying' programming. **The History Channel** is running *Great Spy Stories*, **Bravo** is screening *Spy School*, and **Discovery** is currently shooting *Spymaster*.

Spymaster is a programme where six agents will undertake a mission following an intensive two week training programme. From what I have seen of *Spy School*, the Director Generals of MI5 and MI6 need not fear for their jobs. The *Spy School* training covers everything from assassination to code breaking. MI5's David Shayler has been cast as anchor man for the programme. A recent episode dealt with surveillance. A couple of hapless youngsters attempted to follow an unsuspecting member of the public using the ABC method. (The ABC is a well established method of following someone and is commonly used by police and security forces).

Needless to say, the youngsters soon lost their target and moved on to more interesting spy techniques such as the art of seduction. As a result of these pseudo James Bond style fantasies, the metropolis is now full of wannabe spies.

Although these 'teach yourself spying' programmes are entertaining, they seem to be creating an underlying current of turbulence and causing the ringing of alarm bells. Forgive my pessimism, but if real spies show their secret craft on television, wouldn't there be a great chance that enemies of the state may see the programme? The spies in question are all British trained and what they are demonstrating on these programmes to persons who have not signed the Official Secrets Act are indeed British techniques! But far graver scenarios from these programmes come to mind. One of the said programmes actually deals with methods of killing which is disguised by using the euphemism of 'self defence'. Surely there are already enough maniacs amongst us who do not need further encouragement. Perhaps television producers should give more consideration to such matters when pre-planning such programmes. Additionally, perhaps the Broadcasting Commission should be more closely involved during the pre-production stage.

Then there are those viewers of these programmes who are immature or are just simple nut cases who value the programmes as a learning tool. These viewers are the

wanabees who are currently stalking unsuspecting Londoners. Amateur surveillance is an invasion of privacy unless the subject being watched has agreed in advance. Television is a great escapism and often entertains and educates its audience. However, there are times when restraint is called for.

To avoid being called a hypocrite, I do admit that I am currently involved in such a programme. However, the producers have been extremely cautious to protect national security and to avoid teaching their viewers to kill.

Spying has become a lucrative business. Weekly, we get calls from members of the press and media, all with the same request - can we introduce them to real spies? At £200 an interview, the take up is quite high. The potential became all too apparent when I discovered that an ex MI6 officer actually has an agent. In the future, the SIS quartermaster will have to issue pancake foundation make up, Equity cards, and the official lap-tops and one time pads.

Perhaps the producers of digital TV have solved the massive intelligence overspend. Instead of sending recruits on long expensive training courses, the directors of training need only give them copies of the programme video.

After all, it is on television. Therefore, it must be true!



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EX KGB COLONEL CONFIRMS BRITISH SPY'S EXECUTION

Boris Gudz, a 100-year-old former OGPU Colonel, has given a detailed account of the death of Sidney Reilly, one of Britain's most famous spies who was reputedly Ian Fleming's "inspiration" for James Bond. Sidney Reilly's death has been the subject of controversy for over 75 years. Was he murdered or was the murder a cover up for his defection to Russia - the land of his birth?

ANDREW COOK, the author of the forthcoming biography on Reilly, *On His Majesty's Secret Service: Sidney Reilly STI*, (Tempus) found Gudz, a vital witness to Reilly's death, and was with him when he gave a detailed account of the murder in a Russian television interview.

Boris Gudz is almost certainly the only person alive to have participated in 'Operation Trust', the counter-espionage plot to lure Reilly onto Soviet territory and arrest him. Gudz was a personal friend and colleague of Grigory Feduleev, Ibrahim Abissalov, and Grigory Syroezhkin, the OGPU secret police officers deputed to execute Reilly on the 5th of November 1925. Gudz confirmed that the order to kill Reilly came from Stalin directly.



Sidney Reilly, real name Shlomo Rosenblum

Now The Ace of Spies
to a Sucker Punch

Deadly Ground

Sidney Reilly was one of Britain's most legendary spies. He was murdered following a direct order from Josef Stalin; this according to a new meticulously researched book by Andrew Cook. His research into the fate of Sidney Reilly was conducted in 14 countries, and he had privileged access to over 2,000 classified or previously unpublished documents, many from MI5, MI6, and the KGB's successor, the FSB.

Amongst those he interviewed was Boris Gudz, a 100-year-old Russian intelligence officer who provided astounding new information.

His contacts with defence and intelligence specialists allowed Cook access to classified intelligence archives. Henceforth, he has undertaken a massive research project that has plumbed the mystery of the man nicknamed the 'ace of spies' to its depths.

So who was Sidney Reilly, and what were the true circumstances of his death?

Reilly was actually born Shlomo Rosenblum to Jewish parents in 1873 in what is now the Ukraine. And, it is his background as a struggling Jew in a society that was all too familiar that saw Reilly acquire his skills for deceit, survival, and clever fabrication. In later years, the master spy said he was born in Dublin, Odessa and St. Petersburg, to name but a few cities, this only further induced the mystery.

After fleeing Russia and briefly staying in Germany and France, Reilly turned up in London with a suitcase full of money and started plying his trade, occasionally spying for Scotland Yard.



Boris Gudz photographed just last month by author Andrew Cook



A young Sidney Reilly

He also joined a gang that produced some of the best counterfeit roubles "ever seen by the Russian authorities." He was learning his trade but often stepped over the line of the law. Indeed, so annoyed were the Russians that in 1899, they sent a delegation to England to stop his counterfeit operation. Reilly fled with his wife Margaret - and their new British passports. For the next 20 years, he travelled the world as a playboy adventurer and rogue. He married three times, and as Cook learned, he used several charades to "achieve political influence". This was not to mention a multi-million pound fortune working alongside his partner, Alexandre Weinstein.

THE STING

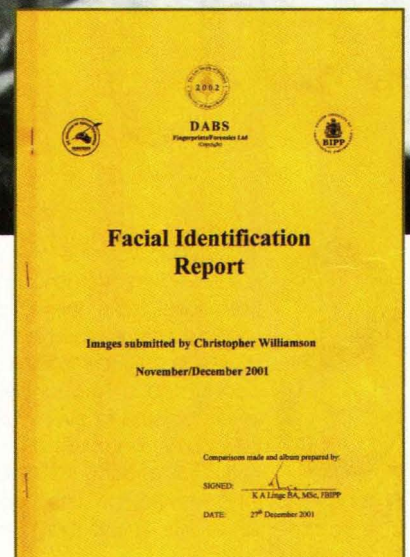
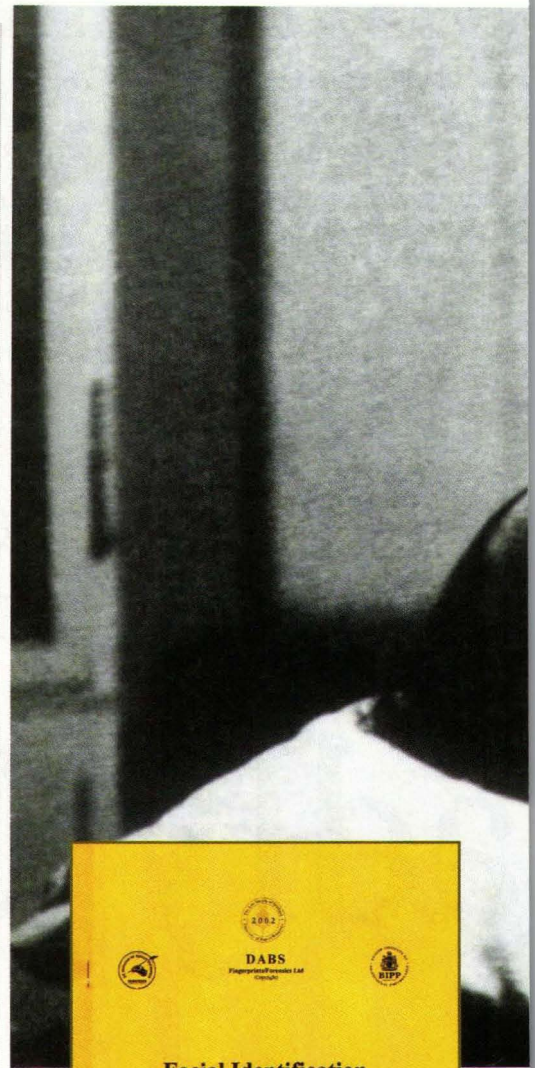
The two men were likened to the characters in the legendary movie, *The Sting*, starring Robert Redford and Paul Newman. One FBI intelligence file said the men were 'international confidence men of the highest class'. With lots of money, the pair lived the high-life at the Ritz and similar establishments; fabulous vehicles and other luxuries. Additional monies came from dodgy land deals, commodities, works of art, and arms sales.

Reilly made his approach to work for Britain's Secret Intelligence Service towards the end of the Great War. London accepted, though there was concern. He was eventually sent to work in Russia where he won the Military Cross for distinguished service.

Much has been said about how the man from a poor Jewish family accrued his skills. However, clearly his upbringing and having to fight for his survival in Poland, Russia, Belarus and the Ukraine helped. Like Nazi Germany, there was much persecution of Jews in Stalin's empire. Opportunities were limited, but many Jews skilfully "worked the rulebook" and managed to "circumvent the system." It was a question of survival.

The Rosenblum family moved to Odessa, a city likened to New York. Ethnic in its diversity, it also provided work and one could make a handsome profit. Yet in his book, *On His Majesty's Secret Service: Sidney Reilly ST1*, Cook's never quite grasped who was the natural father of Reilly. "The burden of illegitimacy was perhaps a major part of his life that he tried to hide," said Cook. However, his father was perhaps a Jewish doctor who eventually moved to Brazil in 1896.

Reilly's skill at concealing major parts of his life are evident. This helped him enormously

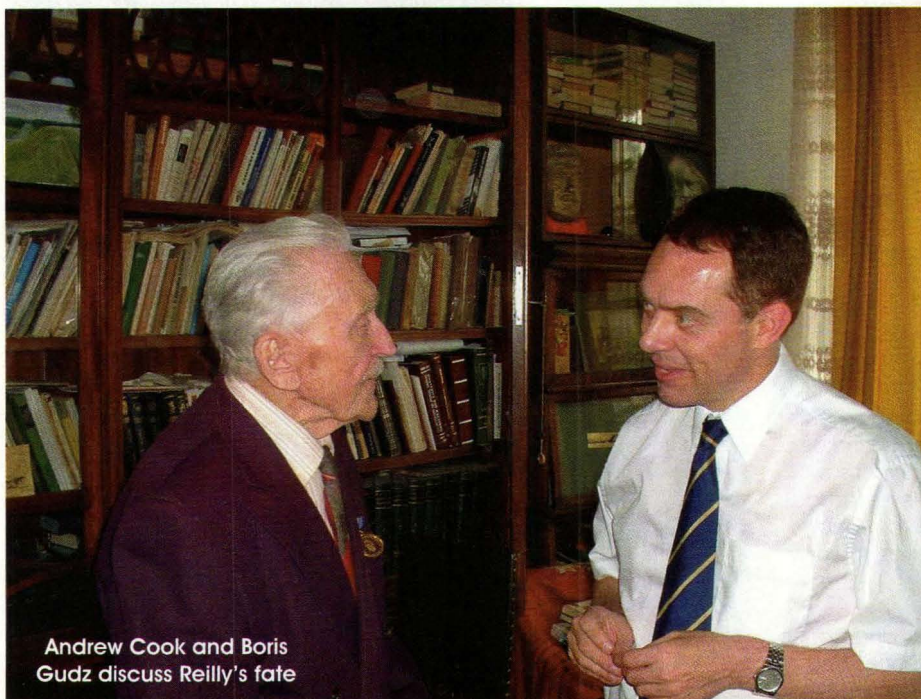


as he often adopted new identities. During thirty years of life, he went about his business disguised as a German art dealer, a Greek trader, a Turkish merchant, a French geologist, and an Irish financier. His brilliant deception was helped in no small manner by the fact that he spoke seven different languages.

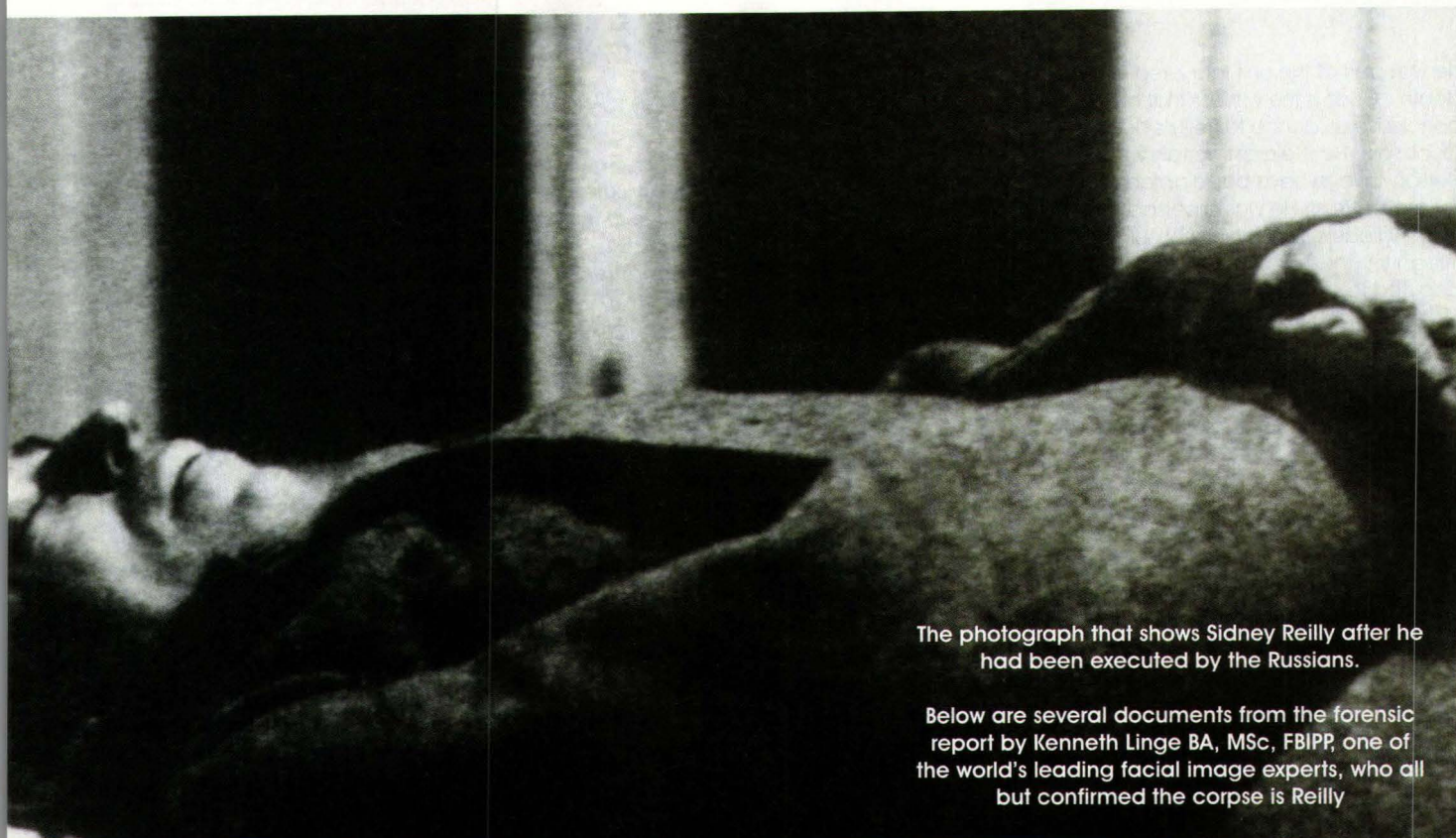
In 1899, Rosenblum shed his Jewish background and he adopted the Irish Catholic identity of Sidney Reilly. However, he did stay in touch with his relatives, three of whom died in Treblinka in 1942 and 1943.

Stalin's Assassination Order

The order to assassinate Reilly was made by Stalin himself who feared the spy for many reasons. His Russian friends and his back-



Andrew Cook and Boris Gudz discuss Reilly's fate



The photograph that shows Sidney Reilly after he had been executed by the Russians.

Below are several documents from the forensic report by Kenneth Linge BA, MSc, FBIPP, one of the world's leading facial image experts, who all but confirmed the corpse is Reilly

Personal Credentials

My name is Kenneth Linge
I am the Officer in charge of the Photographic Department at Police Headquarters, Chiswick.

I have been a professional photographer for over forty-five years, and I have extensive experience in the interpretation of images and their content. For over twenty-eight years I have been employed by Essex Police, involved in the training and technical support of teams of Crime Officers and as manager of the Photographic Department.

My career with Essex Police has required me to produce evidence on many occasions together with expert testimony on specialist subjects such as image interpretation, mechanical film, unique lighting situations and available evidence. During the past ten years I have carried out extensive research into facial identification techniques, and during this time I have worked on nearly 200 operational cases and submitted evidence on a large proportion of these cases.

I am a Fellow of the British Institute of Professional Photography and I have a Master of Science degree in conjunction with The University of Essex for a research thesis on the subject of facial recognition and identification from CCTV (static mapping). The thesis addresses all aspects of working practices and standards.

My work includes the use of all known techniques including video analysis. I have read all of the systems on numerous occasions, both in facial mapping and mechanical film, in the preparation of evidence for Crown, and for the prosecution of suspects. They assist in determining correlation between the facial features, and spatial relationships, from two or more images, thus establishing similarity.

Assignment

I received four photographs sent to me by Christopher Williams. These photographs are reproduced on page 9 and listed images 1-4. I was asked me to examine the images, and make the necessary comparisons to determine whether the deceased person shown image 4 is the same person that is shown on images 1-3.

Procedure

I made a careful visual examination of all of the images primarily to determine which of them would be most suitable for comparison purposes. The images were supplied with the following information regarding their origin:

Image 1. Chica 1922-1924.

Image 2. Chica 1911 reproduced from a newspaper.

Image 3. Chica September 1923, from KGB files.

Image 3 appeared to present the best angle and quality for comparison, and showed the best view of the right eye, a crucial feature as the shape and form of the human ear is considered by many to be unique.

For next stage of my comparison I approximately scaled images 1 and 4, see figure 2. I then caused a computer-driven system to be created of the right eye of image 3. I then copied the outline and placed it, in reduced strength, over the eye of the scaled image of the deceased, image 4. After alignment it appears to describe a perfect fit. See figure 3.

I made a close examination of the image of the deceased searching for evidence of the pronounced epicanthic fold obvious on all of images 1-3. This is the fold of flesh just above the eyelid on the outer part of the right eye. I enhanced the contrast of the deceased's image and discovered a dark line in the position of the fold. The hand in the angle of the face is consistent with where the fold would meet the eyelid. To make viewing I have drawn a red line to indicate the junction between the eyelid and the fold just below the dark line on the image. See figure 4.

Finally I carried out a visual morphological comparison; this is a comparison of feature types and form.

Please see below a range of my working notes on the above examinations and comparisons.

Epicanthic fold over outer canthus of right eye, which is very obvious on images 1-3, appears to be evident on deceased. All main features match (Morphology) as follows:

1. Eyes
2. Nose
3. Forehead
4. Mouth/lips
5. Chin
6. Hairline

Opinion

I could find no important differences between the images, those are differences that cannot be attributed to image quality or angle or orientation of the head.

I found numerous similarities as listed above.

Based on the above, and my experience with large face databases, my opinion is that the likelihood of the same person being shown in another person's face is so remote as to be virtually negligible. I therefore believe that the person shown on image 4, the deceased, is the person shown on images 1 to 3.

K. Linge

K. A. Linge BA, MSc, FBIPP

ground had given him a great insight into developments in the country, and he had already been attributed to the organising of a counter-coup against Lenin in September 1918 - an operation penetrated by the Bolshevik secret police, the Cheka. Reilly himself managed to escape just a few minutes before officers tried to arrest him. This action sounded the death knell for Reilly who was condemned to death. Washington, who supported the coup, blamed Reilly for comprising the operation.

Historians have debated long into the night over the manner of Reilly's death, but all believe he was lured across the Russian border. Now Cook has delved a little deeper and cleared up many of the mysteries surrounding his end. The head of the OGPU, the Soviet intelligence service,

formed a bogus group called the *Trust*. It was to carry out one of the greatest hoaxes in the history of counterespionage. Reilly was told the *Trust* coordinated anti-Soviet activities by SIS officer Ernest Boyce - though he was advised it was unsafe for him to return to Russia. The man from Odessa just could not resist pitting his wits again against the Soviets.

Reilly travelled to Paris and met Boyce to learn more about the *Trust*. He agreed to meet its leaders and then journeyed on to Helsingfors on the Russian border. He had told Boyce that under no circumstances would he venture into Russia, but he was persuaded to do just that. He ignored the warning and was arrested.

Cook's unique interview with Boris Gudiz, formerly an OGPU colonel, uncovered that



The mysterious Pepita Bobadill. Reilly married her in 1923. Cook says: "There is more to her than meets the eye."



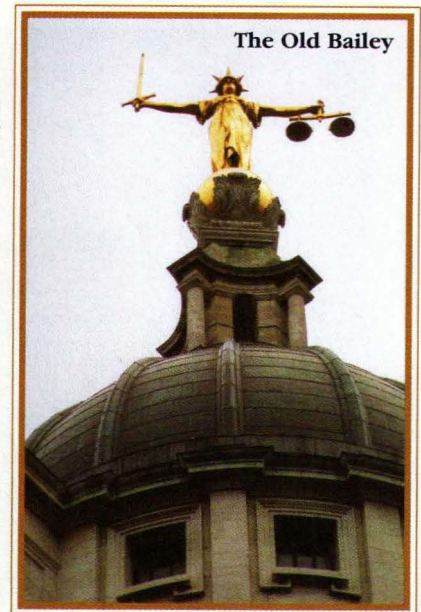
he was part of the unit that lured Reilly to his death. "Gudz is the witness that gives conclusive evidence to Reilly's death," Cook said. He is almost certainly the only person alive to have participated in *Operation Trust*. He was a personal friend of Grigory Feduleev, Ibrahim Abissalov, and Gregory Syroezhkin, the OGPU officers deputed to execute Reilly on 5 November 1925. Gudz confirmed that the order to kill Reilly came from Stalin directly.

Following his arrest, Reilly often walked in the Sokolniki woods outside Moscow. Here his interrogators asked numerous questions. In September 2002, Cook visited the area where he believes the 'ace of spies' finally met his end. Reilly was travelling in a car with OGPU agents and they staged a breakdown. "Having spoken to Gudz and seen OGPU documents, I know a walk in the woods was suggested to Reilly," said Cook. During the walk he was shot by Abissalov and Syroezhkin. Afterwards, his corpse was taken to the OGPU medical unit where it was photographed. Gudz told Cook: "Ibrahim Abissalov gave me the pistol he used as a memento. I kept it until 1937."

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SIDNEY REILLY'S Forensic Photo Report

The forensic report was by Kenneth Linge BA, MSc, FBIPP, one of the UK's leading facial image experts. Linge subjected the images of the corpse's face to the latest computer analysis and concluded that, "the likelihood of the same feature layout and feature form (as Reilly's) being repeated in another person's face is so remote as to be virtually negligible". Linge is a veteran expert forensic witness at numerous Old Bailey murder trials. Linge was involved in a number of prominent murder cases: Jason Swift, the Bamber murders, and the Broadwater Farm murder of PC Blakelock. A copy of the forensic report is available.



BORIS GUDZ was born on 18 August 1902. He took part in the 1917 Revolution and served in the Red Army during the Civil War which followed. He joined the OGPU in 1922, serving in the counterintelligence department [the KRO]. Gudz participated in the 'Syndicate 2' and 'Trust' operations which captured Boris Savinkov and Sidney Reilly. In 1934 he was sent to Japan as a Russian spy. Gudz achieved the rank of Colonel by the time he left the organisation in 1937.

Comparisons

Submitted Images



Image 1 1922-24



Image 2 1911



Figure 4

Epicanthal fold highlighted



Image 3 September 1925



Image 4 November 1925, Morgue

The End of Abu Nidal



Few will shed a tear for Abu Nidal, 65, save perhaps those from his own organisation, the Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC). This was Nidal's group formed by people who broke away from Yassir Arafat's Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) in 1974 saying it was "too moderate."

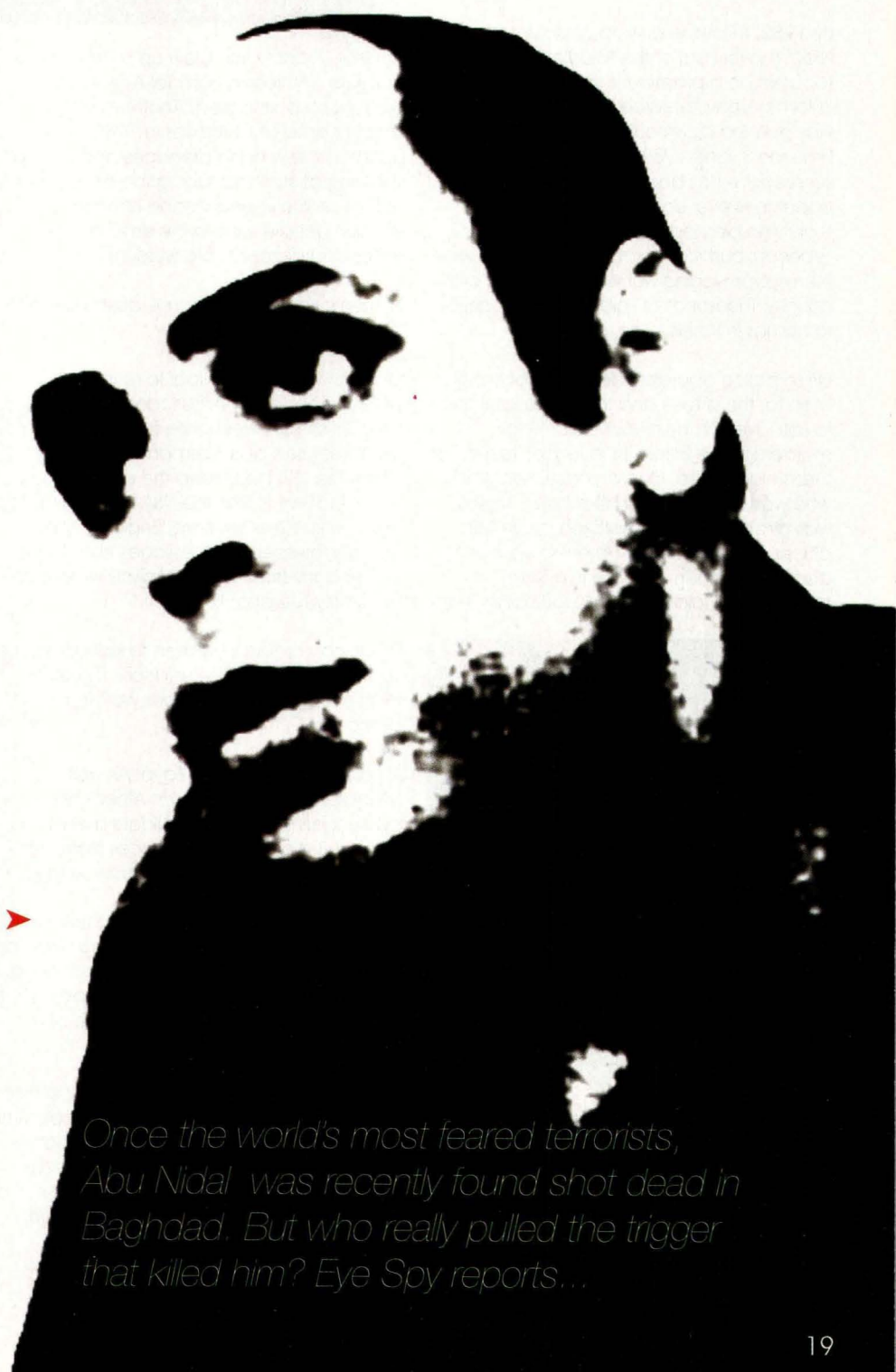
Suffering from cancer, Nidal was apparently shot dead in the bedroom of his villa in the wealthy district of al-Jadriyah, Baghdad on 16 August. And though the circumstances of his death are still unclear, for example, who really pulled the trigger, Taher Jalil Haboush, head of Iraqi Intelligence (Mukhabarat), claimed Nidal had shot himself in the mouth because his security service was about to arrest him on immigration charges. Few in the intelligence community believe the answer is that simple and have told Eye Spy that Nidal was assassinated.

Born into a wealthy Palestinian family, Nidal, real name Sabri-El-Bana, left his home following the creation of Israel, and fled with his family to a refugee camp on the Gaza Strip. Like many before him, he joined the emerging PLO led by Yassir Arafat.

His allegiance to the PLO gradually diminished as his political views hardened. By the early 1970s, he had changed his name to



Taher Jalil Haboush, head of Iraqi Intelligence released this photo showing Abu Nidal dead



Once the world's most feared terrorists, Abu Nidal was recently found shot dead in Baghdad. But who really pulled the trigger that killed him? Eye Spy reports...



"I am Abu Nidal, the answer to all Arab suffering and misfortunes. I am the evil spirit of the secret service. I am the evil spirit which moves at night causing nightmares..."

Abu Nidal, which roughly translates to *Father of the Cause or Struggle*. He even formed his own group, the Black Revolutionary Council. The group was at odds with the PLO - seen as the 'umbrella' organisation for about 10 main separate groups. Nidal then sought to systematically eliminate all opposition voices against him in the PLO and embarked upon dozens of murders. As the PLO sought credibility, its representatives in several countries were killed by Nidal's professional assassins.

By 1982, following a string of violent attacks, Nidal moved out of the Middle East and focused on a prominent target in London - Shlomo Argov, the Israeli Ambassador who was gunned down outside the Dorchester Hotel on 3 June 1982. And though Argov, 52, survived, he has been confined to a wheelchair ever since. This act infuriated Israel who blamed the PLO and invaded Lebanon, pushing Arafat's guerrillas, who were themselves waging war with Tel Aviv, out of the country. Thousands of Palestinians relocated to camps in Tunisia, Syria, and Iraq.

British police apprehended three of Nidal's men for the attack and they were later sent to jail. Over the next few years, Nidal murdered nine Britons in revenge; several of them high-profile. One of those, Ken Whitty, who worked as cultural attache in Athens, was almost certainly mistaken for an MI6 officer and shot dead. He even went on to abduct and then execute two British teachers. He told a German journalist: "I am

Abu Nidal, the answer to all Arab suffering and misfortunes. I am the evil spirit of the secret service. I am the evil spirit which moves at night causing nightmares." And, he was certainly that.

The CIA and MI6 sought to apprehend Nidal, but such was his security that it became almost an impossible task and many seek and capture operations were simply too complicated to even consider.

A Reign of Terror

In 1974, Nidal's men blew up a TWA airliner en-route to Greece from Tel Aviv. All 88 persons on board died. Another vicious attack came at Christmas in 1985 when gunmen threw hand grenades and started shooting at staff managing the airport desks of El-Al at Rome and Vienna airports. Thirteen people died in the simultaneous strikes and dozens more were injured.

Nidal moved from his home base in Syria to Libya in 1985.

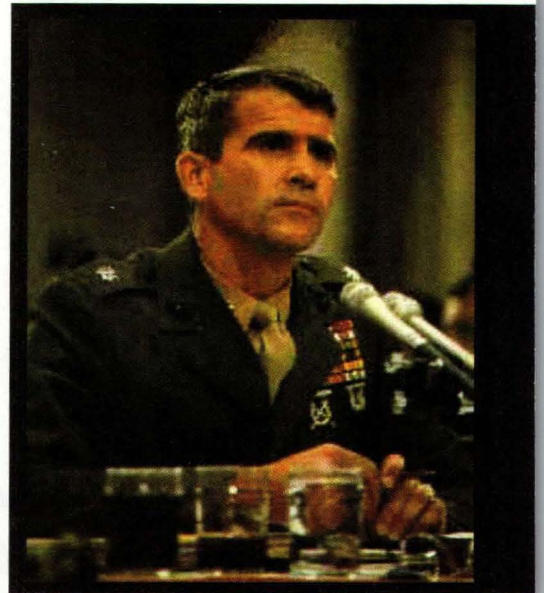
Gadafsi worked with Nidal to revenge air strikes launched by American jet fighters from British soil in response to the killing of two US soldiers at a German nightclub in Berlin. The CIA had linked the attack to Libya. Indeed, it was the NSA listening facility at Menwith Hill in Yorkshire, England, that actually intercepted messages from Libya to Germany from which analysts were able to identify the attackers.

Nidal then ordered his men to kidnap Britons and Americans in the Lebanon. The plan went wrong and the civilians were murdered.

An airliner belonging to Egypt Air was hijacked in 1985 flying from Athens. Six passengers were shot by Nidal's men. A further 58 died as special forces stormed the aircraft and things went badly wrong.

In 1986, Nidal operatives entered the Neve Shalom synagogue in Istanbul firing wildly at anything that moved. Before the authorities had time to capture the gunmen, both shot themselves in the head. Twenty-one Jews died in the attack.

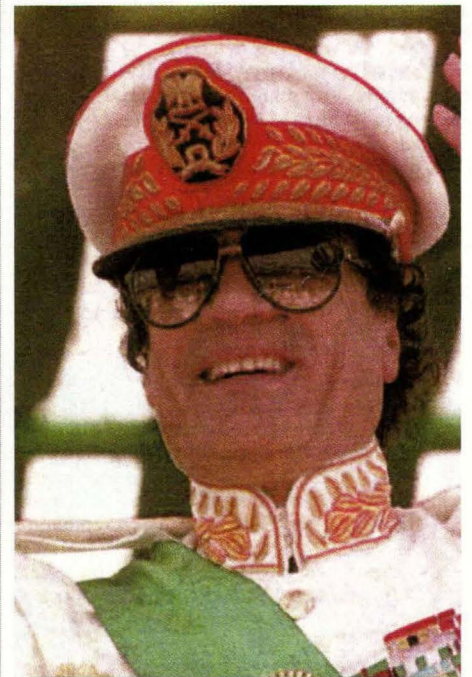
Nidal's ruthlessness was far from over in that year. In September 1986, hijackers took over PanAm Flight 73 in Karachi and 21 people died. Further attacks took place in subsequent years but Nidal's support in the Middle East began to disappear. Indeed, by the time President Saddam Hussein allowed him to stay in Iraq, no other Arab



country wanted to be associated with the man who had left a trail of destruction across much of the world.

In Tunis, 1991, Nidal's hitmen gun down Salah Khalaf, one of the PLO's most senior officials.

Nidal's demise can be traced to the slaying of a Jordanian diplomat in Jordan in 1994. Colonel Gadafsi ordered that monies being routed to Nidal should stop. This seriously damaged his groups potential to carry out elaborate operations. In 1998, it was reported that Nidal was suffering from cancer, though this was never authenticated. Indeed, the man who had faked his own death to try and shake off his enemies, was in the end, a beshevelled figure with no influence whatsoever in the Middle East. This does not mean that his group is now defunct. On the contrary, it is possibly far more powerful.



Colonel Gadafsi abandoned Nidal



Sworn enemy - Yassir Arafat of the PLO

Oliver North and Abu Nidal

With the death of Abu Nidal, Eye Spy gets an opportunity to put right an incorrect statement attributed to Lt. Colonel Oliver North in 1987.

Answering questions in the Senate during the Iran-Contra hearings, Colonel North said he had spent around \$60,000 on a home security system. Asked if that was not excessive, he replied "No," because he and his family had been threatened by terrorists. Colonel North then made reference to Abu Nidal whom he called one of the most evil people alive. He then said that if it was up to him, he would recommend that an assassination team be formed to eliminate him and his group.

A copy edit error inserted Osama bin-Laden's name instead of Nidal's.



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The Dorchester Hotel, London, where Nidal's men gunned down Shlomo Argov on 3 June 1982

For 30 years, the man feared even by other terrorist organisations, caused havoc. From the streets of London to the narrow alleyways of Beirut, intelligence services never quite managed to suppress his extreme violence.

Besides organising complex strikes against a variety of targets, Nidal was also a gunman for hire. MI6 believe he was in the employment of Iraq, Syria, Libya, and Lebanon for

several years, eventually having to go into exile for fear of his own life from many a shadowy group.

The CIA's most wanted may have been killed by any number of his enemies - including the Agency's own death squads who are now actively targeting terrorists. If his death was the result of a CIA strike, the very fact that it occurred in the centre of Baghdad may be a precursor to even more

deadly events beginning to appear on the horizon in that country.

Nidal and Lockerbie

But what of allegations by his own men that Nidal was the man responsible for bringing down PanAm Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland? Clearly Nidal had forged good links with Libya's intelligence services during



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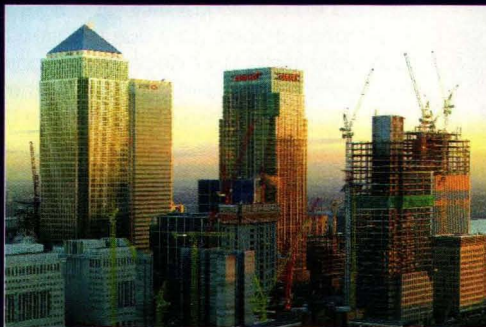
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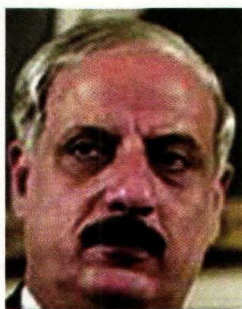
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his time there, and indeed, did carry out a number of operations on behalf of the now seemingly reformed Colonel Gadaffi. A former member of the FRC said Nidal was given the contract to blow up an American airliner - \$15m. Sources say the money was transferred from a foreign bank in Libya to an account in Greece and then shifted to Zurich.

Speaking in a series of interviews, in the Arabic *Al Hayat* newspaper, Atef Abu Bakr said the bomb should have destroyed PanAm Flight 103 over the Atlantic, thus hiding potential clues. However, because of a delay at Heathrow, the aircraft exploded over Scotland. According to sources, Nidal met with the two Libyan agents originally accused of the plot - Abdel Basset al-Megrahi and Al-Amin Fhimah. Al-Fhimah

was cleared by a Scottish court but al-Megrahi was jailed for life.

Bakr is a former spokesman of the FRC and one of Nidal's closest aides between 1985 and 1989. He told journalists what Nidal said: "I have very important and



Tahir Jalil Haboush

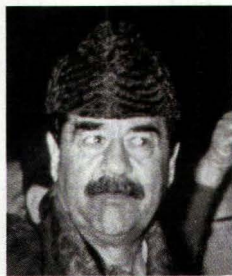
serious things to say. The reports that attribute Lockerbie to others are lies. We are behind it. If any one of you lets this out, I will kill him even if he was in his wife's arms."

Little evidence is available at present to substantiate the claims. However, Ghassan Sharbal, *Al Hayat's* assistant editor, did say the statement was made before Nidal's death.

The End Game

Tahir Jalil Haboush is regarded by the CIA as one of the most ingenious intelligence players in the world. His statement that Nidal committed suicide just minutes before Iraqi intelligence officers were due to "arrest him" was a masterstroke of deception according to Eye Spy sources. Haboush told journalists: "We went to arrest him and tell him he had

entered Iraq illegally and that he should accompany us for interrogation. He said this was fine, and then asked to be excused. He disappeared to his room and a shot was heard. He had fired a gun into his mouth. We took him to hospital but he died about eight hours later."



Saddam Hussein may well have been fearful of Nidal and the many secrets he knew

What is clear is that some 25 Iraqi intelligence officers - backed by a large number of police - surrounded his villa in the early hours. Mr Haboush had given Nidal two personal guards and his residence was awash with security cameras. This does not sound like the home of a man who had entered the country illegally. Intelligence sources say Nidal had been invited to Iraq as a guest of Saddam, but his presence was now becoming too controversial.



Abdu Nidal

Saddam allegedly ordered a unit of Mukhabarat specialising in assassination to kill Nidal. After clashing with Nidal's bodyguards, shooting two of them dead, they found Nidal in his bed and shot him through the head at point-blank range.

Baghdad claimed Nidal had entered Iraq in 1999 from Iran using a bogus passport, and said that Nidal was probably plotting an attack against Saddam Hussein on behalf of another country - almost certainly a reference to the USA or Britain. Western intelligence analysts dismissed the claim immediately: "Why would a man who is dying eliminate his host," one intelligence source told Eye Spy. Indeed, it seems almost inconceivable that Baghdad did not know America's second most wanted man was living in the heart of the capital.

Reasons for his death?

With the Iraqi claim that Nidal committed suicide all but dismissed, analysts have begun searching for other explanations. There have been suggestions that he was plotting with members of Saddam's family to kill the president; that he had links to the Kuwaiti royal family. These are eclipsed by the simple reason that Saddam may have felt Nidal knew too much. With the advent of war on the horizon with America, President Bush may have used Nidal to reveal some extremely dark secrets.

A still suspicious President Bush on hearing about Nidal's death said: "We have to wait and see and make sure he did die." The CIA also dismissed reports that he could have lived in Iraq without the knowledge of Saddam Hussein and said that this clearly showed that Iraq supported terrorism by allowing such a man sanctuary. Some sources close to the CIA said the evidence suggests it was a "calculated hit."

* Ironically, Argov's wife, Hava, died just hours before the 20th anniversary of her husband's shooting.

MI6 Have Evidence of Iraq and Al-Qaida Links



But only some information will be imparted to public

The recent successes by Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence Agency (ISI) against al-Qaida, is in no small measure - down to their experience in dealing with radical groups - and a surprising coming together of the CIA and several key intelligence officials in Pakistan is taking place.

However, in a country where al-Qaida and Osama bin-Laden still have much support, the ISI has informed Washington that they have "lost track" of many known suspects. These men could already be in place in America and elsewhere ready to strike. Yet it is our understanding that a number of fighters have fled to Iraq in response to a possible invasion of that country.

Iraq's links with al-Qaida are known to MI6, and have been for some time. Tony Blair's 'dossier', or 'Iraqi Brief', as it has become known in Whitehall, contains evidence that Baghdad did allow Osama bin-Laden's men to train in camps, and that they have provided a safe haven for some commanders following their removal in Afghanistan. The CIA, meanwhile, secretly believes that Saddam may know more about the 9/11 attacks than initial reports suggested. Baghdad was cleared of any involvement in the strikes, but some analysts believe there is a link, if not a tenuous one.

Two prominent commanders in the terror group, Abu Zubair and Rafid Fatah, both



Prime Minister Tony Blair "has the evidence... and more"

trained in Iraq. Zubair (CIA codename - the Bear), who sometimes goes by the name Fowzi Saad al-Obeidi, is a former Iraqi intelligence officer. He was tasked with assassinating leading Kurds in the north of the country. Analysts believe Saddam placed Zubair in the terror group because of his distrust of bin-Laden; but events may have seen him "won over" by the doctrine of the world's most wanted man.

There were confusing reports a few months ago that he had been captured in Morocco.

It is our understanding that he is now in custody in a secret safehouse in America.

Zubair was responsible for the running of at least two training camps in Afghanistan, but he disappeared just days before US and Britain attacked al-Qaida and Taliban forces in Afghanistan. As for Fatah, there is no information on him whatsoever.

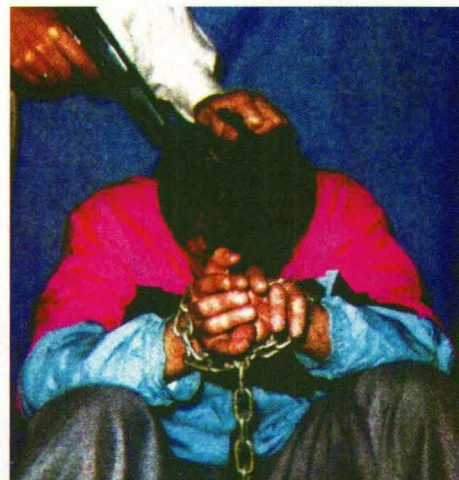
Intelligence sources say Zubair and other captured al-Qaida fighters have provided much information that links al-Qaida to Iraq.

ISI Swoop on Pearl's Killers?

Following the arrest of Ramzi Bin al-Shibh, it has transpired that other Yemeni men captured by the ISI in Karachi, are believed to be suspects in the murder of *Wall Street Journal* reporter, Daniel Pearl. It was bin-Laden Pakistani sympathisers who held Mr Pearl, but Yemeni men who beheaded him.

What is worrying the authorities in Pakistan and America, is that orders may have already been passed on to sleeper cells to move 'terror operations' forward. An intelligence analyst in Washington told Eye Spy: "Once Bin al-Shibh's friends realise the significance of his arrest, they may fear he will give locations and operational details to the Americans. That might prompt some sleeper cells who have undoubtedly been tasked with certain actions, to bring their plans forward."

Already the CIA has learned that Osama bin-Laden gave orders to Bin al-Shibh to establish a base in Karachi in the event al-Qaida was ousted from Afghanistan.



The Iraqi Brief



Though many military commanders in America and elsewhere feel that an attack on Iraq could be disastrous, it seems President Bush continues to wave away any doubters in his administration. The "inside-out" solution, which calls on ordinary Iraqis to oust Saddam (with the covert assistance of the CIA), has probably already begun with the attempted shooting of Qusay Hussein, Saddam's son, and the controversial and suspicious death of Abu Nidal in Baghdad. At the same time, it is believed that some \$250,000 a month is being channelled to opposition forces in Iraq to fund a well-organised resistance movement.

Eye Spy has been told that November is the last gateway this year that will allow an opportunity to oust Saddam's regime or the USA will have to wait until early spring or late winter 2003.

Washington seems determined that with or without the world's help, they will install a new government in Iraq. In Europe, only Britain openly supports America.

As America edges ever nearer to the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, Eye Spy catches up with the latest intelligence developments and learns that action to oust the Iraqi President could come as early as November 2002

There are two main opposition groups of the Iraqi government that are actively assisting the United States; one in Iraq, and exiles living in London and Washington. Ahmed Chalabi is favourite to lead a new interim government in Iraq. As head of the increasingly powerful Iraqi National Congress (INC), he has many important friends and allies in Washington and London. Chalabi wants his own warriors inside Iraq to move with US special forces and limit the action needed to cause the downfall of Saddam. This might be difficult as the Iraqi leader still has much support from his elite Republican Guard which totals over 65,000 men.

Chalabi wants an area set aside soon for a provisional government to be established with American and British fighter jets shielding



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them from Iraqi attacks. He believes that the majority of Iraq's army have little stomach for a new military campaign and would join him.

Other groups Washington and the INC can rely on are Kurds in the north and Sunni Muslims in the south. Two other people President Bush can be sure of help are Massoud Barzani, president of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), and Jalal Talabani, head of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. Together, their forces total 40,000 men. However, both armies are lightly armed.

Pentagon and CIA analysts believe that there are only four ways of defeating Saddam. The Central Intelligence Agency is involved in all four. Eye Spy has identified the key options:

1. ASSASSINATION: Eye Spy learned shortly before Christmas 2001, that the CIA was being given sweeping powers, including the right to eliminate by force, those who openly wage war against America. This includes terrorist groups and leaders. Clearly there are units in Iraq who would, if given the chance, kill Saddam Hussein. That in itself may dilute tension and lead to reform.

2. COUP: The CIA and MI6 have been in Iraq for at least 12 months working with agents and active officials of the INC. They are trying to generate support by fermenting a coup. At present, this seems unlikely.

3. UPRISING: A popular uprising by the Iraqi people is favoured by most governments. This however, is also unlikely. Saddam's intelligence services have all but removed those who dare speak out against the regime.



Assasination Attempt on Saddam's Son

An extremely elaborate assassination attempt took place on the streets of Baghdad, as an active unit of the British-based Iraqi National Congress (INC), shot and wounded President Saddam's younger son, Qusay, while he was driving in a motorcade in the market area of the city on 1 August 2002, this according to reliable intelligence sources.

A member of the INC said: "The brave operation was carried out by one of our resistance groups. It represents a significant break in the regime's security apparatus."

Few details are available and no comment was issued by Baghdad, but it appears an INC vehicle somehow managed to join a line of government vehicles before a gunman opened fire, apparently hitting Qusay in the arm. The gunman escaped, but it is understood the vehicle was eventually stopped at a checkpoint and destroyed by a rocket launcher. A furious Saddam Hussein is believed to be personally heading the investigation.

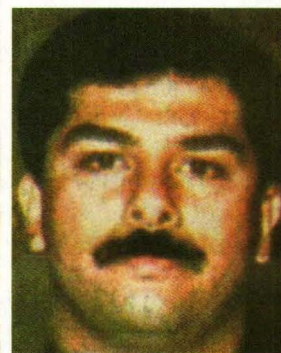
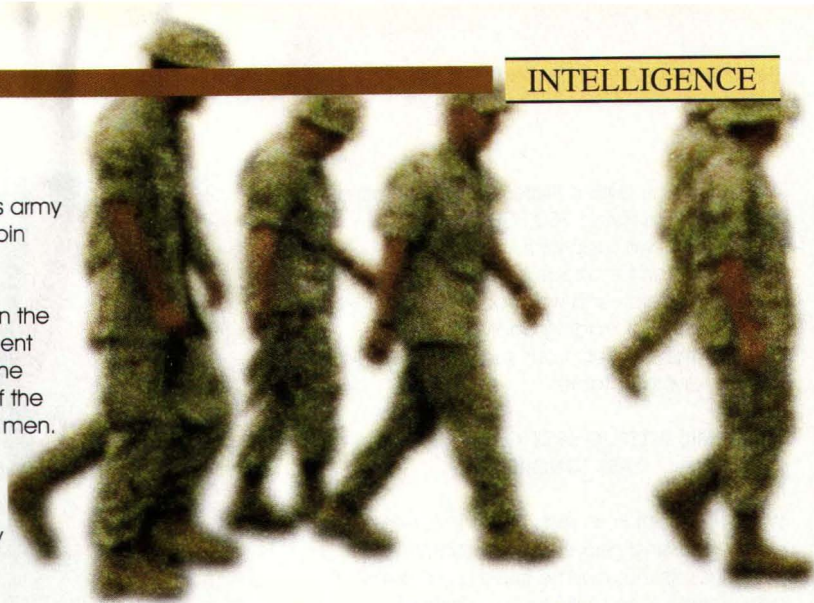
Qusay is the younger brother of Uday, who is feared throughout Iraq. However, intelligence sources told Eye Spy that Saddam had decided

to hand over his power to the more quiet Qusay, who has authority over the internal security service and a good rapport with the Republic Guard in Iraq. In recent times, he has been elected to a senior post in the ruling Baath party.

In 1996, Uday was the victim of an attempted assassination and has since struggled to walk due to injuries sustained from that attack.

With covert monies being poured into Iraq by the CIA, the INC claim that as the next ruler of Iraq, Qusay was a legitimate and obvious target.

Inside Out or Upside Down - CIA Going After Saddam

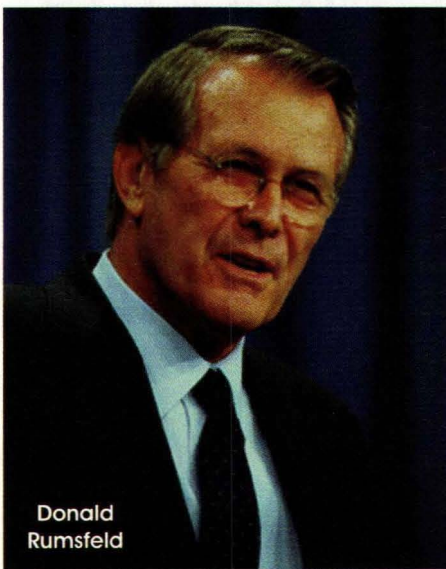


Qusay Hussein

4. FORCE: The United States has drawn up a battle plan involving 250,000 troops of which Britain will supply 25,000. The codeword for the attack is TARGET. Few believe a major land war would win the USA any friends and leading analysts told Eye Spy that the "ripples" from such a war would be very unpredictable.

MI6 INTELLIGENCE GATHERING TASK IGNORED?

While President Bush tests Saddam's nerves with a guessing game, the Pentagon continues its clandestine build up of arms and warriors in the Middle East. Indeed, some British commanders say even they are being kept out of the loop. Ten cargo ships packed with supplies are en-route to the Gulf and to the British base of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. It is known that the ships are carrying helicopters, a variety of weapons, and vehicles. And while Washington continues to drip-feed the media, there is a lot of disinformation being spread not only to confuse Iraq, but also the foreign press. Donald Rumsfeld, the US Defense Secretary, sees this as a huge

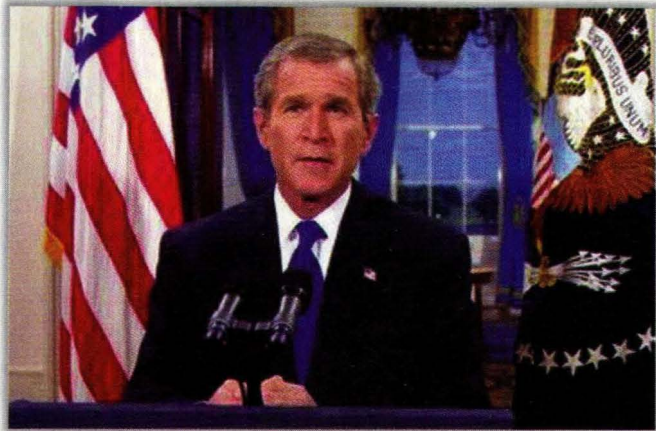


Donald Rumsfeld

problem. However, he does not need reminding that it was the *New York Times* that published details of his battle plans to invade Iraq.

Donald Rumsfeld said: "America cannot afford to wait for more evidence that Saddam is building weapons of mass destruction before he acts." In the last issue of Eye Spy, we revealed how Tony Blair had

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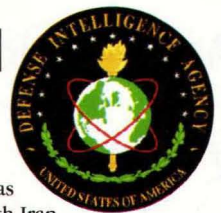
President Bush - "Saddam must go"

been forced to invite MI6 to gather more evidence of these weapons in order to appease doubters in the Cabinet. Washington, however, is not waiting. Speaking to journalists, Mr-Rumsfeld made reference to the "wait and see" policy America and Europe adopted towards Nazi Germany in the late 1930s - even though Hitler's intentions were clearly laid out in his book, *Mein Kampf* - the result was Hitler's conquest of most of Europe and 30 million dead. "The people who argued for waiting for more evidence have to ask themselves how they are going to feel at that point where another event occurs, and it is not conventional but an unconventional event,

and ask themselves the question: Was it right to have wanted additional evidence or additional time, or another United Nation's resolution?"

No matter what the world opinion is, Washington believes it has evidence to act now. But, is the outcome going to be total victory, or will it drag the USA into another Vietnam? NATO's former commander in Europe, Wesley Clark, said that the odds of war against Iraq stand at two-to-one. He further states: "It is going to be difficult for President Bush having set the conditions and called for a regime change - to find another course of action."

DIA "Knew of Chemical Weapons Deployment"

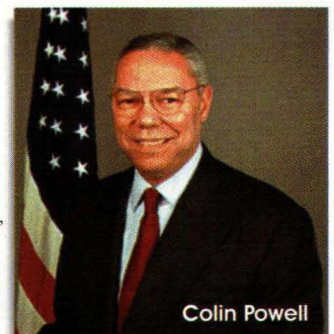


The White House angrily has denied reports that the United States was aware of Iraq's plans to deploy chemical weapons during its war with Iran, and that the Defense Intelligence Agency provided vital intelligence to Baghdad.

Journalists from the *New York Times* acquired information that about 60 officers with the DIA were part of a secret project to analyse Iran's military procedures during the bloody 1981-88 war which left millions dead on both sides. President Reagan hatred of Iran was intense during his time in office, and he hoped Iraq would defeat Iran.

According to sources, Colonel Rick Francona, reportedly saw evidence that Iraq used gas in its efforts to retake the Fao Peninsula in 1988. The action helped Baghdad re-open a route to the Persian Gulf. Simultaneously, General Colin Powell, National Security Advisor, and other leading officials were publicly condemning Iraq for its use of chemical weapons to defeat Iranian soldiers. Mr Powell, now US Secretary of State, rejected the report. A spokesman for Mr Powell said: "The description of the programming by the officers was dead wrong."

Though the DIA has refused to comment, the report is problematic for the president, who has consistently said that Saddam must be removed because of his use of and manufacture of weapons of mass destruction.



Colin Powell



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Torture without Pain

Peter Everett takes a look at modern-day interrogation techniques and explains why old-fashioned ways of extracting information are slowly disappearing



Looking more like a scene from a Dracula movie, this foreboding building is in fact the old Royal Victoria Patriotic Asylum in Wandsworth, London.

Built in 1857 in the French period style, it was used by MI5 in WWII as an interrogation centre run by Lt. Colonel Pinto. It is just 500 yards from Wandsworth Prison where captured spies were hung. ➤

The jealousy of another man's knowledge has been around for time immemorial. Even during Neolithic times, man was subjected to revealing his secrets or face violence from his peers.

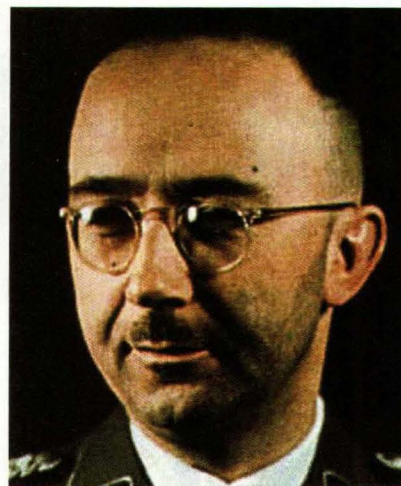
Throughout the ages, humans have employed the power of fear to extract information. England's castles proudly boast of their dungeons and torture chambers; the castle tour guide relishing in graphic demonstrations of thumb screws and the rack. Nor could prisoners escape torture at sea where sadistical captains would quay haul the tars or have them flogged into submission.

Historically, the worst period in history for torture of the innocent took place during the Spanish Inquisition - a period well chronicled by Miguel de Cervantes and the exploits of his hero, Don Quixote. According to Brewer's dictionary of phrase and fable, the Spanish Grand Inquisitor was Torquemada (1420-98). During his term in

office, 2,000 heretics were burned. Although the Spanish Inquisition was abolished in 1834, many of its methods of torture lived on throughout the second world war. Nazi Germany saw the re-introduction of large scale torture by the Gestapo who were not adverse to using established methods of torture to extract information. During the same period, MI6 used 'The Cage' at Ham village to de-brief German spies.

With the dawn of the 20th century and the innovation of electricity, a new field of torture opened up. Gestapo officers made wide use of electrical currents by going so far as to insert electrodes into victim's orifices. Fortunately, with the evolution of man, the human pain threshold has vastly increased making many interrogation techniques obsolete. Even police detectives have given up the 'good cop, bad cop' routine for many of their prisoners are now immune to such dramatic antics.

Today, interrogation has grown more subtle in nature. There has been a shifting away

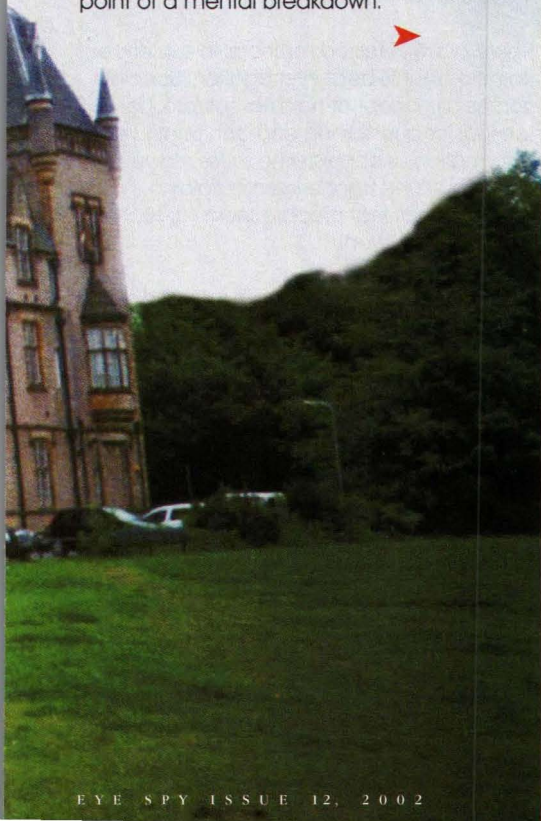


Heinrich Himmler feared throughout WWII for his barbaric interrogation techniques

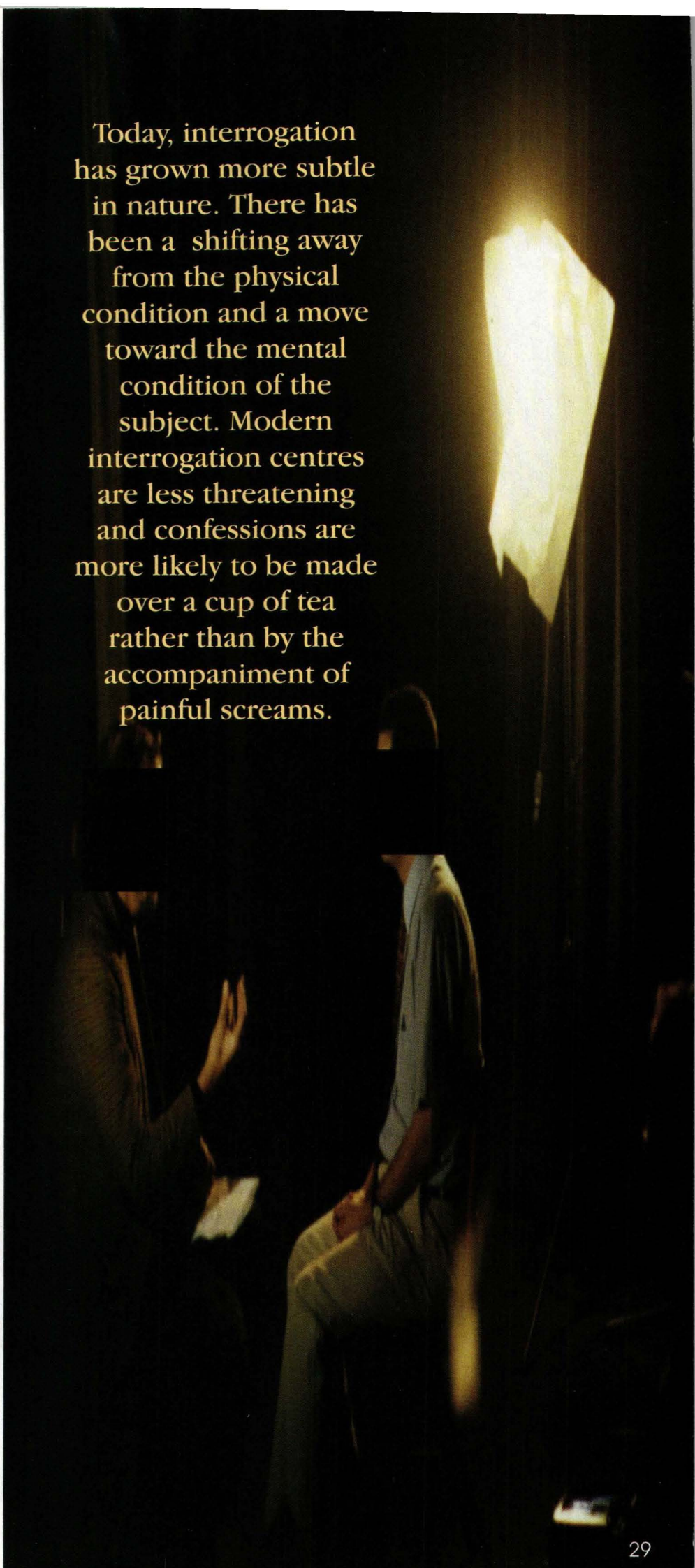
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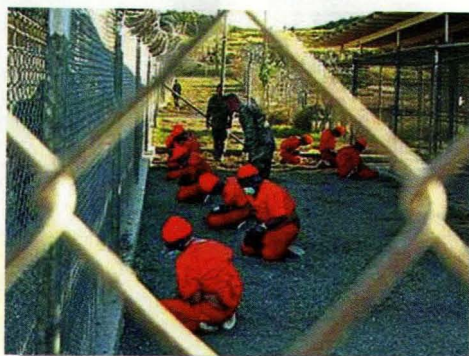
from the physical condition and a move toward the mental condition of the subject. Modern interrogation centres are less threatening and confessions are more likely to be made over a cup of tea rather than by the accompaniment of painful screams. The film director Alfred Hitchcock demonstrated time and time again that fear is far more powerful when you cannot see what is happening. A distant scream in the black of night can send a cold shiver up the spine. An even better example is the world's shortest horror story; the last man on earth was lying in bed when suddenly, there was knock on the door. Interrogators have adapted this psychology of fear into their present day methods.

British military techniques are designed by teams of psychologists creating an end game that borders on insanity. The subject is placed in a small cell containing a bed. There is no contact with the outside world - only silence. This cell has a small hole in the bottom of the door allowing food to be pushed through and there is no lavatory! This may not sound very frightening, but this is not the end story. The subject is dressed in a white boiler suit and the cell walls, ceiling, floor, and bed are also painted white. In the ceiling, an extra bright bulb burns into the night. During this incarceration, food will be pushed through the door hole. The food will consist of white cauliflower, white rice, and milk. Victims endure this totally white environment for 24-hours. Upon being released from this environment, the victim is then made to exchange the white boiler suit for a green one. He is then placed into a green cell of the same design for the next 24-hours. This time the food will be green cabbage, peas, and limeade. In total, there are five different coloured rooms available which can drive the victim to the point of a mental breakdown.



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Professional interrogators use the same technique...isolation.

Immediately upon arrest, the prisoner is stripped of personal possessions and locked into a cell. There, the prisoner remains for at least an hour. This creates a fear of the unknown and the prisoner's own mind becomes a turmoil of wild thoughts. The American Camp X-Ray (above) for al-Qaida suspects recently received bad press over the use of isolation. Prisoners were blindfolded and wore earphones, completely isolating them from the world around them. Once again, fear had replaced brute force. During the Vietnamese conflict, American pilots would blindfold 'Charlie' and put him into a helicopter which would take off and hover at fifty feet. The Vietcong thought they were going to die; there was no need to throw them out of the aircraft for fear was the key.

Questioning is the second phase of interrogation and the most important part of the process. Such 'de-briefing' may take place over many days or even weeks. In order to acquire truth, the interrogator must first establish the bona fides of the subject. This is the most crucial part of the interview for it gives the inquisitor an opportunity to bond with the subject and gain his trust. If the inquisitor does his job correctly, the subject will eventually look upon him as a friend who is sympathetic and willing to help him escape from his current situation. The 'Acom' system is a game used to teach interrogators their craft. The methodology relies on the inquisitor asking 12 questions in fast succession.

Below: US Army intelligence officers interrogate a suspected Viet Cong fighter using a bag over his head to instill fear



This method is taught by having a partner (one of the trainees) who has been ordered to tell four lies in his answers. It is the inquisitors job to identify the lies. The questions are as follows:

- What is your mother's maiden name?
- Where was your mother born?
- What is your father's date of birth?
- How many brothers does your mother have?
- How old is your father? (if dead how old would he have been?)
- What is your father's name?
- Where was your father born?
- How many brothers does your father have?
- What is your mother's date of birth?
- How many uncles do you have?
- What was your father's occupation?
- How old is your mother? (if dead how old would she have been?)

The questions are phrased in such a way that it is impossible to receive 'yes' and 'no' answers. When using opened-ended questions such as why, who, what, where, when, and how, the subject cannot answer in the affirmative. Instead, the subject must either give a number (as in the case of the father's age), or give a full answer. The questions are designed to confirm vital information.

The number of brothers the subject's mother and father have reveal how many uncles the subject has. The subject does not know in advanced what questions are forthcoming. Hence, he does not have time to mentally prepare lies.

A further point of interest is the fact that there are no first person singular questions. It is always more difficult to remember other people's details than your own. The questions are put to the subject six times at a fast pace then repeated six times again twelve hours later. Very few subjects have beaten this test.

There are well tested methods in existence to help agents beat interrogation. Special forces are adept at holding out for long periods of questioning and can retain vital information under extreme stress. However, they have undergone intense training programmes that prepare them for such an interrogation event.

Most subjects capitulate and feed 'cover' stories in the hope of escaping further stress which is usually caused by exhaustion. Inquisitors will not accept this first admission, knowing that it will be simply a cover story and will continue with their search for the truth.

At the end of the day the strongest survive, but the human mind is a complex organ and no one can really analyse truth from fiction! ■

An even better example is the world's shortest horror story; the last man on earth was lying in bed when suddenly, there was knock on the door. Interrogators have adapted this psychology of fear into their present day methods.

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Things are going from bad to worse for Steven Hatfill, the US scientist linked to the sending of anthrax-laced letters that killed five people last year. The FBI has openly searched his house, his car, and even some of his favourite eating places in the hope that they can link him to the attacks. All have proved fruitless. Yet, because his case is being played out to a huge media gallery, Hatfill has decided to go on the offensive. More recently declaring his anger at the "outrageous official comments and leaks to the media." It was also revealed that 'sniffer dogs' who searched his apartment "went crazy", but did not find any evidence. And the man who worked in Rhodesia under the regime of Ian Smith, might have a case. Politicians from all parties in the USA have openly backed him.

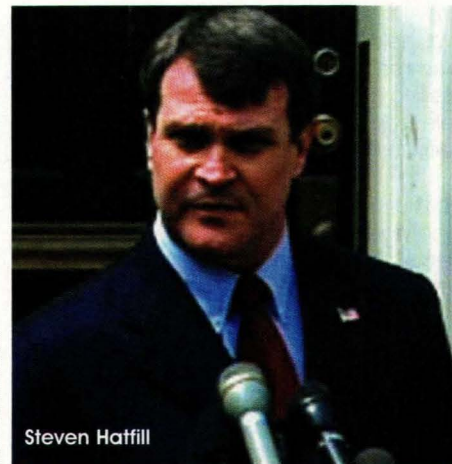
However, the public 'trial' might just have cost him his job. The research biologist was dismissed in September from Louisiana State University without charge, or a word from his employer explaining why. Naturally, Mr Hatfill is not happy. "The FBI and John Ashcroft (Attorney-General), have completely destroyed my life... I do not know why they are doing this. I'm now unemployed. 20 years of training down the

tubes... my professional reputation is in tatters," he said. He then went on to say his life had been turned into a "wasteland."

Steven Hatfill caused a sensation in August when he held a press conference outside his lawyer's office in Alexandria, Virginia. There he said: "I had nothing to do with the anthrax letters and it is terribly wrong for anyone to contend or think otherwise."

The FBI hit back saying that he is just one of thirty scientists being looked at as part of the on-going investigation. They have refrained from using the word 'suspect', and call him a "person of interest."

What concerns most analysts, and has aroused much suspicion, is the fact that when they searched his apartment for clues, they also discovered a draft for a novel about a terrorist using biological weapons who then covers his tracks. To complicate matters, in February 1999, whilst



Steven Hatfill

employed at Fort Detrick, once the headquarters of the US biological warfare programme, and a repository for the Ames strain of anthrax (used in the attacks), Mr Hatfill commissioned a study into how an anthrax attack might turn out.

It is also known he was trained at Porton Down in southern England, the Ministry of Defence's top secret germ warfare research facility, just weeks after the first anthrax letters were received.

However, after an FBI investigation lasting over one-year, nothing has been found to



John Ashcroft



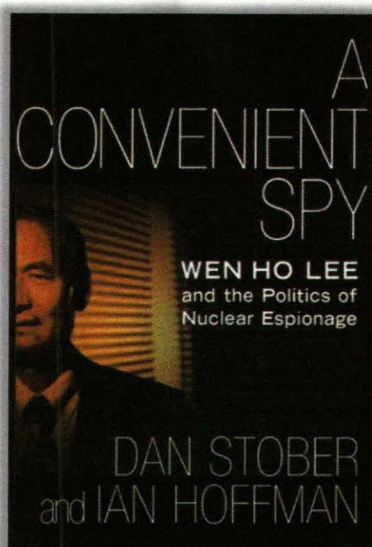
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link the tough-talking and clearly upset Hatfill. "After one of the most intensive public and private investigations in American history, no one has come up with a shred of evidence that I had anything to do with the anthrax letters," he said.

This case sounds very similar to others investigated by the FBI.

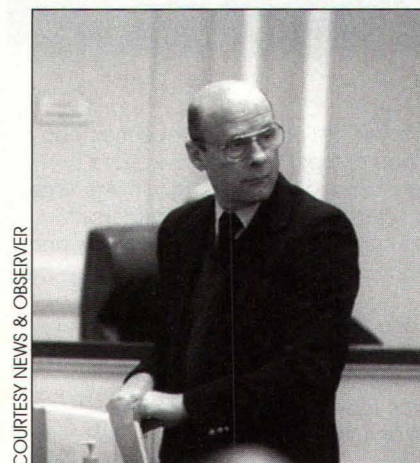
Los Alamos nuclear scientist, Wen Ho Lee, was held for several months and heavily slammed by the press and media for "selling nuclear secrets to China." He was released for lack of evidence. His case features in the book, *A Convenient Spy*.

Former US diplomat, Felix Bloch (below), who worked for the Government for 32 years, also fell under the microscope for months in 1989. Once the second-highest ranking US official in Vienna, he was suspended for allegedly passing a bag containing State Department secrets to a Soviet agent in Paris. The next day, the FBI



opened a classified investigation of Bloch. Many citizens believed he was a spy, but the FBI failed to get enough information to charge him, and he was sacked on the grounds that he lied to investigators. However, the affair wrecked his life and he briefly ended up a cashier in a grocery shop before turning to petty crime. For the last 12 years, he has been driving for a bus company in the USA. The Vienna bag apparently contained stamps.

Hatfill's lawyer said his client's case is also similar to that of Richard Jewell, the primary suspect in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games bomb incident. After major television exposure showing agents searching his apartment, the US public actually believed he was guilty. A few months later, he was pronounced innocent by the police, but his life had been turned upside down.



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Peter Everett looks at the extraordinary links that once existed between the intelligence services and Britain's most famous newspaper street...



For over one hundred years, London's FLEET STREET was home to the British press. By the middle of the twentieth century, every major broadsheet and tabloid has had its headquarters based here. Therefore, it was a logical choice for me to base my first press office in *The Street*.

After setting up office, I set about finding a more suitable premise. John Listener, a senior reporter with the *News Of The World*, came to the rescue. He offered me his daughter's flat in Craine Court. The court ran off Fleet Street and was a one minute walk from El Veno's wine bar; famous for its clientele of lawyers and hacks.

After settling into the new headquarters in Craine Court, I encountered quite a problem getting six telephone lines installed. The BT engineer took me up to the roof and pointed to an ominous yellow box. He explained that it was an MI5 junction and he could not touch it. What he didn't know was that our press office was a cover for an operation in Ireland. Embarrassingly, it was not an MI5 operation, and they did not know that we were running an Irish project. I decided to trace the wire from the yellow box that ran down the lift shaft and disappeared under the flat door opposite mine. In desperate need of help, I telephoned John at the *News of The World* and explained my dilemma. "Oh," he said, "I thought you knew. The flat opposite you is a safe house. In fact, I think Salman Rushdie may be in there!"

This was typical of MI5. Rushdie had written a book called *Satanic Verses*, and as a result, the Islamic world had put a fatwah on his head. The whole of Fleet Street were looking for Rushdie - and all the time he was in an MI5 safe house - in Fleet Street.

Our Irish project was commercially based and had no official government backing. Secrecy was essential and the last thing we needed was MI5 as neighbours. Within

weeks, we moved the operation to the South Bank and left John looking for a new tenant.

We should not have been surprised by the presence of MI5. The Security Service has at least two agents working in every major newspaper office. Both the Security and Secret Services frequently issue their officers with false NUJ (National Union of Journalists) cards denoting them as reporters, what better cover for a secret agent?

Then there are the many Fleet Street hacks who work as *temps* for the services. Where there is conflict or breaking world news, you will find the *Fleet Street pack*. These reporters are all seasoned hacks, and their detective work would put Sherlock Holmes to shame. Within hours they have the whole inside story and often have names of the guilty before the authorities have them. Therefore, a close relationship exists between the *Street* and the secret government agencies.

Such a bond is reciprocal and on occasions, the agencies will 'tip the wink' to their friendly editors concerning a story of public interest. Naturally, the system is open to abuse, and editors have to be satisfied that they are not being used to disseminate and distribute disinformation.

During the 1960s, there was talk of restrictions being placed on the newspapers. Some stories could affect national security. Today, a more genteel approach is adopted, and the *Street* and the government work together in a much closer harmony. Recently, my partner Tayla Goodman, and myself carried out an operation for a very important government minister. The operation involved covert recordings and led to a major Northern Ireland inquiry into the Omagh bombing. We wrote the story leaving sensitive information out, and presented it to a popular newspaper with whom we are connected. The editor planned to run the story as a 'splash' (front page), but then he

Street of Secrets

Wright spy book alleges treason, cover-up, assassination plans and incompetence

How MI5 plotted Wilson's fall

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Relations between Fleet Street and the Ministry of Defence reached an all time low over the controversial book *Spies*

received a telephone call from Whitehall. Certain people did not feel that the time was right to release the story. Therefore, the editor agreed to pull it and the story did not run.

In stark contrast, a proposed newspaper spy story from 1962, caused great rumblings in the Curzon Street headquarters of MI5. Sir Roger Hollis was newly appointed as the Director General and had just successfully completed the investigation into the Portland Spy Ring affair. Hollis was flavour of the month amongst the Whitehall mandarins, and was flying high on his reputation as a spycatcher - a reputation that was about to be seriously dented.

Throughout the fifties and sixties, our American cousins in the CIA, had become somewhat disillusioned with their UK counterparts. Spy scandals had filled the British press, and the Philby, MacLean, and Burgess ring had really upset relations.

Langley saw the British as a den of communists and decided to restrict their hitherto, shared intelligence. Hollis eventually pacified



Above: The MI5 safe house just off Fleet Street where it is believed the controversial British author, Salman Rushdie was hidden
Below: Curzon Street, former headquarters of MI5



them and the CIA decided to give MI5 one last chance. The chance came in the form of one Anatoli Golitsin, a major in the Russian KGB who kindly decided to defect. Unfortunately for Hollis, Golitsin decided to defect to the Americans, and accordingly, was flown to Ashford farm in Maryland for debriefing; well out of the way of their British counterparts.

Golitsin turned out to be the most important Russian defector in the history of the Cold War. Prior to his escape, he had meticulously studied KGB case files and was able to identify many Soviet agents operating or sleeping in the West. Once the CIA was satisfied that they had milked Golitsin of his intelligence, it reluctantly agreed to representatives of MI5 and MI6 flying out to speak with him. His knowledge of Soviet agents operating in Britain was so extensive, that when, in 1963, he asked for asylum in Britain, MI5 welcomed him with open arms. Had Hollis known about the storm that was brewing, he would probably have left the Russian in America.

Golitsin and his family duly arrived in London, and was designated the code name 'KAGO'. His presence in London was ultra secret and very few people knew of his

arrival. That is to say, very few people, with the exception of the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper. The editor had learned of Golitsin's arrival and was planning to run a splash about the defector. MI5 went into a panic and the story seemed to stop dead.

The early 1960s was a turbulent period in the annals of British treachery, George Blake and John Vassal were exposed as major spies, the latter bringing more grief to Fleet Street. Following the imprisonment of Vassal, Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister of the day, set up an inquiry chaired by Lord Radcliffe. His terms of reference included



Harold Macmillan

censorship and the press.

Several paragraphs had appeared in the press hinting at a spy in the Admiralty as well as suggestions that a major Russian defector had arrived in Britain. Radcliffe was interested in the source of these stories. It was

obvious that the reporters had contacts in high places. But, Radcliffe was on a downhill ride to disaster for the reporters refused to name their sources in the interest of press freedom. This argument did not impress Radcliffe or the two Fleet Street reporters, Reginald Foster and Brendan Mulholland, were packed off to prison. Foster received a three-month sentence, and Mulholland, who drew the short straw, 'went down' for an astonishing six-months.

Forty-years later, there is still skulduggery in the mysterious world of the press. Hacks still meet their MI5 counter parts in the sleazy bars of the West End. Secrets are still commonly shared between the opposing forces. Today, it is all done as an 'old pals' act and at long last the Security Service has finally learned the lesson of protocol and diplomacy. The 'D' list still exists in a manner of fashion, but it only remains as a reminder of a bygone age.

For those readers wishing to learn real secrets, they can read their daily newspapers, for that is often where the truth lies, in the mystical *Street of Secrets*. ■

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The newspaper companies have long since left Fleet Street, but the term is still used to describe the British newspaper industry in general



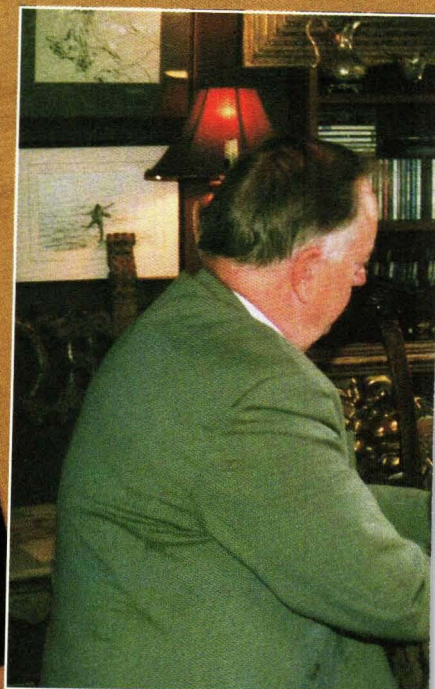
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THE SECRET OSAMA B

Eye Spy associate Editor
Peter Everett interviews former CNN
reporter Peter Bergen.

Author of the International
best-seller, *Holy War Inc.*, Bergen
talks about his extraordinary meet-
ing with Osama bin-Laden and the
dangers that he still poses.
Plus, why he thinks Iraq
is not a threat... yet



TWO WORLD OF BIN LADEN



My assignment was quite a simple one. Peter Bergen was flying in from Washington D.C.; go and interview him.

The team at Eye Spy are now very familiar with interviewing subjects in secret and secure locations, but the Bergen interview almost did not happen. Following the Publisher's instructions, I set out for the North London rendezvous and started my search for Bergen. In retrospect, I think that his search for Bin Laden would have been easier. Throwing my A to Z map of London into the nearest bin, I capitulated and jumped into a black London cab. For half-an-hour, we drove up and down the same road unable to get a fix on my destination. To cut a very long story short, I eventually arrived at the interview twenty-minutes late. Matters were not helped by the fact that photographer Steve McManus was packing up his equipment having completed his photo shoot without me.

Peter Bergen's hideaway was like something out of a Victorian novel and the figure that



Peter Bergen (left) greets Peter Everett

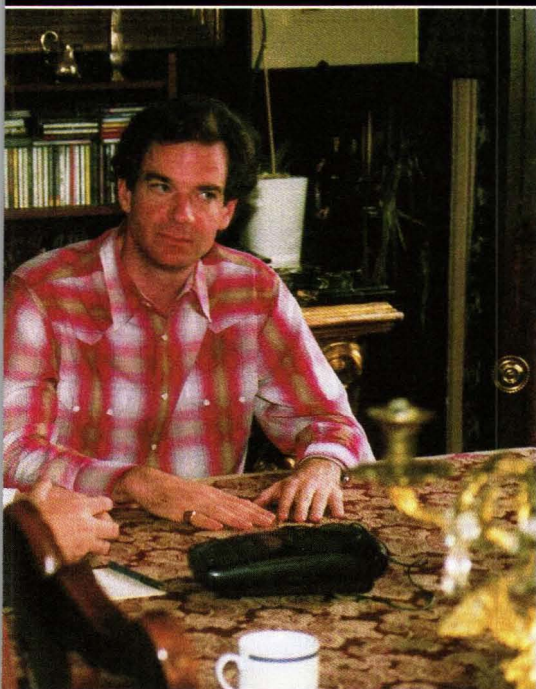
greeted me was not the American reporter that I had expected, but a quintessentially English gentleman of Public School origins. Casually dressed and softly spoken, Peter Bergen welcomed me into his secret world of Osama bin-Laden and his group al-Qaida.

My first impressions of this quietly-spoken man were that Peter would be more at home running the local Church functions than those of a man who had risked life and limb to conduct the ultimate interview with the world's leading terrorist. But beneath the veneer of charm and coolness lies an undercurrent of determination and hardness that denotes success in all that Bergen undertakes. This was demonstrated when I informed him that my school had played Rugby against his own Alma Mater. His first response was, 'Who won'?

Bergen's interest in al-Qaida was fired in 1993 when the World Trade Center was first bombed. Basic research indicated the perpetrators were no small outfit. They had flown first class to the United States and had all of the necessary resources to carry out

such an operation. The intrepid reporter packed his case and flew to Afghanistan to carry out more in depth research into the prime suspects - bin-Laden and al-Qaida. This trip was to lay the foundation of a quite definitive book titled, *Holy War Inc.: Inside the Secret World of Osama bin Laden*. Bergen is now internationally recognised as the leading expert on the world's most wanted man and is frequently consulted by the media and other international bodies. And why not? His stunning research has been used quietly by many an intelligence agency trying to grasp just what makes bin-Laden tick.

When the second airliner struck the World Trade Center on 11 September 2001, Bergen immediately went on air and pointed his finger at al-Qaida. There was no doubt in his mind that Osama bin-Laden was responsible; for only he had the motivation and the capability of carrying out such an outrage. Bergen knew that al-Qaida had been training pilots since 1992, and although a small group, they did spectacular things.





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He went on to explain that bin-Laden founded al-Qaida in 1989, and actually ran it as a commercial business. Following the fall of the Taliban in Afghanistan, papers were discovered in Kabul that demonstrated the structure of the organisation. Osama Bin-Laden was Chief Executive Officer and he governed a board of Directors known as the Sheriff's Council. Sub committees existed dealing with media, finance, religion, and business. The whole structure was that of any medium-sized or large company in New York or the City of London with each board member responsible for their own actions. What made al-Qaida even more dangerous was the fact that they did not have a 'return address'.

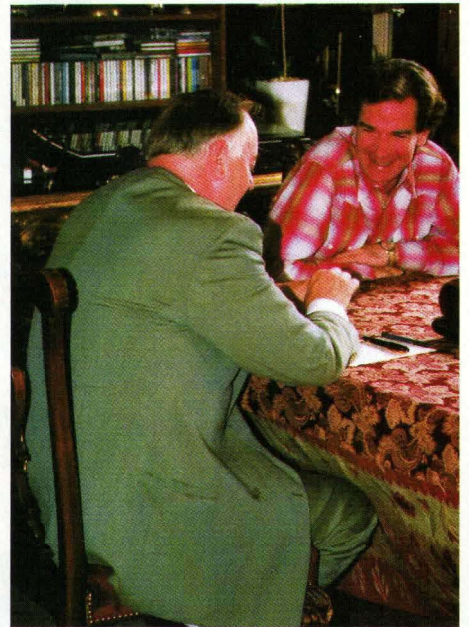
Bergen explained that had US intelligence identified a nation responsible for the World Trade Center attack in 1993, Washington would have responded with its full military might. But it was al-Qaida, and there was no specific country to target.

Bergen's famous meeting with Osama bin-Laden came about via a media contact in

London. Bergen flew to London and spent a week meeting contacts who pointed him in the right direction. He was told: "When you go looking for Osama bin-Laden, you don't find him, he finds you." A few weeks later in March 1997, his phone rang and a voice said: "Osama has agreed to meet with you in Afghanistan. Bin-Laden concluded CNN was the best forum to broadcast his first television interview to the English-speaking world. Bergen got clearance to fly to Afghanistan via Pakistan, along with two other people: CNN correspondent Peter Arnott, and a cameraman - an ex-British Parachute Regiment officer.

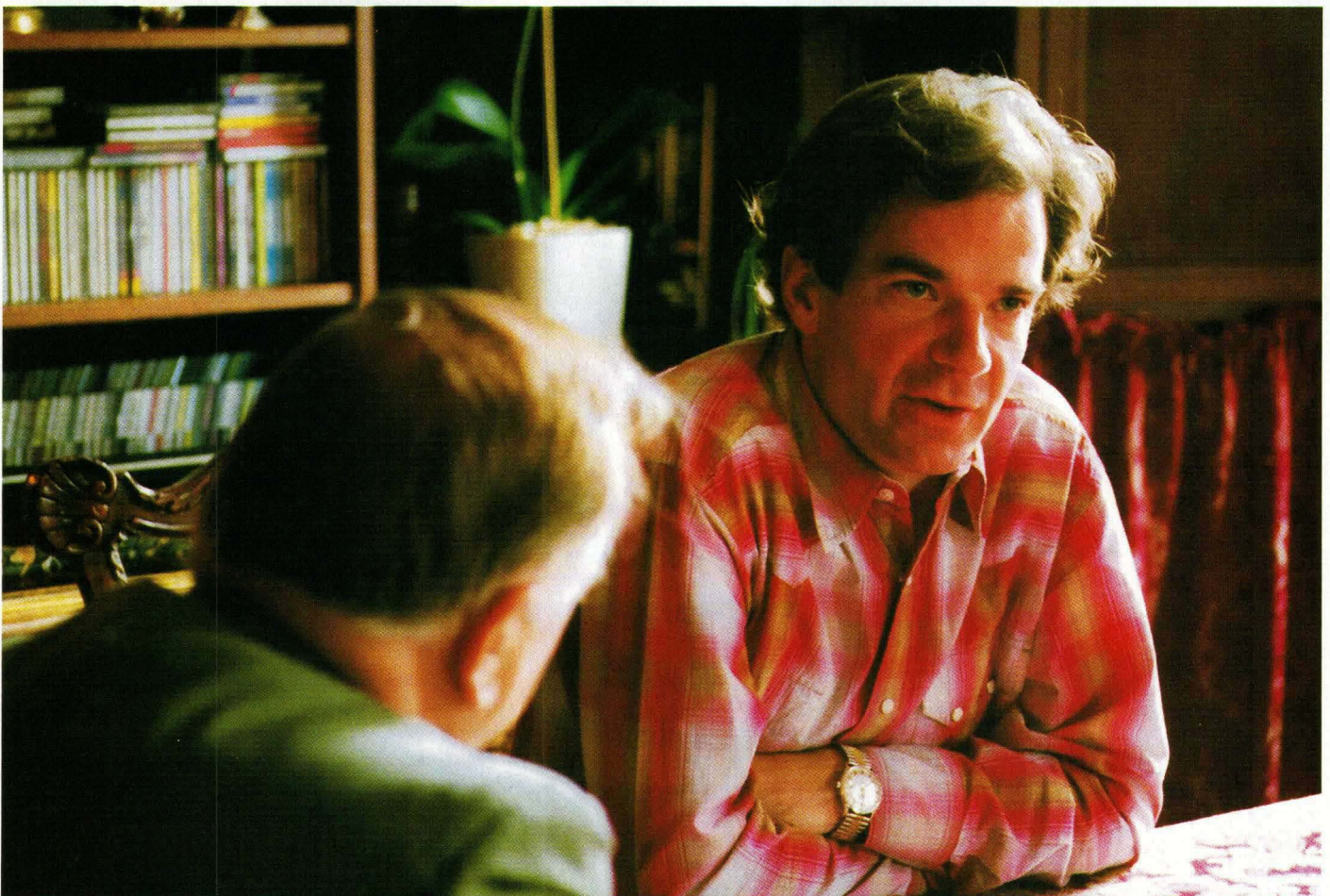
During their trip, they kept getting 'green' light signals that the meeting was to go ahead as planned.

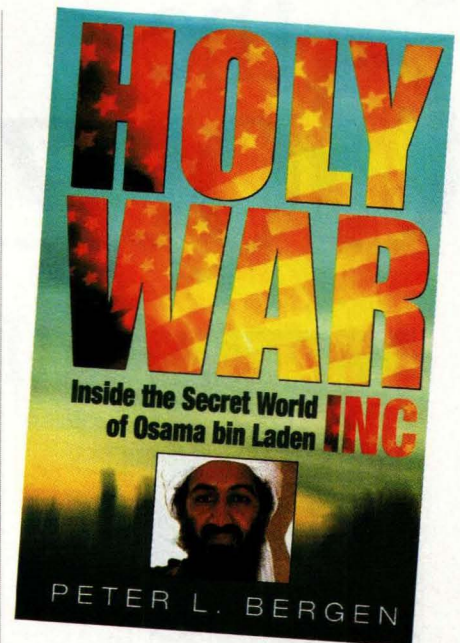
The first problem arose upon their arrival at the hotel. An al-Qaida liaison officer informed them that they could not take their equipment with them (this brief included wrist watches), for fear of a hidden tracking device. Rumours persist that this was the reason that British envoy Terry Walt



was kidnapped in the Lebanon, in the belief that he was carrying a tracking device.

The three men were given spectacles with cardboard inserted into the glass area. Placed in a van with curtained windows, they were then driven into an area that Bergen believes to be the White Mountains. The van stopped and they were told to "get out." An al-Qaida member informed them that if they were carrying a tracking device,





now was the time to say; if they admitted it there would not be a problem, but if it was later discovered that there was a tracking device, it would become a very big problem. For the second stage of the journey they were driven in a four-wheel drive into the mountains. Their eventual destination was a large mud hut where food and drink awaited them.

Around midnight, a large band of bodyguards armed with Russian PK machine guns arrived, and the trio were electronically swept for tracking devices. Bergen had now gone through three separate rings of security.

A few minutes later more bodyguards arrived and bin-Laden entered the hut. His interpreter explained that the interview, would last exactly 60 minutes and that the trio would remain in the hut until their leader was clear of the area. Following the interview Peter Arnott asked bin-Laden about his feelings towards Saddam Hussein. It was quite apparent that "no love was lost" between him and the Iraqi leader. The interview was recorded on al-Qaida equipment and Bergen returned to America with the scoop of a life time.

Today Bergen is a freelance journalist. He intends to return to Afghanistan to discover

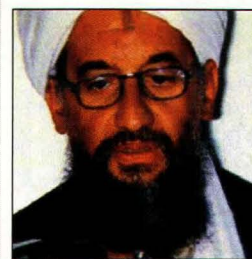
the facts behind the fall of the Taliban and the current political situation. He believes that Osama bin-Laden is still alive. No body has ever been found. "We have to assume, therefore, that he is still alive, and still in control of his empire, albeit, not in Afghanistan," said Bergen.

Bergen then listed six reasons that make Osama bin-Laden the supreme threat to peace.

1. No real information confirms he is dead.
2. Though rumours abound over his whereabouts, no intelligence agency can find him.
3. His deputy, Ayma Zawahiri is still on the run.
4. No information exists on the whereabouts of bin-Laden's sons.
5. No intelligence agency has any idea where his other commanders are.
6. No government can be certain that al-Qaida is not planning another huge outrage,

The interview then turned to the question of al-Qaida's funding. Bergen does not see money as an issue. In his own words: "The nineteen terrorists that died on 9/11 did not do it for money, they did it for the belief in a cause and loyalty to Osama bin-Laden. They died as Martyrs to their cause."

I asked Bergen about his thoughts on the current Iraqi crisis. He did not see Iraq as an immediate threat. He expressed concern that Iraq was a *Red Herring* taking the onus away from the real threat that is al-Qaida. His concerns were exacerbated by military



Ayma Zawahiri

commentators stating that 100,000 ground troops would be needed to liberate Iraq. In a recent pole 53% of Americans believed that Iraq was involved in 9/11. However, without United

Nation's support he thinks it unlikely that the United States would invade Iraq.

Bergen's sharp mind raises doubts to the strength of Hussein's threat. His logic states that if Israel considered Iraq a danger, then they themselves would have taken action. Likewise, Hussein's neighbours are reticent to allow Western forces to use their territories as launching points for an attack, and are very sanguine about any Iraqi threat.

His logic went a stage further to examine why terrorism is such a powerful tool in today's world of high technology. Paradoxically, it is *Information Technology* that allowed 9/11 to happen. During the 1970s, Middle East terrorism centred on Iraq, Syria, and Libya. Today terrorism relies upon the Internet, cheap air travel, and satellite telephones. Without these, al-Qaida could not function. Perhaps the West's own scientific revolution will eventually become its nemesis.

I left Peter Bergen frantically arranging his diary in between answering telephone calls. I could not help but wonder if one of the calls was from Saddam Hussein, inviting him for an interview.

• Bergen's book - fully updated is now available in paperback - see page 72

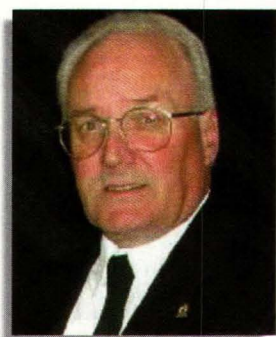
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the Gouzenko Affair and Camp-X



By Lynn Philip Hodgson

Two years after the SOE had moved out of the top secret Camp-X in Canada, and while still in the hands of the British Security Coordination (BSC), Camp-X was thrown into the middle of an international political intrigue. One afternoon, a young Russian cipher clerk stationed at the Russian Embassy in Ottawa stood up from his desk, picked up his brief case, and left the office. He walked a few blocks, then turned and continued through the doorway of a Canadian Federal building where he asked to speak with the person in charge. Igor Gouzenko had had enough of spying for

Russia in Canada and he requested political asylum for himself and for his family.

The Canadian Government had never had this happen before and none of the officials knew what the protocol was in these circumstances. They took Gouzenko to a hotel and questioned him repeatedly and extensively regarding his information and his intentions. Meanwhile, frantic phone calls were made throughout Ottawa.

Eventually, the officials found someone who seemed to know how to handle the situation. A phone call was then placed to William Stephenson (head of the BSC) who made some additional calls of his own then

arrived at the door of the hotel room where Igor Gouzenko was being detained. The man to whom Stephenson had spoken also made his appearance shortly thereafter.

Later that same evening, Gouzenko and his family were taken from Ottawa and transported to the secret and secure Camp-X where they would remain throughout the Royal Commission Inquiry that was mandated to investigate the allegations regarding his activities.

Igor Gouzenko had in his possession a briefcase containing confidential documents outlining the depth of the Russian spy network active in Canada and the United States at that time. During the entire time that Igor Gouzenko was under protection of the Canadian Government at Camp-X, it is amazing that the Russian intelligence service, to the best of our knowledge, and in spite of its level of skill and capability, had absolutely no knowledge of his whereabouts.

Even had the Russians been able to ascertain that Gouzenko was in detention at Camp-X, in point of fact he was not in the Camp at all. Many people who served there for the duration of the war stated that they had never seen him. That is true; they did not, and with good reason. By 1945 the old Sinclair house was in rough shape. The agents' training had taken a toll on it and it was no longer fit for occupation.

Stephenson acquired another farmhouse, in excellent condition and only a very short distance from the Camp, and this became the Gouzenko residence.

This "new" old farmhouse, known as the Bravener House, was at the corner of Thornton Road, on the west side, and directly across from the guardhouse. It was



American OSS agents training north of Camp X - 1943

COURTESY HAMISH PELHAM BURN, (Camp X explosives instructor 1943)

Sir William
Stephenson



ideally situated at the entrance to the Camp. Here either the Camp personnel or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) could easily protect it, yet it was far enough away that it would not arouse suspicion. Those working inside Camp-X never saw the Gouzenko family.

In 1966, almost twenty years to the day after the closure of Camp-X by the BSC, Walter McDayter, a staff reporter of the *Toronto Telegram*, ran into a Yugoslav who had been trained at Camp-X and had completed his mission in Yugoslavia. The agent informed McDayter about Camp-X, which was, of course, still top secret at that time. McDayter decided to investigate on his own and located Camp-X.

As he neared what he had been told was once the Camp, he noted the country farm land, the old pitted dirt road leading to the Camp, and the numerous Department of National Defence signs that warned trespassers against approaching. An eight-foot high barbed wire fence that surrounded the perimeter of the Camp, the same type of fencing that you would see surrounding a penitentiary today, had replaced the original cow fence.

As he pulled his vehicle up to the front gate, he noticed a guard with a pair of binoculars hanging around his neck. He also noticed that the guard was armed! Walter McDayter was warned to stay away, to get back in his car and leave. But he had questions he wanted to ask.



Almost ten years later, I learned about McDayter's trip to the Camp. I contacted him by phone and identified myself. I told him that I, too, was investigating Camp-X. His immediate reaction was, "Oh, that place! Those guys were crazy! They wanted to shoot me!"

He had been told numerous times that were he to persist in taking pictures, he would be arrested. He continued in spite of the warning, so the armed guard came out and escorted him inside to a small room in one of the buildings where officers interrogated him. He was told, "This is a top secret



military installation, no pictures are allowed to be taken, and no one is allowed in," and was sent on his way and ordered not to come back.

An interesting point in McDayter's article relating the events of that day is that the Yugoslav agent he had first encountered had told him that Igor Gouzenko had been under protection at Camp-X shortly after the war had ended and that he was still alive and was being protected under a new name. It was big news at that time that Russian spies had been working in Canada. In retrospect, it now seems perfectly logical that they would have been, but at the time, most Canadians were unaware that Russian spies were walking amongst them.

The article talked about Gouzenko being kept at the Camp, and ended with the promise, "Tomorrow; Camp-X and Igor Gouzenko." McDayter later told me that tomorrow never came for that next article. He had been called into the General Manager's office at the *Telegram* and was informed that the second part of that article "would not run." When he asked why not, he was told it was a matter of military secrecy. Of course, the second part of the article never appeared!

Not long after this, the RCMP contacted me also. They had 'issues' with what I was 'up to' and with what I had learned about Igor Gouzenko. They arranged a meeting with me and I was informed at that time that I was in possession of material that was still covered by the 'Official Secrets Act' and,



Igor Gouzenko?

were I to publish it in any format, I would be in violation of the 'Act'.

They asked me to bring everything I had relative to Gouzenko to the meeting. I did. One of the things that they were most interested in was a picture I had of what I thought was Igor Gouzenko standing in front of the Bravener house with an RCMP agent standing beside him. At least this is what I had been told by the reliable source who gave me the photograph. The resemblance between this man and Gouzenko was uncanny.

The RCMP told me that I could not publish this picture: if I did, Gouzenko would surely be a dead man. They went on to say that they had spent a lot of money putting him and his family into protection plans that, to date, were working well. They were not about to allow me to 'blow it.'

For those who are not aware of the 'Official Secrets Act', it read as follows:

(a) THE CRIMINAL CODE applies to service personnel and civilians alike and provides severe penalties for sedition, treason, espionage, and other offences related to security.

(b) THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT makes it a criminal offence punishable by Fourteen Years Imprisonment for any person to communicate information to any unauthorized person for any purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the state.

(c) THE NATIONAL DEFENCE ACT makes it an offence punishable by Death for any person subject to the code of Service Discipline to commit a breach of security in connection with military operations or to act as a spy for the enemy.

By order of the Deputy Minister.

After I published the first edition of *Inside Camp-X*, in which the above photograph appeared, a person who swore that the picture was of him and his brother contacted me. His family lived in the Bravener house immediately after the Gouzenko family was moved to a safe house in Toronto. I told him that I couldn't believe it because of the reliability of my source.

However, in the end, he proved to me that it was indeed he and not Gouzenko. The picture was published in the first edition of *Inside Camp-X* but did not appear in subsequent editions and only after Gouzenko's death.

So now I wonder why was this picture planted on me? Why didn't the RCMP tell me at the time of our interview, twenty-five years ago, that it wasn't Gouzenko? Why did they threaten me if I published it? Had Gouzenko's facial characteristics been changed or did the RCMP want the Russians to believe that his appearance was different?

And can it be that the hope was that the picture would fall into the hands of the Russians, which would ultimately send them on a wild goose chase?

I guess we'll never know.



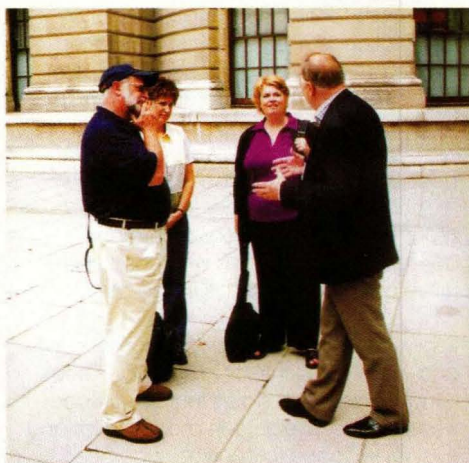
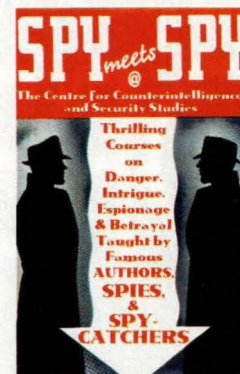
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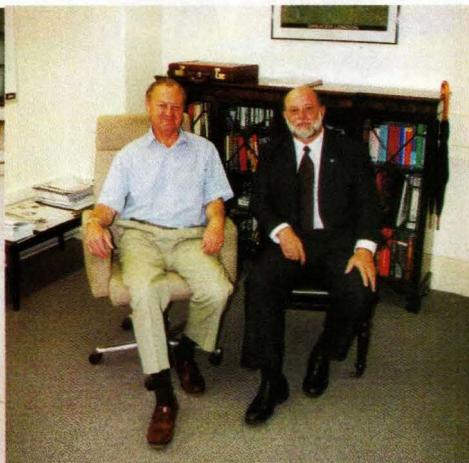
Former FBI Counterintelligence officer meets Eye Spy in London

Former FBI counterintelligence officer, David Major, recently met with Eye Spy in London. Mr Major is a director of the Counter Intelligence Centre near Washington D.C. and runs successful courses. David met with editor Mark Ian Birdsall, Peter Everett, and Admiral Nick Wilkinson, Secretary of the Defence Advisory Committee in Whitehall.

The CI Centre is hoping to run a spy tour of London next year visiting key locations that will include a number of very secret sites. Look out for further details in forthcoming editions of Eye Spy, or see: www.cicentre.com



Peter Everett talks to David Major and friends outside Whitehall, London



Admiral Wilkinson explained the function of Britain's Defence Advisory Committee



Outside Downing Street

PRODUCT REVIEW SWANN SECURITY 'MICROCAM'

BY PETER JENKINS



I knew this video camera was small as I had seen advertisements in various publications, but when I opened the box, I was very surprised at just how small it actually was. Not only does it operate as a video camera, but will actually transmit colour pictures.

This neatly packaged system from Australia comes with everything that you require to record video without the need for cables. For your money you receive; a transmitting camera and microphone, a receiving unit, 240v power supplies and battery packs, and the necessary cables to connect it to your television or video recorder.

The operating instructions comprise of a single sheet of

paper. This is not just because the manufacturers are being environmentally friendly, but because the system is so simple to set up and operate that instructions are not really needed, even for those who are not technically minded.

I set up the system in less than five minutes and roamed about the office to check its reception. The picture was very good in well-lit situations and I was getting a clear picture two rooms away. I also pointed the receiver outside and walked away into the distance taking the camera with me. On reviewing the video recording afterwards, I managed to get a clear reception at some 110 metres away. Ideally, the receiver has to be pointed in

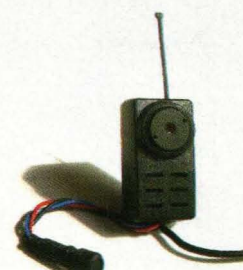
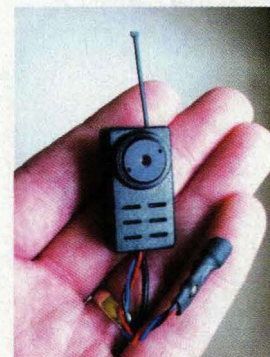
the direction of the camera or poor quality will result.

For short-term measures, this camera can be used with a battery pack and concealed in almost anything, even inside a cigarette packet. The picture shows how it is concealed in a video case, which can be put on the shelf amongst other video tapes for covert recordings. For long term projects, the camera comes with a mains power supply and so can be used indefinitely.

Whatever situation the MicroCam is used for, it is an effective device. The colour/audio model is top of the range and costs £399.00, although there are cheaper models if you do not require audio or wireless transmission.

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OPERATION DIVER



Nikolas Galanos
reports on an
extraordinary CIA
and Greek
Intelligence
operation that for
reasons unknown
simply faded
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When a 50-year-old florist was murdered at his shop in Athens, Greek police set roadblocks to capture a suspect who was seen leaving the murder site. Soon officers on motorcycles spotted him but he managed to evade capture.

He was eventually captured at his home where police found weapons and other discriminating evidence. The suspect, Andreas Legakis 33, was well known to the authorities for his anarchist activity and association with leftist radicals. The florist turned out to be his girlfriend's father. He also had a criminal record for felonies. When interrogated, and later in front of the world's media, he shouted that he had been an associate of the anti-terrorist branch of police in order to infiltrate terrorist groups. The Greek Police denied any connection with Legakis who has been jailed while waiting for his trial to begin.

Legakis completed eighteen months in jail and was released according to the Greek Penal Code which states that any suspect who completes eighteen months in jail and has not yet gone to court must be freed. Allegedly his case was manipulated in order to avoid his trial in this critical period. After his release, he committed a number of armed robberies and was arrested again at Athens airport. This time, by a counterterrorist unit.

It transpired that this out-of-control individual was in fact, the notorious 'Diver'.

In 1998, CIA officers stationed in Athens and Greek EYP Intelligence agents, decided to conduct a covert operation in order to infiltrate cells of the terrorist group 17 November. After a number of closed sessions (with Greek police - the Ministry of Public Order was excluded and not informed for the operation), intelligence officers decided to pass hi-tech weaponry on the black market hoping that terrorists would try to obtain it. The weapons cache included two pistols (unknown origin) and two mini rocket launchers that fired with





pinpoint accuracy. The weaponry actually came from the CIA at Langley where specialists implanted beacons on all four items traceable by satellite. Needless to say the rockets were not functional, and had critical items removed just in case something went wrong.

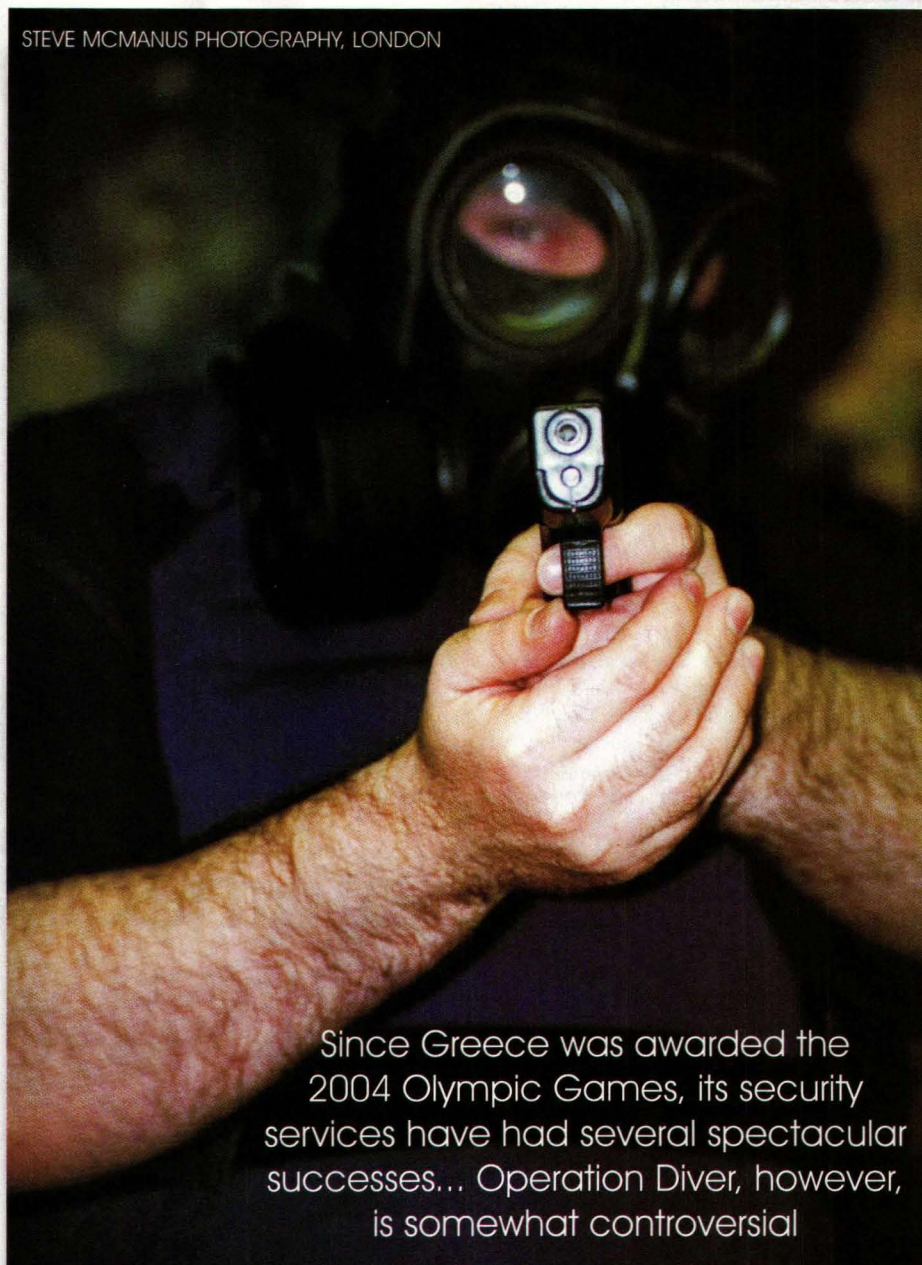
The next step was to find the right person who could sell the items without raising suspicions. These items were addressed to various anarchist and ultra-left groups who supported the ideology of 17 November and areas where known terrorist groups recruited new members. After screening dozens of candidates, intelligence officers chose 33-year-old Andreas Legakis. He had an anarchist background but had not been active for years. He cleverly managed to distance himself from his past for he was known to still sympathise with some movements - a fact which made him vulnerable according to Langley psychologists who were dispatched to Athens with the task to profile Legakis.

Greek Intelligence approached him and offered him money, a new identity, and a safe passage abroad in return for his cooperation. At first, Legakis strongly rejected this and resisted the idea to betray his ex-colleagues, but after various meetings and continuous psychological pressure, he finally agreed to cooperate. It is interesting that the intelligence officers did not try to blackmail him; the pressure was simply aimed at his ideology and took advantage of Legakis unstable political views.

The operation was nicknamed *Diver* and more CIA personnel arrived in Athens for the final phase of the action.

Legakis was given several special briefcases containing the weapons and begun to spread rumours that advanced weapons were on sale. Almost immediately three potential buyers expressed their concern. The two of them bought pistols while the third bought the rockets. These buyers were familiar to the authorities as extreme left activists and their involvement didn't surprise American and Greek intelligence officials who were anxious to discover the final destination of the 'cargo'. The beacon

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Since Greece was awarded the 2004 Olympic Games, its security services have had several spectacular successes... Operation Diver, however, is somewhat controversial



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OPERATION DIVER

signals were intercepted and pointed to specific apartments in Athens. These were kept under 24 hour surveillance. One pistol was concealed in the back of a television set. But CIA and Greek Intelligence were concerned about the rockets because agents believed that terrorists would try to acquire them to target the heavily guarded American Embassy.

Suddenly the beacons showed movement, and the rocket buyer left his building carrying one of the briefcases that Legakis received. He drove for 15 minutes and transported the rockets to another flat close to the Athens Court of Justice. Throughout this period, he was kept under eye and electronic surveillance. As he left without the briefcase, operatives discovered the identity of the new recipient. He waited until midnight when he exited the building and dumped the briefcase in a rubbish bin probably to be collected by someone else. This triggered an alert to the watching intelligence teams who covered

all access to the area anticipating a collector. Hours passed and nobody came. The operation failed. At first light EYP notified Greek police and government officials of the situation requesting them to recover the rockets and pistols. Their reaction was not favourable stating that all CIA-EYP actions were illegal (Greece's special anti-terrorist law had not yet been passed). Finally, police collected the rockets from the bin raided the other apartments and retrieved the pistols.

Why none of the rocket and pistol buyers were charged - not even for illegal possession of weapons - is still a mystery and has caused much speculation about the intelligence-gathering arm of 17 November and the political implications of the would be arrests. Furthermore, who notified the second buyer to dump the rockets? After the recent mass arrests of 17 November members and the forthcoming trials, perhaps further details of the blown operation Diver will come to light?

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The arrest of
Andreas Legakis



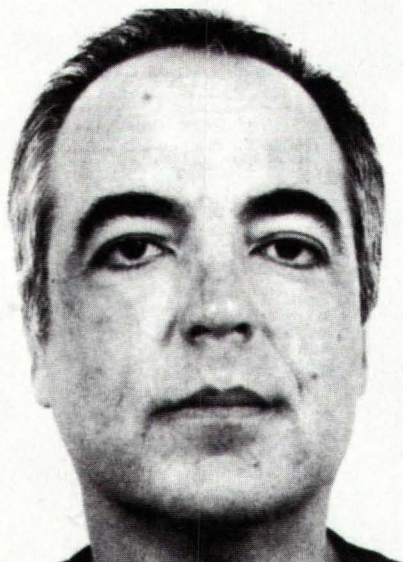
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Last of the Summer Wine for N17?

Prime Suspect in Murdered Briton Case Surrenders to Greek Police

The last of the recognised members of Greek terror group, November 17, coolly walked into Athens main police station on 5 September and said to the surprised desk sergeant, "I'm

Koufodinas... I've come to surrender... I know my rights, you know your job, let's get on with it."



Dimitris Koufodinas

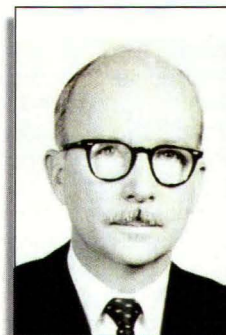
Dimitris Koufodinas, 44, who is the prime suspect in the murder of Stephen Saunders, the British Defence Attache in June 2000, went on the run following the arrest of N17 members after a bomb detonated accidentally in June. Since then, 15 senior members of the group have been arrested by security police.

Police believe the man known as 'the Beekeeper' because he once worked bees, is one of two gunmen who drove up to Mr Saunders car as it got stuck in a traffic jam and shot him several times before driving away. It was N17 member, Savvas Xiros, who was carrying the bomb in the Port of Piraeus (Athens) when it exploded who told police Koufodinas was riding with him on the bike. Koufodinas's gun jammed and it was left to Xiros to fire the fatal shots. His arrest triggered virtually the entire downfall of N17.

Firearms and a variety of other items were recovered from a flat owned by Koufodinas several months ago. The police also reproduced a photograph of him they had found. It showed him with a beard and very little hair, unlike the image shown here, taken a few hours after his arrest.



Stephen Saunders



Richard Welsh

His lawyer, Ioanna Kourtovik, said: "He takes full political responsibility for his actions as a member of November 17. He has become motivated by his earnest belief in building a revolutionary socialist movement in Greece."

She then went on to say that his actions and beliefs mean that he was likened to a political fighter, rather than a criminal or terrorist: "He maintains he is not guilty of the acts attributed to him in the charges described. He also thinks that the basic values of a fighter should be dignity." [sic]

Intelligence sources say that Koufodinas knew the police were closing in on his hideout in northern Athens.

Koufodinas is believed to have been active (and present) at many of the group's 23 murders, beginning in the early 1980s and also included the CIA's Station Chief, Richard Welsh (see Eye Spy 1, 2, and 11).

Known in the group as 'Loukas', Koufodinas could have given himself up to protect his family, or a number of persons who have been sheltering him.



The scenes around the US Embassy in London on 11 September 2002, were one of remembrance, emotion and defiance. Last year as news of the attacks on America reached Britain, the embassy became a focal point of mourning.

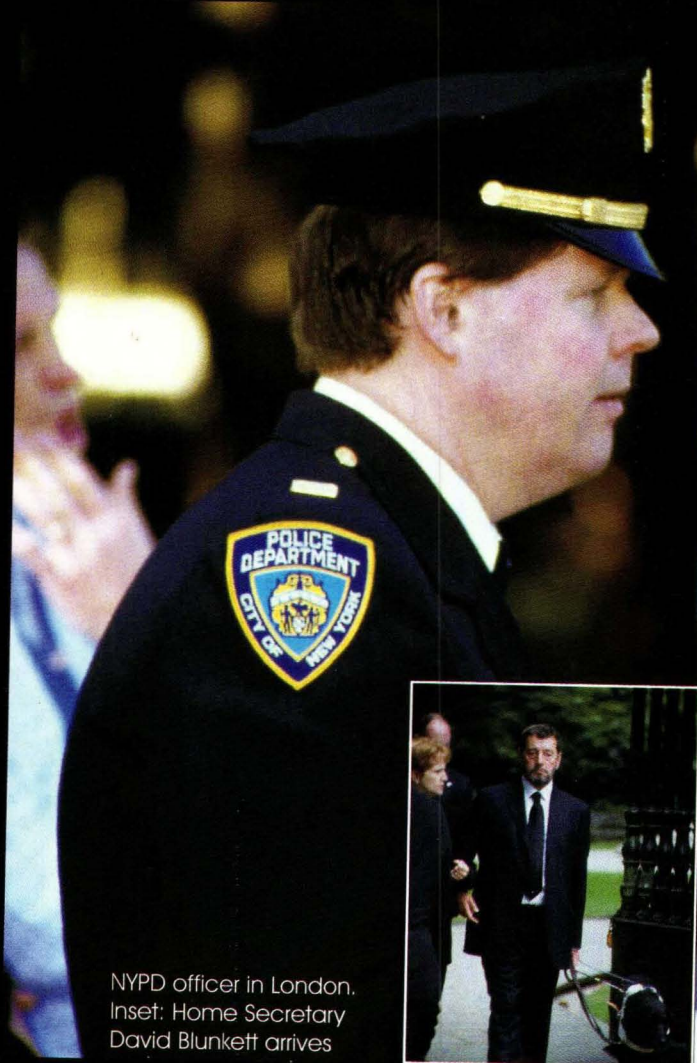
One year later the scene was very different. Over 1,000 people gathered to watch Lieutenant Frank Dwyer, from New York City Police Department, hand David Blunkett, the Home Secretary, part of a Union Jack flag recovered in the rubble of the World Trade Center.

Mr Dwyer said in a distinct New York accent: "This flag, though torn and tattered, still may be flown. It is a rich symbol of the endurance and strength of the British people and the pain and agony gone through that day... that consecrated day.... This flag belongs back in this land."

As Mr Blunkett thanked Mr Dwyer he told an emotional crowd:

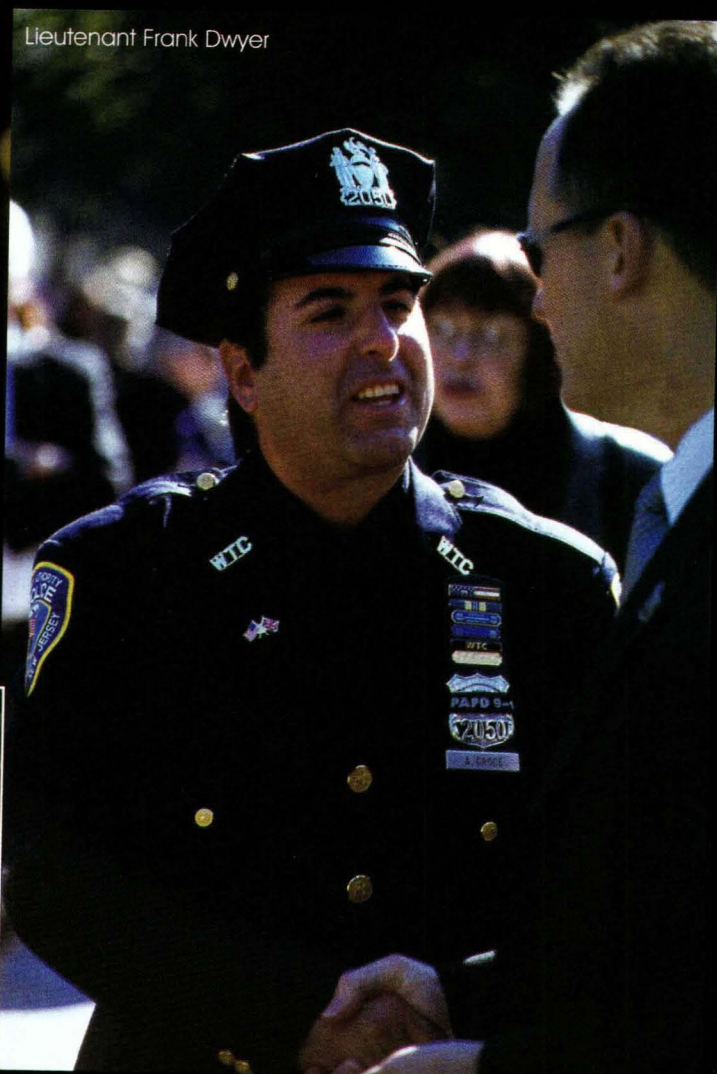
"We owe it to all those who died to make a better world as we have tried to do in freeing Afghanistan. We owe it to ourselves to have the courage to face down those who would take away our safety and security and undermine our democracy."

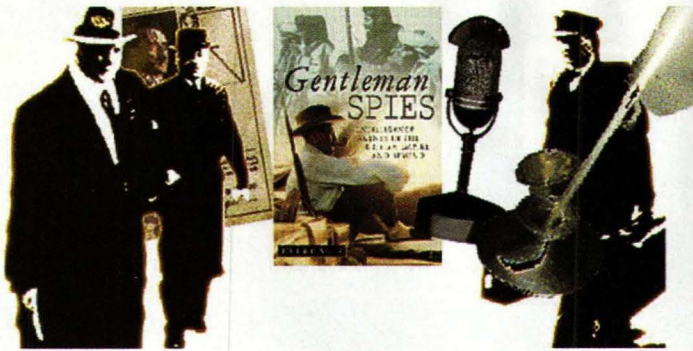
Throughout the UK millions of people stood for a one-minute silent tribute at exactly 1.46pm, (GMT) the time the first hijacked aircraft struck the World Trade Center.



NYPD officer in London.
Inset: Home Secretary
David Blunkett arrives

Lieutenant Frank Dwyer





Intelligence Briefs

REFIT FOR PRIME MINISTER'S WAR ROOM

LONDON: Prime Minister Tony Blair has authorised a £1.4 million refurbishment of his underground Whitehall bunker, known as Room A, the Cabinet Office Briefing Room, COBR. The facility is hundreds of feet underground, some 10 storeys beneath the Cabinet Office. At the same time, the National Crises Management Centre will be extended to accommodate additional floor space so that the MOD can respond to a possible germ warfare attack. Room A, can hold 200 people and its walls are at least 6ft-thick walls.



WOMAN HELD IN N17 SWOOP

ATHENS: Greek anti-terrorist police arrested Agheliki Sotiropoulou, 40 on suspicion of assisting an November 17 terrorist. The police said she had been living with the group's hitman and is also the former wife of another member.

KURSK - EQUIPMENT BLOWN-UP

MOSCOW: Russian divers have blown up major front sections of the Kursk nuclear submarine which sank in the Barents Sea in August 2000. President Putin decided to destroy what remains of the ship (other parts were raised), including secret communications equipment, torpedo warheads and computers.



AL-QAIDA ARRESTS IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM: In early September, Dutch security police arrested eight people suspected of helping to finance the al-Qaida terror group. The men were described as having provided "logistical, material and financial support," to al-Qaida. Similarly, the police say they helped recruit fighters for "jihad against the enemies of Islam." The men come from various cities across the Netherlands. And four people arrested several months ago following a security raid, were accused of planning to attack the US Embassy in Paris, and a USAF base in Belgium. A court heard how the men were part of an al-Qaida unit.

SPY GHOSTS HAUNT HUNGARIAN PM

BUDAPEST: A few skeletons have popped out of the cupboard and have returned to haunt Hungary's Government. The Hungarian newspaper *Magyar Nemzet* published revealing documents about Prime Minister, Peter Medgyessy, who worked as an agent for the Communist counterintelligence service known as Interior Ministry Department III/II in the 70s and early 80s. Now a new scandal is breaking with revelations that at least 10 government ministers who have been in high office since the collapse of the Communist government in 1989, at one time or another worked for Hungary's Moscow-backed and sponsored secret service.



SPANISH POLICE SEEK FEMALE BOMBERS

MADRID: Two ETA-connected women are being sought by Spanish police in connection with the Costa bombings this summer. Ainhoa Adin Jauregui, 29 (right) and Leire Etxebarria Simarro, 25, are believed to be behind the strategy of attacking tourist locations.



They are described as amongst the "most wanted" terrorists in Spain.



The Role Of The DEA

Clandestine Law Enforcement



The George Bush administration has been quite candid in announcing its war against terrorism. The US president has carried forward this operation with conviction and understandable support from the American public. The President's father, had also

declared war during his time in office. But before one thinks about the Gulf War, understand that there was another war, that the former Republican President brought to the spot light: The War On Drugs. Just like the threat of terrorism, the drug war continues on an on-going basis. More importantly, it's another war faced by Americans, where the threat infiltrates home turf. Some might say it is an internal problem but technically speaking it is not. It is a global crisis, that challenges all countries.

The scale of the drug problem has led law enforcement bodies to progressively incorporate more and more strategies. One organisation that clearly illustrates this, is the Drug Enforcement Administration - DEA. These initials resonate a barrage of sounds: sirens whaling, doors being kicked down, and gun shots. The press often focus more on the DEA's arresting procedure but this has given the organisation a militaristic image. How many are aware of its distinct intelligence role? More importantly, what is the nature of this role and how does it contribute to the greater scale of things?

The DEA was established after several narcotics agencies were merged together. In the Nixon era, perhaps it was hoped that such specialised law enforcement bodies, would act as another monitoring post for the president. But, today the DEA's mission statement evolves around enforcement, with the objective being to arrest those who break 'the controlled substances laws'. Enforcement may be the priority but this still requires the utilisation of strong intelligence.

On this basis, agents operate within a less rigid rank structure, so that there is a degree of investigative freedom. The regional directors are responsible for providing focus and direction. The DEA carries out a challenging role and agents place themselves into a dangerous environment in order to do the job.

To really understand and justify intelligence gathering function of the DEA, one has to understand the nature of the drug problem. Firstly, the criminal organisations that are involved in the drugs business operate on a global level; moreover, the drug process has many faces, all placed in different levels of society. From the drugs baron down to the street pusher, are numerous layers and issues of complexity. Each criminal organisation will use different methods to sell their product. On this basis, the DEA has to be aware of how the different cultures operate. Often these are foreign cultures, since drugs are usually exported to America. When the law enforcement bodies make arrests, the drug dealers simply adapt and change their strategies. There is always another import route and there is always another contact waiting to be bought.

There are some criminal cultures that operate within their own traditional framework, such as the Japanese Yakuza. That being said, drug dealing is a business - one



by Aran Dhamerathnam



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that requires suppliers, importers and an international network. This means that often criminal organisations will work together. La Cosa Nostra may have a very different list of leads and contacts to that of the newly emerging Eastern European organisations, but the interaction is always changing. Law enforcement officers need to understand the culture and methodology surrounding the criminal organisations. The DEA uses its intelligence, in order to establish hard evidence. It is this evidence that turns an arrest into a conviction. Without it, a case may not stand. One has to appreciate that at the top end of the drugs business, the suspect, has the finances to hire the best lawyers that money can buy.

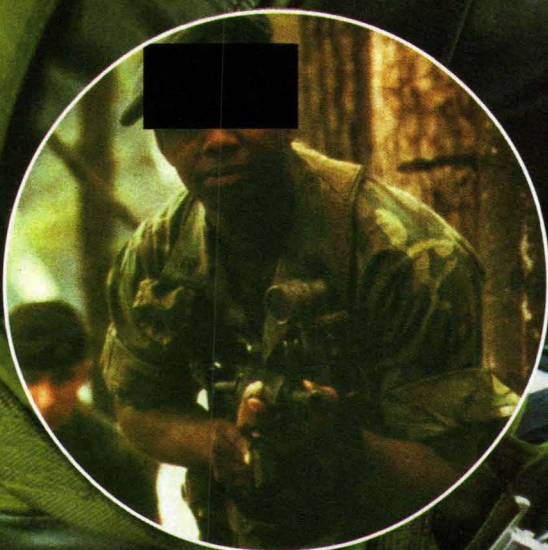
The diversity and adapting nature of drug organisations is what creates the complexity. For this reason, intelligence is carried out on a global level and the DEA most likely has agents, in at least eighty countries. Its agents come from diverse backgrounds. No doubt, even CIA operatives have been recruited into the organisation. Of course, intelligence gathering is usually associated with the CIA. The difference perhaps lies in the notion that for the DEA, intelligence gathering provides a means to achieving its objective. While, in the CIA, obtaining intelligence is very much the nature of the objective. The drug problem stretches into so many powerful fields, that it has reached a point, where the line between military intelligence and that acquired by law enforcement is vague. Inevitably, there will be times where the DEA's intelligence role, has to take step back to allow other intelligence operations to continue.

The DEA's intelligence tactics often depend upon the co-operation of foreign governments. When this co-operation occurs, it allows the DEA to provide an influential, advisory role. At the same time, the activities of the DEA agent have to fit in with the USA's foreign policy. Intelligence gathering has to be handled carefully, so

SEPTEMBER 2002 Target America

Traffickers, Terrorists & You

The DEA Museum will open a powerful new exhibit on 10 September 2002 that traces the historic and contemporary connections between global drug trafficking and terrorism. Starting with the horrific events of 11 September 2001 and moving back in time to the ancient Silk Road, this exhibit, entitled Target America: Traffickers, Terrorists and You will present the visitor with a global and historical overview of this deadly connection. The visitor will have many opportunities to explore the often-symbiotic relationships that exist





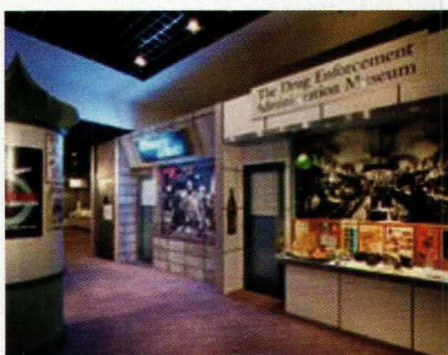
DEA headquarters, Arlington, Virginia

that any friendly relationships are not jeopardised. One should appreciate, in cynical fashion, that certain third world countries, do not want drug dealing activities to be investigated too thoroughly!

The public image of any intelligence body will inevitably contain an element of suspicion. However, the DEA does not try to hide its presence in clandestine shadows. In many ways it has made its presence known within the international field. Its operations in Mexico and South America have hardly been 'a closed door affair'. It should also be recognised that the information that is gathered, is often used by local law enforcement agencies. The DEA also contributes data to other international law enforcement agencies. Along with its field operatives, its staff represent analysts and even scientific researchers. Invariably, much of the intelligence will be used by these

between terrorist groups and drug trafficking cartels and the personal impact those connections have on the visitor.

Museum and Visitors Center, Pentagon City, Arlington, VA



internal groups. In the USA, some law enforcement agencies contribute their information to preventative bodies, such as D.A.R.E. (Drug abuse and awareness education.) So it is clear that intelligence gathering is a paramount strategy. At the same time, one can't be so naive as to forget that intelligence is power. It allows the organisation to maintain some influence in the legislative and executive corridors.

With the world's growing reliance on technology, the intelligence role is made even more complex. But, even the modern officer, appreciates the value of field work. NASA's satellites have their uses, but informers must still be groomed and gangs must still be penetrated. Intelligence gathering has become a crucial weapon in the drugs war but its effectiveness will still depend on sharp analysis and direct implementation. Terrorism may have provided a new enemy, but the old ones have not been forgotten.

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Asa Hutchinson DEA Director

Asa Hutchinson was appointed by President George W. Bush as Director of the Drug Enforcement Administration on 8 August 2001.

During his tenure as U.S. Attorney, the FBI awarded ASA Hutchinson, now DIA Director, a citation for his successful prosecution of a terrorist group in northern Arkansas known as the Covenant, Sword and Arm of the Lord (CSA). Wearing a flak jacket, Mr Hutchinson assisted in the negotiations that led to a peaceful conclusion to what had become a tense three-day standoff between the heavily armed paramilitary group and some 200 law enforcement officers. Mr Hutchinson then led the successful prosecution of the group on racketeering charges.



NEW CANADIAN ASSOCIATE EDITOR APPOINTED FOR EYE SPY IN CANADA



Eye Spy intelligence magazine is pleased to announce that Lynn Hodgson has been appointed Associate Editor for the magazine in Canada.

LYNN PHILIP HODGSON: Born in Toronto just after the end of the Second World War, Lynn's fascination with Camp-X began in the mid 1970s with his reading *A Man Called Intrepid* by William Stevenson. Living then in Whitby, Ontario with his wife Marlene, it came to his realisation that the training camp to which Stevenson referred would have been very close to his home.

So began a quest for information, most of which he attained by literally knocking on doors of the homes in his neighbourhood. At the age of fifty, Lynn decided the time had come to compile all of the data he had accumulated, and to pay tribute to the men and women who served, by telling their stories in his Canadian best-seller, *Inside Camp-X*. The success of his first endeavour led quickly to three subsequent books on which he collaborated with Alan Longfield.

Now recognised internationally as a leading authority on the history of Camp-X, Lynn has appeared on numerous television documentaries on the subject. Over the past five years he has been invited to speak before many prestigious groups world-wide and has made presentations to such organisations as the Royal Canadian Military Institute, the International Churchill Society, the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., and at Bletchley Park Trust in England. In addition, he has addressed well over 13,000 students at high schools in Ontario in the hope of keeping the rich history and tradition of Camp-X alive.

With the invaluable help of the late Bill Hardcastle, his co-author, Alan Longfield, their editor, Barbara Kerr, and the many others who lived the story and who have come forward to share their own contributions, Lynn continues to research and document the story of Camp-X.



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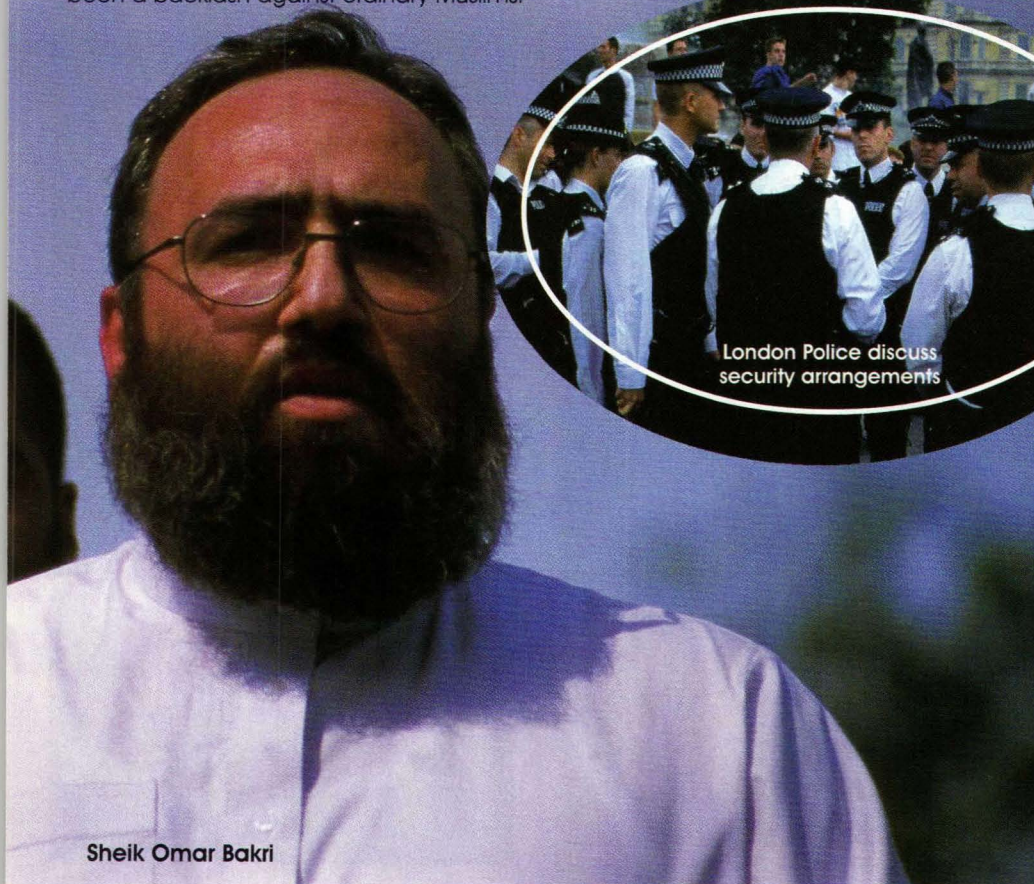
Members of a group that supports Osama bin-Laden and right-wing activists clashed in the centre of London at a rally in late August. Speaking at the event was Sheikh Abu Hamza, who the FBI believe tried to establish a terrorist training camp in the remote state of Oregon. Sources say the FBI will shortly issue a warrant so they can question him.

Mr Hamza, 44, denies the charges completely and says he has never tried to recruit Britons into the al-Qaida network.

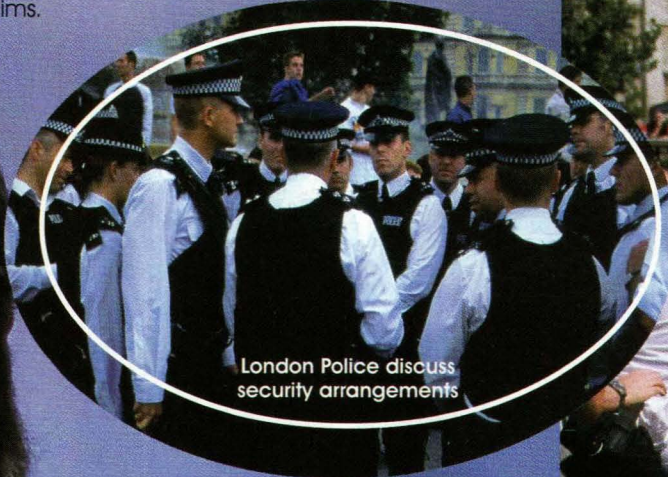
Briton Feroz Abassi, held at Camp X-Ray in Cuba, said Mr Hamza was his mentor. Mr Abassi said that Mr Hamza "organised a training camp in concert" with activist James Ujaama. The FBI also say they have "positively linked" Mr Hamza with the man known as the Sho Bomber, Richard Reid, who tried to blow up a Miami bound airliner shortly before Christmas last year. Mr Hamza, who lost an eye and both arms fighting against the Russians in Afghanistan described the charges as "not true" and that he is "no John Wayne."

Sheik Omar Bakri, who also spoke at the event, issued a warning that Britain would face a similar 9/11 strike if it attacked Iraq.

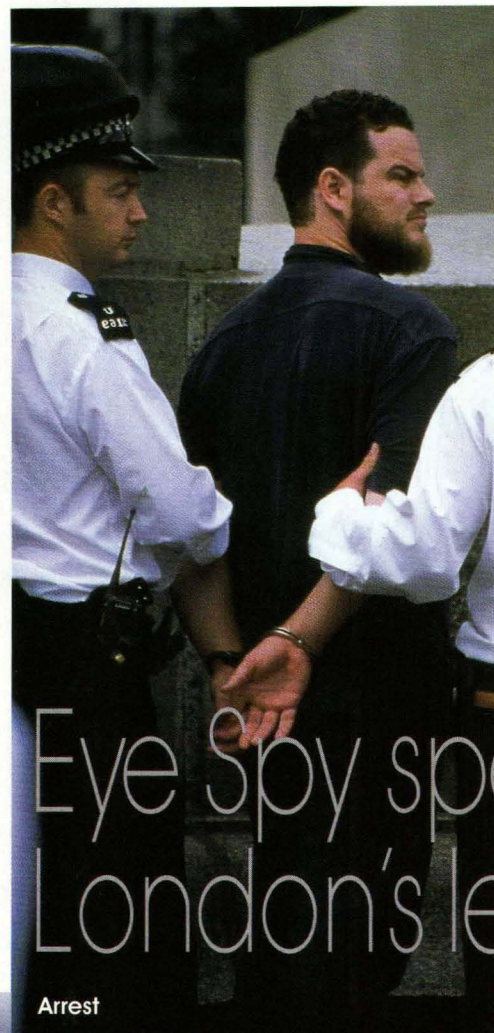
Inayat Bunglawala of the Muslim Council of Britain said the meeting did not reflect the views of the vast majority of British Muslims and that the group's anti-Western rhetoric has been a backlash against ordinary Muslims.



Sheik Omar Bakri

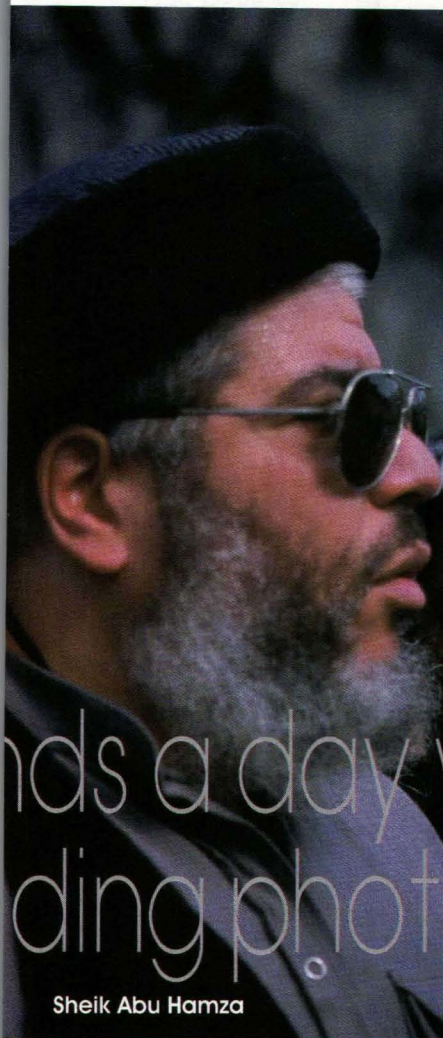


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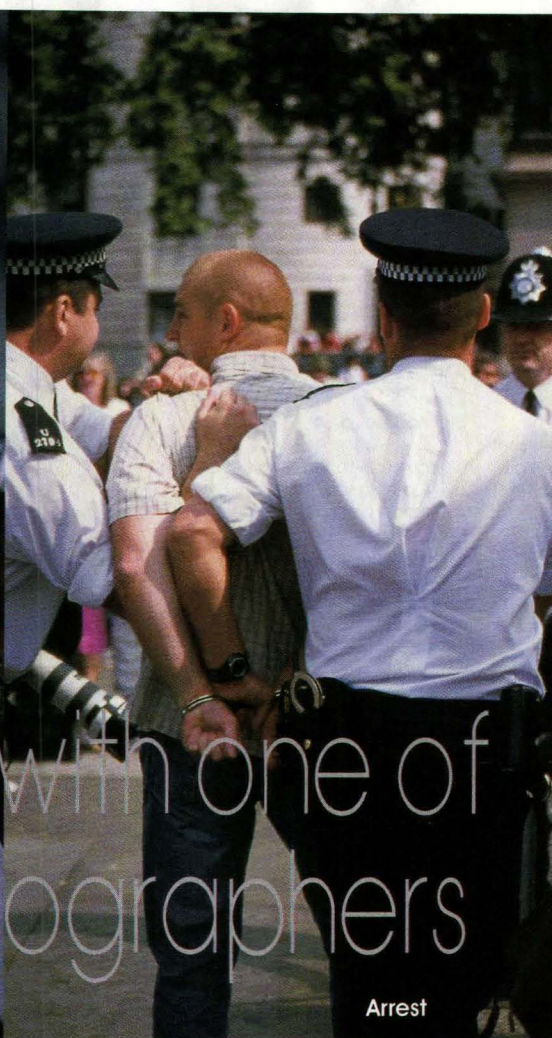


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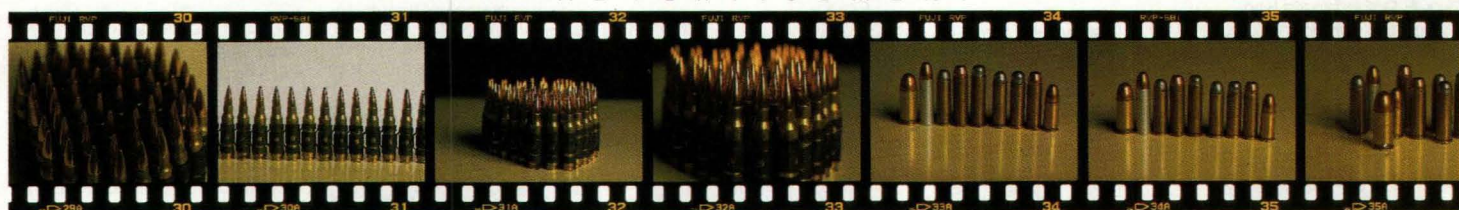
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ONE YEAR ON

Clues, Missed Opportunities, or Just Plain Bad Luck?

As US Intelligence asks what went wrong, Eye Spy has put together a small timeline of significant moments that should have afforded at least a warning

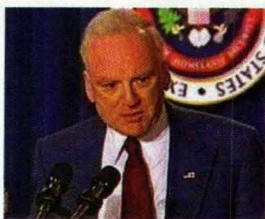


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• **Richard Clarke** explains to Condoleezza Rice that al-Qaida is a menace and briefs the new Bush administration on the huge threat of Osama bin-Laden.

• **Clarke** urges USA to back Northern Alliance in Afghanistan and destroy Taliban regime.

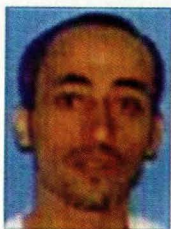
FEBRUARY 2001



Richard Clarke

• MI5 and German intelligence notify Washington that possible al-Qaida suspects are on the move between Europe and the United States.

• Al-Qaida terrorist **Hani Hanjour** starts taking flying lessons in Arizona. Suspicions are raised but following FAA investigation, he is regarded as a "normal student."



Hani Hanjour

• **Mohamad Atta** is identified by FBI. He has been living in the USA since the summer of 2000. Agents note he visited Norfolk, Virginia and conclude he was on a "scouting mission of the US Navy base." No action is taken

MARCH 2001

• MI5 and MI6 receive first intelligence that al-Qaida is planning a major operation against a Western target. Target is believed to be London, New York or Washington D.C. British intelligence raise matter with CIA and FBI, though no specific information is available.

• CIA begin to hasten their intelligence gathering on **Osama bin-Laden** and the Taliban. A secret mission is sent to Northern Afghanistan where meetings take place with NA leader, Ahmed Shah Massoud.

• Meetings are brokered between Massoud and two powerful warlords, Abdul Rashid Dostum and Ismail Khan to return to the country and fight al-Qaida and the Taliban. CIA pledge huge monies in return for intelligence.

• **NSA** spy satellites identifies at least 20 al-Qaida training camps and an increase in 'chatter' on the internet.

MAY 2001

• **Osama bin-Laden's** health is concerning colleagues and plans are drawn up to take him out of Afghanistan back to the Middle East for treatment.



Osama bin-Laden

• Six of the eventual 19 hijackers start flying across the USA on test flights. They visit Las Vegas and the gambling hotels to avoid suspicion.

• 20,000 Taliban and al-Qaida fighters are spotted by NA reconnaissance units massing in the northeast of Afghanistan, the last stronghold of Massoud.

• Covert meetings take place between Russia and America to re-engage **Operation Gateway**, allowing major US support into the north of the country.

JUNE 2001

• Following intelligence that al-Qaida plans to strike at American targets, US troops throughout Europe, the Middle and Far East put on a high state of alert. Warships ordered

out to sea and the Pentagon suspends a number of planned exercises.

• **Osama bin-Laden** interviewed by Al-Jazeera satellite station. His inner circle warns that America should expect a new and deadly attack at any time.



JULY 2001

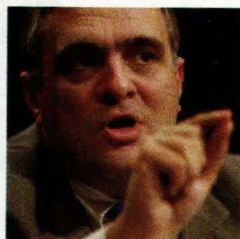
• CIA tracks Osama bin-Laden to the America Hospital in Dubai. No attempt is made to detain him. Alongside him is his deputy, **Ayman al-Zawahiri**, and four senior commanders of al-Qaida.



Ayman al-Zawahiri

• For the first time FBI warns security services that "**domestic strikes**" by al-Qaida might occur.

• **George Tenet**, CIA Director, sends an intelligence list profiling 20 suspects to a multitude of overseas agencies requesting assistance and immediate arrest.



George Tenet

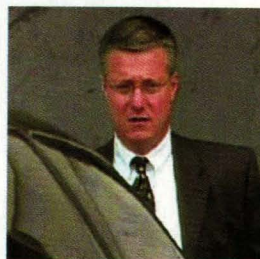


Nawaf Al-hazmi

• Two of the 9/11 hijackers, **Khalid Almidhhar** and **Nawaf Al-hazmi**, are tracked by the CIA. Both men amazingly re-enter the country, but the CIA is too late and fails to notify US immigration and the Naturalisation Service (INS) until late August - a full seven weeks later.

10 July 2001

• FBI agent **Kenneth Williams**, from Phoenix, Arizona, submits report about Middle Eastern students using a flight training school. The agent suggests the men could be trying to infiltrate the American aviation industry. Report gets stuck in the middle-tier and no action is taken.



Kenneth Williams

• **George Tenet** explains to **President Bush** that al-Qaida might be planning to hijack aircraft. CIA then brief other senators on threat.

AUGUST

• Suspected 20th hijacker **Moussaoui** spends two days of flight training on a 747 simulator in Minnesota. The manager at the flight school is suspicious and notifies FBI. The INS arrest him on 16 August.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

• Plans are developing and **NSA** start picking up huge increase in terror 'chatter'. Analysts fail to understand information.

4 September

• The United States holds its first terrorism meeting. In attendance are Cheney, Rice, and other senior intelligence directors. One point for discussion is Clarke's operational plans to attack al-Qaida.



Dick Cheney

5 September 2001

Hanjour and Moqed are picked up by an ATM cash machine video. They extract some cash and move out of their motel. To avoid suspicion, the remaining three hijackers wait until the 7th to leave.

6 September 2001

Mohamad Atta calls colleagues in Germany. The date is set for the attack. Osama bin-Laden is notified - Holy Tuesday is "on".



Mohamad Atta

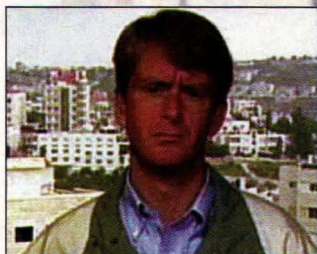
9 September 2001

Northern Alliance leader Massoud is killed by two al-Qaida men posing as journalists.



Ahmed Shah Massoud

The Record Room of Al-Qaida



Nic Robertson

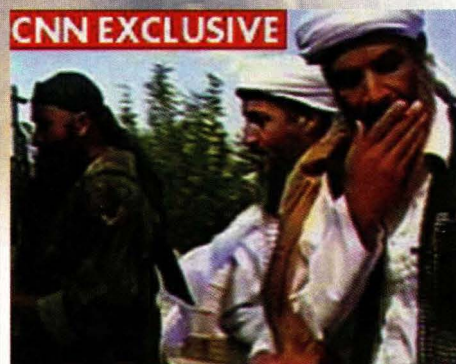
The CIA and other US intelligence agencies are examining the contents of some 64 videos obtained by the American news organisation, CNN. The contents show that far from exaggerating about al-Qaida's chemical and bio-warfare potential, "Washington has underestimated," Osama bin-Laden's group, according to senior intelligence officers at the Pentagon.

Officials at CNN said the tapes were acquired from a previously used source, but declined to say exactly where they were found. However, it is said the tapes came from a remote area of Afghanistan some seventeen hours drive from Kabul. Much of

the film footage has never been aired before and is providing a unique insight into bin-Laden, his inner-circle, and his intentions. CNN's senior international correspondent, Nic Robertson, made the long journey to obtain the tapes and was told that bin-Laden had stayed in the house where the tapes were initially discovered. Just before sections were shown on the award-winning channel, anchorman Aaron Brown, warned viewers of the content and said: "None of it, we can tell you, will be easy to watch. Some of it sickened us."

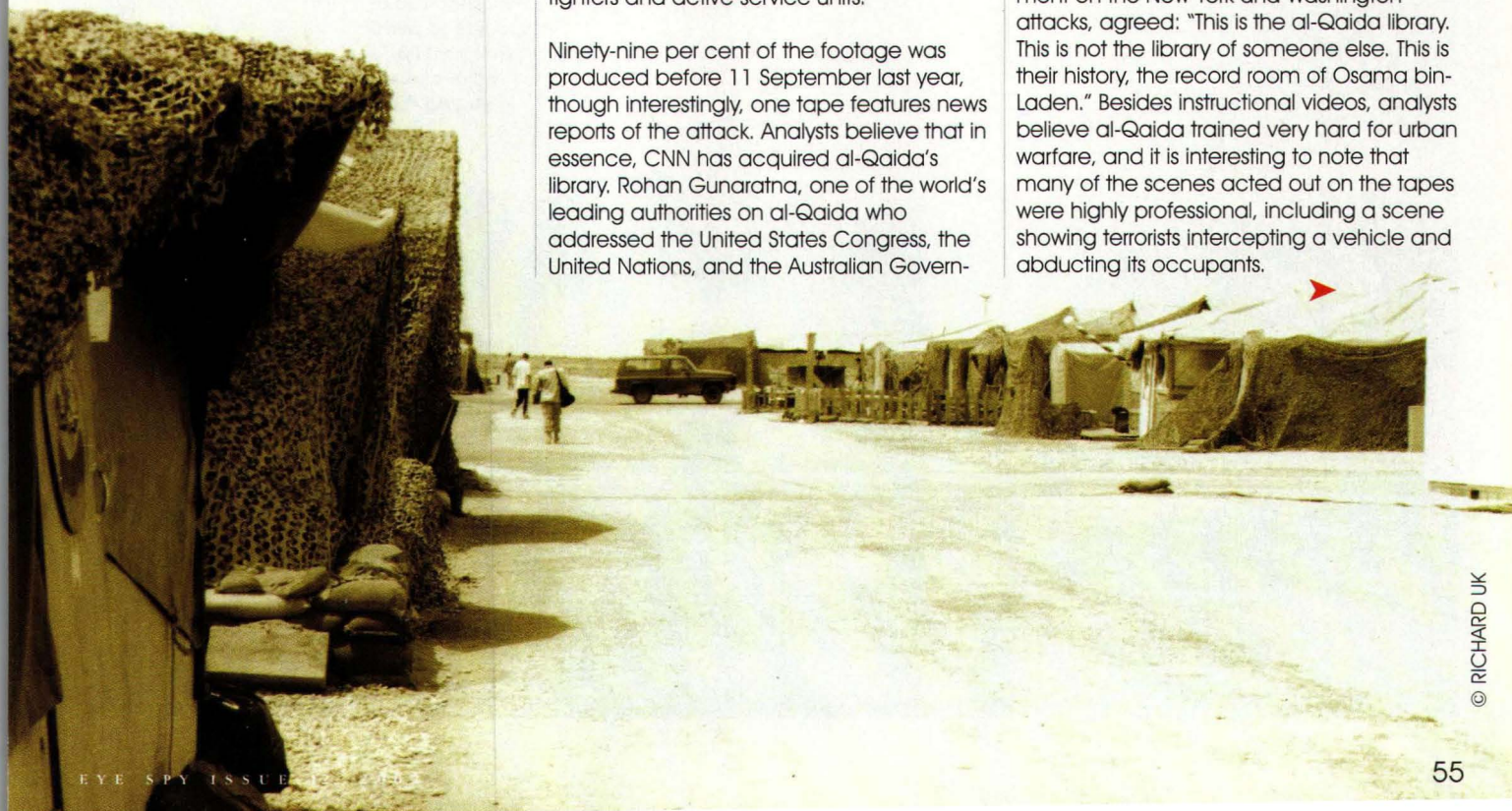
It is believed a total of 250 films were eventually recovered, and together, they basically chart the history of al-Qaida. Unlike previous video releases made by the terror group, these tapes are almost certainly training and educational tapes for al-Qaida fighters and active service units.

Ninety-nine per cent of the footage was produced before 11 September last year, though interestingly, one tape features news reports of the attack. Analysts believe that in essence, CNN has acquired al-Qaida's library. Rohan Gunaratna, one of the world's leading authorities on al-Qaida who addressed the United States Congress, the United Nations, and the Australian Govern-



*US News Channel CNN
Acquire Al-Qaida Decade-
Long History*

ment on the New York and Washington attacks, agreed: "This is the al-Qaida library. This is not the library of someone else. This is their history, the record room of Osama bin-Laden." Besides instructional videos, analysts believe al-Qaida trained very hard for urban warfare, and it is interesting to note that many of the scenes acted out on the tapes were highly professional, including a scene showing terrorists intercepting a vehicle and abducting its occupants.



Marcus Ranstorp, head of the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at St. Andrews University, Scotland, said: "The tapes show meticulous planning, preparation, and attention to the tradecraft of terror."

US Government advisor, John Gilbert, who specialises in chemical weapons said: "The fact that they were able to repeat tests or demonstrations on this tape indicates they have a way to produce a predictably lethal chemical."

That was a reference to a scene where animals were killed. It was a most shocking sequence, and proof positive that bin-Laden has a chemical weapons producing capability. Viewers watched as poisoned gases killed three dogs. One dog is seen in an enclosure - men then rush away from the scene. Gases issue from a white liquid and can be seen entering the enclosure. Within a few moments, the dog starts reacting. Initially, it starts licking itself, then it loses control of its rear end - a sign that its internal organs and brain is being harmed. After vomiting, it drops on its side and is in a great deal of distress. A senior White House official said: "We are troubled by the tapes. This shows unquestionable documentation that he [bin-Laden] has some [chemical weapons] capability. The video-tape shows a level of sophistication, and indicates that they were trying to get results."



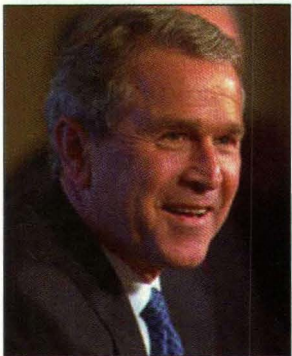
Ayma Zawahiri and Osama bin-Laden feature on the tapes

Other videos showed the art of bomb making, how to fire surface-to-air rockets, kidnapping, and then there is film footage of the bloody battles fought by groups loyal to bin-Laden in Chechnya, Somalia, and the Sudan. "This is strong-stomach viewing only," said one source.

Tony Villa, another US Government advisor on explosives and guerrilla tactics said: "I did not think that [al-Qaida] would have had this capability at this point in time. We may be at the threshold of a whole new wave of terrorism," he told CNN. "This information getting in to the wrong hands, obviously would cause

quite a lot of havoc to ourselves, and to our country, and to our allies."

Intelligence analysts say the tapes are "manuals for terrorists." One 180-minute tape, for example, shows al-Qaida fighters how to make purified TNT from materials easily obtainable on the open market. An instructor says: "Let me mention that this nitric is locally made." Placing compounds in a bowl he continues: "Mix the whole thing together until the liquidation process is over." TNT was discovered in at least two locations in Afghanistan last year.



Bush is said to be "happy with find" but "disturbed" at content

Ahmed Ressay, who planned to destroy Los Angeles Airport, said al-Qaida did research use of cyanide to poison water supplies of major cities, including Paris





Gruesome end of the dog as al-Qaida dabble with chemical weapons

CNN

The declaration of jihad against America in 1998 is also filmed. Bin-Laden's security men can be clearly seen firing widely into the air, though in one scene, a nervous bin-Laden cringes as a gunshot startles him.

Over the last few months, there have been several terrorist alerts in Europe. Al-Qaida planned to blow up the ancient cathedral in Strasbourg; poison the water supply in Rome, and attack the US embassy there; chemical attacks in Paris and London have also been mooted. However, for proof positive that al-Qaida has very professional explosives experts, one need look no further than the destruction of the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998. The terror group also planned to bomb Los Angeles Airport. Indeed, one of those convicted

of plotting that attack, Ahmed Ressam, said that he knew of plans to use cyanide.

Sources say that the tapes were disguised by taping over US movies, including *Lion of the Desert*, and Indian soap operas.

Osama bin-Laden always used his own cameramen when he met with foreign journalists, and many of his private army of bodyguards can be seen constantly surrounding him. Analysts have again commented that his personal security arrangements are evident on the tapes.

Tony Villa notes the threat the tapes may have for American security. However, it is impossible to conceive that these are the master tapes and no other duplicates are in existence.

The CNN tapes and other materials obtained last year on al-Qaida's 'dirty bomb' research is evidence enough that in time, an even more deadlier attack may have been launched against the United States. But some politicians in America are already asking the question about the lack of knowledge the CIA and NSA had on al-Qaida's decade-long dabbling with terror and the weapons of terror. Perhaps in future months, the USA will encounter more surprises from the world's most deadly organisation?

- The CIA said that the experiments with dogs probably took place at the remote Camp Darunta. US spy satellites had previously noted dead dogs around the camp. The lethal gas experiments may well explain this.



Another 11 September Suspect Arrested in Saudi Arabia

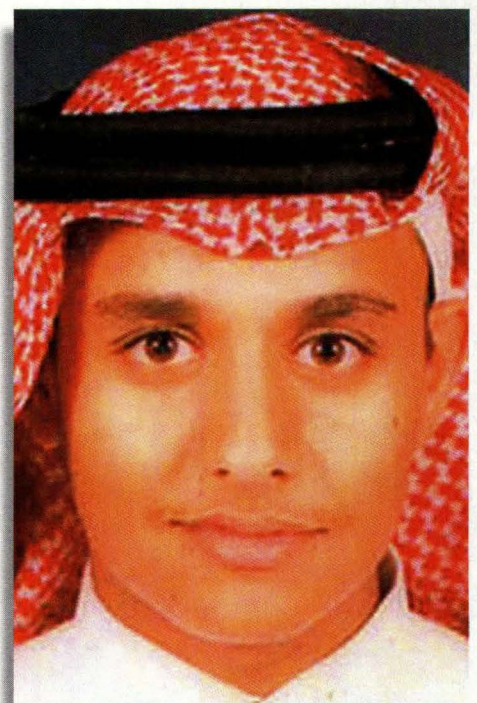
Just a few days after the FBI issued a nationwide alert on a suspected associate of the 11 September hijackers, authorities in Saudi Arabia announced they had detained Saud Abdulaziz Saud al-Rasheed, 21. According to the official Saudi Press Agency, "if it is proven that he was connected to terrorism, he will be referred to the sharia [Islamic] court." The FBI issued a release on 15 August:

'Materials previously recovered during the war on terrorism were found to be related to several of the 11 September hijackers. These same materials contained an image of a Saudi Arabian passport #C161433 issued to Saud A.S. Al-Rasheed, date of birth 01/03/1981. Place of birth: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.'

It went on to say that agencies are requested to stop and detain al-Rasheed and that they considered him armed and dangerous.

According to al-Rasheed's father, his son had surrendered voluntarily to officers at the Saudi Interior Ministry in Riyadh. Officials refused to say whether he had surrendered or been detained.

Intelligence sources said al-Rasheed's passport was a forgery, and that similar information was found separately on a CD-Rom discovered by the CIA in Afghanistan. Al-Rasheed was the only person on the CD-Rom who was not a hijacker, hence, officials believe he was involved in the events last September and the alert issued.



Saud Abdulaziz Saud al-Rasheed



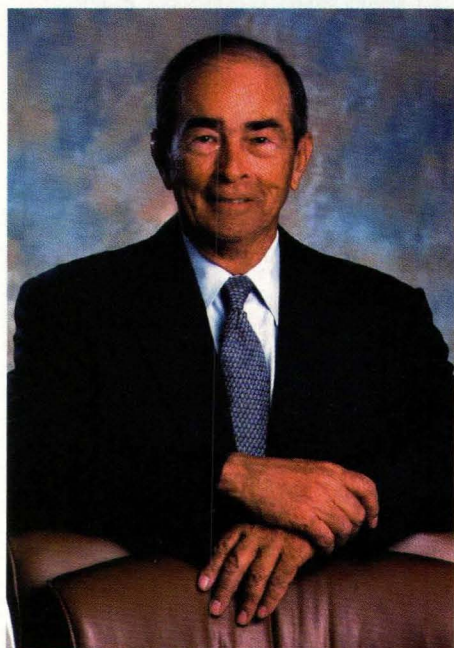
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American Embassy is Targeted

A man by the name of Karem Chatty, 29, was arrested at Västerås Airport, some 60 miles west of Stockholm in August, as he tried to board an airliner to England. He has been charged with attempted hijacking and attempted sabotage. Chatty, a violent man and fitness fanatic, had been previously convicted for theft and assault.

Intelligence analysts are convinced Chatty was intending to hijack a plane and fly it into an American embassy, possibly in Sweden or the heavily guarded building in Grosvenor Square, London. The building is also home to the CIA's European headquarters.

The allegations were supported by a military intelligence source who told Reuters News



Charles A. Heimbold Jr,
US Ambassador to Sweden

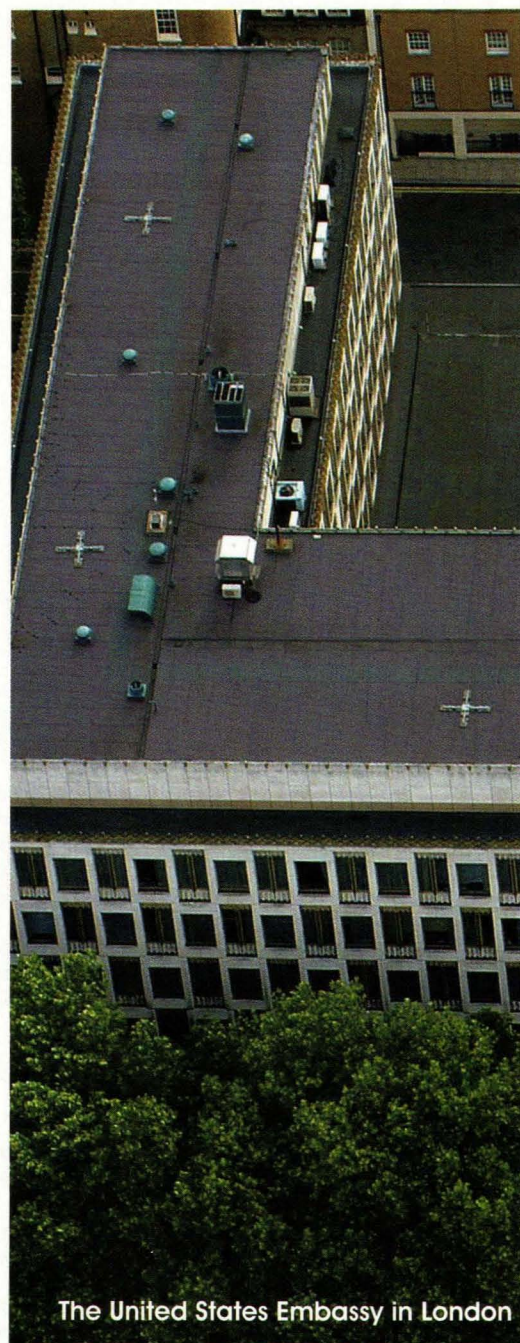
Agency: "We know for sure that the plan was to crash the plane into a US Embassy in Europe." He also stated that Swedish police were looking for four other men. These claims have been dismissed by a police official. Chatty's family vehemently denied the claims, but Ulf Palm, a Swedish police officer said: "We believe he was going to hijack the plane. This is a very, very serious crime, and very unusual in Sweden."

Within hours of the arrest, many intelligence services across the world were collating information on the subject and his acquaintances.

He was arrested as he checked through a Ryanair security barrier enroute to a major Islamic conference in Birmingham. As Chatty attempted to board Ryanair Flight FR685, bound for London Stansted, with 189 passengers, security police discovered he was carrying a 6.5mm firearm. He immediately claimed the firearm had been planted in his padded washbag. Chatty later retracted this statement and said he was carrying it for his own protection: "I had to protect myself, I felt threatened, especially in the place I was going to." However, organisers of the Sixth National Islamic Conference, distanced themselves from Chatty and were angry that his arrest had overshadowed the meeting attended by delegates from all over the world. Abu Khadeejah, the main conference organiser said: "Islam does not sanction these types of acts, including terrorism, hijackings and suicide bombings."

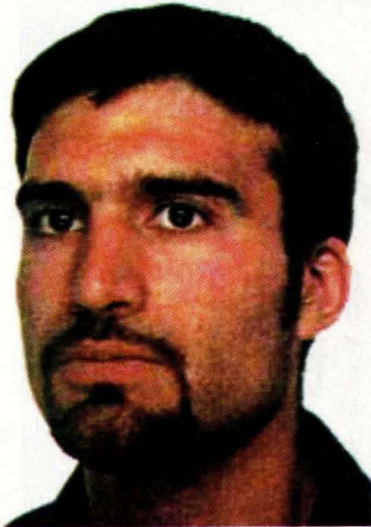
Sweden's intelligence service, SÄPO (Säkerhetsavdelningen), better known as the Security Police, contacted MI5 and the FBI immediately. Within days, intelligence was gleaned that might prove relevant to the case.

The FBI says Oussama Kassir, 36, who claims he was a hit-man for Osama bin-Laden, conversed with Chatty in a Swedish prison and became his mentor. According to the



The United States Embassy in London

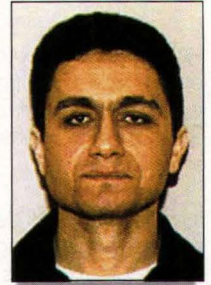
Karem Chatty,



FBI, Kassir was involved in an operation to establish a terrorist training camp inside the USA in 1999. Kassir claims that he befriended Chatty in 1998, but denies either of them have any connection to al-Qaida or bin-Laden.

Another matter under investigation is the fact that in 1996, Chatty spent some six months at a flight training school in Conway, South Carolina, America. He joined the North American Institute of Aviation (NAIA) where he started to learn to fly light aircraft. Chatty said he left the school after suffering a back injury. A short while later, he moved to Pembroke Pines, a Florida town near Palm Beach to complete his training. The flight school in Pembroke Pines is very close to Delray Beach where nine of the 9/11 hijackers lived. However, Bob Sunday, a

Mohamad Atta - lived close to Chatty's flight school



spokesman for the South Carolina school said: "My understanding is he was not a good student and was terminated from the school. He did not have a suitable temperament for flying."

Ministry of Defence police now guard all US Government buildings and are heavily armed



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FBI officers are also checking into who paid for the lessons. An officer from SÄPO said Chatty did not leave America with a full pilot's licence. However, he did receive a qualification that allowed him to fly light aircraft.

The police are still debating if Chatty was a loner and indeed, was carrying a firearm for his own protection. Intelligence analysts believe that it is unlikely he would have been able to overpower the crew and fly the aircraft by himself. Eye Spy's associate editor for Sweden, Trowbridge Ford, says Jan Danielsson, SÄPO's Director-General, is being "low-key" about the incident. Yet, according to Eye Spy sources, if Chatty was intending to simply kill the crew and destroy the airliner anywhere between Britain and Sweden, he could have done so. Trowbridge believes the real target may have been the United States Embassy in Sweden, whose ambassador is Charles A. Heimbold Jr.

In 1997, Chatty attacked and beat a US marine with a gun - an action that earned him a prison sentence. In 1998, he was jailed for nine months for possessing a machine pistol. He also had previous convictions for possessing a shotgun, theft, driving without a licence, and for receiving stolen goods. Born in Sweden to two loving parents, he suffered constantly from great pain due to back and shoulder injuries, and receiving no relief from medication, he turned to Islam.

Chatty's mother, 54, Gunilla, a Swede, said: "He is not a terrorist and it is outrageous for anyone to suggest it. This is all a mistake and it will be proved that our son is innocent. I cannot understand why he had the gun with him. He would never have hijacked that plane. I cannot stop crying about this. It is a catastrophe for our family."

Chatty's father, Sarok, 58, born in Tunisia, believed his son had left the gun in his bag when he moved home three months ago and must have forgotten about it. This contradicted his son's statement that the gun was planted and that he carried it for protection.

Had the intention been to hit the US Embassy in London, the aircraft would have struck London at around 5.30pm. ■

The US Embassy, London. Note concrete blocks that have been placed around building to stop a vehicle crashing into the embassy carrying explosives.



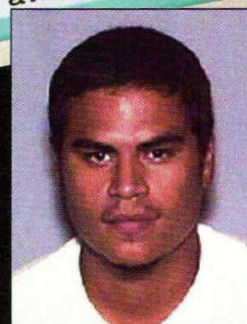
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UK Dirty Bomb Alert Was False Alarm

A confidential police report showing how a radioactive container that arrived at the British port of Felixstowe, "triggered a full-scale terrorist alert." MI5 believed the cargo, that had arrived on a ship from Sierra Leone, Africa, could have been carrying a so-called 'dirty nuclear bomb'.

The incident, which occurred on 1 August, revealed major flaws in security, for although the radiation had triggered detectors, somehow the train carrying the cargo was allowed to travel 70 miles across England before it was stopped. Similarly, police wrongly told officers at the Atomic Energy Authority that the cargo was being moved by road. A spokesman for the National Radiological Protection Board said: "The incident was caused by a bolt 15mm by 8mm that had picked up radiation." MI5 and the FBI have been on the highest alert possible after intelligence was gleaned regarding the possibility of al-Qaida detonating a dirty bomb in a major city.

José Padilla was stopped at Chicago's O'Hare Airport earlier this year and charged with plotting to build or buy a device that could cause devastation if exploded.



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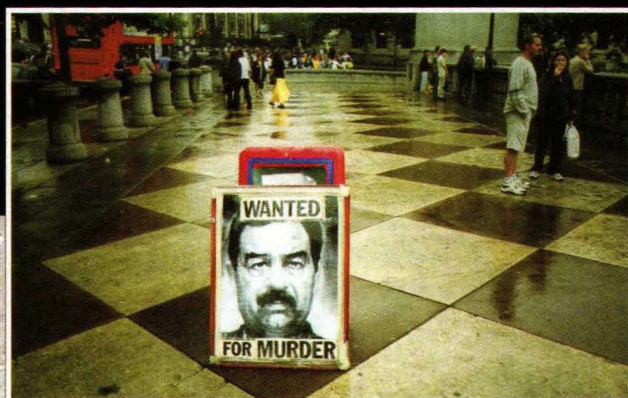
Saddam Hussein could build a nuclear device within six months, according to intelligence sources. Undoubtedly, this is the reason both the USA and UK decided to tackle Iraq with or without the help or the backing of the United Nations.

MI6 has learned that for several months the Iraqis have been receiving materials from the former Soviet Union arriving in cargo planes that have been sometimes disguised as aid flights. Indeed, it is believed that one such flight from the Ukraine, may have been carrying enriched uranium.

The information appears to be partly supported by the British-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) 'think tank' that confirmed if Saddam succeeded in getting his hands on highly enriched uranium, "they could build a nuclear weapon within months." Similarly, Eye Spy learned that Baghdad may have 30 Scud missiles still in hiding, any one of which could have been converted to deliver such a device. The missiles could easily strike Israel, Turkey, and Kuwait.

Britain and America are adamant that Iraq still has huge quantities of biological agents including anthrax, botulism, and probably smallpox. Much new work to conceal these stocks has taken place since Iraq demanded that UN weapons inspectors leave the country.

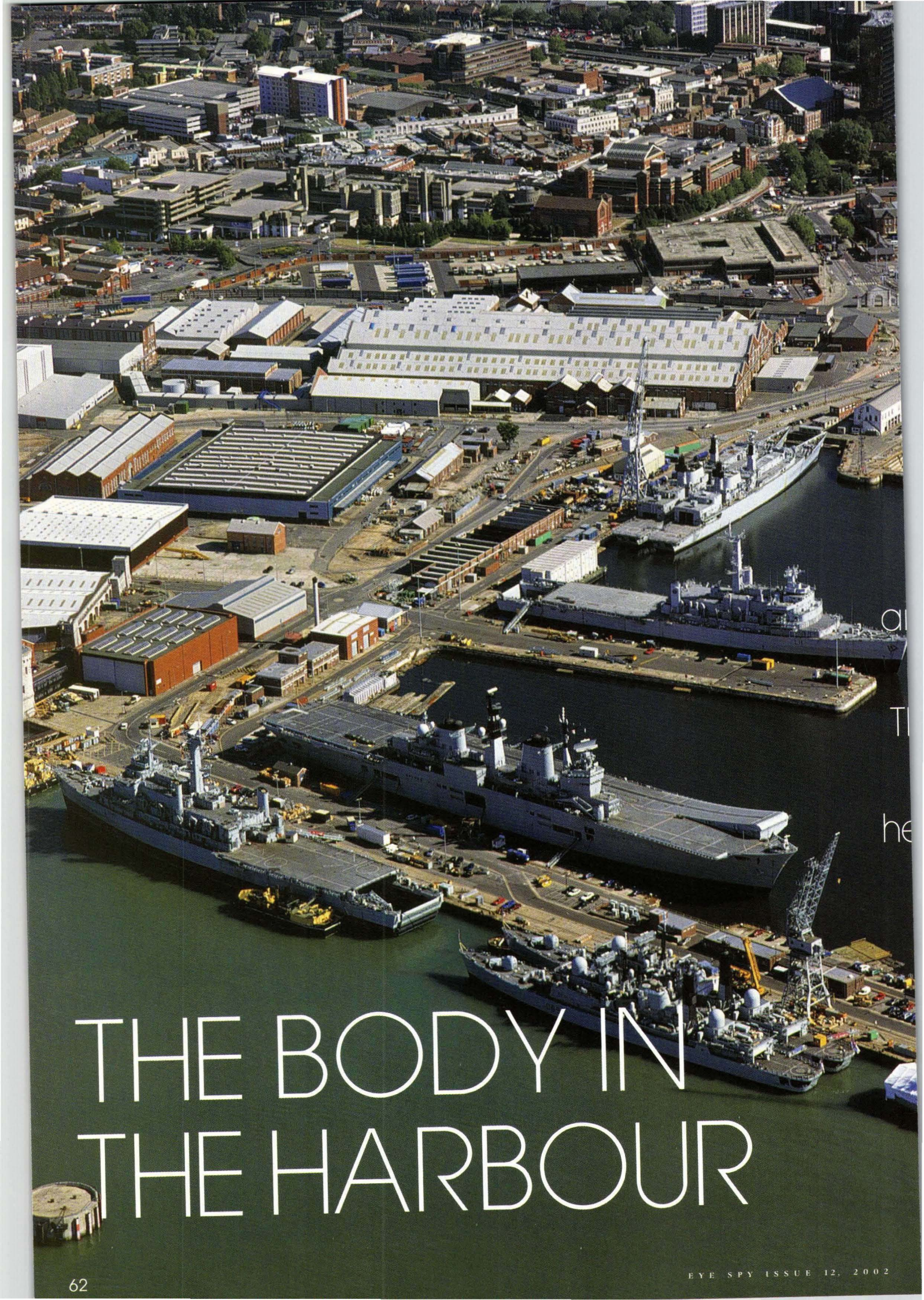
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This surreal photograph taken by leading photographer Simone Joyner, shows graffiti mocking Bush and Blair

Inset: Anti-Saddam supporters in London





THE BODY IN THE HARBOUR

Portsmouth harbour, home of the Royal Navy caught in all its splendour by FLIGHT IMAGES - one of Europe's leading aerial photographic companies

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With the Cold War defection of Antoli Golitsin, the West gained immense intelligence in their fight against the Soviet threat. During one of the defector's

debriefing sessions, he informed his inquisitors that the KGB had advanced warning that an MI6 frogman would penetrate the Russian Fleet during Nikita Krushchev's and Nikolay Bulganin's goodwill visit to Britain.

It was a warm Spring day in April 1956, when two indistinguishable men booked into the Sally Port Hotel in the southern England town of Portsmouth. What the proprietor didn't know was that one of the men was an MI6 officer, and his colleague was Commander Lionel Philip Kenneth 'Buster' Crabb, OBE GM. The two men were about to undertake a mission that was so secret that not even Sir Anthony Eden, Britain's Prime Minister, knew of the operation. Indeed, those historians still waiting for the Cabinet Office to release the official report of what happened on that fateful day, will have to wait until 2057, when the file *should* be opened.

Arrangements were made for the Russian V.I.P's to arrive by ship in Portsmouth harbour, the home of the Royal Navy. The flag ship was the cruiser *Ordzhonikidze*, accompanied by escort destroyers *Smotryashchy* and *Sovershenny*. This news was *manna from*

heaven for the Director General of MI6 because the *Ordzhonikidze* was reputed to have new high speed screws, fitted with a device called 'Agouti', that deadened the sound of the propellers. Additionally, the vessel had special mine-laying hatches on the underside of her hull.

To any intelligence service worth its salt, this was too good an opportunity to miss. MI6 called in Commander Crabb, recently retired from the navy; he had the reputation as one of the country's greatest frogmen, but the truth was perhaps a little different. At 46, Crabb had a notorious reputation as a heavy drinker, and his diving skills were considered "average" by some who knew him. His bravery, however, could not be questioned.

Controversy surrounds the planning of the operation.

Some sources have suggested that the spying plan was put up to Cabinet level, but fearing major embarrassment, the plan was

scrapped. Despite a government veto, MI6 decided to go ahead with the operation which would score brownie points against both the KGB and CIA.

Crabb and his companion arrived in Portsmouth on the night of Tuesday 17 April, and booked into the hotel. The Russian ships were berthed at HMS Vernon, a shore base, and the Royal Naval Diving School. The entrance to the dock was a few minutes walk from the hotel.

The following day, the two operators entered HMS Vernon and carried out a detailed reconnaissance. This was a difficult operation as the Russians were constantly photographing everything in sight. They too were taking the opportunity to gain intelligence. Crabb chose a point 400 yards from the Soviet Fleet and decided to enter the harbour early the next morning.



Nikita Krushchev



Nikolay Bulganin

At 7.00am, while his MI6 officer kept watch, Crabb entered the calm waters of Portsmouth Harbour and swam towards the *Ordzhonikidze*. Within a few minutes, the frogman returned and added more weight to his diving belt. He then re-entered the waters. The MI6 Officer watched as Crabb swam out into the harbour and disappeared under the waves. The spy frogman was never seen again.

He failed to turn up for breakfast the next day and his MI6 companion quickly cleared his room, collected his bags, and paid the bill.

Crabb's disappearance sent MI6 into panic. If the operation became public knowledge, it would be of major embarrassment to the Prime Minister and his government. In a last ditch attempt to cover up the disaster, MI6 did the only thing it could do under the circumstances; they called upon their rivals MI5 for help. The story may have stayed secret had it not been for two factors. First, Crabb had travelled to Portsmouth with his fiancée, Pat Rose. Enroute, he had confided in her and told her to contact friends should anything go wrong. Upon arriving in Portsmouth, Pat had returned to London leaving Crabb to carry out his mission. The second factor was far more serious. On the evening of the 19 April, the First Sea Lord was attending an official dinner to welcome the Soviet visitors. During the festivities, one of the Soviets casually inquired what the British frogman was doing swimming around the Russian fleet. One Russian said the "diver popped up like a cork to the surface of Portsmouth harbour." He was wearing a rubber suit that resembled a "Royal Navy

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frogman," according to another. The First Sea Lord knew nothing of the operation and expressed doubts, but the following morning he raised the issue with Whitehall mandarins. As a result, MI6 had to come clean and

admit that they had ignored direct orders from Downing Street not to spy on the ship.

Despite Whitehall now knowing the secret, the government was determined to keep the operation under wraps and prevent the public and members of Parliament from finding out. As an extra security precaution, the head of Portsmouth CID was ordered by MI5 to visit the Sally Port Hotel and remove all traces of Crabb's visit. The Chief Superintendent took no chances and ripped out four pages of the guest's registration book. In the meantime, the Admiralty made an official statement that Crabb was missing following underwater experiments in Stoke's Bay - all of three miles away from Portsmouth Harbour. "He failed to surface after a dive when experimenting with secret equipment," said a spokesman.

The situation was exacerbated when the Russians made an official statement that a British frogman had been seen by Soviet sailors swimming around the Russian Fleet. Fleet Street journalists became suspicious and started their own inquiries.

The trail eventually led to the Sally Port Hotel and the missing book pages. They also

learned that he had been in the port at the same time as the Russian ships and concluded that he had in all probability "been looking at the ships." Soon the Sally Port Hotel was packed with inquisitive reporters. Fleet Street's shifty journalists also discovered the name of Crabb's mysterious companion - a "Mr Smith."

The game was up.

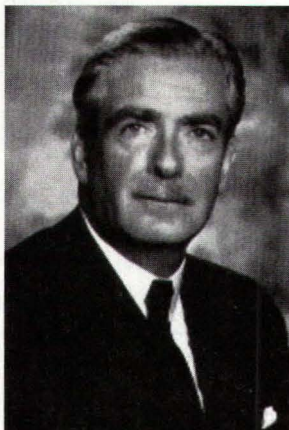
Many theories were argued by the press including: Crabb was captured and taken back to the Soviet Union; the frogman was killed by his underwater counterparts; Crabb had simply had an accident and drowned. Whitehall opted for the latter cause and spread the word around the nation's newspapers.

The case then took an even stranger twist.

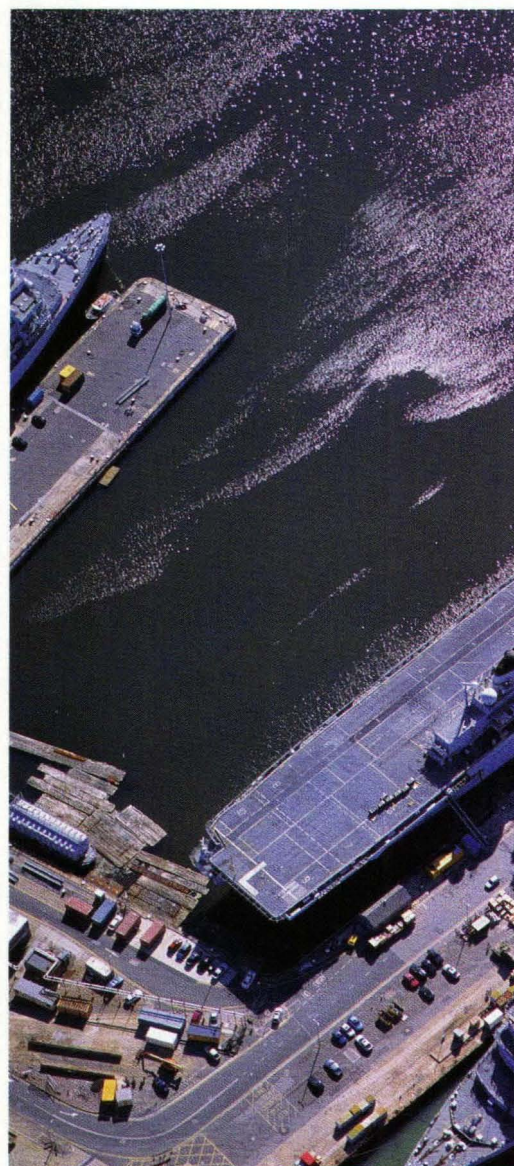
Two weeks later a fisherman by the name of John Randall was fishing in Chichester Harbour (an inlet that lies a few miles from Portsmouth), when he discovered a headless and

apparently headless body dressed in a frogman's suit. Despite the top Home Office Pathologists examining the corpse, it was never identified as Commander Crabb. Who then, did the body belong to, and where was the head?

Prime Minister Anthony Eden was forced to make a statement in the House of Commons: "It would not be in the public's interest to disclose the circumstances in which Commander Crabb is presumed to



Anthony Eden



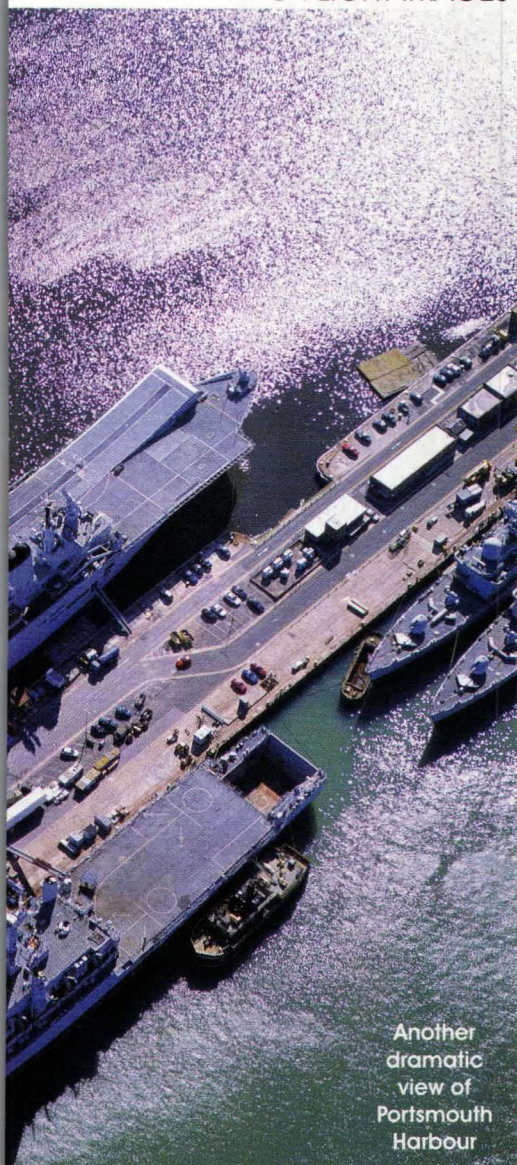
have met his death. What was done was done without the authority or the knowledge of Her Majesty's ministers."

What Crabb did not know at the time of his fatal dive was that the head of the Russian KGB, Ivan Serov, was on board the *Orzhonikidze*. He was there for good reason. A British traitor had forewarned Moscow that Naval Intelligence, in conjunction with MI6, was planning a spying mission. Was it possible that the KGB brought a dead body with them? The *Orzhonikidze* had a wet compartment beneath its hull, giving access to the ship from under water. It would have been a very simple matter for Soviet frogmen to capture Crabb and take him on board the ship. His suit could have been removed and put on the corpse which was then decapitated and slipped out of the wet compartment and into the harbour.

In any event, analysts at the time believed that a Whitehall official had exceeded his authority. The headless body was eventually buried under Lionel Crabb's name; the headstone reads, *'In Loving Memory of My Son, Commander Lionel Crabb RNVR GM OBE, At Rest at Last.'* However, few people, including his mother believed the body was that of Crabb.



Whitehall, Ministry of Defence, London



Another dramatic view of Portsmouth Harbour

The prime suspect for passing over the information has to be the Admiralty spy John Vassall. Vassall was eventually caught by MI5.

But what happened to Crabb? This commentator believes that the evidence points to a Soviet kidnap plot and his incarceration behind the Iron Curtain. Some journalists

believe that Crabb was a traitor and that he entered the ship on his own accord. Others claim that he was captured, taken back to Moscow, and brainwashed... he then trained Russian frogmen.

Crabb's record speaks for itself. He served his country gallantly and deserved the honours which were bestowed upon him. To call him a traitor is despicable to the memory of a great British hero. That then leaves the final scenario that he was captured beneath the *Ordzhonikidze* and taken back to Russia where he was eventually executed... or does it?

The furore died down as the decade fizzled out, but in 1960, Commander J.S. Kerans reopened the debate: "I am convinced that Commander Lionel Crabb is alive and in Russian hands... the Government must reopen this case. Nothing happened. Four years later British MP Marcus Lipton, submitted "new evidence" about the fate of Crabb, but the then Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, also refused to debate the case.

The allegations grew more intense: Crabb was in the notorious Moscow Lefortovo prison. Indeed, his number was even given - 147; he was now allegedly a Commander in the Russian Navy using the name Lev Lvovich Korablov. However, there were more mundane explanations afoot. Had Crabb got too close to the propeller on the *Ordzhonikidze* and lost his head and his hands?

But then came along an Israeli journalist by the name of Yigal Serna. He acquired information from Joseph Zverkin, former Commander of Soviet Naval Intelligence, who had emigrated to Israel, and worked in the UK as a spy in the 1950s. Of his conversation with Zverkin, Serna said: "Only at our third meeting did he tell me about Crabb. He spoke in a very precise, heavily accented English. He said that in 1956, when the event happened, he was in England, under the assumed name of a German citizen. In his own words this is what he said

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happened to Crabb:"

Crabb was discovered when he was swimming on the water next to the ship by a watchman, who was at a height of 20 metres. An order was given to inspect the water and two people on the deck were equipped with sniper guns - small calibre. One of them was an ordinary seaman, and the other an officer, the equivalent of a lieutenant, who was in charge of an artillery unit on the boat, and an exceptional shot.

Crabb dived next to the boat and came up and swam - perhaps because of air poisoning. The lieutenant shot him in the head and killed him. He sank. All the stories about him being caught by us or that he was a Russian spy are not true.

For three generations the story of Commander Crabb has fired every schoolboy's imagination. Perhaps the true facts are known, but they lie today in the vaults of the Public Record Office in Kew, near London, where they will remain hidden until the powers that be decide to release them. Or perhaps the key lies in Portsmouth Harbour or a Russian Stalag.

Whatever the truth, the fate of Crabb is still one of MI6's greatest mysteries. ■

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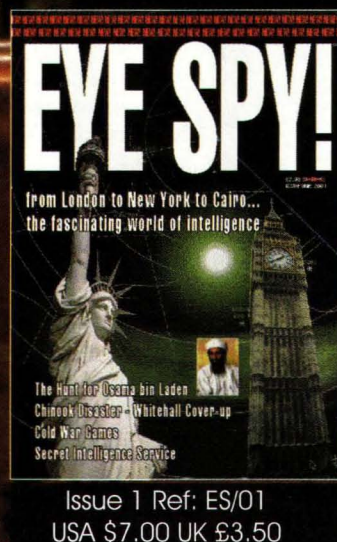
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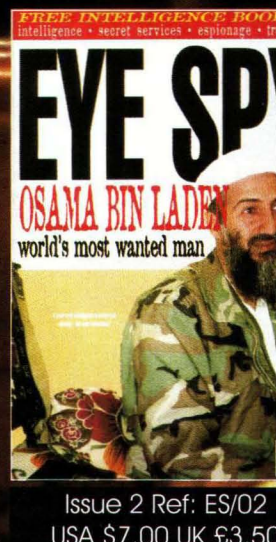
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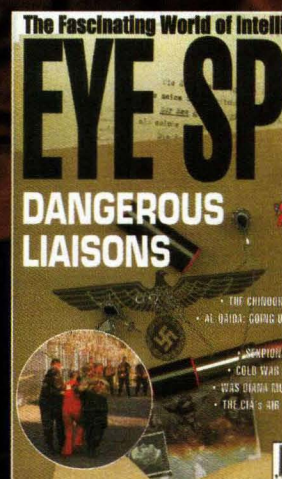
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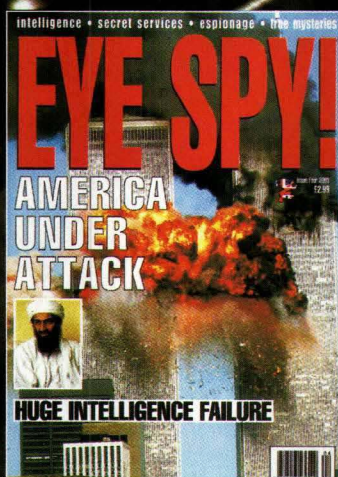
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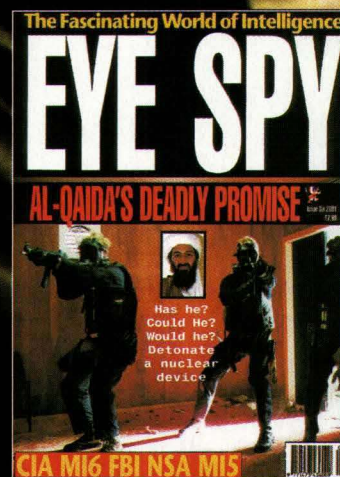
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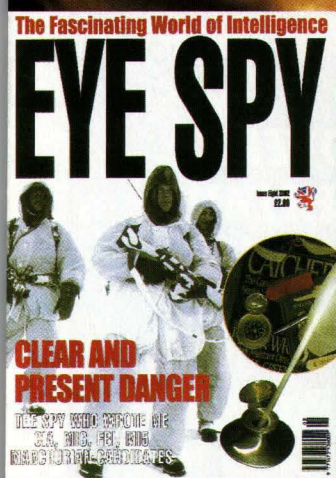
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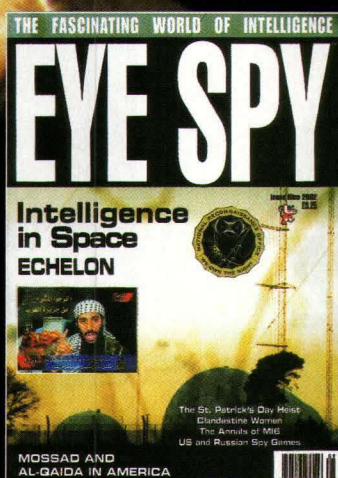
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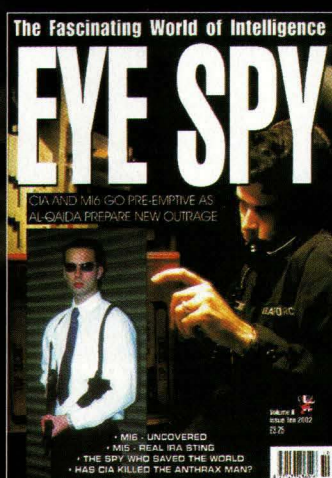
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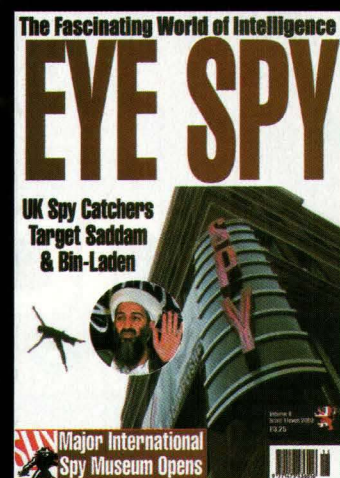
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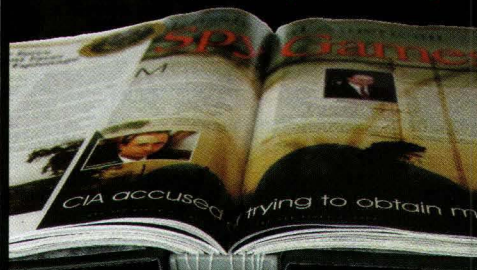
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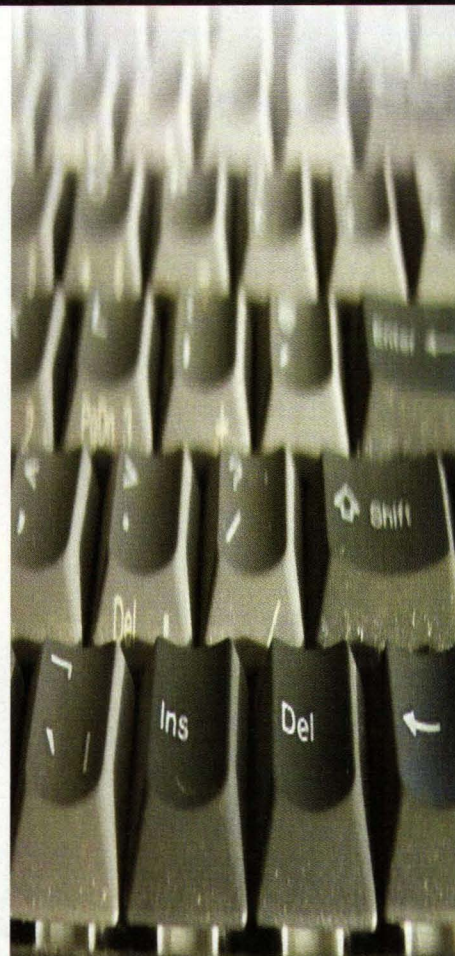
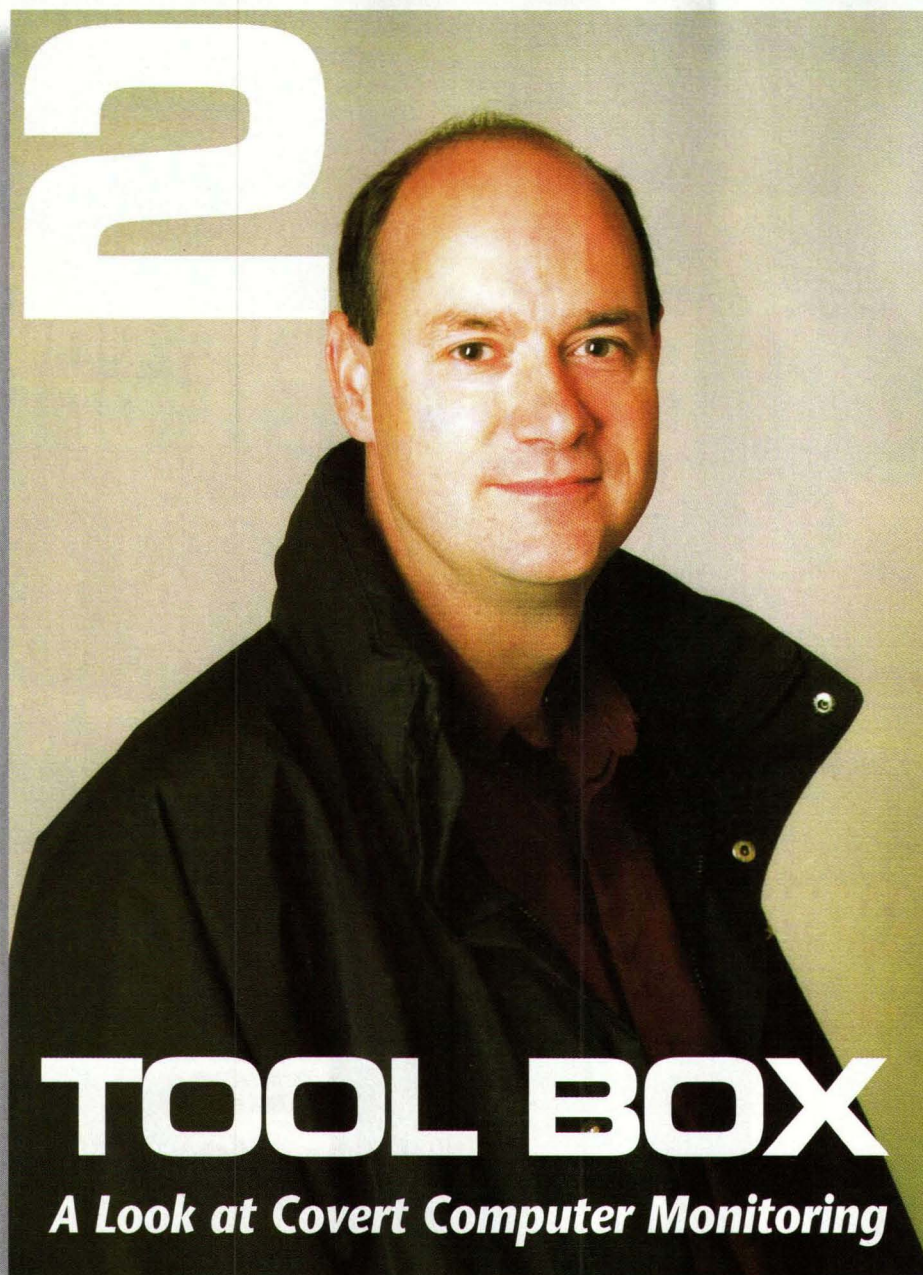
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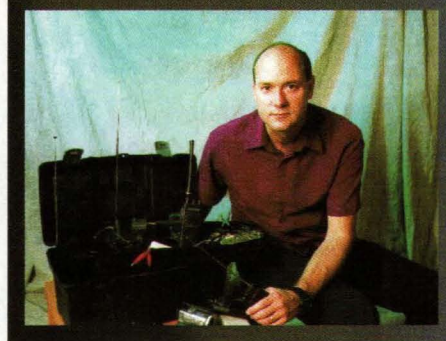
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COVERT SURVEILLANCE WITH PETER JENKINS



In this second article, Peter looks into the fascinating subject of computer monitoring. He explains various methods of how it is easily carried out and with a minimum of expense.

Over the past few years, with more and more people using computers, I found myself being asked to investigate and establish what individuals are doing on a computer. In particular, what they were doing on the Internet. The clients' initial request was to hide a video camera in the vicinity and record what was on the screen. Technically, this is quite difficult for a few reasons; you have to site the camera very

close to the screen which is not always possible, and even if you do get close, the recorded picture can be obscured by TV flicker.

There are now a number of ways to achieve this aim which need only a minimum knowledge of using a computer.

ENTER THE KEY KATCH!

Some 18 months ago, we were contacted by a client who asked us if we could access one of his office computers which was

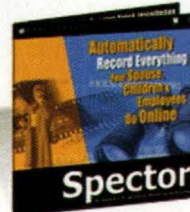
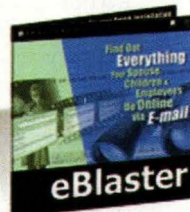
protected by a password. The client strongly suspected that the user, - a sales team manager, was setting up his own business in company time. The client wanted to examine his word processing files and e-mails for any evidence. We supplied our client with a small device called a 'Keykatch', and within the first day of operation, the client had the computer password and access to the machine.

Once installed, the Keykatch is able to record all the keystrokes made on a computer keyboard. This enables you to

identify what a person is typing into a computer, obtain his password, and also identify any web sites that are visited.

The device is just over an inch long and takes about 15 seconds to install. It connects into the back of the computer where the keyboard normally plugs in. The keyboard is then plugged into the device and would not be noticed by the casual observer at the back of the machine. Any keystroke made will then be stored on the device, which will store up to 64,000 keystrokes, which equates to 40 pages of A4 typescript.

The device (which does not require batteries or software) can be interrogated whilst still connected to the Target computer, or it can be removed and interrogated on another machine. All that you need to read the device is a word processing package such as Microsoft Word. When a special password is entered into the keyboard, it is recognised by the device and a short menu appears on the screen giving you various options. If you choose 'view', the stored data text suddenly appears on the screen and can be read as a normal



document which you can save on a floppy disk and take away.

How much does this device cost? You should not expect to have to pay more than about £140.00.

GHOSTS IN THE MACHINE

Another simple and very effective method of viewing the activity on a computer monitor is with a nifty software programme called 'Spector' produced in the USA by Spectorsoft. If you can imagine a camera inside your computer which takes a

snapshot of the screen every 5 seconds, and then stores the pictures in a hidden file for you to look at later on, then this is what 'Spector' is capable of doing.

The software, on floppy disc or CD, takes about three minutes to install and is immediately in use with no fuss. By accessing the hidden file with a password, the screen shots can then be reviewed using the on screen buttons similar to a video recorder which has Play, Rewind, and Fast Forward which help you scan through the snapshots.

It is an amazing piece of software and anything that appears on the screen will be recorded

- All applications
- Typed letters
- All web sites visited
- Email activity
- All keystrokes typed
- Screen snapshots

If you need to know what someone is looking at on a computer, this programme is first class.

BLAST IT!

A similar piece of software produced by the same people is called 'eBlaster'. This programme carries out the same monitoring activities as Spector but you do not need access the machine in order to examine the information. With eBlaster, whenever the target computer goes on-line, it will secretly email you (to a designated email address) all the computer activity. It will do this every 30 minutes or once a day, depending on how you program the software.

A special feature of the programme is that every time the target receives or sends an email, you also receive a covert copy of it in your designated email post box. Going further into the depths of cyber spying, you can also tell eBlaster that you only wish to receive emails with a selected word in it. So if you only want emails mentioning 'Eye Spy', you tell 'eBlaster', so it filters them out and sends them on.



The Keycatch unit





This is a very powerful monitoring tool indeed. Imagine, if you have an employee located in one part of the county and you want to monitor him from your office elsewhere, and all for £65.00. Spectorsoft also produce a Spector Professional Edition, which is a combination of eBlaster and Spector.

DIGGING THE DIRT

D.I.R.T stands for Data Interception by Remote Transmission and is a software programme very similar to Spector Pro and eBlaster. However, this is different as you do not need access the target computer in order to load the programme. With D.I.R.T, the programme can be emailed to the target computer riding on the back of an innocent looking email with an attachment (commonly known as a 'Trojan'). This is why it is advisable not to open any unsolicited emails that arrive with attachments. The attachment may be opened and appear to look all innocent, but behind the scenes,

the Trojan is unleashed and embeds its self in a dark corner of your computer. Once installed, it will monitor all computer activity and send reports back to a pre-programmed host computer. In addition, the cyber spy will be able to browse around the inside of the target hard drive and files, for anything of interest to them.

The software was designed for US government, law enforcement, and military use, and may not be freely obtained to be used by the general public.

FINALLY, IT'S A RAID

R.A.I.D stands for Rapid Action Imaging Device and was designed to be used by computer forensic investigators. It is a small hand held unit designed for copying computer hard drives easily and quickly. Remember that not all computers are connected to the internet and so conventional hacking will not give a cyber intruder access to the machine. In the hands of an



R.A.I.D device - Rapid Action Imaging

industrial spy, computer files can be copied at an astounding high-speed rate of nearly one gigabyte of data a minute.

As you can see in this second article of the series, you do not have to be an expert in espionage in order to obtain high grade information. *Where there's a will, there's a way.*

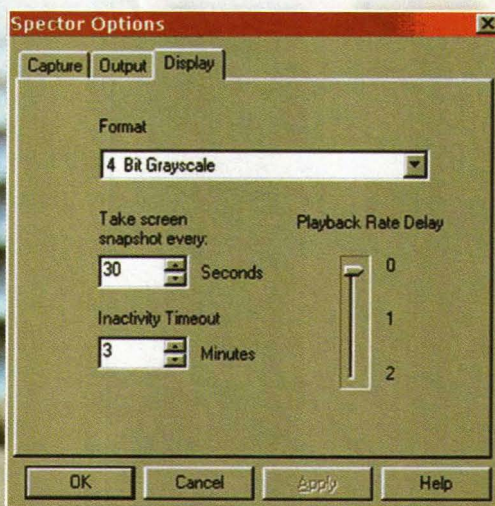
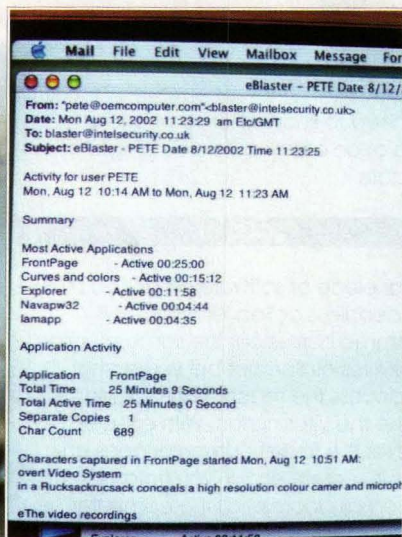
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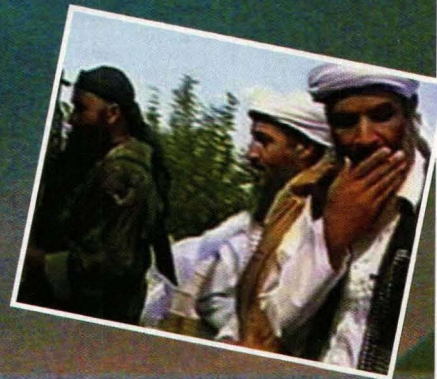


Using acquired computer software, Al-Qaida did contact Air Force One on 11 September 2001

Washington has now confirmed that whilst President Bush was being flown away to a secret location on 11 September 2001, at the height of the al-Qaida attacks, the aircraft received an unidentified message stating 'Angel you're coming down'. Secret Service officers were convinced that the attackers had somehow managed to hack into the aircraft's communications computers. Angel is a codeword of the aircraft.

Many computer experts believe Osama bin-Laden used a programme called PROMIS (Prosecutor's Management Information System) developed by a company called Inslaw Inc., to hack into the aircraft's computer.

PROMIS is used by MI5, MI6, CIA and FBI.



'Angel You're Coming Down'

MAGIC LANTERN NOW ACTIVE

The FBI has been given new powers that are intended to trap computer hackers and assist Washington in the fight against terrorism. The Bureau now has the right to break into the homes of suspected hackers, log on to their personal computer, and download the clever software known as Magic Lantern. This programme records every keystroke the user makes and will help uncover passwords, contacts, and addresses used by the suspect.

The existence of Magic Lantern was admitted by the FBI just before Christmas last year, though they said its use as a 'Trojan horse' is some time away.

The FBI believes that by next year, there could be as many as 20 million potential hackers worldwide.

British cyber detectives are also allowed to use Magic Lantern. Though some experts in this complex field say the software will have "little impact" on those serious computer hackers.

Chris McNab, from the information risk management firm Matta Security, says it will only be effective if investigators can discover the hacker's computer passwords and download the programme. "It is ineffective because hackers will use encrypted passwords to protect

their PCs." He also warned that Magic Lantern will prompt serious hackers to increase their defences.

In America, some hackers say the FBI's tactics are infringing civil liberties and are "planning global counterattacks."

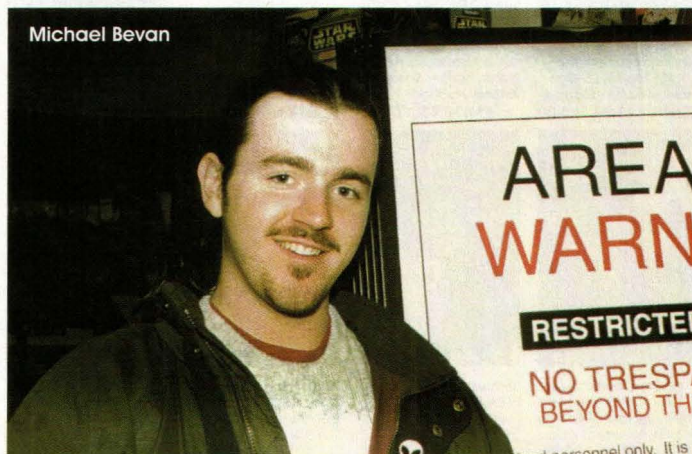
Chris McNab, meanwhile, says that the only way to really tackle the hacking problem is to get the manufacturers such as Microsoft to make their programmes more secure.

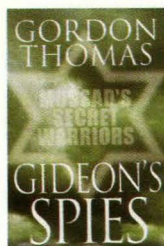
Since 9/11, the FBI has actively sought the help of private companies in the fight against terrorism. Michael Erbschloe, vice president of research at Computer Economics, which analyses the impact of

viruses said: "In previous wars, including World War II, the government had the power to call on companies to help commandeer the technology." Additionally, Erbschloe, also author of *Information Warfare: How to Survive Cyber Attacks* states: "If we were at war, the government would be able to require technology companies to cooperate, I believe, in a number of ways, including getting backdoor access to information and computer systems."

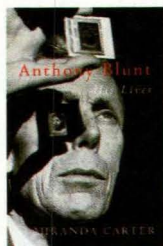
Michael Bevan, once one of Britain's most notorious computer hackers who now runs his own computer security company, believes hackers have the potential for "doing something like launching a missile."

Michael Bevan

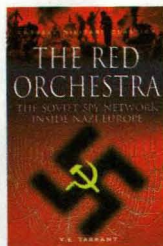




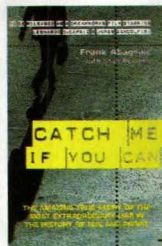
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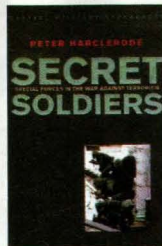
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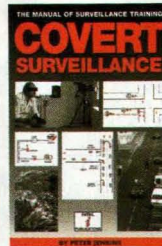
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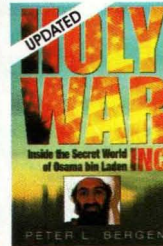
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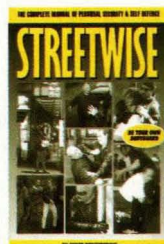
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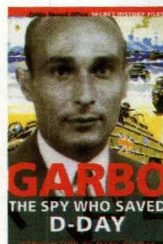
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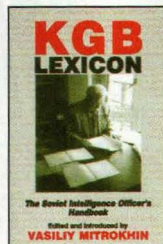
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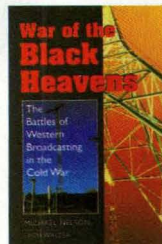
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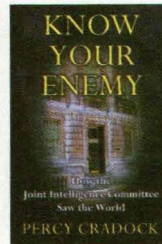
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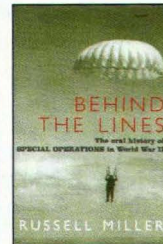
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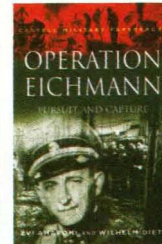
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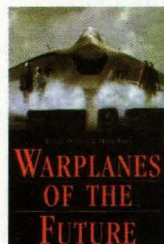
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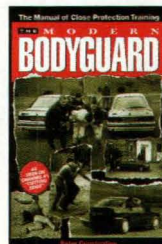
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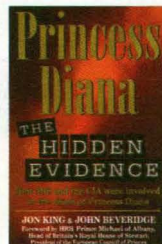
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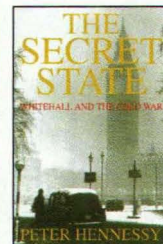
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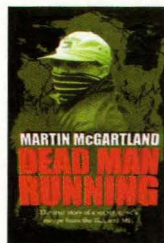
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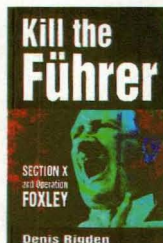
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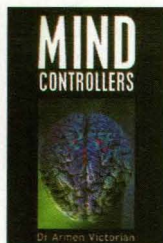
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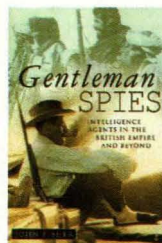
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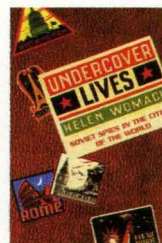
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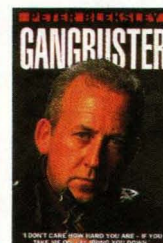
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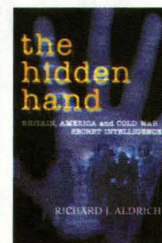
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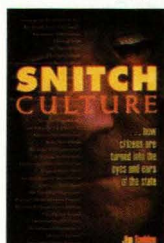
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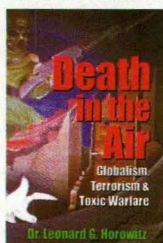
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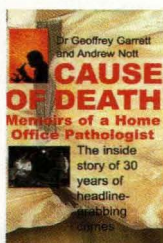
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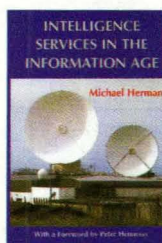
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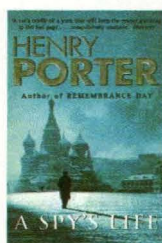
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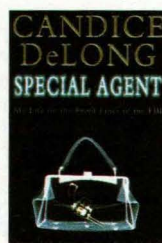
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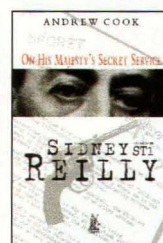
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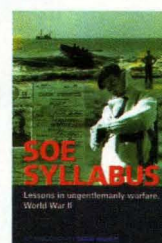
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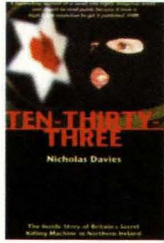
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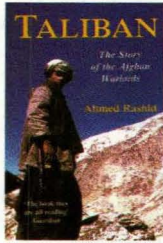
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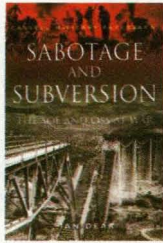
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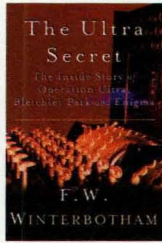
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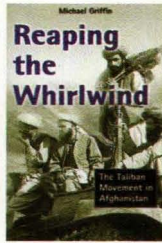
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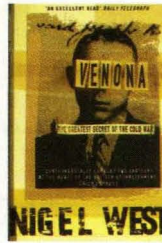
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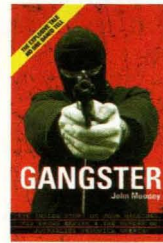
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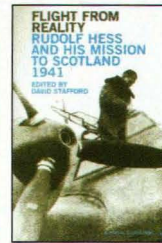
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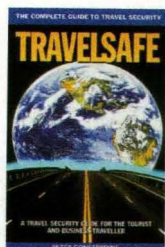
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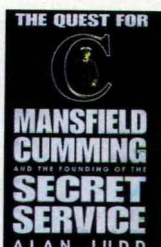
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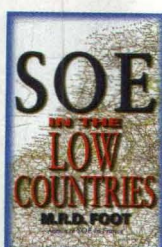
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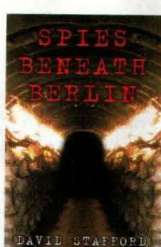
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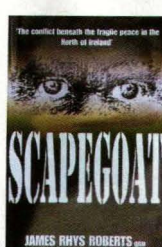
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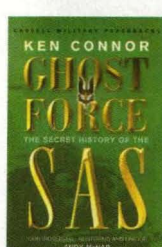
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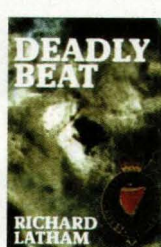
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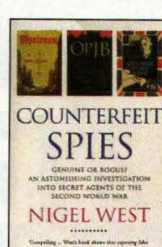
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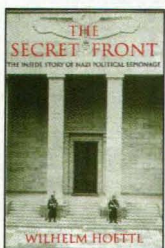
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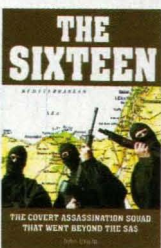
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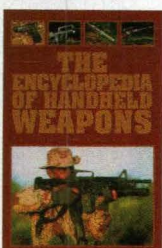
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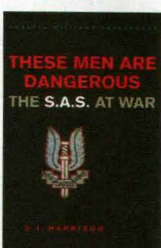
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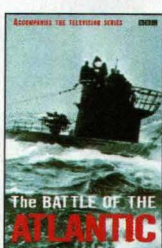
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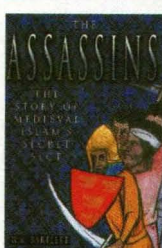
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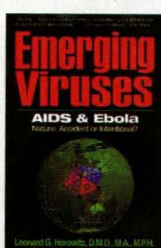
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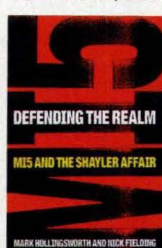
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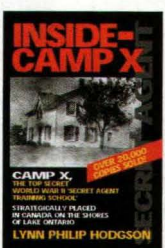
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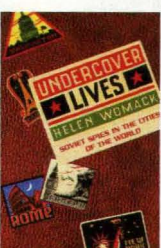
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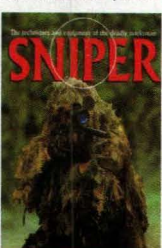
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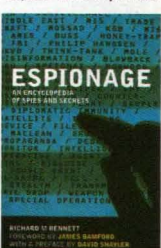
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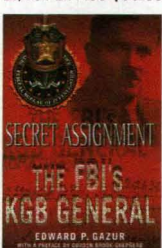
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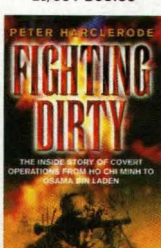
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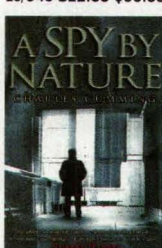
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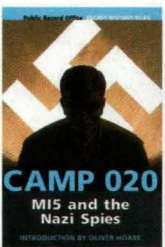
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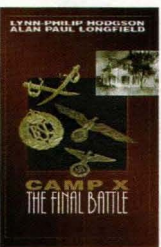
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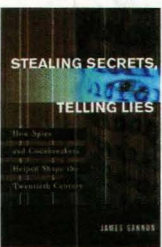
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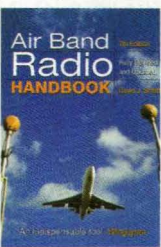
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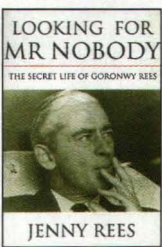
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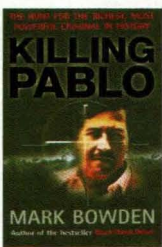
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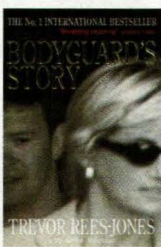
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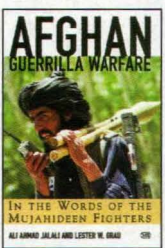
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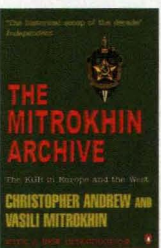
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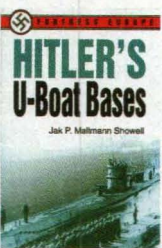
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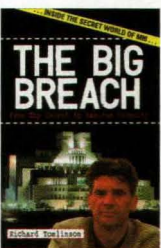
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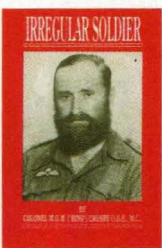
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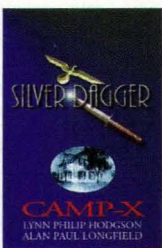
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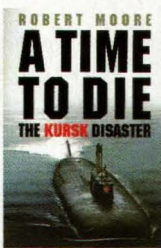
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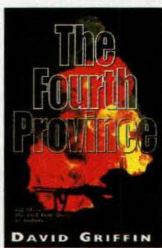
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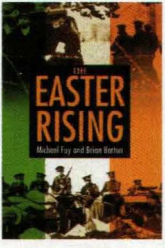
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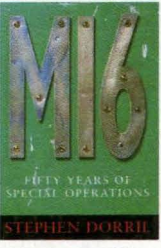
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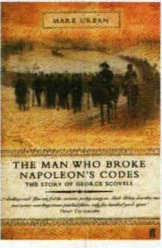
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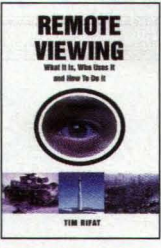
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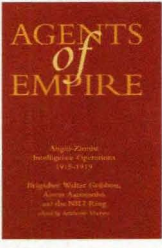
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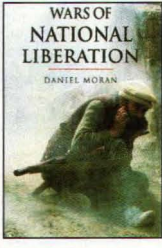
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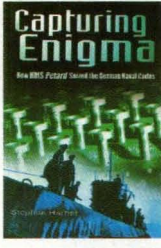
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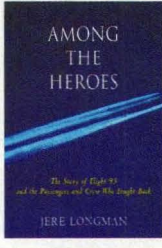
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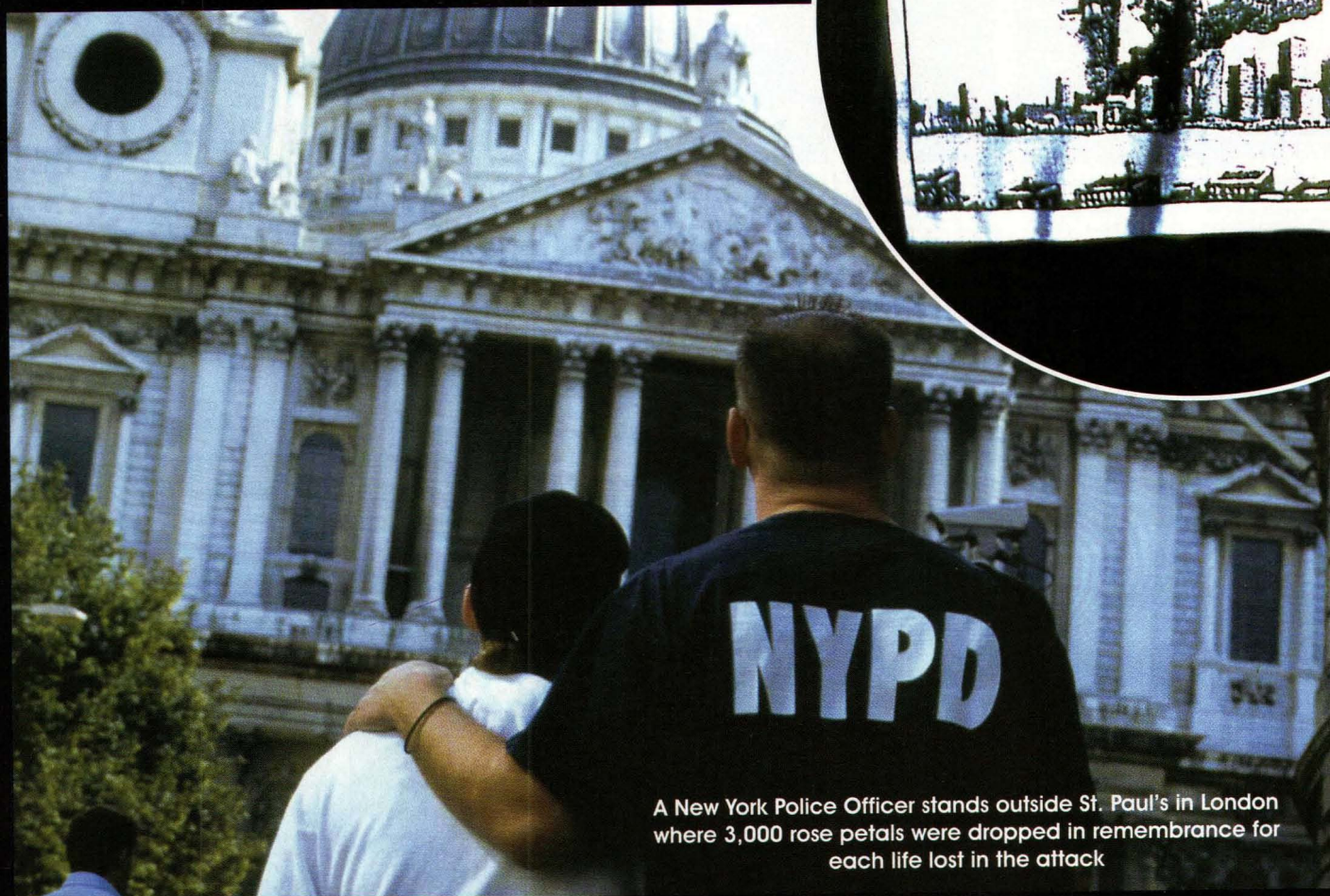
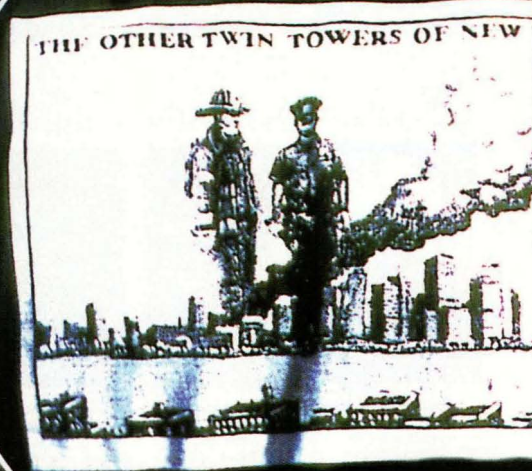
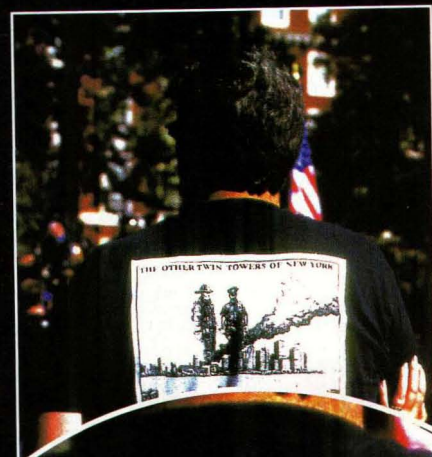


Sad police officers listen to speeches made at the United States Embassy



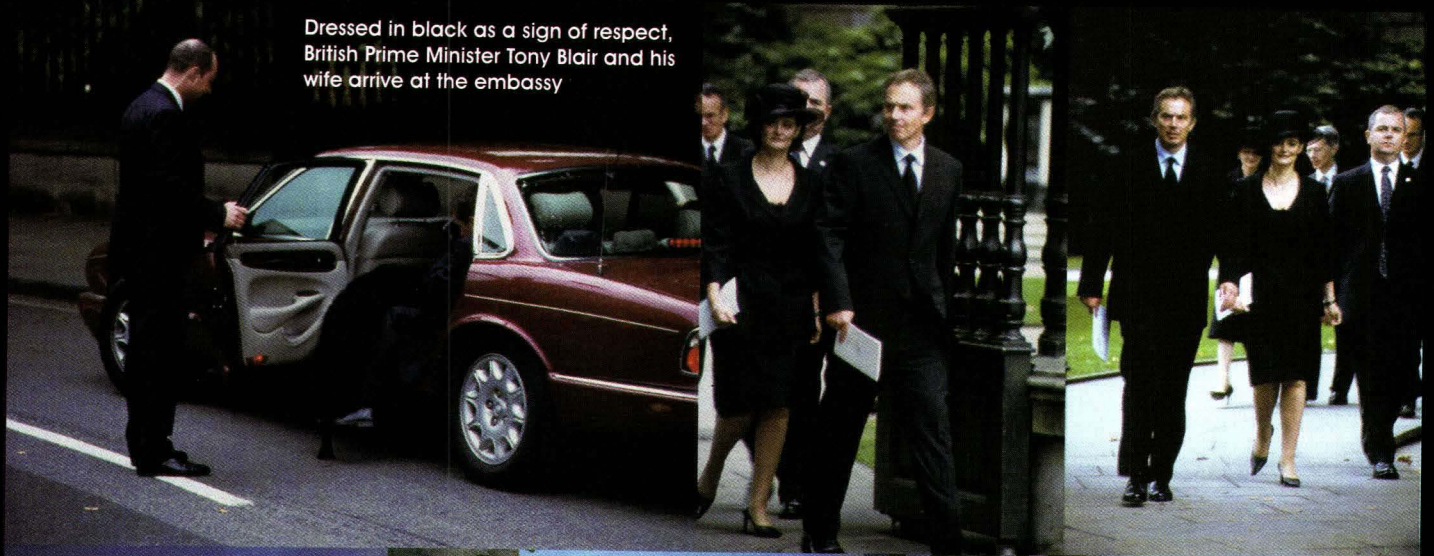
Former British Prime Minister, John Major

A New Yorker proudly displays his t-shirt which shows a police officer and fireman standing on the site of the WTC. The caption reads: 'The other twin towers of New York'



A New York Police Officer stands outside St. Paul's in London where 3,000 rose petals were dropped in remembrance for each life lost in the attack

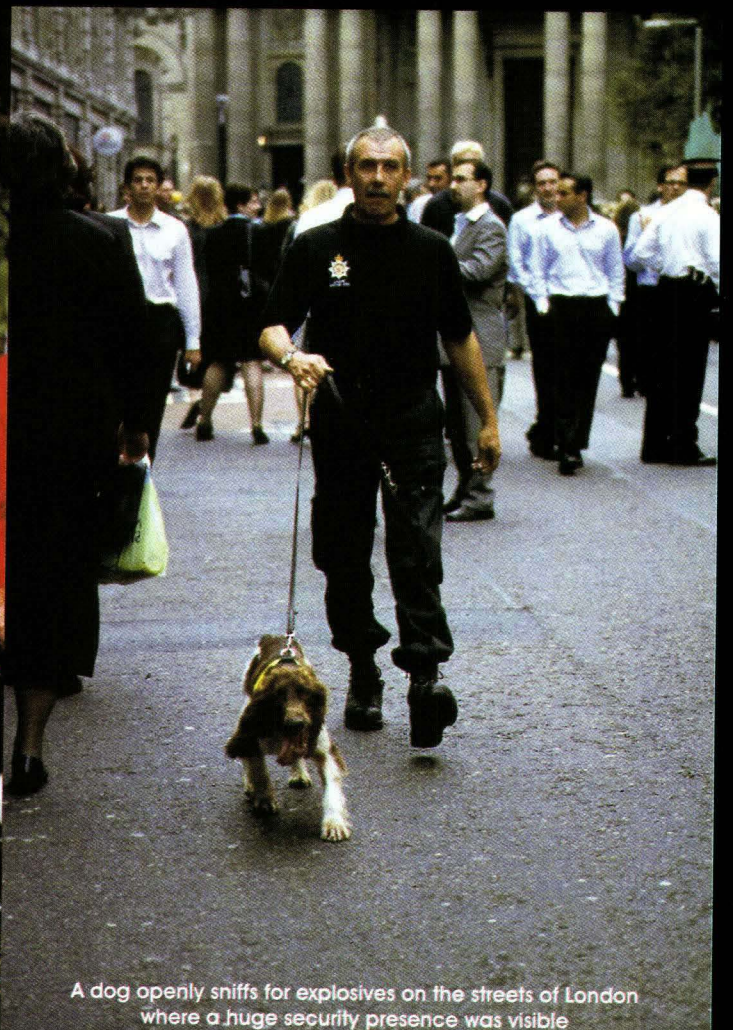
Dressed in black as a sign of respect, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife arrive at the embassy



A massive MI5 and police security operation around London was mounted in preparation of a terrorist attack.



The United States Ambassador William Farish (second left) and Home Secretary David Blunkett pay their respects to the dead. Also in shot is NYPD Frank Dwyer



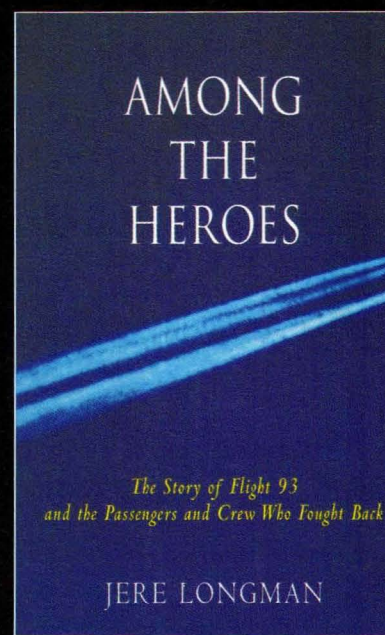
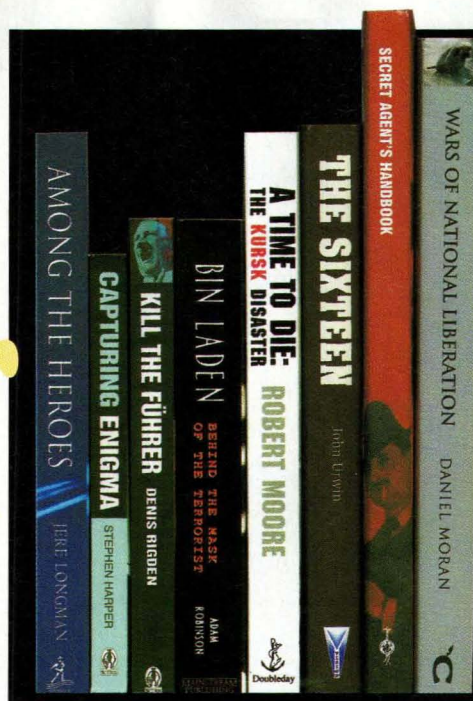
A dog openly sniffs for explosives on the streets of London where a huge security presence was visible

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SECRET AGENT'S HANDBOOK OF SPECIAL DEVICES

Edited Mark Seaman
Publisher: Public Record Office
ISBN: 1 903365 00 7

The art of deception and use of cyphers is not a new trait in the

A huge favourite already with intelligence and spying historians, Eye Spy has secured one of the Public Record Office's most fascinating books, Secret Agent's Handbook of Special Devices. The huge book complete with hundreds of fascinating photographs that accompany gadgets ranging from exploding rats, cigarettes, wooden logs, and lumps of coal, to tin cans full of not beans but explosives. Well, the SOE could be a bomb in anything!

Produced and designed mainly from the 1940s Special Operations Executive (SOE) Descriptive Catalogue of Special Devices and Supplies in their original format, complete with WWII text, the work edited by Mark Seaman, a senior historian at the Imperial War Museum and leading SOE expert, is a must for those interested in intelligence and special operations.

Yet, while there is much amusement in some quarters about the type of spy equipment used in WWII, much of it was state-of-the-art. From unique camouflage, disguised weapons, wireless sets, underwater equipment

(including mini submarines), booby traps, special glues, and tapes, medical and survival tools, and of course, the odd piece of spying equipment. This splendid book is as much a reference work as a good read!

Many of the items were hurriedly created following Churchill's directive to the SOE: "Set Europe ablaze." The SOE established links with resistance groups and to facilitate their work, many of the items featured, including explosive to blow up rail track, were created.

Every entry is accompanied by a photograph or diagram and there are lots of other sections.

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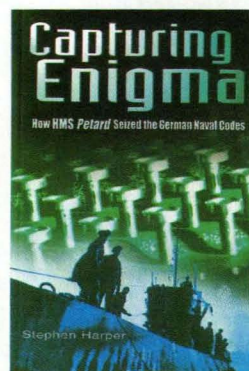
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CAPTURING ENIGMA

Author: Stephen Harper
Publisher: Sutton Publishing
ISBN: 0 7509 30500

In the last few years, many books and even the odd movie have been produced about the capture and eventual decoding of the WWII German Enigma system. And like the fisherman's tale, when one story gets passed down the ladder, it always changes slightly. This book however, is reliable and reveals what truly happened in October 1942, as HMS *Petard* attacked and captured U-559 in the darkness of the Mediterranean Sea. And though two crew members from the British vessel died, the recovery of Enigma coding material allowed scientists at Bletchley Park, Britain's secret cypher facility, to crack a newly installed Enigma system and learn of a new U-boat offensive.

Author Stephen Harper served in the Royal Navy during WWII as a coder on HMS *Petard* on her second commission. He has filled in many gaps often found in previous books on Enigma, and concerning the now famous voyage of the *Petard* that helped turn



the tide of the war. He also admits to a lucky break here and there.

Capturing Enigma is also set on dry land and the book provides a fascinating insight into how the Germans used the system; thankfully a simple portrayal and how Enigma worked is given. Harper also reminds the reader of the Polish efforts in breaking the code. But it is expert knowledge of the *Petard* that separates this book from others. Using actual eyewitness accounts, he graphically tells the story of how two sailors from HMS *Petard* swam across to the sinking U-boat and handed signals and files up the conning tower to colleagues before they were trapped and entombed in the damaged submarine. Something the makers of a recent Hollywood blockbuster should have remembered.

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BIN LADEN: Behind the Mask of a Terrorists

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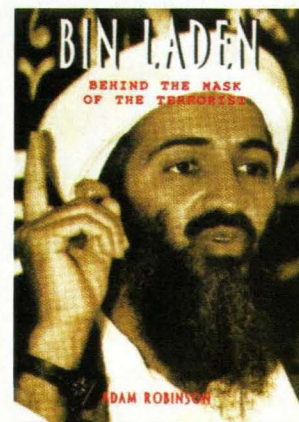
In years to come people will ask, 'who was Osama bin-Laden?' 'What made him tick?' The answers will be numerous and contained in hundreds, if not thousands of books, each as varied as

the peoples of the world. However, author Adam Robinson is in no doubt that Osama bin-Laden had or has, depending on whether you think he is still dead or alive, a secret agenda.

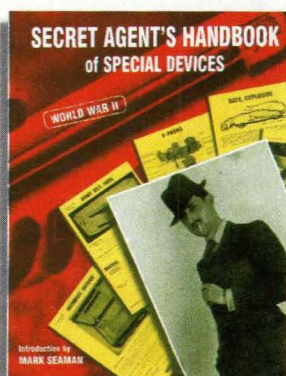
This powerful book retraces bin-Laden's early years and tells of a young man desperately seeking acceptance in an ever-changing world. Drugs, alcohol, and prostitution are rejected in his journey of life. He is torn between the future and the past, yet he can see no further than his muddled ideology and expects the world to fit into his disturbing mind.

His fighting exploits in Afghanistan against the Russians have become legendary; aided by the CIA, he chose the foothills of Pushtun Valley over the luxury back home. After all, he is a billionaire. But his private vision went disastrously wrong when he ordered a direct attack on America.

Some analysts believe this book could unwittingly contain information about the fate of bin-Laden, for it provides an honest overview of his person. Would he run or would he fight? Author Adam Robinson believes that Osama bin-Laden used his powerful image to



create a world that he could live in, but a world that he could not sustain without terror and manipulation. Hence his liaison with the Taliban. The creation of al-Qaida, his relationships with other



Book of the Month

AMONG THE HEROES

Author: Jere Longman
Publisher: Simon and Schuster
ISBN: 07432 30984

People talk about the tragedy of New York and Washington, but of equal importance to many folk is the horror of Flight 93. This book tells of the extraordinary bravery of those civilians and crew members who tackled a determined hijacking gang whose mission it was to fly the airliner into the White House or a nuclear facility.

Jere Longman is a *New York Times* reporter who reconstructs the minute-by-minute journey of Flight 93; profiles the hijackers and delves deep into the lives of the heroes, including passengers and crew, Mark

Bingham, Thomas Burnett, Jeremy Glick, and Todd Beamer and others. The four men made and received calls from their loved ones. They all knew what had happened to the World Trade Center and fully believed that a similar fate awaited them. They then made a conscious decision to try and take back the aircraft. However, by then the crew had probably been overpowered and killed, but this didn't stop the passengers.

Robert Mueller, director of the FBI said: "We believe those passengers on this jet were absolute heroes, and their many actions during this flight were heroic."

As the plane crashed outside of the small town of Shanksville, Pennsylvania,

nia, killing all 40 passengers and crew, the legacy of their actions unbeknown to them will have a huge impact on future hijackings. For the first time in history, passengers and crew fought back. The actions of these heroes may just make future hijackers think twice before embarking on their madness.

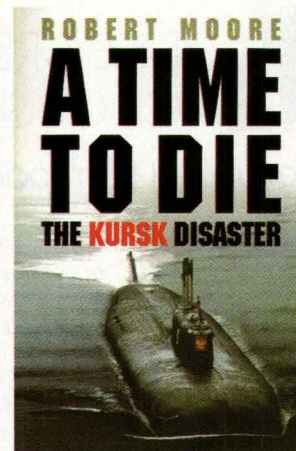
And though the true circumstances of what went on in the last terrifying moments of Flight 93 will never be fully understood, one thing is clear, some very brave passengers gave their lives for others, even if this was an inadvertent action.

A moving book that focuses on the journey, those on board and those that were left behind.

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conducted by the North Fleet. For the next 48 hours, the secret of the missing vessel was kept from the outside world as Russia's emergency services tried desperately to find out what happened and to reach the sailors. This is the true story of an event that captured the world's attention, and as Moscow dithered, the men of the *Kursk* died.

world leaders, and his manipulation of Islam is reviewed. Drawing on new information from bin-Laden's family, this book moves back in time to an unhappy young man, discontent at his privileged background, and someone who wanted immediate attention rather than future stability.

An excellent work that seeks to discover how one man's sole objective was to create his world, but he had to try and topple America first.

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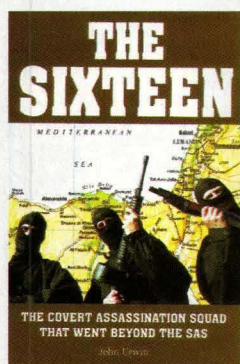
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THE SIXTEEN

Author: John Urwin
Publisher: Vision
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Eye Spy made several enquiries about the legitimacy of a group called The Sixteen. We failed to get any confirmation whatsoever that Britain did operate a bloody assassination squad in the mid-1950s whose actions made the SAS look quite tame. However, that does not mean such a group of men did not exist. This controversial book by John Urwin, who was brought up in the tough backstreets of Newcastle, has been mentioned by a few people in intelligence circles; few afforded this magazine any comment about its content but several rejected that such a unit really existed.

John Urwin was just 18 when he received his call up for National Service. While serving with his regiment in Cyprus, he secretly joined a group called The Sixteen - basically an assassination squad. This group operated in Greece and various volatile Middle East countries - often taking out specific targets. It was developed at a time when Britain was fast losing her influence in the area and the Suez Canal crisis was fast approaching. With mates like Spot, Dynamo and Chalky, the author sets about tackling Whitehall's targets.



What our reviewer finds puzzling is the author makes a case for the existence of The Sixteen in the preface of the book and explains why the group existed and why no records or Ministry of Defence acknowledgement. To some extent this concerned Eye Spy, for many of the UK's military intelligence organisations, including the highly secret I-Corp and the controversial Force Research Unit have been identified.

Nevertheless, this book is an interesting read and one that will be the subject of much discussion in the army bases around the UK and beyond. Read it and make your own mind up.

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Kill the Führer: Operation Foxley

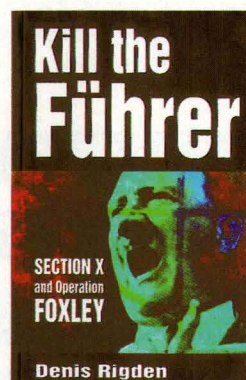
Author: Denis Rigden
Publisher: Sutton Publishing
ISBN: 0 7059 305 35

This is a skilfully written book which covers the exploits of an extraordinary unit of Britain's Special Operations Executive (SOE), known as Section X. Their task was to find out if it was possible to assassinate Adolf Hitler, Goebbels and other leading lights of Nazi Germany's 'inner circle'. Indeed, when they concluded that it was possible, they had the incredibly

difficult task of trying to produce a number of ways that this could be done. The codename for this scheme was *Operation Foxley*.

Besides providing a wonderful insight into the various ways Section X was going to remove the Nazi leadership, the reader discovers how detailed each plan was. They even learned about the habits of each intended victim. Using a plethora of formerly top secret documents and some excellent private sources, author Denis Rigden goes on to explain whether a successful *Operation Foxley* could have had any bearing on the outcome of the war.

The plan was never activated of course, and eventually Section X, renamed the German Directorate in 1944, went on to make a huge contribution to the war effort; sabotage, clandestine distribution, propaganda, and liaising with resistance movements throughout Europe. Above all, the book really enters into the spirit of the murky world of espionage and the true killing machines of the SOE.



A TIME TO DIE: The Kursk Disaster

Author: Robert Moore
Publisher: Doubleday
ISBN: 0385 602 650

On 12 August 2000, the *Kursk*, Russia's most advanced nuclear submarine vanished from routine exercises being

President Putin was faced with a huge dilemma. He had been in power just 100 days; should he ask the West for help? Would the CIA grab vital intelligence if the Americans were invited to help? The West's perception of the incident is that in the end he did nothing for several days and even a special rescue vessel from the West was still several days away. Moscow, it appears, did not want foreign eyes looking over its most modern submarine. And when divers from Norway and Britain did reach the scene, they were often fed misinformation, including which way the valves turned on the submarine's escape hatches.

There was criticism too in Russia, and all over the world about Moscow's apparent lack of care about the men on board the *Kursk*. However, Robert Moore has unearthed astonishing information that clearly shows the heroic attempts by Russian divers and a number of equipment failures that doomed their colleagues. Drawing on secret information and superior intelligence sources, *A Time to Die* is a nail-biting book that highlights the dangers of submarining.

ITN's Moscow correspondent at the time of the collapse of the Soviet Union, Robert Moore presents a blockbuster of a story that is as gripping and tearful as any novel. Other significant questions are answered. What happened in the *Kursk*'s forward compartment to doom the world's largest submarine? What is the truth about the alleged collision with an American submarine that was spying in the Baltic? What is life really like on the forlorn and secretive submarine bases high in the Russian Arctic? Moore answers each question. He also tells the sad story of how 23 sailors survived the initial explosion and ran to an area of the ship that was still intact. As the oxygen ran out, many of the men wrote final farewells to their loved ones. Of additional interest, the full secret transcript of the encounter between Putin and the families of the dead *Kursk* sailors as they attacked his leadership. Superb.

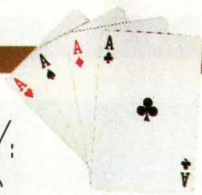
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SIDNEY REILLY: ACE OF SPIES



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Cook said: "Gudz is the witness that gives conclusive evidence of Reilly's death. It is further corroborated by the forensic report I commissioned earlier this year which concluded that post mortem photographs of a corpse, disputed to be Reilly's was Reilly's.

"When MI5 released their file on Reilly earlier this year it contained a report that he had been executed by the OGPU secret police. Sceptics who have maintained that Reilly's death was a 'put up job' by the Russians designed to cover up his alleged defection in 1925, have now been proved wrong."

In his fascinating book, Cook presents a report that undoubtedly dismisses claims that Reilly faked his own death and defected back

Allied Invasion of Russia to suppress Workmens Revolution, and re-establish Tsarism.

Sensational plot discovered to overthrow Soviet
government.

Allied complicity in counter-revolutionary plot proved

British diplomat in Moscow discovered at conspirative meeting—Lavishly distributing bribes.
Fabricating forged documents.

The following is a summary of a statement issued by the Soviet government, which discloses a widespread plot instigated by the Allied governments to overthrow the Russian revolution.

On August 14th, at twelve o'clock, at the private room of Mr. Lockhart, the representative of the British government in Russia, an interview took place between him and a commander of one of the Soviet detachments in Moscow.

At this meeting it was proposed to organise a rebellion against the Soviet government in connection with the British landing on the Mountain. In order to maintain close relation between the British diplomatic agents and this group under the Soviet troops, an English lieutenant, Sydney Reilly was designated to act under the alias of efforts. It was proposed that certain parts of the Moscow garrison should be sent to Volodga to open the road for the English, while the rest of the garrison should arrest the Council of the Peoples Commissioners in Moscow, and establish a military dictatorship.

For this purpose on Aug. 14th Mr. Lockhart handed 700,000 roubles to his agents. On Aug. 22nd another meeting took place at which 200,000 roubles were assigned for the purpose of arresting Lenin and Trotsky, and members of the Council of Public Economy, setting banks, posts and telegraphs. On Aug. 28th 300,000 roubles was paid over to this commander of Soviet troops, who was to go to Peking to establish connection with the English military group working there together with a group of Russian counter-revolutionaries.

At the same time in Moscow, meetings under the auspices of the agents of the Allied Powers were held with the object of intensifying the famine. It was proposed to blow up certain bridges on the railways, and wreck food trains, in order that the population of Moscow and Petrograd should become so maddened by hunger as to rise in revolt against the Soviet government.

Letters have been discovered with Mr. Lockhart's signature on official British government paper, delegating this commander of Soviet troops to act on behalf of the British government.

The plot was discovered by the commander disclosing the whole scheme to the Soviet authorities. Acting on this information the Soviet authorities on the night of Aug. 31st arrested a conspirative meeting at which Mr. Lockhart was present. Although Lockhart was arrested, some of the conspirators escaped and are now at large. They have carried out a portion of the ir plans. Trainloads of food were blown up by them at Voronezh. Documents were seized at this meeting which shows that the intention of the Allies as soon as they had established their dictatorship in Moscow was to declare war on Germany and force Russia to fight again in order to find a pretext for this, a fictitious treaty between Russia and Germany was concocted which presented the Soviet government as selling the independence of Russia to Germany. This forged treaty was to have been printed and scattered broadcast.

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G. TCHITCHERINE,
Peoples Commissary for Foreign Affairs.



Figure 2 Approximately scaled images



Figure 3 Ear outline super-imposition

to the USSR. "The ultimate irony is that Reilly fell victim to a confidence trick," said Cook.

Cook considers Reilly's last few hours and his capture.

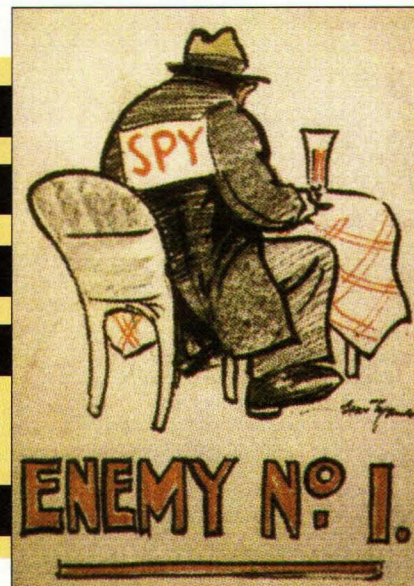
"Reilly's life ended the way it had begun, shrouded in mystery. He may not have been the 'greatest spy Britain ever had' but he was certainly one of the greatest confidence men of his time. It is testimony to his skills of deception that his *master spy* myth outlived him for more than 80 years. In the final analysis, the confidence

man's motto, 'you can't cheat an honest man', came back to haunt him. Reilly's own inherent dishonesty had allowed the OGPU to set him up, and ultimately, cheat him of his life."

Was his death brought about by his own vanity, lack of judgement, or simple old fashioned treachery? Cook has examined the records of the SIS and OGPU and indicates that not one, but two renegade former colleagues contributed to his downfall.

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ANDREW COOK

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

Author biography & the extraordinary detective story behind the writing of *On His Majesty's Secret Service*.

ANDREW COOK worked for many years as a foreign affairs and defence specialist, and was aide to George Robertson (former Secretary of State for Defence, now Lord Robertson of Port Ellen and Secretary General of NATO) and John Spellar (former Minister of State for the Armed Forces). The contacts he made enabled the author to navigate and gain access to classified intelligence services archives.

During his 20 years researching this book, he was only the 5th historian to be given special permission under the 1992 'Waldegrave Initiative' by the Cabinet Office to examine closed MI6 documents on Reilly, and operations he took part in. These papers will never be released, nor have they been seen by any previous biographer of Reilly. In addition, the author's

massive international research project included employing private investigators to track relatives of those touched by Reilly's amazing life, and the UK's leading facial reconstruction expert to conclusively prove that Reilly did indeed die at the hands of the Soviets in Russia in 1925. In all, over 2000 closed or unpublished documents were scrutinised in 14 different countries, including those of following secret service organisations: MI5, MI6, the Cheka and OGPU (forerunners of the KGB), CIA, FBI, Gestapo, Deuxieme Bureau (the French secret service) and Japanese Naval Intelligence.

A large number of descendants of people featured in Reilly's story have also, through painstaking research, been tracked down and interviewed from as far afield as North America and the Ukraine. None of these families (bar one) have previously been located and interviewed. The testimony and co-operation of these families has

helped knit together many of the missing pieces in the jigsaw of Reilly's life, not to mention the previously unpublished photographs, letters and leads to further corroborative sources.

The author has also located and examined hundreds of items of 'new' information on Reilly from previously unused or unknown primary sources held by local and national government, ecclesiastical, and professional associations and authorities. Since working directly as a foreign affairs and defence specialist, Andrew Cook has worked as a professional historian in schools and universities. He is currently Headmaster of one of the UK's top preparatory schools.



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The ST1 in the title of the book, refers to Reilly's agency number. This was later adapted by Ian Fleming in his James Bond movies, i.e., 007. The ST code was a reference to the agent being handled by the SIS's office in Stockholm, Sweden.



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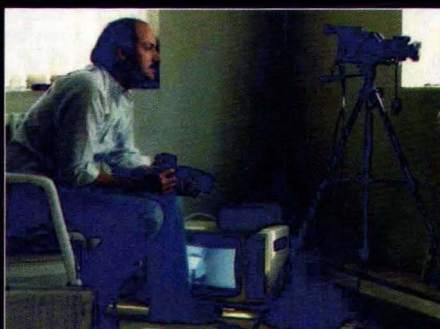
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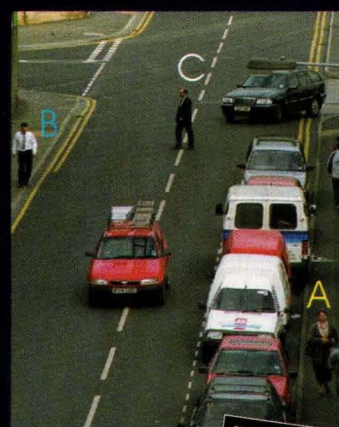
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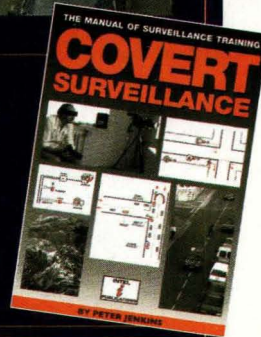
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SADDAM AND THE GATES OF HELL

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MI6 secured accurate intelligence on several new underground storage facilities in remote parts of the country. Following the anthrax incidents in America last year, Saddam was convinced Washington would blame him. For several days dozens of lorries were seen visiting the underground facilities carrying an unidentified cargo. MI6 believe the transports were moving chemical stocks from the Baghdad area to the new sites. Satellite images prove these facilities are real.

Though the weapons' inspectors found and destroyed a great deal of equipment and made safe hundreds of tons of chemical weapons, Iraq's nuclear research programme continued apace, for one vital ingredient in manufacturing a bomb was not neutralized... its scientific staff. They remained intact, along with most of the laboratories.

In 1991, within weeks of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, Baghdad issued an order to these very same scientists to start a "fast course to develop a nuclear bomb as quickly as possible." When Iraq was defeated, several key scientists spoke openly about Saddam's craving to build the bomb. When intelligence officers moved in to the country with scientists from the International Atomic Energy Agency, based in Austria, they found top secret plans to build an underground reactor. Iraq dismissed the findings as "speculation," but they could not dismiss the contents of more than 1,500 technical papers giving details of the programme's progress.

Months ago Eye Spy reported that a convoy regularly traversed the dusty roads between major cities across Iraq; these lorries were not

carrying food or regular goods, they were in fact converted refrigerator and oil carrying trucks - biological laboratories. And it is intelligence like this that has so worried Washington and London.

President Bush believes that every day that passes, Saddam gets one day nearer to his dream. Given the United Nations weapons inspectors are not allowed back into Iraq, Mr Bush has made it clear that if the UN does not do anything, he will.

THE CLOUDS OF WAR

Since Christmas Britain has been readying its armed forces and several top secret meetings have taken place with senior military officials.

There is no doubt that in the event Saddam does not allow the UN back into the country, Iraq may be attacked.

Intelligence analysts have been trying to establish just how far and wide the ripples of an attack on a sovereign Arab state will go. Jordan, Kuwait and Qatar seem to be in favour of change, Iranian delegates have secretly met with their American counterparts and told them they will object, "but stay neutral."

Other Arab countries will oppose any action, and indeed, at a recent Arab league meeting in Cairo, Egypt, a spokesman said an American attack "would open the gates of hell." An indicator that troubled waters may lie ahead instead of calm ones for the USA and Britain.



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Dear Sir

I noticed in Peter Everett's Murrell article (Issue 11, p18), an error. He says "After the incident, the Security Service and the Secret Service printed numerous 'D' Notices..." The facts are, of course, that those Services have never been able to print, nor even demand that the Independent Committee prints, D-Notices; and nor are (or were then) D-Notices issued about specific events - we have standing D-Notices, covering generic areas.

From: Rear Admiral Nick Wilkinson CB, Defence, Press and Broadcasting Advisory Committee, Whitehall, London

THE GENERAL BELGRANO

Dear Sir

I refer to the article in issue 11 of the magazine, concerning Hilda Murrell, and the sinking of the General Belgrano.

Unfortunately, this article perpetuates the fallacy concerning the General Belgrano's location outside the Falkland Islands' Total Exclusion Zone, when it was sunk.

The interdiction in the Total Exclusion Zone was to the effect that any non-allied ships within the 200-mile zone would automatically be considered hostile, and were liable to be sunk. It is syllogistically invalid to assert that, therefore, any ship found outside the zone would be considered non-hostile.

The General Belgrano, at the time it was sunk, was a unit in the Argentinian Navy, which was deployed against the British Expeditionary Force. It is absurd to suggest, that purely because it was

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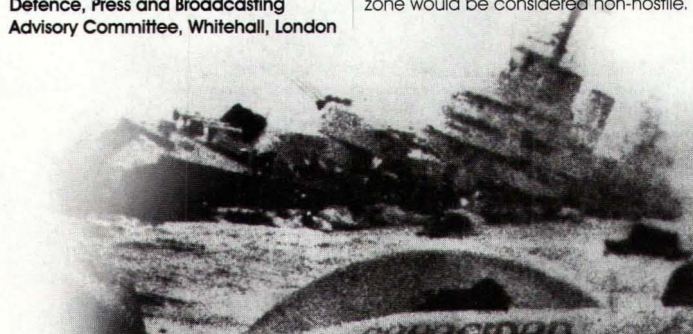
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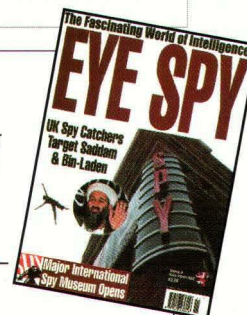
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