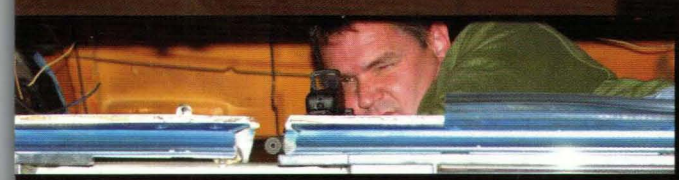


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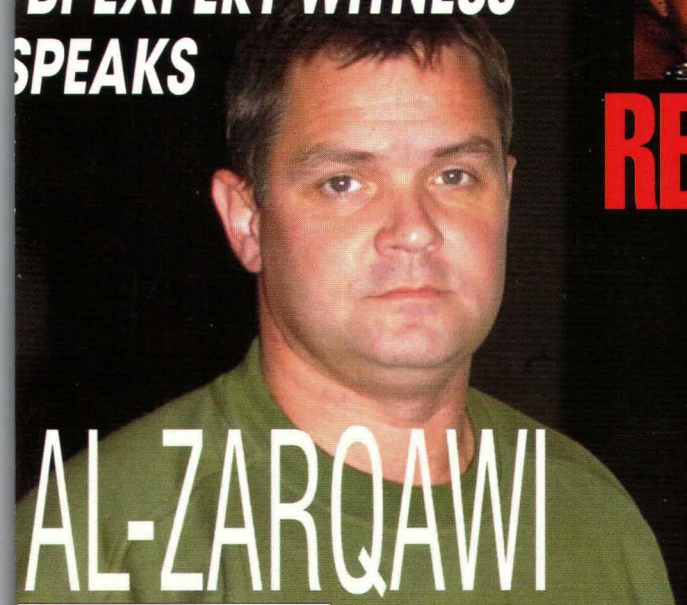


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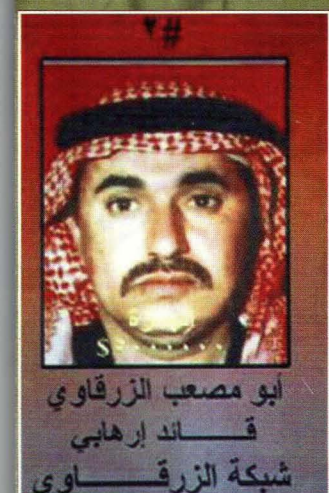


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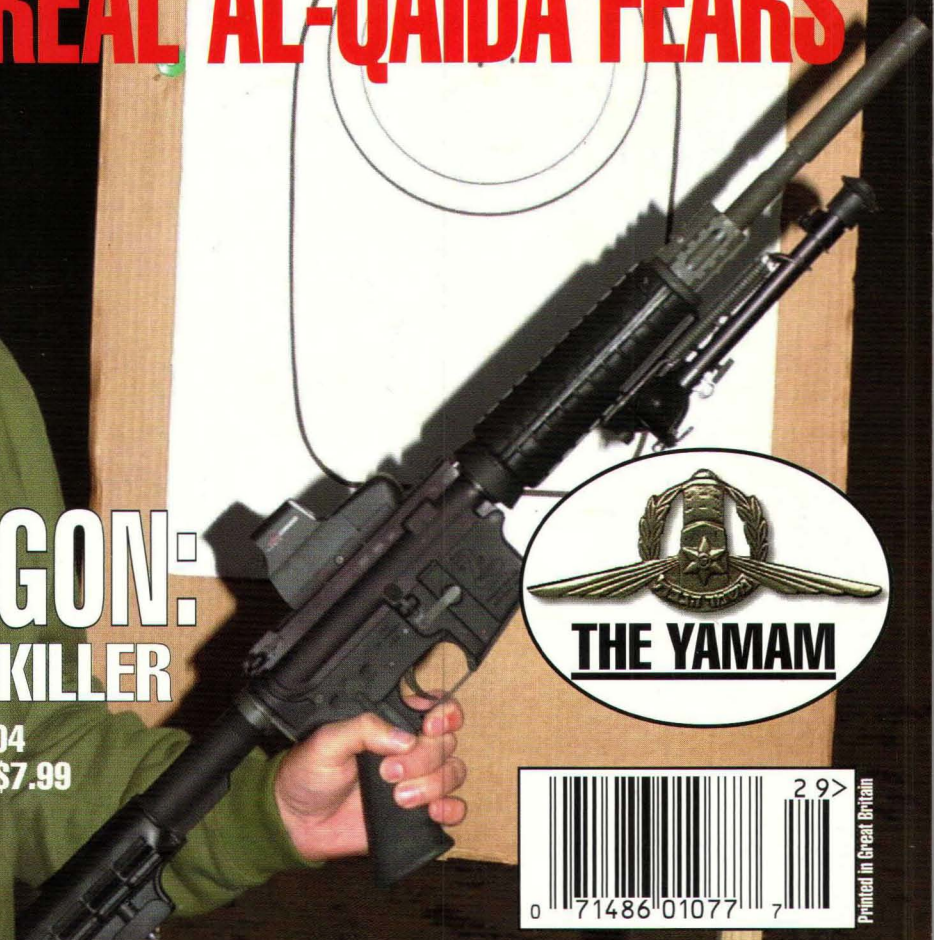


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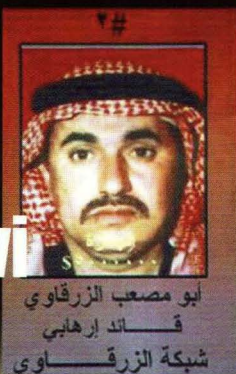
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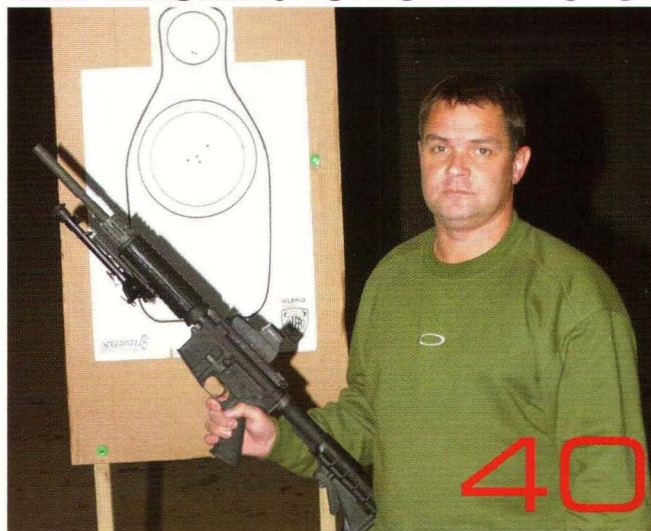
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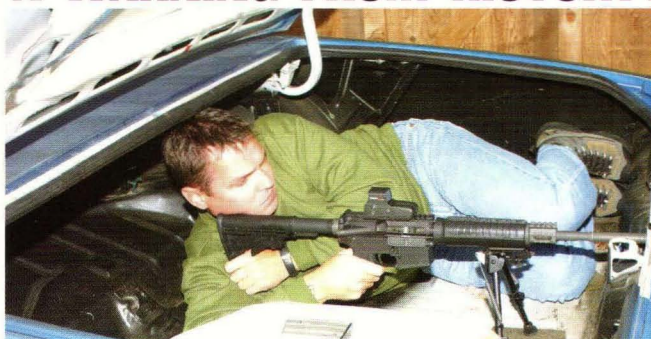
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A WARNING FROM HISTORY?



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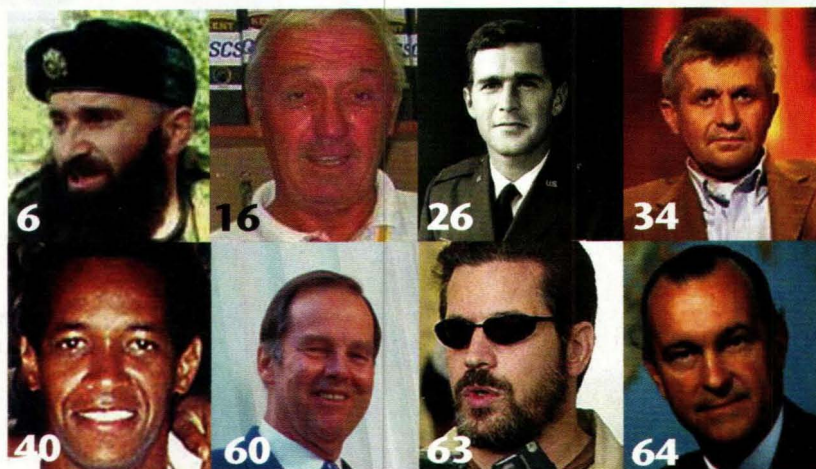
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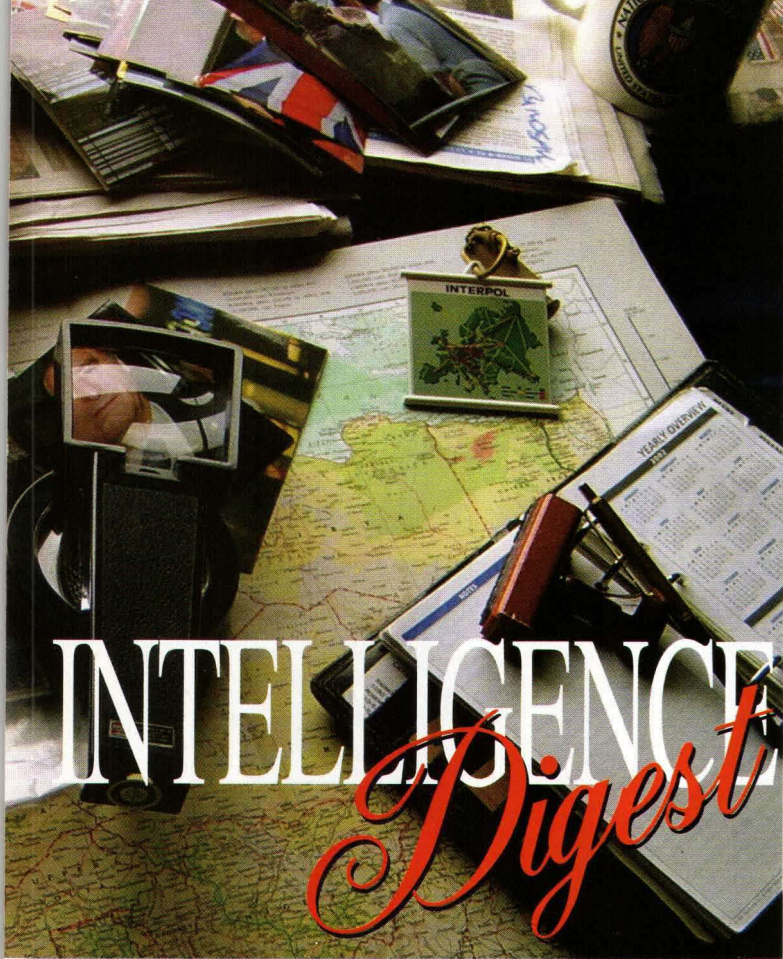
There are several features of note in this edition of Eye Spy, but one that is of huge importance concerns the Washington Beltway sniper affair. That two gunmen caused so much mayhem in a city policed by the very best officers did not go unnoticed by al-Qaida. At least that is the opinion of British Army sniper, Mark Spicer.

The marksman spent several weeks in 2003 as the FBI's expert witness, and we are privileged to carry some of his comments and photographs in this issue - with the approval of authorities in both the United States and Britain.

The incidents brought a city to a standstill and cost the taxpayer billions of dollars in extra security. Mark Spicer asks what would be the outcome if this was played out by determined terrorists in several cities?

Spicer is a likeable soldier who believes the authorities should create a national counter-sniper agency before such an atrocity happens again... few would disagree with him.

Mark Ian Birdsall - Editor



CIA Bugged Chirac

The bitter war of words between France and America over Iraq may be over for now, but it will take a few years for the two countries to embrace... at least this is what two French investigative journalists believe.

The journalists analysed information which indicates that the CIA has a deep insight into the everyday affairs of President Chirac. In particular, Henri

Vernet and Thomas Cantaloube note how an American official told his French counterpart: "The relationship between your President and ours is irreparable on the personal level. You have to understand that President Bush knows exactly what President Chirac thinks of him."



The journalists say that President Bush has always referred to President Chirac as "the Jackass." Vernet and Cantaloube are convinced the CIA or NSA listen to President Chirac, as he is a "compulsive user of mobile and landline phones."

The investigators note the French President seldom uses secure, encrypted lines.

• *In a conversation with Chinese officials on his recent tour of the country, Chirac likened American culture to an "ecological disaster."*

CIA Believe Iraqi Militants Seeking Unconventional Arms

Terrorist groups and insurgent networks across Iraq are increasingly trying to acquire and use toxic nerve gases, blister agents and germ weapons against US and coalition forces, according to a CIA report.

Investigators said they had information that one group recruited scientists and sought to prepare poisons over seven months before it was dismantled in June 2004. US officials are concerned because leaders of the 'Al Abud network' are based in the city of Fallujah. It is here Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is thought to be based.

The CIA note that al-Zarqawi has long sought to use chemical and biological weapons against targets in Europe as well as Iraq. The extensive USAF raids on certain parts of Fallujah may be the result of intelligence on buildings associated with al-Zarqawi's terror group.

In September, an exhaustive 960-page report* by Charles A. Duelfer, the CIA's chief weapons investigator in Iraq, concluded that Saddam Hussein destroyed his stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons in the early 1990s and never tried to rebuild them. Duelfer does note, that there is now a far greater risk of a devastating attack with unconventional weapons.



Charles A. Duelfer,

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British Intelligence Faked War Diary

According to intelligence historian Professor Richard Aldrich, a best selling wartime diary was manufactured by British Intelligence in an attempt to help get America into WWII.

Dirk van der Heide's story, *My Sister and I*, was supposedly written by a 12-year-old Dutch boy who survived the German invasion of Rotterdam before escaping to America. The book was a firm favourite with Americans in 1941, as the youngster spoke about the air raid which killed his mother and his father's wartime exploits. The young Heide's apparently managed to escape to England where they suffered the nightly raids

THE VISA PUZZLE



Mastermind of Terror in Secret Australian Operation?

by Luftwaffe bombers during the Blitz. Too frightened to endure any more terror, they boarded a children's ship enroute to the safety of the United States. However, their torment was not over for they regularly encountered marauding U-boats as they crossed the Atlantic. Even today the book is a bastion of intrigue and fascination.



In Mr Aldrich's book, *Witness to War*, Dirk van der Heide's diary is said to have been part of a major operation by British Intelligence "to lure America into the conflict." Mr Aldrich notes that the diary is the only one in existence written by a child who admits to using a pseudonym. Furthermore, despite efforts by many historians and investigators, no photographs of the Heide family have ever surfaced. British publishers, Faber & Faber, said they understood it was a propaganda tool. British Intelligence stopped the company from passing on that information to American publisher, Harcourt Brace, who subsequently printed the diary as a factual work.



Khalid Sheikh Mohammed

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who along with other senior al-Qaida commanders, plotted the 11 September attacks on America, obtained a visitors visa for Australia just four weeks before the attack.

Khalid, who was arrested by Pakistan security officials in February 2003, has already provided a treasure trove of intelligence 'gems', to the CIA, but this latest news has been viewed with much concern. He was issued with the visa by the Australian High Commission in Pakistan, after assuming the identity of another person. Officials are still not certain if he did travel to Australia, though customs officers are sifting through thousands of flight records and making stringent checks.

News that the terrorist planned to fly to Australia, indicates it is likely other al-Qaida operatives were in the country. "It concerns me that it happened," said Prime Minister John Howard. "Certainly everything is more effective [in issuing visas] as a result of all the changes that were made since 9/11, however the aliases involved were not known at the time and of course a lot more is now known."

Khalid has since been charged over a foiled operation that involved the simultaneous destruction of 11 America airliners flying from Southeast Asia to the United States in 1995. He had presented the plan to Osama bin-Laden who thought it too complex. The operation was scaled-down and from its genesis 'Holy Tuesday' (the 9/11 operation) emerged.



About one year following the US atrocity, Australian intelligence discovered the alias used by Khalid. His visa was immediately cancelled. Attorney-General Philip Ruddock (above) said: "We have no record of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed having travelled to Australia under his own name or any of his known aliases."

Few officials in Australia are willing to discuss Khalid's motive for travelling to Australia. However, it seems obvious from discussions with intelligence sources in the United States that he was due to meet with fellow operatives.

Matthew Levett, a retired FBI counterterrorism analyst said: "The issue is why someone of his calibre that far along into operational planning before 9/11 would feel the need to expose himself and leave Pakistan and go all the way to Australia. I don't know the answer to that question, but it's clear to me that he would not be travelling to Australia for a vacation, to see the sights or for anything other than a very significant reason, and that's reason for concern."

Since Khalid's arrest, several anti-terrorist operations have been mounted in Australia thought to be the result of interrogations by US intelligence.

MI6 Head Withdraws 45-Minute WMD Int

The controversial claim that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction deployable at just 45 minutes' notice was officially dropped by the UK's Secret Intelligence Service (MI6).

The claim was central to the British Government's case to disarm Saddam. Downing Street announced that John Scarlett, who was recently appointed head of MI6, had "withdrawn the intelligence on which it was based."

In 2003, an official inquiry (The Butler Report) into pre-war intelligence failings declared that the intelligence sources in Iraq used to obtain

the 45-minute claim and the claim of production of biological weapons must be treated as unsafe. Britain's Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw, said that as a result of further investigation by MI6, Mr Scarlett had formally withdrawn "two lines of intelligence reporting relating to the 45-minute claim" and "a liaison service", which was responsible for a false claim that Saddam was producing a biological weapons agent.

The move is embarrassing for Mr Scarlett, who at the time of the claim was head of the Joint Intelligence Committee. He was later promoted by Tony Blair to head MI6.

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CIA SAY SADDAM ABUSED UN OIL FOR FOOD SCHEME

BAGHDAD: The CIA's Iraq Survey Group (ISG) Report, has produced a secret list - an annex to its overall report on WMD - that identifies at more than 300 parties, companies or individuals, who received "special allocations" of oil from Saddam under the United Nations oil-for-food programme.

The CIA report clearly suggests that in return for doing favours for Saddam, these parties got lots of discounted or free oil. France, Russia and China have been identified as the biggest "winners of the scheme."

AI-QAIDA-LINKED GROUP - MONIES FROZEN

LONDON: British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown, has ordered a freeze on any funds held on behalf of the terrorist group Tawhid Waal-Jihad (JTJ). The group, headed by the notorious terrorist Abu al-Zarqawi, responsible for numerous murders in Iraq, is not known to have any financial base in the UK, but orders have been issued to seize any funds which are being held for the group. Intelligence sources believe the group is being sponsored by a larger concern.



The terrorist who claimed responsibility for organising the atrocity in Beslan, Shamil Basayev, is believed to have launched an operation that would have resulted in the assassination of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, during the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002. The plot may have also resulted in the deaths of other members of the Royal Family. Intelligence sources believe Basayev ordered suicide bombers to melt away with the cheering crowds in London. The primary target was Tony Blair

Through his al-Qaida contacts, Basayev is looking at new targets, many outside the Chechnya region. Russian security forces have unsuccessfully tried to capture Shamil Basayev for several years, despite his participation in a number of raids. Basayev was mentioned in discussions between MI6 and Russia's FSB in 2002. It is believed intelligence was gathered from a suspect captured by the FSB, and from documents recovered in a safe house run by Basayev's followers.

Chechen fighters have been operating in Afghanistan, Iraq, Russia and even Africa. It is believed all were sent to these foreign lands on the instruction of Basayev, in an attempt to secure coop-

eration and funds from al-Qaida. An intelligence source told Eye Spy: "His ruthlessness was evident in the atrocity at Beslan. His fighters are fanatics that obey his every command."



Shamil Basayev

Basayev began armed resistance to Moscow after the Russian invasion of Chechnya in 1994. By 1998, the Russians had moved out and Basayev became Prime Minister. He soon returned to his military fatigues and formed a number of brutal groups that regularly carried out raids across the border. Following 9/11, his links with al-Qaida grew stronger.

MI5 and other European domestic intelligence agencies are cooperating to discover other intelligence linked to the failed 2002 plot, including an underworld "road" used by al-Qaida to move operatives and funds throughout Europe and North Africa. Russia's FSB is also involved with the investigation.

UK WILL KEEP SECRET DEATH TOLL OF ANY ATTACK

LONDON: A secret report produced by police and intelligence analysts on the reporting of a catastrophic terrorist attack, reveals that the true number of casualties will not be made public... at least not immediately. The report states: "Officers should not disclose the numbers or serious/nature of injuries of casualties immediately after a 'dirty bomb' attack. Another section of the report warns that "poor handling of an attack will have political implications." The report is part of an on-going operation to guard against any eventuality.



RED MERCURY

London Sting Operation Foils Potent

Newspaper investigator and Scotland Yard foil 'dirty bomb' plot intended for the UK or America

One of the UK's leading investigative journalists daringly infiltrated a London-based gang that allegedly tried to buy one kilogram of deadly red mercury.

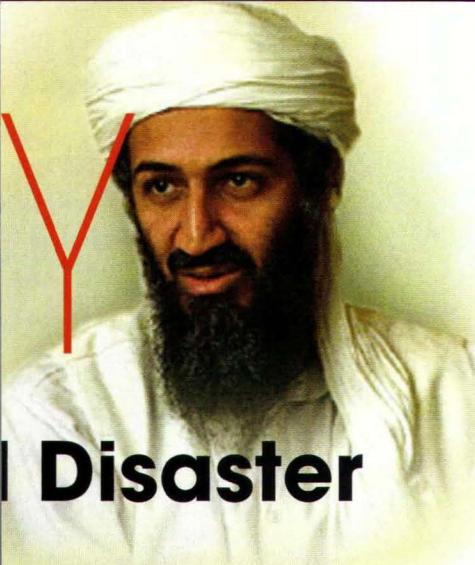
The main buyer, according to Britain's *News of the World* newspaper, is thought to be a Saudi man who may have ties to al-Qaida. However, little is known of his identity.

The remarkable operation to uncover the plot began after the newspaper received a tip-off that a merchant banker was seeking nuclear bomb-making material for a client in the Middle East.

Mazher Mahmood, the newspaper's senior investigator has been involved with several major undercover investigations. After posing as an "extremist" he made contact with the gang and told them he could obtain the lethal material. He was introduced to the gang's banker, originally from Goa, but who had lived in the Middle East for years. The meeting took place at a shopping centre in Edgware, North London.

The 'banker' admitted to Mahmood that he might be under surveillance from anti-terrorist police. He was asked if the material was the "real stuff," and if a kilo of red mercury was available. Mahmood was told by the banker that the buyer, a "Middle Eastern chap..." was willing to pay

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£300,000 (\$500,000) for a kilo. The journalist was told that the leader of the gang in London was a Somalian who would supply the red mercury to the Middle East. The banker said: "He wants it here. He knows what it is. He said it's used for making bombs and it's radioactive, so be careful."

Mahmood met the 6ft 4in tall Somalian at London's Liverpool Street



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London's busy Liverpool Street Rail Station

Station. It was following this meeting, (just two days before the third anniversary of 9/11) the editorial team knew the plot was of national importance and Scotland Yard was informed. The newspaper decided to work undercover with Scotland Yard's elite SO13 officers.

Mahmood joined the Somalian for a coffee at a local Starbucks. He told the investigator that he had lived in Saudi Arabia for seven years... pleasantries seemed secondary when he asked: "How many grams do you have in hand? I will test it first." The deal would be done in cash, and as soon as the material was authenticated, the Saudi man would travel to London.

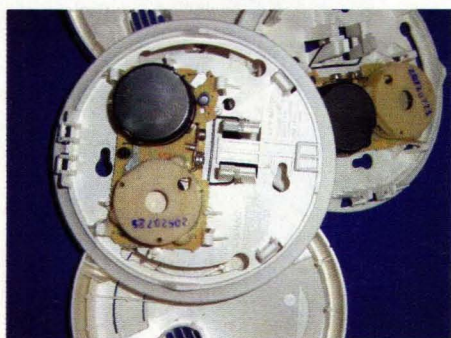
A further discussion took place near the top security Paddington Green police station. Here a final meeting between Mahmood and the gang was arranged at the Holiday Inn Hotel at Brent Cross. Unbeknown to the gang, SO13 officers and armed marksmen were waiting in and around the area. As the gang left the meeting, police officers, who were concealed in a nearby *Toys R Us* car park rushed in. Moments later, the Somalian and his two colleagues were arrested on various terrorist charges. A fourth man was arrested at an undisclosed address in London.

Following the operation, officers from Scotland Yard and MI5, searched several locations across the city. All four men were arrested under section 41 of the Terrorism Act, on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism. Police said officers were acting on information received from the *News of the World*.



THE CODEMAKER AND CIA OPERATIONS

CIA officials believe a number of al-Qaida suspects detained in London as a result of the arrest of Osama bin-Laden's codemaker, Naeem Khan (see Eye Spy 28), by Pakistan security officials, may have been attempting to acquire radioactive material from smoke detectors.



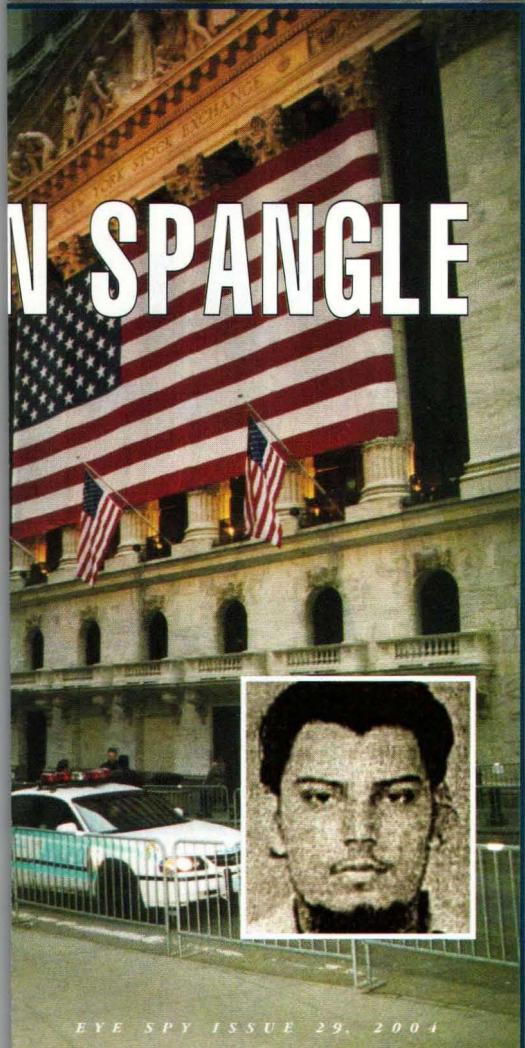
After examining Khan's computer, intelligence raids followed across Europe. Evidence was found that al-Qaida operatives had carried out surveillance operations on major American financial sites - including the New York Stock Exchange and the World Bank in Washington.

It has since emerged that senior CIA officers believe the London-based group may have been trying to assemble a crude radiological dirty bomb.

Operation Spangle (US codename) was a year-long effort and involved much cooperation with Pakistan's Inter Service Agency and MI6. An unconfirmed US intelligence note states that the British security services, presumably MI5, discovered several household smoke

detectors, which could be cannibalised for their minute quantities of americium-241, a man-made radioactive chemical.

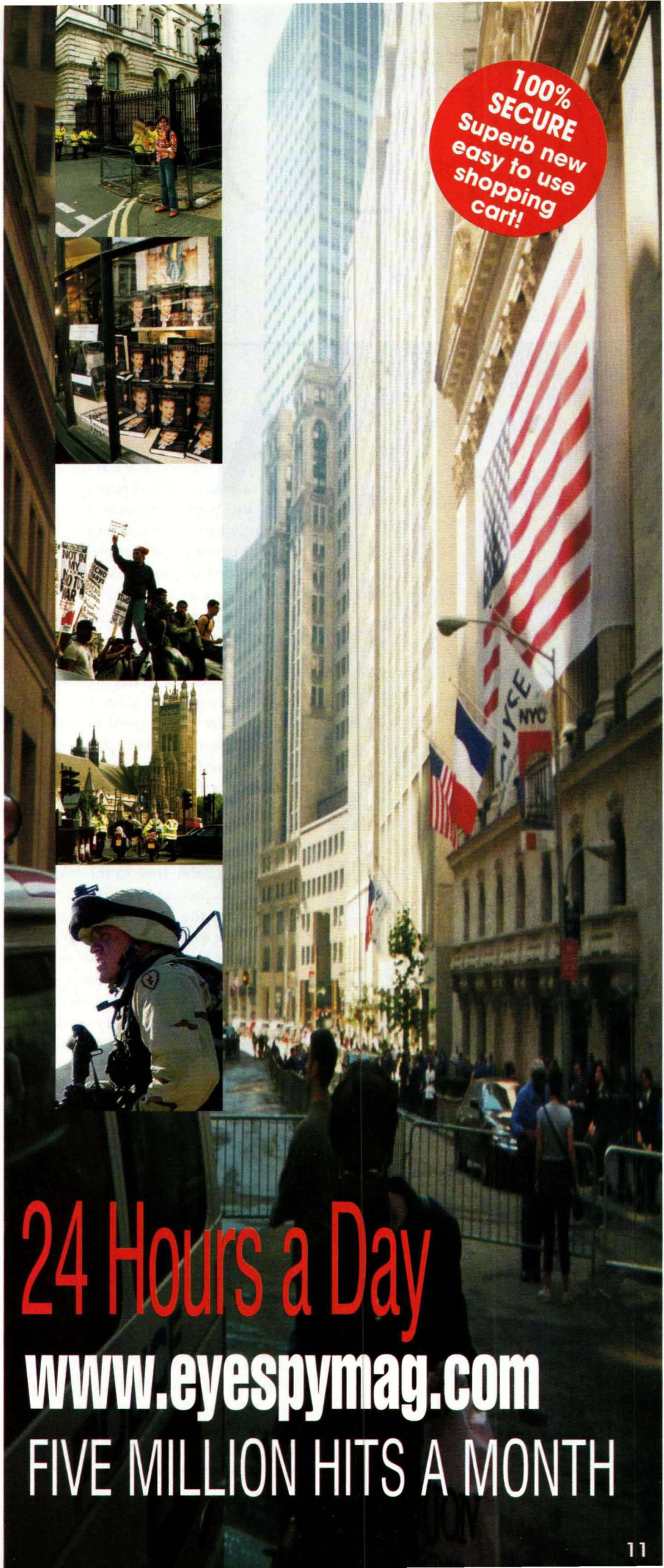
Senior analysts doubt that sufficient quantities of americium-241 could be harvested from smoke detectors to kill, but it could trigger radiation sensors at airports, tube stations and high-security sites. "If the story is authentic, then it seems the group were aware of the substance," said an intelligence source. "There is little doubt al-Qaida has examined the possibility of releasing deadly toxins and agents in subways or places where many people congregate. What is concerning is that they have identified americium-241 and another substance that can be deadly."



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THE MEDIA BUSH CONSPIRACY

Was President Bush wired for sound at his recent head to head with John Kerry? The Internet conspiracy theorists saw it first and the media love a mystery... especially when it involves the President of the United States.

Television pictures showed what appeared to be a square object in the upper centre of President Bush's jacket, with a wire trailing over his right shoulder. Those opposed to his government were quick to accuse the President of wearing a wire in order to receive prompts during the debate.

Analysts agree that his responses were sharper and much better than those in the first head-to-head. Eye Spy showed the pictures and film footage to Peter Jenkins who kindly agreed to comment.



At first I thought that the bulge could possibly be body armour. Some systems have a removable square ceramic plate at the front and back to protect the centre of the body but this plate looked far too small. I cannot really comment on what it could be but there is scope for the object being a radio receiver coupled up with a covert earpiece in order to listen secretly.

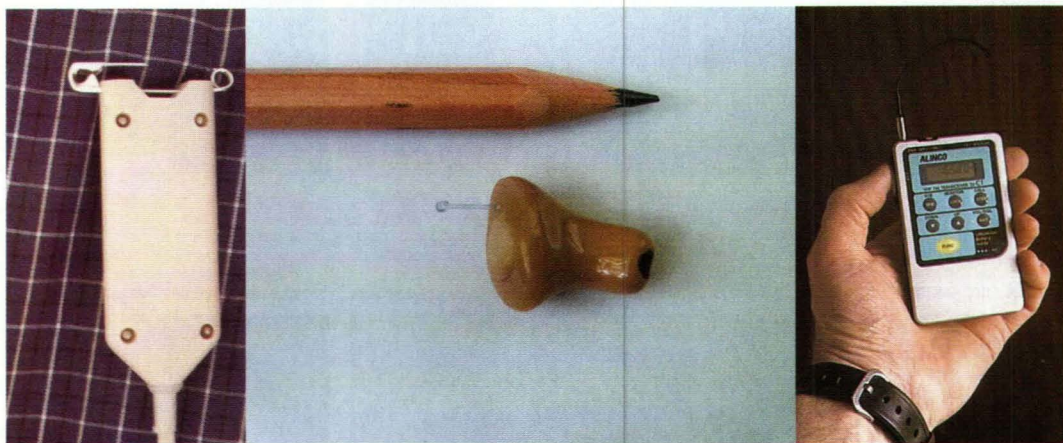
The way such a device operates is straightforward and is based on the same system that is used in covert radios. The system comprises of a carry harness similar to that of a pistol shoulder holster. This carries the radio receiver as shown in the photograph. The receiver can be worn almost anywhere covertly and quite often it is worn under the arm, in the small of the back or on the ankle. Also built into the harness are the antenna, and an induction device (a small plastic tab about two inches long) which "transmits" voice to a small earpiece placed in the ear. There are no telltale wires to the earpiece that appears very similar to a hearing aid. This equipment is very effective and I have seen it used in the past on stage "mind-reading" acts to good effect. The system is also used by store detectives for CCTV controllers to identify and point out shoplifters.

What concerns me about the object carried by President Bush, is that no one with experience would locate a receiver in the centre of the back for obvious reasons, it shows through clothing.

This is what makes me sceptical that it is a receiver, unless the President's aides are total amateurs or, the President was being set up. If it is a receiver, this could explain the "wire" that can be seen through the President's clothing and possibly be an inductor for an earpiece. It would be interesting to see



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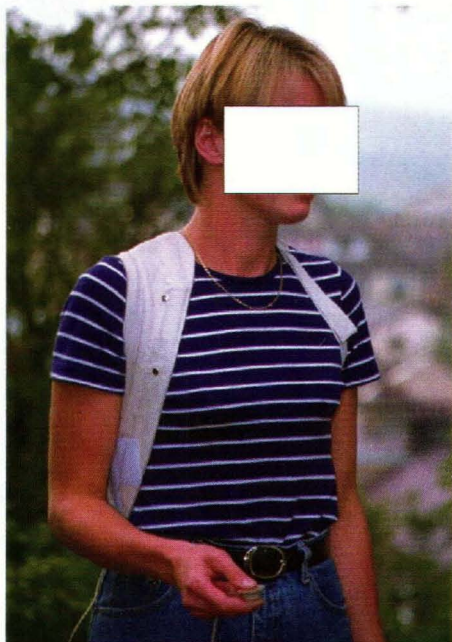


if there is any good close up video of the President's ear.

This equipment is certainly effective when covertly prompting someone, but you have to be accustomed to using it as it takes a while for your ear to "tune"

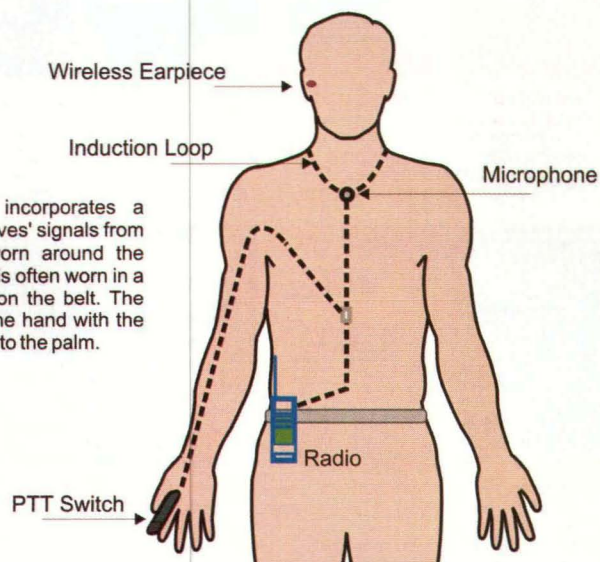
into the transmissions. In addition, you have to be quick to react to the messages that are coming in and respond to them without having a vacant look on your face or staring out into space, as we often see from novice students on surveillance courses. President Bush's

responses were instantaneous. I don't think there is any doubt that the President does have something under his jacket, but it would be irresponsible to guess just exactly what it is.



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The Covert radio system incorporates a wireless earpiece which 'receives' signals from the induction loop or tab worn around the operators neck. The radio set is often worn in a shoulder holster rather than on the belt. The PTT switch is either held in the hand with the cable running down a sleeve into the palm.

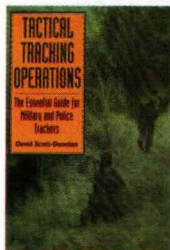


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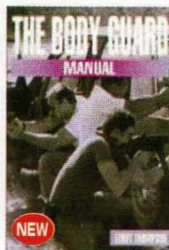
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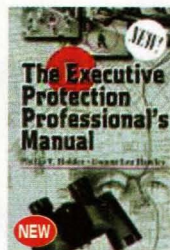
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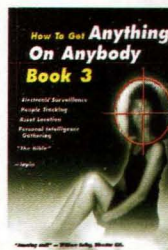
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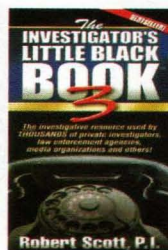
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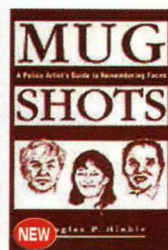
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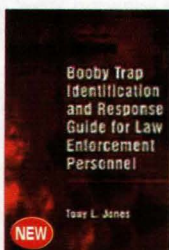
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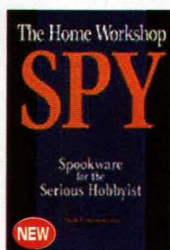
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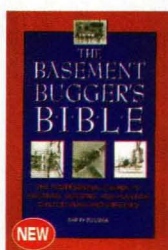
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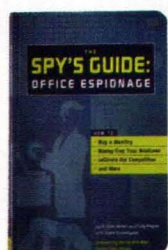
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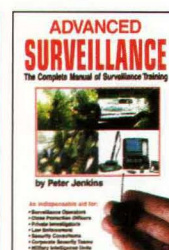
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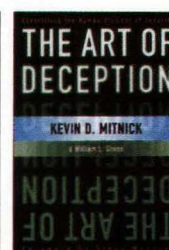
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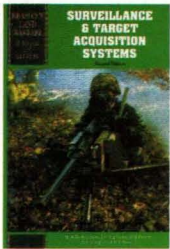
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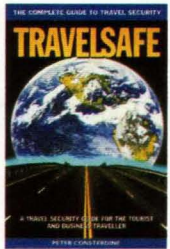
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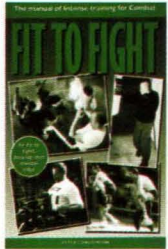
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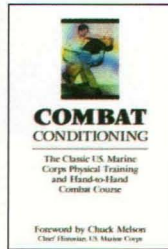
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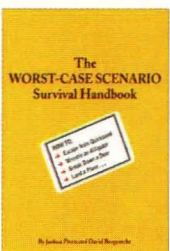
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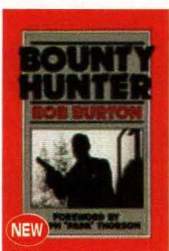
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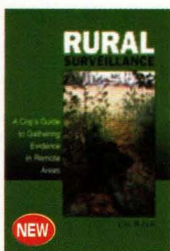
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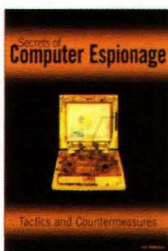
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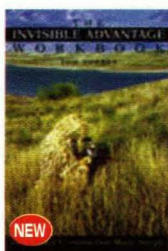
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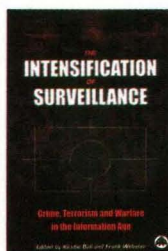
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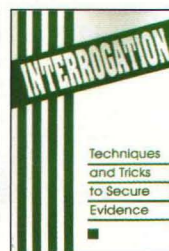
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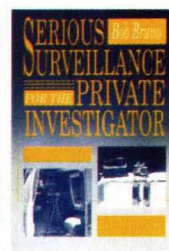
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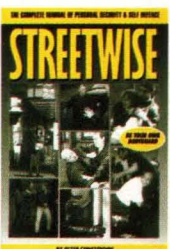
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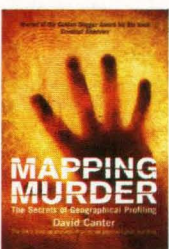
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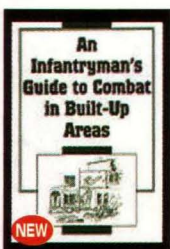
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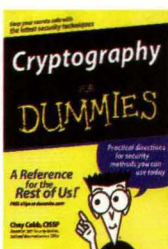
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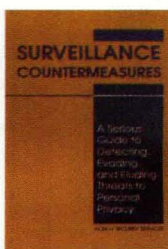
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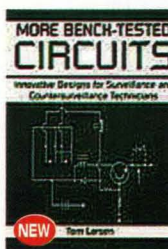
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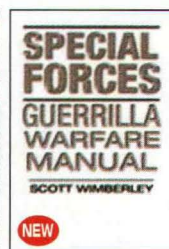
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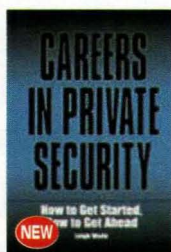
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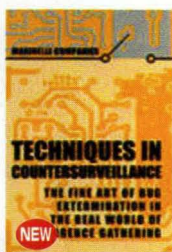
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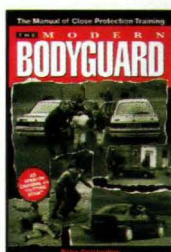
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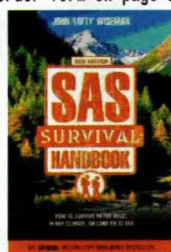
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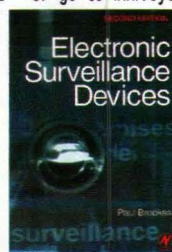
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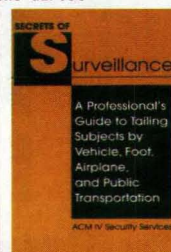
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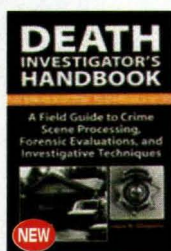
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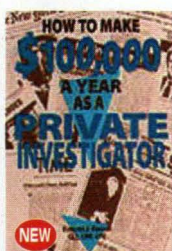
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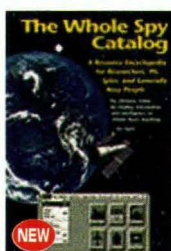
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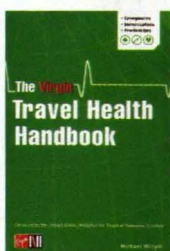
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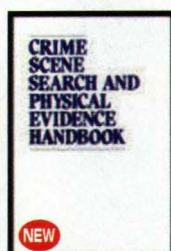
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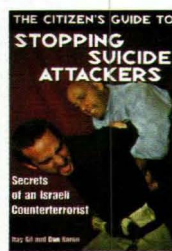
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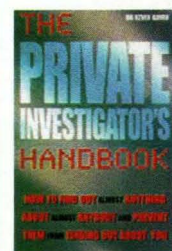
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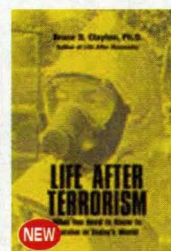
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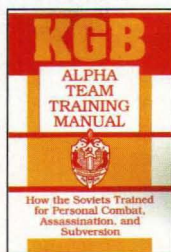
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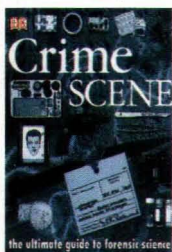
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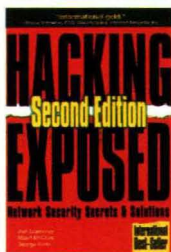
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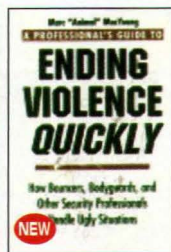
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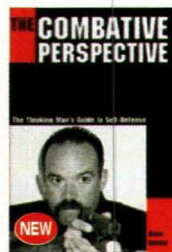
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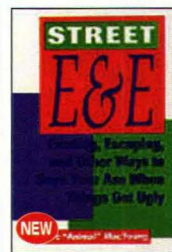
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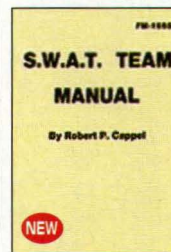
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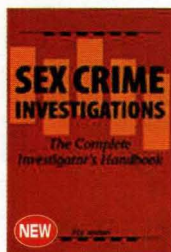
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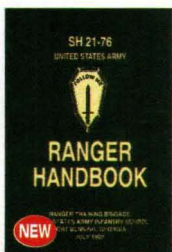
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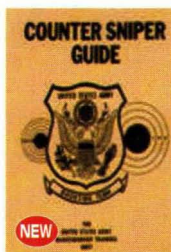
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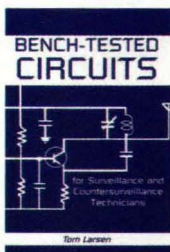
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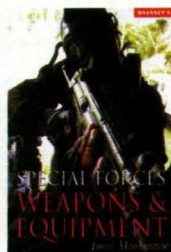
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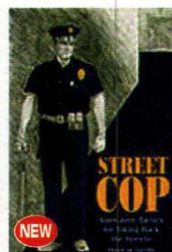
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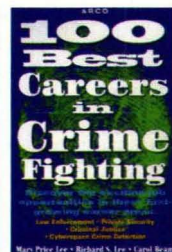
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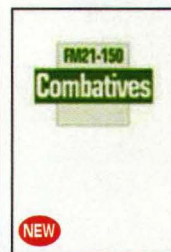
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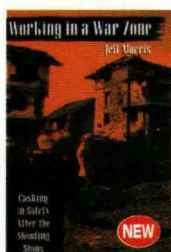
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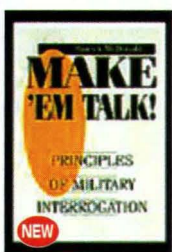
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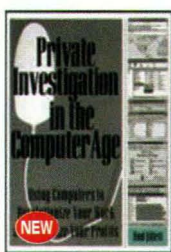
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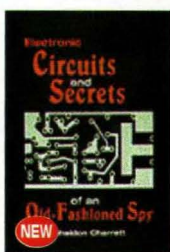
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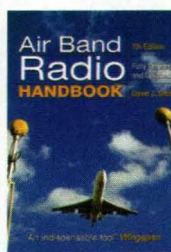
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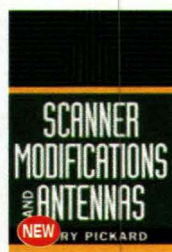
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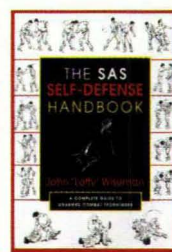
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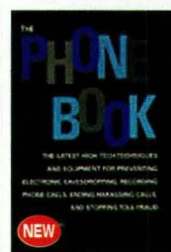
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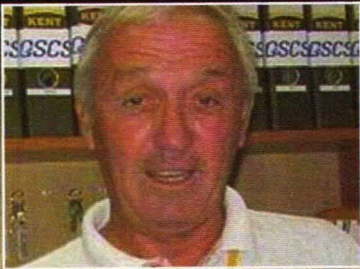
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Mr Armstrong and Mr Hensley were killed just days after their capture. Most observers said it seemed inevitable that Mr Bigley would suffer the same despicable fate. The one-legged al-Zarqawi had demanded that female Iraqi prisoners be released from British custody - despite being informed that the UK was not holding any female prisoners.

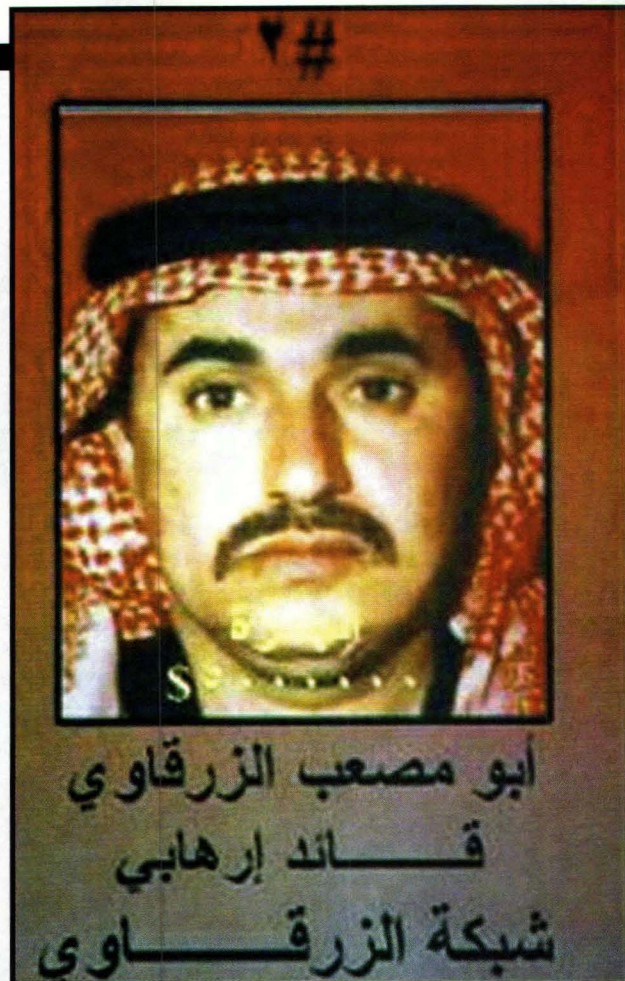
Al-Zarqawi, who has a \$25m price tag on his head, has established links with former commanders in Saddam's Ba'ath Party and has an underground network of spies - many of whom now operate

in the new Iraqi Police Force and army. These links give him access to information on the addresses of Western contract workers and others operating on behalf of the Coalition.

SO CLOSE TO FREEDOM

During the men's captivity, NSA and GCHQ used over-head satellites to try and intercept communications that might betray the whereabouts of the kidnappers. The SAS had a team ready to rescue Mr Bigley should the intelligence prove reliable. Scotland Yard also sent a team of special SO13 anti-terrorist negotiators to Baghdad and efforts by political and religious groups ensued. Even the families of Mr Armstrong and Mr Hensley pleaded with the terrorists to release Mr Bigley.

MI6 officers did make contact with people who had access to Mr Bigley's kidnappers, and it is thought an undercover operation enabled him to escape. Unfortunately the unbelievably brave



Mr Bigley was recaptured shortly after and murdered.

During the hostage situation, US intelligence were given leads on two locations where Mr Bigley was being held. American Special Forces launched night-time raids, but on both occasions it seems they arrived just moments too late as Mr Bigley had been moved.

Whatever was learned by the intelligence services is being kept highly secret. It has been reported that al-Zarqawi believes members of his own terror group betrayed him. "If it happened this time, it will happen again," an intelligence official explained. CIA sources are "confident" sooner or later al-Zarqawi will be caught, and major efforts are underway to infiltrate his brutal underworld.

THE MACABRE VIDEO TAPES

Al-Zarqawi always films his dreadful crimes on grainy videos. These are usually handed to an Arab satellite station. A copy also finds its way to various websites that support al-Qaida. A CIA analyst acknowledged that the voice on the tape showing the murder of Mr Armstrong and Mr Hensley was al-Zarqawi. Officials were also able to



GCHQ - Britain's huge listening organisation did everything it could to intercept phone calls and communications that might have led to the terrorists

determine that al-Zarqawi is likely the person who beheaded Armstrong.

TASK FORCE 121

Since July, several of al-Zarqawi's terrorist gang have been killed or captured, revealing new intelligence. The information is currently being analysed by elite Special Forces who are now on his trail. One of those captured in Iraq is Bilal Mansur Mahmud al-Hiyari, 34. He was charged with "conspiracy to carry out terrorist acts," according to his charge sheet.

Hiyari is known to have travelled to Iraq in July 2003 and made contact with al-Zarqawi, who tasked him with raising

money to finance operations in Jordan and Iraq.

Because of the spate of new attacks in and around the region, President Bush told Pentagon chiefs to relocate its elite *Task Force 121* - the Special Forces who captured Saddam Hussein. They have been spearheading a 19,000-strong army in Afghanistan seeking Osama bin-Laden.

This new move would imply that many in Washington regard al-Zarqawi as a bigger threat than bin-Laden. Analysts also believe al-Zarqawi was behind the explosion at an Egyptian hotel - another indication he is trying to spread terrorism across the Middle East.

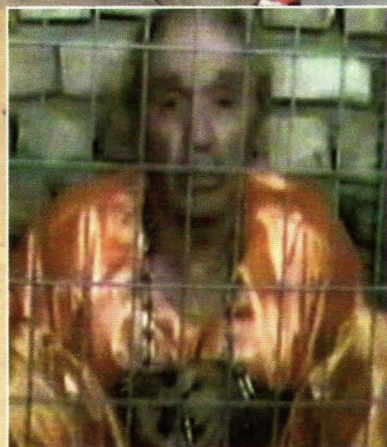


Terror groups's structure makes it difficult to penetrate

TAWHID AND JIHAD - al-Zarqawi's group has about 100-200 members.

Intelligence analysts told Paul Bremer, the former administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority, that Tawhid and Jihad terrorists were behind most of the spectacular suicide attacks in Iraq.

Mr Bremer said: "They have a cellular structure, so information does not flow widely. It makes it difficult to penetrate. Even if you do penetrate, you do not get much information beyond the cell."



Ken Bigley pleads for his life

US soldiers search a suspected weapons dump in Afghanistan



OUT OF TIME?

CIA MIND GAMES AS TIPPING POINT NEARS FOR IRAN'S BOMB

Washington increasingly nervous about Iran's nuclear ambitions

During the first US election debate between John Kerry and George Bush, both men said they recognise that Iran and North Korea

were more dangerous today than ever before. Few intelligence analysts do not believe that confrontation between Iran and countries opposed to its nuclear ambitions will not occur in the next three or four years... the time it will take for Iran to build its first nuclear bomb. In addition, while Israel purchases several advanced bunker-busting bombs that will enable it to take out all the key nuclear sites in Iran, the Central Intelligence Agency believes it could topple Tehran's regime by stealth and mind games.

As the West prevaricates, Iran announced it was starting to process nearly 40 tons of uranium yellowcake - enough for about five nuclear bombs. The announcement was made to officials at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) based in Vienna.

For 12 years, Tehran has covertly developed its nuclear programme, but details of its staggering success have only come to light in the last two years. Now Washington is faced with a dilemma - military action or hope Iran's hardline regime will fall - allowing for more discussions and a halt in its nuclear programme.

Few in Washington want more conflict in the region so soon after the war in Iraq, so analysts at the CIA have been asked if the programme can be stopped without force. The CIA is ready to use all its experience - methods and traits - disruption, confusion, covert action and generally creating suspicion in Iran. There are those who fear a programme of disinformation and distrust inside Iran



may take years to create, and that the 'window of opportunity' is narrowing each month. Hence, two or three operations to remove Iran's nuclear programmes are currently being perfected.

The 'wild card' that Washington fears most is Israel. It has already conducted one huge covert operation that simulated Israeli Air Force attacks on all known nuclear sites in Iran, including Arak, Natanz and Bushehr.

Russia has already agreed to forward crucial fuel rods to the site at Bushehr. That deal is supposed to go through in early 2005. One analyst said if an attack happens after the rods are delivered it will cause huge environmental damage beyond anything seen before. If the Russians do supply the rods, Iran will have the ability to obtain sufficient plutonium for up to thirty or forty nuclear bombs.

The CIA note that many of Iran's youngsters are "dissatisfied with their leaders"

because of few job opportunities and a dreadful economy. Sixty per cent of the Iranian population is under 24 and many long for change.

One intelligence report notes that there is little opposition to the regime inside the country, though this could change if the new freedoms experienced by Iraqis show democracy in the Middle East can really work. Some analysts believe Iran is actually helping many insurgents and militias in Iraq fight the Coalition. "Tehran recognises the threat of democracy and opportunity," said one analyst.

SPYING AND SABOTAGE

Iraq's defence minister, Hazim al-Shalaan, accused Iran of infiltration, spying and sabotage. "They admit to having spies in Iraq, whose task it is to undermine the situation." The CIA concur, and it is believed at least a dozen agents have been captured in recent months - all receiving their orders from Tehran.



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The Secret War of the Yamam

ISRAEL'S GRAY PATRIOTS

By Dan Baron

According to eyewitnesses, a van packed with *Pampers* served as the perch for a covert squad that shot Hamas mastermind Abdullah Kawasme, as he drove through the bustling biblical city of Hebron in June 2003. Back-up units moved in simultaneously, their modified M-16 carbines and tactical belts at odds with their jeans, bomber jackets and keffiyeh headaddresses - the typical trappings of West Bank gunmen.

The shooting was triangulated and succinct. Only Kawasme - wanted in connection with the deaths of 52 people in suicide bombings and other attacks - was hit.

The operation was another success for Yamam, Israel's premier and super-secret counterterrorist force.

Though an acronym for Yehidat Mishtara Meyuhedet, or 'Special Police Unit', Yamam's 120-odd personnel are not ordinary paramilitary troops in blue. It is true the force is used to storm drug dens in the southern sectors of Tel Aviv and has been known to scale tall buildings to save would-be suicides. However, that's a peacetime SWAT brief in a land that knows no peace; Yamam's true calling is covert combat of the riskiest order.

Since the Palestinian *intifada*, or armed uprising, erupted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in September 2000, Yamam has carried out some 600 operations. That's an ambush, arrest swoop, high-impact crowd dispersal or even an assassination every two days. Throughout that period, Yamam has suffered just two casualties - both hurt as the result of a suicide bomber. "Yamam is cutting edge, our vanguard," says David Tsur, a former commander of the unit and now Tel Aviv police chief.

In addition, when personnel from Yamam are not working, they train.

At a recent hostage-rescue exercise in the Dead Sea spa of Ein Bokek, there was a plethora of special intelligence units - the Givati infantry brigade's elite reconnaissance company, Shin Bet secret-service agents in fatigues and military intelligence. But the real stars were a Yamam squad in their trademark grey jumpsuits and tactical vests with bulletproof ceramic inserts. Their firearms were varied: M-16s with Trijicon reflex sights, sound-suppressed Mini Uzis, a Remington 700 sniper rifle with Starlight scope. All wore Glockes and Sig Sauer pistols in thigh-holsters, and their fibre-glass helmets came complete with blast-resistant goggles and mounts for night-vision kits or fibre-optic video lenses. Compact and athletic in build, the Yamam

men murmured among themselves or into microphones, as if oblivious to the looks of awe and envy they drew from even the hardest old warriors in the fray.

As negotiators using loudhailers distracted the 'terrorists' - Shin Bet reservists who had holed up in a hotel and cursed out of their room window with gusto - Yamam struck. Two men materialised on the roof and rappelled down to the window; perched delicately at the ledge, they smashed the glass, drew sidearms and mimed firing inside. In sync, six of their comrades who had picked the lock on the top-floor fire escape rushed to the target room. A kick brought down the door. Raised M-16s swept the scene, skipping over the hostages - conscript girls from Israel's Southern Command - and marking the bad guys.

The actors knew what was coming, of course, but the speed of the assault still elicited jolts all around. Then the Yamam team was gone - for a quick debrief with the top brass and then back to Mishmar Ayalon, the kibbutz that serves as the unit's base.

LISTENING DEVICES

Later, Shin Bet agents at the Ein Bokek drill hinted at listening devices and even cameras secreted in food that has been delivered to the

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hotel as negotiations were under way. And Yamam has its own intelligence apparatus, from spotters trained to set up clandestine rooftop perches within minutes of a 'situation', to wiretapping technicians, to Arabic-speaking Druze



members who can intercept and quickly analyse enemy communications. Even the Yamam's attack dogs double as sniffers.

"Preparation is the key to Yamam's success," says Assaf Heffetz, who founded the unit in 1975 and went on to become Israel's chief of police. "When the team goes in, it knows all that can be known about the site and the terrorists. After that it comes down to fitness and fighting spirit. Luck is not an option."

YAMAM'S ORIGINS

Like tactical units worldwide, Yamam was born of tragedy, after a particularly bloody incident showed the need to upgrade Israel's counterterrorist capabilities.

In May 1974, Lebanon-based Palestinian gunmen took over a school in Maalot, northern Israel. They demanded the release of three comrades from Israeli jails in exchange for their hostages. Prime Minister Golda Meir, in line with Israel's longstanding policy of not negotiating with terrorists, ordered in the military units that had gathered at the scene. In the resulting bedlam, 23 children and 5 adults died along with the hostage-takers, many of them from Israeli bullets.

SPECIAL FORCES COOPERATION

Heffetz, an Army Special Forces commander, was seconded to set up a quick-response civilian unit specialising in urban warfare and hostage situations - terrorism's 'home turf'. At first the Yamam suffered a paucity of funds and manpower. As it was formally part of the Border Police - a roughneck force that often drafted the dregs of Israel's youth - Heffetz fought to win over old friends from the military to form an officer core that would refine the rest of the men with hard practice. And Heffetz established warm ties with foreign counterparts - the British SAS, German GSG-9, and various US SWAT and HRT teams - which led to discreet training exchanges.



Yamam personnel trained local security forces in an undisclosed Central African country, late 1980s



Over the next decade, Yamam developed its doctrines through border ambushes and other low-priority counter-terrorist operations that met with varying levels of success. Occasionally it doubled as a crack police unit, hunting down escaped felons and swatting rioters out of sensitive sites such as the Haram al-Sharif (Temple Mount) compound in Jerusalem

THE MOTHER'S BUS OPERATION

Then came the incident that sealed Yamam's reputation at home and internationally. In March 1988, three terrorists seized a bus carrying mostly female employees of the southern Israeli nuclear plant of Dimona. Yamam got to the scene first, and took operational command before its main competitor 'Sayeret Matkal' or General Staff Reconnaissance Company, Israel's Delta Force - arrived.

When the terrorists broke off negotiations and turned their guns on the passengers, Yamam launched a three-pronged assault. Each squad rushed up to a different section of the bus, those men who arrived first giving their comrades a leg-up to shoot through the windows. Snipers kept the terrorists' heads down until the entry team killed them. The so-called 'Mothers Bus' operation all took just over a minute, with only three friendly fatalities - hostages shot by the terrorists.

The next day, Israeli newspaper headlines hailed Yamam's success, with not a few security analysts noting that Matkal had been forever unseated as the saviour of citizens targeted by terror.

The two units had their final showdown six years later. After Hamas abducted IDF (Israeli Defence Force) Corporal Nachshon Wachsmann and gave a deadline for his execution, the Shin Bet quickly tracked down their safehouse, a stone villa north of Jerusalem. Matkal was chosen to carry out the rescue operation over Heffetz's protests that only Yamam had the skills

necessary to make a successful dynamic entry into such a robust structure.

His words proved prophetic. The Matkal team made it inside, but when they reached the room where Nachshon was being held, they were held up by an iron door that they did not anticipate would be locked. The terrorists had time to execute their captive and shot dead the Matkal commander when the team finally blew their way in.

Heffetz went public with his criticism of Matkal, drawing fire from members of the defence establishment who accused him of breaking rank. His response was to arrange a demonstration where a Yamam entry team proved it could take out a door exactly like the one that killed Wachsmann - and without breaking stride. Yamam had by then pioneered the application of ultra-thin 'data sheet' plastic explosives, prepared in advance on customised adhesive frames, for quick, precise blasts.

"It was important for me to prove, once and for all, that we were a life-saving asset beyond compare," Heffetz says. "But by then we had established our prominence, and had won the necessary resources and pretty much our pick of top talent."

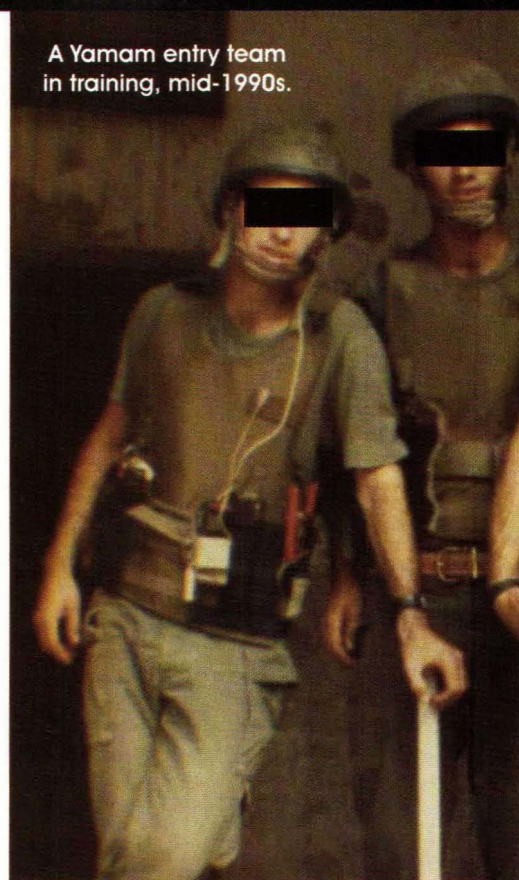
Out of 12,000 potential recruits every year, only a dozen or so make it through the gruelling six-month Yamam course to wear the unit pin - a medieval citadel with a superimposed Star of David and surrounded by a laurel wreath and paratrooper wings.

Not just anyone can apply. Candidates must have completed their three years' mandatory military service in a combat unit and all enjoy a hard-earned high security clearance.

BLACK OPERATIONS

Yamam is an excellent springboard for a police career, but many veterans go 'freelance' after a few years. Yamam men run the best Israeli

A Yamam entry team in training, mid-1990s.

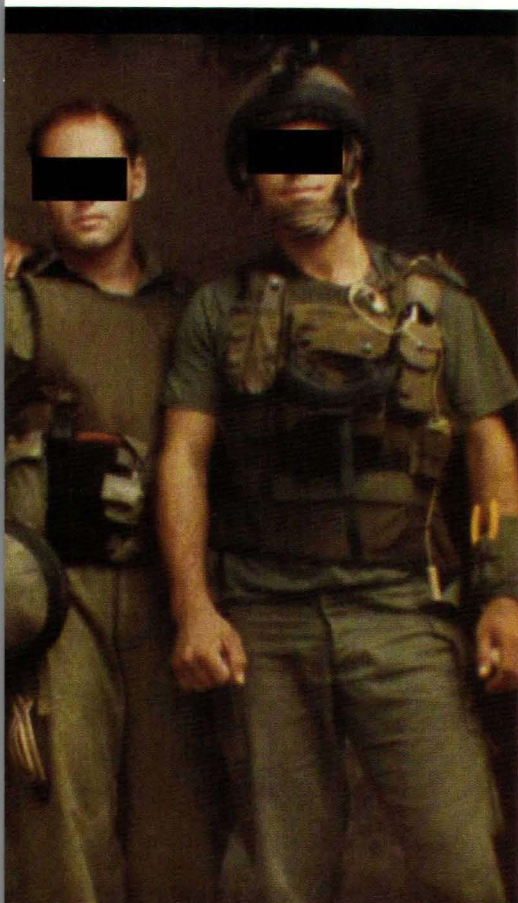


security schools. The more adventurous - and less scrupulous - of these have been known to end up in darker areas of the globe, training bodyguard squads and 'hit' teams.

Many Yamam members are content to remain in their tactical roles. Considered an old-timer - a sniper in his 50s is still operational. Others break off to form new specialised units within the Border Police such as the 'Yamas', which carries out undercover reconnaissance in the West Bank and Gaza, marking targets for later 'liquidation'.

A select few within Yamam - the inner circle of ultra-versatile fighters trusted implicitly by their commander - are tapped for special operations on behalf of the Shin Bet and its foreign equivalent, the Mossad. Contrary to popular assumptions, the Shin Bet and Mossad lack muscle, being primarily intelligence gathering services. When it comes to 'wet work' or 'black ops', Yamam provides agents on an ad hoc basis.

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Yamam personnel have tracked and disposed of suspected spies on behalf of the Shin Bet and carried out direct assassinations abroad for the Mossad. A foreign passport or language skill is an advantage in these missions, but not crucial: Yamam's professional planning, independent thinking and utter ruthlessness are enough for any situation.

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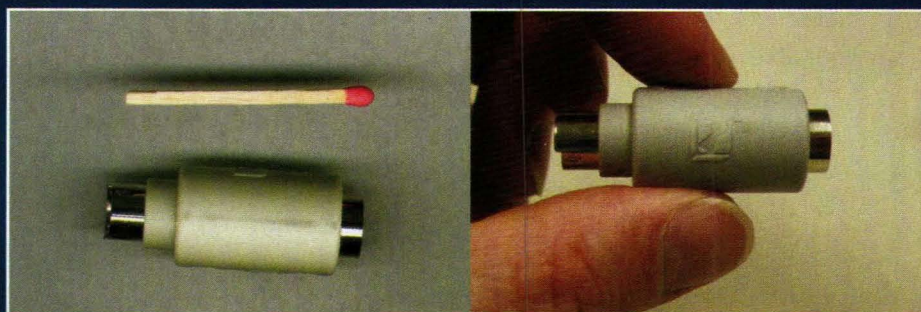
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Yamam uniforms. No one denies that Yamam has unparalleled experience in black ops thanks to its role in fighting two *intifadas*. The first began in 1988, just as the unit was relishing its 'Four Mothers' coup. What began as stone-throwing demonstrations soon escalated to armed cells that preyed on Israeli motorists as well as Palestinians considered too friendly to the 'Zionist occupier'.

THE DUVDEVAN AND SHIMSHON

Israel's military was rocked by revelations in 1989 that it had formed undercover units -Duvdevan and Shimshon - charged with capturing or killing terrorists deep in Palestinian territory. Discreetly, Yamam was developing the same techniques. Its men learned to disguise themselves as veiled matrons or elderly sheikhs, donning traditional Arab clothes, darkening their faces with soot and cosmetics, and even going on week-long humus-and-kebab binges in order not to be betrayed by a 'Western' smell.

Then they would set off to Palestinian casbahs and refugee camps, stalking their quarry. Lapel-style microphones were installed in sleeves to allow for quick communication, and firepower was reduced for maximum compactness. The Browning Hi-Power and its kindred FN 9mm were favoured for their flat profile - most tucked against the thigh or in the small of the back. The Mini Uzi, easily slung in the armpit even with a suppressor attached, also came into frequent use.

Among Yamam's legends is a fighter of Yemini descent - we'll call him Avram - who thanks to his fluent Arabic was especially suited to protracted missions in the Palestinian areas. Early in the first intifada, Yamam

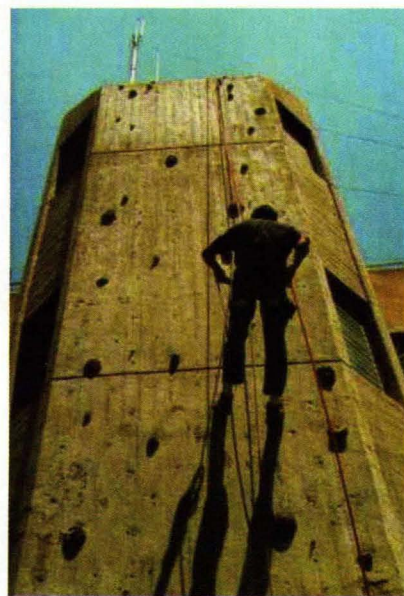
sources say, Avram was "assigned" to fugitive leader of the Palestinian *Black Panthers* guerrilla group. Avram's target was a keen soccer player, and took part in a major Gaza match against a team composed largely of members of another group. Avram watched along with thousands of fans. A foul call led to curses on the pitch, then blows. Soon enough there was a full-scale melee under way, with the two opposing crowds swarming in.

Faced with the prospect of losing his mark, Avram made an executive decision, according to Yamam sources. He waded into the fray, beating people aside until he reached the *Black Panther* chief. Two shots rang out from his Beretta .25. By the time everyone had dispersed, Avram was safely en route to Israel.

"When it comes to neutralising terrorists, our protocol is kept flexible," says one Yamam veteran. "Clearly it is ideal to get the guy alive - that makes for valuable intelligence. But if there is any sign of him getting away or posing a threat, we put him down."

"The fact we have been assigned to him means he is high-priority and highly dangerous. That translates into extreme prejudice."

The current *intifada*, following the stalled 2000 peace talks at Camp David, caught Israel off-guard, and Yamam's earliest engagement was an inglorious one. Unit snipers killed 13 Israeli Arab youths taking part in violent pro-Palestinian demonstrations. Intelligence assessments were that the Israeli Arabs were on the verge of becoming a fifth column, a raging enemy in the heart of the Jewish State. When no hard evidence to back that up was produced, the Yamam snipers found themselves in the unenviable position of testifying before a Supreme Court commission - albeit behind screens to protect their identity, a tradition of discretion the unit shares with Israeli spies and fighter pilots.



It did not take long for Yamam to take the lead in Israeli countermeasures against what became a campaign of terror by various Palestinian groups. In late 2000, Israel began a new policy of track-and-kill operations against prominent terrorists it said were 'ticking bombs' en route to attacks. These strikes were shared equally between Cobra and Apache helicopters using Hellfire guided missiles and hit squads on the ground. Of the latter, Yamam has had the lion's share. It has killed terrorists in their cars, using checkpoint ambushes and long-range sniping, and in their homes, sometimes climbing up the face of an apartment building to place the fatal shots through a bedroom window.

Sometimes Yamam has struck without taking credit. Its demolition experts are adept at 'tainting' primary bomb-making materials so that they explode upon assembly, and then passing this to terrorist groups using Palestinian collaborators. The resulting premature blasts - commonly referred to as 'work accidents' - have the double benefit of ridding Israel of a few more terrorists and strategically sowing uncertainty among the terrorist leaders as to whether they can trust their own engineers.

Whether there will be peace remains to be seen. One thing is certain - in a world where terrorism thrives, and where tactical units are showing up heavier military forces in terms of sheer effectiveness, Yamam will go from strength to strength. And all along, they will stay grey, content to see in the survival of innocent citizens their ultimate recognition.



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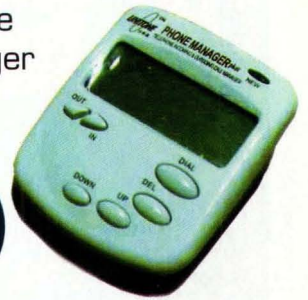
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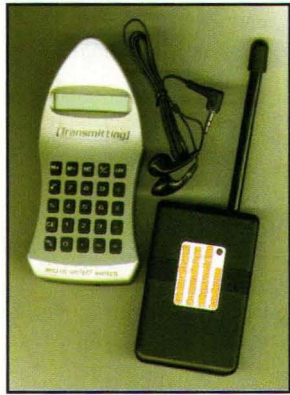


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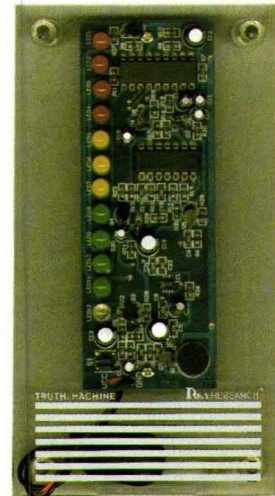
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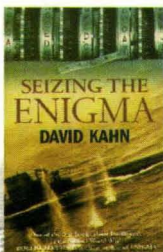
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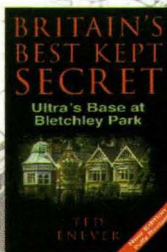
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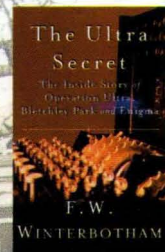
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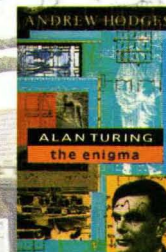
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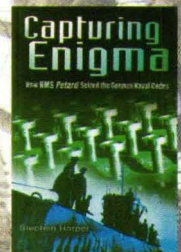
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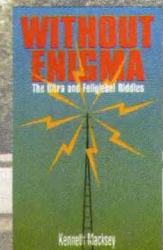
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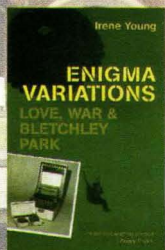
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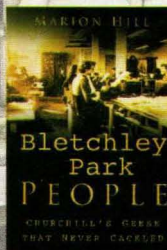
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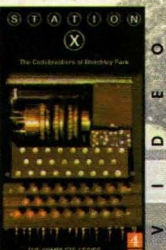
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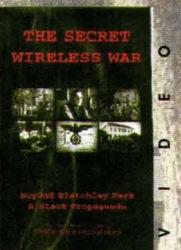
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A DIRTY BUSINESS

Intelligence official
suspected of faking
George W. Bush service
record documents

It is one of the oldest acts in the run-up to the United States presidential election - both sides try to outdo each other by releasing hitherto unknown facts about their opponent. The 2004 race for the White House saw CBS News and its well-known anchorman, Dan Rather, proudly displaying a set of 30-year-old military documents that denounce George Bush's service record in the armed forces. There was never any question CBS believed the papers to be authentic... and even when doubts were raised by experts that the documents could be bogus, CBS stuck to its guns and refused to apologise. It turned out to be a huge mistake.

Many intelligence sources believe CBS had been 'gifted' the document by a military source close to the campaign organisation run by White House opponent, John Kerry. The documents state that George Bush had skimmed on his duties and refused orders to undergo a medical. Mr Bush has always said he won his coveted National Guard post without

any pressure or assistance from his family. Bush was after all, the son of a Texas congressman.

This is debatable if you were to believe the information in the documents. Signed by Lieutenant-Colonel Jerry Killian, the documents reveal how Killian, who died 20 years ago, wrote that Mr Bush tried to evade drills and that he was himself "under pressure from superiors to *sugar coat* Bush's record." He went on to say that Mr Bush was "talking to someone upstairs to 'engineer' a move to Alabama."

When CBS first aired the documents, from a supposed "good source," many observers believed it could end any chance the President had of winning a second term in office. John Kerry's service in various theatres of war has been used to promote the Democratic candidate as a strong leader. However, within hours of



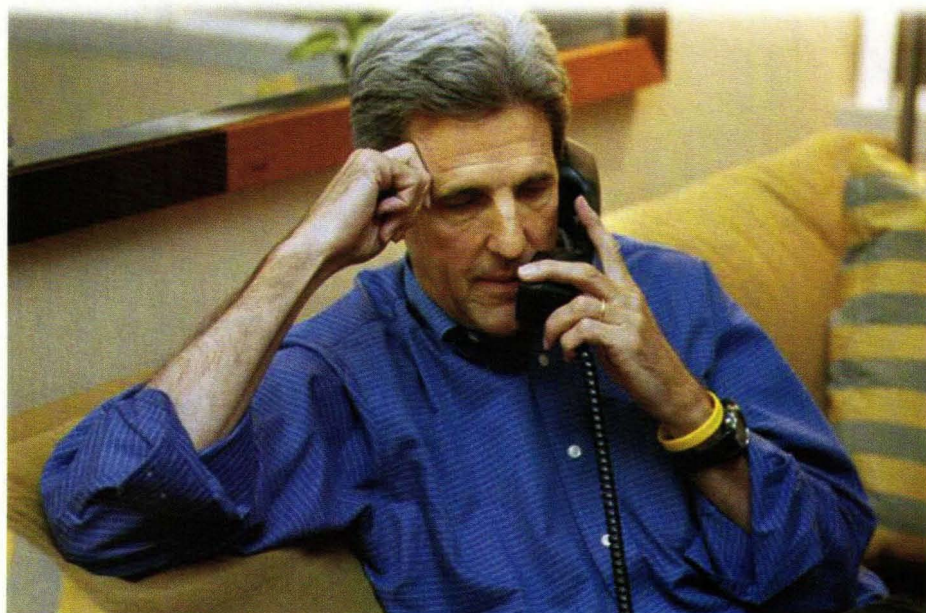
Dan Rather is one of the most well-known faces on American television and highly influential

their release, enthusiasts everywhere began examining every little detail contained in the documents. It was not the actually content that revealed some disturbing truths, but the manner in which they had been written.

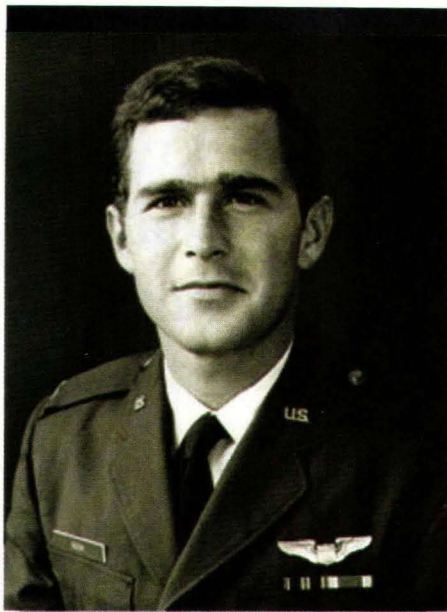
Professionals and analysts soon discovered a number of clues. One Internet buff said that the spacing of the words is "absolutely accurate - something impossible at the time these papers were made." Only a computer is programmed to space each letter and word proportionately. Smaller letters such as 'c' and 'i' are given less space than an 'm' or 'w', for example. The typeface was Times New Roman - used as the default font for most word processor programmes.

Lt-Colonel Killian was George Bush's squadron leader in the Texas Air National Guard in the early 1970s. And though his family dismissed any suggestion that the

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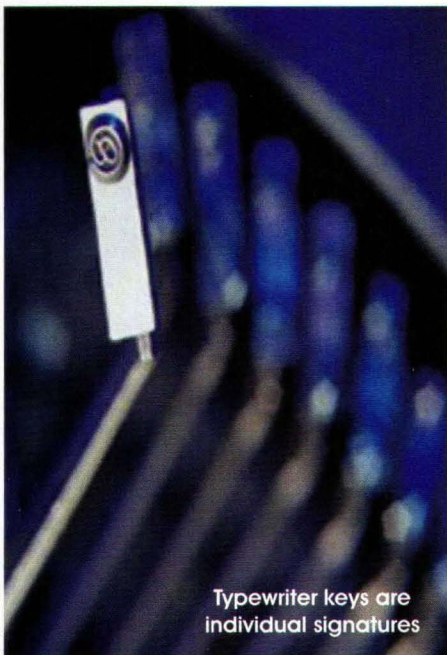
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papers were authentic, Killian's superior officer, told CBS that these were the sentiments that Killian had expressed to him.

Regardless of that sentiment, typewriter and experts in this field rejected the documents. Professor Richard Polt from Xavier University in Cincinnati, runs a well known web site dedicated to typewriters. He said: "Either these are later transcriptions of earlier documents, or they are crude and amazingly foolish forgeries. I am 99 per cent sure that these documents were not produced in the early 1970s."

An Eye Spy consultant said. "Type-writer-prepared documents are virtually impossible to duplicate on modern computers. Each letter is unique on a typewriter - a fingerprint. Keys that appear straight are often misaligned or slightly offset at an



Typewriter keys are individual signatures

111th Fighter Interceptor Squadron
P.O. Box 34567
Houston, Texas 77034

01 August 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Bush, George W. 1st Lt. 3244754FG
Suspension of Flight status

1. On this date I ordered that 1st Lt. Bush be suspended from flight status due to failure to perform to USAF/TexANG standards and failure to meet annual physical examination (flight) as ordered.
2. I conveyed my verbal orders to commander, 147th Ftr Introp Gp with request for orders for suspension and convening of a flight review board IAW AFM 35-13.
3. I recommended transfer of this officer to the 9921st Air Reserve Squadron in May and forwarded his AF Form 1288 to 147th Ftr Introp Gp headquarters. The transfer was not allowed. Officer has made no attempt to meet his training certification or flight physical. Officer expresses desire to transfer out of state including assignment to non-flying billets.
4. On recommendation of Harris, I also suggested that we fill this critical billet with a more seasoned pilot from the list of qualified Vietnam pilots that have rotated. Recommendations were received but not confirmed.

JERRY B. KILLIAN
Lt. Colonel

MEMORANDUM FOR 1st Lt. George W. Bush, [REDACTED], Houston,
Texas 77027

SUBJECT: Annual Physical Examination (Flight)

1. You are ordered to report to commander, 111 FLS, Ellington AFB, not later than (NLT) 14 May, 1972 to conduct annual physical examination (flight) IAW AFM 35-13.
2. Report to 111th FLS administrative officer for schedule of appointment and additional instructions. Examination will be conducted in duty status.

JERRY B. KILLIAN
Lt. Colonel
Commander

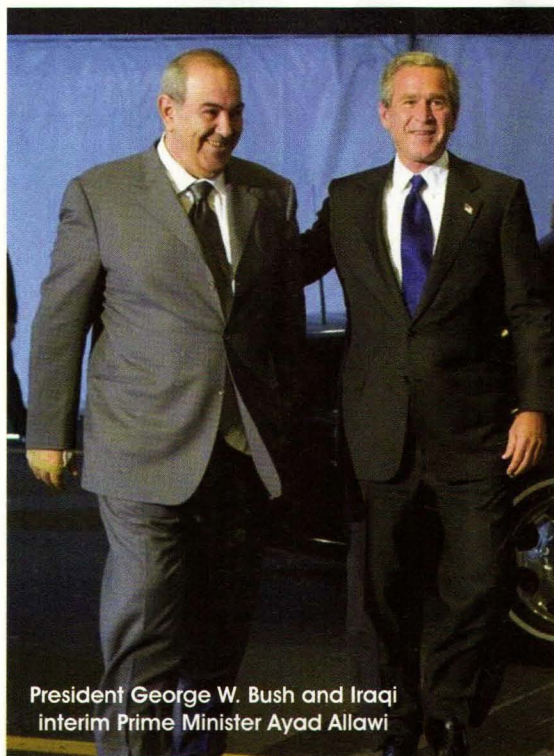
18 August 1973

Memo to File

SUBJECT: CYA

1. Staudt has obviously pressured Hodges more about Bush. I'm having trouble running interference and doing my job. Harris gave me a message today from Grp regarding Bush's OETR and Staudt is pushing to sugar coat it. Bush wasn't here during rating period and I don't have any feedback from 187th in Alabama. I will not rate. Austin is not happy today either.
2. Harris took the call from Grp today. I'll backdate but won't rate. Harris agrees.

Few intelligence analysts believe the documents, purporting to show misgivings about President Bush's service record in the National Guard, are anything other than an elaborate hoax. However, if John Kerry does become President, then their origin and the manner in which they were released may come back to haunt him.



President George W. Bush and Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi

are made as the keys get worn. These marks are unique to each key and reproduced throughout the letter. Documents made by modern word processors and fine laser printing do not have these characteristics."

What of the aged appearance of the documents? "To create the appearance of an old document is simple. There are many techniques used in the intelligence industry. However, anyone can create an illusion by simply photocopying the photocopy time, and time again. Dark patches and bits of debris soon emerge. This is also evident on the papers."

THE END GAME?

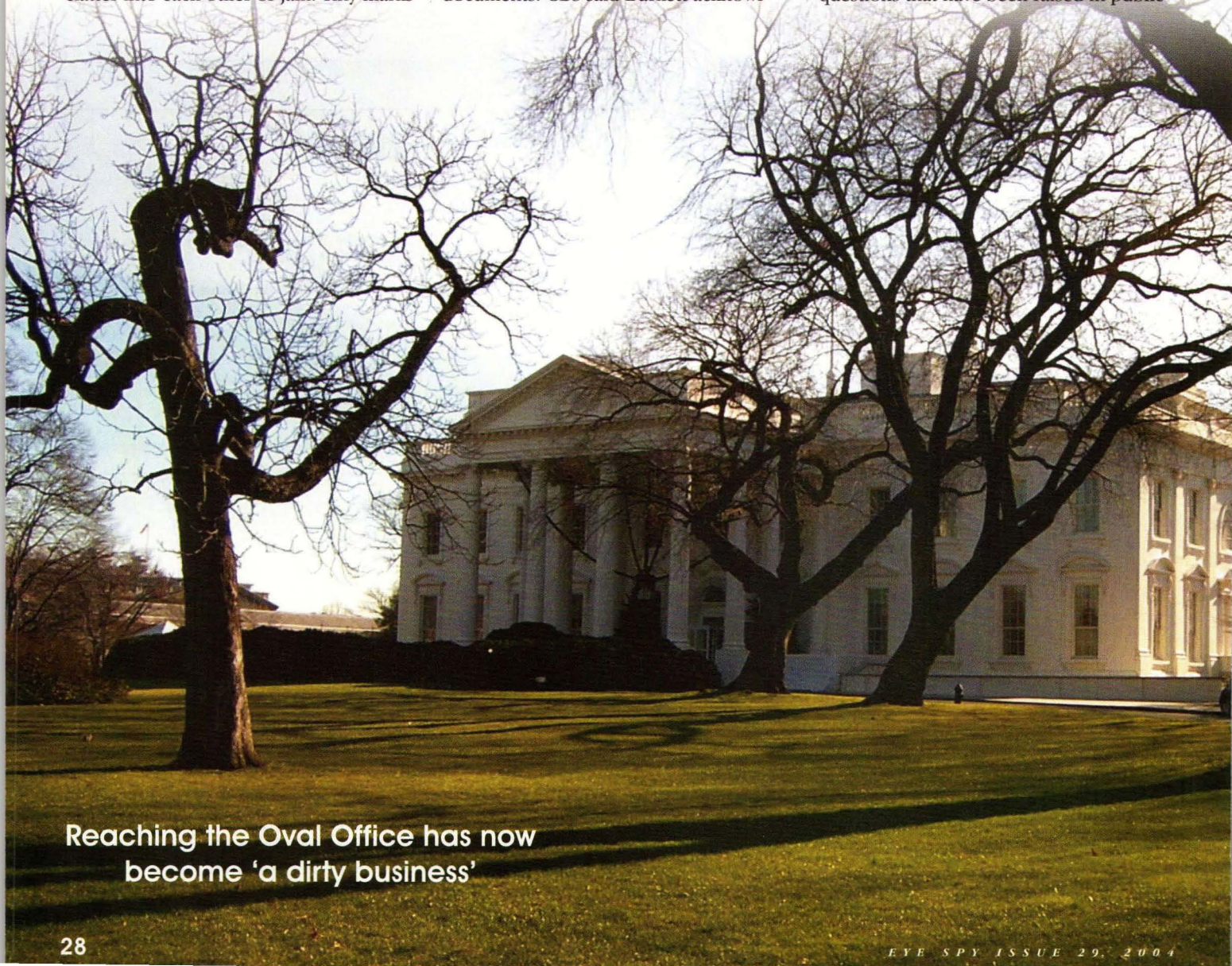
CBS battled hard to boost the story contained in the documents. Dan Rather interviewed Bill Burkett, a retired Texas National Guard official who has been mentioned as a possible source for the documents. CBS said Burkett acknowl-

"...If I knew then what I know now I would not have gone ahead with the story..."

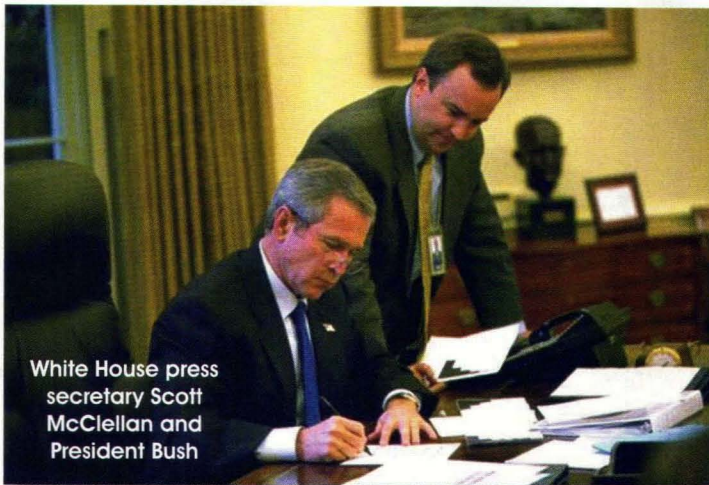
DAN RATHER CBS NEWS

edged he provided the documents and said he deliberately misled a CBS producer, giving her a false account of their origin to protect a promise of confidentiality to a source. Dan Rather then said he would not have aired the story had he been in possession of this fact. He said: "That, combined with some of the questions that have been raised in public

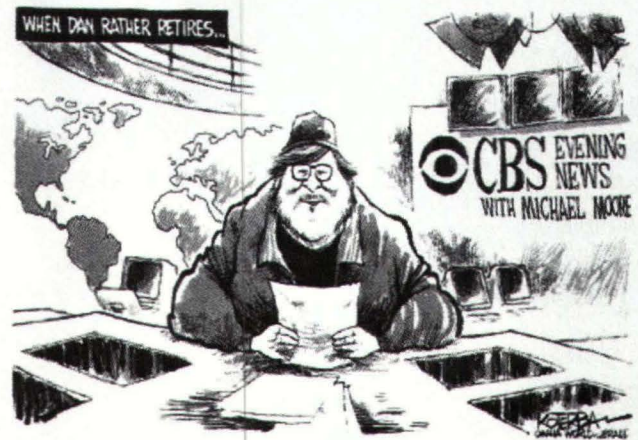
angle. To the human eye, the impression made through the inked-ribbon on paper looks accurate, but under the microscope all sorts of detail is visible. For example, key-heads get damaged, scratched as they clatter into each other or jam. Tiny marks



Reaching the Oval Office has now become 'a dirty business'



White House press secretary Scott McClellan and President Bush



Humour is rife in the American media over the affair

and in the press, leads me to a point where - if I knew then what I know now - I would not have gone ahead with the story as it was aired, and I certainly would not have used the documents in question. Please know that nothing is more important to us than people's trust in our ability and our commitment to report fairly and truthfully."

CBS issued an official apology, saying it was misled from the outset. "We should not have used them," CBS News President Andrew Heyward said. "That was a mistake, which we deeply regret." CBS also said it was commissioning an independent panel to review the incident, and would announce the name of the participants shortly.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said: "There are a number of serious questions that remain unanswered and they need to be answered. Bill Burkett, who CBS now says is their source, in fact is not an unimpeachable source as was previously claimed. Bill Burkett is a source who has been discredited and so this raises a lot of questions. There were media reports about Mr Burkett having senior level contacts with the Kerry campaign."

Journalists and the media have a right and duty to report news and current affairs. However, over the last few months several major figures have fallen on their swords after reporting bogus material. In the UK, Piers Morgan, editor of the *Daily*

Mirror published a series of photos and a story showing British soldiers "torturing and abusing Iraqi prisoners". And while investigators from the Ministry of Defence said the photos were bogus, Mr Morgan stood by the story. In the end a hoax was uncovered and he was forced to resign.

The affair in 2003 over the British 'Iraqi WMD document' and the BBC's "sexing-up" statement cost, several heads, including the corporation's director, Greg Dyke. Interestingly, since then, several UK soldiers have been charged with abusing Iraqi prisoners, and it is clear, the intelligence document on Iraq was reworded to sound more convincing. There are many interesting threads all these incidents. Dan Rather said no one had disputed the story's premise: that the future president had pulled strings to get a relatively cushy National Guard assignment and failed to satisfy the requirements of his service.

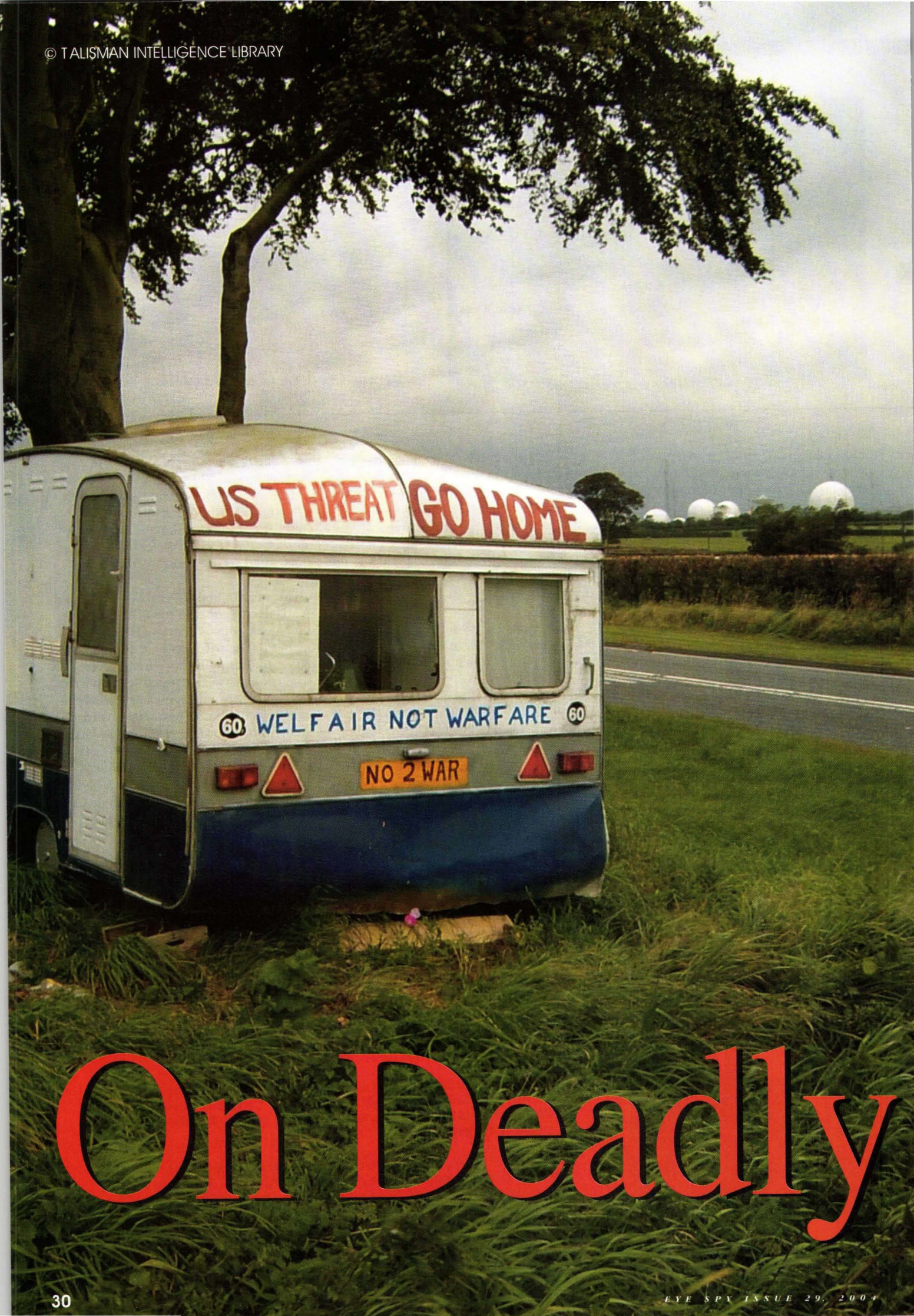
The problem is, Dan Rather and CBS used bogus documents to meet their own agenda. One wonders if anything else will transpire from the CBS debacle... It really is a dirty business!

19 May 1972

Memo to File

SUBJECT: Discussion with Bush, 1st Lt Bush

1. Phone call from Bush. Discussed options of how Bush can get out of coming to drill from now through November. I told him he could do ET for three months or transfer. Says he wants to transfer to Alabama to any unit he can get in to. Says that he is working on another campaign for his dad.
2. Physical. We talked about him getting his flight physical situation fixed before his date. Says he will do that in Alabama if he stays in a flight status. He has this campaign to do and other things that will follow and may not have the time. I advised him of our investment in him and his commitment. He's been working with staff to come up with options and identified a unit that may accept him. I told him I had to have written acceptance before he would be transferred, but think he's also talking to someone upstairs.



On Deadly

Terrorists plan to use legitimate protests as cover to attack government sites

There is growing concern in the West that al-Qaida has discussed using legitimate public protest events as cover enabling suicide bombers or operatives to reach their targets. This follows the study of intelligence supplied by a variety of nations. Russia, for example, has noticed that Chechen terrorists have frequently disguised suicide bombers to 'melt' into the background. An example case file showed how two bombers went unnoticed dressed in t-shirts and jeans at a Moscow rock concert. In Israel, suicide bombers have donned police uniforms and, in Turkey, terrorists have entered buildings using stolen

telecommunication suits. In the UK, MI5 are concerned that organisations such as CND (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament), political and animal rights groups have been examined by al-Qaida as a possible "delivery system". This is because the terror group has seen how protesters can get very near to their intended targets, be it a government office, official meeting, or a defence establishment.

Intelligence sources told Eye Spy that eventually a tragic accident would happen. "Security guards at sensitive sites have little time to react if confronted by hundreds of protesters. How can they know if people who have cut through a fence are simply intent on causing mischief, or that they are carrying a concealed bomb?"

The UK has experienced several major breaches of security this summer.

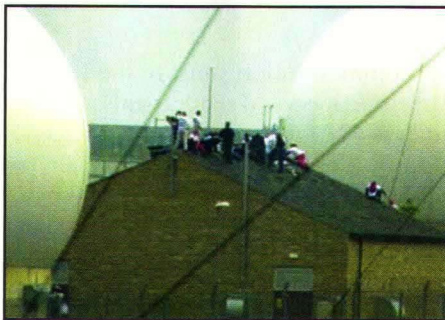
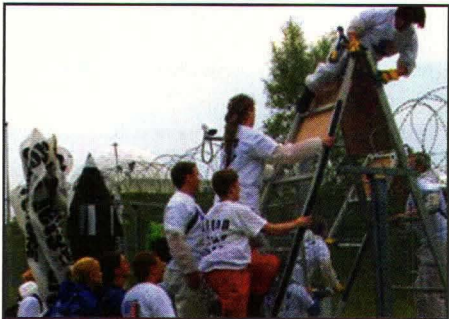
Earlier this year, protesters threw harmless talcum powder down onto politicians from the public gallery in Parliament. Had the substance been anthrax, the results would have been disastrous. Even more alarming,

several men from a pro-hunting group (opposed to new British laws banning hunting) managed to breach four layers of security in Parliament. Amazingly, they found their way to the heart of democracy - on the floor of the House.



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Ground



Peace protesters break into the world's biggest 'spy base' - RAF Menwith Hill, in England

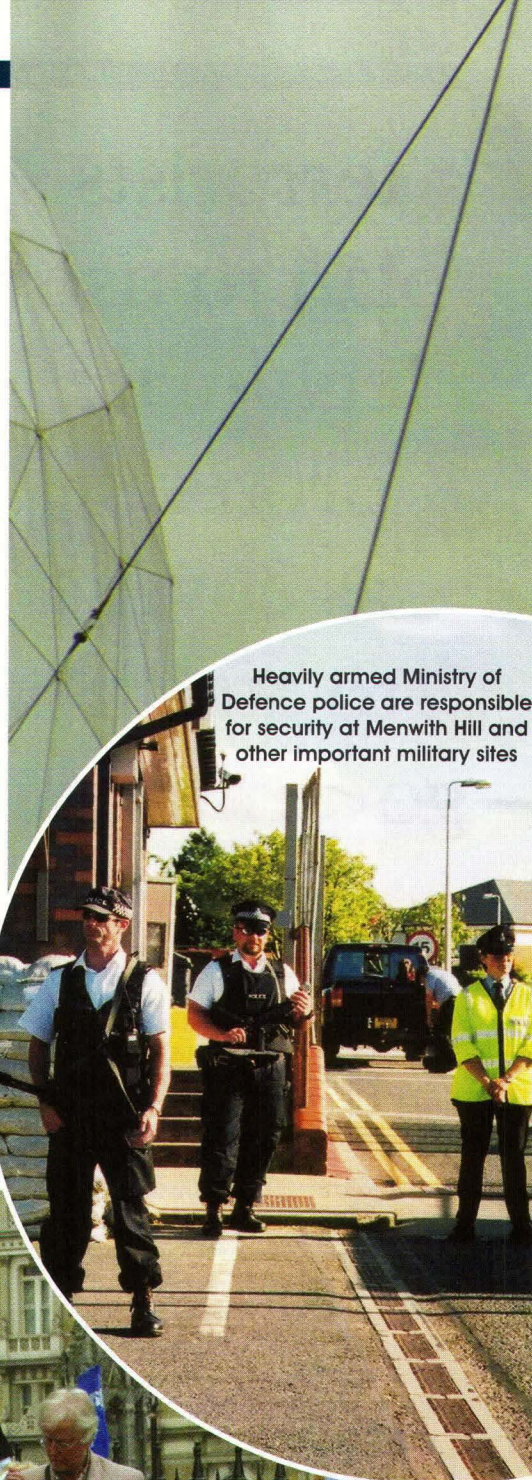
They were confronted by security officials who were no match at all, had things turned nasty. If the protesters had been al-Qaida terrorists, it could have turned Parliament into a blood bath. In addition, within days of that incident, a man from another protest group managed to scale two lines of security at Buckingham Palace and perch himself on a balcony for several hours. He was dressed as *Batman* - but the police did not see the funny side.

Analysts note that the UK security "mind-set" is changing. Shortly after these events, Britain's most senior policeman, Sir John Stevens, warned that someone would end up being shot.

Following 9/11, US officials examined every possible security loophole. Eye

Spy has witnessed first-hand US police officers operating a strict regime at government buildings, airports, tourist attractions and public meetings. It would be very interesting to see what would happen if the comical scenes that were played out in London, happened in Washington. There would have been casualties. The US is nervous, but so too is the UK and patience is running out.

Not all politicians see it that way. By stopping demonstrators getting near Downing Street, or by refusing the public the right to sit in Parliament, some ministers say the terrorists have won. However, it is all about striking a balance in these difficult times. Following 9/11, public tours of the Pentagon and FBI buildings were stopped. Yet so good are the new security measures at



Heavily armed Ministry of Defence police are responsible for security at Menwith Hill and other important military sites





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these prestigious sites, the public will undoubtedly be able to enter them again shortly.

Al-Qaida has always used the freedom of democracy as a terrorist tool, 9/11 being a prime example. It is every person's right to be able to protest and voice an opinion. Travel is not restricted and it is not uncommon to see protest banners hanging on the barbed wire fences that surround UK and US military bases. What would happen, however, if a terrorist joins such a movement? Protest groups rarely check the background of new recruits, and in any event, they simply do not have the ability or resources to do so. Reason enough, some

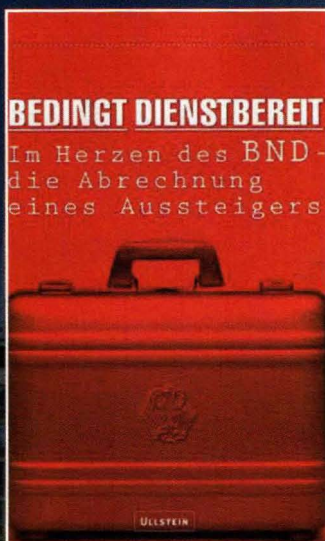
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THE CHANNEL INCIDENT

A Double-Edged Sword

The problems facing the security services and peace protesters were highlighted in September. Two British vessels carrying US weapons-grade plutonium to the port of Cherbourg, France, were intercepted by a Greenpeace vessel. The ships, guarded by a detachment of Royal Marine Commandos, played a game of cat-and-mouse as they neared their destination. A Greenpeace spokesman told the media the vessels were a target for al-Qaida and a disaster could occur if a missile was fired at the ships and they sank. The problem for Greenpeace is obvious. The operation to transport the plutonium (to make it safe) was tracked 24-hours-a-day by the peace group. The position of the ships, *Pacific Pintail* and *Pacific Teal*, both owned by British Nuclear Fuels, was given away at every moment by Greenpeace. Had al-Qaida been more alert and cunning, an attack on the vessels could have been disastrous.





A TRAITOR WITH

A controversial former German intelligence officer claims MI6, Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, had for some ten years lost vital information about its officers and agents, because of a traitor within the organisation. Norbert Juretzko, who worked for Germany's BND intelligence agency (Bundesnachrichtendienst), claims it was his service who first learned of the security breach, but because it did not want to compromise its own agents, decided not to tell MI6 for several years.

Juretzko, who worked for the BND for more than 20 years, says the information was of high importance and could only have been passed on by a person holding a senior position. So good was the intelligence, that in 1994

the Russians allegedly created a front company called *Alpha 1*. It was staffed by FSB officers (the successor organisation to the KGB) and based at the Peking Hotel in Moscow. The company provided security for Western firms looking to exploit new markets following the collapse of Communism.

Juretzko said he became aware of the MI6 breach after he recruited a Russian who worked at *Alpha 1*. He used the codename 'Rubezahl'. "Almost every time I met my source, who was our top spy inside Russian intelligence, he passed me microfilm which also contained sensitive information leaking out of MI6... It revealed the identities of MI6 personnel and their activities. It also appeared to reveal the cover names and travel arrangements of their British handlers," he said.



Alpha 1 allegedly used a coach firm to carry the microfilm to Moscow. The travel company was established to take youngsters from the Chernobyl area to the West for treatment. The films were secreted in the children's bags and recovered by a Russian agent at the Orbita Hotel in Minsk. He then travelled to *Alpha 1* offices and handed the film to the FSB.

There seems much substance and peripheral evidence to the possible

MI6 allegedly st secrets to Russia for ten years...

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breach. For example, Reimer Dittrich who owns the coach company admitted he had been interviewed by the BND. MI6 apparently asked the BND if they could interrogate Rubezahl. This was refused because the Russians were aware that they too had a security breach and if MI6 did interview Rubezahl, it could put his life at risk.

In 1998, the Germans finally told MI6 that it had a likely traitor in its midst. The BND cooperated with MI6 in trying to determine who the mole inside the organisation was. The investigation was headed by Colonel Joachim Zoeller, head of counterespionage and Richard Wandel, a military intelligence officer. Both officials confirmed some aspects of Juretzko's story were true.

It is unlikely that either country will admit if the mole was ever caught.

There have been suggestions that the entire affair was a secret MI6 disinformation operation to plant bogus intelligence material in Moscow. However, a senior German intelligence officer negated this scenario.

Juretzko became entangled in a bitter row with his BND superiors after he allegedly revealed the identity of a mole working inside the intelligence service. After an investigation, the 'Russian informer' was cleared of all wrongdoing and then he became the hunted. Investigators accused him of profiting from Russian forgeries.

The release of this extraordinary book (publisher Ullstein Buchverlag) is thought to be Juretzko's way of hitting back at his accusers. And it is not just dealings with MI6 and the BND that have been brought to the public's attention. America's Defense Intelligence Agency is furious that he has revealed details of an early 1990s intelligence operation called 'Giraffe'... perhaps it should have been 'gaff'. Juretzko says the DIA and BND were about to start gathering intelligence from East Germans and Russians as Communism began to crumble. However, Juretzko says the DIA were left speechless when the BND failed to find a weekend driver to move a caravan into an area where the operation was to take place. A DIA official asked Juretzko, "are you quite sure you work for an intelligence agency?" In the end, a US colonel threw a packet carrying \$100,000 at Juretzko so that the operation could continue.



A mobile shop was eventually purchased. Packed with hard-to-get goods, the Russia soldiers left a nearby barracks and began trading. One item acquired was the onboard computer from a MiG 29 fighter. Dozens of Russian soldiers were recruited as agents and much valuable intelligence was gleaned as the Russians made their way back to Moscow.

Juretzko also claims the DIA bugged his colleagues at the BND (West Germany). When he reported his concerns to superiors, he was told to "drop it."

Juretzko now faces prosecution for giving away state secrets. 50,000 copies were printed and the release date brought forward just in case the German courts banned it.

Russian MiG 29 fighter -
parts 'traded'



END OF THE CIA'S GLASS CASTLE



Ghost Companies,
Dirty Tricks and
New Tactics in Fresh
Offensive to Out-
Manoeuvre Al-Qaida

New CIA director, Porter J. Goss, 65, may have the support of the US Senate, but he inherits the world's most famous intelligence organisation at a time when it is struggling to penetrate the world's most destructive terrorist group - al-Qaida.

Mr Goss believes that the CIA is probably ten years away from having the ability to penetrate deep in the heart of al-Qaida. Like his predecessor, George Tenet, who told the 9/11 Commission, that the CIA was "five years away" from being able to field a global network of "intelligence gatherers" (spies to you and me), Goss has been told the United States "does not have that much time."

The new DCI now commands about 1,500 experienced field officers, and about 3,000 in various stages of education. It takes several years to fully train an officer, and agency heads have been forced to recall 'retired' officers to plug the gaps while these personnel are put through their paces.

The CIA, famed for its clandestine and often controversial operations, is now confronted by an organisation capable of planning, recruiting, and financing major operations itself. Goss knows that the CIA needs reliable intelligence from the various arms of al-Qaida that will eventually betray its command - still in hiding in and around the Afghan-Pakistan badlands. To succeed, Mr Goss knows the agency needs to gather better and more reliable HUMINT (human intelligence). One intelligence source in the United States, who spoke to Eye Spy on the condition of anonymity said the CIA is like a 'glass castle' - visible. "Our adversaries can see our every move... know our procedures. It's as if we live in a glass castle. We must become more invisible - like our enemy."

During the Cold War, CIA officers were familiar with that enemy. Embassies around the world played host to enjoyable evenings and drinks' parties. Ambassadors and their adversaries joked and swapped pleasantries, while all the time seeking snippets of infor-

mation and trying to 'turn' the opposition. The CIA were masters at the game. Companies were formed to disguise operations, and quite often second companies were established to conceal the activities of the first. Using such



Porter J. Goss and President Bush

methods allowed the CIA to operate anywhere in the world. Unfortunately, the opposition today is very, very different, and this has recently led to calls to overhaul the CIA.

In years gone by, the challenge faced by the CIA was clear, therefore officers were trained in a particular manner. Today, the CIA officer is required to confront multifaceted problems - they have to be more flexible and smart.

President Bush insisted he would win the global war on terror. This means the CIA has effectively been told to tackle the problem wherever and whenever it occurs. Is this really possible with so few case officers and a very thin-line of agents and spies? Mr Goss wants to resurrect the CIA to its

former-self... "nimble, flexible, a core-mission oriented enterprise," it once was. In reality, analysts have read the script differently... Mr Goss wants to bring back the agency's cutting edge.

Gathering intelligence on al-Qaida is already a priority. US Senators said they wanted Goss to restore credibility to a spy agency battered by criticism for its failures relating to 9/11 and its prewar intelligence estimates on Iraq. The problem for the agency in Iraq and Afghanistan was simple - it had few exceptional intelligence leads. Goss believes experience gleaned from some Cold War operations may help expose al-Qaida. As past masters of establishing front companies, so the CIA is now intent on creating shadow organisations that will probably be manned by NOCs (an intelligence description of operatives working under 'Non-Official Cover'). It has not gone unnoticed that the FBI have had much success carefully developing rogue deals to draw out al-Qaida sponsors and those willing to do business with the terror group. By creating a ghost network willing to participate with the terrorists, eventually al-Qaida will bump into it... at least that is the theory.

BACK TO ITS ROUTES?

Similarly, the agency will create uncertainty and distrust. These are the traits used by the CIA of old. The shadowy firms could take the form of a

shipping company; they may be involved in the purchase of buildings near airports, or taxi firms. It is believed that much work in this area has already been done by the CIA's Directorate of Operations, primarily responsible for covert HUMINT gathering. The traps are being set.

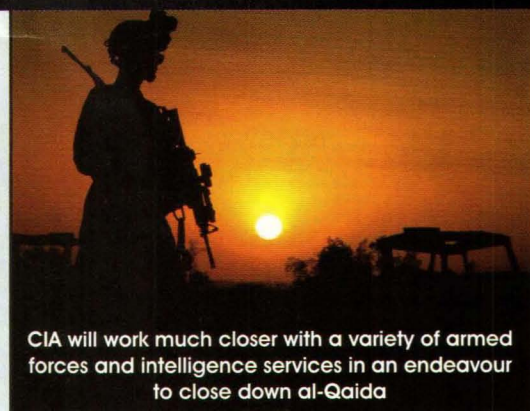
Alongside the ghost agencies, the CIA is busy developing and training officers who are more akin to Special Forces. These officers have already been seen in some of the most dangerous areas of the world, including Iraq, Afghanistan and South America.

INTERPRETATION OF INTELLIGENCE

One huge problem facing Goss and his senior staff is the analysis of intelligence. It is remarkable that with all the means available to the CIA today, the agency provided fragile assessments on Saddam's weapons of mass destruction. This exposed the CIA's lack of HUMINT capability in the Middle East. When the CIA was told of likely errors

in the intelligence provided by 'Agent Curveball' (see Eye Spy 25) on Iraq's WMD, it appears not to have acted. However, what caused more uproar in Washington was the source of the concern... the Pentagon's powerful Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). They DIA noted: *'The intelligence came from a source managed by the Iraqi National Congress... it was assessed as unreliable and, in some cases, pure fabrication.'*

Penetrating al-Qaida is an unenviable task. The agency is trying new methods and developing diverse tactics. Already plans are moving ahead to recruit agents and develop ties with more obscure security services. Its relationship with the armed forces of the United States is being strengthened. Vital intelligence secured from overt and covert operations is being examined by a more flexible and creative division of analysts.



CIA will work much closer with a variety of armed forces and intelligence services in an endeavour to close down al-Qaida

The CIA is also forming relations with new points of contacts overseas. No doubt intelligence gleaned from these areas will be examined far more closely.

Portor Goss will be judged on successes or failures that may never be reported in full. However, with al-Qaida intent on damaging America and performing acts of sheer horror against innocent victims, Goss is expected to deliver...

Bin-Laden and, his notorious apprentice al-Zarqawi, are certainly in his sights...



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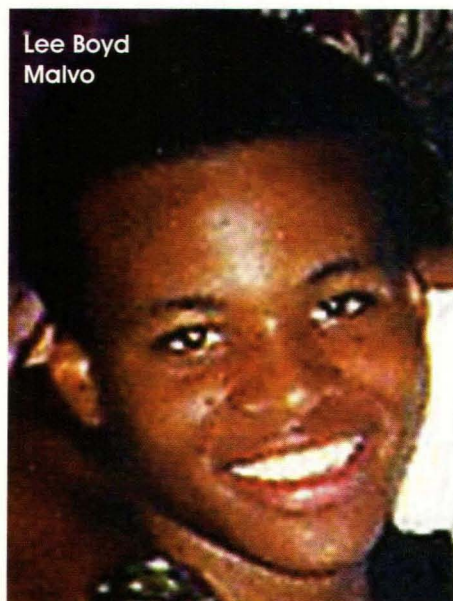
By MARK SPICER - British
Army Sniper and Expert
Witness for the FBI in the
DC Beltway Shootings

Whilst serving with the United Nations mission in Kosovo, it was something of a surprise that I learned that the FBI were trying to make contact with me. I was about to be given the best opportunity of my life to witness the deadly efficiency of my own chosen trade on a civilian community.

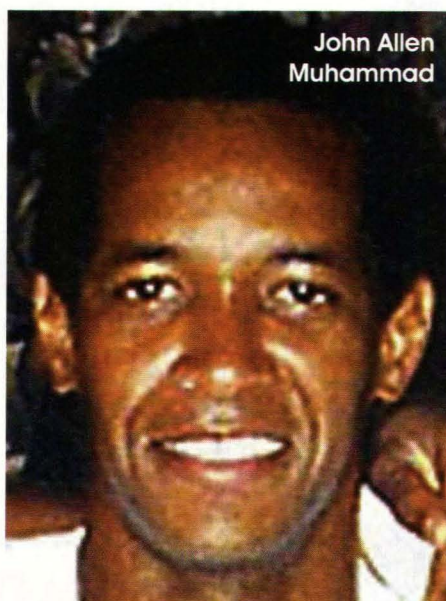
I had been vaguely aware of the sniper attacks that had brought a large proportion of the metropolitan Washington DC area to a virtual standstill. But now the FBI wanted my assistance on the matter.

Having established that I was being asked to act as an expert witness for the prosecution team, I needed official clearance from the Ministry of Defence. This was granted. Soon I was flown to Dulles Airport and met by a senior detective working as part of a Task Force of male and female law enforcement officers. The Task Force had been established to pursue the conviction of two men, John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo, who had allegedly killed innocent civilians without mercy around the DC area.

For many years the prospect of a few men forcing a much larger force to become insular and defensive has been known. History is littered with many



Lee Boyd
Malvo



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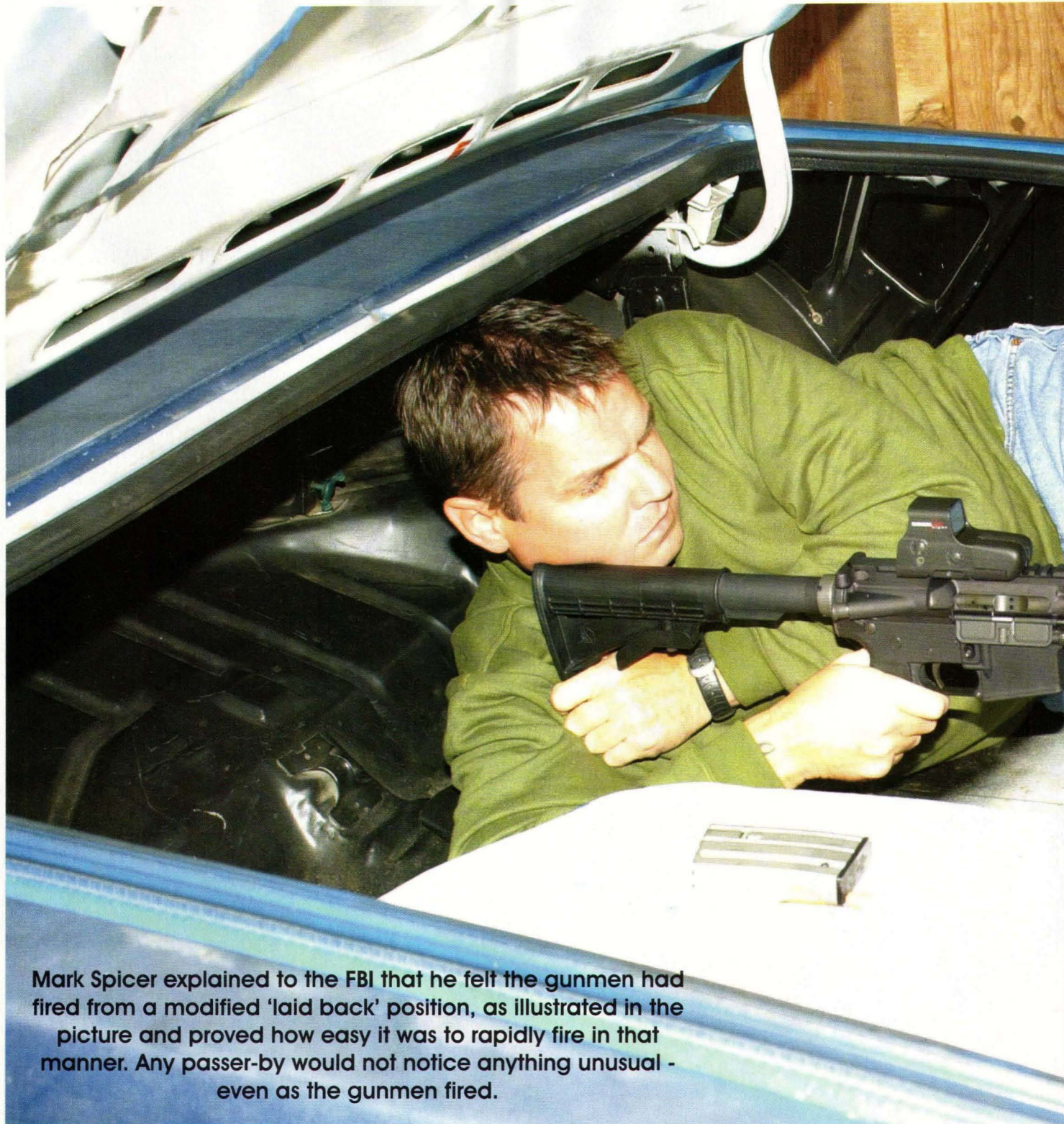


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Author standing with associated rifle and proof that body and head shots can be rapidly fired from within the vehicle trunk whilst curled up in the 'laid back' position

Analysing the
Washington DC
sniper attacks



Mark Spicer explained to the FBI that he felt the gunmen had fired from a modified 'laid back' position, as illustrated in the picture and proved how easy it was to rapidly fire in that manner. Any passer-by would not notice anything unusual - even as the gunmen fired.

examples of this type of warfare, but the Washington shootings seemed to take many people by surprise, including the police.

Terrorist organisations recognise the vulnerability of a large technically superior force, to 'underbelly' attacks against its support and echelon areas. Terrorists use rapid hit and run type attacks against forces already hamstrung by rules of engagement and operational restrictions.

The Provisional Irish Republican Army (PIRA) had limited military

success with their sniping attacks against the police and military units in Northern Ireland. On the media and propaganda front, the group's seemingly unstoppable attacks against the British Army reaped rich reward.

Over nearly three decades, the PIRA operated with imagination and has succeeded in designing and producing some novel methods of attack. One method was its decision to include a mobile shooting platform within its sniper operations. Such attacks emphasised how small terrorist units can maximise their hitting power.

One book (amongst many), published on the 'Troubles' in Northern Ireland, contains a small and grainy photograph of a PIRA vehicle used to carry the sniper and his weapon. It is conceivable that whoever planned the terrorist campaign deployed against the American public borrowed the idea when deciding to mount mobile sniper attacks.

OPERATIONS AND TACTICS

There is a mass of planning and funding issues that must go unpublished for security reasons, and this is



Police Chief Charles Moose
headed the investigation

The fact that two men, poorly prepared and with limited skill, could have thwarted the world's only super-power for so long, is testament to the almost unstoppable quality of the sniper tactic. The men managed to put the combined resources of police and federal officers on the back foot.

A WARNING

America is by no means alone in its unprepared state for dealing with this threat. It would be a very lucky world that does not see this tactic surface repeatedly until dedicated experienced counter-sniper units are established.

Many countries claim a "counter-sniper" option, but the majority believe that counter-sniper means deploying snipers or other heavily armed options to deter or stop the sniper. This is indeed an effective method of limiting the extent to which a sniper attack can be effective, but it is only a small part of the overall defensive force that must be in place, and practised to produce a truly effective counter-sniper response.

It was this lack of overall in-depth defence that allowed these two men to remain at large for so long, and they were only captured as a result of an alert member of the general public. However, the law enforcement Task Force assigned to the case were without doubt closing in.

The United States is a vast landmass. It is policed by some of the world's most experienced officers who are supported by various renowned federal agencies. Their skill, knowledge and equipment far outstrip that of other

justifiably so. To reveal operationally successful tactics in any area of warfare is fundamentally unsound, but the basic format of the Washington DC snipers, as the general media have labelled them, is well known and proven.

As a result of the court case and my part in it, I am aware of various 'critics' on sniper related websites who believe I did the community an injustice in not denouncing the two defendants for their 'sniper' status, but I have to disagree.

The two men were not trained or capable of the operational standards

expected of either military or police trained snipers. However, they did use sniper tactics, albeit with reduced effectiveness of what could have been achieved.

In my opinion, they were quite rightly labelled snipers. It is the tactic and not the course that makes a sniper; the course merely expands an operational option and increases its overall effectiveness by incorporating it within an all-arms battle. To operate as a pair shooting and killing before withdrawing and only returning to do it again, is indeed sniping.



This photograph illustrates how a powerful strippable weapon system can fit into an everyday bag

countries, but they too are vulnerable to one thing that affects security... pride and professional jealousy. This human failing was identified and maximised by the Washington snipers during the follow up procedures of their first attacks. This enabled them to turn it against the defending forces by encompassing it in subsequent attacks.

The pair was quickly able to identify jurisdiction issues between police forces at several crime scenes. They realised that by sighting their attacks on jurisdictional boundaries, they increased their chances of evidence failing to be collated properly and henceforth, increase the terror affect expectancy. This tactic had limited success, and it probably resulted in the men remaining at large for much longer than they would have, had a national counter-sniper desk already been in existence.

I believe the establishment of a federal or central counter-sniper department, be it an individual unit or an integral part of a counter-terrorist unit, is fundamental in reducing the chances of a sniper attack succeeding. This unit could be linked to all crime and terrorist intelligence departments for 'long-gun' incidents. The input of related incidents to a single central desk, manned by experienced military and police sniper trained personnel, would go a long way to reducing the very real threat posed by the "single team" attack with a single or multiple shot weapon system. We already have various specialised law and military intelligence units trained and experienced in recognising specific threats. Sniping is an area that needs to be addressed. A simple examination of any nation's industrial infrastructure and security will reveal just how vulnerable it is to a well-planned sniper campaign.



Most people imagine a sniper threat as a man or woman firing a single bullet of 308/7.62 calibre at a human target, but that is only one option. Weapons now come in all size calibres and, with various effectiveness of ammunition. Correctly used, a firearm can cause damage that belies its size. The operational requirements are simple - simply train a firer to aim and pull the trigger. The attacks in the United States were criminal in nature, but terrorist in design and gave the world an early warning of what might be Security services would be foolish if they ignore it.

The Washington killings were detailed and very well constructed.



The men attacked the general public in order to dictate to the government. They set about a plan to limit public movement and hence what followed was a fall in the local economy. As a

case in point, people were driving out of the city to refuel. This applied pressure on local and then higher authorities, to remove the threat.

By terrorising the general public into not driving their cars, because getting fuel and supplies could mean being shot, the loss of sales to the fuel industry were enormous. Killing an innocent bus driver then compounded travelling in and around the city. The snipers had ensured that even catching a bus or other form of public transport was problematic.

If you then attack people near local and major outlet stores, you in effect

confine the public to their homes. The wider economy then suffers. If this seems all a bit far-fetched, just ask anyone living in the Washington DC area how they felt during the incidents. A future sniper scenario has already been analysed: As witnessed in the Washington case, pressure mounts on both government and law enforcement agencies to act and protect against a threat they are ill-equipped to stop. Inter-boundary police rivalries and pressure to attain results add to the problem; they are the ingredients of a disaster. Imagine this on a countrywide level, driven by a political or terrorist element instead of a criminal... the



Mark Spicer believes the success of the snipers will not have gone unnoticed by al-Qaida terrorists



problem is evident and has not been lost on the security services.

The police forces in Washington were not at fault, nor was the US Government. The sniper threat has been ignored by just about everyone. The fact is that two men identified and used a system that they realised gave them the upper hand against a vast and well-equipped force. If it happens again and a country is not prepared, then someone is at fault, because the lessons of this method of attack have been ignored, underestimated or have fallen victim to the balance of budget against the likelihood of attack.

These men have already been tried and will face a further trial on charges of terrorism. Few would argue that they terrorised an entire region. They conducted a campaign designed to horrify and intimidate with their merciless and apparently random killing. The shootings were extremely well planned and left no sector of the public untouched. The victims were of every colour, race, gender and age. Because no particular section of the community was targeted, the terror factor restricted movement of an entire community, and if you attack a diverse

The deadly success of the Washington snipers will not have gone unnoticed by a far more deadly enemy...

number of professions, you can see a pattern forming.

COUNTER-SNIPER OPERATIONS

All sniper attacks have a pattern that to an experienced analyst will eventually become obvious. With this information and other evidence, an experienced sniper will reverse the role in his head and draw a conclusion in order to select a point in his enemies plan to interact with him and remove the threat.

Whilst it all sounds very easy, there are obviously a great many factors involved that will affect the counter-sniper's decision-making process. Such skills and knowledge can only come from years of training and experience. To counter this very easy to deploy, yet very hard to stop threat, the world has to take action now and stop leaving counter-sniping to singular departments. It has to be controlled at the highest level and follow a nationwide

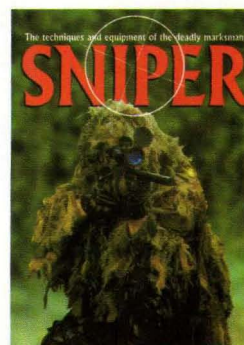
curriculum to stand any chance of limiting or stopping a clear threat to national assets and the public. The deadly success of the Washington snipers will not have gone unnoticed by a far more deadly enemy...

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His new book, Counter-Sniper will be released in the next few months and is expected to become industry standard.

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The gunmen's vehicle - innocuous and unlikely to raise suspicion



Secrets of the SPY TRADE

Counter-measures
to help you prevent
espionage...

the secrets most
spies don't want
you to know

Kevin D. Murray of Murray Associates presents a fascinating array of countermeasures used by the security services that will help thwart espionage, protect your company, household and yourself...

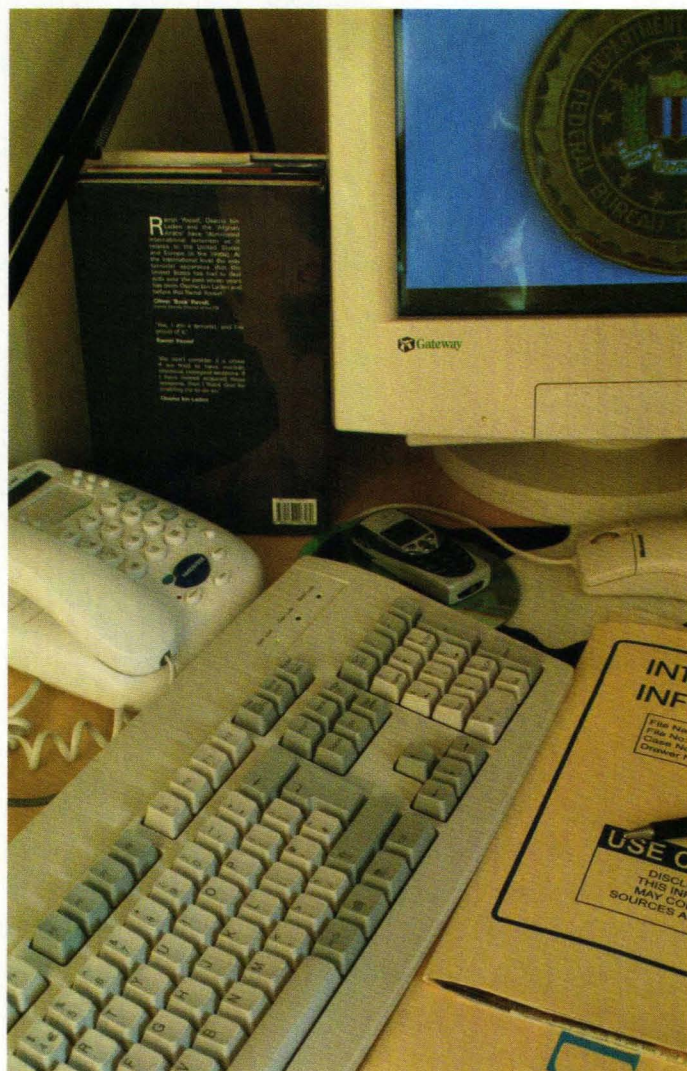
INTRODUCTION

Who are the snoops?: Competitors, vendors, investigators, business intelligence consultants, colleagues vying for positions, overbearing bosses, suspicious partners, the press, labour negotiators, government agencies. The list is long.

Why would I be a target?: Money and power are the top two reasons behind illegal surveillance. If anything you say or write could increase someone else's wealth or influence, you are a target.

Is snooping common?: Yes. The news is full of stories about stolen information. In fact, many news stories themselves begin with leaks.

Can I protect myself?: Yes. Espionage is preventable. If you know the vulnerabilities, you can take the proper security precautions. Some spy tricks are obvious, if you stop to think about it. Some are clever abuses of the new technology we live with every day. All are devastating. Time has shown that many of the same tricks are used successfully over and over again. We present the top ten. Prepare to fight back.



1.

TRASH TRAWLING

Dumpster diving, waste archeology, or trashing, all refer to rifling garbage in an effort to cull valuable information. This is believed to be the number one method of business and personal espionage.

Surprise. Stealing garbage is legal. On 17 May 1988, the United States Supreme Court confirmed that there is no expectation of privacy, or ownership, once an item is left for garbage pickup. Scraps of seemingly useless information are synergistically related. The counterespionage process is one of reducing the availability of these puzzle parts. Shredding all waste paper is a major step in the protection process.

Recommendations & Tips

- Encourage the destruction of all waste paper.
- Purchase shredders appropriate for your needs.
- Use crosscut destruction for high levels of security.
- Computer paperwork and large volume waste require a central bulk shredder.
- Snoops love it when you save confidential papers in a cardboard box under the desk. Shred it now.
- Do not entrust wastepaper destruction to paper recycling vendors. Destroy it before recycling.
- Don't forget: you also need shredders next to copiers and in the executives' home offices.
- The big shredder purchasing mistake: Buying just one large



shredder for everyone to use. Reason: Not everyone will use it. Why? Some people are too busy to be bothered. The better choice is several convenient desk-side shredders. This is one perk/status symbol which has a very positive payback. Bonus - some companies promote their use of shredders for protecting clients' privacy. A service not offered by competitors.

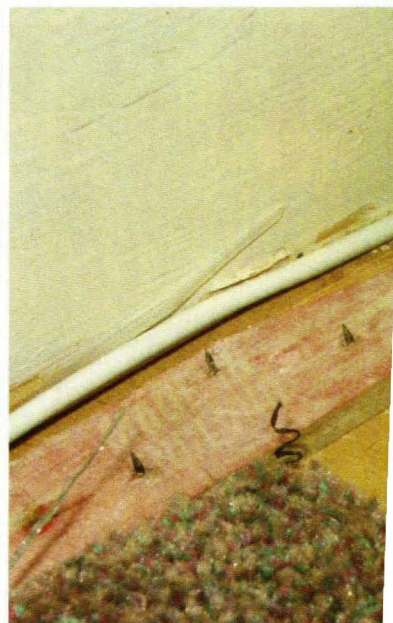
2. BUGS & WIRETAPS

Although most snooping involves other methods listed in this briefing, electronic surveillance is the most devastating spy trick there is. Very private - and irrefutable - secrets are the target of this type of attack.

Common mistake: "Oh, I'm just being paranoid," when you suspect electronic surveillance. Think: You wouldn't be suspicious if everything was fine. Something is wrong.

Course of Action...

- Do not discuss your suspicions with others unless they have a real need to know.
- Do not discuss suspicions in suspected areas.
- Do not attempt a do-it-yourself solution.
- Do not waste money buying spybuster toys.
- Seek professional guidance



without delay. Contrary to what you see on television, in the movies, or in catalogues, detection of bugs and wiretaps is equipment and knowledge intensive work.

Expect a professional sweep team to have about \$100,000 dollars invested in their instrumentation. Their personnel will have deep experience in security, investigations, electronics and telecommunications.

TIP: Don't bother to check the yellow pages. Contact a corporate security director or professional security organisation for a knowledgeable recommendation. It's worth the effort. We hope you will consider Murray Associates services too.



3. THE DROP BY SPIES

Check - and photocopy - the credentials and work orders of anyone performing technical work in or around your offices. Double check. Verify the work was actually requested and necessary.

This includes:

- telecommunications technicians
- computer technicians
- office equipment repair persons
- paper recyclers
- cleaning crews
- electricians
- et cetera

Have someone representing your interests accompany these visitors while they are on your property. If possible, have them complete their work during normal business hours. Outside contractors and unauthorised company employees should never be allowed to roam unescorted within areas containing sensitive information.

One professional snoop openly bragged that any building can be entered at any time, simply by posing as an air conditioning or heating engineer. His props included a clipboard with forms and an industrial thermometer. Optional: a 2-way radio and a hard hat. If challenged, he threatens not to come back for three weeks. "Busy schedule, you know." No one wants responsibility for denying this guy entry.

Other tips...

- Check your locks and alarm system regularly. Make sure each component really works. It is surprising how many effective-looking broken locks and alarm sensors are relied upon for protection.
- If key control has long since gone out of control, tackle the problem now. Change locks and set up a system which will work. Consider card key access.
- When seeking assistance with security matters, be sure to hire consultants who don't also sell products, and who will not accept remuneration from companies they recommend.



4. HACKING & CRACKING

Espionage aimed specifically at personal computers, laptop computers, networks and remote access ports is rampant. Explain to everyone who keeps sensitive data in their computers why security precautions are necessary.

Example: The protect your laptop at all times rule. Replacement cost is not your only loss, consider the following:

- valuable competitive and confidential data
- time it took for someone to compile the data
- time it will take to reconstruct the data
- company's modem telephone numbers, and mainframe passwords are probably stored on the drive.

When this information is lost, the company is vulnerable to:

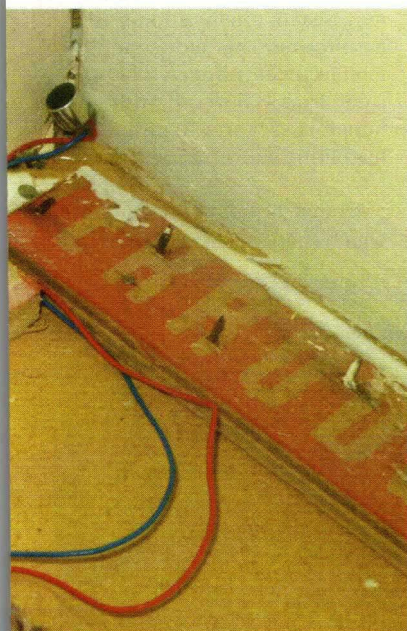
- wholesale theft/corruption of mainframe data and sabotage via viruses, Trojan horses, etc.

The Bottom line:

- Lower profitability.
- Reduced job security for everyone.

More computer security tips:

- Develop a communal sense of security responsibility.
- Limit physical access to computers by outsiders.
- Limit software access. Use quality passwords.
- Secure PC related materials; disks, backups, etc.
- Never leave an active terminal. Always log-off.
- Report suspected intrusions and altered data.



SPY SHOP

PROFESSIONAL

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PIR CAMERA



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AGENCY PASSWORD REQUIRED

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Make computer passwords complex

- Remove sensitive data from the PC when not in use.
- Protect memory media: floppies and optical disks.
- Copy commands can move sensitive data inadvertently.
- Do not rely on deletion commands. Format instead.
- Erase disks before disposal, or transfer to other use.
- Disconnect PCs from networks when not in use.
- Computers using phone lines need access protection.
- Do not use unsolicited or borrowed software.
- Backup all data on a regular basis.
- Reformat hard drives before retiring old computers.
- Do not discuss system security with anyone you don't know - no matter what they tell you.

Question. What is the first rule of espionage?

Answer. There are no rules. If you have what they want, they will use any means to get it. - M. Russell

5 MOBILE PHONE • LEECHES

Cellular and cordless telephones are among the easiest of eavesdropping targets. Contrary



to common perception, reception of these conversations is generally crystal clear, without static or interference. Each and every word can be understood. Use them with discretion.

Cellular radio-telephone calls can be received by the general public over hundreds of square miles. In addition to being an espionage windfall, monitoring of these transmissions has also become a national pastime with opportunistic hobbyists selling their 'finds' as well.

Monitoring of cellular and cordless telephone transmissions is illegal. Do not rely on the laws to protect your privacy, though. They are generally considered unenforceable.

New techniques in cellular eavesdropping include computer assisted, totally automated monitoring. This allows monitoring of specific phones, 24-hours a day, from cell to cell, without human assistance. To protect car telephone conversations:

- Arrange to call in on a number which is not answered with a



Mobile phones can be intercepted easily

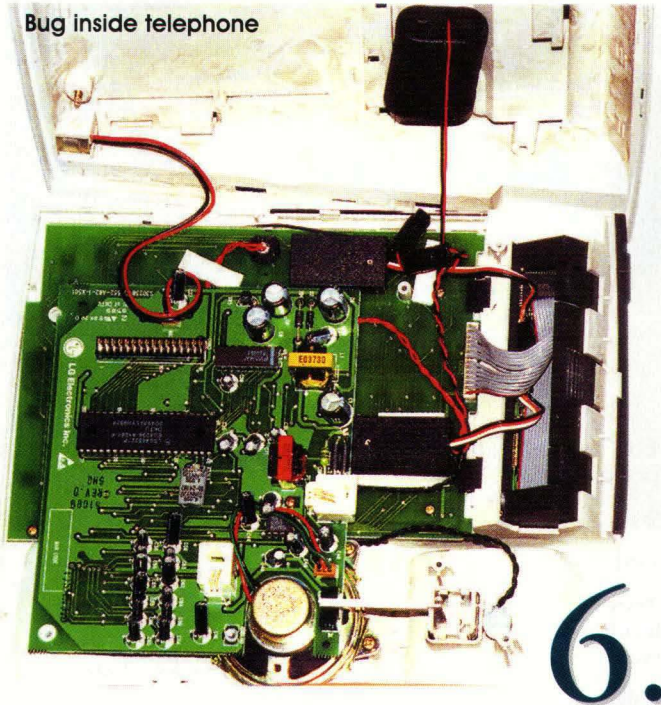
MEETING
CHAMELEONS 7.

Off-site meetings, conventions, trade shows, seminars, etc. present the snoop with excellent opportunities for infiltration and information collection. Alert your people to the problems. A simple briefing should include the following advisories:

- Off-site meetings are prime targets for snoops.
- Spy methods used may be unethical or illegal.
- Security will control meeting room access (24 hours).
- Electronic eavesdropping detection will be employed.
- Attendees must wear ID badges at all times.
- Never leave your laptop or briefcase unattended.
- Leave written proprietary information with security.
- Proprietary data should remain in the secured area.
- Do not discuss business in public areas.
- Be suspicious of strangers who befriend you.
- Report suspicious activity to security immediately.

Conversations are often overheard by snoops

Bug inside telephone



6.

TECHNOLOGY
TRAITORS

Technological advancements give us many communications conveniences. Portable telephones, for example. Unfortunately, they also bring new opportunities for the snoops. Here are a few vulnerabilities you need to know about:

- **Answering Machines.** Messages left on many home units can be remotely accessed using a simple two or three digit code. Easy to hack. Most people never change the code which comes preset in new machines. Some units also have a remote

company name or other identifying information.

- Use first names and code words to identify special projects.
- Speak in general and uninteresting terms.

Home cordless telephones can be received up to one mile away. Use them only as an answering convenience. Switch to your regular telephone for increased - not absolute - security.

If you must have a cordless phone, buy one which operates in the 900 MHz frequency range using digital spread spectrum technology.

- Other telephones which can be monitored include:
- Commercial airline and rail telephones.
- Ocean liner phone calls.
- Long distance calls sent via satellite.
- Long distance calls sent via microwave radio links.

Don't leave dictation tapes on desk



listen-in feature. Read your manual carefully.

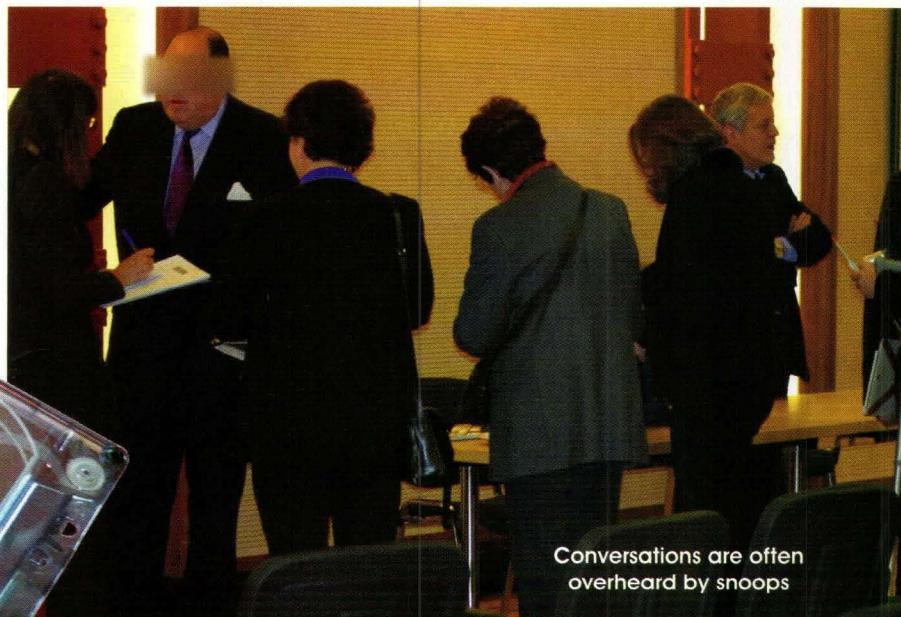
- **Voice Mail.** The business version of an answering machine can also be monitored. Use the longest password possible. Change it often.

- **Baby Monitors.** In reality, very sensitive room bugs which transmit 24-hours a day. Monitored by passing burglars to see if the house is empty, and by nosy neighbours. Use monitors sparingly. Plug the transmitter into a light timer. Keep baby's door closed.

- **Fax Machines I.** Some fax machines use disposable rolls of black film in their printing process. Used rolls contain an exact copy of all faxes received.

- **Fax Machines II.** Receiving an after hours fax transmission is similar to receiving mail without an envelope. Sensitive messages are routinely read by bored guards and workers roaming around the building burning up their overtime. Use a fax vault.

- **Cordless Microphones.** Presenters at meetings love using them. Unfortunately, they transmit crystal clear audio about a quarter mile. Ban them from any meeting to which the general public would not be invited.



Dictation Machines. You may shred the rough drafts, lock up the file copies, and send the originals in security sealed envelopes... but the dictation tape sits on the secretary's desk waiting to be swapped.

- Define Proprietary Information for your employees. It is information which is not general knowledge and is related to the company's products, methods, customers, plans, etc. It is any information which would cause

the loss of profit, or a competitive advantage, if it fell into the wrong hands.

8. THE SILVER PLATTER

Sometimes we just give information away. How many of the following items apply to someone you know?

- Unlocked offices, desks and file cabinets.
- Confidential paperwork left out overnight.
- Posted, shared or simpleton passwords.
- Phone directories which list everything but salary.
- Credit card, Social Security, and unlisted phone numbers posted in Rolodex files left on desktops.
- Answering probing questions over the phone from people they don't really know.
- Sensitive topics discussed with known gossips.
- etc., etc., etc.

The list gets longer the more you think about it.

Solution: Think about it, the list will shorten.

9. BUSINESS PHONE ATTACKS

Feature-rich business phones provide snoops with a variety of powerful eavesdropping options. The phones themselves provide electrical power; built-in microphones and speakers which can serve dual purposes and ample hiding space for bugs and taps (see page photo 51).

Telephone security checklist:

- Provide high-level security for telephone rooms.
- Restrict direct dialling into the main telephone switch. Some dangers of unauthorised phone system access include:
- Complete deprogramming of the switch.
- Secret reprogramming to allow access to...
- free calls,



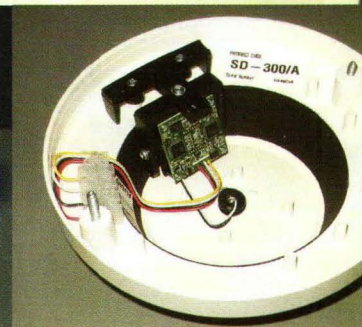
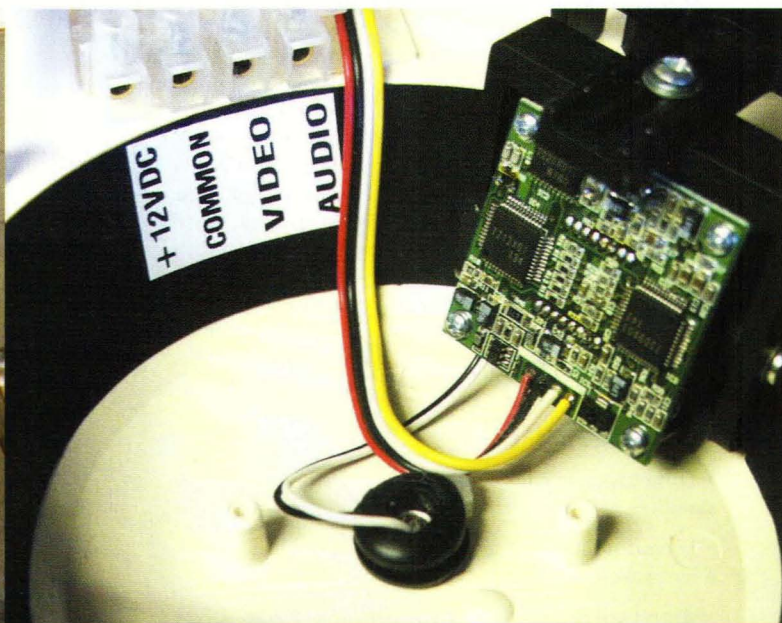
A bug connected to a mains power supply will operate indefinitely

- voice mail,
- executive override features (which allow forced access to busy extensions),
- bridge tap creation (allows silent monitoring from other extensions),
- hands-free intercom (allows room monitoring from other phones), and monitoring of the station message detail recording which maintains a record of all phone calls.

Recommendation: Replace the regular dial-up modem - which

connects the switch to the outside line - with a call back type modem. With this configuration, PBX connections are limited to authorised phone numbers.

- Secure the on-site programming terminals.
- Be sure the System Administrator is trustworthy.
- Conduct periodic inspections for wiretaps.
- Conduct surprise audits of the software settings.



- Remove all unused wiring from sensitive areas.
- Make sure that voice mail and switch access passwords are high quality.
- Ask phone system users to report all suspicious calls and voice mail aberrations to the security department immediately. In addition to snooping, these may also be indications of hackers trying to enter to steal services.

10. TREASON

Another type of spy - the trusted employee - is one of the most dangerous and hardest to spot. The most likely candidates are employees who may:

- Be disgruntled, possibly related to insufficient raises, promotions, etc.
- Has incurred large debts due to gambling habits, unavoidable circumstances, or drug use.
- Be involved with labour / management issues.
- Have entrepreneurial personalities.

Protection tips:

- Inspect for eavesdropping devices. These people have the time and opportunity to place and monitor.

- Selectively drop false bits of information and watch to see where they surface.
- Conduct background checks on all new employees and periodic checks on anyone with access to sensitive information.
- Check previous employment carefully.
- Uncover periods of employment not mentioned.
- Verify periods of unemployment.
- Living beyond their means may indicate extra income paid by the recipient of your business secrets.

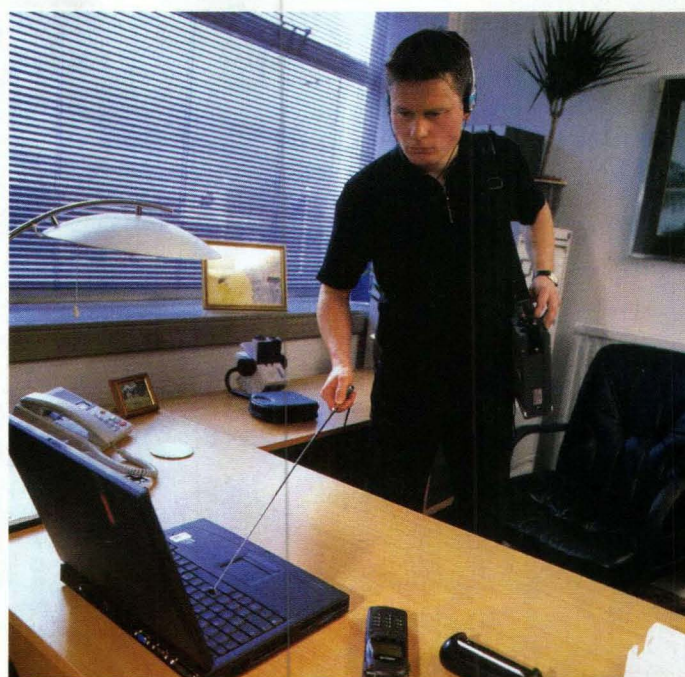
The good news...

Espionage is preventable, and knowing a snoop's tactics is the first step toward obtaining protection. You now have enough knowledge to begin that process confidently.

WHAT DOES A SPY LOOK LIKE?

There is no exact answer, but a composite picture was developed by the Business Espionage Controls and Countermeasures Association...

- 21-35 years old. Female as often as male.
- College graduate with a low-value degree.
- Broad, short-term employment background.



If you suspect you are being bugged - call in the professionals

- Money problems - low pay, poor self management.
- Military intelligence experience.
- Acquaintances with law enforcement backgrounds.
- Considered an outsider or loner.
- Disability precluding a law enforcement career.
- No police record prohibiting sensitive employment.
- Has driver's license, possibly a poor driving record.
- Romantic hobby/interest. (Writer, photographer, sky diver, scuba, etc.)
- Collects underground & paramilitary literature.
- An active interest in firearms, often with training.
- Recruited from a want ad for Investigative Trainee.
- Often just a drone of a professional handler.
- Abilities in music, chess, maths, etc. - skills associated with code breaking and espionage.

Keep this list in mind, but remember... Your snoop could be anybody.

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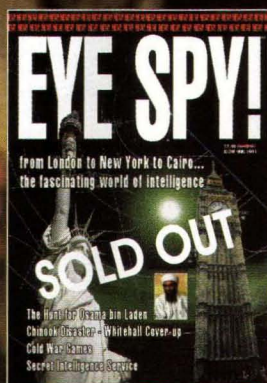
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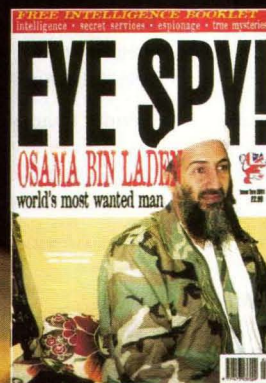
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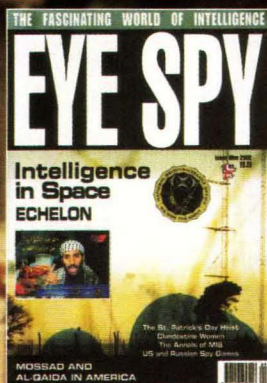


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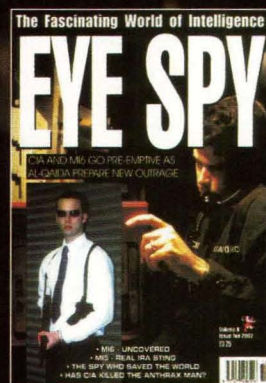


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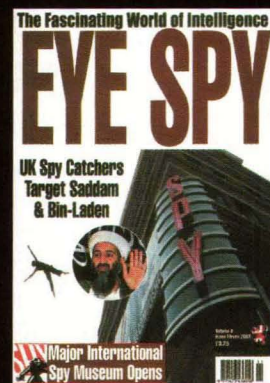
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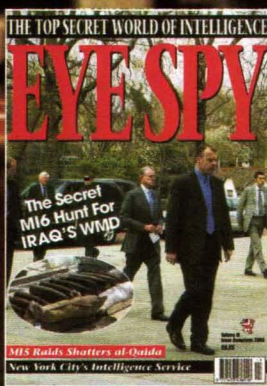


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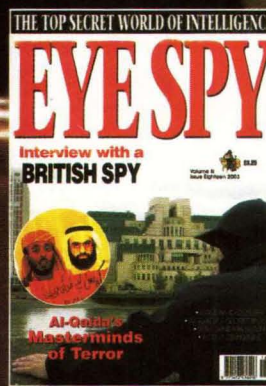


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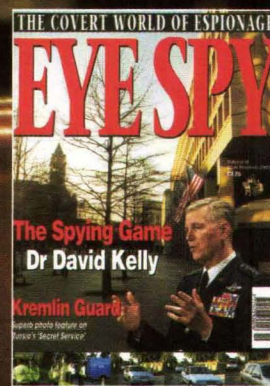
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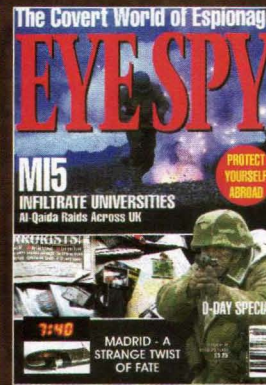


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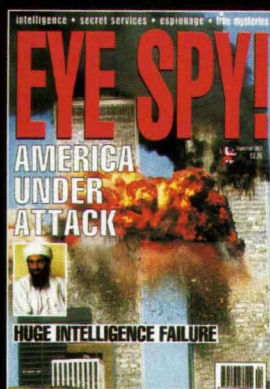
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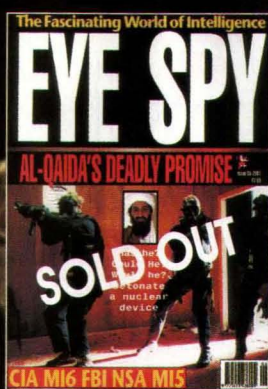
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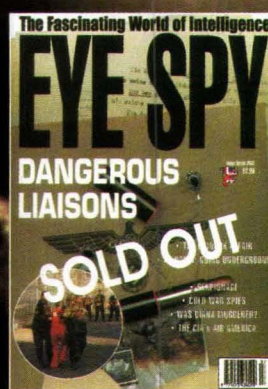
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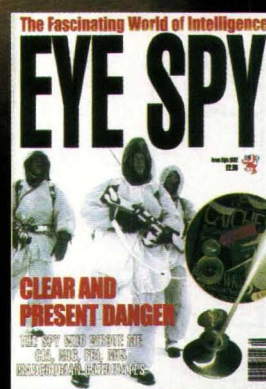
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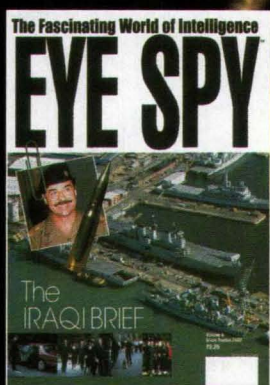
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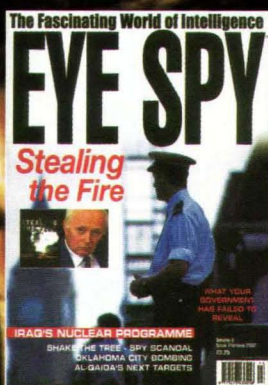
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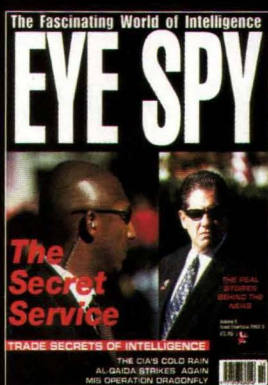
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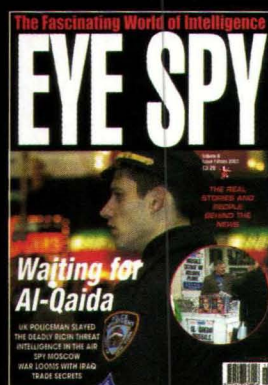
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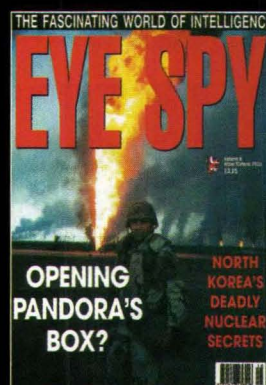
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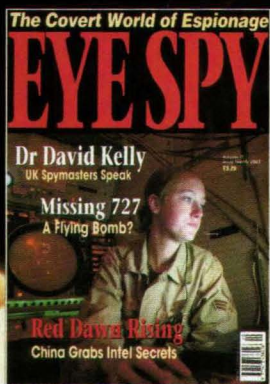
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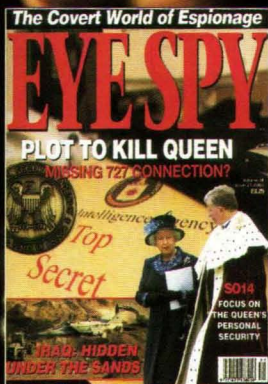
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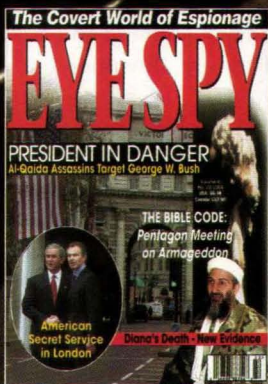
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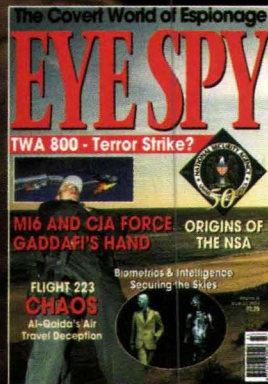
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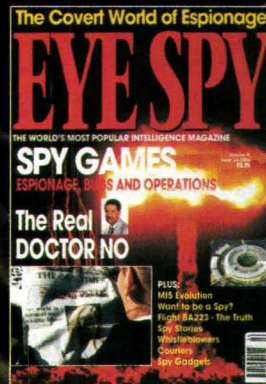
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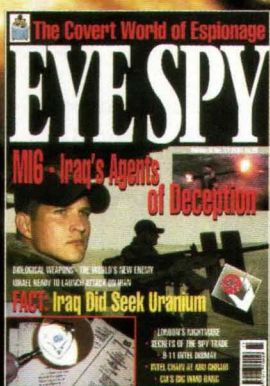
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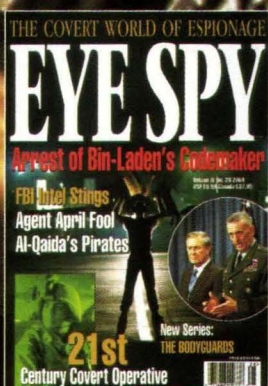
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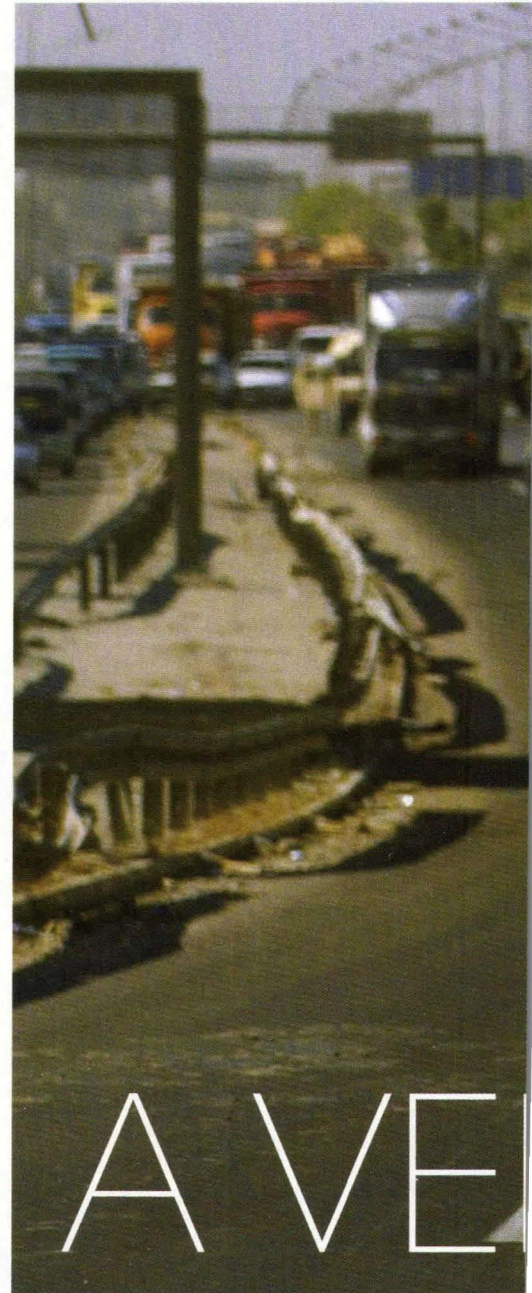
PLAUSIBLE DENIABILITY

Eye Spy and Law Enforcement Picture Library examine why big bucks are driving so many private contractors and security firms to Iraq's dangerous streets... but are they really prepared?

Conservative estimates put the number of foreign security personnel operating in Iraq at between fifteen and twenty thousand. Unregulated and virtually unaccountable, the numbers are set to rise as individuals and adventurers looking for excitement and wealth pour into the country. Many of the individuals are not adequately trained for this uniquely difficult situation in Iraq. The potential for disaster is evident with hostage taking on the increase, a rise in attacks on security personnel, and a general feeling within the country that some

workers are more interested in money than providing assistance. This is not always the case, as thousands of workers and advisors strive to rebuild a nation. However, terrorist groups and militants do not differentiate between noncombatants, soldiers and aid workers. They are all vulnerable.

Concerns have been growing in recent months at the huge number of private companies and individuals providing services to the coalition forces, individuals and companies in Iraq, and at the range of tasks they have been hired to undertake. For example, a third of the interrogators working at Abu Ghraib prison were private con-



Camp X-Ray, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

tractors, as are a number of those currently working at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

Whilst it is understood that the need for private security in Iraq is essential, especially as Coalition troops are stretched with their own objectives, and with the fledgling Iraqi Police Force (IPF) still trying to find its feet, it is the unregulated nature of those operating independently in Iraq that is giving cause for concern.

As the insurgency in Iraq gathers pace, attacks and kidnappings are becoming common place. The need for additional security has increased. This has opened the door to less than professional companies to bridge the security gap.



While the UK has been reluctant to employ civilians to carry out sensitive assignments, the US have embraced the idea that non-military or law enforcement agencies can often provide specialist training and manpower for those tasks.

The UK does outsource a number of security contracts to trusted companies such as the *Control Risks Group*, who are currently operating in Iraq on contracts for the British Government as well as a number of private companies. A recent UK Government white paper has been produced extolling the virtues of non-government private agencies taking a greater role in security operations. However, London lags far behind Washington in its willingness to outsource tasks generally reserved for

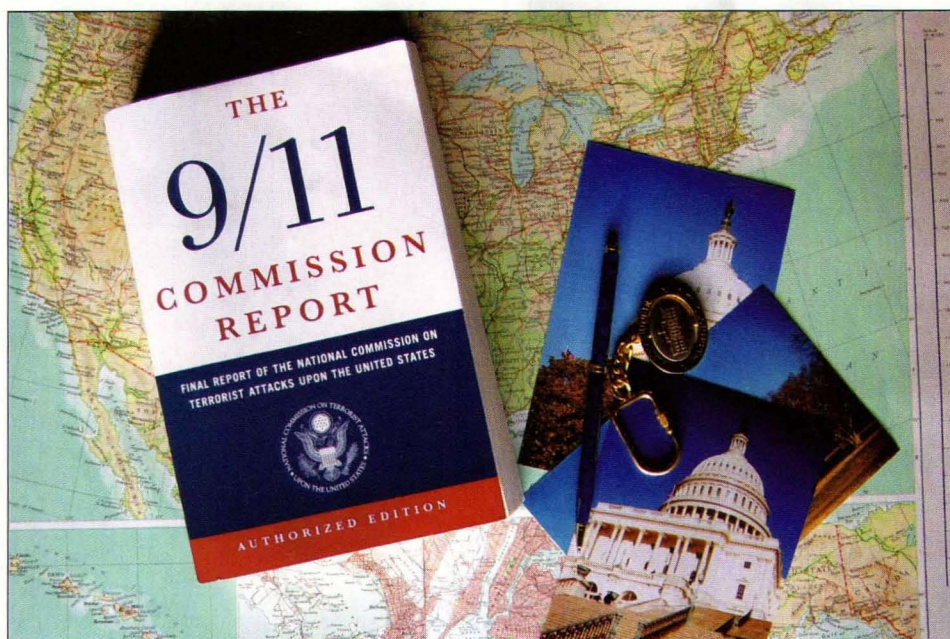
its specialist military and law enforcement agencies.

The US currently has contracts totalling hundreds of millions of dollars with dozens of Private Military Companies (PMC's) in Iraq. The *Triple Canopy Company* provides protection for a number of US agencies safeguarding key personnel and strategic sites in Iraq

Custer Battles, another US firm, has a contract to safeguard Baghdad Airport and, in June 2003 opened an office in the Mansour district in Baghdad, as have *Erinys International*, a part South African part British-owned company who's contract to supply protection for Iraq's oil installations and pipelines is reputed to be worth \$100,000,000; while one of the world's biggest private

military companies, *DynCorp* with thousands of staff operating in countries throughout the world, has taken over the protection duty for Afghan Prime Minister Mohamed Karzai from the US Navy's elite seal team six as well as landing a \$50,000,000 contract to train the new Iraqi Police Force.

Security in Iraq is clearly big business. It has been estimated that nearly a quarter of the US budget of \$18 billion dollars put aside for the war is being siphoned off to finance ever increasing security operations, the majority of it being spent on private companies. In September 2004, it was confirmed that money earmarked for rebuilding, and for schools and hospitals, is being sidelined to pay for security necessitated by constant fighting in Iraq.



US Government Book Set to Take Major Award

The remarkable 567-page US Government report on the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks, which was printed as a large paperback, has been nominated for one of America's most prestigious book awards. *The 9/11 Commission Report*, which took a staff of almost 100 people to research and write, has sold well over one million copies in the US alone, and is set to break all records for a government-sponsored publication.

Journalists and analysts have hailed the book as a clear, thorough and readable account of the tragedy, a world away from the usual reports published by government bodies. Indeed, much of the book flows like a thriller and one would be forgiven for thinking the work was fiction. Now the authors are in line for a share of the National Book Award's prize of \$10,000 for a non-fiction book. "We're very gratified, surprised and obviously happy," said Thomas

Kean (right), the former New Jersey Governor who served as the Commission's Republican head.

"We hope this will give us added momentum to get Congress to adopt our recommendations to make the country safer."



Philip Zelickow, a historian and the Commission's Executive Director said: "We tried very, very hard to 'write up' to our readers because we believed there is an audience out there for books that are nuanced and avoid caricature and melodrama."

The book took almost a year to complete and offers an insight into 9/11 and how the US was taken by surprise.

9/11 Relatives Anger at NYC



NEW YORK: The remains of several hundred victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, are to be permanently buried in the world's largest rubbish dump. Following the attacks, some half a million tons of rubble and dust were taken to the huge Fresh Kills landfill site on nearby Staten Island. The WTC rubble covered 48 acres.

Relatives of the 1,169 people whose remains have never been identified, are fuming that the city is to close the site and create a memorial to the victims. After the attack, city chiefs promised that the remains of all the dead would be returned to the families.

The cost of \$450 million is thought prohibitive. But now relatives have started a vociferous campaign to get the authorities to overturn their decision.

Over 10,000 fragments have still to be identified.

While it must be reiterated that the majority of companies operating in Iraq are highly professional with well-trained personnel, there is a fear that as the demand for protection grows some employers will be tempted to employ individuals who are not trained or prepared to operate in the unique theatre of operations that is Iraq.

Mark V Lonsdale is Director of the *Strategic Tactical Training Unit*, a highly respected company who have been providing top class training and personnel for the US military and law enforcement agencies for a number of years. Mark is currently in Iraq providing specialist training for front line troops and specialist operatives. We asked him about operating in what is currently the world's deadliest hot spot.

Eye Spy: How does high-risk protection in Iraq contrast with other assignments?

ML: It's quite dangerous, attacks are a daily occurrence.

Eye Spy: Have you or any of your staff had any contact situations with local militia or insurgents?

ML: Yes, every company has taken casualties, you cannot operate in Iraq without 'contact'.



Paul Bremer

This was evidenced brutally when US firm *Blackwater* lost four of its operatives, who's battered corpses were dragged through Fallujah and paraded before the world's press.

Blackwater had been tasked with supplying close protection for the former Coalition Provisional Authority Chief, Paul Bremer.

The question of armed private security operatives was one of the most hotly contested issues between the United States and the recently appointed Iraqi Government. Iraq's Deputy President Ibrahim Jaafari, called for the guards' immunity from prosecution to be stripped, and for the guards to be disarmed. He made it clear that such immunities ran contrary to the rule of law and were effectively a curtailment of the Iraqi Government's

sovereignty. However, the US were quick to point out that if its immunity from prosecution were removed, many personnel would not feel operating in Iraq was a viable proposition, and their pulling out would have a disastrous effect on the Coalition's ability to stabilise the country. This highlights just how important the private companies services to Iraq actually have become.

Another worry about the companies operating in Iraq, is the possibility that the actions of some may be doing more harm than good. While they may be providing a valuable service to their clients, the way they deliver that service is sometimes highly questionable.

We asked Mark Lonsdale if the presence of these companies has had a detrimental effect on relations with locals thus impairing the ability of professional companies to work effectively:

"Yes, some insult and alienate the local populace in the way they drive; others pull up and pull guns when it is not necessary. There is also an unacceptable level of accidental discharges."

It is this lack of professionalism by some companies that is causing the most concern. There is no central

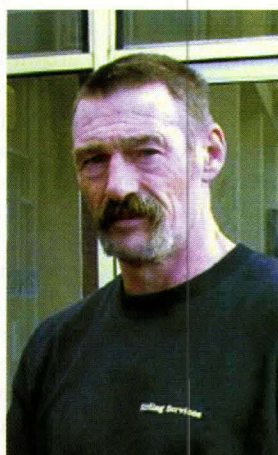
authority or oversight authority monitoring the hiring, training and operational activities of the private companies in Iraq. And while the demand grows, the pool out of which the best-trained operatives can be selected is rapidly diminishing.

"There are only a few companies running shoddy operations in Iraq, they lack logistical support, have questionable hiring standards and little or no

intelligence capabilities," said Mr Lonsdale. This lack of real-time intelligence and logistical support is a point raised by former SAS sergeant John McAleese (left). McAleese has seen combat in some of the world's most dangerous trouble spots, and was immortalised as 'the man in black', when he appeared on the balcony of the Iranian Embassy in



A US soldier prepares a remotely piloted Shadow 200. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are frequently used in more sensitive area for reconnaissance and surveillance. Often fitted with real-time cameras, some UAVs patrol huge stretches of desert looking for oil-pipeline saboteurs or insurgents crossing into Iraq





London heralding the start of Operation Nimrod, to take back the Embassy.

McAleese told Eye Spy: "Some of the companies have absolutely no intelligence. Men arrive to work in Iraq and get an hour's briefing. Moments later they are sent out on operations such as escorting a convoy. A lot of the companies in Iraq are operating on an ad hoc basis. Men are often issued with nothing more than a pistol and have no body armour, what good is a pistol when someone's firing an automatic rifle at you?"

"You need to know who and where the bad guys are. When the Coalition forces arrived in Baghdad the Republican Guard just melted away, where did they go? You never know if the friendly barber cutting your hair during the day may be the same guy trying to cut your throat at night."

While a number of companies operating in Iraq have the luxury of effectively being co-opted into the military, many find themselves operating completely alone. McAleese related details of an incident where a number of his colleagues working in Iraq came under attack in their compound and radioed for military assistance. They were told that the military was "too busy to provide any help." The attack was eventually repelled, but it could have been a very different story.

Some military analysts believe that Iraq is not really the place for former soldiers who have not received specialist training to operate there. But McAleese said: "Many who are now in Iraq have not been trained in any specialist skills such as close protection, but don't forget, a lot of these men have done a tour in Iraq. They were

there for the Army for £80 a day so they see no reason why they should not return for £200 a day."

John McAleese is now the training director for Hereford based *Stirling Services*, who provide specialist courses in various areas, such as divers, close protection officers, hostage rescue, and sky marshalling.

The company is currently bridging the gap in the skills shortfall required for operating in a country like Iraq. To that end, McAleese has developed a Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT) course. "It's basically a heads up course designed to make someone aware of the way they should be operating in a hostile environment," he said. "It has been designed specifically with Iraq in mind. Drawing on our training staff's huge wealth of knowledge, we have developed a course that we believe is essential for anyone thinking of operating in Iraq."

It's clear from studying the profile of a number of private firms in Iraq, that they claim to be staffed by ex-special forces. McAleese is wary of this claim: "Every company says its staff are former Special Forces, but if you look at how many there supposedly are, it's nonsense. Quite simply there are not that many special forces men around. The overall numbers are very small, but then again, it depends on what you call special forces."



PLAUSIBLE DENIABILITY

Another criticism of the use of private companies is that the military can effectively co-opt them into their service with the luxury of claiming they are not under their control should anything go wrong, the so called plausible deniability defence.

Jonathan Idema, or *Tora Bora Jack* (see page 61) as he is better known, was recently sentenced by a Kabul court to ten years for kidnap and torture.



Secretary Rumsfeld escorts Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi into the Pentagon



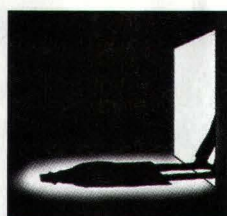
A US soldier monitors a smoke grenade while conducting training for Iraqi correctional response team trainees at the Mosul Regional Confinement Facility in Iraq

Idema, a former Green Beret was lured to Afghanistan by the huge bounties offered on the heads Osama bin-Laden and other al-Qaida commanders. As bounty hunts go, this one is the biggest around.

However, his unorthodox methods of intelligence gathering and investigation came to light recently when Afghan Police raided his Kabul residence. They found a number of individuals being held captive, including some hanging from the ceiling by their feet. Idema insisted that he was working with the full co-operation of the Pentagon. The Pentagon denied all links to Idema, but it did concede that it had taken charge over a Taliban suspect handed over to them by Idema.

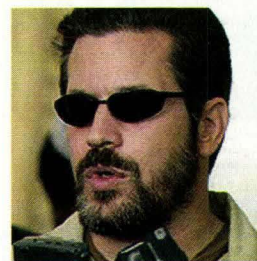
Idema claims the US Government has abandoned him and that he was working under their direction. Whatever the truth, this case highlights the problems inherent in countries such as Afghanistan and Iraq, where private individuals and companies are free to operate unfettered.

Whether professional companies conducting vital assignments or profiteering mercenaries cash in, war in Iraq is big business, and with the current situation likely to persist for the foreseeable future, business is booming for the private security armies.



FOR THE RECORD

TORA BORA JACK - A STRANGE BUSINESS



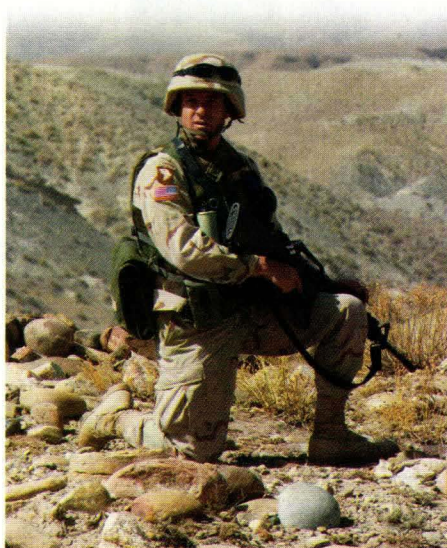
On 5 July, Afghanistan security forces detained two Americans and four Afghans after learning of some rather strange goings-on in the basement of a Kabul house.

Afghan police found eight terrified men showing signs of beatings. Three of the men were hanging upside down, their feet tied with ropes. Some of those arrested wore made-up insignias with the words *Special Unit Sable Seven* on their uniforms.

The house had been rented by Jonathan Idema, or *Tora Bora Jack*, to those who knew him best. Police found maps on the wall, clocks showing times in various world cities, and a list of 'missions to be accomplished'. The former Special Forces soldier was told he was operating illegally in Afghanistan. The bounty hunter was in fact searching for information that could lead him to Osama bin-Laden and other wanted terrorists. Clearly the reward of \$25 million (£13.4m) for bin-Laden's head, was too tempting for the retired US Green Beret.

Fearing more controversy like that to emerge at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, the Pentagon quickly issued a press release stating Idema had been masquerading as an American government representative.

Idema had flown to Afghanistan as a freelance advisor to the Northern Alliance, and had no official link to the US military. He claims to have killed Taliban from Mazar-e-Sharif in the north to Kandahar in the south, and says he tracked down Osama bin-Laden at Tora Bora during the campaign which almost snared al-Qaida's leader in late 2001.



The renegade former soldier is also involved in a \$130 million legal action. He claims he was the inspiration for George Clooney's character in the hit movie, *The Peacemaker*. The film centres upon a maverick Special Forces officer who saves New York City from a terrorist nuclear bomb. Idema also said he intercepted uranium in Lithuania - just before it fell into the hands of terrorists intent on destroying the USA.

Idema joined the Green Berets in 1975 aged 18. He claims to have trained extensively in anti-terrorist operations with the SAS at Hereford, though that has yet to be verified by any Eye Spy source.

It seems the other motivation, besides financial reward for capturing bin-Laden, was President Bush's 'call to arms' following 9/11. However, regular soldiers and Special Forces operating in Afghanistan believe that his actions only inflame an already tense situation. "Hanging suspects upside down is clearly not the way to extract information," said a military source.



"This type of action could have serious repercussions for any soldier caught in Afghanistan."

Tora Bora Jack is not the only soldier of fortune moving through terrain that is both difficult and dangerous. With bin-Laden's spies in every village and town, the chances of being captured by terrorist sympathisers are very real.

Idema was tried and sentenced on 15 September to 10 years in an Afghan prison for "operating a private jail and torturing civilians." He claims the men in the house were al-Qaida operatives.

Idema accused CBS News of abandoning him after having what appears to have been an ad hoc arrangement in which he used CBS equipment and personnel to transmit information for possible use in CBS broadcasts.

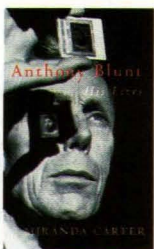
Idema also accused the US Department of Defense, which he claims to have had a working relationship with, of abandoning him.

A 'regular soldier' - Staff Sgt. Christopher Hartl provides security during a mission in Jikdalek, Afghanistan.

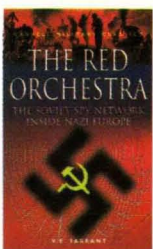
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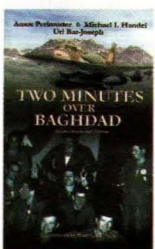
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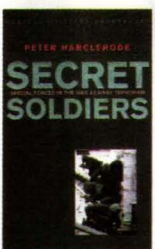
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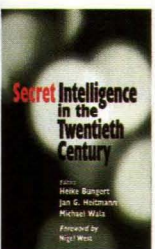
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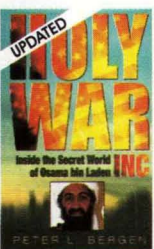
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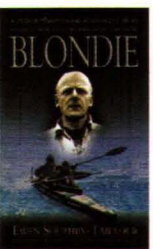
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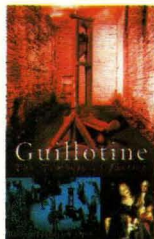
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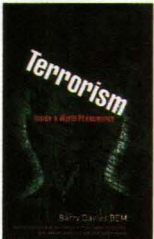
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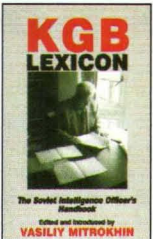
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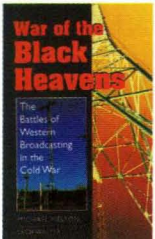
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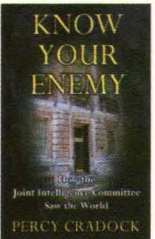
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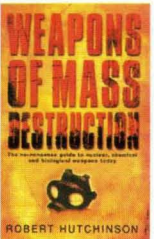
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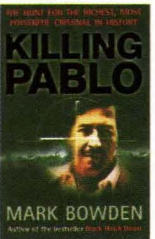
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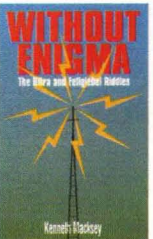
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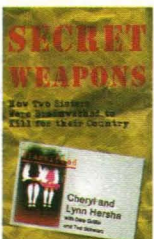
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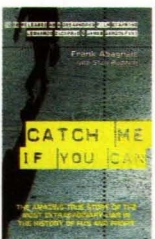
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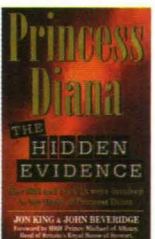
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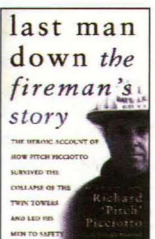
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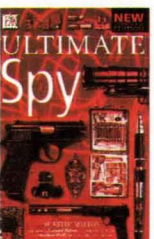
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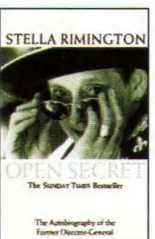
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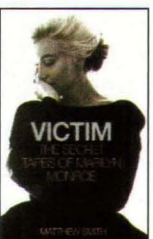
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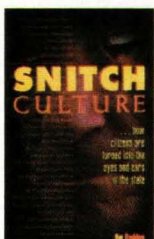
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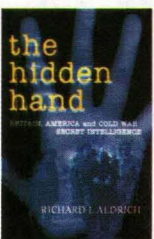
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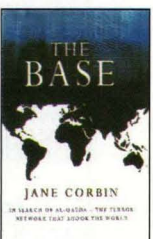
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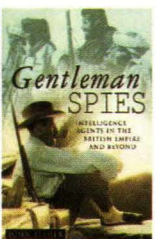
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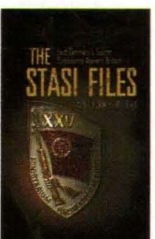
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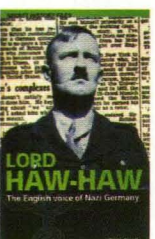
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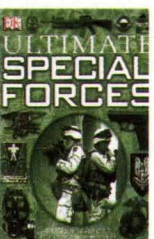
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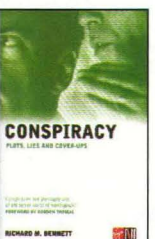
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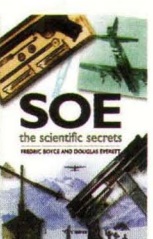
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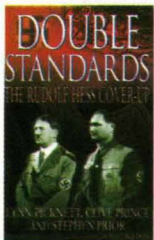
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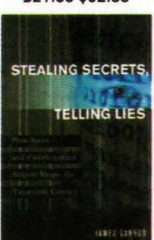
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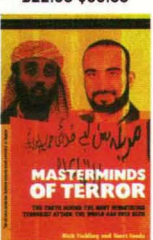
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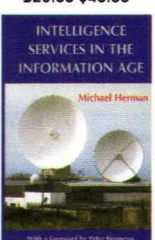
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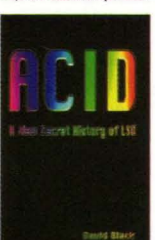
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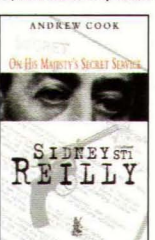
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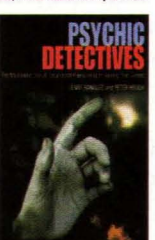
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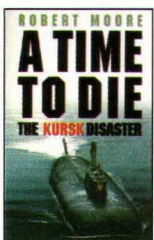
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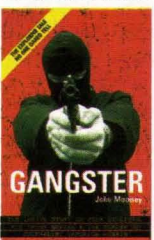
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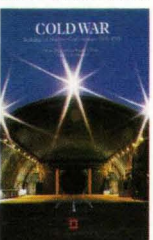
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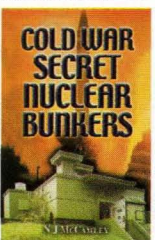
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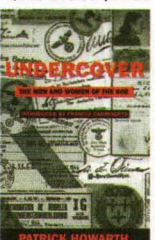
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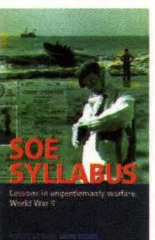
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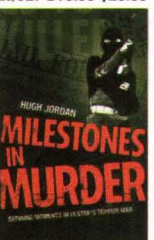
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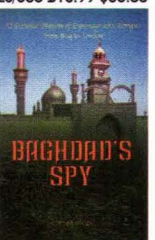
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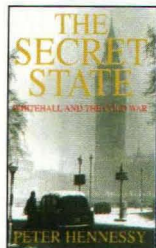
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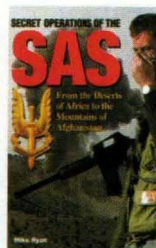
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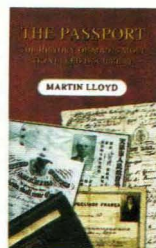
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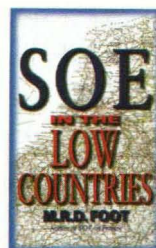
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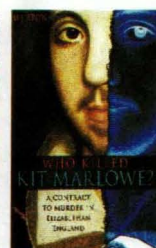
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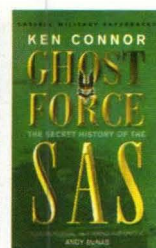
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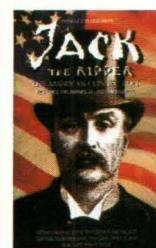
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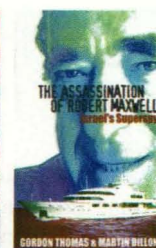
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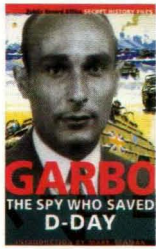
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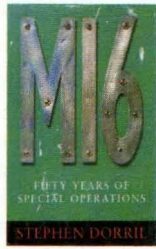
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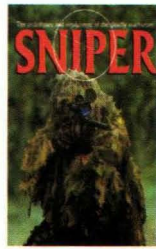
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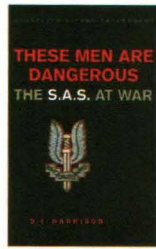
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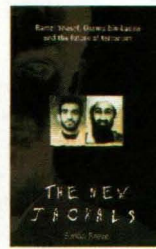
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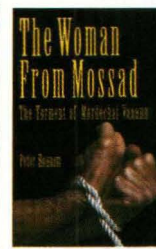
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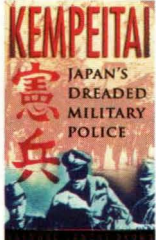
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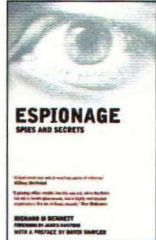
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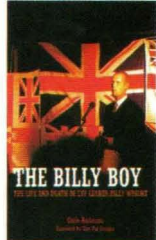
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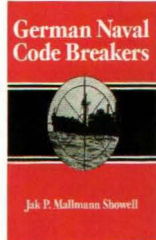
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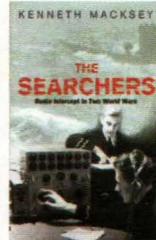
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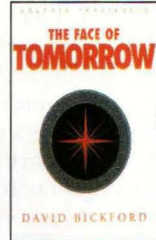
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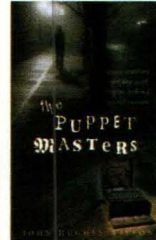
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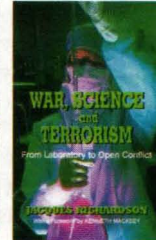
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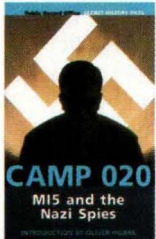
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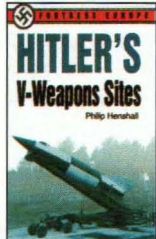
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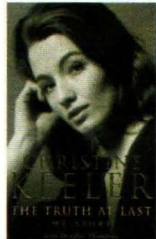
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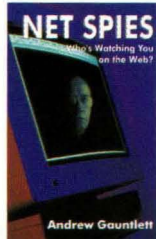
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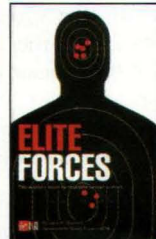
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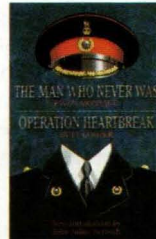
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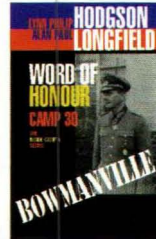
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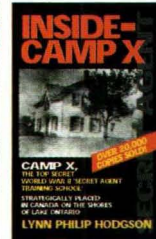
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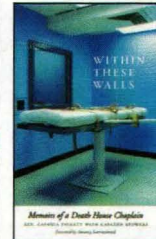
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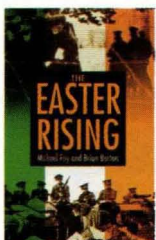
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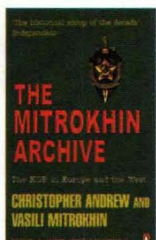
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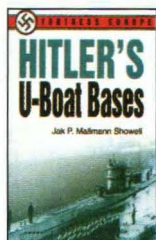
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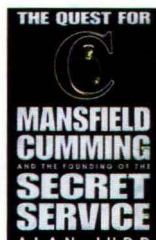
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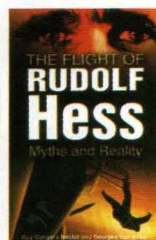
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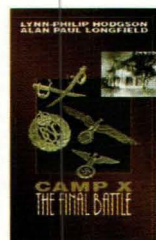
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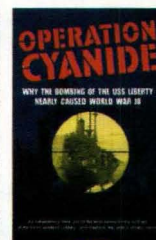
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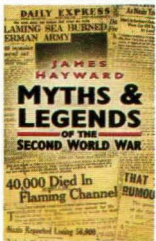
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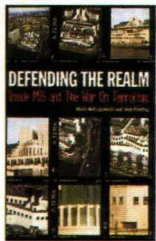
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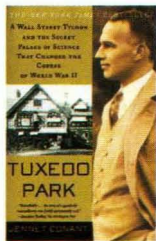
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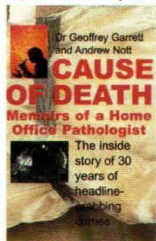
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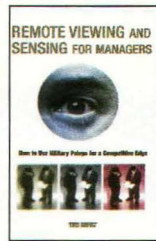
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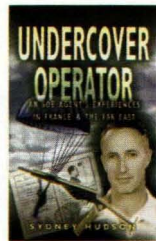
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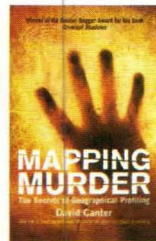
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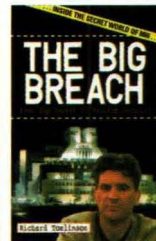
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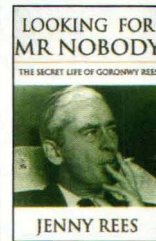
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Subtle pressure on Iran is being beamed into the country by some ten or eleven Farsi satellites and radio channels. These are actually situated in the San Fernando Valley in California. One intelligence estimate states as many as seven million Iranians tune in to the broadcasts which offer a different view of America to that taught by Iran's senior leaders. And in 2003, Washington DC-based *Voice of America* (VOA) began broadcasting to the area direct.

Moderates in Iran suffered a huge blow in February 2004, when thousands of their supporters were disqualified from voting in elections, because they were not "committed sufficiently to Islam." Despite this, Iran's leaders are determined to press ahead with its nuclear programme and have dismissed appeals by the UK, France and Germany to stop the construction and development of the sites. It seems clear a deadline for Iran to comply with an IAEA demand, or face the consequences, will be supported by many nations, and possibly the United Nations Security Council.

Estimates vary in relation to just how soon Iran will have the bomb, but Israeli military officials say Iran is just two years away from having nuclear weapons. Other intelligence sources believe that Iran's constant haggling with the IAEA means it is trying to buy time - indicating a bomb could be at its disposal in just twelve months. The delivery method is already



well advanced - the long-range Shahab-3 missile - was successfully tested in July 2004, and experts said Iran is set to begin serial production within two years. Prototypes, are however, complete.

In 1981, Israel, with some 200 nuclear warheads of its own, sent several warplanes over the deserts and mountains to attack Iraq's fledgling nuclear sites. The warplanes let loose a string of bombs, knocking out Baghdad's nuclear reactors and halting Saddam Hussein's progress in obtaining nuclear weapons. At the time, even Israel's staunchest ally, the United States, internationally condemned the attack. Though any attack on Iran would create huge tension in the Middle East, Israel says it reserves the right to conduct a pre-emptive raid if it feels its very existence is threatened.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi, wary of the 1981 operation, warned Israel against embarking on an "adventure," saying "it will pay dearly" if it does so. In America, Congress passed a resolution that authorised the use

of "all appropriate means to stop Iran acquiring nuclear weapons." In addition, few in Washington have forgotten that Tehran, knowingly "facilitated" ten of the nineteen 9/11 terrorists at the border - giving them "free travel." The CIA also learned that finance for the terrorist attacks on the US Embassies in Africa was provided for by some elements in Iran.

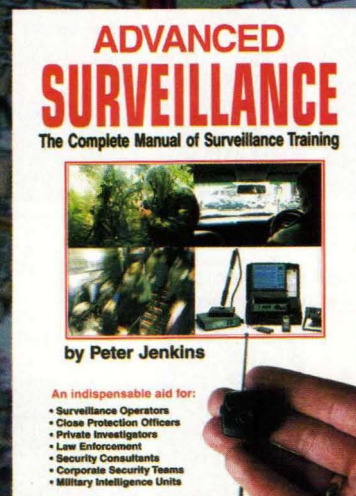
Not all those in the US intel machine believe Iran should be stopped by military strikes or gentle subterfuge. Robert Gates, a former CIA Director said confrontation would not work and said negotiations offers more hope. However, Iran's President Mohammed Khatami, a moderate, must stand down next year. If those supporting the nuclear weapons programme grab power, it is set to be a most turbulent time. Israel has already shown that they are willing to strike anyway - and it seems ever more likely this could happen - infuriating Arabs everywhere. The tipping point is fast approaching... and the CIA's operation to topple the regime by mind games, may already be out of time.

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Origins of the *BRUSH PASS*

Author Benjamin Weiser, in his notable book, *A Spy's Life*, which focuses on the remarkable story of Ryszard Kuklinski, a Polish officer who passed on huge amounts of intelligence about the USSR to the United States, also researched some fascinating techniques in espionage operations. One of the tricks developed in that era - a period plagued with spies and tension between the superpowers - involved the brush pass or brush contact.

The origins of the 'brush pass' can be traced back to America and the CIA, and involved the skilful manipulation of gaps in surveillance and the covert passing of items from one person to another without being noticed... even if the exchange is under observance. ➤

Tradecraft



Weiser said: "CIA officers preparing to serve in denied areas began to innovate. One major advance in tradecraft was the development of the 'brush contact', which is credited largely to CIA officer Haviland Smith, who served as the station chief in Prague from 1958 to 1960."

In early 1965, David Forden and Ronald Estes were the first students in a

denied-area-training course that Smith helped set up near Washington. The doctrine was simple: Be natural. Don't be sneaky. Go everywhere. Be interested in everything. Shop, sightsee, and love castles, and take your family to the country on picnics. But be predictable. Before you know it, you will have a dozen different routes you can walk anytime you want without alarming opposing surveillance officers. Ideas flowed in from veteran officers who had served throughout Eastern Europe.

Smith had another inspiration. One of his students was a Czech intelligence

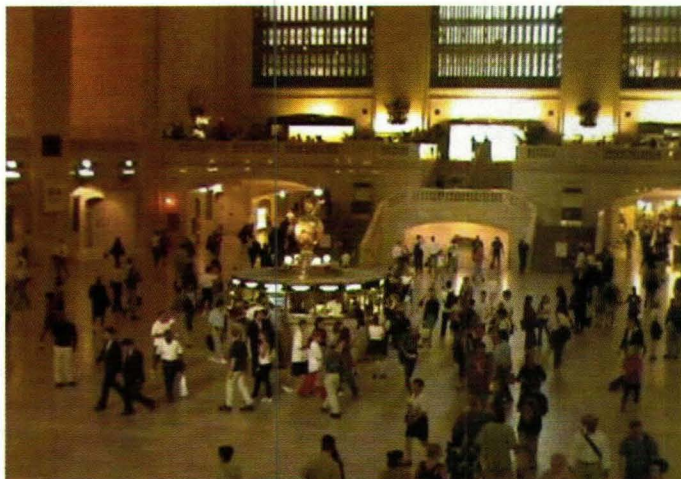
official who had volunteered to work for the United States and was receiving tradecraft lessons in New York before he was sent back to Prague. One evening at rush hour, they were at Grand Central Terminal in midtown Manhattan. Smith was training the agent in the use of signals and dead drops, but it was clear that the agent was reluctant to leave a package unattended for any length of time. "Anything I put down for you is going to incriminate me, and anything you put down for me is going to have stuff that will incriminate me," the agent said.

Smith replied, "Your concern is that it's sitting out there with nobody in charge?" The agent nodded. Improvising, Smith escorted the agent to a subway entrance near Grand Central, which also led into the old Biltmore Hotel. A pedestrian could walk straight into the hotel or turn right and descend a flight of steps into the subway. "Let's try this," Smith said. He asked the agent to stand inside the crowded doorway at the top of the stairs leading down to the subway, where he could not be seen from the street. "I'll walk through the door, and hand you a newspaper," Smith said. "When you get that newspaper, turn around and go down the stairs, and I'll go straight into the hotel."

Smith then carried out the exercise: He made two successive right turns, first at the corner and then into the subway entrance. In his mind, he was losing one set of imaginary Czech security agents who were conducting surveillance from across the street, and a second set of trailing agents who were following as he turned into the hotel. Smith had only a few seconds to hand off the newspaper to his agent before

the imaginary surveillance would catch up. The agent took the newspaper and turned down the stairs, while Smith continued his walk into the hotel. They repeated the exercise again and again and had other CIA officers play the role of hostile surveillance agents. Each time Smith and the agent made a "brush pass," as it was called, the watching CIA officers did not detect the hand-off. By the time the role-playing surveillance agents caught up with Smith a few seconds later, it appeared he was merely continuing his walk into the Biltmore. When the exercise was complete, the Czech agent turned to Smith and said, "That was terrific. I'll do that in Prague."

The escape route, which in this case was the stairway into the subway, was



Grand Central Terminal, Manhattan

essential. Prague, built around sharp corners and full of gated courtyards, offered countless possibilities for successive right turns and escape routes. Smith took the concept of the brush pass to his superiors and won their approval. Together with Bronson Tweedy, then chief of the CIA's East Europe Division, they went to see Richard Helms, then deputy director for plans. Smith and Tweedy asked for approval of the brush pass for the Czech agent when he returned to

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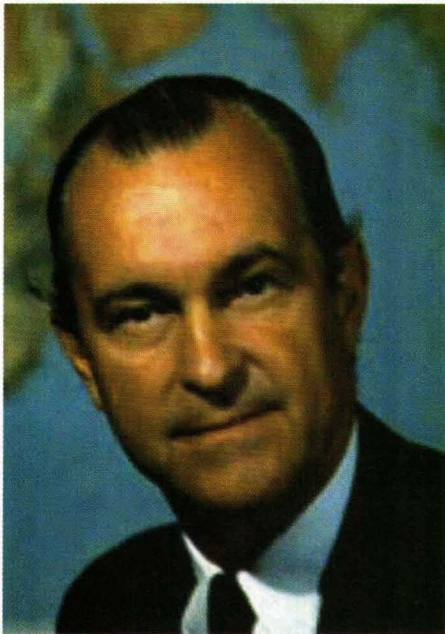
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Richard Helms

Prague, but Helms refused. The arrest and execution of Oleg Penkovsky was still on his mind, and he felt it was foolhardy to carry out personal exchanges inside the Soviet bloc. "He looked at me," Smith recalled, "and said, 'I have saddle-sores all over my ass from the Penkovsky case, and I'm not going to approve this kind of operation.'"

Smith continued to press to have the concept approved for Prague. In the spring of 1965, he organised a personal demonstration for Helms. Smith had refined the technique, even consulting with a magician for tips on the art of misdirection, engaging in one action to distract attention from another. The goal was to use an orthogonal approach - at right angles - so that an agent would not walk directly into the face of opposing surveillance. Smith also drew Estes and Forden into the conversations.

Helms sent his deputy, Thomas H. Karamessines, to the demonstration, which was held in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel in Washington. Like the subway entrance in New York, the Mayflower was an ideal place to practice the brush pass. The CIA officer could walk along the sidewalk, turn right, enter the hotel's front door, and proceed into a lobby where there was a bank of telephones. With Karamessines and Tweedy watching from a bench in the lobby, about ten feet from the telephones, Smith had Ron Estes, the officer being assigned to Prague, act as if he were an officer in a denied area.

Smith played the role of an agent and stood by the phones, pretending to make a call. Estes entered through the hotel door, with his raincoat draped over his right arm, covering the small package he was holding in his hand. In the few seconds that it took to enter the lobby and approach Smith, Estes shifted the raincoat into his left hand, shaking it slightly, and letting it flop over his left arm. The idea was to divert attention to Estes's left, while he handed the package in his right hand to Smith. After receiving it, Smith disappeared into the hallway.

Karamessines turned to Tweedy and asked impatiently, "When are they going to do it, anyway?"

"Tom, they've already done it," Tweedy replied.

That day, the concept was approved for use in Prague, though deferred for Warsaw. The Polish capital had been destroyed in the war and rebuilt on a grid with broad open intersections. As a result, Warsaw lacked the twists and turns that an officer or agent would

CIA case officer David Forden (right), and his Soviet Bloc contact, Ryszard Kuklinski (below). The Polish officer passed on vital intelligence to the United States during the Cold War.



The brush pass was one development that was born in this period. This photo was taken around 1984 when Forden was Chief of the Soviet/East European Division



need to find the necessary angles and escape routes for a brush pass. For now, David Forden would have to rely on more traditional methods like dead drops, car tosses, and clandestine mailings.

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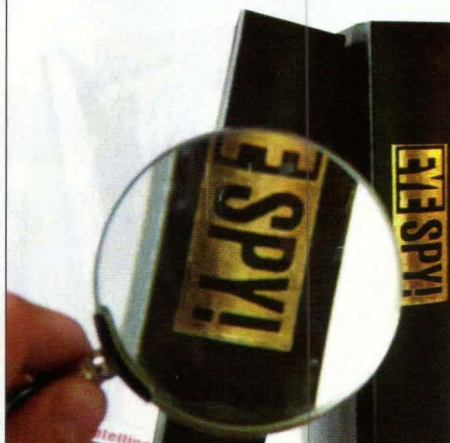
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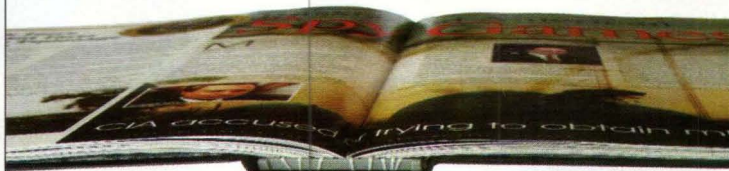
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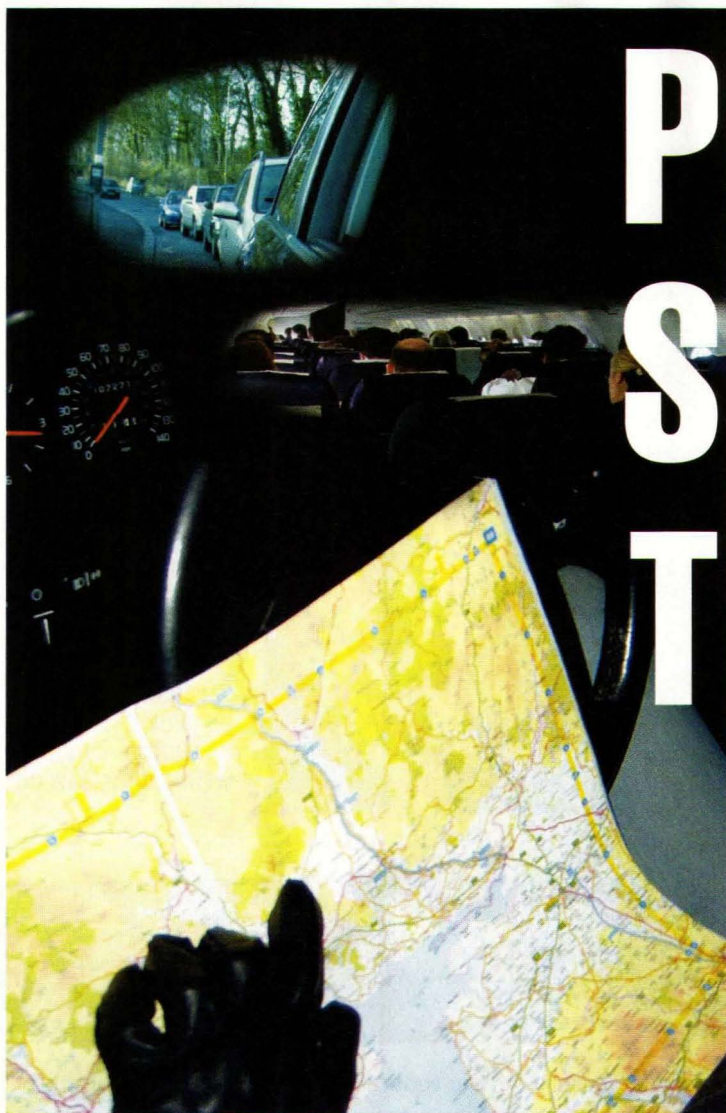
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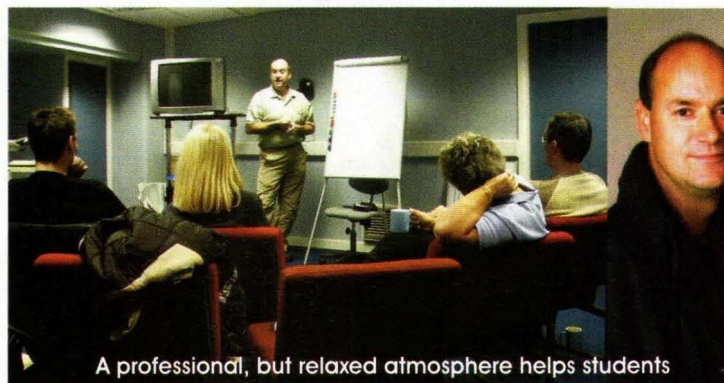
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PJ: It varies - civilian and governmental. On our last course, we had six students with different backgrounds and experiences. Two were

private investigators, one woman worked in a security team for a major retail company, two were close protection officers and, a young man who had no previous experience but wanted to work in the security industry. Primarily

students are either working in the security industry or seeking work in it. Some two years ago a businessman attended one of the courses. His intention was to set up his own detective agency. Our course provided him with valuable experience.

Eye Spy: How frequent are the courses and are there any restrictions on the number of participants wishing to attend?

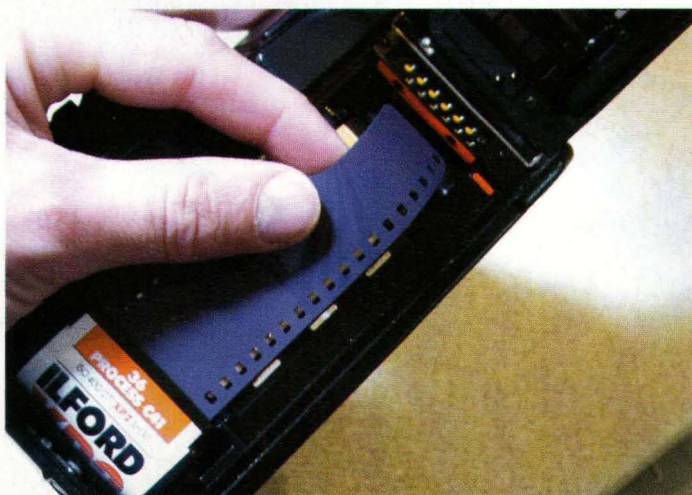
PJ: We run several unique courses on various subjects. *Open* courses are available to the public and held every two months in the Yorkshire Dales. Our *Closed* courses can only be attended by enforcement or military organisations. In the past few months we have run courses in Ireland, Sweden, Germany and several in the

United States of America. An open course commences on a Tuesday and is normally attended by eight students. We cover basic foot and mobile surveillance and related subjects. The week is very intense, but rewarding. I suppose the biggest compliment paid by the students, is that on Friday, most of them don't want to go home!

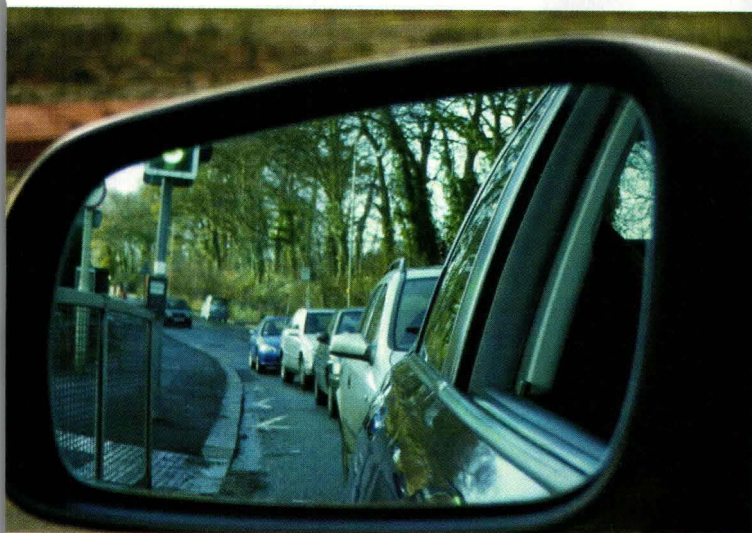
Eye Spy: You also run a one-day course on electronics?

PJ: On Monday we have a separate course on electronic surveillance. Various aspects of bugging, phone tapping, covert video cameras and vehicle tracking are covered.

Eye Spy: Do students find some aspects of the course difficult?



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PJ: Working and understanding a radio is crucial. The operator has to give quick, accurate and precise instructions over the radio whilst thinking about everything else that is going on around him, including keeping an eye on the target. Digesting everything around you and relaying it through a radio is sometimes difficult, but eventually it does come with training. Acting normally can be difficult. Given a simple task to watch a doorway for ten minutes, within two, some operators are hiding behind things, peeping over objects and generally shifting about from one spot to another. All they have to do is stand or sit still and mind their own business.

Eye Spy: Your courses are highly regarded both here in the UK and overseas. Why do you think this is so?

PJ: We have been running courses for almost a decade and have sought to embrace modern technology along with tried and trusted methods. Experience counts, but it is important to study new tactics and be able to adapt to various challenges. The equipment



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Eye Spy: Is the work rewarding in respect of achievement?

PJ: By the time the course nears completion, we can already see a vast difference. Everyday the students improve and learn to progress. They go through a big learning curve. After they leave it is up to them to progress.

Eye Spy: You also run an advanced course?

PJ: We run a two-week *Open* course once a year. Most of those attending are in the process of leaving the military and have obtained a training grant. We do run four-week courses quite regularly but these are for government specialists only and cover some advanced methods.

Eye Spy: Is there a difference between the surveillance and learning skills of male and female students?

PJ: Everybody has different aptitudes for different things. Over the years, we have trained more men than women but the women we have taught have been very good. Women are more accurate and precise on a radio, which helps greatly, and they have more of an aptitude for noticing detail. The best students we have taught are those who arrive without any previous knowledge. They listen to the instructions and carry out what is required without any bad habits or short cuts.

Eye Spy: We understand that some courses are planned for in the United States?

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Eye Spy: Crunch time... how much does a course cost.



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Electronic surveillance has become a core requirement for any organisation gathering intelligence. It does not matter if you are a government agency or one of the new private intelligence companies that are bursting on the scene, the art of surveillance provides the raw materials necessary for the production of intelligence.

Government-sponsored surveillance activities are conducted by intelligence services, other government agencies such as foreign trade offices and S & T (science and technology) attaches and private corporations. A number of foreign countries pose various levels and types of threats to economic and technological information. Some have been considered military adversaries for decades. Their targeting of economic and technological information is not new, but has continued as an extension of a concerted intelligence assault conducted throughout the world.

From eavesdropping on cell phone conversations to listening in on satellite communications to multifunction sensors, the intelligence we gather is the fundamental protection against terrorism and other threats.

Industry victims have reported the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars, lost jobs, and lost market share. Understandably, global industry is reluctant to publicise occurrences of foreign economic espionage. Such publicity can adversely affect stock values, customers confidence, and ultimately competitiveness and market share.

Security professionals all agree the loss of information is by far the most damaging type of theft that can occur. How big is the problem? No one knows for sure. In commercial and industrial surveillance and espionage matters, there are:

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Successful attacks and thefts of information go unnoticed for all but a small percentage. Most unsuccessful attacks go unreported. And the rest are just news stories. No one is officially keeping track, but you can bet the monetary losses are significant and growing.

The value of commercial and industrial information and intelligence has exploded attracting many new private organisations into the intelligence space. Additional fuel has been added by



Mobilephones are easily intercepted



Radio Frequency Identification Tags (RFID) are used in a variety of ways

continued advancement in the devices and systems themselves, such advancements making electronic surveillance efficient, reliable and economic. Now let's look at the current state of surveillance and what the future holds.

CURRENT STATE OF SURVEILLANCE

In recent years it has become increasingly easier to install and use surveillance devices like hidden cameras and audio listening devices. The costs of these devices, like most electronics, have dropped and are affordable by almost anyone. Virtually anyone who wants one can get one. It is also much easier to obtain these devices. A search of the internet indicated over 2.25 million locations listing surveillance equipment.

You can get anything from wireless colour cameras to miniature audio stress meters that indicate lying when someone is talking. Some individuals are concerned about purchasing these devices. So if you are handy with a soldering iron, there are numerous books with schematics and parts lists that will enable you to build your own devices. Even corporations have got into the act as well. Workplace surveillance is a growing concern amongst the workforce. Hidden video cameras, monitoring emails, web surfing and listening in on phone conversations - employers are using surveillance like never before.

For the most part the security of any nation rests with surveillance systems and the people who analyse the massive amount of information they collect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. This has been the case for decades. Most recently, governments have stepped up surveillance activities in the fight against terrorism. After the attacks against US interests on 11 September 2001, the use of wiretaps increased dramatically. Law enforcement agencies are also stepping up surveillance activities at state and local level.

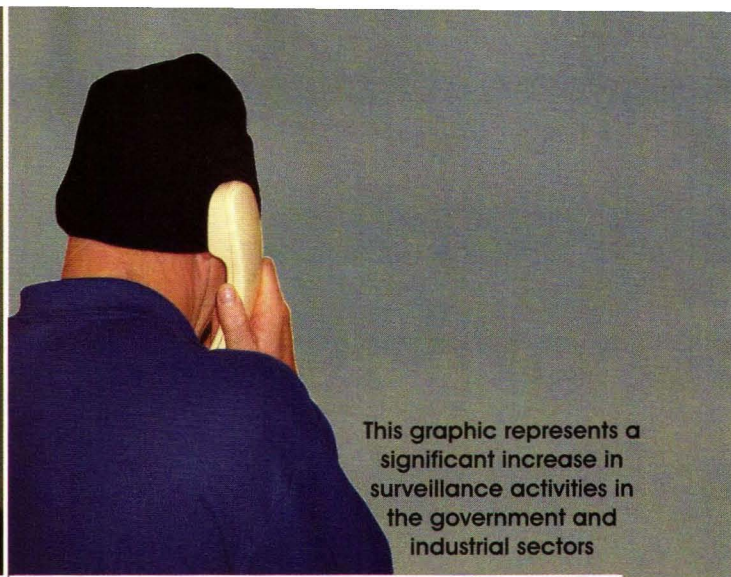
Everyone in this field should be somewhat familiar with standard devices available today. What might not be as well known are recent advances in the area of electronic surveillance and the new technologies that are emerging from the research and development labs. The dynamics of surveillance technology are such that continuing education is required to stay on-top-of the latest surveillance equipment. Technological advances are being made in:

RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION TAGS (RFID)

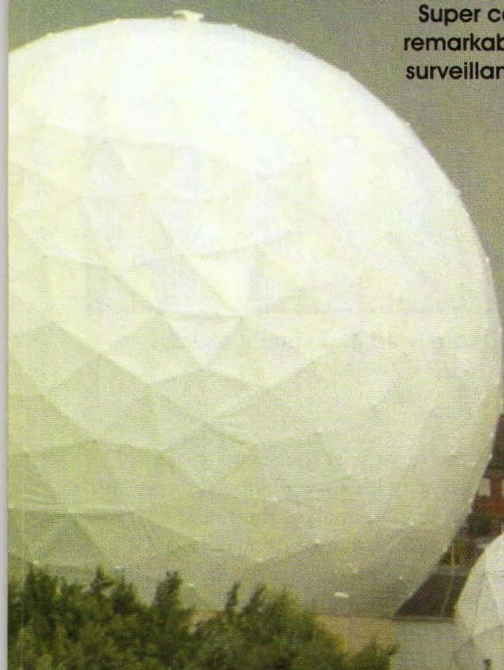
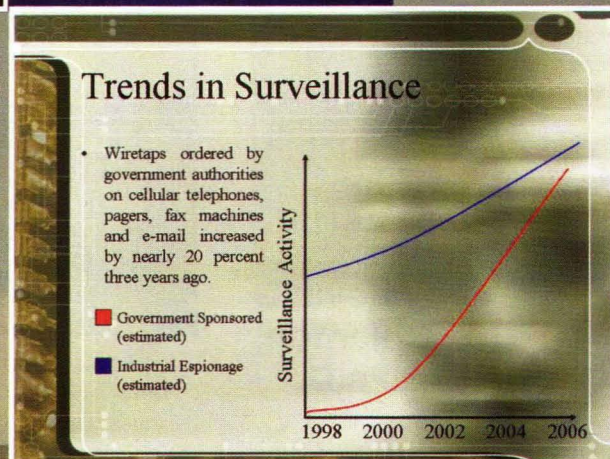
RFIDs are small devices that react to radio frequencies and transmit information once they are activated. Hybrid RFIDs incorporate motion sensors that trigger data collection or data transmission. These devices are available in multiple configurations and their physical size is



Super computers are providing remarkable breakthroughs in new surveillance and communication equipment



This graphic represents a significant increase in surveillance activities in the government and industrial sectors



incorporation of other sensors and greater transmission distances capabilities are expected shortly.

SENSOR DEVICES

Advances in sensor technology have created the ability to decrease the size of these devices. With breakthroughs in semiconductor technology, we have also been able to decrease the power consumption, thus extending the length of operational time and increasing communications power. This new breed of sensor will be much more intelligent. In essence they would hibernate until something happens that would cause the sensor to become stimulated. These sensors would also identify the presence of detection equipment and remain silent until it was safe to transmit the collected data.

The new sensors will be able to detect vibration, chemicals, radiation, biological agents, explosives, footsteps, voices, still images, and even video images and

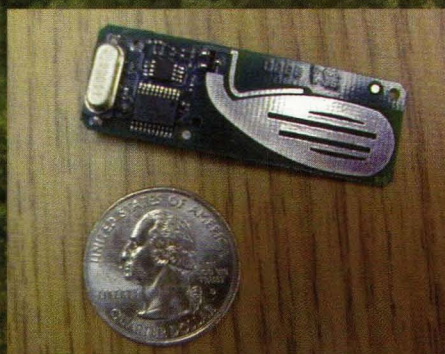
transmit them to a network of fixed and mobile relay collection stations.

The significant reduction in size will enable sensors to be deeply embedded in the physical world products or materials and spread throughout our environment like smart grains of sand.

NANOELECTRONICS

NanoTechnology is any technology related to features of nanometer scale: thin films, fine particles, chemical synthesis or advanced microlithography. This technology is based on the ability to build structures to atomic specifications by means of molecular manipulation (assembling one molecule at a time) this can be termed molecular NanoTechnology.

From shape-shifting armour, to fabric that can turn away microbes as well as bullets, to new power sources, the defence industries are launching major initiatives and planning for



Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Wave ID staff developed the Long-Range Semi-Passive Radio Frequency Identification System. The system remotely identifies, locates, and determines the status of tagged items up to 200 metres away.

much less than one inch square. These devices are being used to track high-end merchandise in retail application, art work, and even documents. Technological advancement in the design of these devices continues and the



The aviation industry is just one service that is set to embrace Radio Frequency Identification Tags (RFID)



NanoTechnology. NanoElectronics will provide smaller more powerful mini-cameras, listening devices, tracking devices and sensors to detect vibration and movement. The United States Defense Department is currently looking at MEMS based vibrations sensor research. Micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) is a technology dealing with building mechanical structures on silicon wafers using NanoTechnology processes and techniques. MEMS sensors already developed are primarily used for pressure and acceleration measurement.

With the broad reach NanoTechnology has in terms of its capabilities, the direct applications for intelligence and defence are limited only by our imagination and how rapidly the technology advances. New high energy materials, sensors the size of a grain of sand, materials with the strength of steel and the weight of aluminium are all areas of interest for application of NanoTechnology.

INTELLIGENCE IMPLICATIONS

The direct and indirect implications for the global intelligence community is significant. Given the enormity of NanoTechnology in general and potential defence, security and economic implications - likelihood of industrial espionage is extremely high. Tracking the advances of this technology globally is critical to securing the economic well being of any of the advanced industrialised countries. In addition, understanding what new surveillance devices are available will allow intelligence organisations to increase their capabilities and safeguard against being 'bugged'. The new devices created by NanoTechnology and NanoProcesses will be extremely difficult to detect. In fact, they could be assembled into the packaging of common products like a milk container.

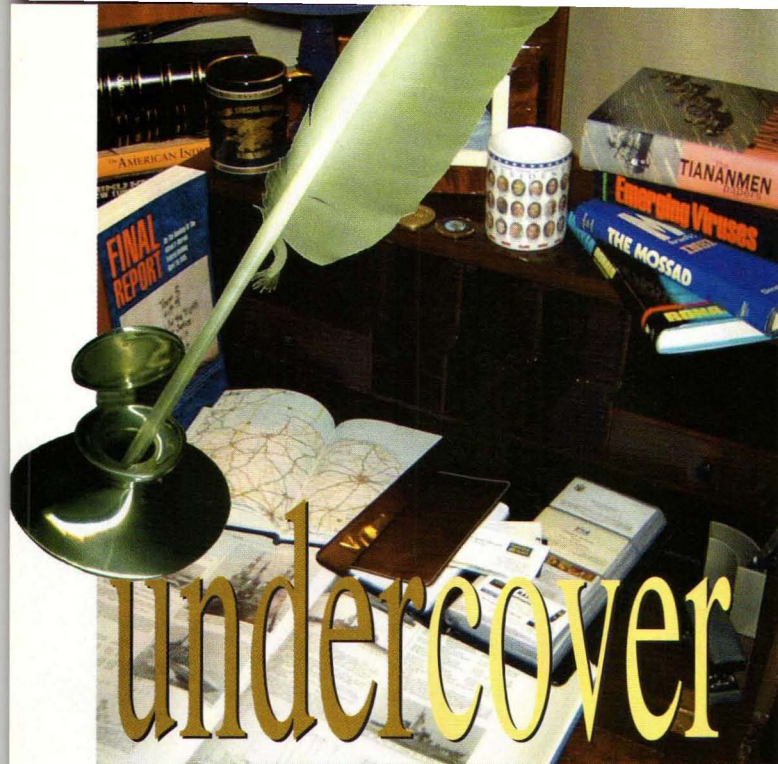
CONCLUSION

There are many threats we face in the world of intelligence and in our daily

lives. Not all threats wear uniforms, carry weapons or are working for nation states. Perhaps the most threatening to all parties are those who gain access to tightly guarded information. Currently, there is no formal mechanism for determining the full qualitative and quantitative scope and impact of the loss of this targeted information. One can easily see how the advances in surveillance equipment directly impacts the loss of sensitive information.

These advances have also created a boom in surveillance equipment and has created an equally large spike in counter-surveillance product and services. This boom has fuelled an increase in research and development of the next generation surveillance systems. You can bet the next generation of products and systems will be based on technology discussed here.

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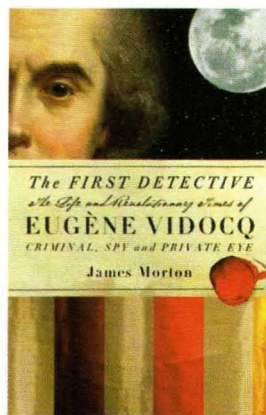
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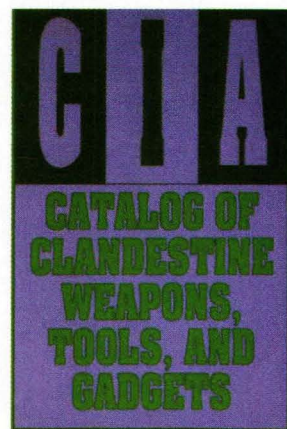
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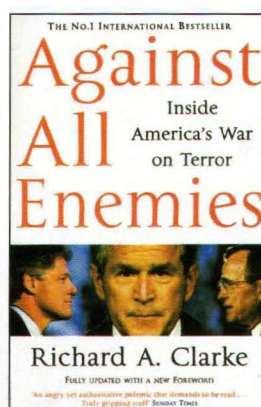
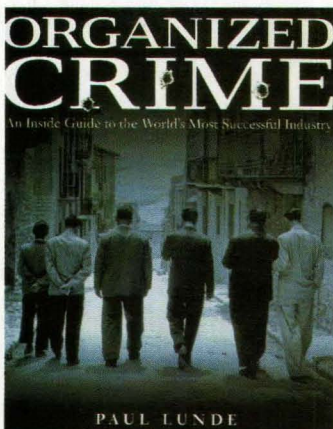
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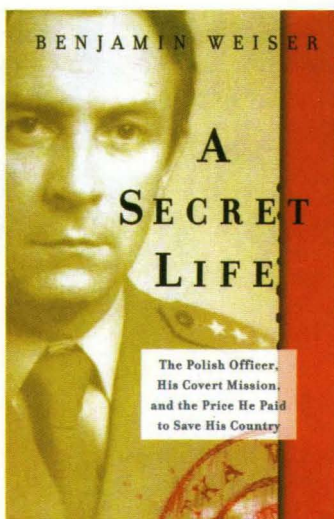
The Polish Officer, His Covert Mission, and the Price He Paid to Save His Country

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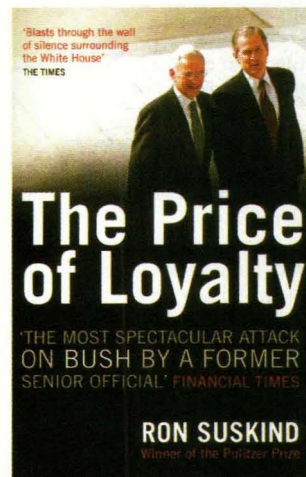
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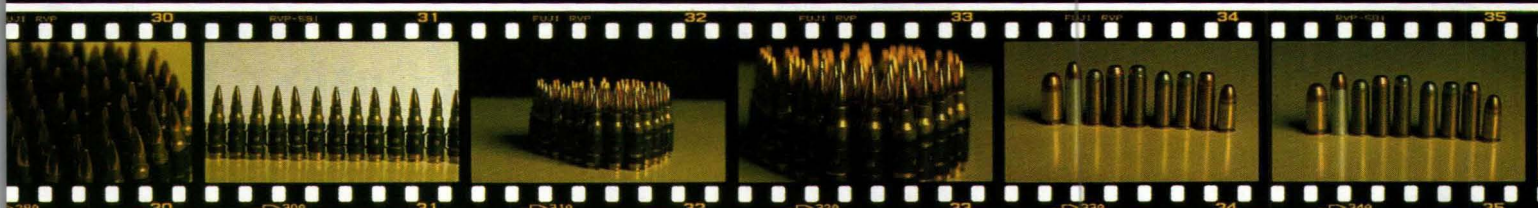
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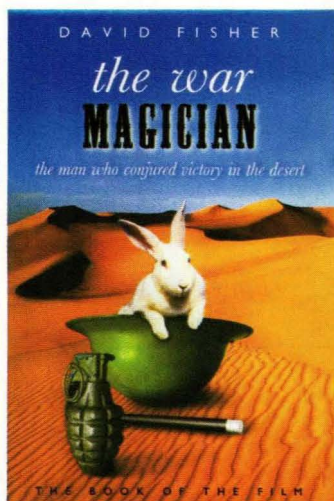
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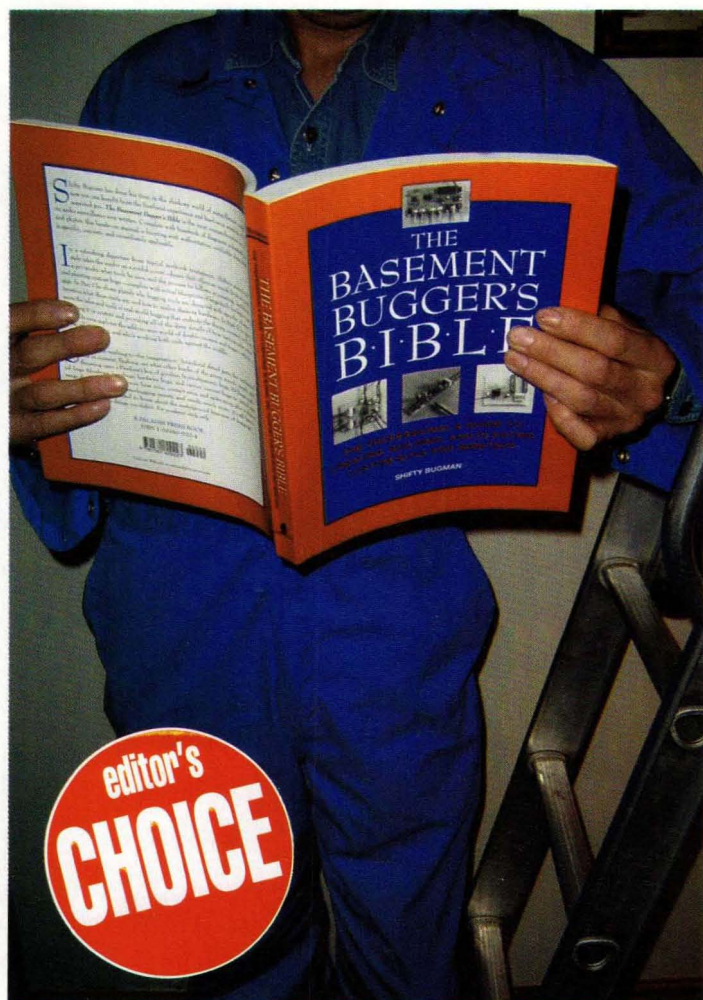
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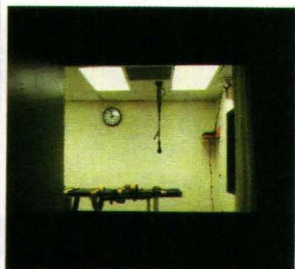
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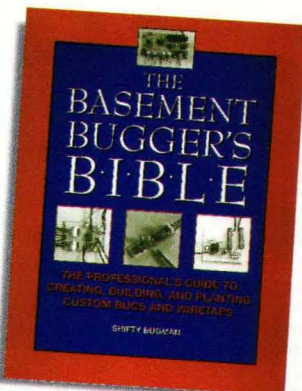
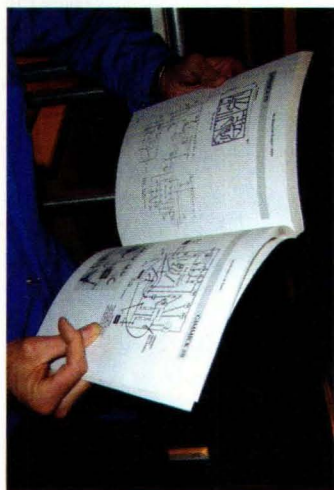
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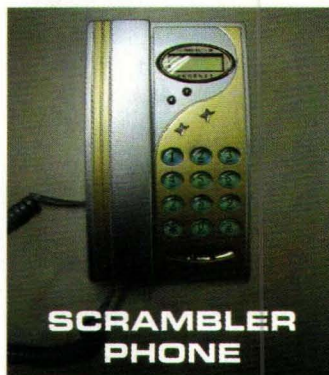
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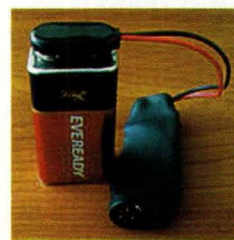


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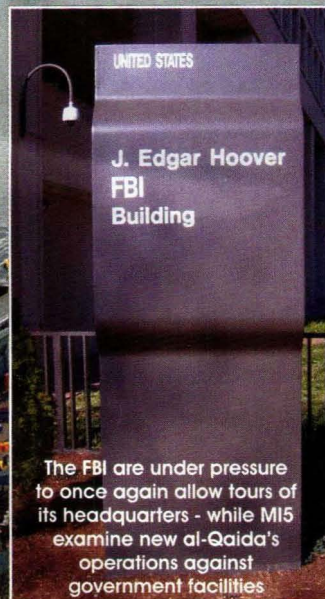
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Groups such as CND, Green Peace and others seem oblivious to the possibility that terrorist operatives could easily infiltrate them. For many years these organisations legitimately complained about intelligence agencies continually placing them under surveillance and trying to determine their future policy and operations. It seems evident, that unless such organisations discuss and cooperate with the security services, the "need to know" will become of national and international importance. This in turn will inevitably result in conflict, as privacy laws prohibit the distribution of

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not perfect, of course, and occasionally innocent people are stopped. Ninety nine percent of Britons entering the United States will now be photographed and fingerprinted. Homeland Security is building a huge database that it hopes will provide additional security. The UK has something similar, though not as extensive.

Since 9/11, the world has become a very different place. As al-Qaida looks at different ways to launch its attacks, the security services create further lines of defence. The right to protest and voice opinion must never be suppressed. Al-Qaida's commanders recognise this as an opportunity and are convinced they can use the protest groups to travel through countries and create havoc. It has shown its ruthlessness before by secreting agents into countries using cover of legitimate asylum seekers. Now it has discovered another method of transport and delivery at its disposal....



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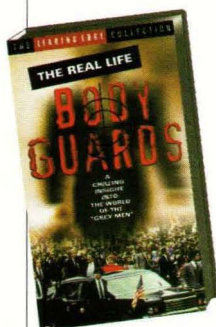
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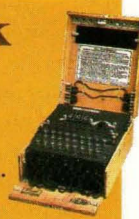
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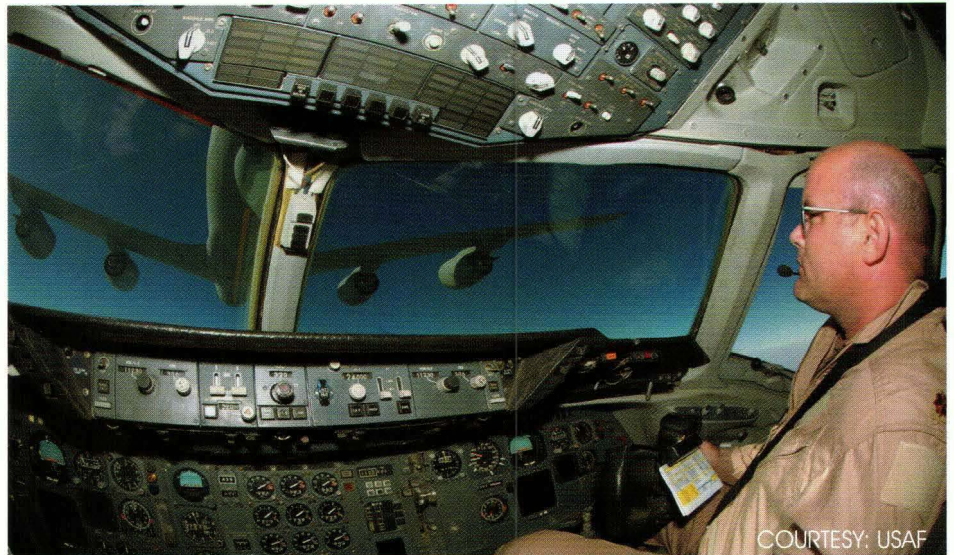
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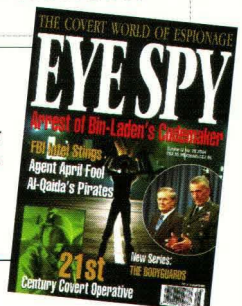
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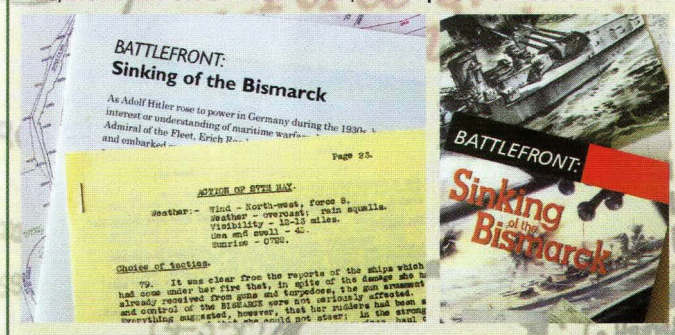
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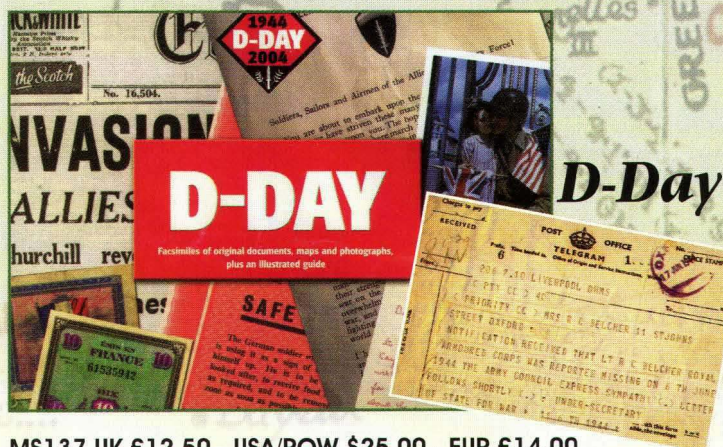
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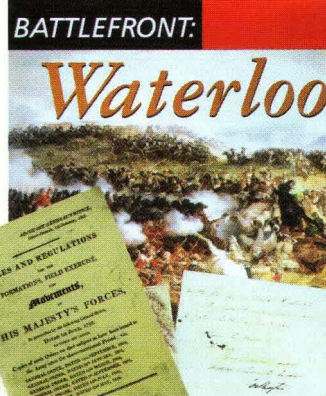
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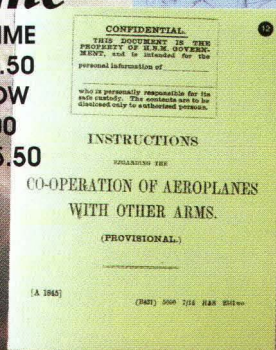


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