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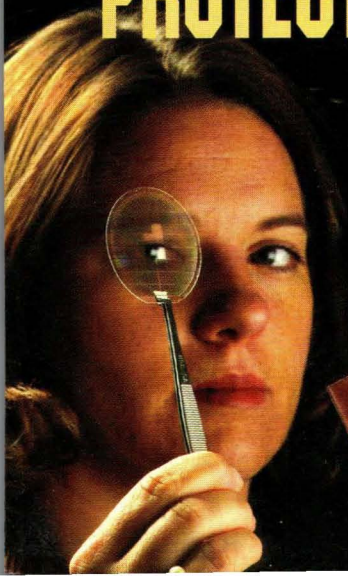
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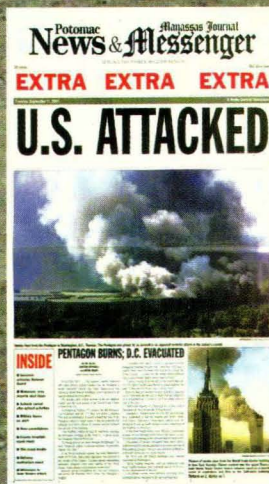
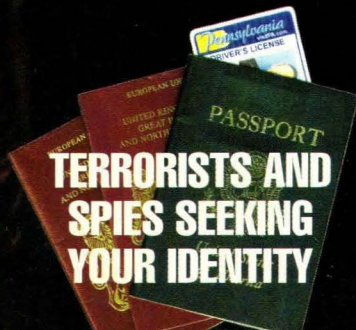


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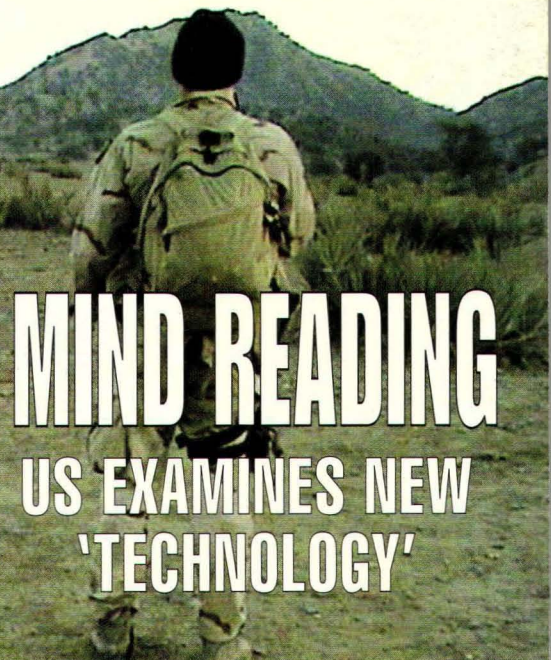
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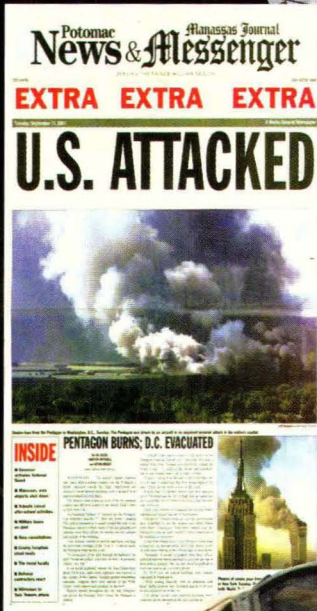
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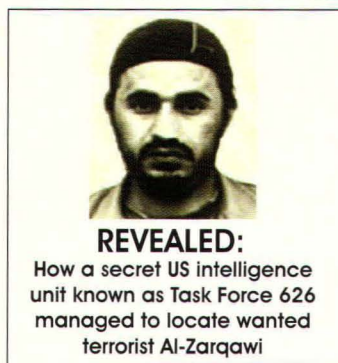


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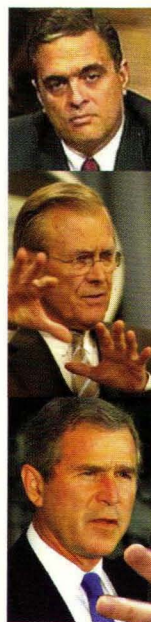
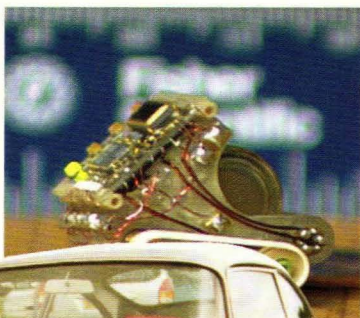
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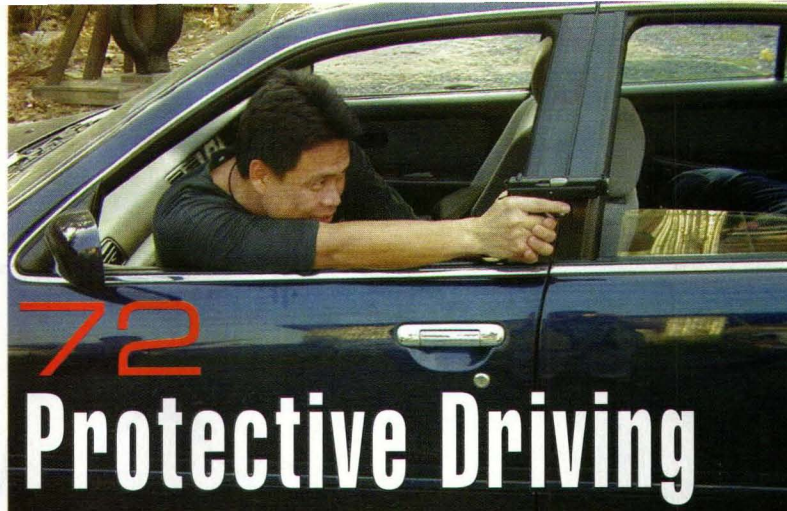
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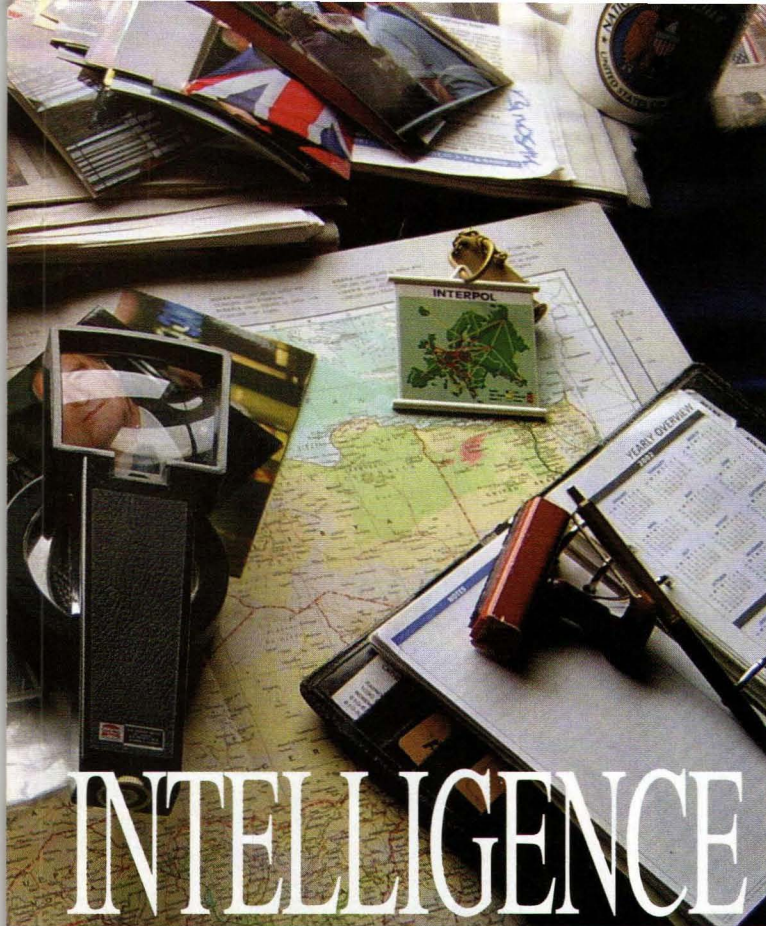


KAROL JOZEF WOJTYLA played a very significant role in helping to dismantle the communist empire, thus ending the Cold War. The name might not be familiar, but few people in this world do not know him. He is Pope John Paul II who sadly passed away a short while ago.

In 1976, Wojtyla lectured at Harvard University and soon found allies in the White House, including a fellow Pole by the name of Brzezinski. Both men struck up a great friendship that was to last over 25 years. Behind the 'Iron Curtain', the trade unions in Poland began to march. They were regarded as the 'Achilles heel' of the USSR by the CIA. When Wojtyla became Pope, communications between the Vatican and Washington continued, so too did the Pope's support for the unions. The sense and purpose of freedom spread from Poland and quickly consumed the Soviet Bloc.

There are some in Moscow who can never forgive Wojtyla. Now new intelligence suggests a renegade KGB colonel may have been behind at least two attempted assassinations - see page 31.





INTELLIGENCE

THE THIRD MAN?



Oklahoma FBI Buildin

Speaking ten years after the deadly bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah (FBI) building in Oklahoma City, Terry Nichols, one of only two men convicted of the atrocity, claimed Roger Moore, a gun collector from Arkansas, provided explosives to his

colleague, Timothy McVeigh. There has always been a persistent rumour that a third man or another group was involved.

In a letter sent to Kathy Sanders, a mother who lost two children in the blast, Nichols,

Iran's Nuclear Warhead Chase

An exiled Iranian opposition group claimed Tehran secretly allocated \$2.5 billion to obtain three nuclear warheads last year.

The National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) has been criticised in the past for many sweeping statements, though it seems to have an inside source supplying intelligence on Tehran's nuclear ambitions. The group also claim that Iran is speeding up work on a reactor south of Tehran which could

produce enough plutonium for an atomic bomb by 2007.

Iran says its nuclear programme will be used only to generate electricity. But Washington and European countries fear Iran could use its nuclear plants to produce bombs.

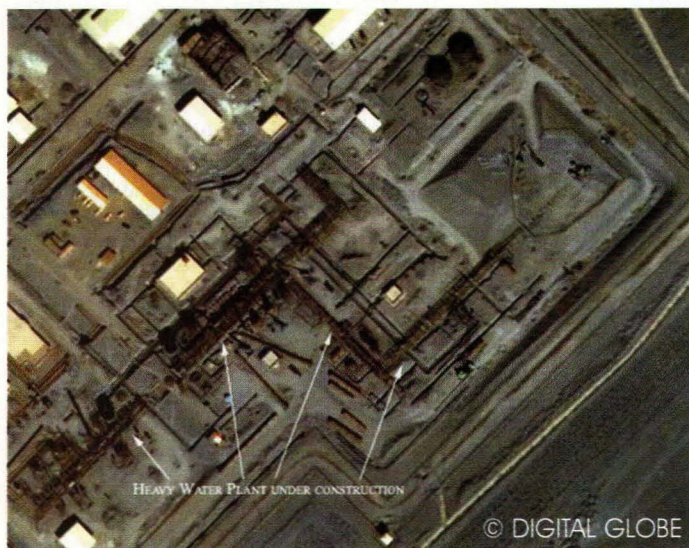
The NCRI said Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told the defence minister to take steps to obtain nuclear warheads. "In mid-2004, Khamenei allocated \$2.5 billion to obtain three nuclear war-

heads," Mohammad Mohaddessin of the NCRI told a news conference in Paris.

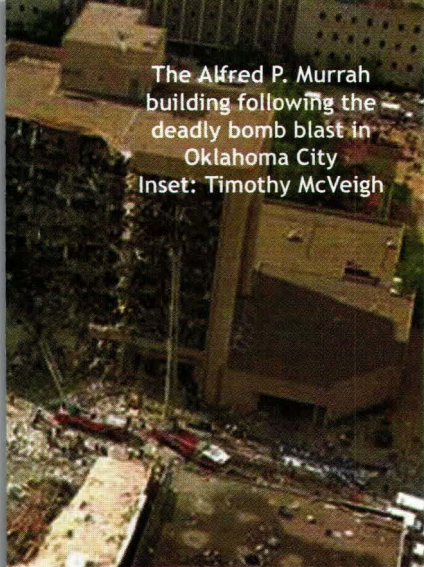
Mohaddessin said Iran was speeding up work on a reactor in Arak, 150 miles south of Tehran, which could produce enough plutonium for one atomic bomb per year. "The regime told the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) the reactor would be operational in 2014, but in reality, they want to start it in 2006 or 2007," he said.

An array of NSA satellite images taken of the heavy water plant at Arak, intended to supply the research reactor, show the site nearly complete. Such reactors can be used to produce significant amounts of bomb-grade plutonium, which can then be extracted from the spent fuel through reprocessing.

The NCRI is a coalition of exiled opposition groups, which is listed by the United States as a terrorist organisation.

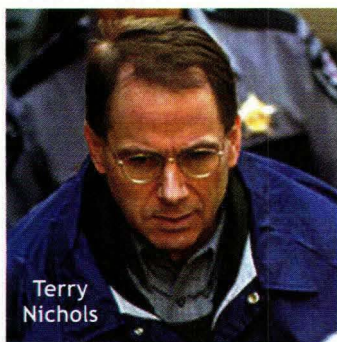


The Alfred P. Murrah building following the deadly bomb blast in Oklahoma City
Inset: Timothy McVeigh



Bombing

50, said he "wanted to put the record straight." He said Roger Moore gave McVeigh explosives and "additional bombing components." These were reportedly found recently in Nichols home in Kansas.



At the time of the incident, Moore was a "person of interest," though at Nichols' trial last year, the prosecution said Nichols stole about \$60,000 (£29,000) worth of weapons and

associated items from Moore's house. Some of these were reportedly sold to help plan the operation. For his part, Moore said prior to the incident he was robbed at gunpoint by a masked man who stole the weapons.

Nichols fresh allegation is really intended for the ears of Dana Rohrabacher, chairman of a committee that has been collecting new evidence on the case.

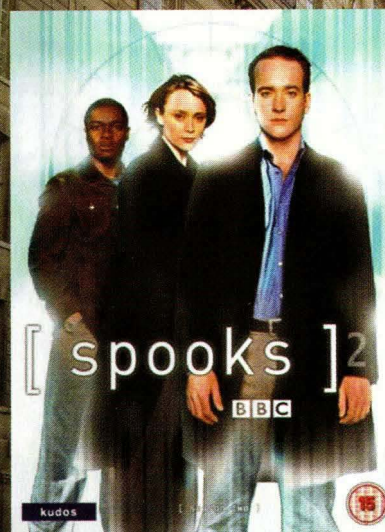
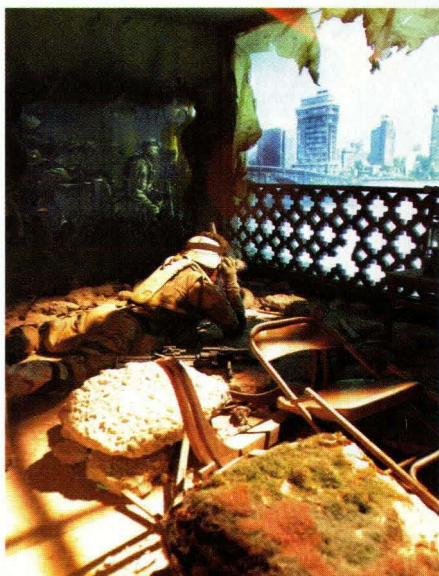
In Nichols letter to Ms Sanders, he explained that the FBI know the truth: "Moore provided McVeigh with binary explosives known as KINE-STIK, which consist of 12 components - ground ammonium nitrate and nitromethane - and is approximately the size of a stick of dynamite.

"Kinestok that McVeigh got from Moore was used in the OKC bombing! The Federal Government knows of Roger Moore's corrupt activities and they are protecting him and covering up his involvement with McVeigh at the OKC bombing!"

In another twist to the bombing which left 168 people dead, US District Judge Dale Kimball ordered the FBI to do a more thorough search for records about possible links between the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and a gang of white supremacist bank robbers, the Aryan Republican Army. Kimball ordered the FBI to hand over certain records without deletions.

The Art of Illusion

A useful surveillance tool is fast becoming the talk of the town in the US Army. Here an actor portraying a soldier uses binoculars to identify targets and call for fire in the JFETS Urban Terrain Module. A computer-generated city is projected on the wall, while other soldiers' images (Virtual Humans) are projected on the wall to the left of the trainee.



MI5

Mature Intelligence Officers Wanted

Britain's Security Service, better known as MI5, has blown away the myth that its officers and agents are always young, dashing and are representative of the actors in the hit show *Spooks* or *MI5 in the USA*. Under the ever-watchful eye of Eliza Manningham-Buller, MI5 has initiated a recruiting programme aimed directly at the "over fifties" or the more "mature person." It is an interesting move and is similar to that taking place in the United States.

In May 2005, several UK newspapers carried adverts aimed at experienced folk. No age barrier, and the prospect of "helping your country" appealed to many. "A new career working in the intelligence community is rewarding," an official said. The campaign is running parallel to another initiative that is aimed at getting more women to join the service.

The jobs will be predominantly sited at MI5 headquarters next

to the River Thames, but recruits could be deployed at seven new regional offices across the country. Though most posts will be in administration "exceptional recruits" could find themselves working on the streets involved with counterterrorist, surveillance and espionage operations.

A government official said: "We recruit from almost every area of commerce. The people attracted to these jobs might, for example, be those who have decided to return to work after several years but are looking for something a little different. Candidates will need all the main skills required to be an efficient administrator, but anyone who is a bit rusty in some areas should not be put off because we will offer a certain amount of retraining."

All candidates need to be trustworthy.

For further details:

LINKS: www.mi5careers.co.uk

It's official - Britain's counter-espionage officers are once again locked in a battle of wits and cunning with their old adversaries. Russian spies are again operating in significant numbers across the United Kingdom and beyond.

In April, MI5 circulated an internal document in response to an increase in the activities of Russian intelligence agents. The document states that Russian spies are "travelling widely throughout Britain" and pose a substantial espionage threat.

It is understood that MI5 are watching the activities of about 30 accredited Russian diplomats. Moscow demanded that its SVR agents (Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service), produce an overview of Britain's military capabilities and bases. Other operations include identifying Chechen asylum seekers and their associates.



The UK's purchase of America's Apache helicopter was of interest to Moscow

Titled 'Security Service Espionage Alert', the document states: "Security Service espionage alerts draw attention to the potential threat posed by particular foreign intelligence officers, at the same time as soliciting help in the building up of understanding of their activities. The handling instructions provided with the distribution list reflect the fact that these reports are

aimed at those most likely to come into contact with the intelligence officers concerned.

"The purpose of this Security Service espionage alert is to remind readers of the chance sighting scheme and to encourage reporting of any chance sighting of Russian diplomatic cars.

Russian Espionage Alert a



Russian officials outside London Embassy



By joining peace groups, Russian spies can "participate" in demonstrations at sensitive UK sites

Operations Increase



"We are aware that Russian intelligence officers travel widely throughout the UK and that some of the activity undertaken by these officers is intelligence related. The Russian Federation Intelligence Services are assessed to pose a **SUBSTANTIAL** espionage threat to the UK."

MI5 officers have been advised not to stop or follow any Russian diplomatic vehicles they see wandering about the countryside and cities. The report advises: "Full vehicle registration, date, time and place sighted, direction of travel, description and number of occupants, and a description of the vehicle. Russian diplomatic vehicles should not be stopped or followed, nor should their occupants be questioned for the purposes of additional information. Reports should be passed to Special Branch or the appropriate military security units for onward reporting to the Security Service."

The first signs of an increase in Russian espionage activities were noted

Dragonfly and MI5

Former British soldier Ian Parr was caught in an MI5 operation, code-named Dragonfly. An undercover agent pretending to be a Russian called Aleksei, began talks to buy military secrets from Parr who gave himself the codename Piglet. A former soldier, Parr was arrested after taking £130,000 (\$200,000) from Aleksei for a bag of 56 floppy discs and 14 project documents relating to various projects including HALO, an anti-artillery system. Police later said Parr's motivation "was purely financial." Prosecutor Aftab Jafferjee said Parr "abused his position of trust."

One of the files contained classified information on a secret project known as Storm Shadow. This relates to a "stealth cruise missile" that is

invisible to any form of radar, and is so accurate that the missile can find a target just feet in diameter from hundreds of miles.

'Aleksei' arranged to meet Parr in a pub in Essex. Parr ordered a drink and sat quietly waiting for his Russian contact. Unbeknown to him, MI5 and police officers were already inside. Then as Parr lifted his pint - police swooped.

The Times of London described Parr's spying career more akin to Austin Power movies rather than a character out of a John le Carré novel.

In custody, the accident prone Parr attempted to commit suicide. Parr fastened an electric wire



from his television set to his metal spectacles. However, the charge was not sufficient to do anything but leave a burnt outline of his spectacles frame on his face.

And, worse news came for Parr in his cell. He was told that just a day before his arrest, his employers had agreed to give him a £1,000 wage rise (\$1500).



President Putin enters 10 Downing Street during his state visit in 2003. While all 'smiles and handshakes', MI5's Director-General - Eliza Manningham-Buller (inset), has now issued a nationwide alert about Russia's spies



in 2001. Rafael Bravo, a security guard at British Aerospace, stole top secret documents on a variety of NATO projects, including highly important documents on the Apache helicopter and Harrier fighter. MI5 undercover agents manned a surveillance operation and soon identified Bravo. He touted the files across London, before deciding the Russians would pay handsomely for the material. Ironically, an MI5 officer posing as a Russian spy set up an exchange at The White House Hotel in London (above). Bravo didn't see the humour. The bungling spy was arrested and sentenced to eleven years in prison.

A year later, British Aerospace (BAe) was again the target for those intent of selling Britain's secrets. Ian Parr, who worked for BAE Systems, was arrested in another elaborate MI5 sting operation as

he tried to sell secrets to the Russians. The spy was caught in a similar manner to Bravo.

In 2003, President Putin demanded more spying from Russia's powerful intelligence-gathering bodies. As a former KGB officer, he admitted Moscow was stepping-up efforts to train spies. MI5 reacted by recruiting more 'Watchers'. In an effort to cease the initiative, the Director-General announced that seven regional offices would be established. Personnel could then react quickly to incidents outside London. Alerted by its sister organisation MI6, MI5 were handed a list of names - persons specialised in the art of espionage. They had taken innocuous posts in the offices at the Russian Embassy. Some were placed under observance. Several of the targets joined social groups, photographic societies and walking clubs. Others purchased holidays close to Britain's top secret bases, including Rosyth, the UK's primary nuclear submarine base. One individual joined Greenpeace so the agent could regularly participate in demonstrations outside some of the country's most sensitive sites. The agents could freely move across the country. If stopped, they would have a bona fide excuse.

The new MI5 warning is proof enough that the SVR and other Russian intelli-

gence agencies are once again plying their trait in a fashion not too dissimilar to the days of the Cold War.

President Putin has recognised that espionage is crucial if Russia is to maintain its standing as a world power. While the 'menace' seems absent, the outcome could still be deadly. Watch this space...

DIPLOMATS SVR AND GRU

All Russian registration numbers of diplomatic vehicles start with 248D. This makes them quite easy to recognise and follow. However, for security purposes, some officials use hire cars with British number plates.



GRU crest

Foreign espionage is controlled by the SVR. Officials are embedded in the Russian Embassy in London. However, it has long been recognised that agents are often placed into Russian commercial companies, of which there are many. The three primary roles of SVR is to acquire high-end technological secrets, glean intelligence on political matters, and determine the military strength/capabilities/strategy of the host nation.

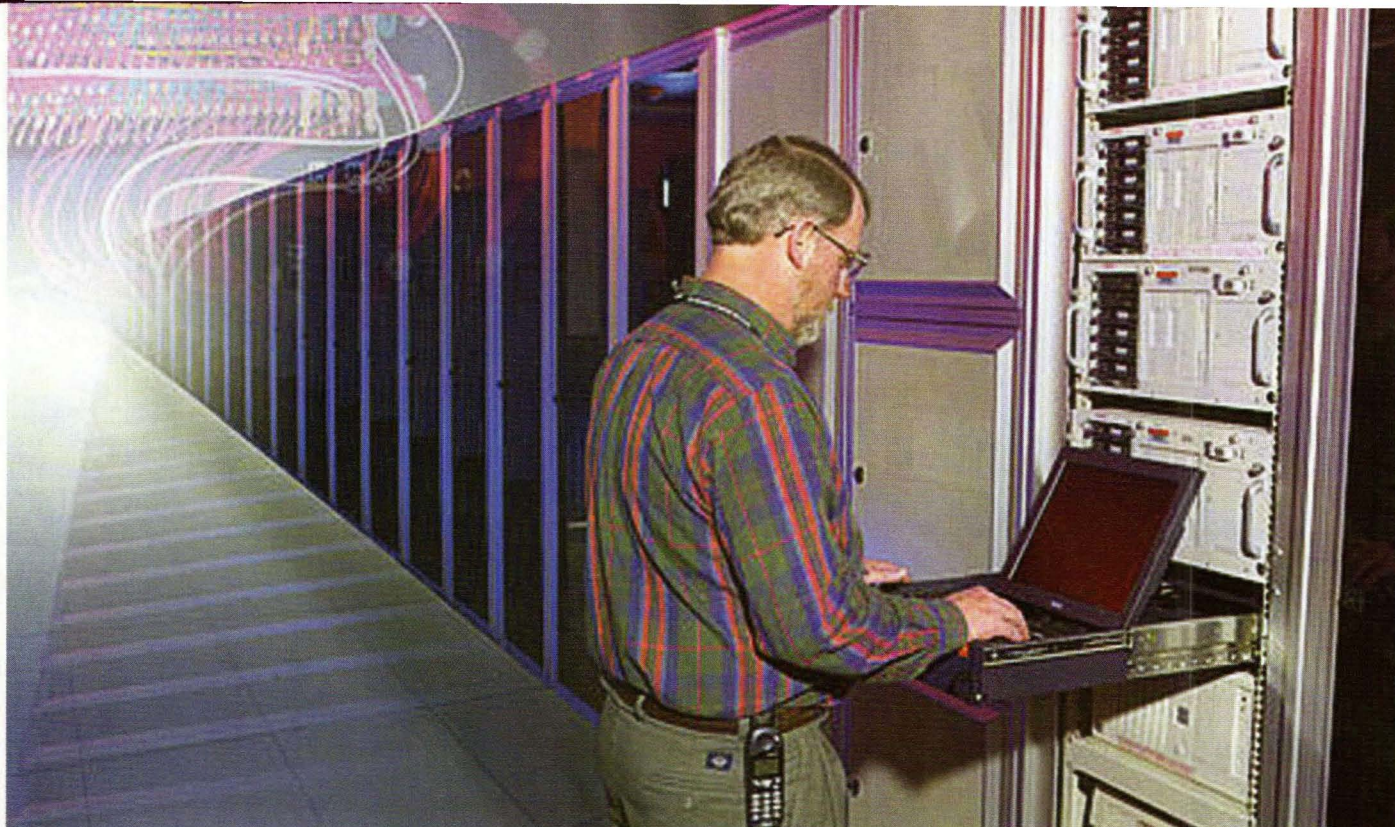
The GRU (military intelligence), also runs agents in foreign lands. Acquiring nuclear and military information is its goal.

BEWARE!

The Secret US Intel Hackers

Terrorists and crime aficionados beware - the US has created a powerful new intelligence unit dedicated to uncovering the internal electronic structure of groups and individuals who use the worldwide web for unlawful ends, including attacking America's government and military infrastructure ➤





At present, communications' intercepts are made by several intelligence services, but notably the National Security Agency. However, this is set to change, and the newly established group will go on the offensive, albeit under the guise of "defence".

In the past, hackers have often progressed deep within the secret corridors of the US systems. As new technology emerges, this has increased the possibility that Washington's top secret defence plans could be vulnerable to terrorist penetration. The new unit, assembled from a variety of sources, has been asked to 'cloak' systems and create a variety of deceptions that will confuse hackers and lead them straight into an electronic trap whereby their terminals, telephones and identifies are revealed.

In comments made to the Strategic Forces Subcommittee, General James Cartwright, commander of United States Strategic Command (STRATCOM) said:

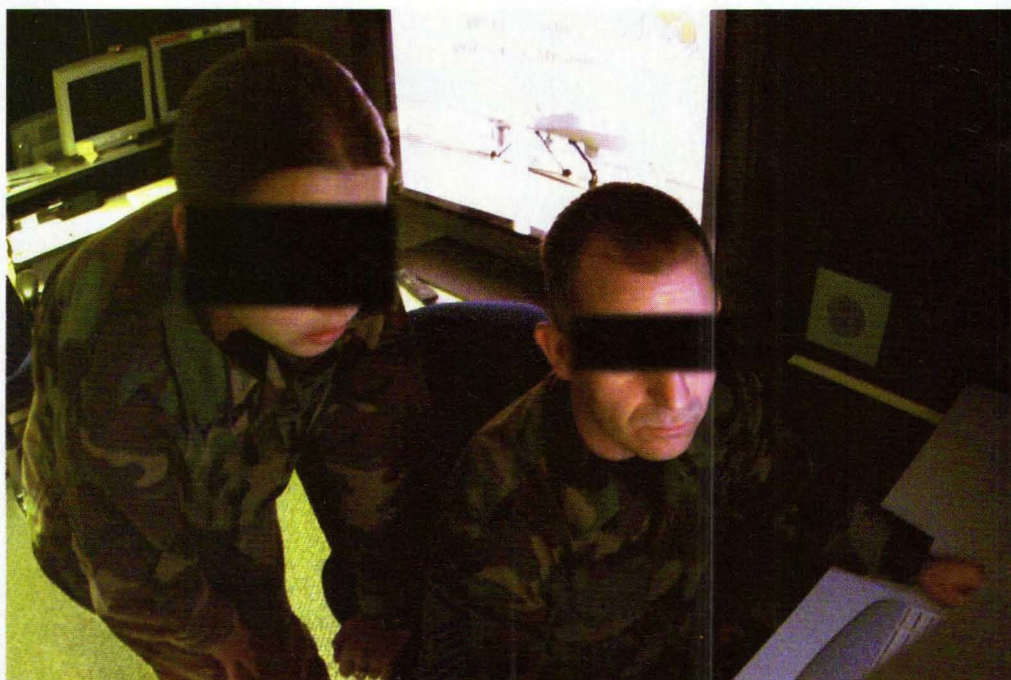
"Our adversaries are using asymmetric approaches; exploiting social, political, and economic vulnerabilities to avoid confronting superior US forces head on. We continue to see increases in the speed and deceptive scale of proliferation of potential weapons of mass destruction, including delivery and concealment capabilities. We see adversaries who would use improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and suicide bombs against their own people and infrastructure, as well as against deployed multinational forces. These adversaries have easy access to the same global technology base we do, and

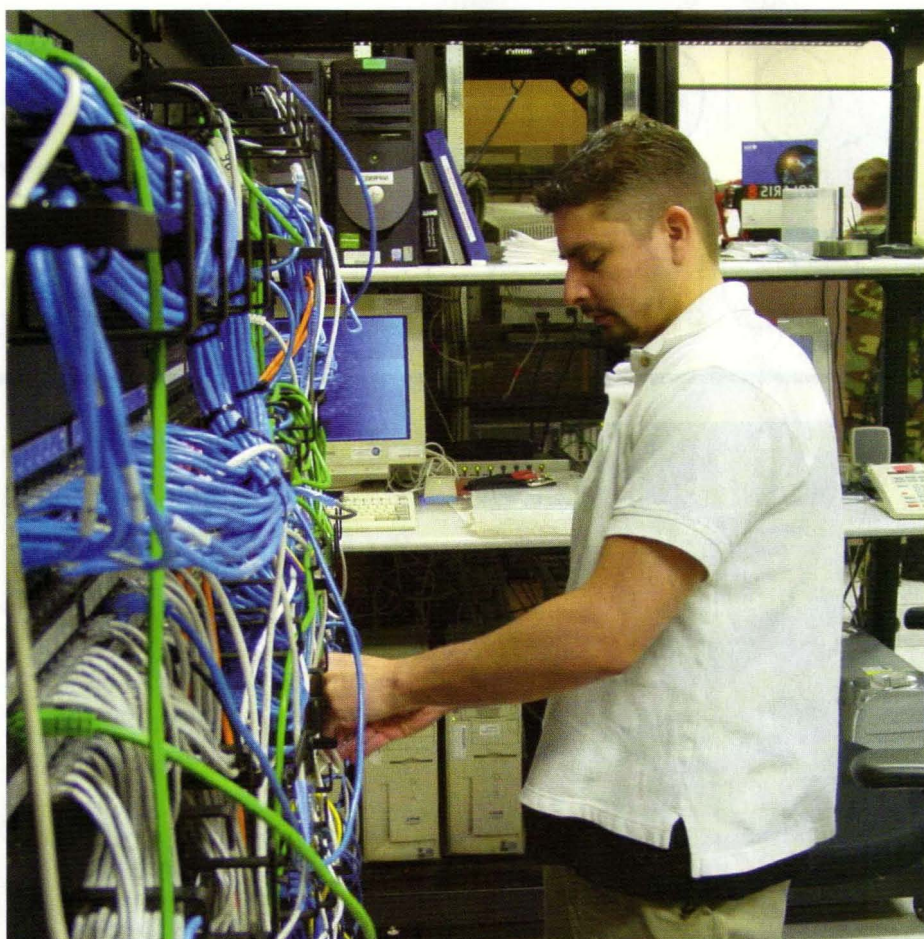
"The plan is not simply to stop the illegal penetration, but to confuse the hackers by creating a maze of disinformation..."

can exploit the same communication and information resources as the American public...

"The Joint Functional Component Command For Network Warfare will facilitate cooperative engagement with other national entities in computer network defence and offensive information warfare as part of global information operations."

The unit will liaise and work alongside several other agencies to track the hackers and spies who continue to hound American intelligence and defence agencies. Two other major players in the new offensive are The Joint Task Force for Global Networks Operations and the Joint Information Operations Center. According to Cartwright they will "coordinate psychological operations, electronic warfare, operations security and military deception."





THE NEW ENFORCER

GENERAL JAMES E. CARTWRIGHT is Commander, United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base. He is responsible for the global command and control of US strategic forces to meet decisive national security objectives. USSTRATCOM provides a broad range of strategic capabilities and options for the President and Secretary of Defense.



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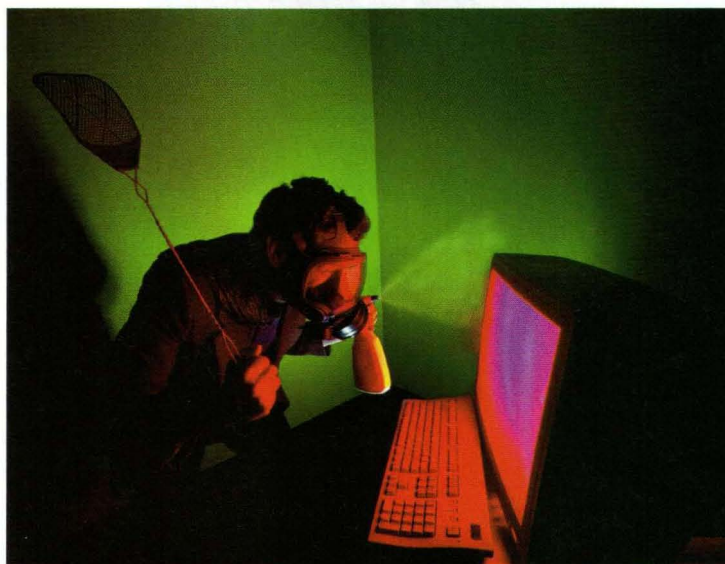


Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance), and specialised expertise to the joint warfighter.

the hired hackers will not be employed simply to defend US intelligence, but will 'trap' the offenders in an impenetrable maze

Intelligence sources say the US has "gone on the electronic offensive," by selecting individuals not only within government, but civilians known for their brilliance in computer strategy. "The plan is not simply to stop the illegal penetration, but to confuse the hackers by creating a maze of disinformation," an intelligence source told Eye Spy.

Ultimately, the internet will expose the identity and whereabouts, the traits and trends of terrorists. The new operation is phenomenal and its genesis from known interception agencies has caused uproar in liberal circles. Nevertheless, Washington has been convinced that unless the continuous illegal bombardment by users of US military and intelligence sites is halted, chaos and the loss of vital intelligence is inevitable. The move is just one single phase in a major pre-emptive strike against a variety of foes, including those who seek to damage the US and its allies,



and those who spy on its technology and secrets.

Concluding his March 2005 statement, General James Cartwright said: "USSTRATCOM recognises what has to be done to be a global command in support of the warfighter. We are aggressively moving out on actions to ensure USSTRATCOM fulfils our full set of global responsibilities, supporting our national

security needs in peace and in war."

The important phrase, "moving out on actions" is testimony to the fact that the 'hired hackers' will not simply play a defensive game...

- In May 1999, computer hackers protesting NATO's bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade attacked three US government websites. The hackers briefly planted messages condemning the bombing, prompting at least one Cabinet department web site to remain closed.

The main web sites for the Energy and Interior departments and the National Park Service were targeted. Hackers inserted messages of protest into the agencies' home pages. The pictures of three Chinese journalists who died in the bombing were briefly posted on the Interior Department Web page.



Al-Qaida Poison Plot Foiled by MI5



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When Kamel Bourgass fatally stabbed Manchester policeman Stephen Oake in January 2003, it became apparent that this was no ordinary incident. Eye Spy visited the scene just hours after the death of this likable officer, and soon noted intelligence officials from the security services.

Police officers raided the Manchester bedsit following a surveillance operation and a tip-off from a man held by Algerian intelligence. The operation was also linked to the discovery of various items found at a flat in the Wood Green area of North London. Kamel Bourgass, a 32-year-old Algerian who also goes by the names of Christopher Hans, Rami Moutaez and Ali, had fled London after it became clear his ill-perceived plot to poison a variety of everyday household items

such as toothpaste and handcream, had been compromised. Further documentation showed, that 'the man with a thousand names', as he has been described, also intended to use ricin in a powder form to spray car door handles,



Kamel Bourgass

Operation Salt: Th

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The Heathrow
Express departs from
London's Paddington
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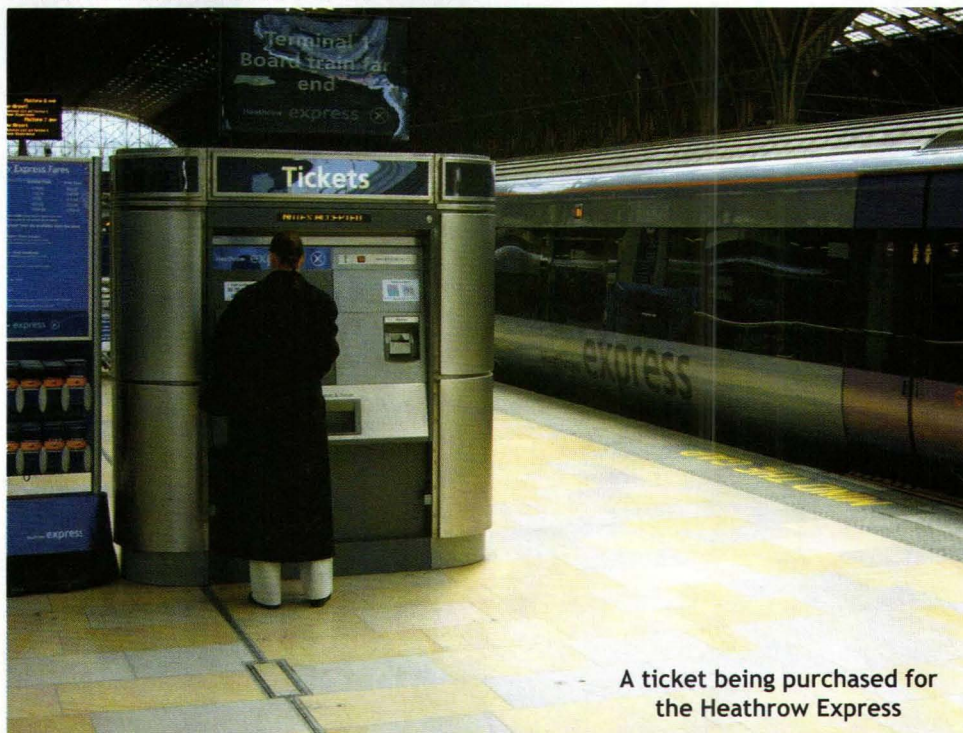
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office handles etc. Ricin is made from castor oil beans, can be swallowed or inhaled as a tasteless fine dust. It damages the immune system so infections cannot be controlled and the victim dies within days.

An international operation to identify a roaming al-Qaida cell had been in progress for several months, but following the raid on the Wood Green apartment, MI5 thought it unwise to continue the surveillance operation. The organisation did not know how advanced the ricin plans were, nor did they know if other safe houses were being used to manufacture other deadly substances. What worried MI5 immensely was intelligence that Bourgass and others were formulating a plan that involved the extremely busy Heathrow Express rail service from Paddington, London.

The downfall of the 'ricin man' came about quite inadvertently. MI5 working with various other agencies were actually participating in the unravelling of a complex al-Qaida money-laundering scam. One of the men under observance in this investigation was Mohammed Meguerba, a 37-year-old Algerian. He had arrived in the UK in 2002 and was immediately interviewed by investigators. He was bailed, and fled

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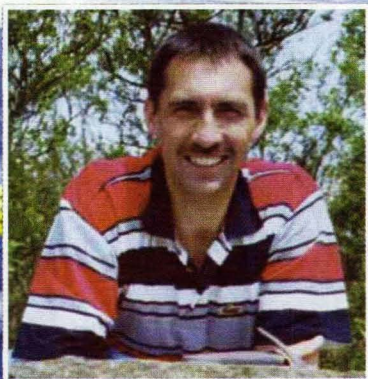


A ticket being purchased for the Heathrow Express

to Algeria after learning of the September 2002 police operation. Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, MI6, notified Algerian intelligence who soon arrested him. Meguerba claims he was tortured by authorities in the North African country. Algerian police submitted a 27-page report on his interview, whereby he admitted he was part of a London gang who planned to use

chemical weapons. The targets would not be 'wholesale', but rather specific. Another paragraph noted that by using the substances in a random way, "it would cause panic." Meguerba said he prepared poisons from castor oil and other industrial alcohols. "The poison is colourless. It acts on contact with the skin," he claimed. He has since confessed to being an al-Qaida operative

OPERATION SALT and the death of PC Oake



Operation Salt was badly organised and ultimately led to the death of PC Stephen Oake. The detective chief inspector who headed the Manchester raid was code-named 'Simon'. He had been in Special Branch for just six months, and Salt was his first anti-terrorist operation. 'Simon' pleaded guilty at a February 2005 disciplinary panel for failing adequately to plan for the operation. A risk assessment document was not completed and few clear instructions were given on an arrest or emergency strategy. Nevertheless, following the investigation, it was decided 'Simon' should continue his career without further punishment.

It transpired that officers were not given any information on the arrest targets, nor did any of the Salt team have the equipment that allow suspects to be specially searched for forensics. Surveillance equipment was "insufficient," and though



Mohammed Meguerba

and then provided useful intelligence, though the accuracy of this information has been questioned. After being

interviewed by British officials, he directed them to the apartment in Wood Green and other locations.

Following Meguerba's arrest in Algeria, French intelligence officials notified their counterparts in the UK, that an al-Qaida suspect by the name of Rabah Kadre, had slipped into Britain. Four of his colleagues had already been arrested in Paris following a raid on an unidentified location. At the location, French police discovered a formula for making cyanide and a chemical resistant suit.

An earlier operation, launched on 18 September 2002, proved fruitful enough for MI5, and now seemed related. During a series of raids across London and the UK, several suspects had been detained including one David Khalef. In his holdall, police discovered a false passport and a number

specialist officers from Greater Manchester's Tactical Aid Unit were available, they apparently "knew little" and their expertise was "not used."

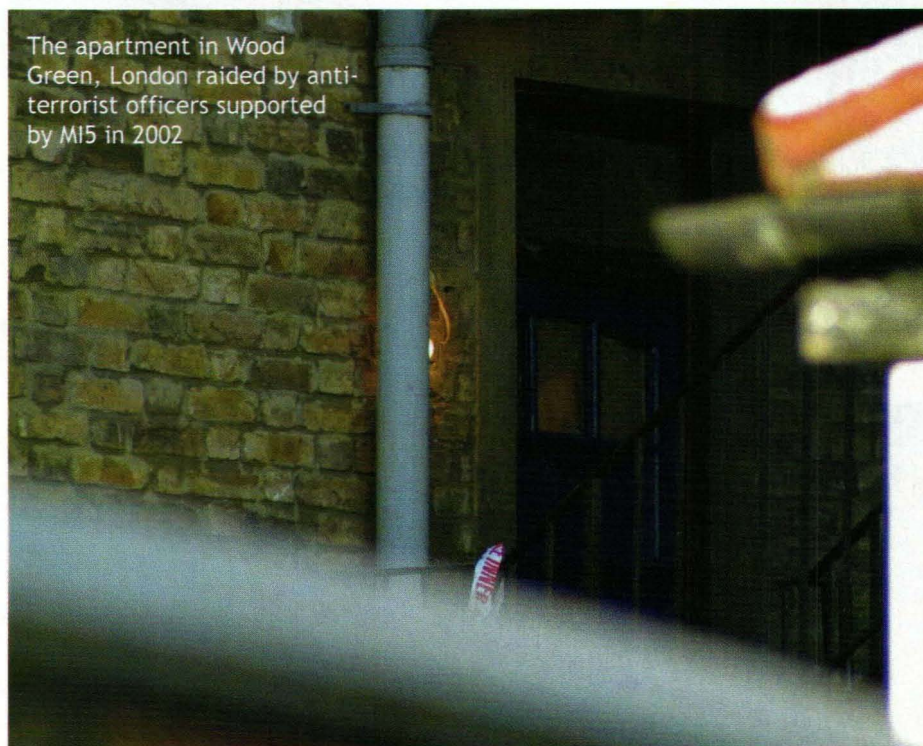


PC Stephen Oake

PC Oake and his colleagues were not wearing body armour and, incredibly, some of the suspects were not handcuffed. Assistant Chief Constable David Whatton tried to put the raid in context: "It must be recognised that this was a fast-moving operation conducted in a limited time frame. There was no suggestion Bourgass was in Manchester and officers were caught by surprise and had to adapt quickly to a changing situation. "A decision was taken by officers not to handcuff Bourgass because, at the time, he was not showing any physical signs of being a threat."



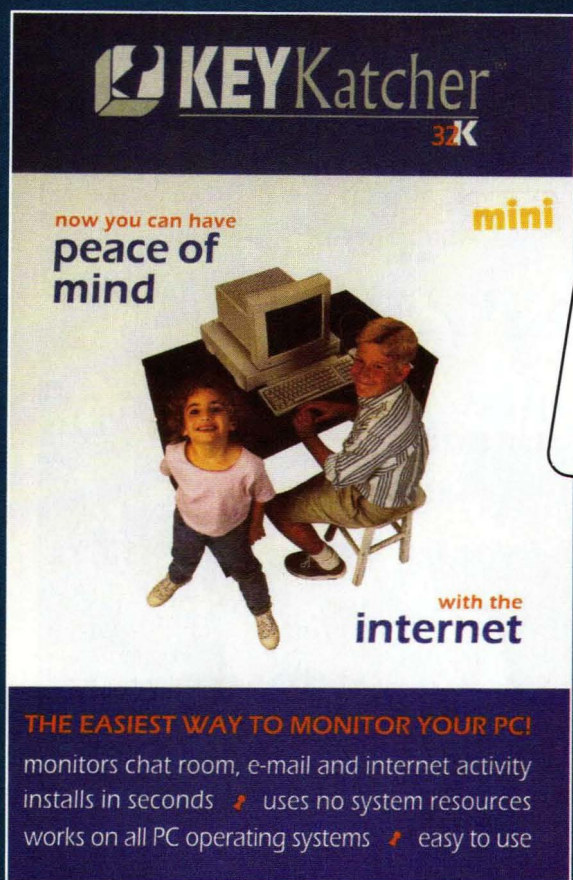
The apartment in Wood Green, London raided by anti-terrorist officers supported by MI5 in 2002



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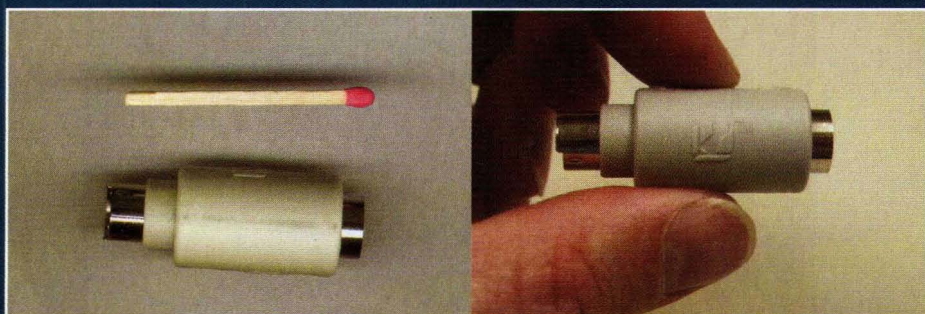
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of Xerox copies of Arabic handwriting. These were translated by a special linguist section and were found to be instructions for the manufacture of various poisons, including ricin, cyanide and botulinum. Additional text showed how cyanide could be produced from the pips of fruit, and that Castor beans were the basic ingredient of ricin, with a note that acetone was required to extract the poison. It was a significant discovery. In the end, Khalef was acquitted of terrorism offences, but found guilty of passport irregularities. "It was the first tangible sign that [this] was something more than fundraising," a police official noted.

Meguerba identified the leader of the gang as "Nadir". Two Nivea handcream pots had already been laced with ricin, according to Meguerba. Only one Nivea pot was ever recovered, and this contained nicotine. The 'ricin pots' were never located, giving rise to the suggestion that the intelligence was flawed. During his interrogation in Algeria, he identified Bourgass as "an affiliate of al-Qaida." Nor did the



The plan was to smear the deadly cream over train door handles

Bourgass - a Bagfull of Names

IT SEEMS HIGHLY unlikely that the real name of the man who killed PC Oake, will ever be discovered. 'Kamel Bourgass' is but one of many names used by his killer, he did tell a judge at the Old Bailey Court in London, he was Nadir Habra, a former Algerian police officer. However, he also claimed he was born in Morocco and then later on, Tunisia.



Police raid the Wood Green apartment - but Bourgass had fled

security services have any idea of the actual location of the 'laboratory', but his directions led them to the apartment in Wood Green, London.

A surveillance operation was immediately launched, but Bourgass seemed innocent enough, MI5 had no relevant intelligence on him. Nevertheless, on 5 January 2003 security officers decided to enter the apartment. Here they discovered a "kitchen sink laboratory." Forensic specialists were sure that they had discovered paraphernalia that was being used to make cyanide, ricin and other deadly toxins. Plastic cups containing apple pips and cherry stones

He came to Britain in January 2000, travelling on a false French passport in the name of Hans. MI5 believe Bourgass was trained in an al-Qaida terrorist camp in Afghanistan before entering the UK, though there is no firm evidence to support this.

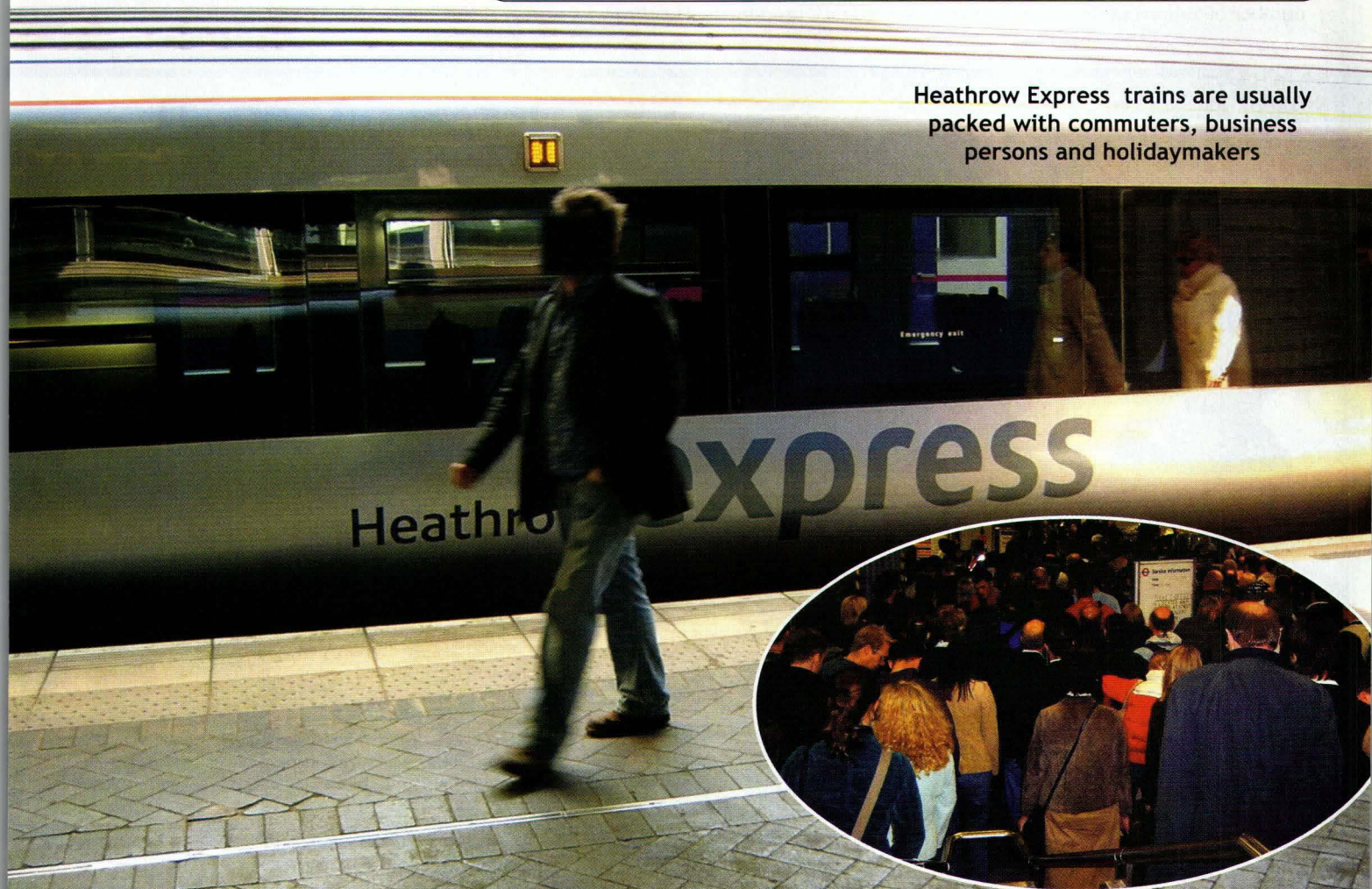
The group of men which he was associated with, financed itself by stealing clothes, which actually led to his arrest in 2002. The authorities bizarrely chose to take no action. As for 37-year-old Meguerba, he is in

custody in Algeria awaiting trial. He told officials that he became involved with al-Qaida after meeting extremists in the late 1990s. By 2000, he had met Osama bin-Laden at an al-Qaida training camp in Afghanistan. Bin-Laden then provided him with details of a terror cell run by a man already in jail in the UK. He was tasked with helping the group conduct attacks in Europe. He flew into Holland just days prior to 9/11 but

was told to move back to Algeria because his presence could expose UK operatives.

Bourgass, who was already serving a life sentence for the murder of PC Oake, was sentenced to 17 years in prison. Mr Justice Penry-Davey said: "Had the operation come to fruition, the resulting fear and disruption with the potential for injury and widespread panic would have been substantial."

Heathrow Express trains are usually packed with commuters, business persons and holidaymakers



were discovered, along with a bag of castor beans, rubber gloves, thermometers, digital scales and water funnels. £4,000 in cash was also recovered. Several people in the apartment were immediately arrested, but Bourgass was not among them. He had slipped the net and was wending his way to Bournemouth before heading north on a National Express coach to Manchester.

Nevertheless, police had found a number of photographs of Bourgass and quickly wired them to police forces across the UK. The innocent owner of the Wood Green apartment was questioned. He quickly identified Nadir, it was indeed Kamel Bourgass.

Bourgass made his way to Crumpsall Lane, in the Cheetham Hill district of Manchester. He intended to link up with a man the prosecution has identified as 'Q' (for legal reasons it is impossible to identify the man because he is subject to a terrorist control order). 'Q', it has been alleged, was to help Bourgass make good his escape from the UK.

When Manchester police raided the apartment, they had actually gone to arrest 'Q', not Bourgass. One of the arresting officers of Operation Salt was Stephen Oake. Unfortunately, following a number of abhorrent mistakes, Bourgass

somehow managed to grab a kitchen knife and stabbed two officers before fatally wounding PC Oake. It has since been learned that Meguerba had previously stayed in this same apartment.

Since his arrest and subsequent jailing, MI5 has continued to probe, though few intimate forensic details have emerged. Nevertheless, it seems clear that the cell's primary target was the Heathrow Express. During one raid at an unidentified location linked to Bourgass, police discovered route maps from Paddington Station, west of London, to the airport - the track used by the Heathrow Express.

An informant told authorities that the plan was to coat hand rails and the doors of toilets on board the trains. This contradicts earlier comments that specific locations were to be targeted.

Mr Justice Penry-Davey sentencing Bourgass said: "You were the prime mover in a terrorist operation involving the use of poisons and explosives, and intended to destabilise this country by causing destruction, fear and injury."

An intelligence source told Eye Spy that Bourgass was not an al-Qaida operative, but simply wanted to help its cause.



Police close off the road leading to Wood Green

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Downfall of the 'Doctor's' Deadly Cell



DR HAYDAR ABU DOHA is well known to officials at CIA and MI6, though few analysts really understood the nature of his relationship with Osama bin-Laden, until one-by-one his agents were arrested and unmasked. Doha's links to al-Qaida go back many years, and Kamel Bourgass was just one operative in his powerful and shadowy group that threatened to damage security throughout Europe and the United States.

Doha (just one of many aliases) was code-named 'The Doctor' by the CIA. He belonged to a terrorist group regarded as one of the most dangerous in the world - Salafist Group for Call and Combat - GSPC for short. Based in Algeria, Doha's men created havoc for the security services.

A Manhattan grand jury has indicted an Abu Doha, accusing him of directing a plot to bomb the Los Angeles airport on the eve of the millennium. The US authorities are currently seeking Abu Doha's extradition from Britain. Ahmed Ressam (pictured left) allegedly part of Doha's gang, was jailed for the plot.

Doha was arrested in February 2001 at London's Heathrow Airport, where prosecutors say he was waiting for a flight to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and carrying a Spanish passport.

THE DANGEROUS ART OF INFILTRATION

Eye Spy 30 contained a review of OSS (Office of Strategic Services) veteran Richard W Cutler's *Counterspy: Memoirs of a Counterintelligence Officer in World War II and the Cold War*. Issue 31 included previously unknown spy cases which appeared in *Counterspy*.

Issue 33 concludes with a third novel spy case. Mr Cutler and his publishers, Potomac Books Inc. (formerly Brasseys, Inc.) have kindly given permission to excerpt part of the book describing this third spy case. Cutler's prime mission as chief of X-2, the counterintelligence branch, was to identify and then eliminate or double Soviet agents operating against the Americans in Berlin. Issue 31 demonstrated how OSS recruited a former German intelligence officer Heinz Krill, code-named Zig-Zag, to track his former colleagues, one of whom was Hans Kemritz - already an agent for the NKVD (KGB's predecessor) whom Zig-Zag persuaded to become a notorious double agent for the Americans.

Cutler explains in this issue why and how OSS decided to use a talented former German female agent as a decoy to lure top Soviet agents in Berlin out of concealment so they could be identified and either neutralized or doubled.

By Richard W. Cutler



COLD WAR COUNTERSPY

Our after-dinner dialogue at the Joe House was now enhanced by the gifted conversation of a new spy, Gabriel, an alias I gave her to protect her privacy. She had been sent to me by SSU-Wiesbaden. Her elf-like size was misleading. Gabriel had amazing power over others, especially men. A resourceful linguist who had worked for German intelligence during the war, she was also well read in history, philosophy, theatre and politics, and unlike many intellectuals was street smart. Gabriel was perfectly suited for counterespionage.

SSU-Wiesbaden instructed me to save Gabriel for a top-level assignment. My bosses emphasised she might become bored if idle. I was to keep her busy and well cared for until an appropriate assignment materialised. Accordingly, I paid special attention to her during dinner and afterwards in the drawing room, when the talk turned to geopolitics and German and European history. At first I was so awed by her knowledge and eloquence that, as she later remarked, I acted "severe and rigid." Gradually I relaxed, or else she manoeuvred me into a more relaxed state. She taught me how,

in Germany at least, a man and a woman encircle right arms before offering a toast.

Gabriel could take dictation in German, English or French with equal ease. To keep her occupied, I asked her to compose a piece on Russian culture and history. It was thoughtful, solid and objective. Gabriel had her own reasons to help the Americans. She judges them to be fairer to her country than the Russians, whom she greatly resented for their savage reparations, seizing of young men for forced labour in the USSR, and dictatorial administration of their zone of occupation outside Berlin.

Finding projects to keep an intellectual of her calibre was difficult. Partly in desperation and partly for selfish reasons, I conjured up a make-work project. Would she like to type and retype my personal letters describing Berlin and the Russians? To pique her interest, I said they would be addressed not only to my family and closest friends but also to the editor of the Economist in London, the author John Gunther, and my versatile congresswoman, Claire Boothe Luce, who was better known as playwright and the wife of the publisher of Time, Life and

Fortune. Gabriel recognised all their names and rather liked helping export my political impressions of the Berlin scene to prominent opinion-makers in Britain and the United States. She may have also thought this project would give her more insight into her future spymaster and influence how he presented Germany and the Russians to his bosses.

OPERATION DECOY

In 1946, X-2 in Berlin lacked electronic surveillance of Soviet Army and diplomatic traffic. That deficiency contrasted sharply with British and US wartime access to German wireless traffic. Further, we remained woefully out manned by Soviet intelligence and needed to concentrate our scarcer manpower on top-level thrusts by the Soviets.

Soviet intelligence sought vigorously to acquire any American secrets known to General Clay's headquarters in Berlin. How could our David fight their intelligence Goliath? One small solution formed in my mind. We should plant a skilled decoy among the secretaries working for the top members of the Office of Military Government for the United States (OMGUS). She could subtly indicate to her fellow German employees that she

The author (left) among a gathering of US intel figures. Pictured in this rare photo is Henry Hecksher, X-2 Germany.

He was later to be allegedly involved in the CIA-assisted coup to overthrow Salvadore Allende, President of Chile

was susceptible to Soviet ideas, which might tempt a Soviet spy among them to seek to recruit her. This decoy would act as our double-agent, penetrating the string of agents and cutouts, eventually to the Soviet cell, mission and techniques.

The idea had obvious risks. It was a long-range operation that might at some point self-destruct. Americans at OMGUS might learn of the decoy's role and be indiscreet about it. Our answer was to plant the decoy without anyone's knowledge except for SSU headquarters in Heidelberg and Washington. All applicants for employment with OMGUS were checked by the CIC. We had to outwit their screening efforts and send our agent through unbeknownst to them. If she passed and should not have, it would also disclose a weakness there.

The more we reflected on the concept of Operation Decoy, the more we liked it, and our choice of bait was obvious and inevitable: Gabriel. We knew that during the war she had performed with admirable poise for Germany in delicate situations. She would be the perfect, cool double-agent, and she had a strong motivation: hatred for the Russians. The only problem was her German intelligence history, which was a mile long. The straight solution, of course, was to change her name and her documentation, and to do it in a way not likely to be detected by alert CIC when it was doing its security clearance. We created new documents, establishing her place of birth and prior civilian employment in a German city far from her hometown but where her German accent would fit and where all relevant public records had been destroyed in wartime bombing. Her code name was Gambit.

Gabriel accepted the assignment. Maybe she had become bored with the soft life in Joe house, typing my periodic letters on Americans' impressions of Berlin, Germany and the Soviets. Further, she



liked working as an agent for me. Although at first she felt that I lacked the ruthlessness she had known in German intelligence officers, who she believed essential to success, eventually she changed her mind. Now she found my "consideration for people and ideas more likeable and effective." We bonded as spymaster and agent.

Gabriel was moved from the Joe house to an unobtrusive Berlin apartment building where another tenant was a woman acquainted with an SSU officer. "I think I should warn you," Gabriel said, "that not only is she his mistress, which you probably knew, but more important she is not so loyal or discreet as he may assume. She complains to me about him often."

General 'Wild Bill' Donovan in uniform



That show of professional alertness and loyalty impressed me. I started preparing Gabriel's documentation to support her job application.

HOOKED ON ESPIONAGE

On returning from Paris, I finished obtaining false documents to bolster Gabriel's application to OMGUS. Soon she put in for a position as a secretary with fluent English. Lo and behold, the security clearance came, and within a few months her outstanding qualifications won her a promotion to secretary for a "cabinet" officer, that is, an officer on the level immediately below General Clay. She was on her perch, just where we wanted her.

Toward the end of 1946, X-2 hit on a bold new idea for maximizing Gabriel's potential. Rather than passively waiting for her to receive a recruitment feeler from a possible unknown Soviet agent inside OMGUS, X-2 should aggressively use her to draw the attention of our top NKVD adversary, Captain Skurin. The means were at hand. Skurin had been asking his ostensible agent, double-agent Hans Kemritz, for

leads to German intelligence agents who might be kidnapped and converted into Soviet agents. Why not let Kemritz give Skurin Gabriel's true identity as a top German intelligence person who had the added appeal of working for one of General Clay's cabinet officers? As part of this shift in tactics, dubbed Operation Decoy, SSU wouldn't ask Kemritz to present Gabriel as a German with pro-Soviet tendencies; her war career - which, to protect her identity, I

cannot reveal even now - would belie that and, being an impressive record in its own right, would attract Soviets anyway.

SSU was certain Skurin would rise to the bait, and so he did, telling Kemritz that the Soviets "had lots of information on her activities during the war" and that she "was another person the Soviets had to get their hands on." The content of this interview was promptly relayed to SSU-Washington. Skurin then instructed Kemritz to help lure Gabriel to the Soviet sector of Berlin. Kemritz was to cultivate her friendship and confidence in his reliability by inviting her, several times, to the theatre in the American or British sectors where she would feel safe. Later, when she was lulled into a sense of complacency, Kemritz would take her to the theatre once more, this time in a Russian automobile, and soon as she climbed in she would be whisked off to Soviet territory.

Naturally, SSU had no intention of letting Gabriel be captured by the Soviets. Instead, they wanted to seize Skurin while he was attempting to kidnap her. X-2's ultimate objective was to persuade Skurin to work for SSU, either as a penetration agent inside NKVD or as a defector. One can never anticipate, SSU reasoned, how an enemy agent will react in captivity. The shock of being disgraced by capture might make Skurin amenable. If not, at least his capture would quash the kidnapping

Each side was wary. Gabriel never fell for the trap of entering an automobile with Kemritz. Eventually, through Kemritz, Skurin invited Gabriel to meet him in the Soviet sector. SSU couldn't afford that risk, nor could Gabriel, and instead she invited Skurin to meet her in the American sector. He refused. By early 1947, as this cat and mouse game was playing out, Tom Polgar was either in charge of Operation Decoy or familiar with it. Forty-seven years later, he described what happened next:

'Eventually a meeting was arranged in a remote corner of the French sector, close to the border of the Soviet sector. This meeting was all set, we coordinated with the French; we had permission from the US and French military governors to detain the Soviet officer [Skurin] once the meeting took place, but the Soviet just did not show. Two obvious explanations: our plan leaked in the coordination process or the Soviets detected our elaborate surveillance and security measures. Or both, of course.'

After Operation Decoy ended and Gabriel's true identity had been blown to the Soviets, SSU rewarded her by obtaining a good civilian job for her in a private business firm in Berlin. Later, using her superior talent and language skills, she became a first-rate journalist in West Germany.



Crests of America's OSS and the Soviet NKVD

operation through Kemritz. Either way, catching him red-handed trying to kidnap Gabriel would be a win-win situation for the United States.

THE CIA's WAL

Al-Qaida's Commanders Lost

The CIA's secret programme to transfer scores of suspected terrorists to foreign countries for interrogation is one of the most controversial intelligence operations ever launched. Human rights' protesters say it is unjust and unlawful, but supporters of 'extraordinary rendition', the term used by Washington that allows the CIA to move suspects freely around the globe, say it has saved thousands of lives and provided valuable intelligence. For example, intelligence sources in the UK believe a chemical attack in London was thwarted by MI5 after details emerged from a captured suspect.

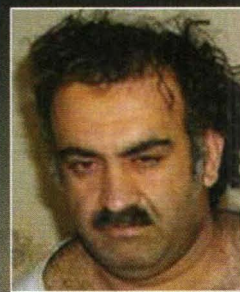
The unusually expansive authority for the CIA to operate independently since 9/11 was provided by the White House under a still-classified directive signed by President George W. Bush within days of the attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

In providing a detailed description of the programme, a senior US official said it had been aimed only at those suspected of having knowledge of terrorist operations. "The CIA had gone to great lengths to ensure that the suspects were detained under humane conditions and not subjected to torture," an official said.

In Eye Spy 31, we reported on the shadowy movements of a Gulfstream V

aircraft that was operated by a CIA front company. The aircraft, based at Dulles, has been traversing the continents of the world with a very secret cargo - suspected and known al-Qaida operatives. The actual number of high-ranking al-Qaida commanders being interrogated by foreign intelligence

services on behalf of the CIA is unknown, though the number is likely to surpass 100. Amongst senior figures known to be

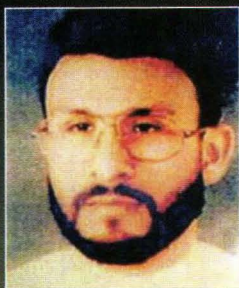


Khalid Sheik Mohammed

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under arrest are Khalid Sheik Mohammed, one of the 9/11 masterminds. There are even rumours that Anas al-Liby, featured on the FBI's 'most wanted' list, and, Abu Zubaydah, al-Qaida's senior commander and number three, are in custody.



Abu Zubaydah

One of the first clues to expose the covert nature of the aircraft, dubbed the *Guantanamo Bay Express*, came about following an incident in



Indonesia on 9 January 2002. Muhammad Iqbal Madni, a 28-year-old radio announcer was arrested near his boarding house in the Matraman district by security officers. He was last seen being put aboard a Gulfstream V jet in the dead of the night at Jakarta airport. The aircraft quickly took off enroute to Cairo, Egypt. Nothing has been heard of Madni since, despite many enquiries from his family.

Madni was on a CIA watch list, after he allegedly gave assistance to Richard Reid, the 'Shoe Bomber'. This has been rejected by Madni's family. The problem for his family is that he has simply disappeared. The authorities in Egypt say he is not in Egypt and Jakarta officials say his whereabouts are a mystery to them. The CIA refuse to answer any of the letters sent to them by Madni's relatives.

Another of the CIA's ghost detainees is believed to be Maher Arar (below), a



34-year-old Syrian-born computer operator with Canadian citizenship.

He was arrested in New York City after flying into the USA from Tunisia. He was due to get a connecting flight to see his family in Montreal. Sources say he was blindfolded and taken to a small airfield in New Jersey. Here he boarded a small jet to Washington. After a short stay he was taken to Jordan and Syria where he claims he was tortured during ten-months of interrogation. Arar said the CIA never told him why he was initially a suspect.

Italian police are investigating allegations that a suspected al-Qaida operative was also abducted by a CIA unit in the city of Milan. Abu Omar was allegedly abducted by three unidentified men on the night of 17 February 2003. From Milan he was reportedly taken to Aviano airbase and flown to Egypt. Armado Sparato, a tough anti-Mafia prosecutor recently served a warrant on the Italian commander at the base, which is home to the USAF 31st Tactical Wing.

His story only emerged after he was temporarily released in Cairo and managed to make a telephone call to his family. However, unbeknown to Omar, Italian security services had placed a wiretap on the phone and were monitoring the family's apartment in Milan. ➤

USAF airbase at Aviano, Italy
home to the USAF 31st Tactical
Wing. A suspected CIA 'ghost
prisoner' was taken here

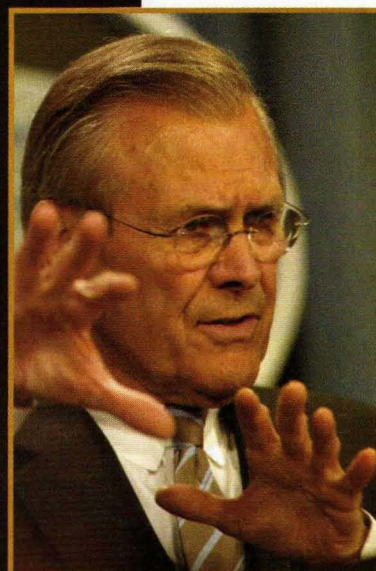


Italian intelligence are fuming about the suspected CIA 'snatch squad', for they had suspected Nasr was a key player in the creation of a major al-Qaida cell in Italy. For months prior to his disappearance they had Nasr under observance and were obtaining vital intelligence. They had already intercepted several phone calls that analysts believe proved

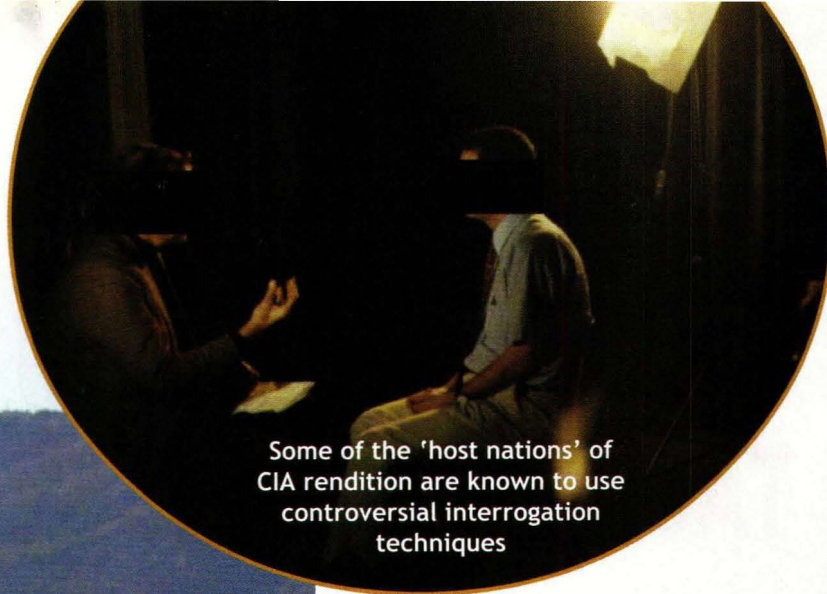
he was influential in the terror cell's formation. Italian prosecutors were on the verge of charging Nasr with terrorist offences when he simply vanished.

Armando Spataro, the deputy chief prosecutor of Milan is trying to establish if the CIA

US Defense Secretary
Donald Rumsfeld defends
'rendition' tactics



Gulfstream N379P
landed in Stockholm...
on board were six
people wearing business
suits... they were also
wearing hoods to
conceal their faces



Some of the 'host nations' of CIA rendition are known to use controversial interrogation techniques

President Bush said: "The United States must make sure we protect our people from attack... one way is to send them [suspects] back to their country of origin with the promise they won't be tortured."

New CIA Director Porter Goss, who has instigated sweeping measures to ensure that the CIA are not "caught cold," after serious problems with tracking terror suspects prior to 9/11, admits the policy of rendition and torture is not foolproof. "Once they are out of our hands there is only so much we can do."

was involved, and has launched a "far-reaching inquiry." Spataro, under pressure from the security services in Rome, said: "If Americans had played a part, it would be a serious breach of Italian law."

As for Nsar, he has probably been re-arrested by the security services in Egypt. But during the brief conversation he had with his family, he said that he was badly beaten and has lost the use of one ear.

MEN IN HOODS

The secret operation of 'rendition', could have been compromised as early as Christmas 2001. Paul Forrell, a police inspector was on duty at Bromma Airport in Stockholm on the night of 18 December, when Gulfstream N379P landed. On board were six people wearing business suits. His attention was drawn to the fact that they were also wearing hoods to conceal their faces. The unidentified men took custody of two Egyptian terrorist suspects who had been arrested earlier that day, Ahmed Agiza and Muhammed al-Zery. Thirty

minutes later the aircraft was enroute to Cairo via Washington. Both men were handed over to Egyptian security police.

Forrell spoke to a journalist and the case of the "disappearing men" was raised by Sweden's Ambassador in Egypt. The suspects claimed they were tortured. Agiza was jailed for 25 years for his involvement with a banned group, but al-Zery was released.

Intelligence sources believe that the Gulfstream V jet, owned by Premier Executive Transport Services, an alleged CIA front-company, has participated in over 500 international operations, visiting 40 countries since it touched-down in Stockholm 2001. Between June 2002 and January 2005, the aircraft has made over 30 visits to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba - a holding area for hundreds of suspected al-Qaida terrorists.

Sceptics say cases such as Arar's, Madni's and al-Zery are unfair. The CIA net has been spread far and wide and critics say innocent victims are being caught in its midst. On 16 March 2005,

THE NOTEBOOK

While the CIA refuses to identify, or even acknowledge that the ghost prisoners exist, intelligence has certainly been provided by a key commander in the al-Qaida network. Saudi-born Mustaf al-Hawsawi (above), one of 11 high-ranking terrorists known to be under lock and key, was captured by Pakistan security officers in the same raid that saw the capture of Khalid Sheik Mohammed.



The 36-year-old computer expert has provided the CIA with a treasure trove of names after a notebook was found on his person. Together with his inside knowledge of global contacts, this led intelligence services worldwide to monitor suspects - a number of which are now in detention. The coup was not broadcast by the CIA, but instead, they continued to search and question. A number of Britons were on al-Hawsawi's list - reportedly suicide bombers. It was intelligence gleaned from al-Hawsawi that led to the arrest of Ibn al-Shaik al-Libi who ran Khalden - al-Qaida's biggest terrorist training camp in Afghanistan.

FALLING DOWN

TASK FORCE 626 Recover Al-Zarqawi

US military intelligence officials have released some information on the near capture of al-Qaida's most dangerous fugitive - Jordanian rebel Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

In February Eye Spy reported that one of his most trusted drivers was captured along with another aide following an intelligence-led operation. Now details have emerged how this most elusive of operatives escaped, fuelling speculation that he is preparing to leave Iraq to take charge of the operation to deliver bin-Laden's 'dirty bomb'. Perhaps more relevant, as Zarqawi used all his cunning to make good his escape, he left behind his personal computer which "had a very big hard drive," according to an official. The machine was immediately turned over to the CIA and flown to Langley, Virginia, where computer experts are now examining its every detail. No information has been forthcoming on its content, suffice to say the same official said it holds a "treasure trove of information."

The near capture of Zarqawi came about after a top secret Iraqi intelligence unit managed to infiltrate a cell of the terrorist group. One agent discovered a secret meeting was to take place in Ramadi, west of the once insurgent-controlled city of Fallujah and former location of the bulk of Zarqawi's group. Task Force 626, a shadowy US Army unit

guided by the CIA immediately set about planning to seize members as they made their way to the meeting. Not to alert the group or induce suspicion, regular forces and police went about their normal business establishing check points and closing a number of roads. Members of TF626 and other elite surveillance operatives lay in wait at specific points. At least three US Predator drones were airborne throughout this crucial period.

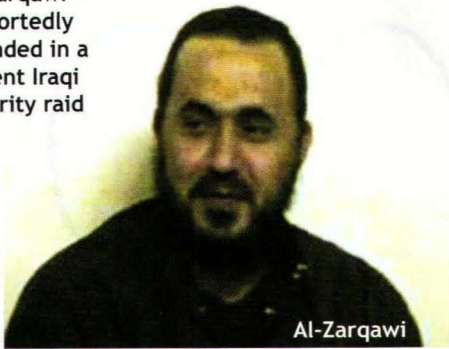
As surveillance officials monitored hundreds of vehicles coming and going, suddenly a vehicle stopped at one of the checkpoints. "Zarqawi always has someone check the waters," said the official. Watching the traffic slowly stop, a

surveillance operative reported that a pickup truck some half-a-mile behind the queuing vehicle quickly did a three-point-turn and drove away in the opposite direction. The vehicle was now under observance from a variety of positions, including a Predator. Several US vehicles and Iraqi police cars pursued the truck, which officials believed was carrying Zarqawi. After a two mile chase the truck came to a standstill. Fearing it may be booby-trapped, and Zarqawi unlikely to surrender, soldiers approached with caution. Following a thorough search it was clear Iraq's most wanted had miraculously escaped again. However, his personal driver and 'bodyguard' Abu Qutaybah were arrested. "Abu Qutaybah was responsible for determining who, when and how terrorist network leaders would meet with al-Zarqawi," the government said. "Qutaybah filled the role of key lieutenant for the Zarqawi network, arranging safe houses and transport."

Secret surveillance operation almost led to arrest of Al-Zarqawi



Al-Zarqawi - reportedly wounded in a recent Iraqi security raid



Al-Zarqawi

s Computer

tation as well as passing packages and funds to al-Zarqawi. His extensive contacts and operational ability throughout western Iraq made him a critical figure in the Zarqawi network."

The truck was eventually taken to a secure compound and stripped. In a concealed compartment a laptop computer and 80,000 Euros (£48,000 - \$100,000) were discovered.

A US official described the discovery as a "seminal event." It had "a very big hard drive," and amazingly, recently taken photographs of the master of disguise.

Zarqawi's aides told US interrogators that Zarqawi escaped after the vehicle stopped beneath a bridge. It appears he was aware of the roaming Predators. Hindered by his wooden leg, he somehow managed to avoid detection and could have been picked up by colleagues in a following vehicle. From here it is

assumed he was secreted away in a safe house in Ramadi. That house has since been located and the owner detained.

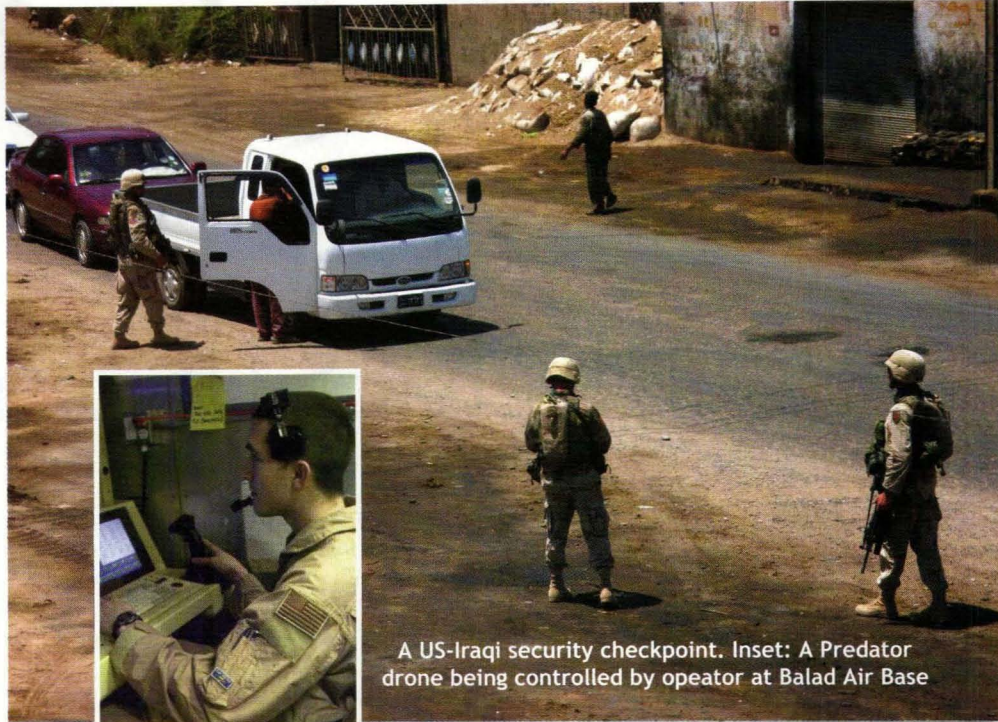
Task Force 626 is a highly specialised military intelligence unit whose person-

nel include CIA officers, Special Forces troops and operatives trained in surveillance. The unit was formed in August last year and has been charged with detaining Zarqawi and his group. TF626 is an active arm of a dedicated CIA team tracking Zarqawi based in Langley.

Few officials have commented on the operation that nearly managed to trap Zarqawi, but Lt. General John Vines, US Army commander overseeing military operations in Iraq said that although his terror cell had been damaged: "He is resilient and incredibly evil and we can't forget that. So he is dangerous still, but he is on the run."

Perhaps the biggest breakthrough in dismantling Zarqawi's group came on 26 April in a raid conducted in western Iraq, and led to the arrest of Ghassan Muhammad Amin Husayn al-Rawi. Like Abu Qutaybah, he too coordinated secret meetings for senior members, and helped foreign fighters use a maze of special exit and entries points into Iraq.

During the raid, Iraq and Coalition forces discovered several vehicles being prepared as car bombs, about 200 bags of ammonium phosphate, two DSKH 38/46 12.7 mm machine guns and ammunition. The warehouse and its contents were destroyed after forensic investigation. "The capture of al-Rawi removes a significant leader of terrorism," an Iraqi official said.



A US-Iraqi security checkpoint. Inset: A Predator drone being controlled by operator at Balad Air Base



Secret Surveillance Operation Nets 'A Treasure Trove of Intelligence'

FOOLS GOLD

ISRAEL DENIES US SPY ALLEGATIO

A Pentagon intelligence analyst has been formally charged with passing classified information to a pro-Israel lobby group and journalists. The US Justice Department said Lawrence Franklin, an Air Force colonel and Defense Intelligence Agency analyst on Iran, passed classified information about potential attacks on US soldiers in Iraq to parties without appropriate security clearances.

Details of the alleged security breach were published by newspapers on 27 August 2004 during the Republican National Convention. It was suggested that the FBI would soon be arresting an "Israeli spy." Franklin's name was erroneously linked to an array of events, including how Iraq's attempt to procure uranium from Niger, and that he might have passed on code-word-sensitive intelligence to Ahmad Chalabi, former head of the CIA and MI6 backed Iraqi National Congress.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has thus far not revealed who received the classified information from Mr Franklin, but in a previous press briefing, a senior White House official said that the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (Aipac), an influential pro-Israeli lobby group, has been under investigation since 2002. Israel quickly denied it had a spy inside the Pentagon.

Following two raids on its offices last year, Aipac confirmed that the FBI was investigating two of its employees. It denied any charge of wrong-doing, but Aipac dismissed Steve Rosen, policy director, and Keith Weissman, a senior analyst. Like Aipac, both men deny any wrongdoing.

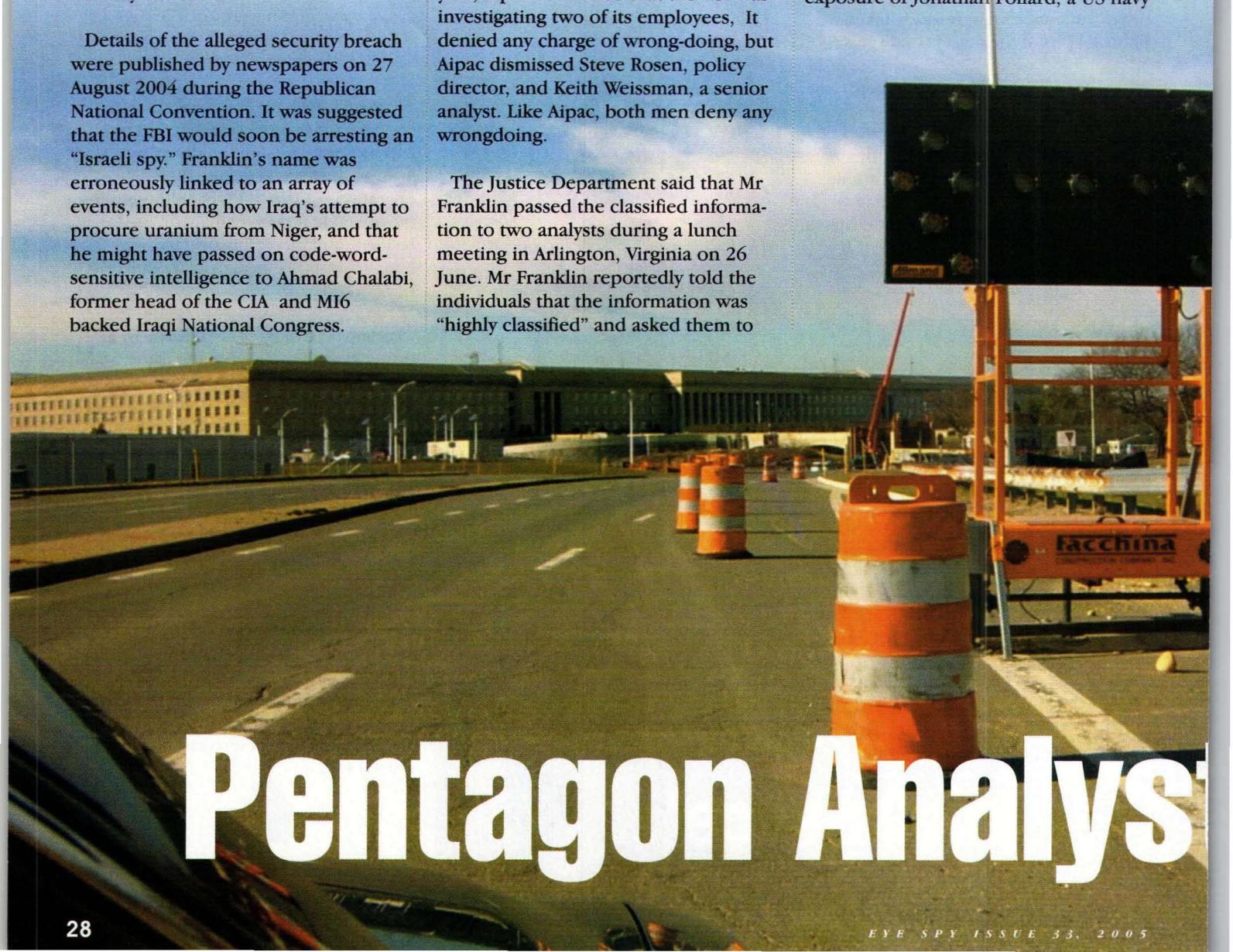
The Justice Department said that Mr Franklin passed the classified information to two analysts during a lunch meeting in Arlington, Virginia on 26 June. Mr Franklin reportedly told the individuals that the information was "highly classified" and asked them to



Lawrence Franklin

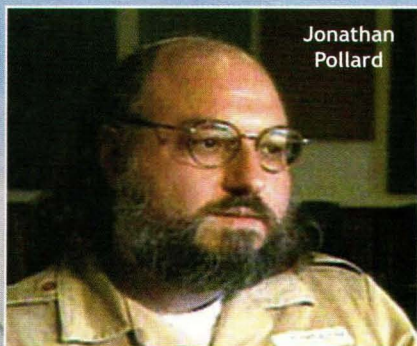
refrain from using it. He has also been accused of forwarding classified information to a foreign official and a reporter, and that he kept 83 separate classified documents at his home "spanning three decades."

Israel 'officially' ended its spying activities on US soil following the exposure of Jonathan Pollard, a US navy



Pentagon Analyst

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Jonathan Pollard

civilian analyst. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 1985 for passing on classified material to Tel Aviv. It seems absurd, however, that organisations like the Mossad, do not conduct covert operations in the United States, though few would term Franklin's actions "espionage". Nevertheless, the FBI investigation is now examining previous inquiries over the past 20 years into alleged security breaches involving Israel. Sceptics point to a 2001 incident and a group of suspicious Israeli 'students' who lived within a stones-throw of several 9/11 hijackers. "This is ample evidence of Israeli operations conducted on US soil and without Washington's knowledge," an official said.

Mr Franklin is also suspected of providing Aipac with a draft Presidential Directive that proposed a tougher policy on Iran, which included consideration of covert action towards regime change. The US is already under pressure over allegations that it is sending small surveillance teams into

Iran, a claim it vehemently denies. But Franklin's actions, though naive, can only increase suspicion in the Middle East. However, there is little evidence to suggest the Iranian memorandum was passed on, as suggested by some in the US media.

A New York newspaper said Franklin is participating in something which occurs all the time in Washington. "Any news reporter who seriously covers national security has sources who discuss classified material. That doesn't make their sources or the reporters spies," an editor proclaimed.

John Conyers, a Democrat from Michigan and a high ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee, called for open hearings to determine whether Franklin was following orders from higher-ranking Pentagon officials to pass secrets to the Jewish state.

As for Franklin, he faces a maximum sentence of 10 years if convicted.

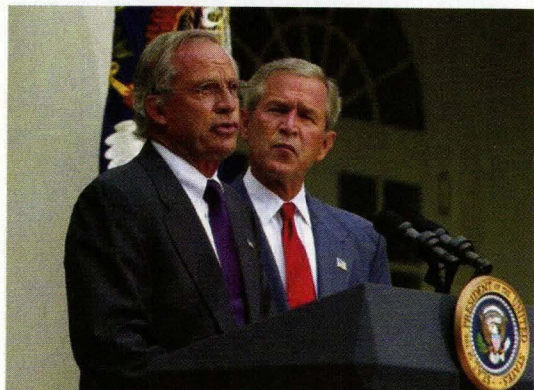


Faces FBI Charge

INTEL INSIDE



CIA'S DOMESTIC INTEL GATHERING AND FRONT COMPANIES



Intelligence officials have announced the controversial relocation of the CIA's domestic division, which is responsible for operations and recruitment in the United States. Currently located at the agency's headquarters in Langley, Virginia, the move to Denver is being made for "operational reasons."

Intelligence officials said the relocation reflects the desire of CIA Director Porter Goss to develop new ways to operate under cover, including setting up

more front corporations and working closer with established international firms. Some CIA veterans say the move makes no sense, given Denver's relative distance from major corporate centres.

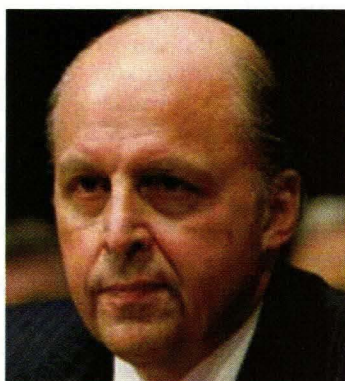
The primary role of the domestic division, which has stations in several big cities, is to conduct voluntary debriefings of US citizens who travel overseas for work or to visit relatives, and to recruit foreign students, diplomats and business people to become CIA assets when they return to their countries. Espionage is still big business!

US INTELLIGENCE "MUST DO BETTER" - NEGROPONTE

It didn't take America's National Intelligence Director John Negroponte to advise employees at the United States' fifteen premier spy agencies, that change is necessary to tackle "a new order of threats to national security." He was given the task of reorganisation by Congress in the face of much criticism following notable lapses in liaison, communication and analysis of intelligence that allowed the 9/11 attackers to breach US security.

In an address made just hours after he started work as the most powerful man in world intelligence, Negroponte wrote: *'We know we need to do our work differently and do it better, but the most critical element in intelligence reform resides in you, the people who will carry it out. In the months and years ahead, we will be pioneering new ways of organising ourselves and allocating our resources.'*

Negroponte and his deputy, General Michael Hayden (NSA Director), are seeking to develop a major agency-like staff that will be in Washington to oversee critical intelligence reporting, and to help maintain a constant level of communication. His staff could well number over 500 senior intelligence officials drawn from a variety of agencies. The new mechanism will see intelligence assessments from the CIA and other organisations, tested and analysed before being presented to US policy-makers. Such a move would have undoubtedly exposed deep concerns about the accuracy of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. A presidential commission reported that US intelligence was "dead wrong" in almost every one of its pre-war assessments of Iraq's WMD potential.



Corridor



Long before the death of Pope John Paul II on 2 April 2005, intelligence watchers had acquired a plethora of information linking the secret corridors and rooms of Vatican City to the world of espionage. Controversially, the Vatican is said to have the most powerful intelligence-gathering system in the world. Through its missions, religious ambassadors and 'foot soldiers', information is forwarded and debated by powerful senior officials, whose identity and agenda often remain unclear. It is not surprising, therefore, that some governments see Rome as a threat to their very existence, while others recognise they are a 'useful tool and ally'.

When Karol Jozef Wojtyla, the Polish Pontiff, reached the summit of the Catholic Church on 22 October 1978, one nation more than any was fearful of his influence - the Soviet Union. Wojtyla openly supported pro-democracy activists while still an archbishop in the city of Krakow. He would later hold several meetings with Solidarity leader Lech Walensa. Today he is largely credited with helping to bring about the demise of communism in Eastern Europe and ultimately ending the Cold War.

SECRET HISTORY

Unbeknown to many, his anti-communist views were internationally exposed when he travelled to the United States in 1976 to deliver a lecture at Harvard University. One year later Jimmy Carter was sworn in as US President. Cyrus Vance followed Henry Kissinger as Secretary of State, the outgoing secretary moving to New York as a private consult-

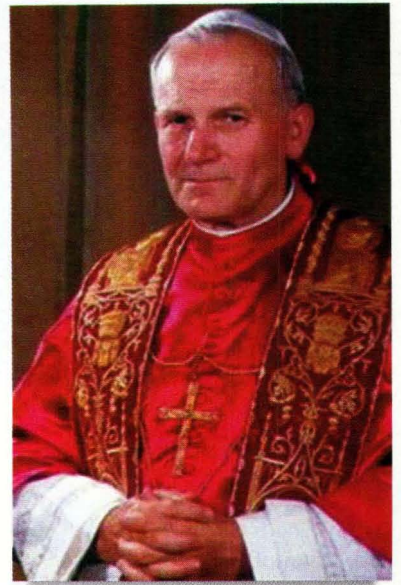


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Vatican Spies, Moscow's KGB Assassins and Pope John Paul II



ant to governments, corporation heads and top financiers. Polish-born Zbigniew Brzezinski (left) from Harvard, became the new president's National Security adviser. Brzezinski was

heartened by Wojtyla's stance on world affairs and communism and a secret liaison was born. The two men would continue to correspond for years, even after Wojtyla's investiture as Pope John Paul II.

President Carter's intelligence advisors sensed that an opportunity had presented itself to inflict further damage on

Moscow's Iron Curtain. On the day of Wojtyla's investiture, Brzezinski visited the CIA's Rome station chief. Besides discussing the notorious Italian terrorist group - the Red Brigades, the men met with Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, the Vatican Secretary of State. His influence and power was second only to John Paul II. Few inside the intelligence community were made privy to the secret ➤





Ukraine's Victor Yushenko with
Lech Walensa

negotiations. However, suddenly a simple native born on 18 May 1920, in the town of Wadowice, Poland, had inadvertently become one of the world's most important Cold War players.

Brzezinski and Cardinal Agostino Casaroli agreed to open a private channel between the White House and the Catholic Church, dubbed the 'Vatican Hotline' by officials. It led to dozens of secret communications between the most powerful men in the political and religious world.

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS

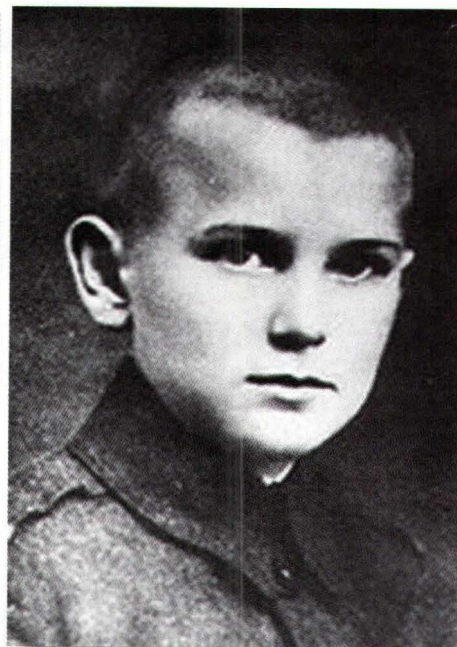
On 13 May 1981, John Paul II was shot and critically wounded by Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turkish gunman, as he entered St Peter's Square to address an audience. The White House was concerned and launched an investigation. Agca was eventually sentenced to life imprisonment. Two days after the Christmas of 1983, John Paul visited the prison where his would-be assassin was being held. The two spoke privately for some time.

John Paul II said: "What we talked about will have to remain a secret between him and me. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust."

Another assassination attempt took place on 12 May 1982, in Fatima, Portugal when a man tried to stab the Pope with a bayonet, but was stopped by security guards. The assailant, an ultraconservative Spanish priest named Juan María Fernández y Krohn, reportedly opposed the reforms of the Second Vatican Council and called the pope an "agent of Moscow." He served a six-year sentence that was followed by his expulsion from Portugal. Krohn could not have been more wrong.

There has always been speculation that at least one attempt on the life of John Paul II was orchestrated by those in Moscow who feared his growing influence in Eastern Europe, though little hard evidence has emerged... until now.

In April 2005, citing ten formerly secret East German Stasi documents, journalists working for Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera*, say the 1981 assassination attempt of Pope John Paul II was initiated by the KGB and handled by Bulgarian agents. Marianne Birthler, who heads the agency overseeing the Stasi archives, acknowledged that numerous records from the 1982-1985 correspondence between Bulgaria's Communist-era authorities and the East German spy agency related to the

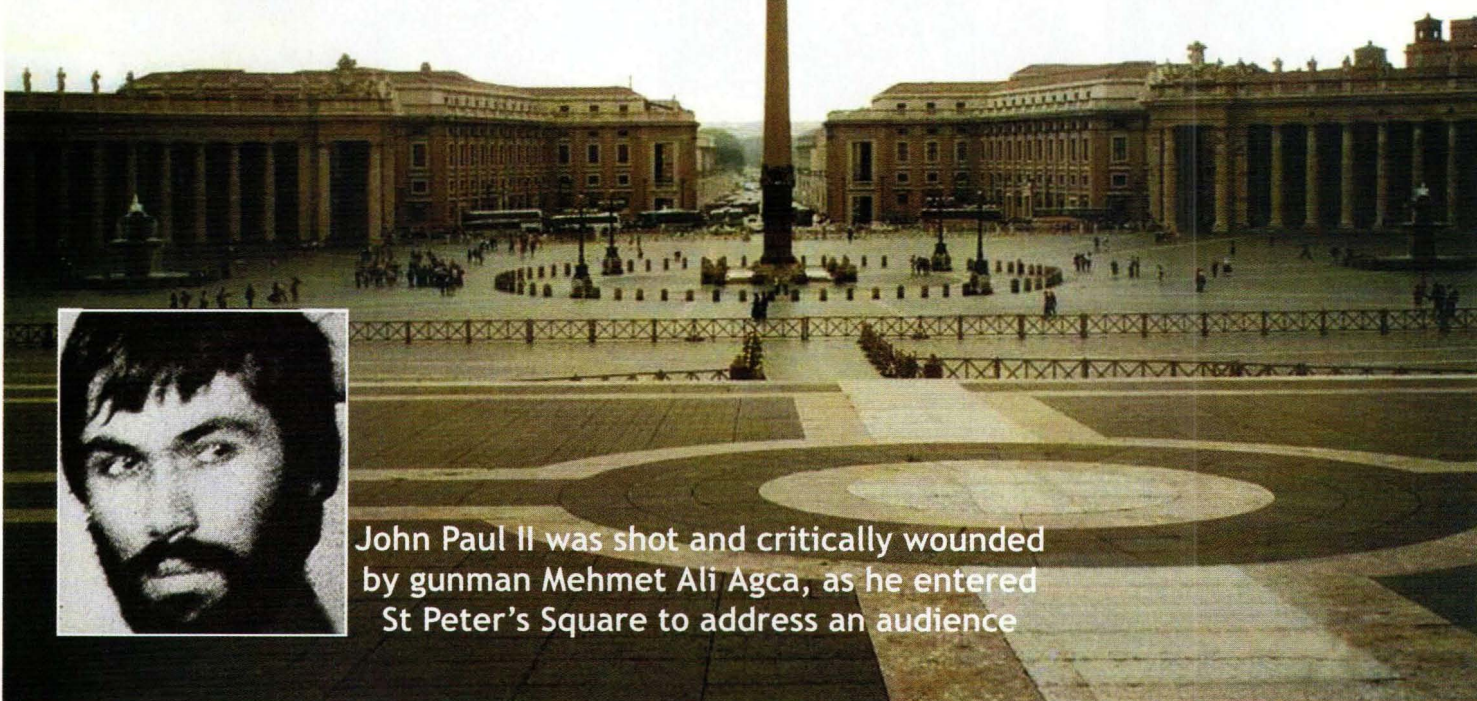


Karol Jozef Wojtyla

shooting against the pope have been recently discovered in a very poor condition.

Bulgarian Intelligence allegedly enlisted Turkish nationals, including Mehmet Ali Agca. During his time in prison, Agca claimed that the operation was run out of the Bulgarian Embassy in Rome at the behest of the KGB. Few believed him.

The German Government had forwarded the declassified papers to officials at the Bulgarian State Commission on Information Security in 2002,



John Paul II was shot and critically wounded by gunman Mehmet Ali Agca, as he entered St Peter's Square to address an audience

said former Bulgarian lawmaker Metodi Andreev, who chaired a commission on releasing some of the secret documents, said the files contained correspondence between agents of the Stasi and Darzavna Sigournost, Bulgarian State Security. The files, which were shortly to be destroyed, show that Stasi officers asked their communist colleagues in Sofia for help in covering up their involvement in the operation.

For some time, Italy has pressed Bulgaria for the documents as part of a renewed push to investigate the role of Bulgarian agents in the assassination attempt. Italian Senator Paolo Guzzanti announced that Italy has now formally asked for the papers and that he believes Sofia was willing to hand them over.

Bulgarian intelligence involvement came just days after Italian Magistrate Ferdinando Imposimato said Stasi documents, which he did not specify, proved that country's role in the assassination attempt. Imposimato has said that his information came in part from his conversation with former Stasi spy chief, Marcus Wolf and material discovered in the Stasi archives, presumably the files uncovered by journalists.

Bulgarian authorities, including President Georgi Purvanov, have rejected the allegations, quoting the Pope as having said that he did not believe



Brzezinski - The Cold War Warrior

Brzezinski is now counselor for the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He served as President Carter's national security adviser from 1977-81 and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1981 for his role in normalizing American-Chinese relations and his contributions to US human rights and national security policies.

His other government activities include serving on the State Department's Policy Planning Council from 1966-68 and the President's Chemical Warfare Commission, the National Security Council-Defense Department Commission on Integrated

Long-Term Strategy and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board in the 1980s.

A native of Poland and son of a diplomat, Brzezinski obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from McGill University and his doctorate in political science from Harvard University. He taught at Harvard from 1953-60 and at Columbia University from 1960-89.

In 1973 Brzezinski became the first director of the Trilateral Commission, a group of academics, business leaders and politicians dedicated to strengthening relations among the United States, Western Europe and Japan. Carter also served on the commission, and when he declared his candidacy for the White



House, Brzezinski joined the campaign as an adviser. He became national security adviser following Carter's victory in 1976.

Brzezinski has written several books on global affairs. They include his latest work, *The Choice: Global Domination or Global Leadership*, and his best-seller, *The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives*.

Bulgaria was involved in the attempt to kill him.

Following the 1981 shooting, the CIA sent officers to establish if the attempt on John Paul II's life was the work of the Soviets. "The CIA has sought, but did not find, any evidence that the KGB was involved in the assassination attempt against the Pope in 1981," said former US ambassador to Moscow, Jack Matlock.

On 3 April 2005, a former CIA employee who worked on the Soviet desk, said in an interview with Bulgarian National Television that William Casey, who at the time of the assassination attempt was the director of the CIA, had ordered staff to come up with a report implicating the Soviets.

A KGB SPY IN THE VATICAN?

Nevertheless, other recently released intelligence files indicate that the KGB did infiltrate the inner-circle of the Vatican during Pope John Paul's reign.

A government unit overseeing Poland's communist-era files accused a Polish priest at the Vatican of spying for his country's secret services. Father Konrad Hejmo informed on the Pope during the 1980s at a time when the KGB was

trying to smash Poland's emerging Solidarity movement. "The Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) has documents that show Father Konrad Stanislaw Hejmo was cooperating during the 1980s with the security services," said Leon Kieres, director of the IPN.

Hejmo, a member of the Vatican circle of Polish clergy, has headed the Polish 'Pilgrimage House', a hostel for visiting Poles, for many years. He denied the allegations, saying they were "absurd" but does think he might have been framed. The Vatican declined to comment on the Polish report, but suspended the priest.

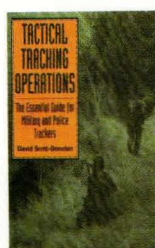
Polish television played what it said was a tape of Hejmo offering a possible explanation. "Some recordings may have been spliced by the kind of people who just wait for a particular word. It's hard to say at this particular moment, I really don't know what [the evidence] is," said Hejmo.

Hejmo had allegedly operated under code names including 'Hejnal', the name for the traditional bugle call that sounds from a church tower every hour in Krakow's medieval Old Town.

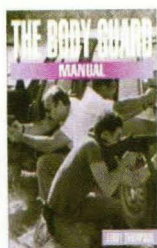
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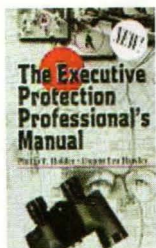
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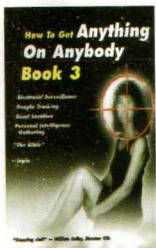
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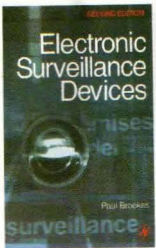
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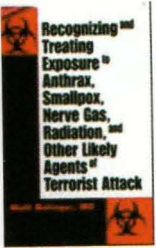
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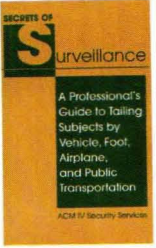
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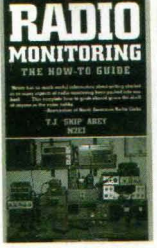
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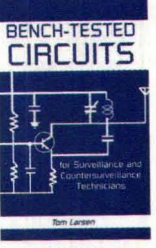
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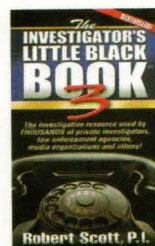
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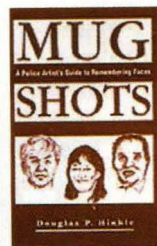
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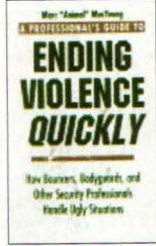
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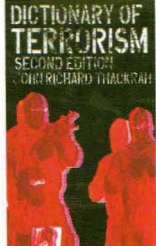
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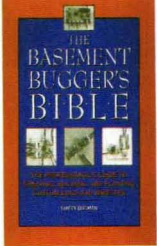
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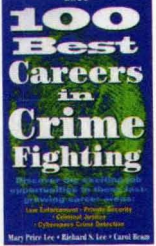
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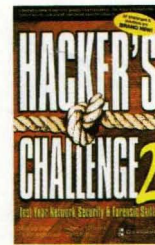
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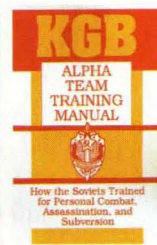
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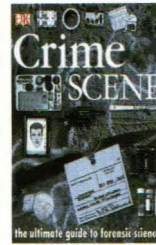
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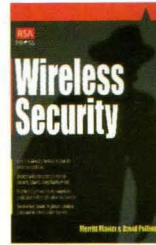
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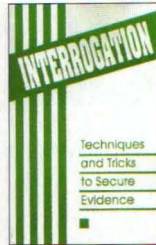
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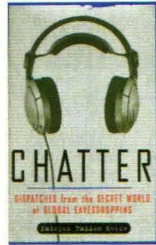
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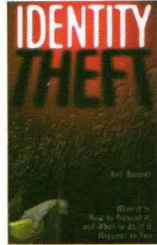
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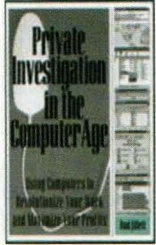
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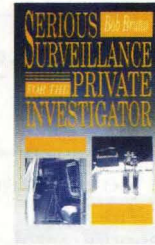
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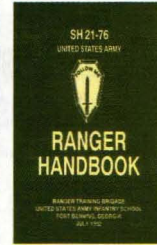
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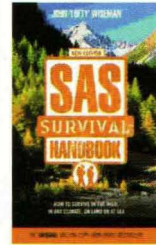
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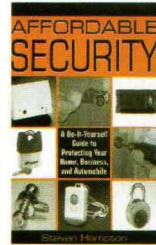
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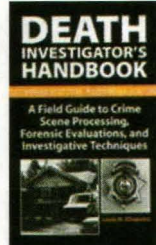
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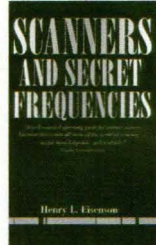
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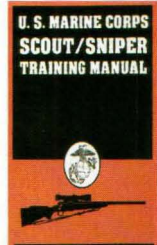
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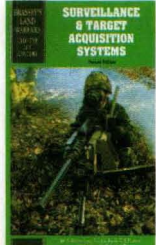
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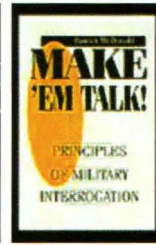
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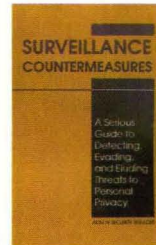
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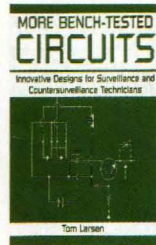
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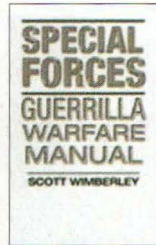
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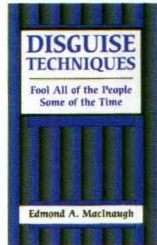
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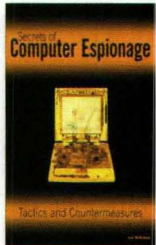
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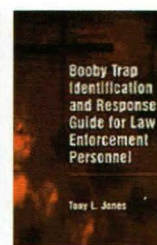
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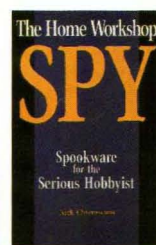
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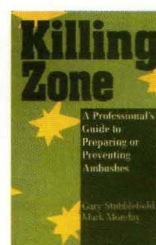
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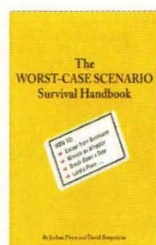
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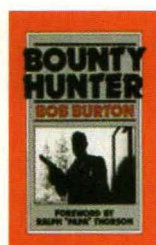
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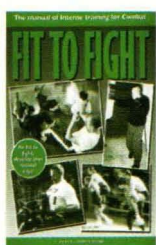
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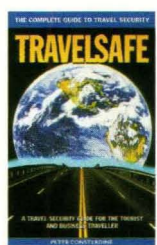
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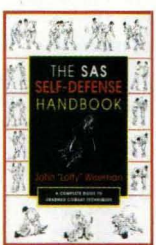
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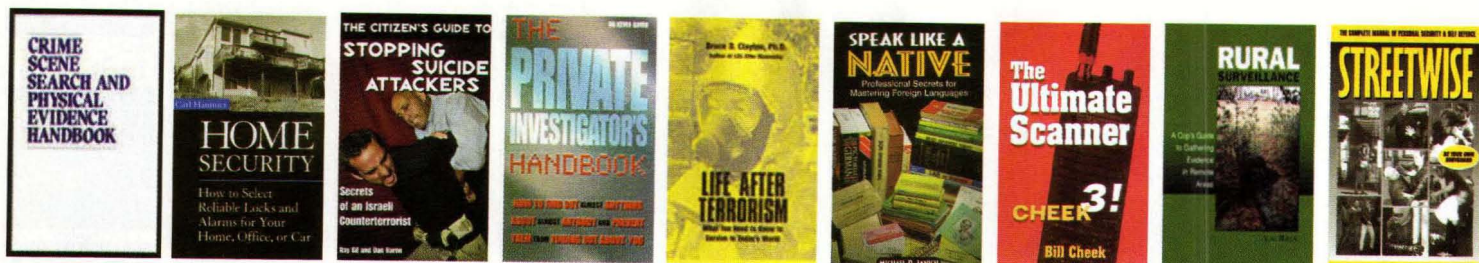
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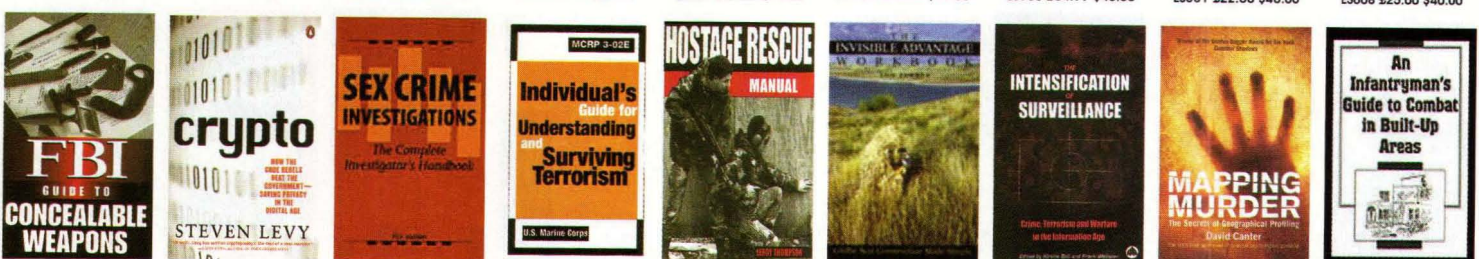
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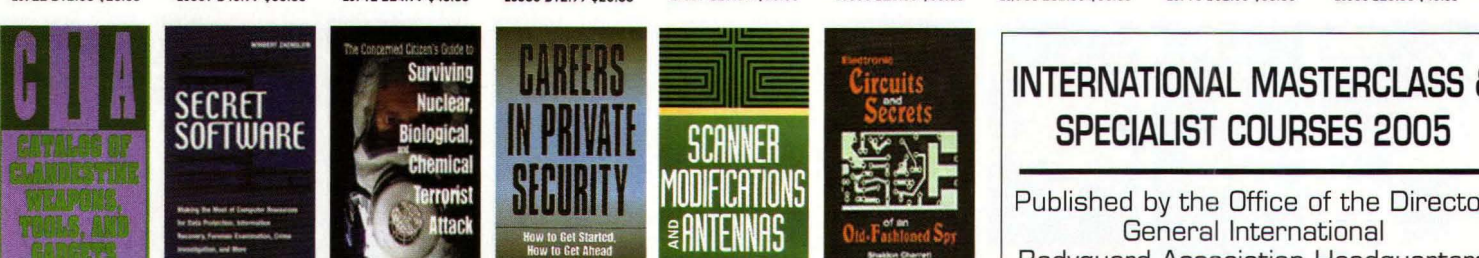
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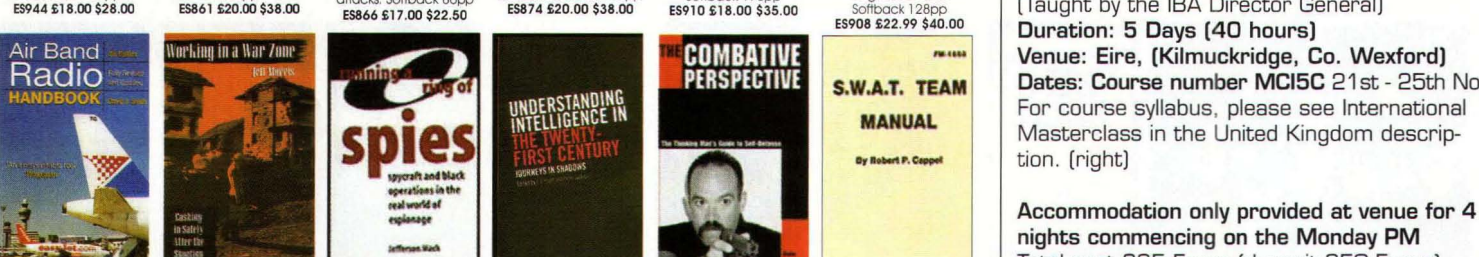
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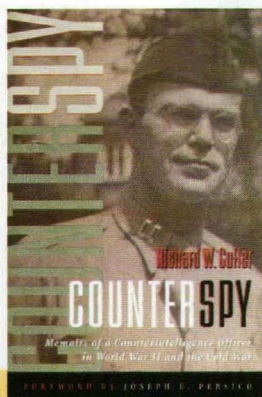
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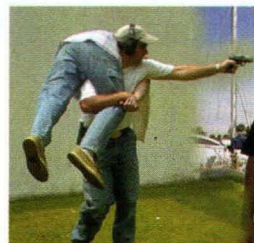
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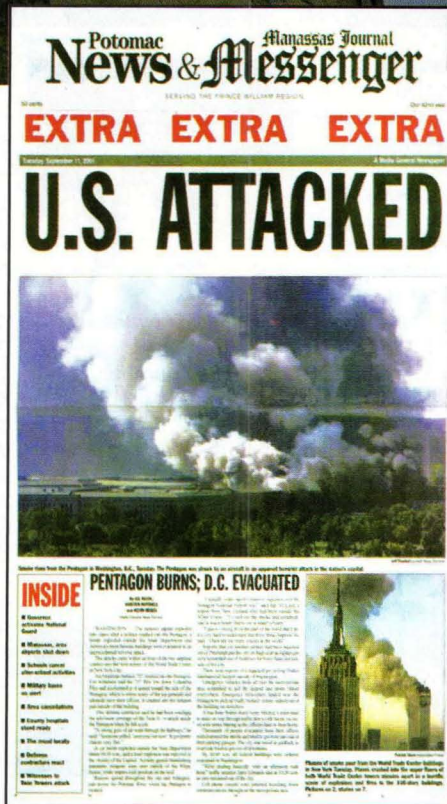
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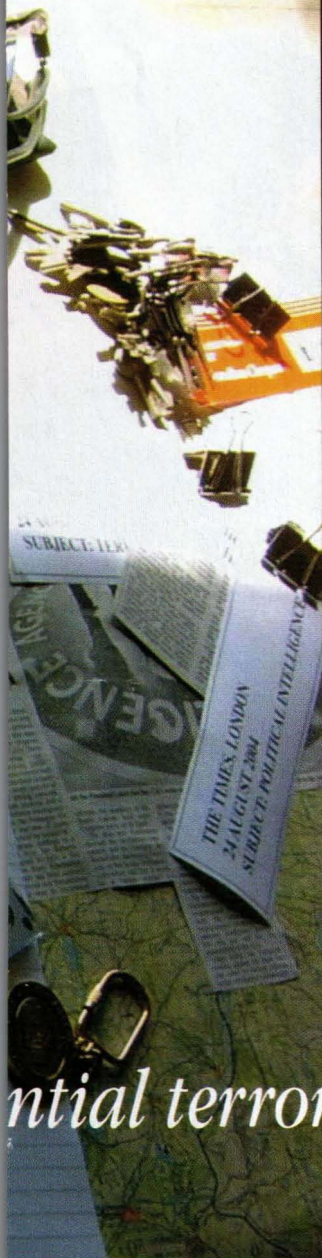
After enjoying the futuristic movie *Vanilla Sky*, researcher Shabtai Shoval pondered if it was really possible to read the thoughts and intentions of terrorists and criminals before they embark on their shadowy missions. After speaking with colleagues in various branches of the Israeli security industry, he decided it was. Shoval's groundbreaking work is now under investigation by various intelligence and security agencies, including the US Transportation Security Authority (TSA). The goal is to build a system whereby suspects can be identified using unique interviewing programmes, even when no firm evidence is at hand. "Controversial" and "mind boggling" are two words

that have been used to describe his work. But is it feasible?

Shoval, a former employee in Israel's Ministry of Defence, explained: "The terrorists who attacked the World Trade Center entered and left the US dozens of times under their real identities. No one suspected them. The \$4 billion that the US is investing on systems to spot weapons at airports could not have prevented their entry."

Working with Ziggi Horowitz, former chief of Israel's police's polygraph unit and now the head of a polygraph institute, Shoval formed Suspect Detection Systems (SDS). Another partner is Major-General (reserve) Amiram Levin, former deputy head of

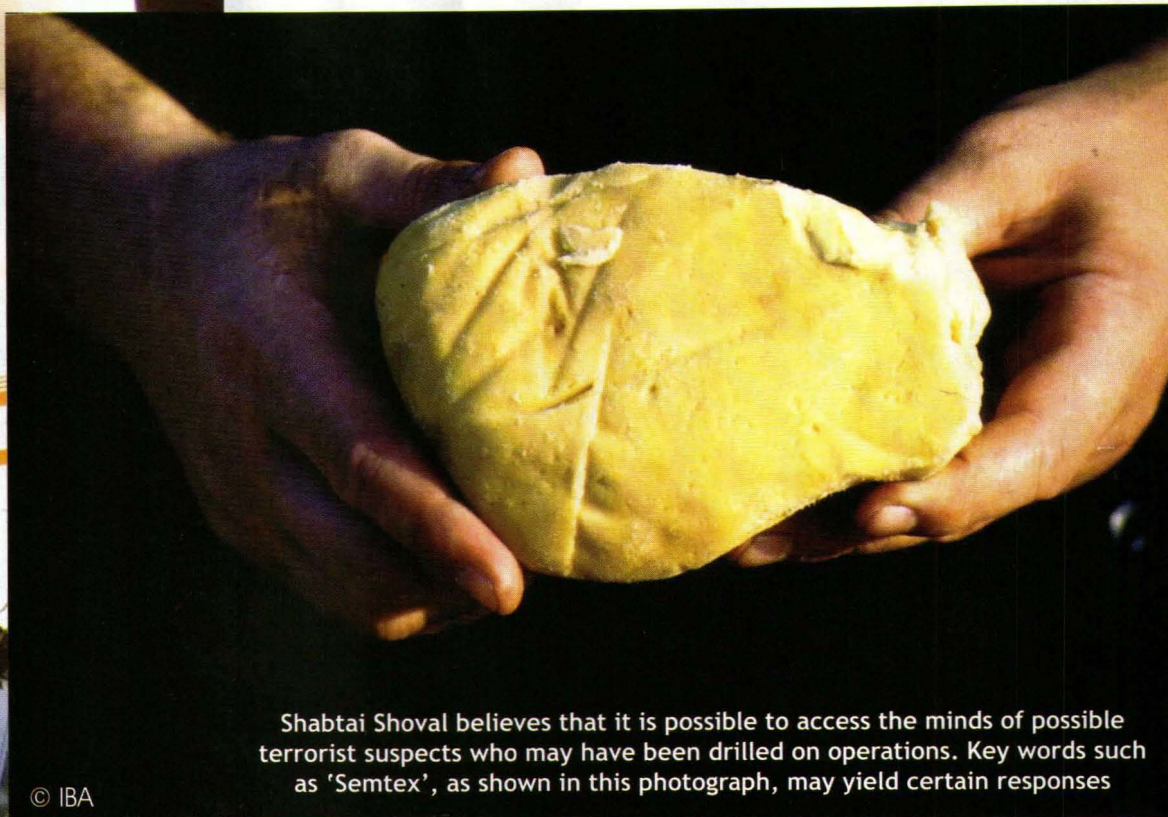




ntial terrorists

the Institute for Intelligence and Special Operations (Mossad) and IDF (Israel Defence Force) OC Central Command.

The research project apparently follows the same principles used by the polygraph machine, but establishes the 'truth' by challenging the suspect on slightly different lines. "Our system is not, and isn't meant to be, a polygraph, for several reasons," said Shoval. "The first reason is that the polygraph is designed to spot a lie. But a terrorist is trained to persuade himself that he is not lying, and his concept of a lie isn't always the same as that of the person conducting the test. It's a cultural thing. Our system therefore doesn't try to catch a lie, but the fear of being caught." A sensor attached to the device meas-



Shabtai Shoval believes that it is possible to access the minds of possible terrorist suspects who may have been drilled on operations. Key words such as 'Semtex', as shown in this photograph, may yield certain responses

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ures the suspects physiological responses and indicates fear or nervousness.

SDS, as it is known, triggers various responses to certain words or phrases. The subject's response is supposedly different if he or she is involved with criminality or terrorist activities. A data base of specific words has been built that allows the security services to 'screen' suspects in a manner that gives a clue to their intentions. If a suspect fears they will be caught, the key words will reveal all... at least that's the theory.

To explain this theory, Shoval says that in most cases, terrorists are briefed on

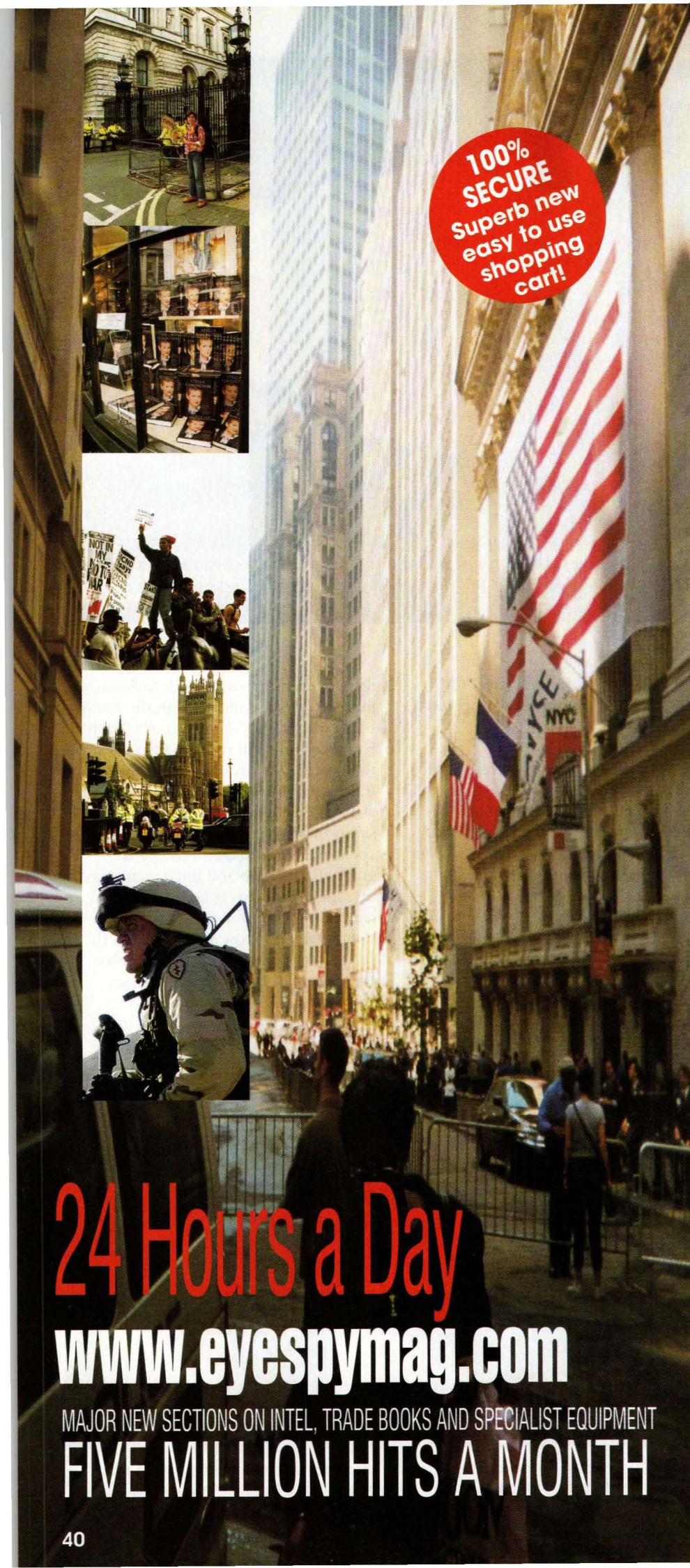
their operation, words such as Semtex may have been embedded in the minds of the operative. "A person who hasn't had a briefing will react apathetically to this word. Our advantage, assuming that the system is installed in a major US airport, is that we're exposed to thousands of people from every culture, who speak every language." Profiles are gradually built up and the data base of investigative words is held in many languages. The phrase book continues to emerge and grow, with training, the security services will become familiar with negative or positive responses.

"We look for two gaps. One is the difference between the interviewee's



The concept of Shoval's research is to stop possible terrorists at source, before they commit the crime. Denying entry to terrorists via airport checkpoints is of interest to US intelligence

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responses to our special words and the reasonable response to these words, said Shoval. "The other is the difference between the interviewee's response to suspicious words and the response to ordinary words. We're not catching drug traffickers, smugglers or paedophiles, only people planning to carry out terrorist attacks." The technology "does not spot terrorists... it spots suspects."

AIRPORT SECURITY

The SDS system is currently being analysed and tested by America's Department of Homeland Security, as part of a wider programme of filtering out possible terrorist suspects entering the United States. After winning a tender from the agency, monies have been allotted to test the system at US airports, though only Atlantic City International Airport has been identified in the trials.

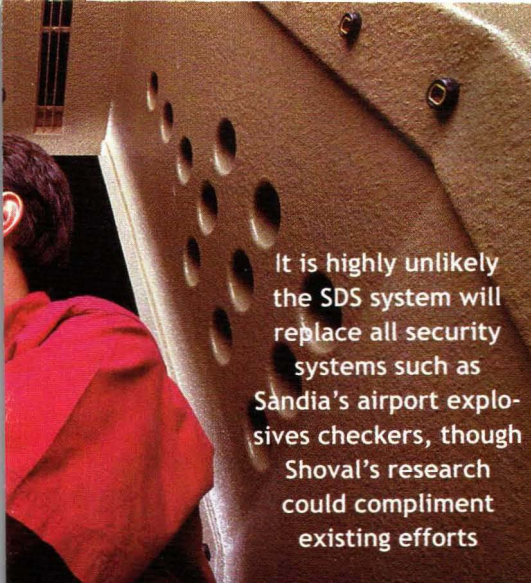
Globes magazine asked Shoval: 'You look for suspicious responses, but people are

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It is highly unlikely the SDS system will replace all security systems such as Sandia's airport explosives checkers, though Shoval's research could compliment existing efforts

different from one another. Maybe a suspect is mentally disturbed, or merely weird? Maybe his response will be different from that of other people of his nationality, because his parents were immigrants?

Shoval: "In such a case, we'll see a very different response from that of other people of his nationality, but we won't see an exceptional response to the special words. His responses to all the words will be equally odd."

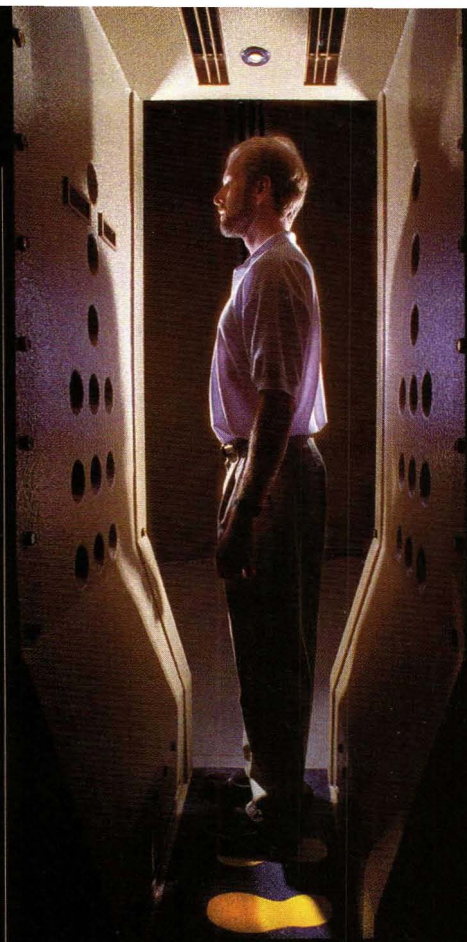
Globes: 'Can a terrorist develop a response to beat the system?'

Shoval: "Terrorists don't know our special words, which we constantly change, nor do they know the reasonable response', against which they're compared. It will therefore be very difficult for them to train. A terrorist can try to teach himself to mute his responses, or even take a tranquillizer. But in that case, his response will be different from that of other people of his nationality."

Globes: 'What if a terrorist doesn't chose his native tongue, in order to avoid the special words?'

Shoval: "He will respond differently from the way the average English-speaker responds, both because it isn't his native tongue, and because he won't understand some of the words. It's impossible to outsmart this machine; anyone who tries to be clever is screwed."

Shoval is philosophical about the number of terrorists who may beat his system, but believes that if 50 suspects are identified and one slips through the net, then it will be regarded as a major success. He also believes it will reduce the time taken to clear passengers through airports. "The line for US



immigration authorities is liable to take 90 minutes. Our system is a type of kiosk making an initial assessment within three minutes. If the system identifies a suspect, he can be sent to a personal agent to complete the investigation."



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STEP CLOSER TO READING OUR MINDS?

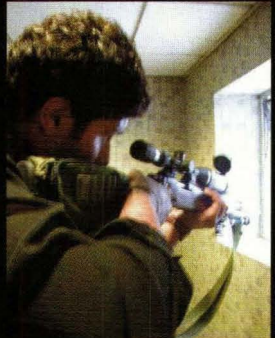
Neuro-Psychologists from the University College London have been examining activity patterns in the minds of a group of volunteers in the hope of being able to read their minds and detect when a person is lying.

Images were shown to the volunteers and their brain activity measured, resulting in the researchers being able to detect accurately what their subjects had seen.

Dr Geraint Rees said: "This is the first step to reading minds. In the simplest terms, we have decoded a tiny piece of the brains contents.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of how this technique could be used. If we were able to identify exactly which areas of the brain are critical to the processes of lying and telling the

truth, the scans could replace polygraph lie detectors."



Colleague Dr Adrian Burgess believes the scans will be useful in finding out why we do certain things and what influences our behaviour.

Lie detecting is of huge importance in America, researchers are exploring the reliability of the new findings from Temple University of Philadelphia. Initial findings show that the scans can detect increased activity in the brain when a lie is being told, whereas conventional lie detectors detect certain body changes like sweating caused by anxiety and so can be deceived.

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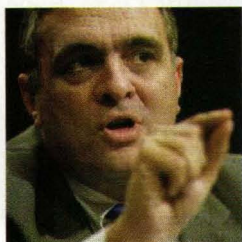


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It's little wonder President Bush insisted on creating an intelligence czar. Since the turn of the year, a secret war of words has seen some of the most powerful men in the intelligence world clash over the accuracy of US intelligence on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. As the last few officers from the CIA's Iraqi Survey Group (an agency established to find Saddam's WMD) trickle back home, former CIA chief George Tenet has provided a most detailed account why his organisation insisted the weapons were real. This, despite a plethora of warnings over the prime source of that intelligence - 'Agent Curveball'. Mr Tenet is adamant that he was not aware of numerous reports provided by other services that Curveball was not to be trusted. Regardless of who is telling the truth, the saga reveals an astonishing breakdown in communication



Former DCI George Tenet refuses to take all the blame



between several of the world's most powerful security services.

In April 2005, following fierce criticism by former CIA officials that he had ignored warnings over Curveball, former DCI George Tenet said:

"I learned for the first time from the Silberman-Robb Commission (commission on intelligence and Iraqi weapons), the account of a conversation that allegedly occurred in late September or October of 2002 between a CIA Directorate of Operations Division Chief and the representative of a foreign service regarding a CIA request to secure direct access to Curveball.

"The representative of the foreign service [Germany's BND], it is now reported, responded to CIA's division chief responsible for relations with the foreign service with words to the effect of 'You do not want to see him (Curveball) because he's crazy. Speaking to him would be a waste of time'. The representative reportedly went on to say that his service was not sure whether Curveball was telling the truth; that he had serious doubts about Curveball's mental stability

and reliability; and that Curveball had had a nervous breakdown. Further the representative of the foreign service is said to have worried that Curveball was 'a fabricator'. The representative reportedly cautioned the CIA division chief that the foreign service would publicly and officially deny these views if pressed, because they did not wish to be embarrassed.

"It is both stunning and deeply disturbing that this information, if true, was never brought forward to me by anyone in the course of the following events."

The problem is, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell vouched for Curveball's claims in a crucial address to the United Nations Security Council on the eve of war. From that point on, the decision to tackle Saddam was irreversible.

"The fact is there was yelling and screaming about Curveball," said James L.



James L. Pavitt

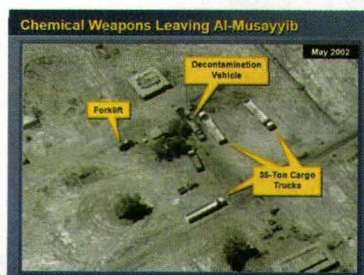
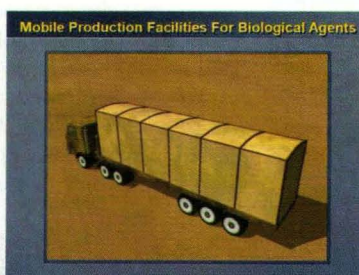
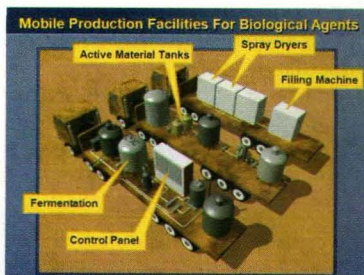
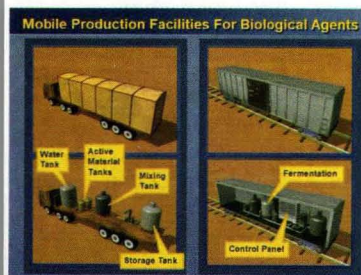
Pavitt, deputy director of operations and head of the clandestine service until he retired last summer. "My people were saying: 'We think he's a stinker'." Pavitt also said he did not relate his own concerns to Tenet because, it was only after the invasion in March 2003, he discovered Curveball was the primary source of intelligence used in prewar CIA WMD assessments provided to President Bush, Congress and the public. "Later, I remember the guffaws by myself and others when we said, 'How could they have put this much emphasis on this guy'? He wasn't worth [anything] in our minds," Pavitt said.

Tyler Drumheller, former head of the CIA European Division, also issued repeated warnings about Curveball's accounts. They too were reportedly ignored.

Hitting back, George Tenet listed an array of reports that were published that could and should have exposed Curveball's reliability. Mr Tenet focused upon Iraq's so-called mobile chemical production labs. The following list of briefings, reports and assessments all mentioned the labs - with no reference to the quality of the intelligence.

1. The coordination and publication of a classified National Intelligence Estimate
2. The declassification and publication of the NIE's key judgments and findings
3. The production and publication of an unclassified White Paper on Iraq's WMD capabilities
4. The preparation of testimonies both closed and open before the Senate Intelligence, Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees
5. The briefings provided to members of

tel Wars



The 'mobile chemical-producing' truck - there was no evidence to suggest the machinery inside ever produced WMD

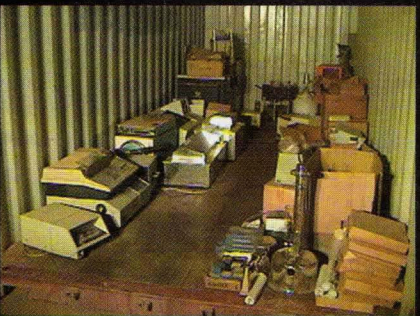
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Torched documents at Baghdad's nuclear research centre



Computers, CDs, disks and other documentation was dumped by fleeing scientists



Documents destroyed in the basement of the Revolutionary Command Council headquarters in Baghdad



The same at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Congress in which Curveball's information regarding Iraq's mobile BW production capability was cited

6. The preparation of Secretary Powell's speech to the United Nations
7. The White Paper CIA and DIA issued in May of 2003 regarding the trailer found in Iraq
8. CIA's internal inquiry into Iraq WMD directed by the Deputy Director of Intelligence
9. My speech at Georgetown University in February of 2004 and subsequent appearance before the Senate Intelligence Committee in closed session on March 4, 2004

George Tenet said: "In all of these formal presentations, Iraq's ability to produce biological weapons in the trailers cited by Curveball was cited in one way or another. At no time did anyone in the analytic or operational chain of command come forward to tell me of the specific information imparted by the representative of a foreign service to the CIA division chief in late September or October of 2002.

"The most important systemic point to make is that the information reportedly received in late September or October of 2002 should have been immediately and formally disseminated as a matter of record in a report which would have alerted intelligence and policy officials to the potential problem with Curveball.

"In addition, a second corresponding formal report should have been immediately disseminated across the intelligence and policy communities to analysts and policy makers who had received previous Curveball reporting alerting them to the fact that Curveball's reliability had been called into question by a credible source. In this case a representative of the intelligence service handling curveball who expressed at least the worry that Curveball was a 'fabricator'.

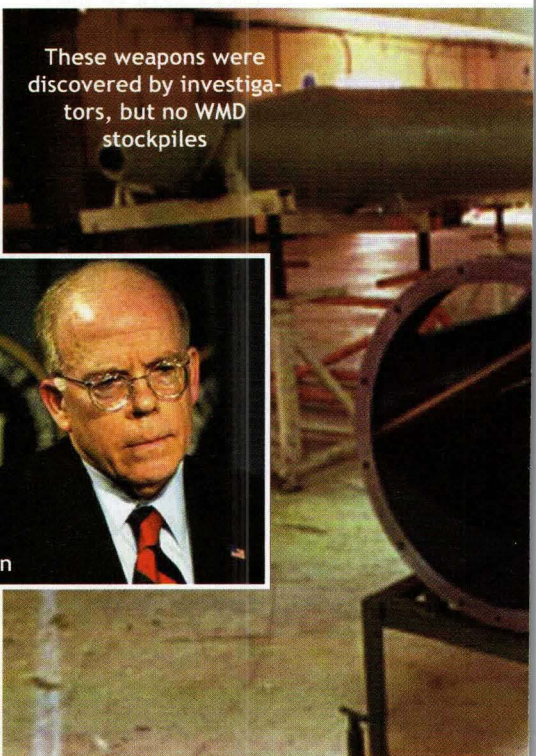
"In combination, the dissemination of these two reports would have immediately alerted experts doing the work on Iraq WMD issues across the intelligence community to a problem requiring further resolution.

"These reports would have focused senior leadership attention on dealing with the foreign government in question in a timely manner. No such reports were disseminated, nor do I recall the issue being brought to my attention."

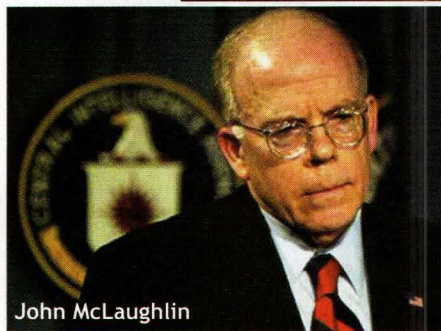


Drumheller rejected the claims by Tenet and his deputy McLaughlin that they were unaware of concerns about Curveball's credibility. He was depressed that the two former CIA leaders would resort to a 'bureaucratic defense' that they never got a formal memo expressing doubts about the defector.

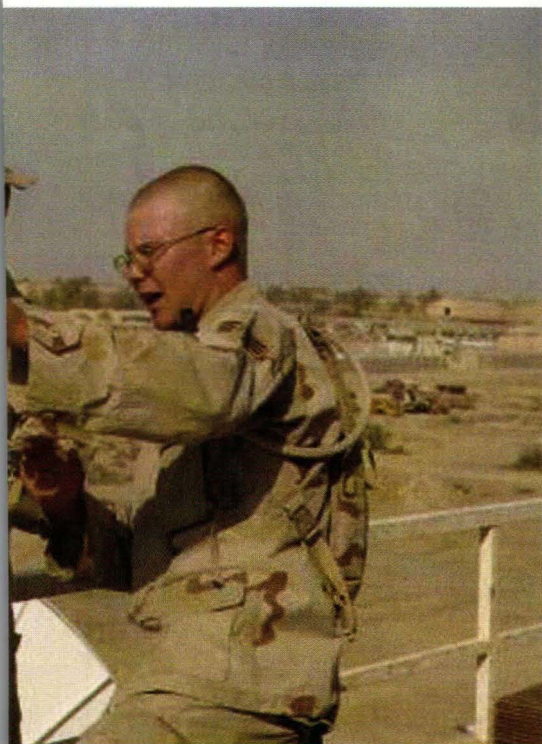
"They can say whatever they want. They know what the truth is - I did not lie." Drumheller repeated his assertion that the CIA had "lots of documentation" that many in the agency were suspicious about Curveball. The intelligence on Curveball's reliability was disseminated widely, and included warnings to McLaughlin's office



These weapons were discovered by investigators, but no WMD stockpiles



John McLaughlin



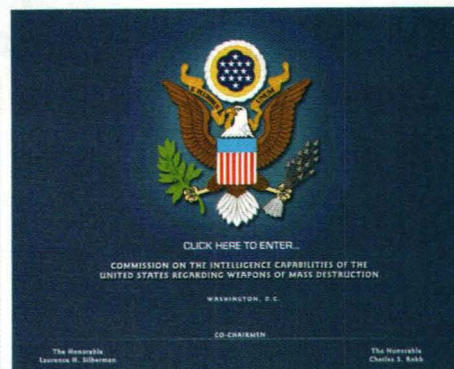
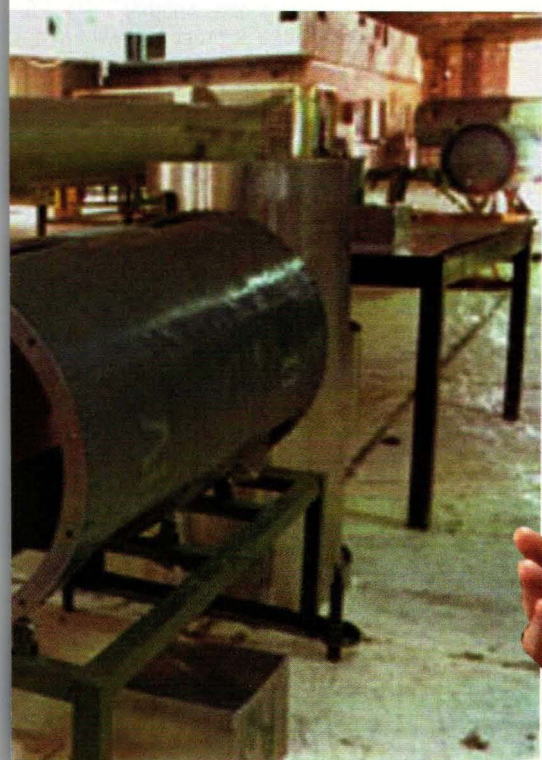
Curveball, a chemical engineer from Baghdad, escaped Iraq and fled to a German refugee camp in 1998. It was not long after that he started supplying the BND, Germany's Federal Intelligence Service, with 'Iraqi military secrets'. In return, Berlin gave him an immigration card.

The Defense Intelligence Agency, which questioned much of the CIA's intelligence on Iraq, also doubted the Iraqi source - so much so that DIA analysts gave him the name 'Agent Curveball'. Nevertheless, Curveball gladly supplied the BND - and ultimately the CIA - with volumes of 'problematic data', including technical drawings. He also said Saddam had built mobile germ factories on trains and trucks.

The DIA are not blameless. It appears no thorough background check was ever made on Curveball and it simply passed anything it received from the BND to the CIA. "It

and to the Weapons Intelligence Non Proliferation and Arms Control Center, known as WINPAC, the group responsible for many of the flawed prewar assessments on Iraq. "Believe me, there are literally inches and inches of documentation including dozens and dozens of e-mails and memos and things like that detailing meetings. Everyone in the chain of command knew exactly what was happening."

The CIA's internal battles over Curveball were obvious in the Silberman-Robb Commission Report. The CIA's assessment that Iraq had stockpiles of biological weapons, the report said, "was based largely on reporting from a single human source."



The full findings of the Commission can be downloaded at www.eyespy.com

acted like a conduit for the BND," the commission found. Ninety 'Curveball reports' were forwarded to the CIA between January 2000 and September 2001.

Animosity between the US and Europe (Great Britain apart), was obvious in the build-up to the Iraq war. But it has since transpired that the BND refused the CIA and DIA proper access to Curveball until March 2004. Had the Germans allowed US and British intelligence officials to interview the source, then clearly officials may have been thumping on George Tenet's door.

The BND allowed just one meagre visit in May 2000, by a DIA medical technician, but even he reported back to his superiors that Curveball may be lying. Then in April 2002, a foreign intelligence service (not identified), told CIA officials that they



Colin Powell argues the CIA's case for Iraq's WMD. Behind him (left) is DCI Tenet

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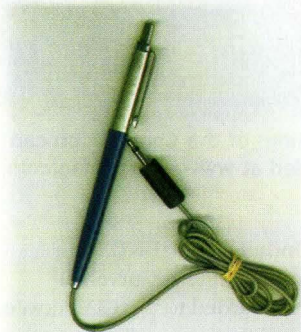
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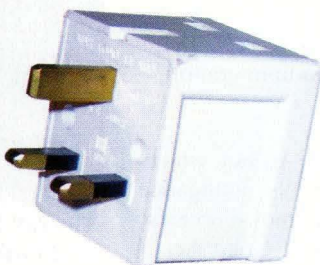
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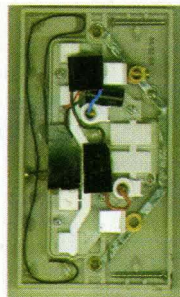
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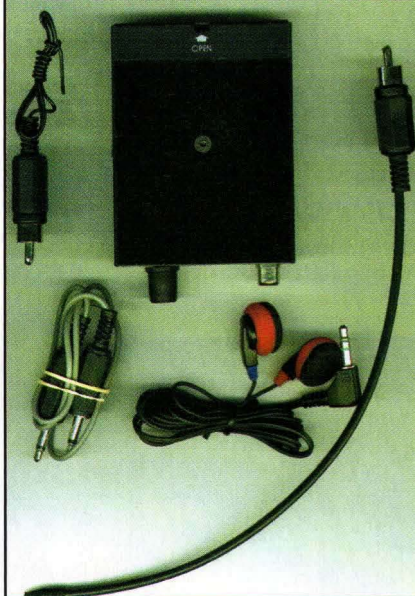
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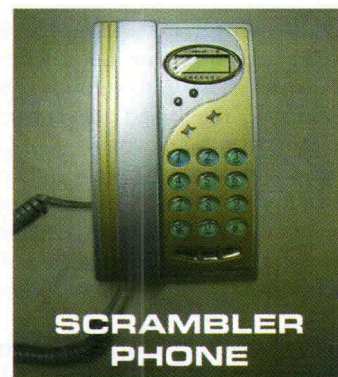


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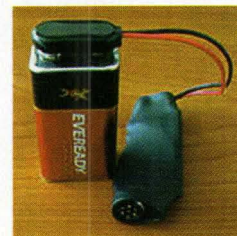


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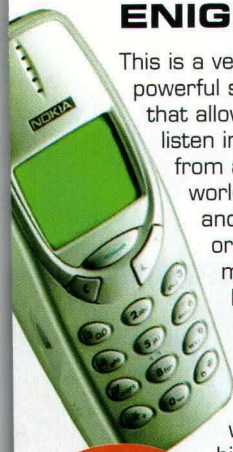
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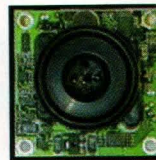
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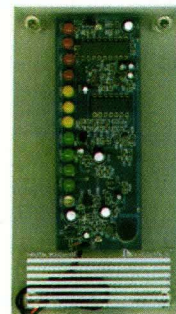


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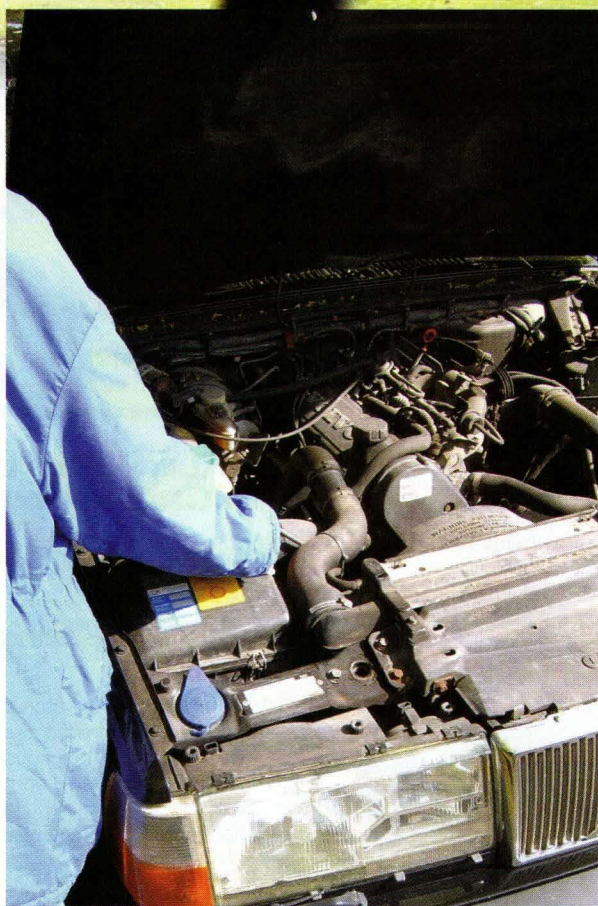


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Where does MI5 get its cars serviced?...

That question sounds like the start to one of those corny jokes you hear just before closing time in the pub on a Friday night. But wait a minute. Perhaps an initial serious attempt at answering the question would be to suggest a depot on an industrial estate, close to the famous disused Battersea Power Station in South West London. A substantial unmarked building at the end of Ponton Road (map, Fig. 1), next to the Christie's Fine Art Auctioneers warehouse, turns out to be the Government Car and Despatch Agency (GCDA).

However, to quote a famous TV advertisement, "it does exactly what it says on the tin". The high security facility supplies vehicles to Cabinet Ministers and other UK



Government and Ministry of Defence VIPs. It also provides secure official document handling across the capital. Although the building is unmarked - apart from the coy '46 Ponton Road' sign above the main reception - it is hardly completely hidden from the public. The GCDA has its own website - www.gcda.gov.uk - detailing all of their services.

Of course, the possibility that MI5 also use the GCDA depot as a 'front' cannot be completely ruled out!

MI5 operatives working in Section 4 within A (Technical) Branch - nicknamed 'The Watchers' - are tasked with direct covert observation of 'targets' using specially equipped vehicles. The MI5 A4 agents need a base where their tools of the trade - the Watchers vehicles - are serviced. Of course,

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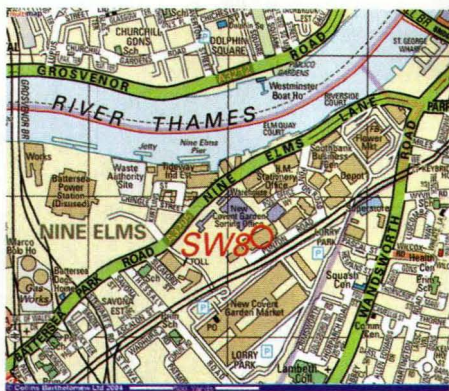


Fig. 1: Location of Government Car and Despatch Agency's depot in South West London

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the term 'serviced' covers many more activities than normally supplied by those helpful chaps down your average Kwik Fit depot!

Many such Watchers depots have been uncovered over the decades. Famously, some A4 Garages tucked away down Barnard Road near Clapham Junction (map, Fig. 2) were abandoned by MI5 in the 1970s when it was discovered that Russian spies had been photographing them. It was, after all, the height of the Cold War.

More recently, there has been a lively discussion on Google Groups regarding a very strange car servicing depot

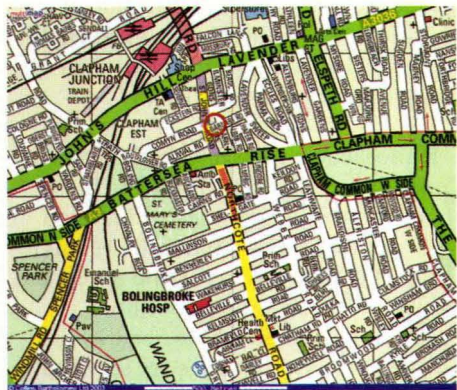


Fig. 2: Location of former MI5 A4 'Watchers' Garages in Barnard Road, Clapham Junction, South West London

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somewhere else in London. Puzzled contributors to the Internet message boards have reported suspicious "comings and goings" and an extraordinarily high level of security, for what everyone had assumed was a place where members of the public were getting their oil changed and exhausts renewed. I decided to investigate for Eye Spy.

In the late 1970s, following the demise of the Barnard Road Garages, it seems MI5 decided on a replacement location that nobody could really describe as 'secret'. The chosen location was on a busy South West London suburban high street with hundreds of buses and thousands of cars passing every day. It is just across the road from a popular common where people walk their dogs and next to a huge supermarket and a large popular pub. It is directly opposite both a petrol station and the area's main health clinic and is just around the corner from two nurseries where young mums drop off their little ones before going to work.

In other words, the depot could hardly be MORE public! Perhaps the reasoning was that being so public and 'ordinary', the location would not attract suspicion and it would "blend into the background" of everyday life! So where is it?

Take a look at the large building on Streatham High Road (map, Fig. 3; photo, Fig. 4), just south of Streatham

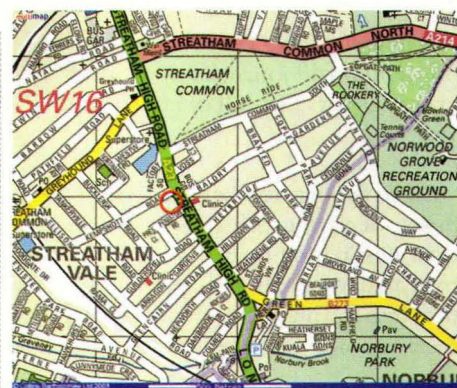


Fig. 3: Location of MI5 A4 'Watchers' Garages in Streatham High Road, South West London

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Common, in the space bounded by the junctions of Kempshott Road and Penistone Road (photo, Fig. 5 - p.48).

Streatham High Road is one of the busiest in London and is reputed to be the longest continuous high street in Western Europe. It forms part of the A23 trunk route - the London to Brighton road. The area around the northern end of Streatham High Road was previously infamous for a 1980s scandal that rocked the 'Establishment' and inspired the hit film comedy *Personal Services*. It was the location of 'Madam Sin' Cynthia Payne's brothel, where she supplied exotic entertainment for Members of



Fig. 4 Streatham High Road

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Parliament, High Court judges, senior policemen and journalists - all in exchange for a fist full of Luncheon Vouchers.

Those familiar red London Transport buses, declaring 'Streatham Garage' on their destination boards, pass along the road all day long. But disappointingly, they turn into the major bus depot situated on the north side of the Common!

The Streatham MI5 vehicle depot really is quite ordinary looking - even down to the peeling cream-coloured masonry paint - but note the huge extraction chimney to remove fumes. The game is really given away by the substantial razor wire fencing, the countless CCTV cameras and also the security kiosk with barrier - around the corner on Kempshott Road - resembling those found at army garrisons and RAF and USAF bases.

Take a wander around the depot and you will notice many roller-shutter doors, normally firmly closed. But now and again they are temporarily opened to reveal a teasing glimpse of all the paraphernalia normally associated with car servicing, such as hydraulic ramps. The depot's car compound, to the front and in full public view on the Streatham High Road side, is packed with vehicles



Fig. 5 Kempshott Road and Penistone Road

with funny plastic markers on the roofs showing numbers - just like the table reservation signs you see in restaurants. Could these be indicating job numbers?

It may well be that rusty old 'bog standard' Ford Escorts enter the depot, only to be released back onto the streets a few days later having engines modified in order to reach 150mph and their brakes and suspensions up-rated to cope with that "little extra" under the bonnet!

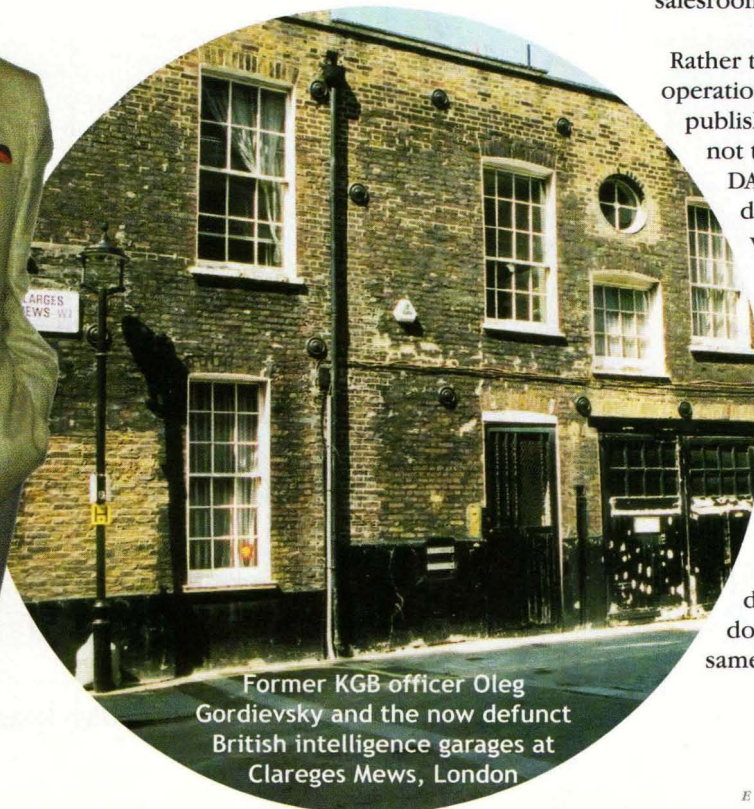
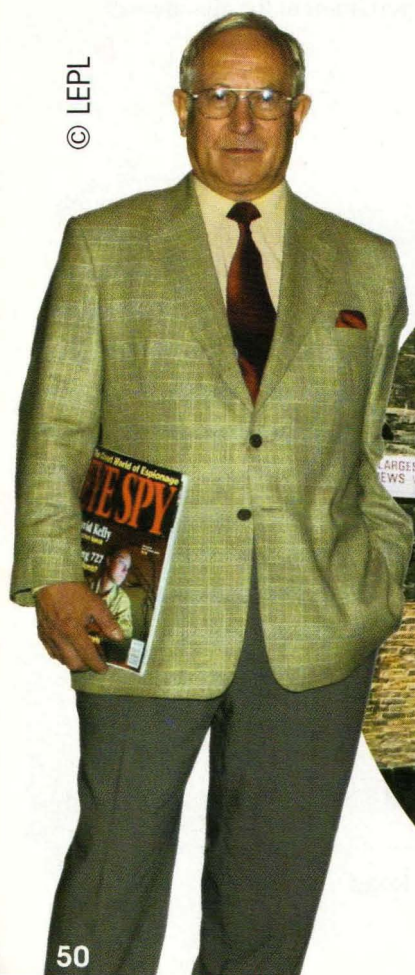
There are no markings around the site to identify its true purpose to curious members of the public - except for a

simple address plate reading 512 - 522 Streatham High Road, which also directs official visitors and suppliers' delivery drivers to the main security gate on Kempshott Road.

Naturally, I plugged this address into the various research tools I use on my Secret Bases website - www.secret-bases.co.uk. Well, what do you know? There is a suspicious 'hole' in the Royal Mail address database and that particular sequence of numbers is missing! The Royal Mail data manages to pick-up the sequence again on the south side of Penistone Road at 524 Streatham High Road, which is the Mazda Streatham car salesroom (photo, Fig. 6).

Rather than a top secret MI5 agents' operations base (details of which publishers are obviously requested not to disclose, under the UK MOD DA-Notice system), the Streatham depot is simply a facilities workshop where Security Service vehicles are serviced.

It may even be used to 'lift' target vehicles, say from public car parks, fit them with tracker and eavesdropping equipment, then drop them back (suitably 'altered') where they were found! It is of course imperative that the A4 engineers make sure the driver's seat and rear view and door mirrors are in exactly the same positions as before!



Former KGB officer Oleg Gordievsky and the now defunct British intelligence garages at Clareges Mews, London



Fig. 6 Streatham High Road

It will come as little surprise that Duncan Campbell - one of the leading independent experts on 'Secret Bases' in the world - has written about the Streatham depot on several occasions over the last 25 years. A decade ago, he was even interviewed standing outside the main gate, in a television programme hosted by Chris Tarrant - now more famous for teasing and taunting

contestants on the UK version of *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*?

Mr Campbell tells me that the Streatham depot may even have been used to kit out the vehicles required by MI6 handlers to hurriedly remove their long serving KGB double agent Oleg Gordievsky from Russia over the border into Finland in 1985, hidden in the boot of a car.

The Streatham garages and many other past and present facilities used by both MI5 and MI6 have been documented by Richard Bennett, the author, broadcaster and photo journalist who maintains his fascinating AFI (American and Foreign Intelligence) Research ISDB - International Security Database.

Therefore all these locations are already widely in the public domain - it's impossible to "force the genie back into the bottle", as the saying goes!

It was ironic that for once, I hadn't needed my usual Secret Base research tools - those trusty *Getmapping* aerial photos. MI5 had used a form of stealth technology that comes very cheap. They had been brave and bold and placed a *Secret Base* where you'd least expect it to be - "in your face" and "right under your nose"!

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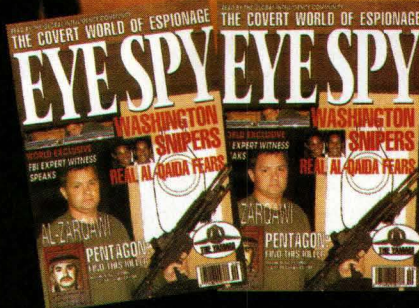
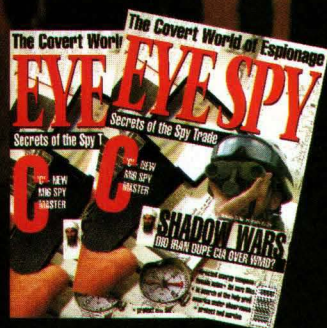
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AN INTEL PUZZLE

The Agent Controller - Al-Libbi

He was described as a senior al-Qaida's organiser, liaison man, financial wizard, a genius with computers, and an "apprentice codemaker."

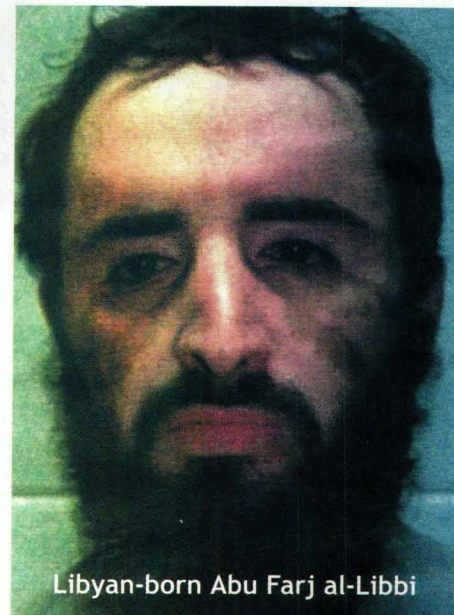
Others say he was just a "middle-ranking operative who made the coffee and produced photocopies of documents." Abu Farj al-Libbi 29, was already known at CIA headquarters as the 'Agent Controller' in a secretive and extraordinary network that spans every continent of the world. He was captured after a lengthy under-world operation headed by experienced CIA and Pakistan ISI officials. His general whereabouts were revealed after valuable intelligence was secured from the computer of al-Qaida's 'CodeMaker', Naeem Noor Khan (above right), who was arrested at Lahore Airport on 13 July 2004.



Afghanistan and Pakistan. Their most dangerous mission involved speaking with locals and providing monies to warlords in return for intelligence on the whereabouts of Osama bin-Laden and his fast-disappearing inner circle. Pakistan has also built new roads and schools in the region in an attempt to win over the allegiance of tribal leaders there.

CIA SURVEILLANCE

For over two years undercover CIA officers and agents have roamed the badlands that separate



Libyan-born Abu Farj al-Libbi

Since 2003, over 700 al-Qaida suspects have been detained by Pakistan security forces, but the heads of al-Qaida have thus far remained elusive. However, in early March information was received that al-Libbi was seen near the village of Fatami, in the northwest of Pakistan. Armed with this intelligence, a surveillance operation was started to pave the way for his capture.

Pakistan was keen to help capture al-Libbi, after he twice organised operations

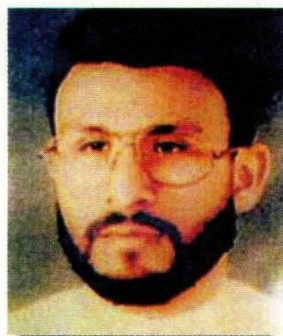


that almost killed President Pervez Musharraf in December 2003.

Musharraf himself named the Libyan as the chief suspect, the "mastermind" of the assassination attempts. In 2004, the government placed an advertisement in Pakistani newspapers that showed Libbi dressed in a Western suit, with a trimmed beard. A reward of 20 million rupees (about \$335,000) was offered at the time for any information that might lead to his capture.

Following the arrest of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in Rawalpindi near Islamabad in March of 2003, the ISI say al-Libbi was promoted to 'number three' by bin-Laden. He had been a trusted associate of the al-Qaida leader since joining his group in Sudan in the late 1990s. The CIA learned that he was central to forging links with small groups operating under the al-Qaida umbrella, and used all his

Osama bin-Laden
propaganda poster
recovered in
Afghanistan



Abu Zubaydah

charged with the murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl three years ago. Farooqi was killed in Karachi last September during a shoot-out with Pakistani forces. It is also believed al-Libbi played an organisational role in the attacks on New York and Washington in 2001. The rise and rise of Abu Farj al-Libbi to 'number three' is odd, for most British intelligence officials believed this post was taken by Abu Zubaydah.

In 2004, computer files were recovered in London following a series of intelligence-led operations. One encrypted message was sent to two agents ordering them to travel to Pakistan for a "crisis meeting." Other emails were also traced back to al-Libbi from operatives located in Nigeria. MI5 believe the al-Qaida cell in the UK was in touch with al-Libbi, though have yet to identify any of the gang. Some analysts believe he played a pivotal role in

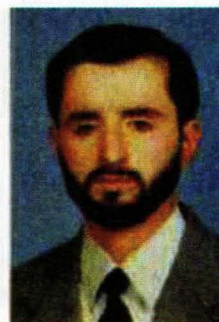
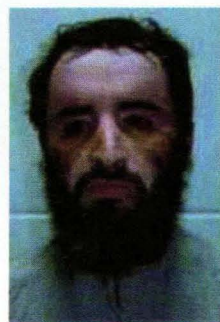
skills to forward communications on behalf of bin-Laden himself. He had worked closely with Amjad Hussain Farooqi, who had been formally

organising affairs throughout Europe, though this is disputed by others.

THE ARREST

Al-Libbi is said to have used the alias 'Dr Taufeeq' when he ventured beyond the relative safety of his hideouts. But this may have played a part in his downfall. The Inter Services Intelligence Agency was given the address of a house known to have been frequented by Dr Taufeeq. A surveillance operation was mounted outside the town of Mardan, about 30 miles from the northwestern city of Peshawar. Observers became interested in the comings and goings of a man on a motorbike. In fact, the man was a courier used by al-Libbi to send coded messages to colleagues. The CIA requested that the ISI continue to monitor the location in the hope that other intelligence could be gleaned. Islamabad refused, citing the previous assassination attempts made by this dangerous terrorist.

On 1 May 2005, hundreds of Pakistan troops backed by ISI and CIA officials surrounded the area around Mardan and blocked off all escape routes. Al-Libbi and another man were spotted driving their motorbikes through a graveyard. He was soon joined by undercover ISI agents, themselves riding motorbikes. Al-Libbi wore a burka to disguise himself. With their exit blocked, the second rider was immediately captured but al-Libbi fled to



Abu Farj al-Libbi

a nearby hotel. After a 45-minute standoff, and the firing of tear-gas canisters, he eventually gave himself up. Other suspects were also detained in raids nearby. It was discovered al-Libbi had made numerous mobile phone calls before his arrest.

At al-Libbi's hideout, equipment and a computer were reportedly recovered. Officials are hopeful that the finds may lead right to the doorstep of Osama bin-Laden himself. If nothing else, the CIA believe that details of al-Qaida operations, sleeper operatives, agent codenames and safe-houses, will be disclosed. However, if one version of events is to be believed, then it is unlikely the computer will yield anything of use. Sources in Pakistan say al-Libbi was captured after a gun-battle lasting nearly two days. If this is true, al-Libbi would have had time to destroy any files and could alerted his international contacts.



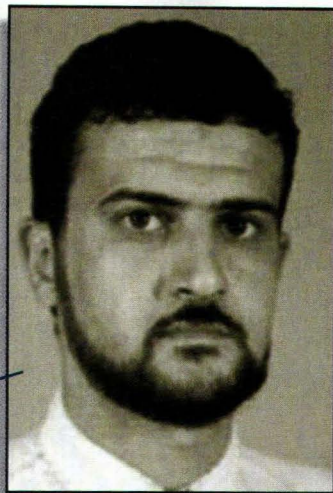
Usama Bin Laden



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Anas Al-Liby



Anas al-Liby as he appears on the FBI's most wanted terrorists' list. His name and resemblance to the captured al-Libbi are obvious

three or four," an intelligence official said. "The CIA want to question al-Libbi, but it is likely access may be denied for some time due to political reasons."

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

But what of the bizarre notion that the intelligence services confused this al-Libbi with other al-Qaida operatives with very similar names - Anas al-Liby and Ibn al-Shaik al-Libi, for example. Anas al-Liby appears on the FBI and State Department's

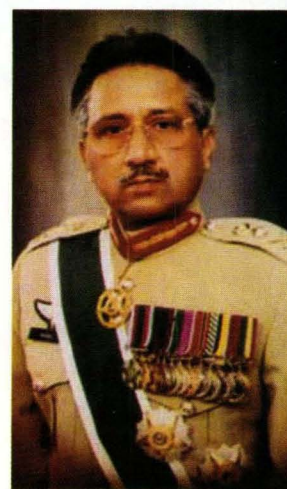
'most wanted list' in connection with the 7 August 1998, bombings of the United States Embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya. Like al-Libbi, he too is a Libyan. So why wasn't al-Libbi, regarded as al-Qaida's 'number three', on the wanted list? A US official said the CIA did not want to alert him. And another key al-Qaida operative, Ibn al-Shaik al-Libi who ran an Afghanistan training camp is also under detention.

Whatever the truth, Pakistan and US officials say his detention is a major victory. Aftab Khan Sherpao, Pakistan's Interior Minister, said that the operation showed they "were on the right track to capturing Osama bin-Laden." Asked about the possibility of al-Libbi actually knowing

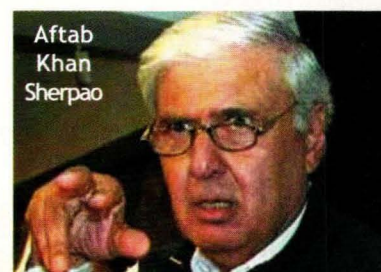
the whereabouts of the world's most wanted man, Mr Sherpao said: "Al-Libbi has already provided lots of tips... he was a big catch."

President George Bush said: "Al-Libbi's arrest removes a dangerous enemy who was a direct threat to America. Al-Libbi was a top general for bin-Laden. He was a major facilitator and a chief planner for the al-Qaida network." A senior Pakistan intelligence official said al-Libbi "was an expert on drawing maps and diagrams." His arrest could badly damage links between the various tiers of al-Qaida."

Since his arrest, some 20 suspected terrorists have been taken into custody.



President Musharraf



Aftab Khan Sherpao



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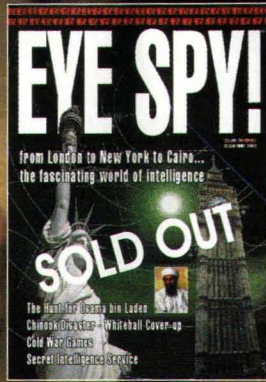
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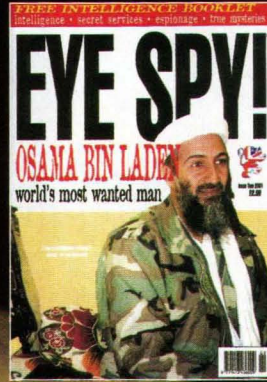
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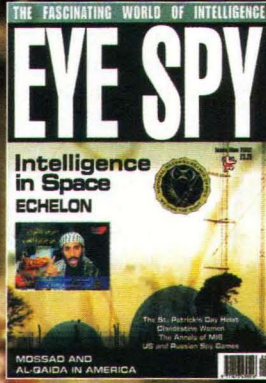


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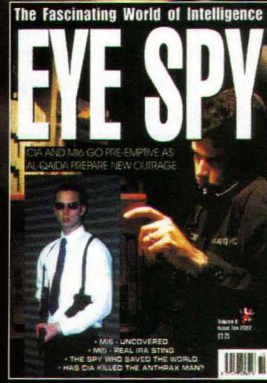


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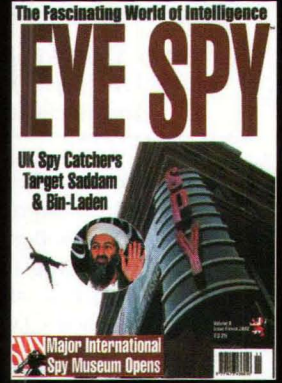
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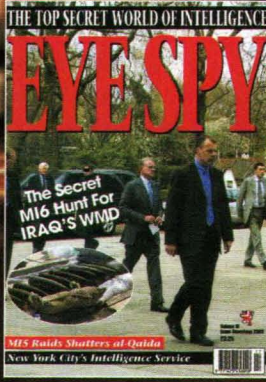


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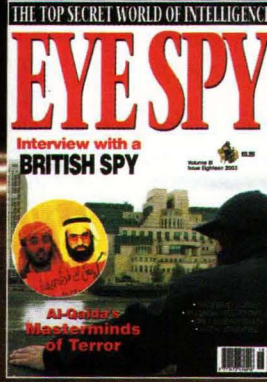


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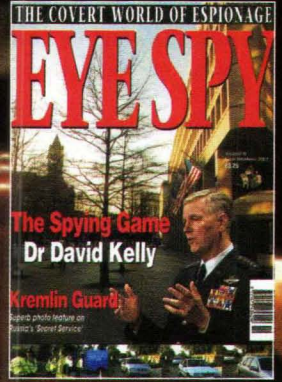
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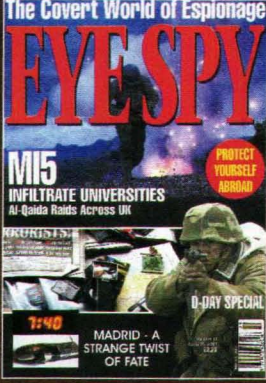


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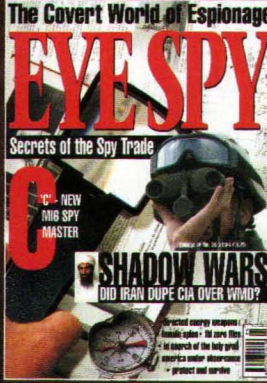


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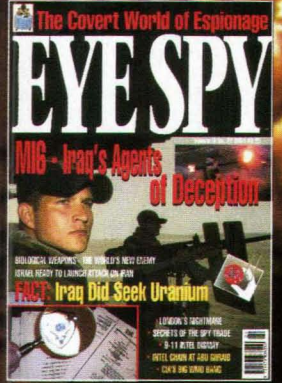
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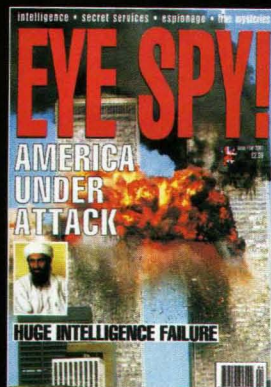


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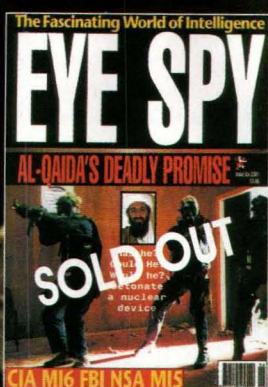
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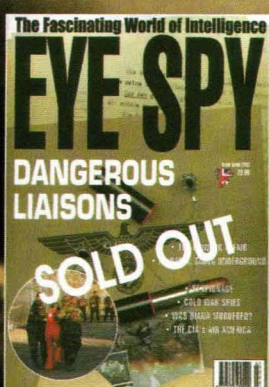
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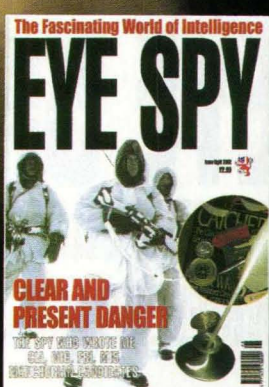
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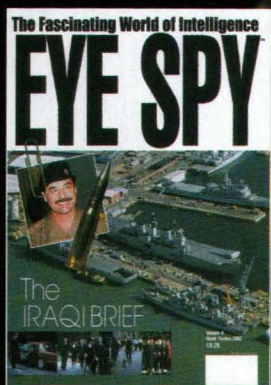
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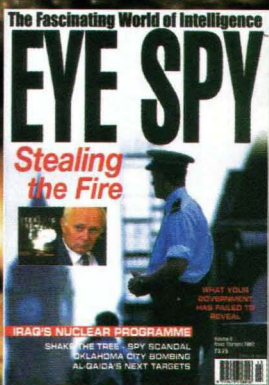
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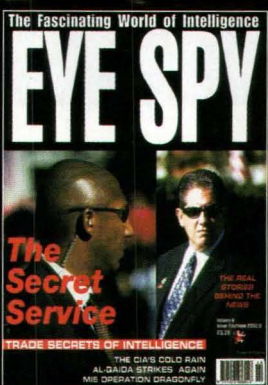
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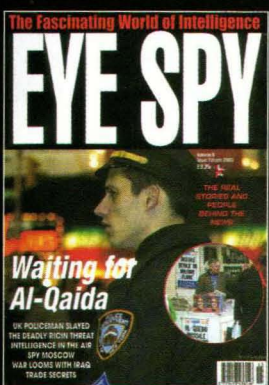
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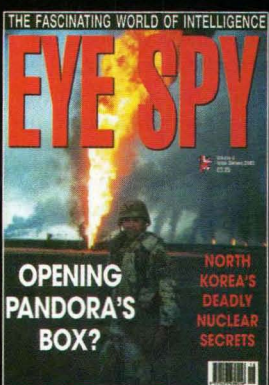
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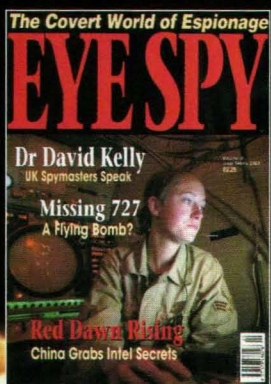
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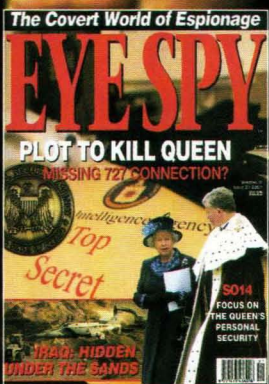
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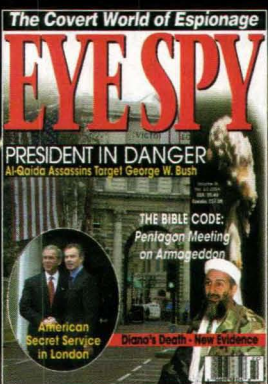
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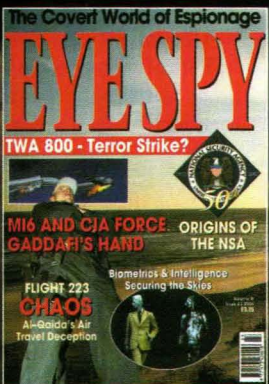
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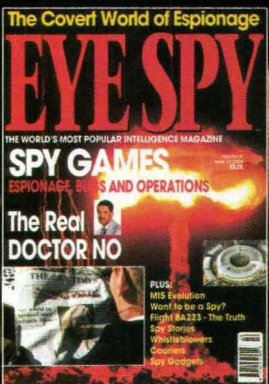
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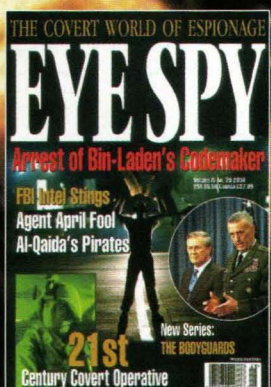
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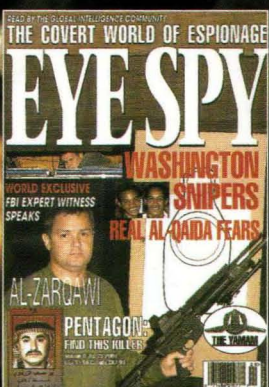
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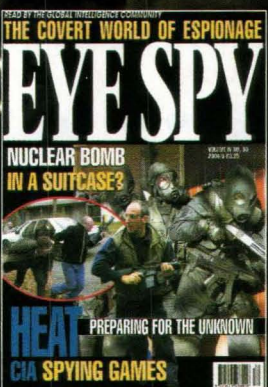
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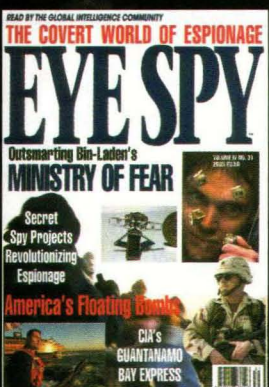
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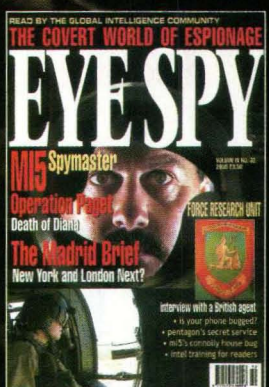
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Shredder

The Scourge

It used to be a piece of equipment used only by those whose job it was to protect secrets. Its effectiveness was eventually noticed by international bankers, lawyers and those who operate in the corporate world. Today, huge numbers of them are being purchased by ordinary members of the public. It is the humble paper shredder.

After a constant barrage of government warnings about credit card fraud and identity theft, the public has at last gone on the offensive. Purchases of paper shredders are outstripping sales of many domestic items at supermarkets. Yet these little machines that cost but a few pounds



Restaurants are perhaps the biggest culprits. Your details are usually printed in full, and on more than one occasion, workers have been known to sell your card information. It seems incredible that many shoppers casually discard receipts on the floor, or at the foot of ATM machines. For those who drop them in their home garbage beware - there are persons working in the underworld who are actually employed to sift through rubbish and locate your card number and bank statements.

Personal information is also a primary target - electric and gas bills, discarded photographs, holiday receipts etc. All of this is very useful to those intent on wrong-doing. The UK has a population of 60 million people. In 2001, there were 50,000 victims of identity theft. In 2005, the number of US citizens who will be exposed to such illegal activities is expected to rise above 500,000. Officially, in 2004, the British public lost £1.3bn from card fraudsters, though the figure is probably much higher.

In recent months, 'chip and pin' has been introduced at most stores. The user is invited to insert the credit card and then tap in a secret PIN number. "Much safer" proclaimed banking institutions. "Not so" say many intelligence and security experts. Criminals are using a

ing your Identity

f the Spy Comes of Age

are also turning up on the shelves of newsagents, grocery stores and petrol stations. It seems we can't get enough of them. Don't ignore them.

For criminals, acquiring new identities and lining one's pocket at the same time from credit card fraud has become relatively easy. Creating a cloned credit card from details secured from a stolen card takes minutes. Machines and the software necessary to perform this task are available from dubious sellers all over the world. The machines are easy to set up and can read the magnetic strip of any card and with a little know how - can bypass most security systems. It's not a subject the banks like to discuss, though

they are coming under increasing pressure to produce the 'totally secure credit card'. These controversial machines simply take the data and import it on a new card. An expert can produce a new card ready for use in about 10 minutes. Unfortunately the card will work on 99% of all ATMs in any country. Such machines are not strictly illegal to own or sell, but using them for such activities will result in a prison sentence. Terrorists and criminals are simply undeterred by the threat of prison, for the rewards are great.

Your credit card data appears on most receipts, gas, shopping etc. Even if some digits are not printed, criminal software can soon insert the missing numbers.

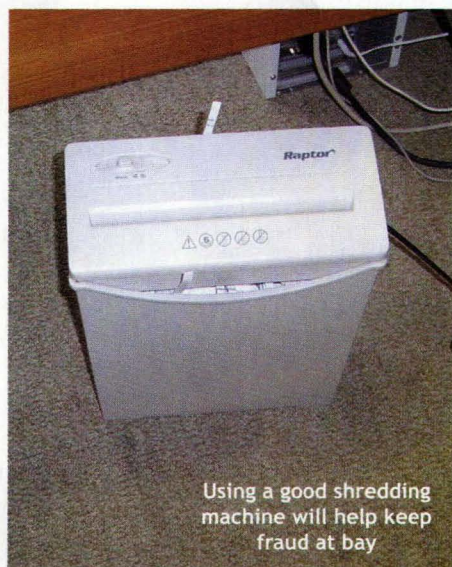


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variety of methods to observe the PIN number, from standing behind you casually in a line, to using a well-placed mirror or a second person nearby. A well-positioned covert camera will quietly go about its business for hours - clocking up the number of PIN numbers in visual form. This technique has also been used down the years to obtain the combination of safes. Targets are then followed and attempts are made to recover the receipt - it usually contains the credit card number and expiry date. Armed with this data, the criminal has everything he needs to make an attempt to obtain money, create a new identity etc.

Professional criminals will create accounts taking small amounts of money



Using a good shredding machine will help keep fraud at bay

out of hundreds of personal accounts. Few people study statements, and even less would question a bill of \$30.00. However, criminals and terrorists are using credit card fraud to make massive profits and make purchases.

THE INTERNET STING

Using stolen credit card data to make on-line purchases is easy and can result in heartache for many small businesses. Eye Spy recently learned of an elaborate plot to acquire a huge amount of surveillance equipment that was probably intended for a criminal or terrorist gang. The operation was immaculately planned and began in Nigeria, Africa, a nation where almost 75% per cent of all the world's credit card fraud originates.

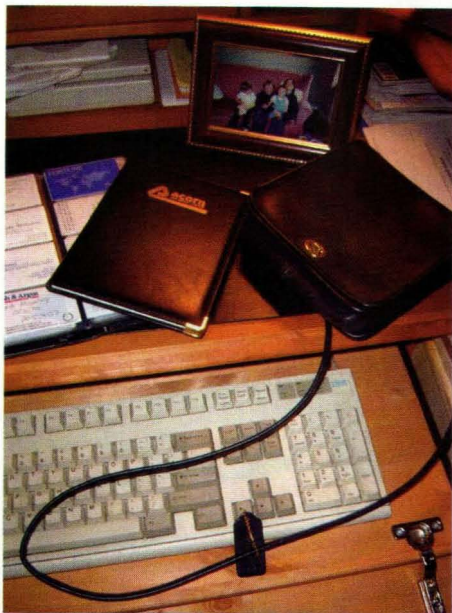
The group started by establishing various communications firms, most of them in Nigeria. They all seemed quite legitimate, directors were listed, equipment could be purchased, advertising space could be bought. There was even a telephone number. Then in April 2005,

several legal surveillance stores across the world received huge orders from this firm. An order was also placed via Eye Spy's store for tens of thousands of dollars. We decided to examine the names of those behind the operation before we processed the credit cards. It was a thoroughly professional sting operation and we soon learned that the 'firm' was using an address that existed (street name), but the number was not real. The person behind the firm also had an array of other companies, from a 'learn to dance' agency to a car repair shop.

We decided to write to the person and notify him that his card was declined. He wrote back and sent more credit card numbers. None of the cards worked and all had different owner names - one actually belonged to a person in faraway



Stolen credit card data can be used to get various 'legal' identity papers, and even passports. Keep your cards and passwords safe



Leaving your handbag and other personal belongings on your work desk is an open invitation to the identity thief

Los Angeles. We said he could submit a bank draft to our account. It was the last we heard of him and his website's mysteriously vanished. No doubt he will be working on his next venture.

SAFETY AT WORK

Wherever you work, keep your personal details on your person. If you have a locker, and it is necessary to leave your wallet or bag inside, remove your credit cards, valuables and, all personal belongings. In an office environment, do not leave your personal details or bag unattended at a desk. If necessary, ask your employer for a drawer with a lock. Note any person taking an interest in what you are doing, one trick used by criminals is to browse near your desk drinking a coffee while carefully noting everything on your desk. For a few dollars, you can purchase a 'watch behind' mirror that simply attaches to your computer. This will warn you of persons taking a particular interest in what you are doing.

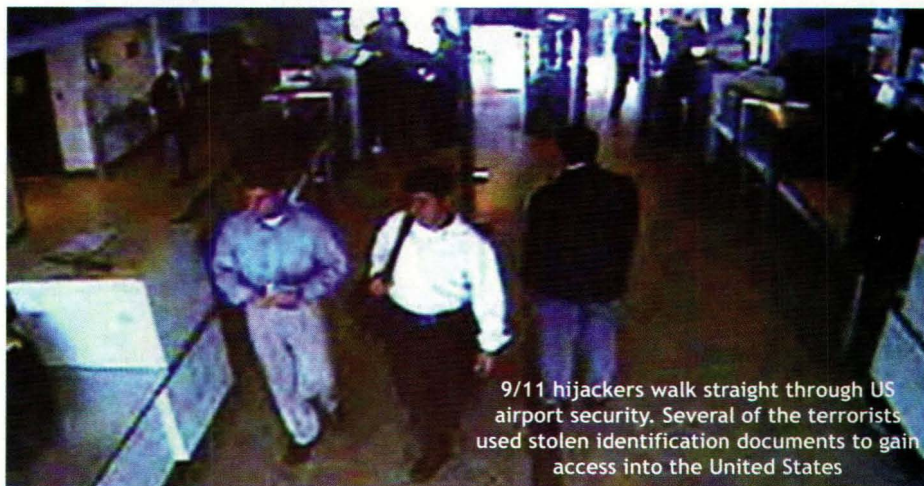
It's a sad fact of life, that criminals are often experts in covert surveillance. Never write your bank details or security numbers, personal codes or key words in your diary. Do not put passwords on your credit card, bank and phone accounts. Avoid using easily available information like your mother's maiden name, your birth date, the last four digits of your social security number or your phone number, or obvious choices like a series of consecutive numbers or your hometown football team. Armed with this information, the criminal can get access to your money and, probably your address. ➤

LOSING YOUR IDENTITY

Open Doorways to Terrorism and Crime

The 9/11 Commission Report noted that impersonation is a key tool for terrorists. "Travel documents are as important as weapons. Fraud is no longer just a problem of theft. At many entry points to vulnerable facilities, including gates for boarding aircraft, sources of identification are the last opportunity to ensure that people are who they say they are."

CIA officials acknowledge that terrorism and identity theft "go hand in hand." Indeed, documentation recovered from al-Qaida training manuals, dictate that trainees to leave camp with as many as five fake personas.



9/11 hijackers walk straight through US airport security. Several of the terrorists used stolen identification documents to gain access into the United States

Judith Collins is an identity theft expert and a professor at Michigan State University who trains law enforcement officials. She says terrorists are taught carefully in the art of subsisting off credit card fraud while living in the United States.



The Los Angeles Millennium plot terrorists, Ahmed Ressam and Mokhtar Haouari, both used credit card fraud, and even made plans to buy a petrol station and steal customer account numbers. Terrorist suspect Ali Saleh Kahlah al-Marri, is linked to 9/11 paymaster Mustafa Ahmed al-Hawsawi. When al-Marri was arrested, authorities recovered a laptop computer containing details of over 1,000 stolen credit cards. Another file had Internet bookmarks pointing to fraud and fake ID-related sites.

Some of the 9/11 hijackers used faked documents to enter the United States. The bogus papers helped them obtain drivers' licenses, which in turn assisted them in the purchase of internal flight tickets.

Former head of the US Justice Department's Computer Crime unit, Mark Rasch, said identity theft is easy and therefore makes terrorism watch lists essentially useless. "This is even more important as we start to profile terrorists," Rasch said. "With these 'red lists' we stop someone from boarding based on their ID, but it's all based on a reasonable certainty that we know who the person is."



Sights such as this in a UK supermarket are now common. Note the placement of these machines - alongside baby food

The fewer number of credit cards you possess, the less chance of fraud. Destroy thoroughly all used cards immediately. Cutting them in pieces is not sufficient - experts can easily put the pieces back together - no matter how small they are. If your new card fails to arrive, contact your bank straight away. It is a sad fact that many cards 'go missing' in the postal system. If you are unsure - advise your bank that you will pick the new card up personally - they have no right to object. Make sure you have a 24-hour telephone number on your person in the event of your card being stolen. Most opportunist thieves will use your card immediately.

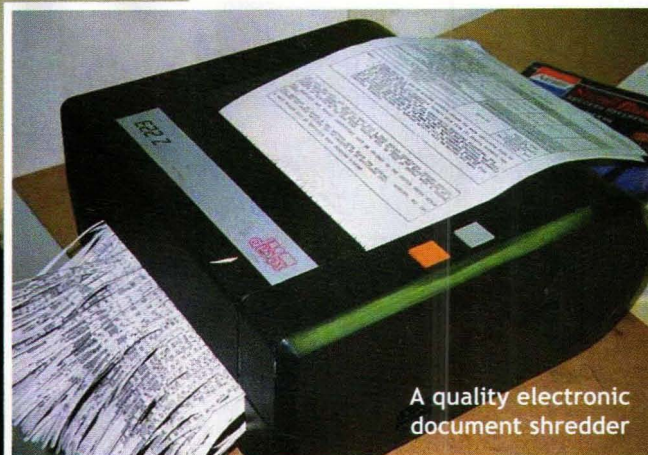
The sooner you react, the less damage will be done. Take time to read the plethora of government advice that is readily available.

If you move home or office, try and advise all yours creditors and customers immediately. Use your postal service to arrange for 'inadvertent' mail to be sent to your new address until you are satisfied that everyone who needs to know where you have moved to has been informed. Unfortunately credit card and personal information often falls into the wrong hands when you move.

It goes without saying, never make purchases on the Internet unless you are using a secure, reputable and, well-established company.

IDENTITY THEFT

Armed with your information, identity theft has become the fastest-growing white-collar crime in America. When persons obtain identifying information,



A quality electronic document shredder

such as a social security number, a birth date or your mother's maiden, they can usually open a new bank account, get credit etc. Terrorists are now using false details to open 'legitimate bank accounts' and can move money across the globe. Before long, the fraudster is operating in a parallel world to you. In time, however, you may receive notification of a failed repayment, and soon you will find yourself at the centre of a legal investigation, while the real culprit has moved on to his next victim.

AND FINALLY

Keep all your personal information in a safe place. When you discard receipts, copies of credit applications, insurance forms, physician statements, bank cheques and statements, expired charge cards, credit offers by mail and mailing labels from magazines, tear or use your trusted shredder.

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OPERA

CAT employees daring was finally recognised by the agency in 1998, when the names of fallen operatives were added to the Book of Honour at CIA headquarters

DOWNED IN 1952, CIA SPY PLANE GIVES UP ITS SECRETS

Officials at the Pentagon have finally confirmed that human remains uncovered in a remote area of China last year, are those of pilot Robert Snoddy, whose

work for the CIA was kept secret for decades. Scientists at the US Army's Central Identification Laboratory provided the DNA match.

On 29 November 1952, Snoddy and his colleague Norman Schwartz, embarked on a highly dangerous mission over Chinese territory, when their C-47 transport plane, owned by Civil Air Transport (CAT), a CIA front company, was shot down.

Snoddy and Schwartz were flying CIA agents John T. Downey and Richard G. Fecteau, to rendezvous with a Chinese agent near the North Korean border in the region formerly known as Manchuria. Their C-47 came down following a burst of heavy ground fire.

Agents Downey and Fecteau survived, but were arrested and detained for over 20 years, until President Nixon admitted they were CIA. Before this, Washington claimed the men were Army civilians. However, the fate and role of Snoddy and Schwartz was unknown. A tentative enquiry made in 1975 by President Gerald Ford was rebuffed with a short reply - "it is impossible to locate them now."



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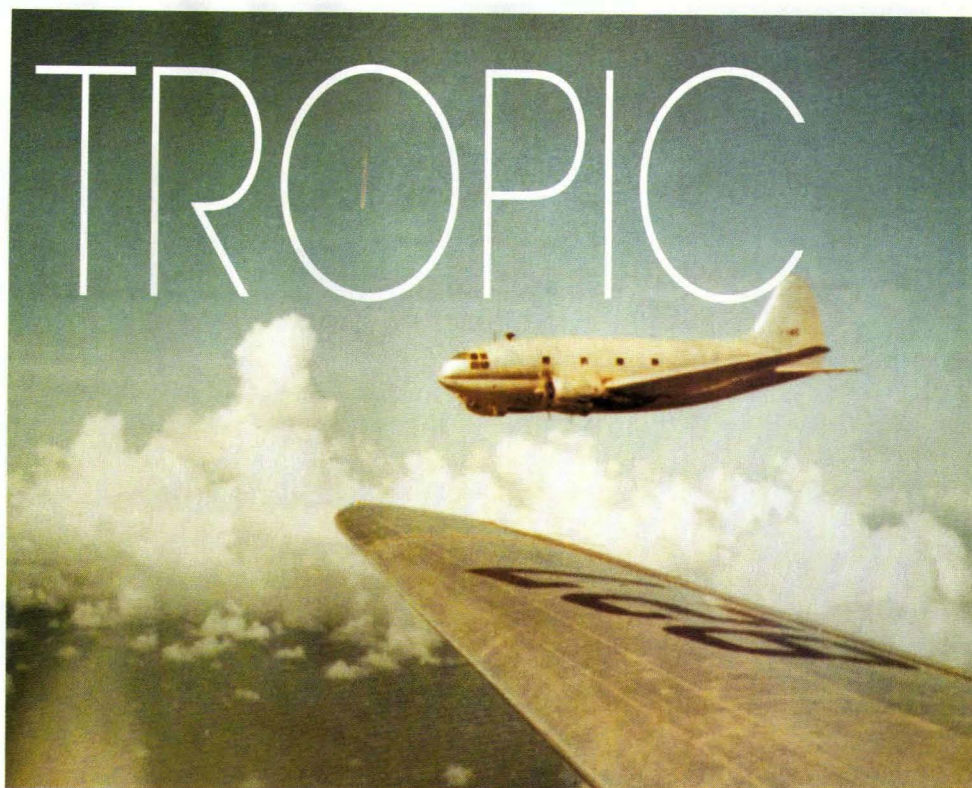
In 1999, Defense Department officials decided to speak with the Chinese. A team from the Central Identification Laboratory were given permission to visit the site in July 2002. Chinese villagers led US investigators to a remote location where the two flyers had apparently been buried by local tribesmen. The joint POW-MIA Accounting Command, based in Hawaii, excavated a site near the town of Antu in China's Jilin province. They found only aeroplane wreckage from the twin-engine C-47. In July 2004, determined investigators tried again and this time they found bones and clothing.



Snoddy and his wife Charlotte

"It's nice to finally bring him home (Robert Snoddy)," said Ruth Boss, who will bury her brother at the cemetery where their mother and father are buried. Boss had received a telephone call from the CIA to confirm that DNA testing of bone fragments had been matched to samples held on file. "Any news is good. The bad had already happened," Boss said.

TROPIC



Unfortunately, Norman Schwartz's relatives were told that CIA forensic specialists had failed to match his DNA with recovered items.

The Civil Air Transport, performed many dangerous missions on behalf of the CIA in the Far East and southeast Asia. Regarded as 'contract workers' not officers or agents, CAT employees daring was finally recognised by the agency in

1998, when the names of fallen operatives were added to the Book of Honour at CIA headquarters. It was the first time that the CIA acknowledged that CAT had a strong connection to US foreign intelligence

The CIA had been intent on destabilising the fledgling communist regime on its own soil. Through a well established network of spies and

AIR AMERICA AND CAT

The secret civilian heroes of the CIA

The story of the real Air America begins in 1950, when the CIA decided that it required an air transport capability to conduct covert operations in Asia in support of US policy objectives. In August 1950, the Agency secretly purchased the assets of Civil Air Transport (CAT), an airline that had been started in China after World War II by Gen. Claire L. Chennault and Whiting Willauer. CAT would continue to fly commercial routes throughout Asia, acting in every way as a privately owned commercial airline. At the same time, under the corporate guise of CAT Incorporated, it provided airplanes and crews for secret intelligence operations.



In the 1950s, the CIA's air proprietary, as it was known in the lexicon of intelligence, was used for a variety of covert missions. During the Korean war, for example, it made more than 100 hazardous overflights of mainland China, airdropping agents and supplies.



subversives, the agency fought a secret war. For CAT pilots, this often meant breaching international skies and landing on 'enemy territory'.

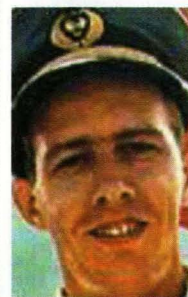
Schwartz and Snoddy were experienced pilots, but like most CAT pilots, their daring missions went way beyond any normal call of duty. When asked to rescue the Chinese agent, the CIA came up with a most daring, but highly dangerous plan. The C-47 was fitted with a catch reel

device that would literally grab the operative as they flew very, very low over the ground. In this case there was simply no where to land the aircraft. On the approach to the target area, the plane was spotted and a hail of gunfire erupted from Chinese troops. Unable to escape, the crew made a remarkable landing on a frozen clearing. Unfortunately the front end of the C-47 received a second burst of heavy fire, the pilots were almost certainly dead within moments of impact.

THE 'ALTERNATE' 20A

The CIA base off the PDJ (Plaine de Jars) in central Laos, was referred to as 'The Alternate' or 20A. Pilots always landed to the west, (toward the top of the picture) and took off to the east, toward the bottom of the picture. It was surrounded by mountains referred to as 'SkyLine Ridge'. Pilots said it was like landing in a bowl with one way in and out.

Air America's unmarked AF C-130 Hercules made many trips in and out of 20A, never shutting down while unloading supplies.



Robert Snoddy

It is believed a double agent tipped-off the Chinese who were waiting for the aircraft.

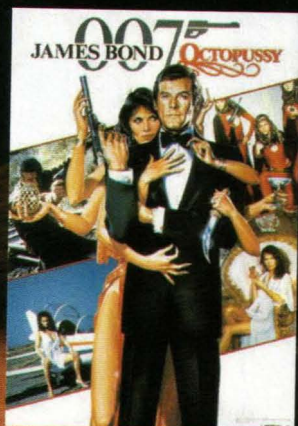
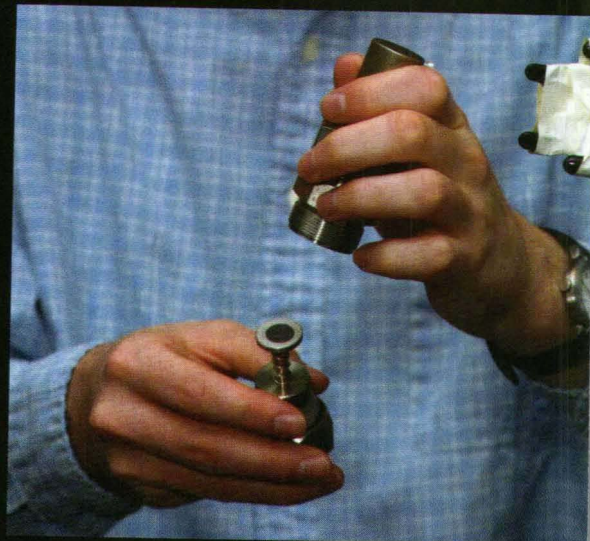
Fearful of a major diplomatic incident and, not wanting to create problems in the United States, the CIA began formulating a cover story that would

hide the dramatic events. A bogus flight plan and incorrect date was produced. Journalists and families were told that the actual overflight area was from Korea to Japan. Sadly the authorities had lost contact with the C-47 over the Sea of Japan - hundreds of miles from the real site. Snoddy's wife, Charlotte, who died in 1973, was informed the aircraft had flown into a flock of birds causing the aircraft to stall.

Roberta Cox, Snoddy's daughter said: "We're all very proud of him and the sacrifices he made," Cox said. "He gave his life for his country and people should know that."

Betty Kirzinger, the sister of Schwartz, said: "That's the way it is when you sign up to do the CIA's business."

Now Pay Attention Bond!



Hunt begins
for a new
real-life 'Q'

A few minutes of most 007 movies are usually devoted to the irritated 'Q', the brains behind so many of James Bond gadgets, trying desperately to explain to the fictitious officer how his new and expensive creations work. For years the role of 'Q' was played by actor Desmond Llewelyn, and more recently John Cleese of *Faulty Towers* fame. However, unbeknown to most filmgoers, British intelligence does have a relatively secret team of scientists, technicians and inventors who create most of the operational equipment used by MI6 and MI5. Based at a government facility near Milton Keynes, Her Majesty's Government Communications Centre (HMGCC), is the primary source of intelligence gadgetry - and has its very own 'Q' - though he is better known in intelligence circles as John Widowson. He retires later this year after serving a five-year term and the hunt is on to replace him with another forward-thinking boffin. ➤

Even the real MI6 headquarters has featured in a '007' movie - though not without considerable controversy



calibre engineers whose design expertise is matched by their project management skills."

Clearly the men 'from the ministry' are supported by Britain's finest scientific spooks.

HMGCC's website describes the work carried out at the facility:

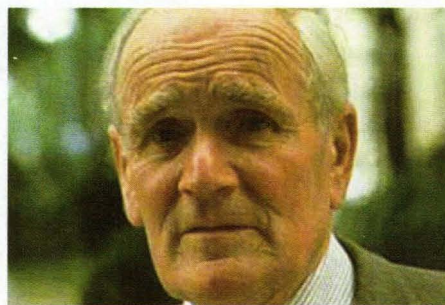
'Her Majesty's Government Communications Centre researches, designs, develops and produces communications systems and equipment and related hardware and software. Catering specifically to the needs of Her Majesty's Government at home and overseas, we are unusual in that our production facilities cover both electronic and mechanical disciplines.

'Undertaking a variety of hardware and software projects, each team member has a host of skills at their fingertips, including: Radio Frequency Engineering, Signal Processing, Software Engineering, Acoustics, Audio Engineering, Operating Systems, GUI Design, Embedded Systems, System Engineering, Manufacture and Application of Microcircuits, Study of Power Sources, Operational Research and Mechanical Engineering (design and development of small precision mechanisms).'

These "small precision mechanisms" are undoubtedly the facility's step into the world of Nano-technology and mirrors the work of their counterparts on the other side of the Atlantic. Indeed, it is impossible to believe that

HMGCC recently placed a number of adverts in the *Sunday Times* and *London Times*, though you would have been forgiven if you didn't exactly understand the nature of the post. Candidates must meet with the UK's nationality rules and appropriate security vetting standards. In short, the position is 'critical' to Britain's national security.

The research facility employs over 400 people and has funds totalling well over £25m (\$50m) to invent and test new products. The research section is broken down into small teams, usually employing only a few individuals on any one development. The continuous 'conveyor belt' of projects can take weeks or even years to complete. Eye Spy understands that one unit often acquires espionage products and improves the concept. From miniaturised bugs and cameras the size of a matchstick head to specialist tools for accessing buildings, the re-



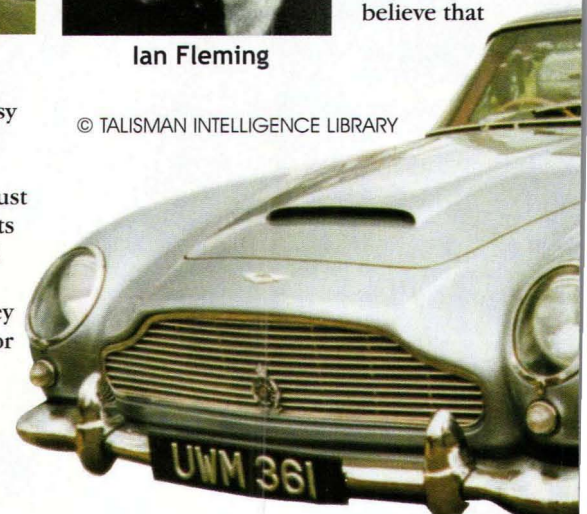
Desmond Llewelyn

searchers at HMGCC are constantly busy on behalf of intelligence staff who are employed all over the world. The site often receives unusual requests that must be acted upon with haste. Such requests are usually handled by senior staff, and just like many 'Q' productions, some gadgets are unique and very costly. They have a 'one-time' use and may be lost or purposely destroyed in the course of special operations. HMGCC says the "conception to completion approach provides fresh challenges for our high



Ian Fleming

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London - the spiritual home of the fictitious spy

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- A good knowledge of programme and project management disciplines with practical experience of programme and project delivery.
- Clear understanding of commercial and public sector accountability.
- A strong sense of integrity.

the UK and USA do not have a number of joint projects underway.

The fictitious 'Q' often surprised 007 on his overseas operations, and those employed at HMGCC can find themselves working in foreign lands testing or

modifying equipment. For those who are interested in applying:-

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The World of Espionage An Inventor's Playground

Film buffs and researchers can let their imaginations run wild when creating the equipment and gadgets used by the imaginary MI6 officer.

Some of the inventions are not beyond the reach of today's designers, but in reality, the technology used by the dashing spy just does not exist. Nevertheless, 'Bond's' toys, have certainly generated interest in the intelligence community!

In 1963, the 007 creators provided the officer with a car-phone - years ahead of its time. Today they represent an everyday piece of equipment for road users.

In *Thunderball*, 1965, Bond clammers into a 'jetpack' to make good his escape. Viewers were astounded. However, the machine was real enough. Developed for the US Army by Bell Textron Laboratories, it was capable of lifting its user about 30ft in the air. Its downside was its low-operation time - just 30 seconds before the high-pressure nitrogen gas was exhausted. The project was eventually scrapped.

The 'Acrostar Mini Jet' featured in the 1983 movie *Octopussy* (1983), was real enough. Today, similar devices are a reality. The Acrostar was built and piloted by stunt pilot Corky Fornof. The tiny aircraft could reach 300mph and was actually capable of flying at over 480km/h (300mph).

In the 1999 blockbuster, *The World Is Not Enough*, Bond is given a set of sunglasses by the

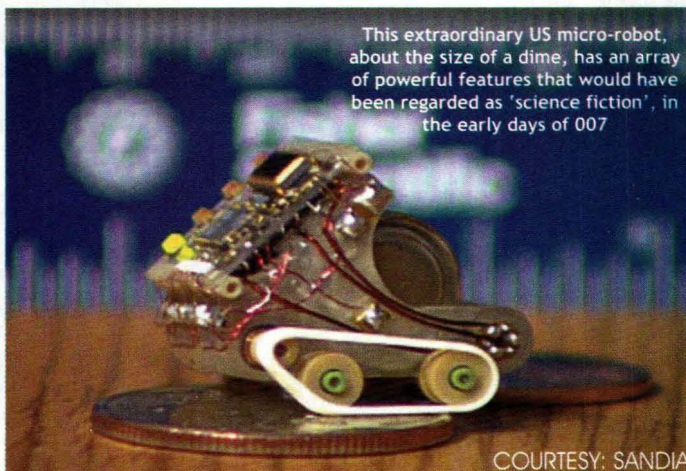


Acrostar Mini Jet

'brilliant 'Q'. The X-ray technology is used by the officer to see concealed weapons - and under garments! Fanciful - perhaps - yet US researchers have already created a commotion by creating an airport security X-ray unit that reveals "too much flesh!"

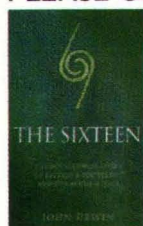
As the enduring series continued, so too did the enterprise and imagination of 'Q's' research laboratory. 007's 'super Rolex' housed a rotating blade, tough enough to cut through rope. Probably achievable, but the designers then stepped into a fantasy world by also including a forcefield generated by a magnet. The field had the potential to deflect a bullet!

Other more baffling inventions will surely be built to thrill supporters of the world's greatest fictional spy. No doubt the men and women from Britain's real 'gadget research site' will be watching - at least with one eye!

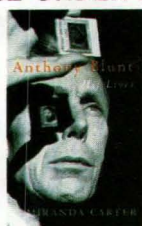


This extraordinary US micro-robot, about the size of a dime, has an array of powerful features that would have been regarded as 'science fiction', in the early days of 007

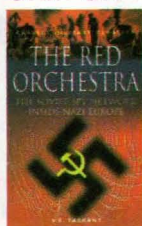
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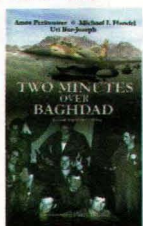
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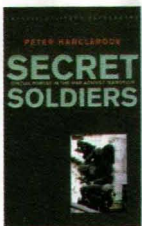
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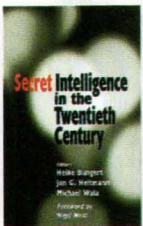
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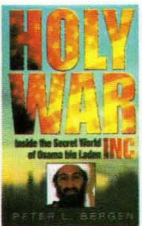
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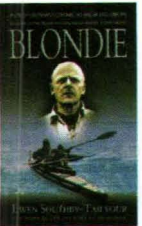
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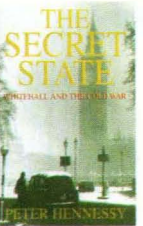
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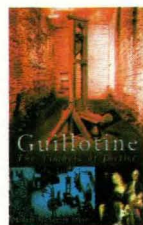
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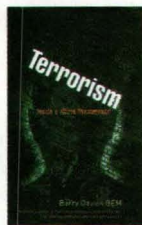
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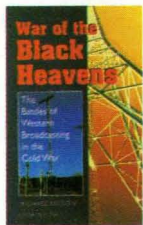
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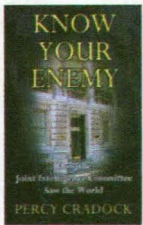
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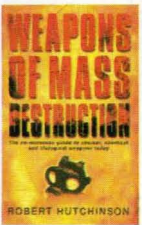
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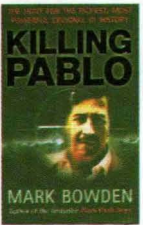
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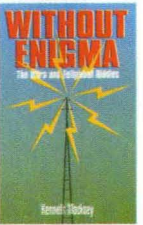
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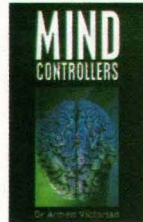
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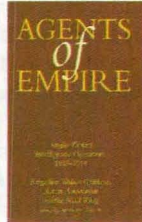
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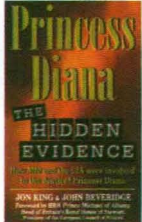
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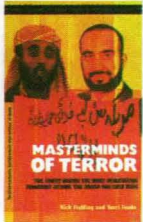
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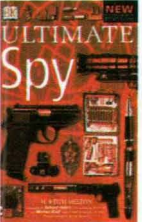
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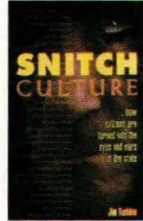
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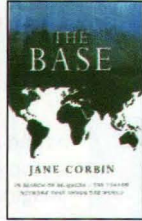
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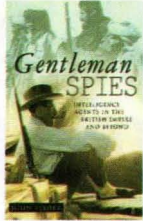
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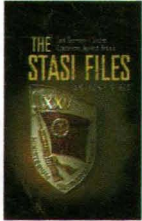
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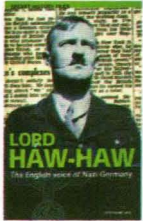
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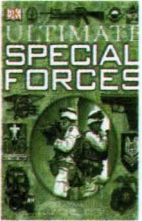
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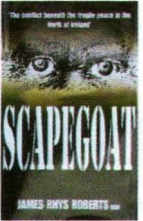
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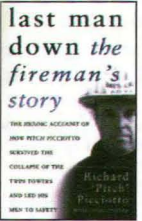
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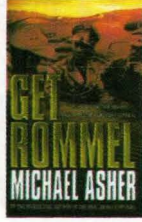
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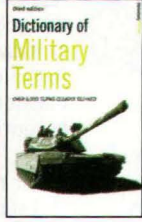
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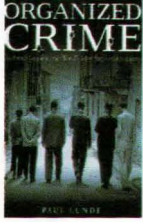
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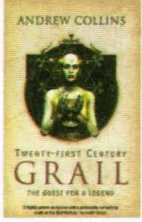
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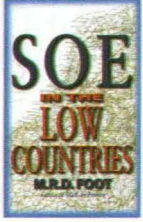
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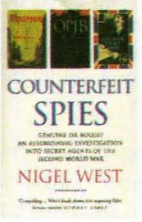
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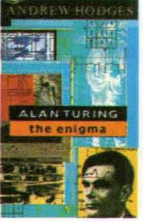
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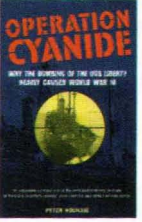
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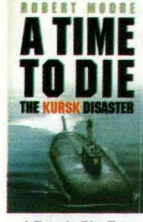
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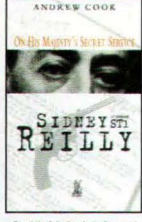
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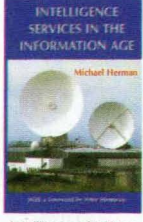
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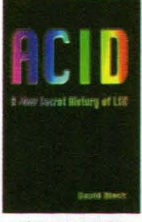
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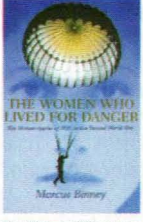
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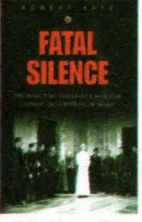
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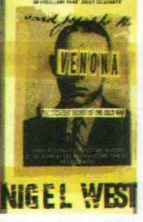
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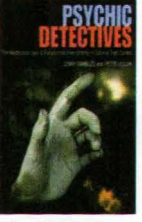
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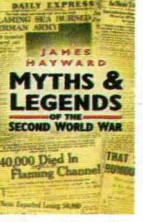
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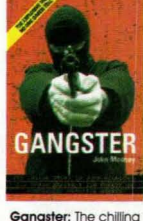
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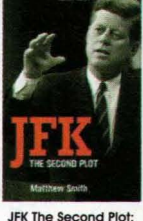
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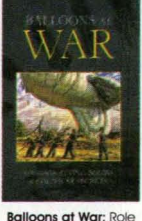
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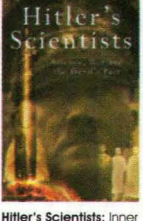
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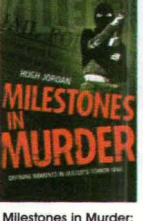
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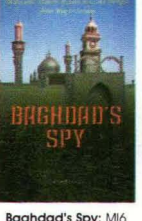
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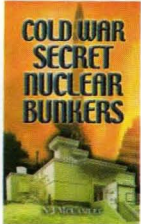
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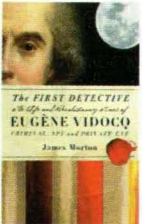
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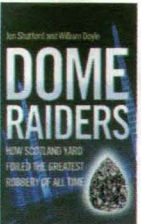
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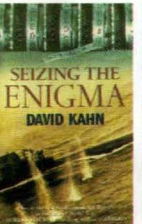
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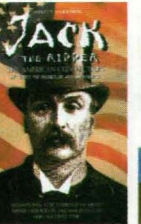
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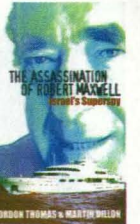
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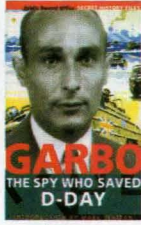
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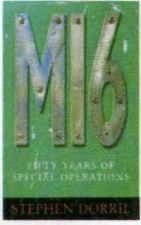
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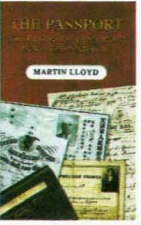
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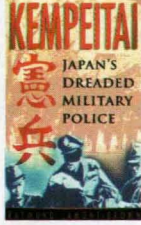
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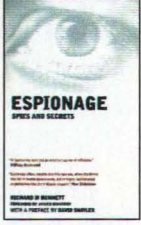
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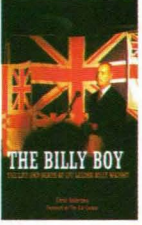
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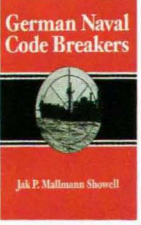
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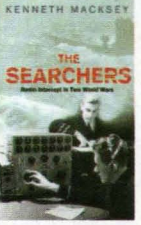
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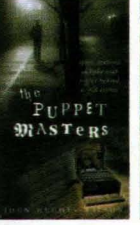
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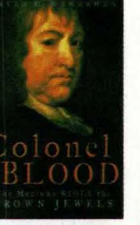
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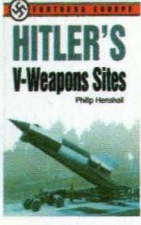
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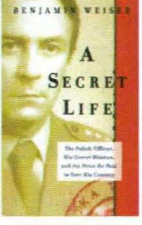
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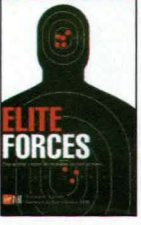
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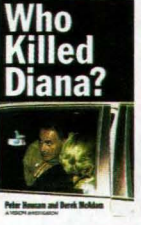
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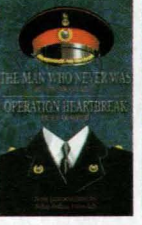
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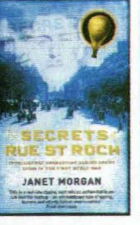
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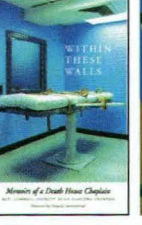
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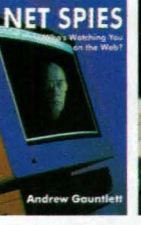
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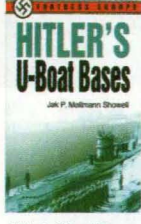
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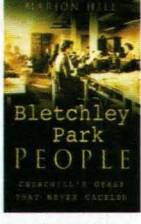
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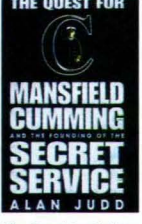
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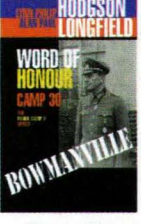
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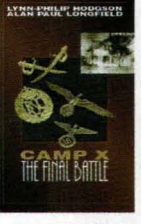
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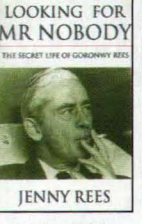
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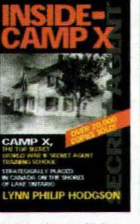
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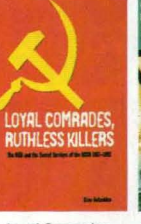
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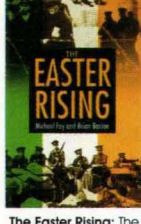
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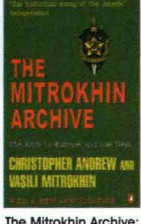
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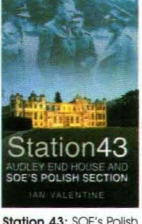
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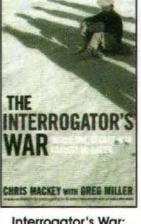
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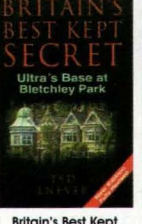
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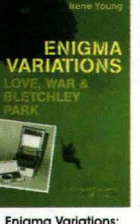
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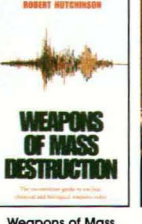
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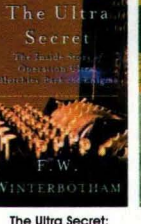
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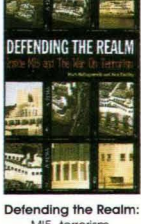
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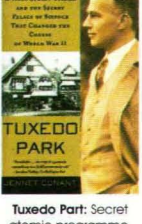
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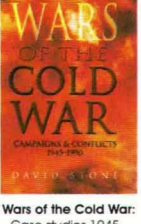
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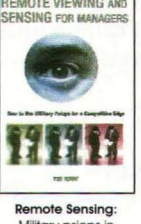
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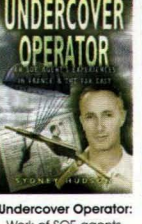
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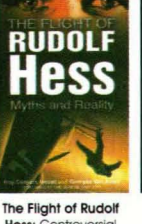
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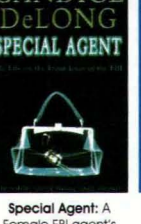
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Jim Shortt continues his in-depth look at professional bodyguards and close protection officers. In this feature, Shortt examines various aspects of protective driving



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One of the most interesting comments on the quality of bodyguard driver training was made to me by a former US Government bodyguard. Before embarking for Italy at the height of the Red Brigades terror campaign, he and his team took part in a counterterrorist driving course: "The greatest threat came not from terrorists but the drivers who inhabit the highways, making roadcraft a hazardous pursuit by their thoughtless and selfish actions. We were taught to perform manoeuvres worthy of Hollywood, in flat pancake Cadillacs on large

Tarmac surfaces such as racetracks and old airfields. There was not a kerbstone in sight.

"After leaving some very satisfied stunt drivers, retired race track drivers and rally champs to savour their loot, we headed for an environment of narrow, twisting cobblestone streets and hairpin turns to be negotiated in small European saloon cars."

Protective Driving has three major phases:

- Defensive Driving (AVOID the threat)
- Evasive Driving (ESCAPE from the threat)

- Offensive Driving (CONFRONT the threat)

Before examining the techniques of Protective Driving, we should first turn our attention to vehicle selection.

A recurrent theme in bodyguard vehicle selection is attitude to equipment. Equipment should always be selected for its function and performance, rather than looks or current fashion.

Stay away from all four-wheel-drive (4WD) vehicles or sport utility vehicles (SUV);



unless the terrain and conditions dictate their use. They have a high centre of gravity and roll over far too easily when attempting most evasive techniques. Lowering the chassis is expensive, and defeats the rationale of having 4WD in the first place. Avoid the current embassy fad for 'space cruisers' and the like. They too are unstable in performing the required manoeuvres. If you have to choose a 4WD, you will for the most part be limited to offensive driving techniques in the event of ambush. Ensure your vehicle is prepared for ramming capability. A feature that must be addressed is the automatic deployment of airbags, and the factory preference for energy absorbing crumple chassis.

The vehicle of choice for professionals are saloons such as Jaguar/Daimlers, Lincoln town cars, and 7 or 5 series BMWs and

Audis. Later model Mercedes 4-door saloons with driver's side handbrake (rather than forward handbrake) are also acceptable.

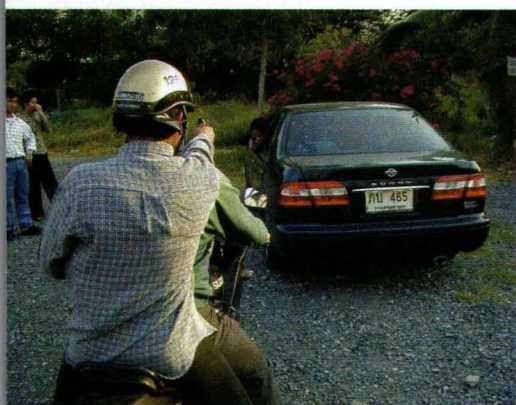
VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS

The trick here is to take a luxury vehicle and avoid turning it into a replica of the flight deck of the *Starship Enterprise*. There are numerous useless gadgets out there to avoid. In the right column is a list of some items that can enhance protection for the occupants.

One noticeable absence from this list is armour. However, at a time when the Russian Mafia have made RPG-7s, and other weapons available at knock-down prices, this is an interesting point to muse on. There is something to be said for the new 'shoot through' ballistic glass and for glass laminates applique. But you may feel inclined to stand over the armouring company as they convert your vehicle. More than one surprised client has discovered yellowing wads of newspaper between the sheets of cut steel or ceramic kevlar. You could opt for a reputable armouring company, but be prepared to pay. Vehicles should have a minimum armouring of an explosives-safe fuel tank, puncture-proof tires, a hard-armour boot (trunk) plate shielding the rear seat, and a soft armour cover for the driver's seat.

REMEMBER

- Extra sets of keys for the driver, car commander and base
 - Two spare tires and jacks
- Under-bonnet fire extinguisher and spare extinguisher
 - Paramedic kit (if you team is not suitably qualified - a standard medic fit)
 - Intrusion alarm system
- VHF/UHF transceiver and CB transceiver as back-up
 - Mobile telephone system
 - Roll bar covert insert
 - Reinforced ram bumpers
- Steel belted radials with run-flat inserts and Kevlar sealant
 - Explosive-safe fuel tank
 - Kill switch for all rear lightning
- Public address system and external microphones
- Two 12-volt heavy duty batteries with shielding and cut-off switches
 - Reinforced radiator
 - Tracking system
- Magnetic polarity sensors and indicators
 - Cross-bolted exhaust
- Anti-siphon insert in conduct to fuel tank
 - Disc brakes on all wheels
- Extra rear view mirror for car commander
 - Enlarged side mirrors
- Dual foot controls (driving instructor style over-drive)
- Heavy duty shock absorbers and stainless steel brake lines



The following VIPs were all assassinated: Aldo Moro, Hans Martin Schleyer, Anastasio Somoza Debayle, Alfred Herrhausen, Colonel Nick Roe, Leamon Hunt, Judges Borsellino and Falcone... They were all travelling in armoured limousines when they were killed or kidnapped and subsequently killed.

Protective Driving is dominated by pro-active avoidance. This is defined as a systematic and comprehensive process of preparedness, planning and organisation, designed to keep the client away from threat. Fatal errors to be avoided:

- **Complacency:** The client refuses to concede he could be a target of terrorist action. That sort of thing only happens to other people.
- **Failure to react:** When an attack or ambush occurs, the driver fails to react. Doing nothing is the best way to aid the terrorist. Doing something may disrupt their plan.
- **No exit:** The driver fails to position the vehicle when stationary towards a point of exit.
- **Locationless:** The driver is ignorant of the terrain parallel to his routes.
- **Controls:** The driver fails to locate the controls of his vehicle particularly on hire

vehicles, e.g. fails to move from drive to reverse without difficulty.

- **Absence of skills:** The driver is a chauffeur rather than a vehicle section bodyguard.

A famous case in Europe was the murder of Leamon Hunt. His chauffeur was not a BG, but proudly wore a lapel pin that had been awarded for years of accident free driving. Terrorists blocked the driver in with a vehicle. Two terrorists with fire-arms then stood behind his vehicle and prepared to strafe the rear passenger area. The driver should have placed his vehicle into reverse and crushed his attackers. He did not. The client was shot

to death while the chauffeur shouted a warning and ducked for safety.

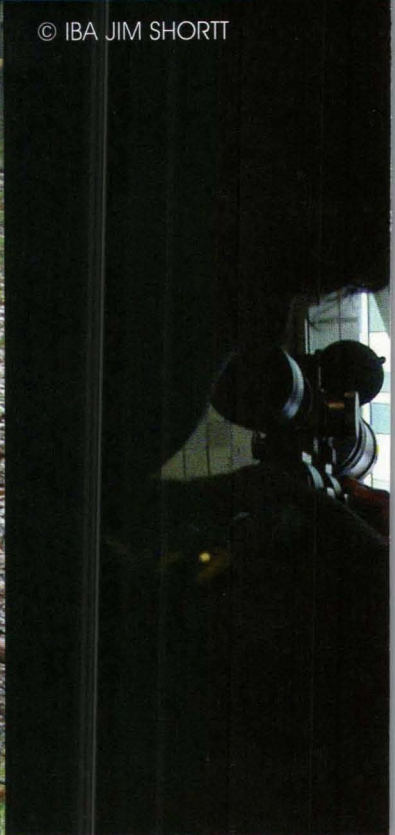
DEFENSIVE DRIVING

The first element in Protective Driving is Defensive Driving - avoiding the problem. This should start with a route survey. Select primary and alternative routes of travel for the principal and secure routes for safe travel.

The down side of route planning are choke points. Examples of choke points are one-way systems, bridges and tunnels, and of course the point of enbus or, in US-speak mount (i.e. where and when the VIP enters the vehicle) and



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Note President Bush and the First Lady enter the vehicle beyond the reach of the press. The US Secret Service officer (front left) provides a distraction by opening the nearside door

Reaching a high standard in protective driving requires the operative to be fully conversant with safe driving procedures, environment and threat levels.

Security teams should prepare immaculately and be constantly aware.

Besides complacency, shoulder-launched missiles, sniper fire and hidden explosives all pose a considerable danger.



Preparing safe and alternative routes for any journal is essential

debus or 'dismount' (where and when the VIP leaves the vehicle).

A choke point is an area that cannot be avoided.

- How does it rate as a potential attack site?
- Does the terrain or man-made features aid a terrorist plan?
- Does the site provide concealment of an attack team?
- Does it enable the terrorist to take control?
- Does it provide escape options for terrorists?
- What are the bodyguards' feelings about the site?

The secret of good enbussing and debussing is for the protective formation enclosing the VIP to move rapidly between building and vehicle. The protective escort should provide a screen against sniper or random marksmanship. This is a critical point of transition, when the VIP leaves the protection of the vehicle for the protection of a building. Many government systems place a man at the vehicle door, who opens it for the VIP. Cue sniper - you've just telegraphed the VIPs appearance. I have seen government protocols that state the VIP vehicle should start engines 15 minutes before departing. This is something that an assassin or surveillance operative would recognise - again cue John Hinkley.

Prior to departure, all vehicles being used (VIP and BG cars) should be searched for Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and Electronic Surveillance Devices (ESDs) according to the protocols presented in future issue of Eye Spy. Once cleared in this manner, vehicles are then tested for



This back-seat security officer is prepared with his firearm and radio transmitter

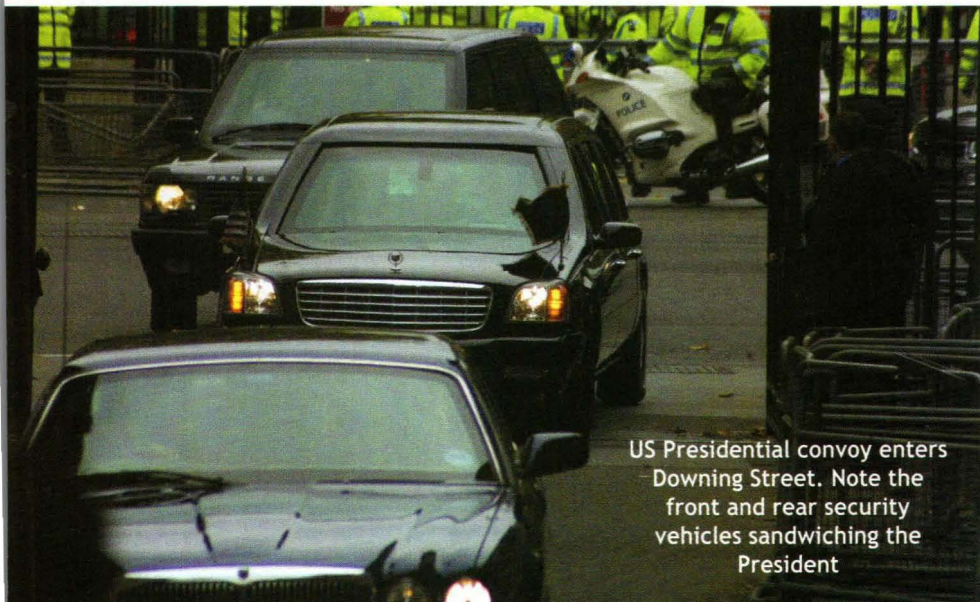
performance, and their electrical, mechanical and chemical systems checked.

Defensive Driving comes into its own in convoy (motorcade) operations. There are six major convoy drills:

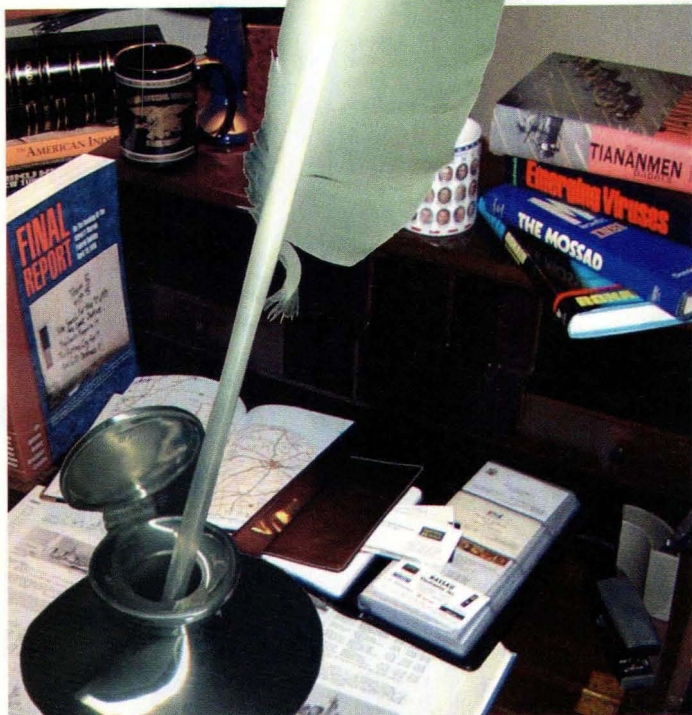
- Merging traffic
- Lane changes
- Right-and left-hand turns
- Approaching and crossing traffic signals
- Roundabouts
- Exit positions

Primarily these are operations where the driver of the front vehicle (usually the VIP car) remembers he is in convoy, signals his intentions well in advance, and positions the vehicles to allow the BG vehicle(s) to shield the VIP vehicle.

Part Two of Protective Driving next issue



US Presidential convoy enters Downing Street. Note the front and rear security vehicles sandwiching the President

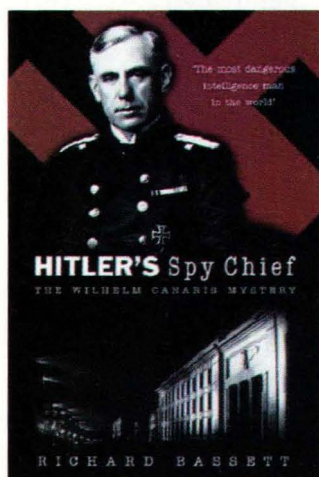


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The Wilhelm Canaris Mystery
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Wilhelm Canaris was appointed by Hitler to head the Abwehr (the German secret service) eighteen months after the Nazis came to power. But Canaris turned against the Fuhrer and the Nazi regime, believing that Hitler would start a war Germany could not win. In 1938 he was involved in an attempted coup, undermined by British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. In 1940 he sabotaged the German plan to invade England, and fed General Franco vital information that helped him keep Spain out of the war.

For years Canaris played a dangerous double game, desperately trying to keep one step ahead of the Gestapo. The SS chief, Heinrich Himmler, became suspicious of the Abwehr and by 1944, when Abwehr personnel were involved in the attempted assassination of Hitler, he had the evidence to arrest Canaris himself. Canaris was executed a few weeks before the end of the war.

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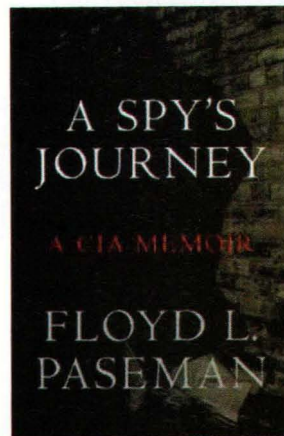
A SPY'S JOURNEY
A CIA Memoir
 Floyd L. Paseman
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For thirty-five years, Floyd Paseman served in the Operations Directorate of the Central Intelligence Agency. From spy in the field to the top ranks of the Company's career agents, he experienced it all as well as seven different presidential administrations. While Paseman's account of his long service has enough real-life daring-do to keep the reader engaged, of even greater interest, however, are Paseman's observation on politics and the CIA, especially how change of presidential administrations could bring sweeping, and often negative changes to the agency:

- Johnson - declined to run for a second full term, broken by Vietnam
- Nixon - resigned in disgrace after ending Vietnam and opening relations with China
- Ford - never elected caretaker
- Carter - hoist on the petard of fundamentalist Islam in Iran
- Reagan - first full, two-term president since Eisenhower and declared war on the evil empire and brought the USSR to its knees with the threat of a still fanciful Star Wars
- Bush the father - "won" the Cold War as the Soviet Union collapsed and "coalitioned" Saddam out of Iraq
- Clinton - leader of the new world order, peace in our time, and dead Rangers in the streets of Mogadishu
- Bush the son - 9/11, Afghanistan, and Iraq

In March 1967 author Paseman joined the CIA following successful service as an army armour officer in Germany. Highly trained in the Chinese language, most of his service was in the far east. Paseman served as chief of the East Asia division at Langley and was also station chief Germany, considered the agency's toughest Cold War field posting.

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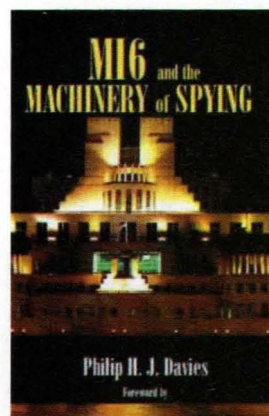
• Floyd L. Paseman retired from the Central Intelligence Agency in January 2001 after a thirty-five year career in operations. He recently lived in southern Virginia outside Williamsburg where he worked as an international security consultant. Floyd Paseman died suddenly in May 2005.

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MI6 AND THE MACHINERY OF SPYING
 Philip H J Davies
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MI6 and the Machinery of Spying is a study of the organisational evolution of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service (SIS aka MI6). It traces the development of the agency's internal structure from its inception until the end of the Cold War.



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attention is paid to the agency's institutional links to its consumers in Whitehall and Downing Street, as well as to the causes and consequences of its operational organisation and provisions for counter-espionage and security.

The book presents a detailed response to assertions that the SIS was historically chronically mismanaged and badly organised, and to claims that it is unaccountable to political and public oversight.

MI6 and the Machinery of Spying provides a critical evaluation of where SIS' organisation actually contributed both to its failures and its successes. It also argues that where SIS activities have resulted in public disasters and scandals the reason has usually been less its lack of accountability and control than the very high degree of control and direction exercised by opportunistic politicians and the senior civil servants.

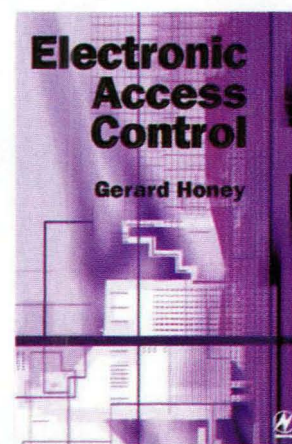
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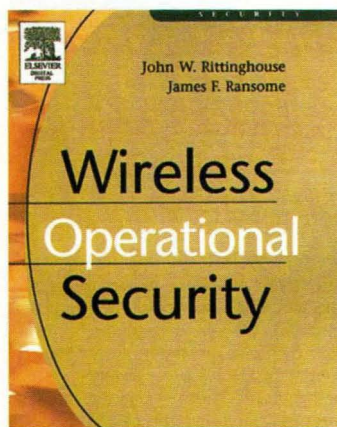
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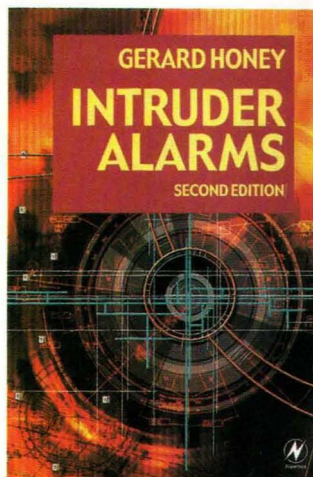
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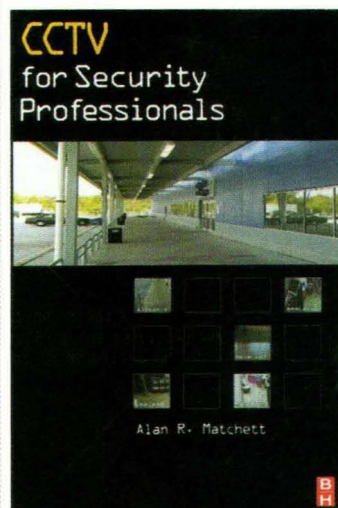
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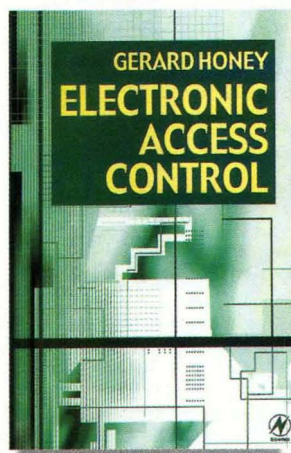
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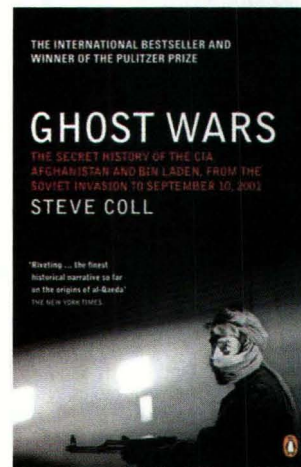


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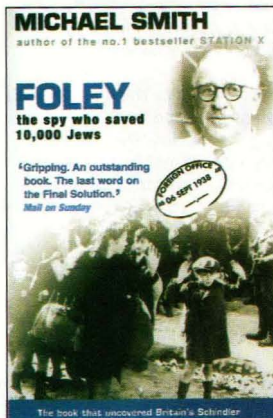
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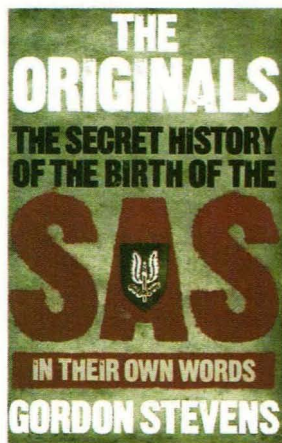
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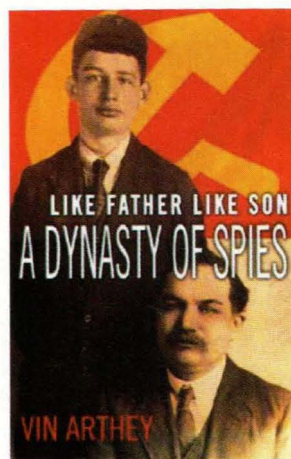
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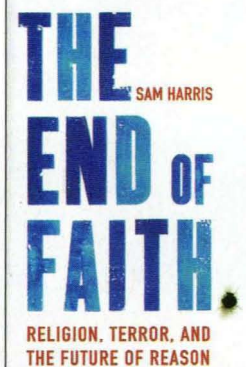
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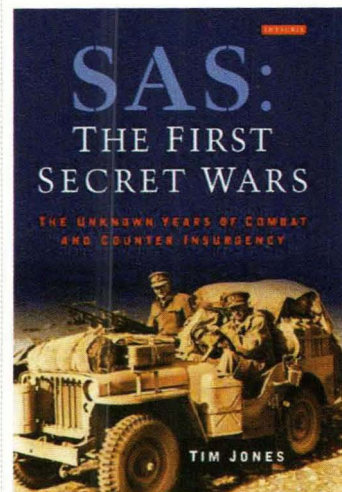
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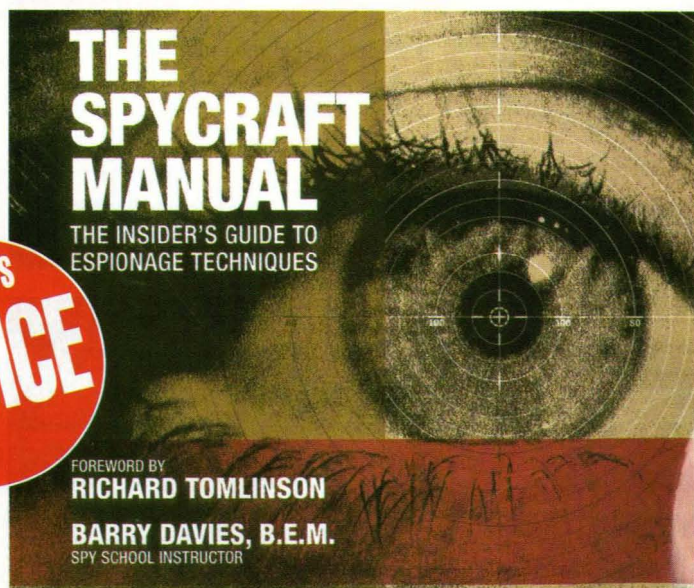
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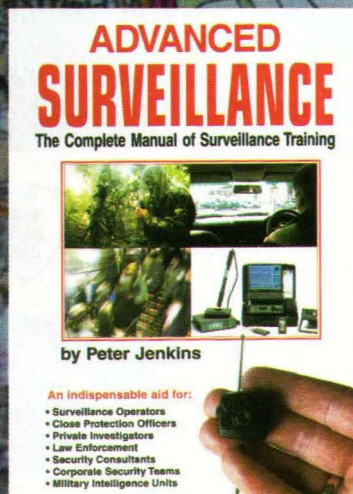
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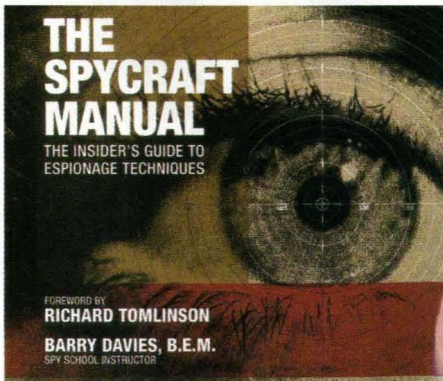


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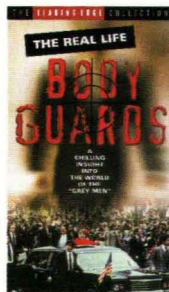
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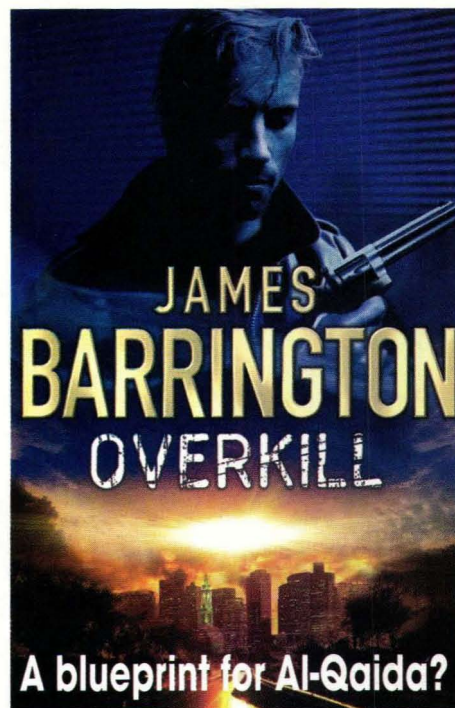
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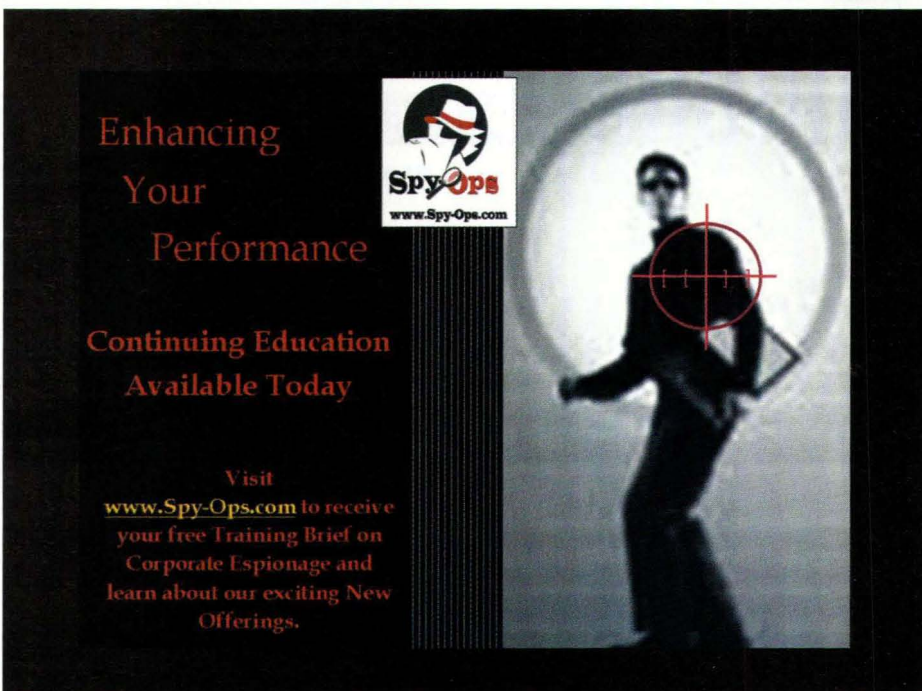


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had doubts about "Curveball's reliability," the commission reported.

With warning bells ringing, Drumheller met with his German counterpart at Pavitt's request in the Autumn of 2002. The Americans again requested to interview Curveball. The BND was beginning to panic and realised that US intelligence had become wary of the increasing number of spectacular claims made by Curveball. German intelligence then told the US intelligence: "Don't even ask to see him because he's a fabricator and he's crazy." It should have been sufficient warning to the DIA and CIA that most of his stories were rubbish. Drumheller sent a report to Pavitt's office. He said he also informed another senior official in the European division and sent a notice to WINPAC, where the chief bioweapons analyst was considered a "Curveball expert."

Pavitt didn't recall much about the German warning. "A meeting took place without question, and I remember being told what he said. My recollection is I was told much, much later."

Shortly before Christmas 2002, the CIA held two meetings to discuss Curveball. A Pavitt aide was adamant that they "did not believe that Curveball's information should be relied upon."

However, the Curveball analyst from WINPAC played down doubts about Curveball and his information was deemed "credible after an exhaustive review."

Drumheller realised a few weeks later that his warnings had been dismissed, when a colleague presented him with a rough draft of Colin Powell's 5 February speech to the United Nations. Drumheller allegedly met with McLaughlin and again related what the BND really thought about Curveball. "Oh my. I hope that's not true," said McLaughlin.



Previous UNSCOM WMD searches had provided lots of evidence - including these chemical-laden shells... little remained

McLaughlin, who retired in January after 32 years at the CIA, said he can't remember the meeting and denied that Drumheller ever told him Curveball was fabricating information. "I have absolutely no recall of such a discussion. None. Such a meeting does not appear on my calendar, nor was this view transmitted to me in writing."

George Tenet supports his former deputy: "John McLaughlin, is a man known throughout his 32 year career for his professional discipline and meticulous care in evaluating the most difficult of issues. I am absolutely confident that if he had been briefed on the concerns regarding Curveball he would have done whatever was necessary to ensure that unreliable information was not included in important products such as the Secretary of State's speech."

With the invasion of Iraq just weeks away, the CIA Berlin station sent a top secret signal to Langley officials: "Curveball's information cannot be verified." It should have been

sufficient to raise even more red flags... but it didn't.

Tenet said he was “stunned” and found it “deeply disturbing” that the BND warning in 2002 to Drumheller (if true), “was never brought forward to me by anyone.” He is adamant that he only learned about intelligence doubts about Curveball after the war.

"A series of formal warnings should have been immediately and formally disseminated to alert intelligence and policy officials about the concern, Tenet said. "No such reports were disseminated, nor do I recall the issue being brought to my attention."

Tenet disputes Drumheller's account of their supposed phone conversation the night before Powell's speech. "I have absolutely no recollection of an official warning him about Curveball. "It is simply wrong for anyone to intimate that I was at any point in time put on notice that Curveball was probably a fabricator," he said.

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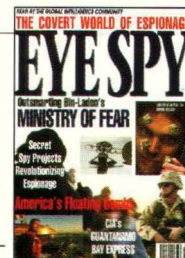
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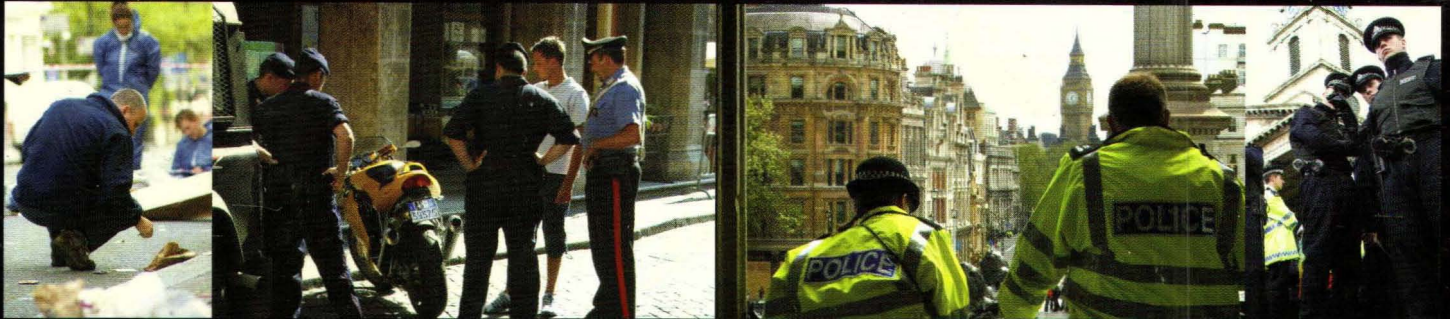
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