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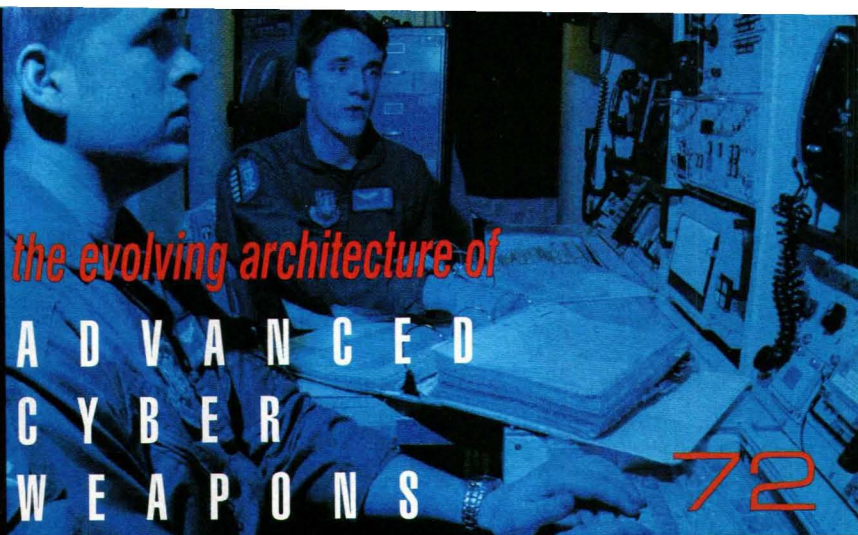
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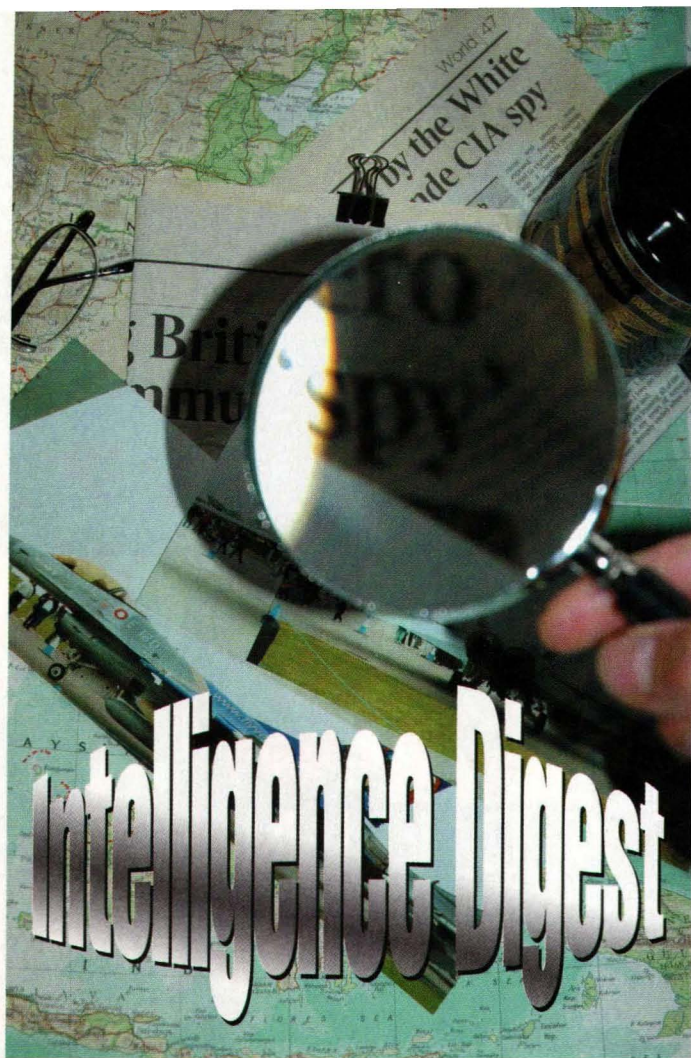
CYBER ESPIONAGE AND COUNTERMEASURES

The Ministry of Defence has admitted losing 659 laptop computers in just four years - and a further 121 USB memory sticks have disappeared as well. That means one item vanishes about every two days. It is a colossal number given that some of the information on these machines and accessories is classified secret. Some of the laptops are probably in the hands of foreign agencies.

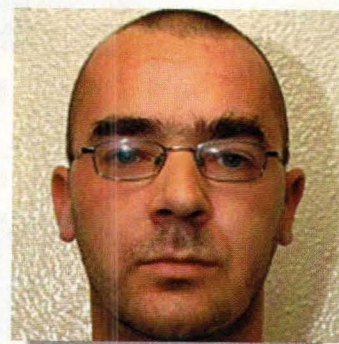
Thousands of MOD machines, many assigned to military intelligence, are now being encrypted - meaning even if the computers are stolen - the thieves will not be able to look at the data... allegedly. It is true, ordinary mortals shouldn't be able to break the encryption, but this is not the case for governments possessing some of the world's biggest computer banks. They can... in time.

There is, however, a growing threat to computerised data other than the forgetful official or cunning thief - cyber spooks. No longer do you need to get hold of the unit to grab the information - you simply need to find your way into the system via the Internet. One of the world's leading experts in this field is Eye Spy Associate Editor Kevin Coleman. And in this edition he explains why advanced cyber weapons can be likened to a missile. They have a delivery system, can be navigated, and some even carry deadly payloads. So while government agencies should be addressing such hardware losses as experienced by the MOD, the real battle of computer espionage has only just begun.





The Mosque Bomber



A neo-Nazi has been found guilty of manufacturing bombs that were allegedly built to attack mosques in the UK. Martyn Gilleard, 31, initially attracted police attention because of his Internet activity. He had already admitted downloading child pornography from a computer at his home in Goole, East Yorkshire. Some 39,000 indecent images of children and youngsters were found on his computer.

When police raided his flat on 31 October 2007, they also discovered materials that could be used for bomb-making, including gunpowder. Four nail-bomb devices were subsequently found hidden under his bed. Prosecutors say these were to be used for a terror campaign, almost

certainly targeting Islamic sites, police said.

One note on his computer read: 'I am so sick and tired of hearing nationalists talk of killing Muslims, of blowing up mosques, of fighting back, only to see these acts of resistance fail to appear...' And in a notebook further comments: 'The time has come to stop the talk and start to act. Unless we the British right stop talking of racial war and take steps to make it happen, we will never get back that which has been stolen from us'. In the flat, police also discovered Internet print-outs about committing acts of terrorism, including how to make a bomb and how to poison someone.

Gilleard said he made the nail bombs after drinking a "couple of cans" and had done so because he was bored.

42-DAYS

Former MI5 D-G rejects detention plan



Making her first speech as a member of the House of Lords, Eliza Manningham-Buller, the former head of MI5 said she does not agree with government proposals to hold terror suspects without charge for 42 days.

Senior UK security officials, including Scotland Yard chief Sir Ian Blair and Peter Clarke, the former head of counter-terrorism, believe the current 28-day holding term is not sufficient.

Baroness Manningham-Buller, who served in the intelligence services for over three decades, disagrees. "In deciding what I believe on these matters, I have weighed up the balance between the right to life, the most important civil liberty, the fact

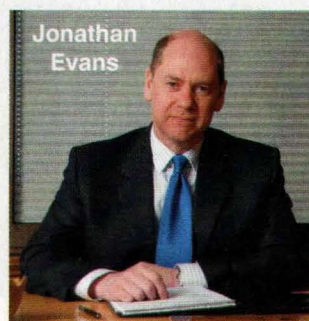
that there is no such thing as complete security and the importance of our hard won civil liberties," she said. "And therefore on a matter of principle, I cannot support the 42-days pre-charge detention in this bill."

Lord West the security minister and a former admiral, is another person who supports the Bill. "The question we all have to face is whether there is a potential need for more than 28 days," he said. "I have looked at this in depth and I believe there is. It is better for us to legislate on a precautionary basis than find ourselves scrambling for emergency legislation in the heat of a serious operation."

Speaking on the proposals, Jonathan Evans, Director General of

the Security Service thought it appropriate to post an official statement on MI5's website:

"Since the Security Service is neither a prosecuting authority nor responsible for criminal investigations, we are not, and never have been, the appropriate body to advise the Government on pre-charge detention time limits."



HONEYTRAPPED

Chinese agent lures Downing Street Official

A senior Downing Street aide has fallen for one of the oldest tricks in the espionage book. A female Chinese agent met the unnamed official at a hotel disco in Shanghai. After befriending him, she then went back to his hotel... his BlackBerry was reported missing the next morning to Downing Street's security detail.

Intelligence watchers recognise this operation was a classic honeytrap and almost certainly intended to acquire electronic details from the BlackBerry - a device that makes phone calls and is capable of receiving and sending e-mails. Whilst the Downing Street units are password protected, they are not encrypted. Analysts believe no sensitive information should have been stored on the hard drive, but a great many cell phone numbers and government Internet addresses could now be vulnerable to China's brilliant hackers.

The incident happened in January.

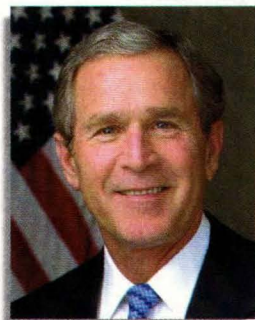
TAPS



American phone firms shielded from lawsuits

US lawmakers have voted in favour of protecting telecommunications firms involved in the country's six-year, "warrantless wiretapping programme", which began shortly after 9/11. Many firms cooperated with the NSA as US intelligence sought to obtain more evidence of home-grown "collaboration". The wiretap programme was then expanded.

Civil liberty groups led by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) were set to begin proceedings that could have resulted in enormous fines being imposed.



CYBER ESPIONAGE

Computers hacked by Beijing agents

WASHINGTON: Two US lawmakers have blamed Chinese hackers for compromising their computers and obtaining sensitive information about political dissidents and movements in China. An FBI investigation traced the hacking to "outside sources" from China.

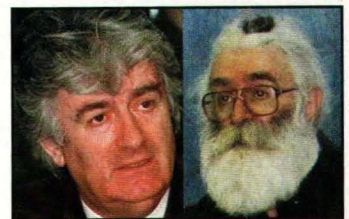
Frank Wolf of Virginia and Chris Smith of New Jersey called on the US to double its efforts in thwarting such security breaches. Wolf explained that in August 2006, four computers in his personal office "were compromised by an outside source." Much information collected by his staff on political dissidents and human rights activists around the world, especially within China, was reportedly copied and "lifted".

Qin Gang, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said: "We urge the US not to be paranoid... China is a developing nation. Do you think we have that kind of technology? I don't believe so."

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

Radovan Karadzic caught in Belgrade

One of the world's most wanted men was captured "hiding in plain sight". Radovan Karadzic was arrested in Belgrade wearing a large white beard, thick white hair, and glasses. The 63-year-old fugitive, trained as a psychiatrist and posed as an alternative medicine doctor. Karadzic used the name Dragan Dabic and lived openly in a suburb of Belgrade.



Intelligence sources say a special unit of surveillance officers had been monitoring a number of people who they believed were helping Karadzic. These operations eventually led police to the former Bosnian Serb leader.

Karadzic faces genocide charges which stem from the 1995 massacre of about eight thousand Muslim men and boys near the Bosnian city of Srebrenica.

Following the announcement, a senior ACLU official said: "It's Christmas morning at the White House thanks to this vote." President Bush welcomed the decision and said: "It's vital that our intelligence community has the ability to learn who the terrorists are talking to, what they are saying, and what they are planning."

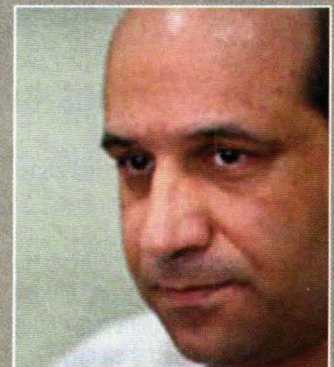
Critics say the wiretap programme ran afoul of existing legislation that ruled US intelligence could not surveil its own citizens. However, using wartime presidential powers under the US Constitution, the White House deemed it legal to intercept communications from people suspected of terrorist activities.

Mossad 'Spy' Receives Death Sentence

Iran's Revolutionary Court has sentenced to death an Iranian found guilty of allegedly spying for Israel's Mossad. "Ali Ashtari had links with the spy agencies of the Israeli regime and transferred sensitive information from Iran's research, military and defence centres, including the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran,

to Mossad officers," an official at Iran's Intelligence Ministry said. "Ashtari also provided information about certain Iranian figures to Mossad and made efforts to connect experts of these sensitive centres to the Israeli intelligence agency. This is an initial verdict and is required to receive final approval from the country's Supreme Court. The defendant has the right to appeal the verdict," the official said.

Ali Ashtari, 45, was arrested a year and a half ago. According to trial documents, the tradesman supplied electronic devices to military and research bases. Iranian intelligence



said Ashtari had confessed to receiving \$50,000 from a Mossad intelligence officer to supply special satellite phones and Internet cables to "special customers".

X-RAY PLOT TO KILL AHMADINEJAD

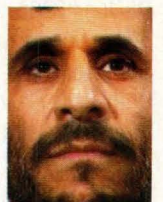
An Iranian diplomat has claimed the West tried to kill President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with a super-charged X-ray machine while he attended the UN World Food Summit in Rome.

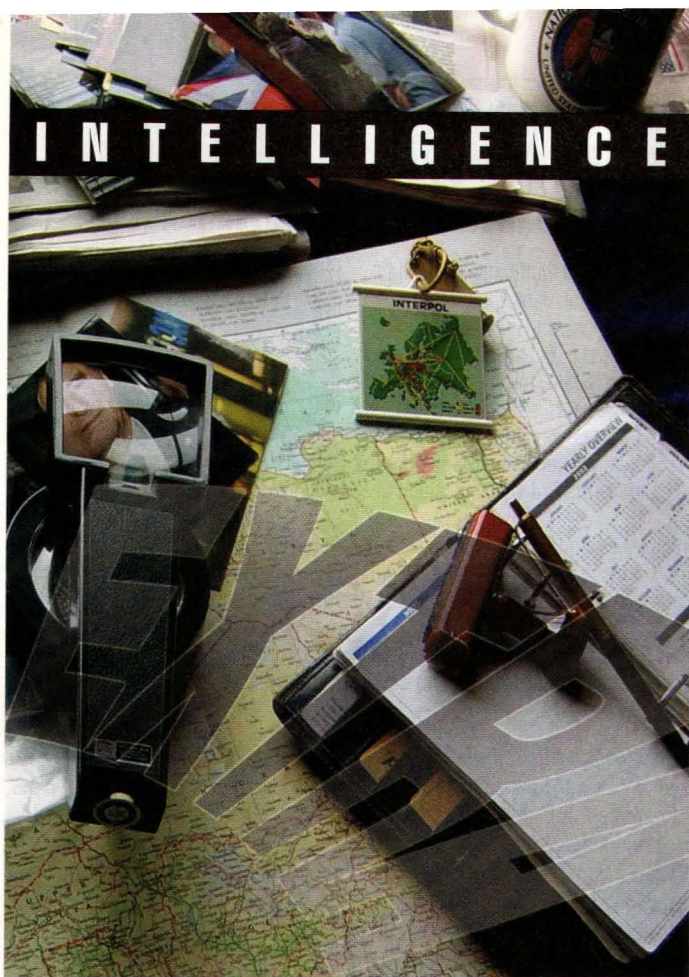
Abolfazl Zohrehvand, Iran's ambassador to Italy, told journalists that "agents from the West" made an assassination attempt that was thwarted by his security detail. Zohrehvand said the X-ray machine (carried to examine packages) in his

room usually measured 300 millirems, but when it was checked in Rome, it read 800 millirems. "One day before Ahmadinejad's trip, I checked and found out that the X-ray machine set up in the place where he was staying gave off excessive radiation," Zohrehvand said. "First we suspected the machine was broken and after replacing it with another one it turned out that the radiation was controlled from another source. When the president entered this

place, the radiation increased and exceeded 1,000 so that the intensity of the radiation was completely felt inside the building."

Zohrehvand did not reveal the exact location of the plot - though it is believed Ahmadinejad stayed in a high security hotel. "The idea was to kill the president with extreme radiation poisoning," said Zohrehvand.





'MI6 Officer' Accused of "Spy Activities" in Russia

Just days after the BBC's *Newsnight* programme aired the views of a "senior Whitehall official" - who said the Russian state was involved with the assassination of Alexander Litvinenko - a former BBC reporter has been named as a British spy by the FSB. Christopher Bower, who worked for the corporation before joining the Foreign Office in the 1990s, is the UK's most senior trade official in Russia and head of the embassy's trade and investment section. Interfax said the FSB have "much evidence" that shows Bower is an "MI6 agent" and involved with "espionage".

A Kremlin source said Bower had "engaged in suspicious meetings" with Chechen activists. The FSB say Bower is a "senior MI6 officer" and

operated undercover in the guise of a journalist when he reported from Uzbekistan. "The activities of Christopher Bowers, a counsellor at the British Embassy in Russia, and probably, simultaneously a senior officer with British Intelligence, are giving rise to questions among Russian intelligence services," the unnamed FSB official said.

The new row has worsened relations between the two countries (if that is possible), and thus far, the British Embassy in Moscow has not responded, but a Foreign Office spokeswoman confirmed the "British acting director of UK Trade and Industry" was suspected of spying. She did not comment on the intelligence thread.

Some intelligence watchers believe Bowers was picked out as a target

Key Atomic Spy Witness Dead

Death provides historians with opportunity to access files

Recently released court papers have revealed Ruth Greenglass died aged 84 on 7 April. It was her key testimony in the famous Rosenberg atomic-bomb spy case of the early 1950s, that led to the execution of her sister-in-law Ethel Rosenberg. Greenglass's testimony was later called into question and historians have long sought to gain access to vital court transcripts. Then, on 23 June 2008, in response to a suit by historians, the US Government agreed to release secret grand jury testimony, 57 years after Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. However, there was a caveat in the ruling stating that papers of only those who were dead or had agreed to the release could be forwarded. It transpired that Ruth Greenglass was on the deceased list.

The Rosenberg investigation dates back to 1945, when Soviet cipher clerk Igor Gouzenko, who defected

to the West, passed on intelligence that shocked US agencies. The Russians had managed to infiltrate American research facilities engaged in the development of the atom bomb (Manhattan Project).

At the time, David Greenglass was an Army sergeant assigned as a machinist at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and he became an integral part of the investigation.

When Julius Rosenberg, an avowed Communist, found out

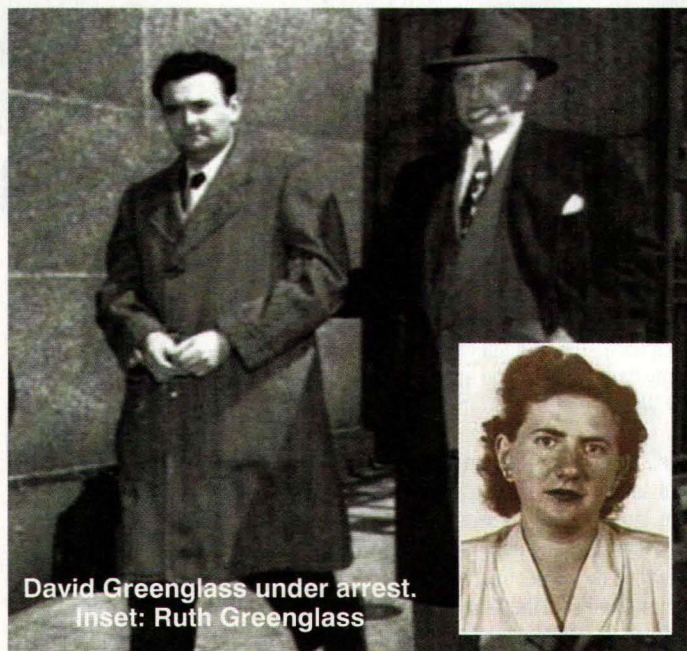


Julius and Ethel Rosenberg

about his brother-in-law's assignment, he recruited Greenglass to gather information about the Manhattan Project, including documents, handwritten notes, sketches of the bomb and the names of involved scientists.

Though the Rosenbergs paid for their espionage with their lives, there has always been much speculation about who actually typed-up the notes of the project that ultimately found their way into the hands of the Soviets. Recent research shows it could well have been Ruth Greenglass herself.

Ethel Rosenberg and Julius Rosenberg were electrocuted on 19 June 1953, at Sing Sing prison.



David Greenglass under arrest. Inset: Ruth Greenglass



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in response to the BBC story and his background. Others say it is his involvement with the on-going saga for control at the TNK-BP oil company - jointly owned by BP and a group of Russian billionaires. Bowers' department provides support to British companies doing business in international markets.

In 2007, senior UK trade official Andrew Levi was one of four British Embassy officials expelled from Moscow. This in response to the UK's expulsion of four Russian diplomats when Moscow refused to cooperate properly over the death of Litvinenko.

China's Spies in the Pentagon

Agents get lucky with jail sentences

Gregg W. Bergersen, 51, a former Pentagon analyst, was given a five year prison sentence for passing secret information about US-Taiwan military relations to a New Orleans furniture salesman who turned out to be a Chinese spy. Bergersen told the court he thought Louisiana businessman Tai Kuo was working for the Taiwanese Government.



Bergersen was a security and defence weapons systems analyst for the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, an organisation that regularly handles classified material. Kuo obtained Bergersen's trust by giving him thousands of dollars on gambling trips to Las Vegas.

In a separate spy case, Chinese-American Chi Mak, who was found guilty of spying for China in May, was given 24 months behind bars. He was a US defence contract worker and had access to information on some of the US Navy's most secret technology involving submarines. The judge described Mak as a "sleeper agent for Beijing".

In May, another Chinese agent - Yu Xin, pleaded guilty of "aiding a foreign agency agent" (China) and said she was an "intermediary" between agent Kuo and others.



INTEL PEOPLE

FORMER KGB OFFICER CLAIMS LONDON OVERWHELMED

LONDON: KONSTANTIN PREOBRAZHENSKY, a former KGB officer and reported friend of murdered Alexander Litvinenko, says that reports claiming Russia is operating a 30-strong spy ring in the UK are incorrect - he says the true figure is "hundreds". Preobrazhensky, who was granted political asylum in the United States in 2006, said MI5 is facing a spying war that it is totally unprepared for.

NEW FACE FOR AGENT STAKEKNIFE

LONDON: One of the British Army's most senior agents who infiltrated the IRA during the height of the 'Troubles', has allegedly had facial surgery to help conceal his identity. **FREDDIE SCAPPATICCI** was an undercover agent for the Army's shadowy Force Research Unit (FRU), but in 2003, the double agent was exposed. It has been alleged Scappaticci participated in several controversial operations to help conceal his deep cover.

BIN-LADEN HAS JUST MONTHS TO LIVE - CIA MEMO

WASHINGTON: A CIA memorandum released internally six months ago, said Osama bin-Laden is on his "death bed" and may have just months to live. The al-Qaida chief, who has always been suspected of suffering from kidney disease, has little access to proper treatment. Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf has also stated bin-Laden is on dialysis. One CIA official familiar with the report said: "Based on his current pharmaceutical intake we would expect that he has no more than 6-18 months to live and impending kidney failure." However, **PAUL PILLAR**, the former senior analyst and deputy director of the CIA's counter-terrorism center said: "It's [CIA] trying to make a diagnosis from thousands of miles away with only fragments of the medical chart."

AL-QAIDA PLANNING DANISH ATTACK

COPENHAGEN: The head of Denmark's intelligence service - PET - warned he has gleaned information that "confirms" al-Qaida is planning to carry out attacks on Danish soil. PET chief **JAKOB SCHARF** (right) said: "We see now al-Qaida behind a targeted training and planning of terror attacks on Danish soil [SIC]. We are keeping an eye on people and networks in Denmark who constitute a concrete threat and who have the will and the ability to carry out an attack." Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, one of al-Qaida's most senior commanders signed an Internet statement urging his followers to carry out the operation in revenge for published caricatures of the Prophet Mohammed. The PET is liaising with Sweden's Saepo intelligence service's counter-terrorism unit. Intelligence sources say the plotters are based in Sweden.



MI6 RECRUITERS GO TO THE PRESS

LONDON: The head of MI6's human resources department, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told the Associated Press, the agency "needed to diversify if it was to meet the new challenges of the contemporary world." With this in mind the recruiter wants more people from the ethnic community and women to apply. Some 20,000 people have applied for work with MI6 in the last year. Eye Spy believes 250 have since joined the Service.

An anonymous Whitehall source, presumably with the backing of the British Government, told the BBC that MI5 believe the murder of former KGB and FSB man Aleksander Litvinenko in London, was sanctioned by President Putin and not a "rogue element" as reported in Eye Spy.

The BBC report, played on *Newsnight*, came as Prime Minister Gordon Brown tried to discuss the case with new Russian President

Dmitry Medvedev at the G8 summit in Tokyo. Brown was rebuffed and relations between Moscow and London have sunk to a new all time low. And to add to the frosty climate, MI5 said tracking Russian operatives in Britain was hindering vital counterterrorist work. Russia is thought to have at least 30 spies operating in the country and some of these are gathering intelligence on a growing number of Russians living in the capital.

Yet it is the words of the BBC "source" that have been met with bemusement and anger in Moscow. "We very strongly believe the Litvinenko case had some state involvement," he said, noting President Putin has given the FSB much more freedom to operate itself.

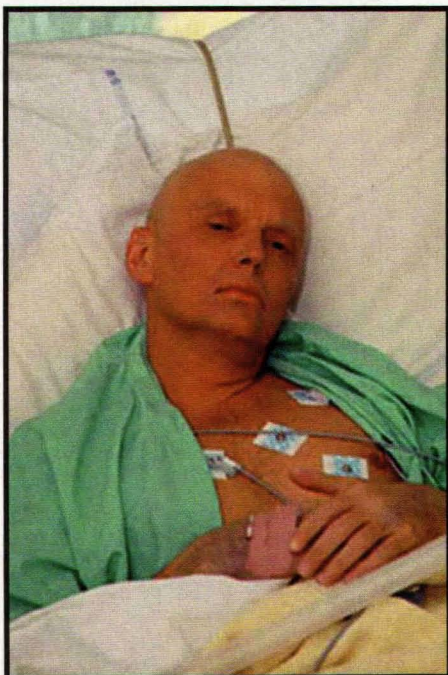


President Dmitry Medvedev

However, few people in Britain dispute the fact that Litvinenko was killed by a Russian assassin, that much is known anyway, but saying the Kremlin authorised his killing is a little different.

British prosecutors have already named former FSB officer Andrei Lugovoi in connection with the poisoning Litvinenko with Polonium-210. Lugovoi, now a member of the State Duma, rejects the charge and is unlikely to travel to Britain or elsewhere in Europe because he would be detained.

The *Newsnight* feature also covered the attempted assassination of another Russian



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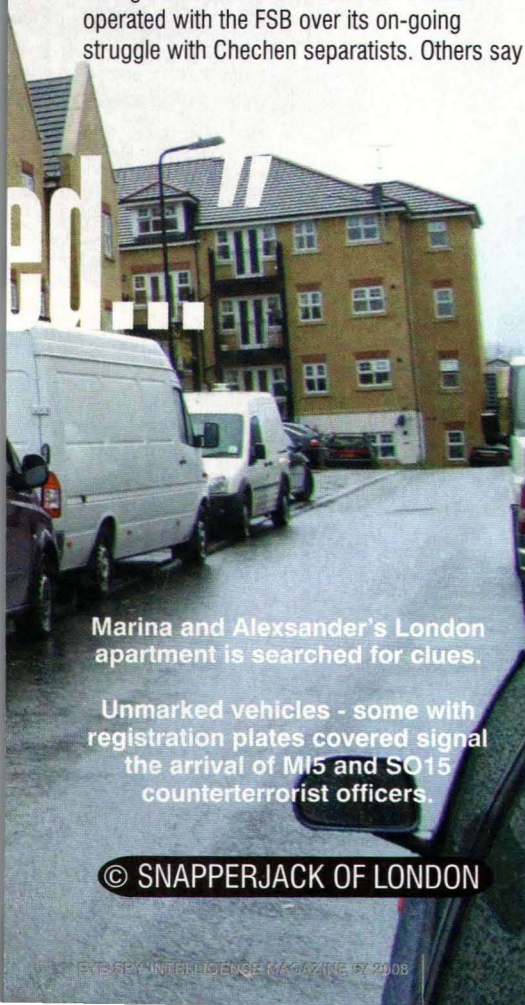
exile, multi-billionaire Boris Berezovsky. Like Litvinenko, Berezovsky is a fierce critic of the Kremlin. He was the target of a Chechen operative, described as a "crime boss" by the FSB, who goes by the name Movladi Atlangeriyev, 54, though his name was not given out on the television programme. He arrived in the UK in June 2007 and met with Berezovsky. According to Eye Spy sources, Atlangeriyev, also known as 'Lord' and 'Lenin', was due to meet Berezovsky again at the Hilton Hotel, London on 21 June. By now Berezovsky had been advised by counterterrorist officers that his life was in danger. He reportedly flew out of the country on 16 June. MI5 subsequently placed Atlangeriyev under 24-hour surveillance. However, he was seemingly unaware that Berezovsky had skipped the country and duly turned up at the hotel for his pre-arranged meeting, where he was duly arrested. There was speculation he was accompanied by his son (probably acting as a decoy), and he had sought to obtain a firearm. On 23 June he was released into the custody of immigration officials and quietly deported. This incident was widely reported in the press at the time and was also linked to the FSB. New Scotland Yard acknowledged that an arrest had been made.

Russia's media have described Atlangeriyev as a go-between and liaison man who co-operated with the FSB over its on-going struggle with Chechen separatists. Others say



London Hilton - suspected assassin arrested here

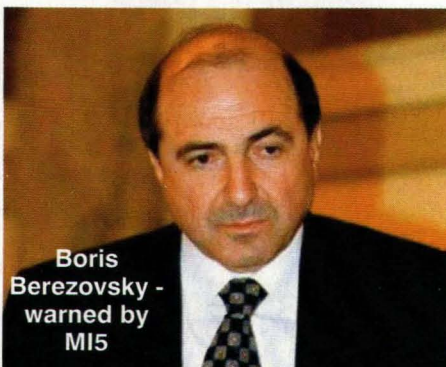
he was an agent of the FSB. Yet Atlangeriyev is the only person who can accurately comment on his true purpose in the UK last summer, but he was abducted in Moscow earlier this year. Interestingly, some Russian newspapers say this took place in January, others say March or April.



Marina and Alexander's London apartment is searched for clues.

Unmarked vehicles - some with registration plates covered signal the arrival of MI5 and SO15 counterterrorist officers.

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Boris Berezovsky - warned by MI5

What they all agree on is that witnesses saw two armed men usher him into a vehicle outside a central Moscow restaurant. His current whereabouts are not known, though intelligence watchers believe his "removal" is not a coincidence.

The BBC source described the attempt on Berezovsky as proof of the FSB's continued "willingness to consider operations against people in the West."





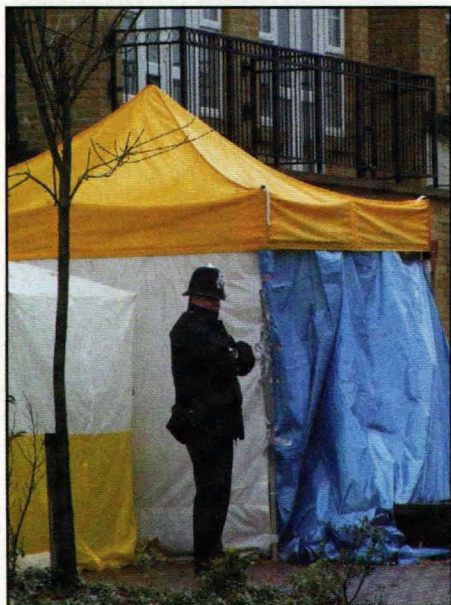
Journalists and Berezovsky's security guard at the Hilton Hotel shortly after the "unidentified" hit-man was arrested

British intelligence believe Atlangeriyev may also be connected to the murder of *Novaya Gazeta* correspondent Anna Politkovskaya in 2006. She was shot in the lobby of her apartment building in central Moscow. One of the prime suspects involved in the case is Khozh-Akhmed Nukhayev, a leading member of the Atlangeriyev crime gang. In April, a senior Russian Investigative Committee official Dmitry Dovgy also accused Nukhayev, but Dovgy said Berezovsky was also involved.

Four people have been charged in connection with Politkovskaya's murder: Sergei Khadzhiburbanov, a former police officer, and two brothers from Chechnya, Dzhabrail Makhmudov and Ibragim Makhmudov. The fourth man is Pavel Ryaguzov, an officer in the FSB. He was charged with extortion and abuse of office. The police are still looking for Rustam Makhmudov, the eldest of the Makhmudov brothers. He has been accused of firing the gun that killed Politkovskaya.

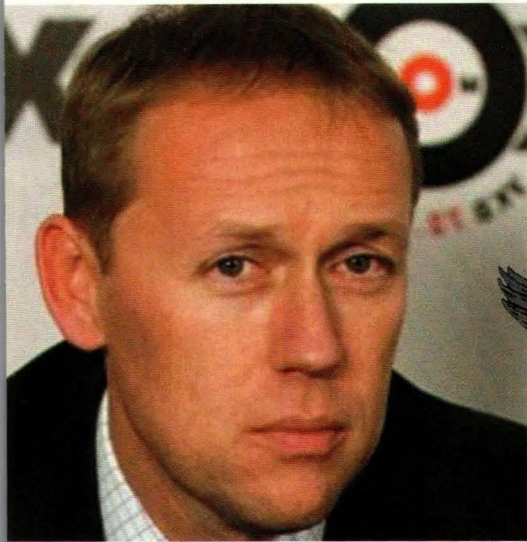
COLD WAR RELATIONS

Russian presidential aide Sergei Prikhodko suggested that the timing of the BBC programme was not coincidental. "We are working to bring Russian-British relations out of what is, to a large degree, a dead end. Such leaks and quotes demonstrate that not everybody in Britain is in the kind of mood for constructive work as we feel [Brown] himself is. It won't be easy for Britain and Russia to



University College Hospital, London, where Litvinenko succumbed to Polonium-210





**Andrei Lugovoi - prime suspect
- but untouchable**

overcome their differences." He went on to blast British newspapers who had portrayed Russia as one of the most serious threats for the United Kingdom. "The programme



Anna Politkovskaya

attempted to tie the ever-present myths of omnipotence of the KGB [FSB] and of the cruelty of Russia's rulers to Medvedev's meeting with Brown," Prikhodko concluded.

An investigative committee established by the Russian Prosecutor-General's Office released a statement 48-hours after the allegation aired on *Newsnight*: "The investigation has made significant progress and does not possess information that any intelligence service was involved in the crime."

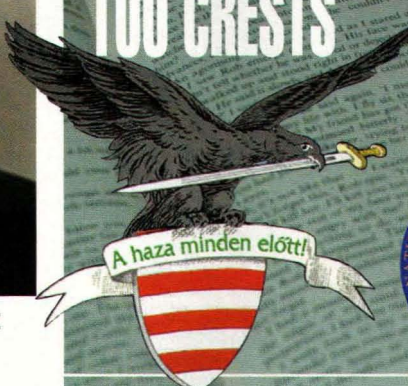
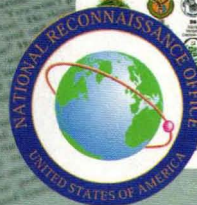
Eye Spy understands the new stance taken by Whitehall relates to the fact that "rogue FSB elements" would not have had access to Polonium-210.

The *London Times* reported that MI5 has identified Russia as the third most serious threat facing the country, with only al-Qaida terrorism and Iranian nuclear proliferation greater menaces to Britain's security.

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THE TRANS- ATLANTIC BOMB PLOT

Plotters plead guilty... but not to the central charge

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From the signature lounge

Three defendants accused of plotting to blow up passenger airliners over the Atlantic Ocean, have pleaded guilty at Woolwich Crown Court to conspiring to cause explosions. However, Abdulla Ahmed Ali, Assad

Sarwar and Tanvir Hussein all deny having planned to destroy the aircraft. The other gang members admitted conspiring to cause "public nuisance". This relates to distributing videos threatening suicide bomb attacks in the UK.

Together, the gang deny two charges, which have been amended, of conspiracy to murder between 1 January and 11 August 2006. One of the charges relates directly to the detona-



Abdulla Ahmad Ali

Assad Sarwar

Tanvir Hussein

tion of improvised bombs on passenger aircraft. At time of publication, the jury has yet to rule on this.

Eight men in total have been charged with the scheme, that prosecutors say involved building liquid bombs and smuggling the devices on board several US-bound aircraft from Terminal 3 at Heathrow. Camera flashes would have been triggered to detonate the devices concealed in fizzy drink bottles.

Police recovered bomb-making equipment at a flat purchased with cash in Forest Road, Walthamstow, northeast London. The same apartment was used to make the martyrdom videos.

Peter Wright QC, prosecuting, told the court that the men were "not long off" carrying out the attack, prompting the security services to arrest the defendants in a series of raids in August 2006. A 'blueprint' for the mission was found on a memory stick and further details were recorded in the diary of alleged cell leader, Ahmed Ali. Hydrogen peroxide and other bomb-making materials were found at Sarwar's home and in a nearby wood.

The men say the entire affair was a misunderstanding and they just wanted to draw attention to the plight of Muslims in Iraq, Afghanistan and Lebanon. Essentially they wanted to create a video diary or documentary. They admit planning a small explosion outside the Houses of Parliament. No-one would be killed and the event was intended to be a "publicity stunt". The gang also considered striking gas terminals, oil refineries and the counter at a US airline check-in.

Tanvir Hussain admitted to the charge surrounding the gang's production of "al-Qaida-style" videos, but said he was shocked when other members discussed the publicity bomb plot.

Peter Wright QC rejected the men's claims as "inherently improbable... hollow and bogus. He said: "This was no propaganda video, no documentary, no exercise or stunt - this was for real."

Summing up the case on 14 July, Peter Wright QC, told the court the gang "had wanted to achieve immortality and notoriety in equal measure." Each man wanted to "murder as many civilian passengers as possible upon as many civilian aircraft as possible," he said. They were all "prepared to kill and to do so on a wholly indiscriminate basis, irrespective of age, belief, sex and to do so without the slightest blink of an eye," he told the jury.



CABINET OFFICE

BREACH

JIC

secret papers left on trains as Ministry of Defence acknowledge huge laptop computer and memory stick losses

A senior intelligence official was quickly suspended after two sets of important intelligence documents, prepared by the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC), the UK's main advisory body on intelligence matters, were found by members of the public. They were left on trains in-coming and out-going from Waterloo Station in London. Three weeks

later, in what appears to be an unrelated incident, the chairman on the JIC, Alex Allan, was found unconscious and in a pool of blood in his home.

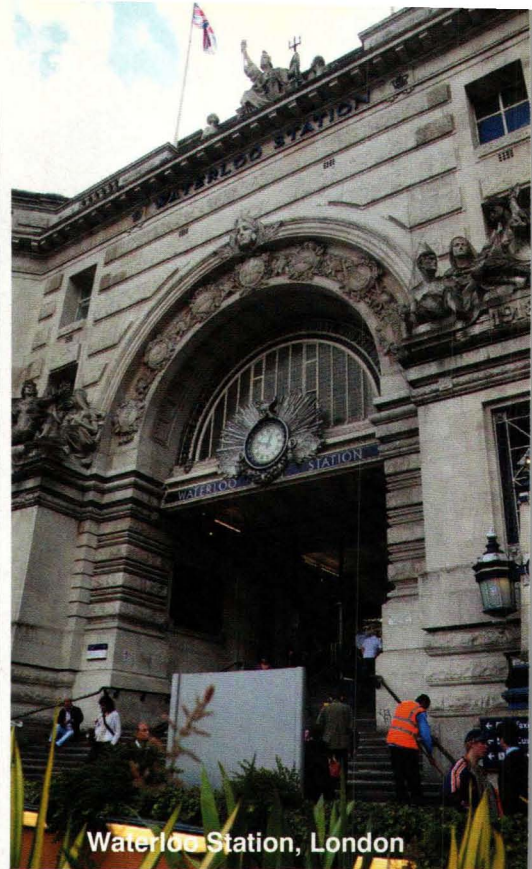
The first batch of secret files concerned the al-Qaida threat and a memorandum on the Iraqi security forces. They were handed in to the BBC by a bemused passenger. The papers were inside an orange-coloured folder and entitled: *'Al-Qaida: Constraints and Vulnerabilities'* and describe al-Qaida's threat in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The report, commissioned by the Foreign Office and

Home Office, the government departments which oversee MI6 and MI5, were marked classified "UK top secret" and each page was marked "For UK, US, Canadian and Australian eyes only". Also in the folder was a classified document about Britain's views on the capabilities of the Iraqi security forces, entitled: *Iraqi Security Forces: More or Less Challenged?*

It is understood the person responsible for the debacle is a senior civil servant who worked in the Cabinet Office's intelligence and security unit.

Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC)

The Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) and Head of Intelligence Assessment is responsible to the Prime Minister for supervising the work of the JIC, which provides Ministers and senior officials with co-ordinated inter-departmental intelligence assessments on a range of issues of immediate and long-term importance to UK interests, principally in the fields of security, defence and foreign affairs. He is the head of the Joint Intelligence Organisation, which includes the Assessments Staff, a c.40-strong body of analysts responsible for drafting JIC assessments, providing warnings of threats to UK interests, and monitoring countries at risk of instability. He is charged specifically with ensuring that the Committee's warning and monitoring role is discharged effectively. The JIC Chairman is also the Professional Head of Intelligence Analysis, a role established following recommendations in Lord Butler's 2004 review, with responsibility for enhancing the analytical capability of the UK intelligence community to enable it to work together more effectively and to provide better intelligence products for Ministers and senior policy makers.



Waterloo Station, London



A British soldier watches the dangerous roads in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Some of the files left on one train relate directly to the threat of al-Qaida and the Taliban in this country. These files would have been of much use to an enemy.

the banking system that could easily be "picked out" by terrorists intent on raising, hiding and moving monies to pay for terrorist operations. One document discussed financing illicit weapons of mass destruction in Iran.

Cabinet Minister Ed Miliband said there had been a "clear breach" of security rules, which forbid the removal of such documents from government premises.

Keith Vaz, Home Affairs Select Committee chairman said: "Our enemies don't even need to hack into our computers, they apparently just need to travel on public transport."

Ironically, just minutes before the announcement on the loss of the secret files, Prime Minister Gordon Brown spoke about security as he defended his 42-day detention without charge plan. "Our first duty is the protection of national security. We have to take no risks with our security," he told the Commons.

JIC CHAIRMAN ILLNESS PUZZLE

By coincidence, Alex Allan, chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee, was found slumped in a pool of blood in his west London home on 30 June. Allan was said to be suffering from a "mystery illness", but SO15 (Counter Terrorist Command), have thus far rejected speculation that Allan had become a

The out-going Alex Allan beats a transport strike in the 1980s



The unidentified passenger apparently realised its importance, but rather than handing it the police, decided the incident should be reported.

Within days of the security breach, it soon transpired a second batch of secret official files were found left on a train on the same day (11 June) and also on a Waterloo-bound train. These secret papers covered the UK's policies on tackling global terrorist funding, drugs trafficking and money laundering and emanated from an international conference attended by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). Like the good samaritan in the first incident, the passenger who found these papers chose to pass them to a media outlet - in this case *The Independent on Sunday*. Some of the content related to weaknesses in



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victim of a Russian or al-Qaida assassination plot. Many tests to determine why Allan collapsed have been carried out, including toxicology. At time of publication the 57-year-old is "recovering" and has come out of a coma. Allan, who lives a very public life is responsible for analysing and directing intelligence materials submitted by the UK's three senior secret services - MI6, MI5 and GCHQ. Though described by many newspapers as "Britain's top spy", he has no direct relationship with any service, other than dissecting intelligence for consumption by ministers in the Cabinet Office.

He was found unconscious by Dominique Salm, a painter who rents an artist's studio at Allan's home. She and her mother, Sally Anne Salm, have been told by police not to discuss the matter with journalists. Sally Salm told the *Mail on Sunday*: "Some very serious people have asked Dominique not to comment on any of this until it has been fully investigated and



she is doing just that. So am I." When Allan was rushed to Hammersmith Hospital, two visiting police officers recognised him and alerted New Scotland Yard. A security screen has been thrown around the affair and Allan is being guarded by police in an intensive care unit.

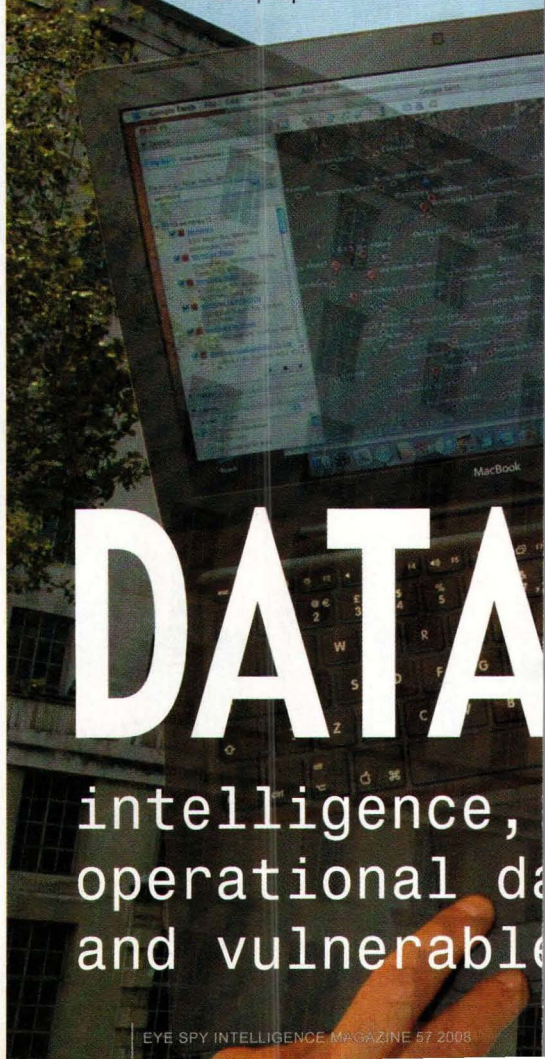
A spokeswoman for New Scotland Yard said the incident was being treated "as non-suspicious at this time", adding: "We are working with the hospital to discover the exact circumstances of his illness."

As well as the loss of the JIC papers, two other significant security blunders have already occurred this year. In April, an Army captain lost his laptop in a McDonald's burger bar close to the Ministry of Defence's Whitehall headquarters. And though the MOD said the data was fully encrypted, computer experts believe no data on a system is completely secure. Indeed, following the theft of an MI5 laptop in 2000, intelligence expert Nigel West said: "There is no such thing as a completely safe encryption system."

In January this year, a Royal Navy recruiting officer had his laptop stolen after a thief broke into his car. The names of over 600,000 people who had expressed an interest, or had applied to join the armed forces were contained on the hard drive. Just as worrying, it also contained passport numbers, National Insurance numbers and personal banking details - an identity theft treasure trove. Another Royal Navy laptop computer stolen from a car in Manchester in October 2006 contained unencrypted details of at least 500 people.

DATA

intelligence,
operational data
and vulnerable



And an army recruiting laptop was stolen from a careers office in Edinburgh in December 2005.

During the late 1990s and early 2000s, Britain's intelligence services also suffered the loss of several laptops.

In March 2000, an MI5 officer had his machine snatched by a thief at Paddington Tube Station in London. MI5 offered a reward of £2,000 for its recovery after it was disclosed the laptop held secret information.

Within days of MI5's loss, the Foreign Office admitted an MI6 officer had mislaid his laptop near the Service's headquarters at Vauxhall on 3 March 2000. There were suggestions the machine was actually left in a taxi after the officer had left a tapas bar. This machine contained classified information on the conflict in Northern Ireland. The computer was amazingly recovered two weeks later.

However, perhaps more intriguing, and a clue to its mysterious reappearance, was this advert placed in the *London Evening Standard* newspaper on 9 March: *'Academic urgently seeks information leading to the recovery of PhD vital research notes stored on Toshiba 4000 Series CDS laptop computer in black*



Paddington Tube Station

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carrying case lost in London on evening 3 March 00. Please call 0171 245 0053'.

A major search of several trains began in December 2000, after an MI5 officer left his briefcase packed with intelligence material on a train in Dorset.

An MOD official called Scotland Yard in April 2001 after leaving his laptop in a taxi he took from Waterloo Train Station. Details of a new UK weapons system were contained on the machine.

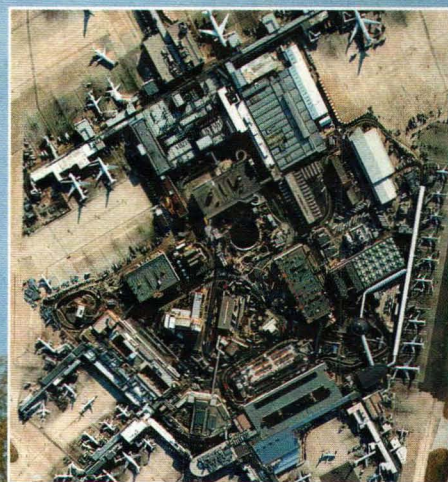
In May 2002, a laptop containing top secret information on the UK's air-to-air missile system was found in a skip outside offices of MBDA Missile Systems in Stevenage, Hertfordshire. Also in May, the *Daily Mirror* newspaper was given an MOD laptop which contained sensitive information that could only be read by the prime minister and senior defence chiefs.

In July 2003, officials said six laptops had been stolen from Whitehall - three of them from the Cabinet Office.

In July 2004, a hugely important police counter-terrorism dossier showing 62 sites where al-Qaida could launch a surface-to-air missile attack on airliners flying into and out of Heathrow Airport was found lying on a road. The file also identified escape routes out of the airport.

Following fierce criticism of the government's security procedures, Downing Street admitted 68 MOD laptops were stolen in 2007, 66 in 2005, and 173 in 2004.

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Heathrow Airport

This advert resulted in the return of an MI6 operative's laptop

REWARD

Academic urgently seeks information leading to the recovery of PhD vital research notes stored on Toshiba 4000 Series CDS laptop computer in black carrying case lost in London on evening 3 March 00.

DISASTERS

Personal information, military tactics, and weapons systems technology exposed through careless hands....

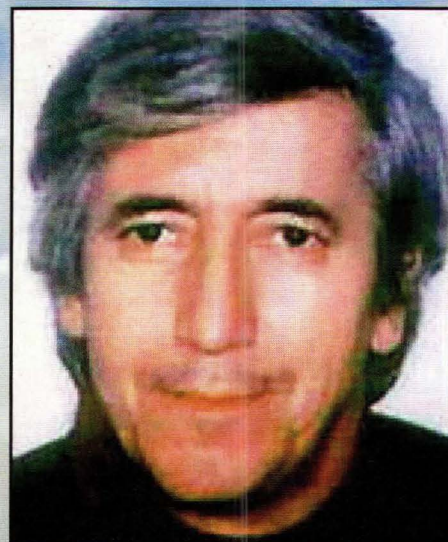
Last chance saloon for detectives trying to solve one of the Cold War's strangest assassinations

Senior detectives from the UK's Counter Terrorism Command (SO15), have twice visited Bulgaria in the last few weeks to examine new information concerning one of the most bizarre deaths ever seen during the Cold War. This seems connected to a visit made by UK police officers to Bulgaria in April last year.

Georgi Markov, a Bulgarian dissident who fled the country in 1969, was murdered in London 30 years ago. The perpetrator was a hired assassin who fired a tiny ricin-filled pellet into his leg as he waited for a bus on Waterloo Bridge, London, to take him to work at the BBC's Bush House.

The incident, which occurred in September 1978, initially baffled investigators, until forensic specialists discovered the pellet. Police said the small hollowed-out metal ball contained 0.2mg of poison and was released slowly into Markov's bloodstream. A wax film covered a tiny orifice which was melted by Markov's body's temperature. Markov arrived at his place of work at the BBC and started to develop a fever. After his condition worsened he was taken to hospital but doctors were initially unable to diagnose his condition and he died a few days later.

It was widely believed Markov's anti-Communist broadcasts on the BBC's World Service overseas radio stations had angered Moscow, who in turn ordered the situation to be



Georgi Markov

addressed by Bulgaria. The assassination itself was organised by Todor Zhivkov, the Bulgarian communist dictator and elements from the Interior Ministry in Sofia. When Communism collapsed in the country, police discovered several pellet-firing umbrellas in a government office cupboard.

A team of UK police officers flew to Sofia in Spring after they contacted the authorities in Bulgaria. It is not known what was discussed,

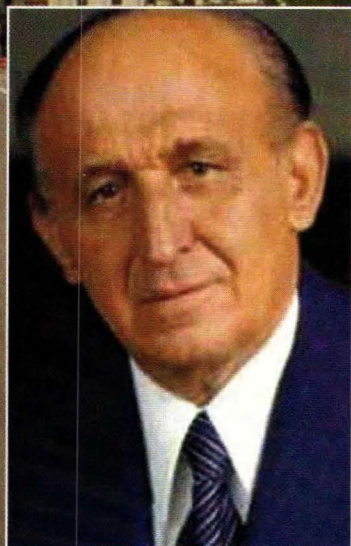


COLD CASE

Scotland Yard investigators p leads into death of Georgi Ma

but important enough for the same officers to return to the country in May to follow-up on their enquiries. A Bulgarian newspaper (*Dnevnik*) quoting Andrei Tsvetanov, who heads a team of detectives in Sofia involved in the liaison, said SO15 had requested permission to interview about 40 people described as "witnesses". SO15 was also given access to the Bulgarian archives on this case. Amongst the witnesses are two retired senior secret police officers - Vladimir Todorov, who was sent to prison in 1992 for helping to destroy some of the secret archives on the case, and Lyuben Gotsev. "We are fully cooperating with our colleagues and are having a 100 per cent exchange of information on both sides - something we lacked in the past," Mr Tsvetanov told *Dnevnik*. "We can now talk about a real investigation and analysis of the case. I hope that our collaboration will help exhaust all case scenarios," he added.

The newspaper also made reference to the murder of the former FSB officer Alexander Litvinenko in London in 2006. *Dnevnik* said the new enquiries could help solve this assassination as well.

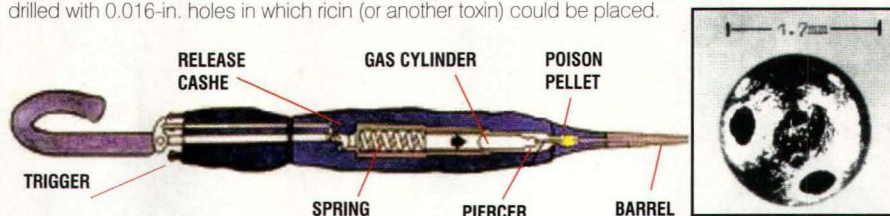


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The umbrella consisted of a spring-loaded piston, which would drive a carbon dioxide cartridge forward into a firing pin. The gas would then propel a poison projectile out of the hollow tip of the umbrella gun, through the clothing, and into the flesh of the intended victim.

A pellet of this type was used to assassinate Georgi Markov in London and in the attempt on the life of Vladimir Kostov in Paris. The tiny pellet the size of the head of a pin (0.068 in. diameter) was cross-drilled with 0.016-in. holes in which ricin (or another toxin) could be placed.



THE ASSASSIN'S UMBRELLA

In 2005, the same newspaper ran a series of controversial features revealing intelligence files connected to the killing. They said the documents, uncovered after six years of meticulous research by Hristo Hristov, a Sofia-based investigative journalist, showed Markov's killer was Francesco Giullino, a Dane of Italian origin. Giullino, who was code-named 'Piccadilly', reportedly toured Europe in the guise of an antiques salesman. However, there was sufficient evidence to show he was a Bulgarian secret agent. Hristov proved the Communist-era Durzhavna Sigurnost (DS), Bulgaria's secret service, had asked Giullino to "neutralise" Markov.

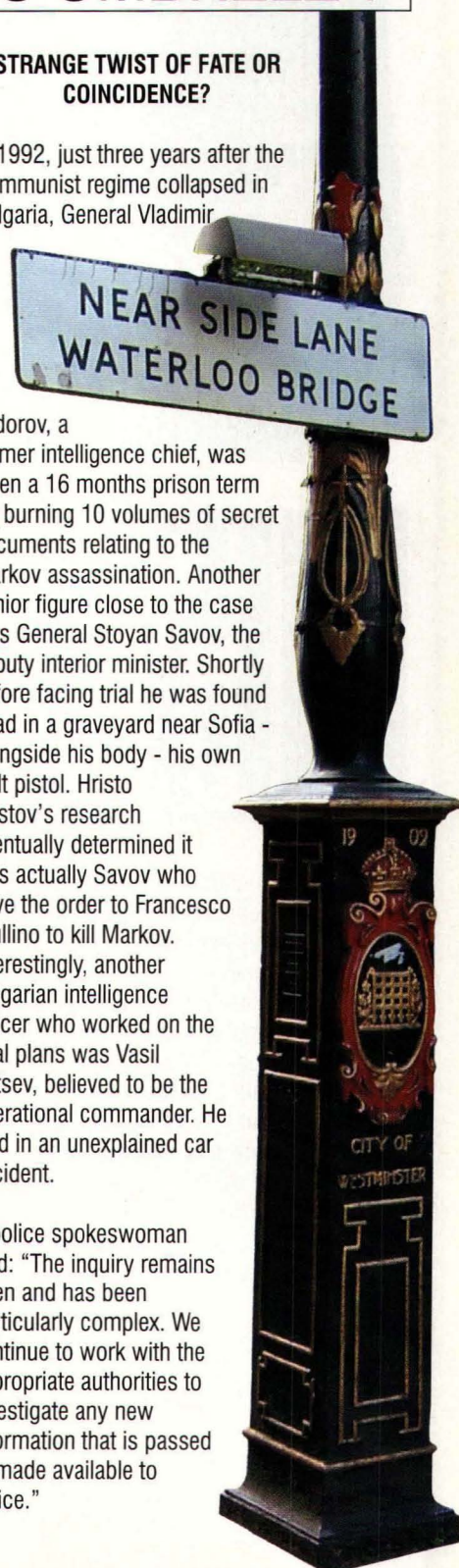
One probable reason for the new approach is because Bulgaria has a 30-year statute of limitations which expires in Autumn. The SO15 initiative may now prolong this fascinating case and lead to an arrest.

STRANGE TWIST OF FATE OR COINCIDENCE?

In 1992, just three years after the Communist regime collapsed in Bulgaria, General Vladimir

Todorov, a former intelligence chief, was given a 16 months prison term for burning 10 volumes of secret documents relating to the Markov assassination. Another senior figure close to the case was General Stoyan Savov, the deputy interior minister. Shortly before facing trial he was found dead in a graveyard near Sofia - alongside his body - his own Colt pistol. Hristo Hristov's research eventually determined it was actually Savov who gave the order to Francesco Giullino to kill Markov. Interestingly, another Bulgarian intelligence officer who worked on the final plans was Vasil Kotsev, believed to be the operational commander. He died in an unexplained car accident.

A police spokeswoman said: "The inquiry remains open and has been particularly complex. We continue to work with the appropriate authorities to investigate any new information that is passed or made available to police."



After WWII, MI5 decided to implement an eavesdropping programme on visiting guests at the world famous Claridge's Hotel in London... so just how many rooms did the Service bug?



MI5'S ROOM SERVICE

Claridge's Hotel is one of the world's most famous places to stay when in London, its genesis dates from 1812. Situated on the corner of Brook Street and Davies Street, it is close to the popular tourist sites of Hyde Park, Park Lane, Bond Street and Oxford Street. During WWII it was home to a number of prominent guests, including the exiled King Peter of Yugoslavia. Churchill, wanting to make the family feel at home, called his room "Yugoslav territory." He also allegedly placed some Yugoslavian soil under the bed where his son, the Crown Prince Alexander was born in suite 212 in July 1945. This so the King could declare his son was born on "home soil".

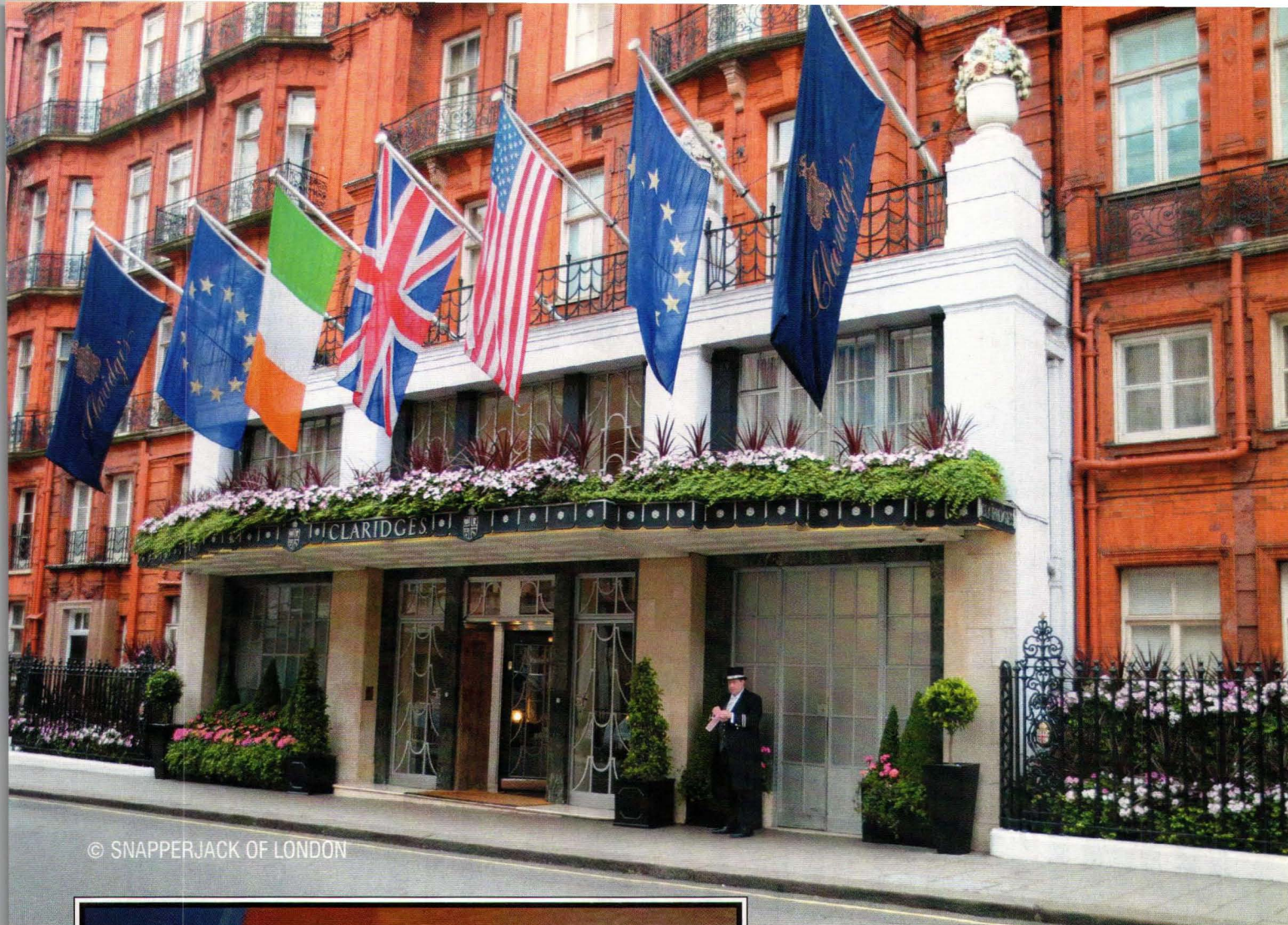
After the War, State delegations from all over the world stayed at Claridge's and many of these would be invited to attend a banquet in their honour at Buckingham Palace. Eventually



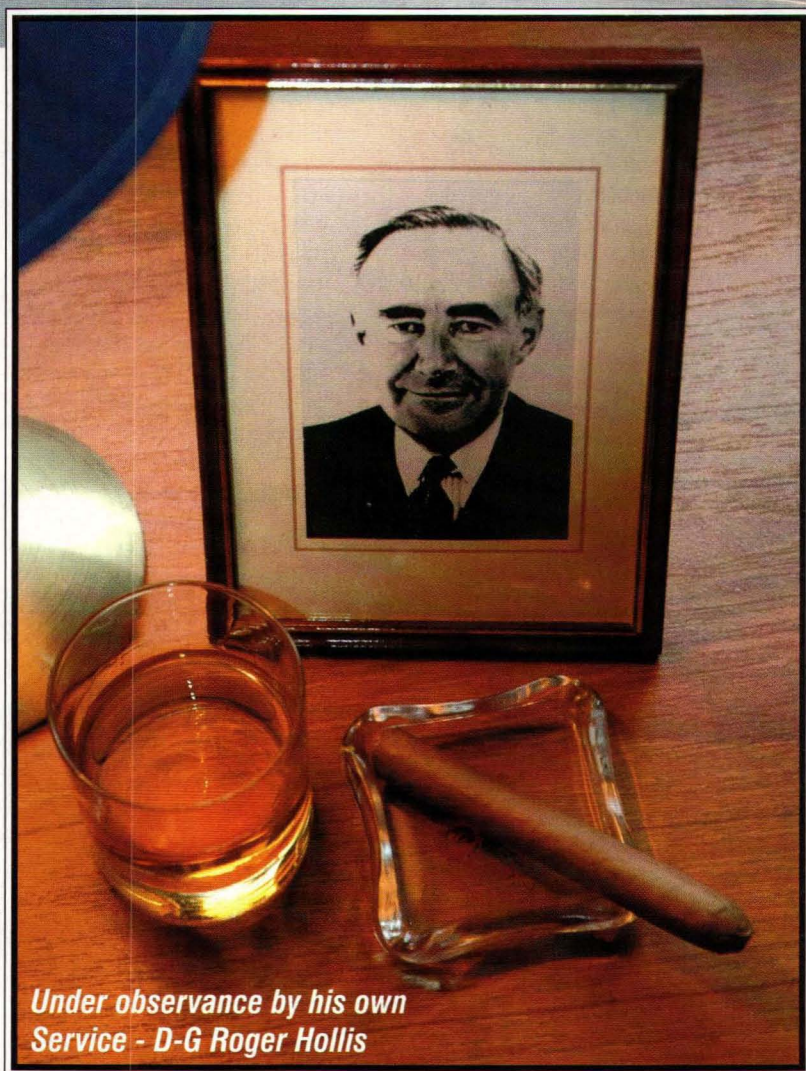
Exiled King Peter of Yugoslavia after receiving his RAF wings - Cairo, Egypt

it became traditional for visiting statesmen to return the hospitality by hosting a banquet for H.M the Queen at Claridge's. This was far too good an opportunity for MI5 to pass up. The Security Service decided to use what was known in the trade as 'SF' or Special Facility to monitor persons of interest. Interestingly, SF was actually created and initially run by the General Post Office (GPO), which at that time was responsible for mail and communications. Invented in 1942, the telephone arm of the GPO offered SF only to their *special customers* - notably MI5, MI6, the police and a few shadowy military outfits. Basically SF converted a telephone into a bugging device.

The system was quite simple. Imagine when you put the receiver down on your phone - it disconnects the mouthpiece microphone from the exchange. When SF was used, the effect stopped the disconnection and the mouthpiece was still enabled allowing the eavesdropper to hear conversations in the room.



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**Under observance by his own
Service - D-G Roger Hollis**

British traitor Anthony Blunt revealed the secrets of 'SF' almost as soon as MI5 began to deploy the technique

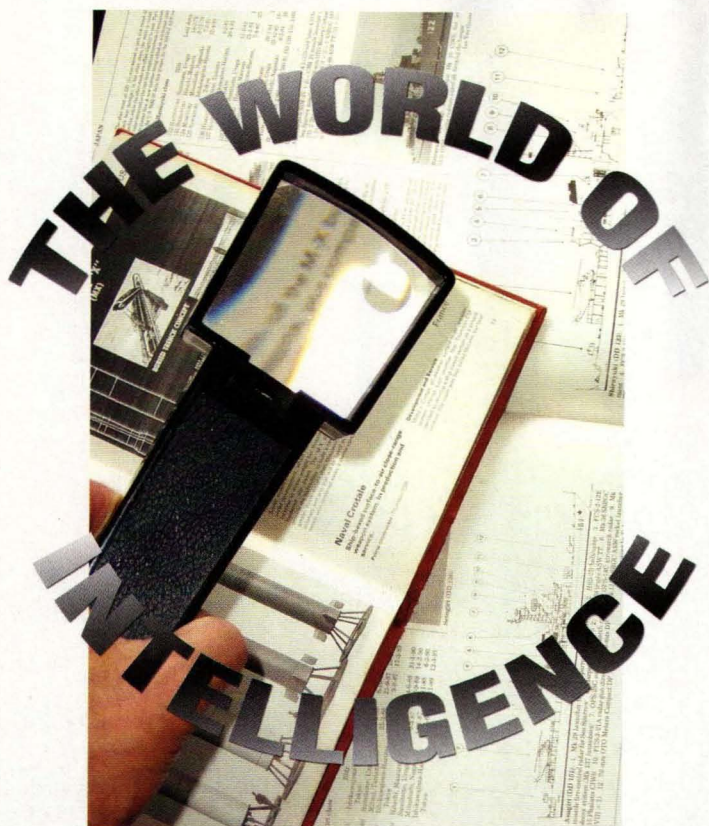
Back at the exchange, monitors simply recorded the spoken word or sound. Of course, if a person simply picked the phone up, they would not get a dialling tone giving reason to believe the line was still open. So SF had to be a little more devilish.



This meant taking the base-plate off and focusing on the input condenser. In days gone by, the condenser ran across incoming wires to block stray signals coming through the circuit. Because SF was a stray signal, it could only deduce if this condenser was disabled. A fibre washer was placed on one terminal of the condenser so it was no longer active. Sadly, this marvellous little trick was leaked to the Russians very early on by the British traitor Anthony Blunt (above). But, Moscow never "let on" for obvious reasons.

MI5 even used SF on its own Director-General Roger Hollis, and Deputy Director, Graham Mitchell. Hollis was suspected of being a Soviet spy - though this was never proven and has since been vigorously denied by the Security Service.

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FBI Still Seeking Information about Missing Retired Special Agent Robert Levinson

The FBI is continuing its search for retired FBI Special Agent Robert Levinson - missing since March 2007 and believed to be in Iran. As a retired Special Agent, the FBI has an interest in his disappearance and through its legal attaché offices worldwide, it is working with the Department of State to gather information regarding his safety and whereabouts.

Levinson arrived on Iran's Kish Island on 8 March 2007, had several meetings at the Maryam Hotel, and then checked out the next day. However, he did not fly to Dubai on a previously scheduled flight. Indeed, there is no record of him leaving Kish Island. Nor is there any record of Mr Levinson using his passport or credit cards after 9 March 2007.

Watching the CIA

Netherlands spooks surveilled CIA bugging team

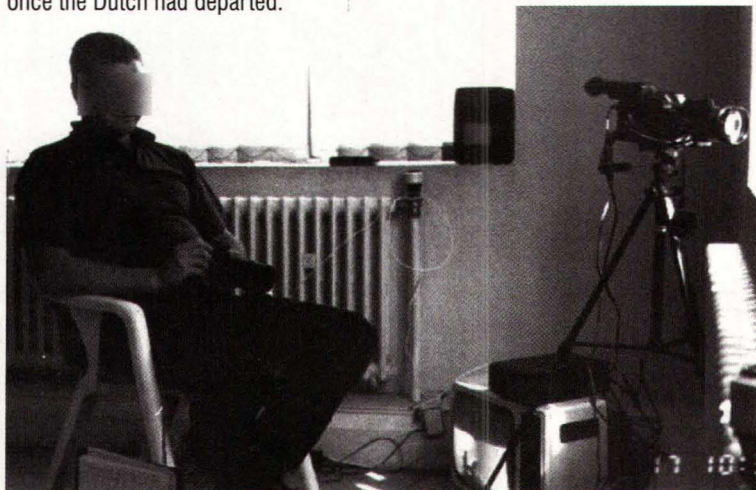


to install covert cameras and listening devices in the businessman's home. The operation was authorised by the Hague and undoubtedly any intelligence gleaned would have been shared with the CIA and MI6, as both agencies are heavily involved with monitoring nuclear trafficking.



Naturally the CIA Station Chief was called to account. The head of the AIVD and the Security Services Supervisory Commission (CTIVD) were informed and not amused. After a private meeting with US diplomatic staff, and calls between The Hague and Washington, the SC was recalled to Langley. A new senior CIA official was installed, and according to AIVD sources, the relations between the two countries are "excellent", primarily because he "operates more diplomatically."

What a surprise therefore when the surveillance equipment started to transmit images not of the businessman and his shadowy colleagues, but of a CIA team who had apparently followed the AIVD officers and entered the building once the Dutch had departed.



In Europe, it is not unusual for a CIA Station Chief (SC) attached to a US embassy to make his presence known to the host intelligence service. Indeed, the same applies to intelligence officers from Europe who are posted to the United States. Some call it protocol, others professional courtesy. But there is an understanding that covert operations should not be performed on "friendly countries". If you want intelligence on a particular topic, a simple request is often sufficient. Thus when a 20-man CIA team decided to go undercover in Milan to capture a suspected al-Qaida financier... and were rumbled, the Italian intelligence services were not impressed and both parties deeply embarrassed. A polite diplomatic row ensued, and the

CIA Station Chief left quietly never to return.

It has now been revealed that the CIA's most senior officer in the Netherlands was given a similar "exit route" and asked to pack his bags in 2005.

The CIA's secret operation in Holland concerned a Dutch outfit headed by a seemingly respected businessman, nuclear technology, and a rogue Pakistan nuclear scientist who peddled bomb secrets to a variety of willing bidders. According to intelligence sources, Holland's intelligence service - the AIVD (Algemene Inlichtingen- en Veiligheidsdienst) the Dutch counterpart of the CIA, was also investigating the affair. Undercover officers had managed

LAX Bomb Plotter

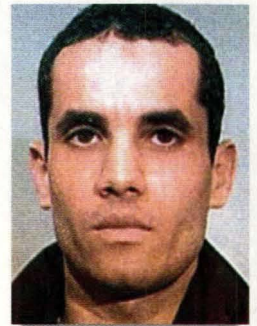
Millennium Plot Suspect Set For Release

One of the key figures behind an al-Qaida plot to attack Los Angeles Airport is set to be released by Britain. After seven years in custody the suspect, who can only be named 'U', can't be prosecuted because of a lack of evidence. His real name is not known.

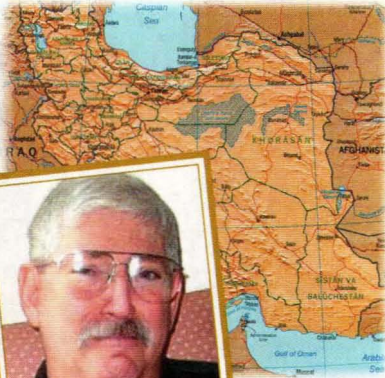
'U' was surveilled by MI5 before police arrested him in London in February 2001. This followed an operation to thwart a bomb attack in Strasbourg, France. US authorities charged 'U' with heading the al-Qaida cell that planned to strike at LAX on the eve of 2000, in a operation dubbed 'the millennium plot'. At the same time, US security services arrested another Algerian - Ahmed Ressay, at the Canadian border. Customs officers found a major consignment

of explosives in the boot of his car. Though convicted, Ressay cooperated with investigators and said 'U' was an Algerian and senior al-Qaida commander who oversaw recruiting in Europe and training at a camp in Afghanistan. In 2005, Ressay refused to testify against 'U', which effectively forced US prosecutors to drop an extradition request - and hence his release.

Abu Qatada, a Jordanian cleric who is allegedly bin-Laden's top ideologue in Europe, was also recently freed. Like Abu Qatada, strict bail conditions will limit the movement of 'U' and he will remain under surveillance.



Ahmed Ressay - refused to testify



Robert Levinson

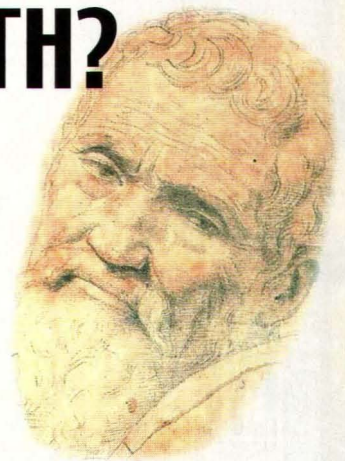
"This is a matter of great concern for the FBI," said FBI Assistant Director in Charge Joseph Persichini, Jr., Washington Field Office. "Bob had a long and distinguished FBI career, and he has a wife, four daughters, three sons, one grandchild, and another on the way, all awaiting his return. Plain and simple, our goal is to bring Bob home to his family."

THE BRIDGE OF FAITH?

DECODING THE SISTINE CHAPEL



Photo: Arron Logan www.lightmatter.net



Michaelangelo

Hocus pocus claim many art historians, but the mens work has become the focus of much attention, and is already on the *New York Times* bestseller list!

INTEL BRIEFS

PARIS: President Nicolas Sarkozy has announced that he will double France's intelligence budget and cut 50,000 troops. The move is his response to the threats of the 21st century.

DUBLIN: The US has given the Irish Government assurances that the CIA never used Shannon Airport for 'extraordinary rendition' flights of suspected terrorists.

WASHINGTON: A US 'Hit-to-Kill' missile test to intercept a long-range incoming rocket was postponed until December due to a "technical hitch" according to the Missile Defense Agency.

LONDON: It is understood that GCHQ - the UK's intelligence eavesdropping arm, has already applied for additional funding over the government's all-seeing "black box" programme. (see Eye Spy 56)

MOSCOW: Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Kislyak, says his country would "neutralise" any threat from the US defence shield being built in the Czech Republic.

BAGHDAD: The CIA, who believe al-Qaida is running out of steam in Iraq, say many of its fighters are fleeing the country and heading for Somalia and Sudan.

The authors of a controversial new book - *The Sistine Secrets: Michelangelo's Forbidden Messages in the Heart of the Vatican*, claim the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, created in the early 16th century, contains hidden codes that form a "bridge" between Roman Catholicism and the Jewish religion.

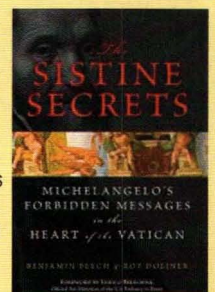
Rabbi Benjamin Blech, an associate professor of Talmud at Yeshiva University in New York, and Roy Doliner, a tour guide at the Vatican, say after scanning the figures of the 14,000 square foot ceiling, they have discovered an array of shapes that are related to Hebrew figures.

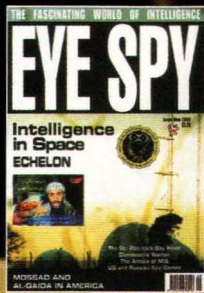
Rabbi Blech claimed that all the figures in Michelangelo's masterpiece are Jewish. Speaking on television, Doliner explained Blech's thoughts: "He emphasises only Old Testament figures in the entire ceiling, and what he was trying to say was: 'Why have we ignored our true roots?'"

The authors also contend that the tree of life depicted in the fresco is not, as previously believed, an apple tree, but a fig tree - according to ancient Jewish tradition. The entire Sistine Chapel is in the same proportions as the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, claims the book - and is a "lost mystical message of universal love" deliberately created to be decoded.

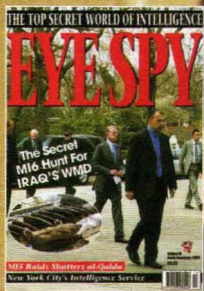
ABOUT THE SISTINE SECRETS

Five hundred years ago Michelangelo began work on a painting that became one of the most famous pieces of art in the world - the Sistine Chapel ceiling. Every year millions of people come to see Michelangelo's Sistine ceiling, which is the largest fresco painting on Earth in the holiest of Christianity's chapels; yet according to the authors - there is not one single Christian image in this vast, magnificent artwork.

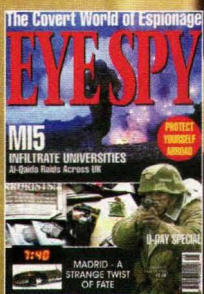




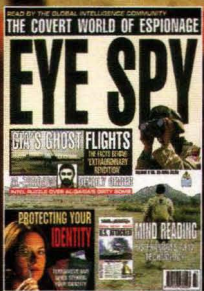
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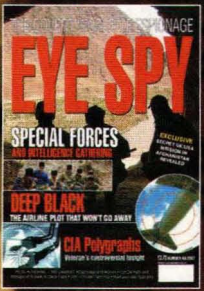
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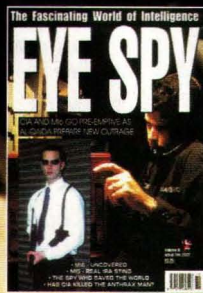
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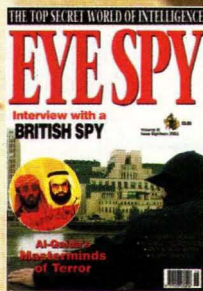
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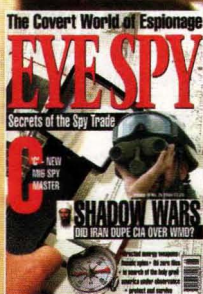
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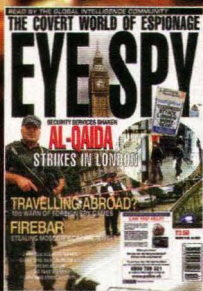
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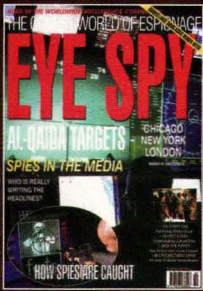
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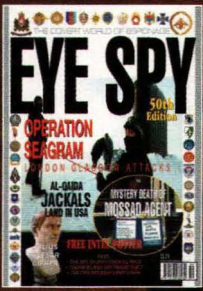
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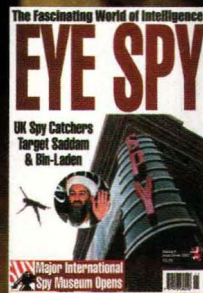
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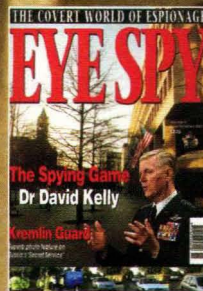
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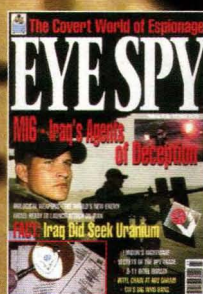
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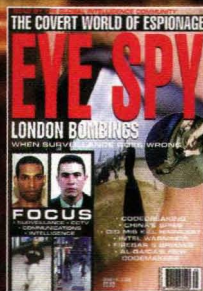
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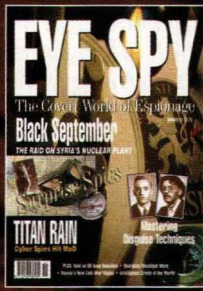
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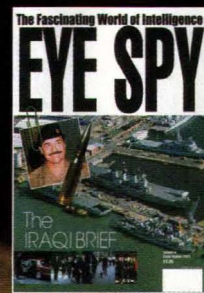
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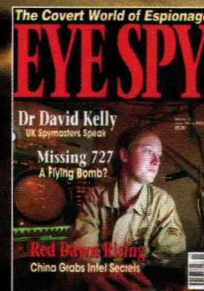
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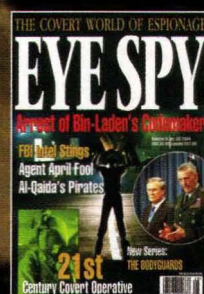
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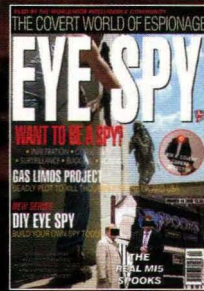
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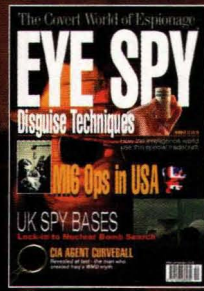
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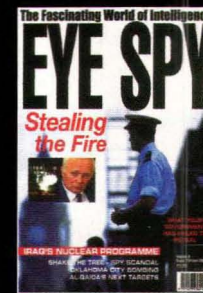
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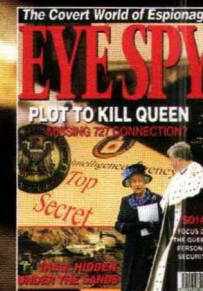
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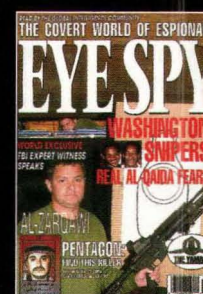
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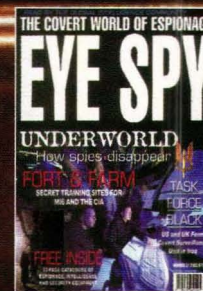
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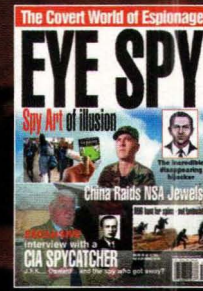
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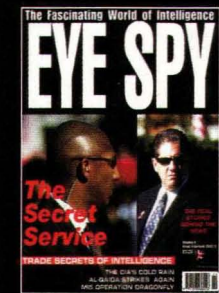
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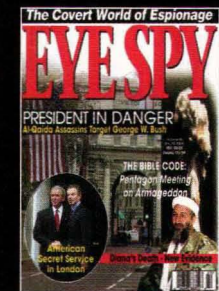
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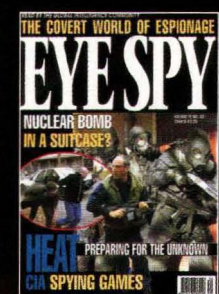
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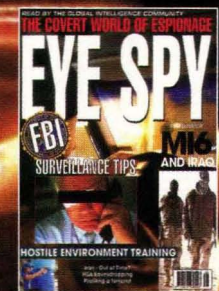
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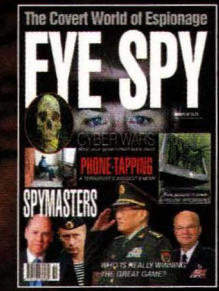
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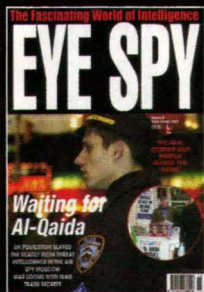
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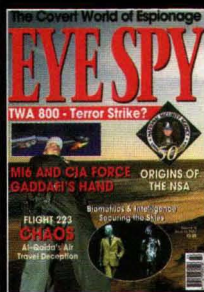
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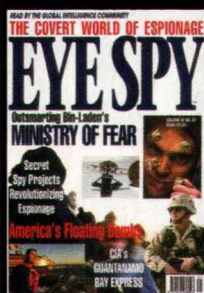
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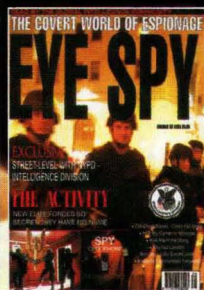
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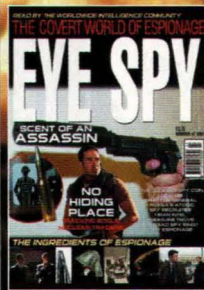
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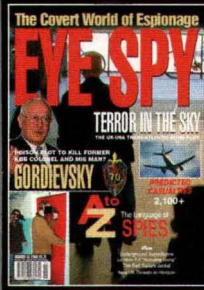
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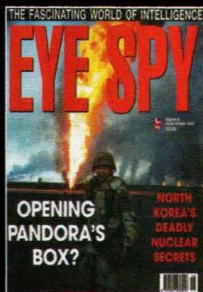
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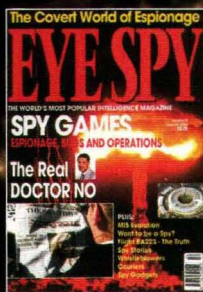
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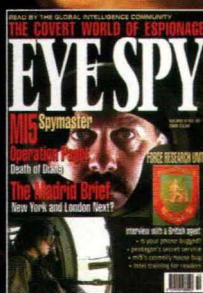
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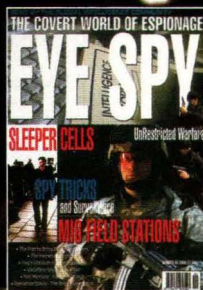
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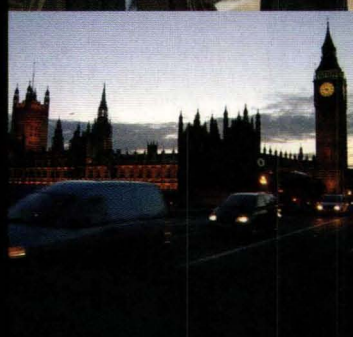
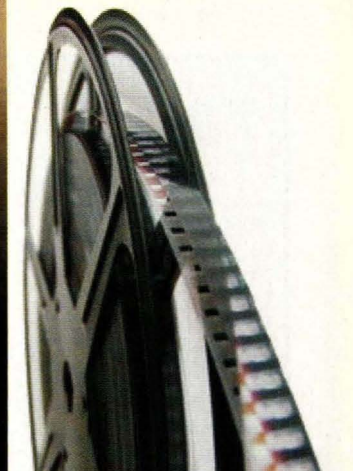
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IRAN'S STRANGE MISSILE TEST PHOTOGRAPH

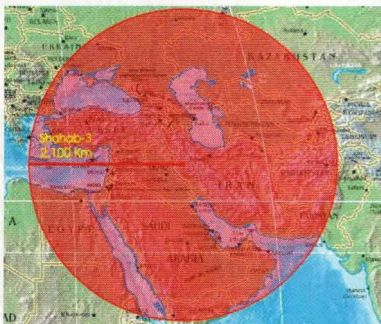
Revolutionary Guards Photoshop skulduggery revealed

Iran has released images and news of a "long range missile test" that it conducted apparently in May or June. Foreign Ministry spokesman

Hamid Reza said the Shahab-3 (translated to meteor) could now strike Israel and certainly US bases in the region. First tested in 1998, the ballistic missile has a range of about 800 miles, but Iran now claims this has been extended to 1250.

The Shahab-3 missile has been likened to a clone of North Korea's No Dong surface-to-surface missile, but is built in Iran.

Intelligence analysts were bemused by one particular photograph that first appeared on 10 July 2008, on the Sepah News website (a media front outfit owned by Iran's Revolutionary Guards). Bemused because the photo showed three missiles... and then it suddenly changed to four. Graphics' experts examined the imagery and concluded to make the picture more impressive, a fourth missile had been added using Photoshop software... not a difficult thing to do, but a mistake after you have released the original.



The Associated Press was one of only a few organisations to publish the correct image, but many others reproduced the faked picture (seen below). Following the outing of the rogue image, Sepah republished the three missile photo without explanation.

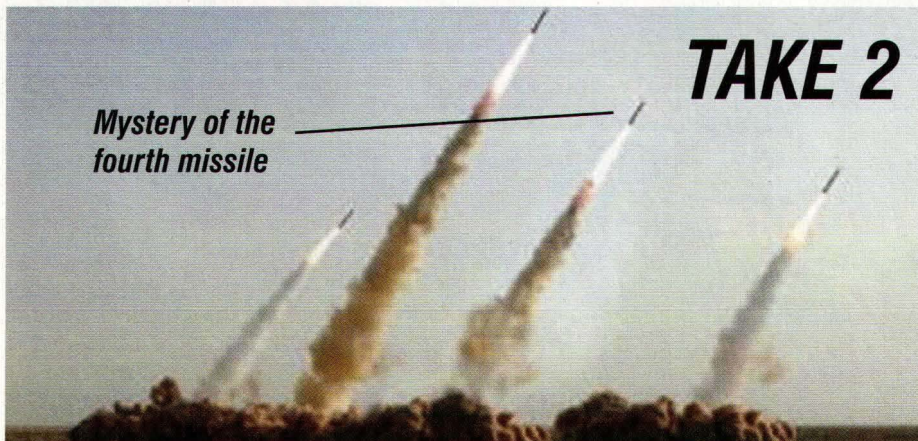
"There's no doubt the photo was doctored," said Mark Fitzpatrick, director of the Non-Proliferation Programme for the London-based International Institute For Strategic Studies.

Despite this, intelligence watchers believe the test did take place and was monitored by US intelligence which has several reconnaissance satellites constantly monitoring Iran. In total, nine missiles were launched.

Iran says the operation concludes the testing of the missile which is now being delivered to the army. Hoseyn Salami, commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guards' air force, said: "Our missiles are ready for shooting at any place and any time, quickly and with accuracy."

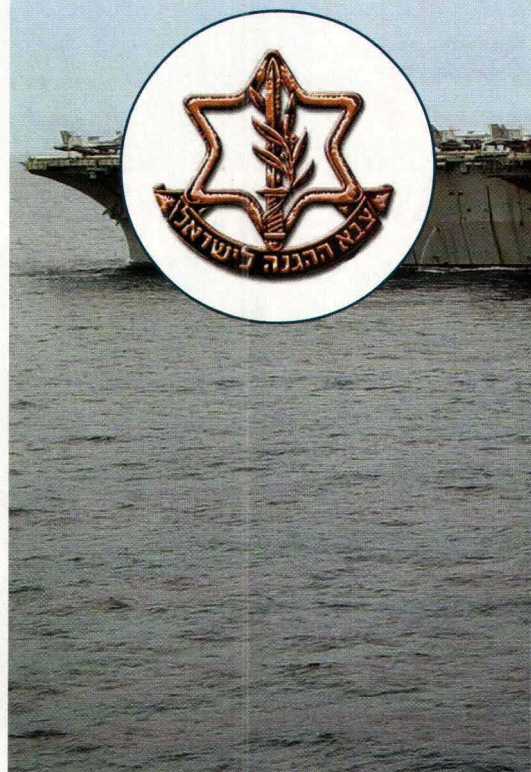
TAKE 2

Mystery of the fourth missile



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Details of massive
Israeli Air Force
exercise over
Mediterranean
leaked by IDF





The war games took place amid new intelligence that Iran's Revolutionary Guard, responsible for the success of the Iranian nuclear programme, has created a number of 'front companies' to fast-track uranium enrichment.

The IAF exercise provided valuable intelligence to senior war planners who have been busy preparing the IAF for what would be an incredibly risky operation, both militarily and politically. Commenting on the ever-increasing likelihood of an attack, Ali Shirazi, Ayatollah Khamenei's representative to the Revolutionary Guard told the ISNA news agency: "The first bullet fired by America at Iran will be followed by Iran burning down its vital interests around the globe. The Zionist regime is pressuring White House officials to attack Iran. If they commit such a stupidity, Tel Aviv and US shipping in the Persian Gulf will be Iran's first targets and they will be burned. The

Iranian nation is a nation of believers which believes in jihad and martyrdom. No army in the world can confront it."

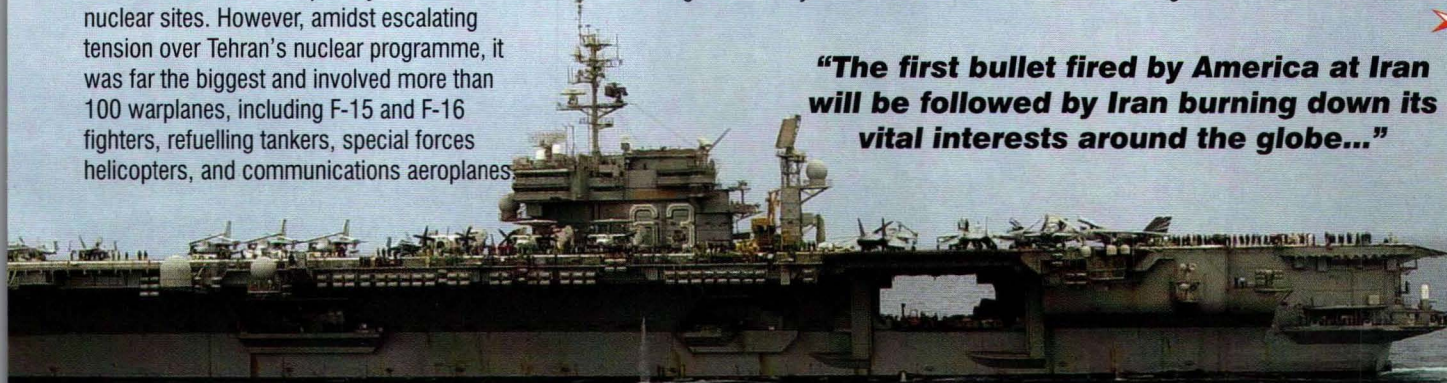
Israeli intelligence has pin-pointed at least a dozen Iranian facilities it considers part of a much wider nuclear programme, elements of which are suspected to have a weapons capability. With this in mind, and the fact that some of the sites are 1,000 miles from Israel, fighter aircraft flew almost that distance skirting the east coast of central Italy before being refuelled and returning to air bases in the north of Israel. Intelligence sources say the aircraft were involved in a "dress rehearsal" for an attack, should diplomatic efforts fail to persuade Iran to suspend its uranium enrichment.

An Israeli Defence Forces' spokesman refused to comment on suggestions the exercise was a direct warning to Iran: "The Israeli Air Force

News that the IAF (Israeli Air Force) conducted a major exercise over the Mediterranean Sea in June came as no surprise to intelligence watchers. It is the third such operation initiated to test its capability to attack Iran's nuclear sites. However, amidst escalating tension over Tehran's nuclear programme, it was far the biggest and involved more than 100 warplanes, including F-15 and F-16 fighters, refuelling tankers, special forces helicopters, and communications aeroplanes.

"The first bullet fired by America at Iran will be followed by Iran burning down its vital interests around the globe..."

Revolutionary Guard threaten to attack US and Israeli ships in the Gulf region





General Johanan Locker, chief of the Israel Air Force Air Division, briefs Major Gen. Axel Tüttelmann, commander of the NATO Airborne Early Warning and Control Force, on different aspects of Israel's air capabilities

regularly trains for various missions in order to confront and meet the challenges posed by the threats facing Israel."

Such exercises are not unique. Israel has been preparing such a task force since the mid-1990s, under a programme started by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Rabin ordered the IDF to acquire long-range bombers and other components necessary to thwart or dismantle Iran's nuclear plants. The programme was hastened in 2006, when Israel reconfigured some of its warplanes and quietly purchased the latest US "bunker-busting" bombs. These are considered necessary as Iran has moved major parts of its nuclear programme underground.

next two years would be critical. This is perceived as a warning that by 2010, Tehran will have a nuclear weapons' capability. In America, former US diplomat James Placke warned observers that the Israeli manoeuvres should be viewed as more than just a psychological action.

Gholamhossein Elham, a spokesman for the Iranian government said the IAF exercise "demonstrates the Islamic Republic of Iran's view that this is a dangerous regime and an impediment to peace and calm in the region and world." And speaking on state radio shortly after news of the exercise was leaked by US intelligence, Ahmad Khatami, a senior Iranian cleric said: "If the enemies, particularly Israel and its

Destroyed Syrian site was to host Iran bomb



German intelligence believes both North Korea and Syria have assisted Iran in developing its nuclear programme. Reports suggest all three countries were behind the destroyed reactor at the Al-Kibar site in the east of Syria. Indeed, some German intelligence officials have gone further, and are convinced Syria had agreed to let Iran use Al-Kibar to help manufacture a bomb until its own facilities were ready. The Iran-Syria agreement was allegedly brokered by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad when he visited Damascus in 2006.

- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) officials recently investigated the site - though little of its original construction remains.

under observance

January 1996: A Russian-built Kilo-class submarine, the third purchased by Iran, is towed in the Mediterranean Sea

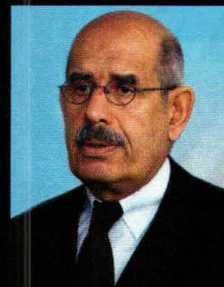
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Analysts believe Iran is currently manufacturing one kilogram of low-enriched uranium. Iran says this is for energy purposes. By early 2009, Tehran will be outputting 500 kilograms, and experts note that just 700 kilograms is sufficient to begin enrichment for weapons-grade uranium for a nuclear bomb. However, the new Revolutionary Guard front companies are constructing components for advanced P2 centrifuges which can enrich uranium three times as fast as Iran's current P1 centrifuges.

Israeli Transportation Minister and former Army chief Shaul Mofaz, has already publicly stated that an attack on Iran was unavoidable because worldwide international sanctions had been ineffective. And senior Israeli MP Tzachi Hanegbi, chairman of the powerful parliamentary committee on foreign affairs and defence, speaking on radio station *Voice of Israel*, said the

American backers, adopt a language of force against Iran, they can be sure that they will receive a strong slap on the face from Iran."

The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Mohamed ElBaradei (below), said he would resign if Israel attacked Iran, and warned it would "transform the Middle East region into a ball of fire." Vitaly Churkin, Russia's ambassador to the United Nations agreed: "A military move would have devastating consequences for the prospect of resolving the Iranian nuclear issue, for the region and internationally."



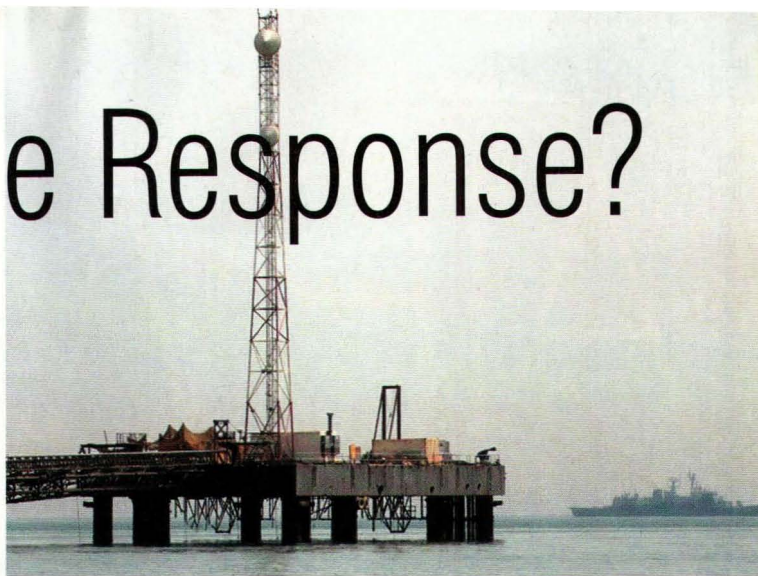
Iran's Maritime Response?

"Do not underestimate Iran's Navy"

Although the Soviet Navy imploded following the fall of the Berlin Wall, Russian submarines, sensors, and weapons became commercially available. Iran, operates at three Russian-built Kilo submarines and made no apologies for attempting to acquire Shkvals and the advanced wake-homer torpedoes. Russian high-performance wake-homing torpedoes can be fired at long range targets with a significant probability of kill.

In 2000, Rear Admiral Albert Konetzni, US Navy Commander Submarine Force (Pacific Fleet) noted Iran was quickening its

efforts to build a powerful fleet. "With the purchase of foreign submarine technology and tactical weapons, Iran is rapidly developing a navy that could interdict vital sea lanes in the Straits of Hormuz." Indeed, Iran's submarines have conducted many exercises in this sea region, and US intelligence has been impressed. In 1995, the late Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Jeremy M. 'Mike' Boorda publicly admitted: "I am surprised by how well they are performing... I didn't think that they would be able to maintain it [the first Russian submarine purchased] and operate it as well as they apparently are..."



If attacked, Iran would target shipping and oil platforms in the Gulf

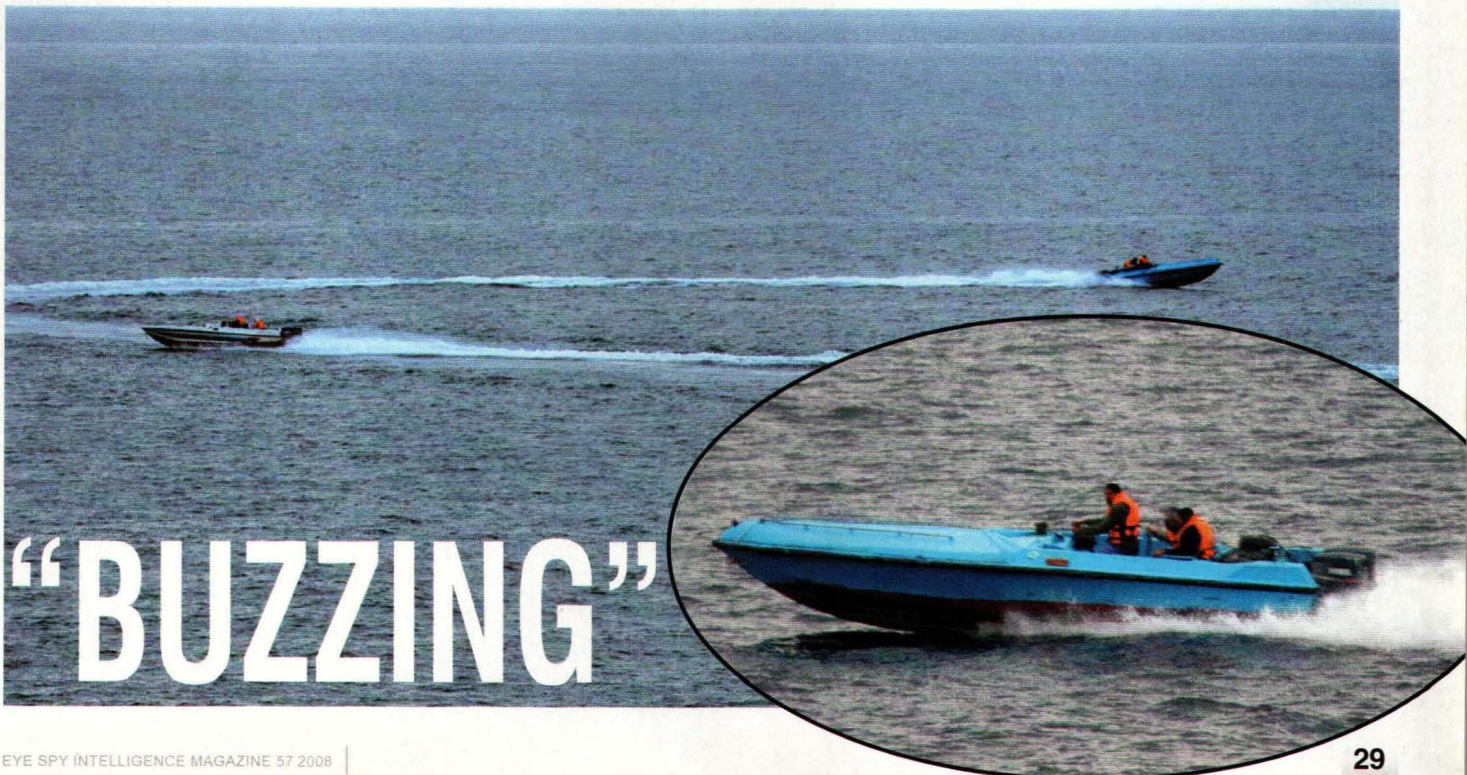
Just how much the Iranians have progressed in this area was realised in May 2005. The Iranian Defence Ministry announced it had begun work on a new submarine, saying it was "undetected and capable of firing missiles and torpedoes simultaneously." A ministry official said the new submarine is called the Ghadir - after a religious holiday.

In 2006, some 17,000 Revolutionary Guards conducted a massive maritime military exercise in the Persian Gulf using a variety of vessels and aircraft. The manoeuvres extended from the northern Gulf coastline to Chabahar on Iran's southern coast in the Sea of Oman. Tests also included the firing of Fajr-3 missiles (difficult to pick-up on radar) and capable of striking several targets with multiple

warheads. Other parts of the exercise saw pilots using a flying boat to skip under radar and superfast speedboats to 'attack' larger vessels. They also showcased what Western intelligence believe is Iran's eighth submarine - Nahang (Whale).

- Iran acquired its first Kilo-class submarine in the early 1990s. On 4 August 1993, Iran took delivery of a second Russian Kilo-class diesel submarine, and the third arrived 18 January 1996. Russia went ahead with the first two deliveries despite vigorous US protests. In response to administration pressure and US sanctions legislation, Russia formally pledged in June 1995 not to enter any new arms contracts with Iran, although prior arms contracts could be implemented.

Five superfast craft piloted by Iran's Revolutionary Guard Navy (IRGCN), manoeuvre aggressively in close proximity of the US Navy Aegis-class cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73), Aegis-class destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) and frigate USS Ingraham (FFG 61). All three ships were sailing in formation and had just completed a routine Strait of Hormuz transit. The US Navy issued a firing warning and the small boats moved away. The incident occurred in January 2008.



COURTESY US NAVY

"BUZZING"

AIRWAVES

Is al-Qaida's Internet propaganda wing winning secret communications battle?

Unlike the IRA, al-Qaida does not have a political wing, but surprisingly, it does have a fully-functioning media unit that is increasingly out-putting professional propaganda

Hiding somewhere on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, Osama bin-Laden decides it's time for another video or tape-recorded message to be made. For a number of years his messages were secreted out of Afghanistan through various hands and ultimately ended up with the satellite channel Al-Jazeera. However, increasingly the television company has started to just play snippets, where in the past, bin-Laden could be guaranteed his speeches would be played in full. His supporters simply tuned-in to Al-Jazeera to hear the latest news. Now with clips edited, a furious bin-Laden and his followers said his words were being taken out of context. So he went to 'plan-B' - he would create his own media outfit that he could control - even though he is so isolated.

Today, his lieutenants make contact with a most trusted courier, one who is also well-versed in the art of film production. The courier works for a shadowy outfit known as as-Sahab - the propaganda wing of al-Qaida.

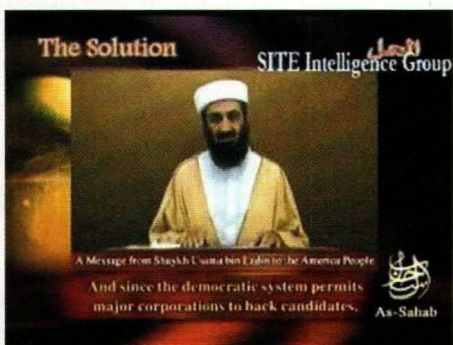




takes place. The problem is, they are out of reach. And once produced, the films are easily uploaded on the Internet and within seconds the group's supporters receive their fresh news broadcast. As-Sahab has become the communications lifeblood of al-Qaida, and especially bin-Laden.

Before transporting the film it is saved on small computer storage sticks which end up on an editing suite. US intelligence have been able to determine that professional editing suites are being used indicating financial backing. The recordings are then uploaded via Internet cafes in town and cities randomly selected in various countries, making it virtually impossible for the security services to track. Some films are even subtitled in English and other languages.

Such films often feature the faces of new characters who have threats to al-Qaida. But those who choose to appear are unwittingly providing the intelligence world with a wealth of data, for NSA and GCHQ continue to monitor such sites as al-Sahab. 'Secure' chatrooms are also easily infiltrated. Once a terrorist shows his face, they become vulnerable. The feared terrorist al-Zarqawi, who operated in Iraq was a relatively secret operative... until he appeared in a May 2006 video. With his face now in the public domain, it didn't take too long for sightings to come pouring in. He was killed eight weeks later when a warplane bombed a safe house. Senior Taliban commander Mullah Dadullah

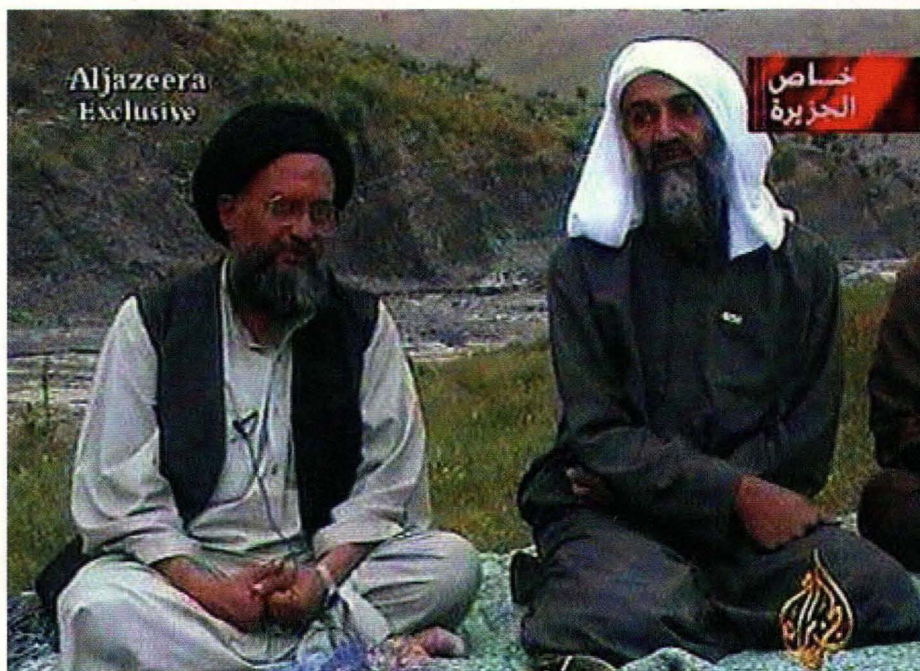


Bin-Laden gets his message across on As-Sahab

As-Sahab means "the clouds" and takes its name from the tall mountains in Afghanistan. When it first emerged in the early 2000s, the productions were poor and usually focused on bin-Laden as he sat quietly alongside his weapon... the slogans of jihad behind him. That has changed and al-Sahab is using some pretty good wired and wireless technology to bring together al-Qaida cells and supporters from every corner of the world. To celebrate the fifth anniversary of 9/11, it produced *'The Manhattan Raid'*, a documentary-type film that surprised many due to its professional look. Yet the CIA know where the couriers go and has a rough idea of the area where the filming

In 2007, as-Sahab produced nearly 100 video films and audio tapes - all accessible on the Internet and easily down-loaded on to your cell phone or i-Pod. Most were the quiet rantings of bin-Laden and his commanders, others were packed with a million reasons why ordinary people should join al-Qaida and the global war, many featured clips of attacks on Coalition forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. And while they offered the intelligence services a real insight into al-Qaida (and anyone who is watching al-Sahab), the fact that the terror group is increasingly using the Internet to good effect, is concerning.

Left: British troops in the mountains of Afghanistan. Despite tens of thousands of Coalition forces in the country, al-Qaida has a burgeoning propaganda studio that has become increasingly sophisticated



Bin-Laden and his deputy Zawahiri on Al-Jazeera television in 2002. With the advent of new technology, the terror chief no longer has to risk using his network of couriers to send video and audio clips to the media - he simply asks As-Sahab to upload them on the Internet

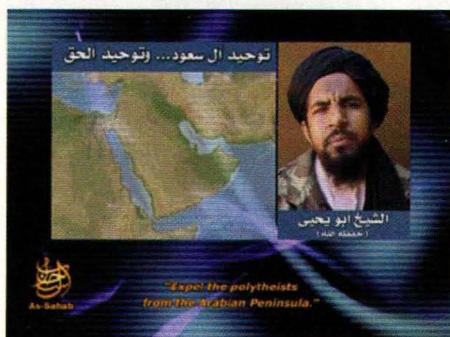


Above and below: Starring in his own 'films' - Adam Yahye Gadahn - aka Adam Pearlman



lasted for 36 hours after giving a film interview. But it is the al-Qaida way; its supporters demand to see the faces of their heroes.

Alongside al-Sahab is al-Fajr Media Centre - al-Qaida's distribution and communications' network. And if anything, Al-Fajr, which translates to "dawn" is an even more important propaganda tool. Using highly skilled computer-savvy people across the world Al-Fajr forwards technical data that has been described as "Internet Security and Counter-measures". In recent times they have clashed with Al-Jazeera for allegedly "editing out" certain statements made by al-Qaida's leadership, calling it "manipulation". Though NSA and GCHQ have "entered" its world, because it is constantly evolving, it makes identifying the senior players extremely difficult.



As-Sahab film - with graphics and message for fighters

FBI MOST WANTED

NOTES ON AZZAM THE AMERICAN

Date of Birth: 1 September 1978

Hair: **Brown**

Place of Birth: **United States**

Eyes: **Hazel**

Height: **5'11"**

Sex: **Male**

Weight: **210 pounds**

Complexion: **Light**

Build: **Medium**

Citizenship: **United States**

Languages: **Arabic, English**

Scars and Marks: **Gadahnn has**

scars on his chest and right forearm.



Adam Yahye Gadahn was indicted in the Central District of California for treason and material support to al-Qaida. The charges are related to Gadahn's alleged involvement in a number of terrorist activities, including providing aid and comfort to al-Qaida and services for al-Qaida.

The Rewards For Justice Programme, United States Department of State, is offering a reward of up to \$1 million for information leading to the arrest of Adam Yahye Gadahn. **SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS**

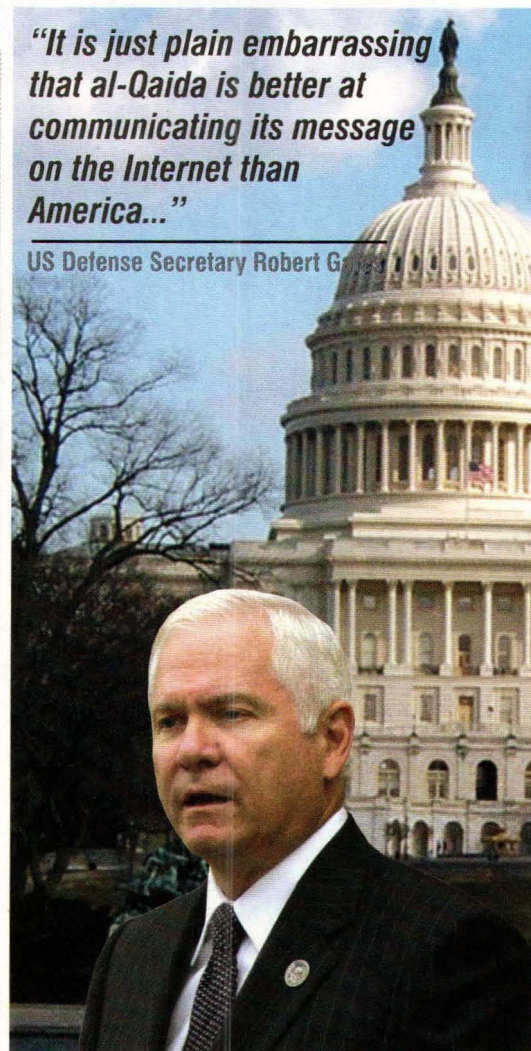
The rebranding and creative professionalism of as-Sahab is probably due to the influence of Adam Gadahn (born Adam Pearlman), an American who joined al-Qaida in 2003 and who has taunted the United States and its partners in several videos. Better known as "Azzam the American", he was actually recruited by 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. Gadahn was reportedly killed in February this year, though his profile and a \$1 million reward remain on the FBI's "Most Wanted" web page. Gadahn has featured in many of al-Sahab's films, and in a recent production called 'An Invitation to Reflection and Repentance', Gadahn rips his US passport in two and urges the country's citizens to join al-Qaida. For that incident and providing al-Qaida with support, he was charged with treason.

Nick Grace an intelligence watcher who monitors al-Qaida's activities isn't convinced Gadahn is dead. He believes the group would have made capital of having an American martyr. But since rumours of his death surfaced, Grace has noticed the quality and sophistication of al-Sahab's productions decline. Some films have not been properly loaded in their correct sequence and the "gloss" is not present in others. Grace said: "This is the first technical mistake that I have seen them make since the events back in September 2007, when a bin-Laden videotape was improperly handled.

Senior defence officials recognise that while al-Qaida will never be able to promote itself as an organisation for good, it is successfully making contact with individuals and overseas groups that are increasingly branding themselves as al-Qaida. This in the face of major government efforts to persuade people to reject its violence. Last year US Defense Secretary Robert Gates commented: "It is just plain embarrassing that al-Qaida is better at

"It is just plain embarrassing that al-Qaida is better at communicating its message on the Internet than America..."

US Defense Secretary Robert Gates



communicating its message on the Internet than America. As one foreign diplomat asked a couple of years ago, 'How has one man in a cave managed to out-communicate the world's greatest communication society?'"

In Iraq, an autonomous media unit allowed insurgents and al-Qaida to liaise and reach out to other affiliates. In 2005, MI5 tracked down its creator Younis Tsouli and dismantled his Web network.

FEUDAL INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

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Part Three

Many of the feudal spying organisations such as the Ninja of Japan, Hawarang of Korea, and Feudal Assassins of Syria, used subtle mind conditioning to effect some of their information gathering roles. In issue 56 Mike Finn spoke of the disguises used by the Ninja, their methods of obtaining information, and ways in which information was passed on. This was only part of the picture...

Cognitive skills played an important role in all feudal operations, especially those involving undercover work, or stealth exercises. For example the Hwarang warriors of Korea included "Shin Gong" (mind development) in their training curriculum. This includes Dok Shim Sul and Shin Kyun Sul (both forms of telepathy), Un Shin Bup (stealth skills), Ne Gong (inner power skills), Gun Shin Pup (the art of concealment), and Kyuk Pa Sul (drawing on latent powers of the mind). Others such as the Ninja used similar training methods.

The Ninja were often required to infiltrate a community in disguise, or follow a suspect and report on their activities. However, without proper mind training, these roles were no more than shadows of their true potential. Anyone worth their salt was able to detect these infiltrators with ease. Even without training we all have this latent potential, at some time in your life you must have experienced a moment when, a person joins your social group and without any valid reason, you know something about them is not quite right, which later proves to be true. In the 1960s as



These Ninja are using special meditation techniques to develop the potential of their mind and to enhance senses. The hand gestures are called 'kuji-in' (kuji-kuri) and help them focus on their intended goal

By Mike Finn

a police officer I worked with another officer who had this uncanny skill. I remember that one night we stopped a Bentley, the male occupant was wearing an evening suit, complete with cummerbund. My colleague demanded that he undid his cummerbund, and to my amazement, this well spoken man had a length of rope concealed under it. In fact, his

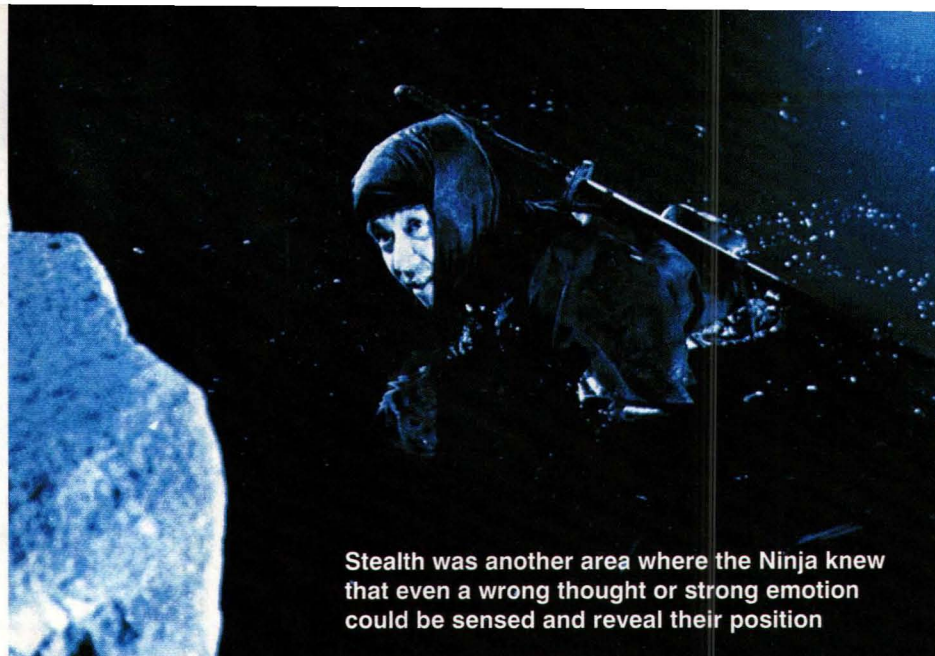
suit was full of house breaking instruments. He had used this disguise for years without being caught, it was my friend's intuition that led to his downfall. In this modern world we rarely glimpse our true potential, but in the feudal world of espionage it was a tool to be developed and used.



If a person is being consciously followed by someone, even though they have no training, often they can pick up on the mind state of the person following them. The same applies to a person who has taken on a disguise, if their state of mind is at odds with their role, they can be detected. The sceptic may not agree with this, however, I am simply relating the concepts behind these phenomena. For example, ask a few anglers, how often have they sat without even a single bite on the line, then the next day when they are simply strolling along the river bank, without a thought of fishing in their mind, the fish are leaping out of the water everywhere, the only difference is their mind state.

In today's world many of our more intuitive attributes atrophy, because we rely too much on intellectual rationalisation. However, the ninja could differentiate between people while standing outside a room, and know their location in the room. Each person's breathing pattern is slightly different, the rustle of clothing is dissimilar, each individual's step has a distinct sound, these and many other attributes build a clear picture of events within the room. In the late 1960s I once stayed at a senator's house in Japan, he was well versed in these particular skills. After a few days, despite a large household of staff, he was able to pinpoint me as the person who used the bathroom in the early hours of the morning, because I had a particular bone in my foot that clicked. Such perception was invaluable to the feudal agent.

My own personal experience of these potentials began early in my police career, there were



Stealth was another area where the Ninja knew that even a wrong thought or strong emotion could be sensed and reveal their position



Successful tailing is as much mind state as it is technique. Without this, even an untrained person may sense they are being following. Mind training was a part of the Ninja's profession

many derelict houses on my beat, frequented by a wide selection of drunks and villains. I would search these premises, getting in through a broken window or door. A house left unattended often has a recognisable ambient temperature, in time I was able to stand outside a door and know whether someone was in the room, due to the change in temperature I felt through the door. As I honed my perception it was possible to have some idea of the number of people in the room. In time I was able to build a profile, simply by standing outside the door. However, on one occasion I stood outside a room and was sure someone was inside. The door was locked or wedged, so I gave it a hefty kick and it flew open to reveal a completely empty room, wrong I thought; pulling the door shut, there was a clatter and a groan from inside. Again I looked in the room to find a guy on the floor behind the door, with a bloody nose and iron bar in his hand. I guess squashing him behind the door took the wind out his sails. It also made me realise that my perceptual awareness needed tuning.

When in disguise the Ninja knew that without proper mind training, the role was no more than a shadow of their true potential to remain undiscovered



The power to develop our senses is often neglected. For example, how many people go into a supermarket and wander aimlessly round the aisles looking for the section they want. The key word here is looking, because I wonder how many try to locate the shelves by smell. Even canned foods have a different odour to packed foods, fish, vegetables, meat, cleaning items, all have a different scent. Some items such as frozen and hot foods can also be found by temperature. In today's world we do not explore our own potential. Information gathering is a much deeper concept than simply listening and relating.

In this article I have outlined how the feudal spy used their heightened senses to obtain information by perception, and how they developed mind state to complement their assignments. In the final article we can look into the scientific rationalisation of these feudal attributes and how they were attained.

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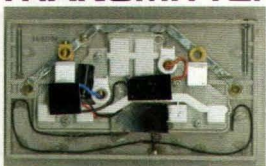


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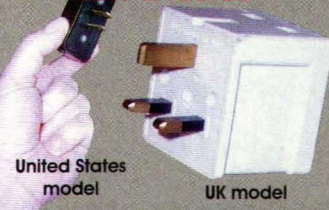
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The Journeymen of MI6

Like any developing company, it is not unusual for intelligence services to move home or expand existing premises. But eventually they find a suitable home and stay put. That's what happened in America with the CIA and now the name Langley has become synonymous with the CIA. The NSA's journey from Arlington Station to its present home at Fort Meade is another example. In London we find MI6 and Vauxhall Cross...

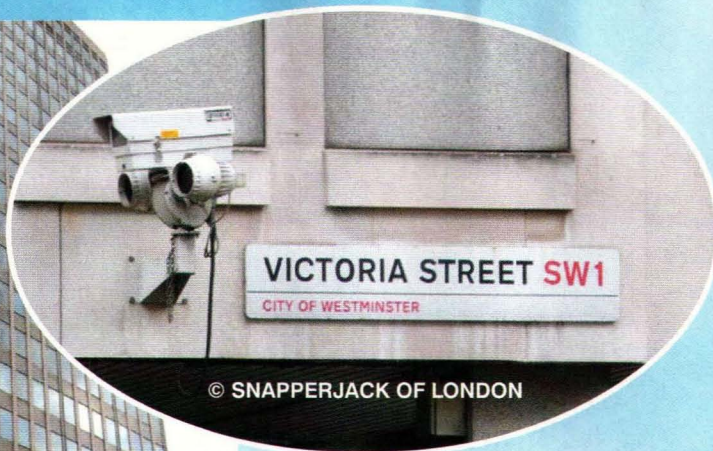
Few people interested in spy locations are not familiar with MI6's impressive headquarters situated at Vauxhall Cross on the banks of the River Thames. But the Service wasn't always housed in a such huge premises. MI6 or SIS (Secret Intelligence Service) had a modest start and premises when it was known as the Foreign Section of the Secret Service Bureau. Both the Foreign and the Home Sections of the Bureau rented office space at 64 Victoria Street, Westminster, from an enquiry agent. Commander Mansfield Cumming RN, the Head of the Foreign Section, was less than happy with the arrangement and was soon looking for alternative premises. This area is now occupied by Westminster Council.

Cumming worked long hours and most weekends. He wished to find accommodation that would combine both an office and living quarters. His choice, made within a matter of weeks of the original move to Victoria Street, was Ashley Mansions in Vauxhall Bridge Road, Westminster. This impressive building still exists today.

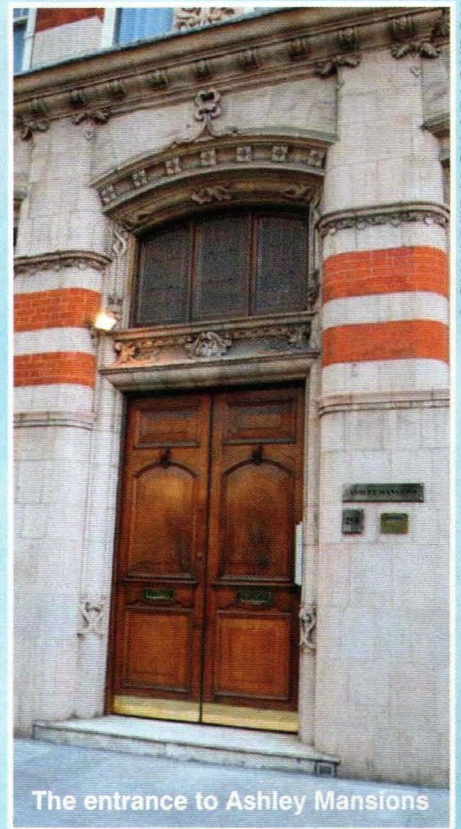


Mansfield Cumming

The steady expansion of the work of the Foreign Section eventually necessitated another move. Flat 54, 2, Whitehall Court, Westminster, brought several advantages, not least a greater proximity to the War



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The entrance to Ashley Mansions

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Office, Admiralty and Foreign Office in Whitehall (a few hundred feet from what is today the main entrance of Britain's Ministry of Defence). Cumming later took the decision to expand his accommodation at Whitehall Court, writing in his diary on 23 May 1916 "moved to a new office". Today this spectacular building still exists - and the entrance to number 2 Whitehall Court is home to a posh restaurant.

Whitehall Court remained the Service's headquarters until the end of the First World War. Security issues and reductions in the Service's finances and personnel then led to a

move away from Westminster to West Kensington. 1, Melbury Road has been described as "a large red brick mansion in Holland Park" and, as with Cumming's previous headquarters, it combined the function of office and residence of the Chief of SIS. It was here that Cumming died in June 1923. For the record, and like many historically important intelligence buildings, the building has long gone. Today the site is occupied by a modern block of expensive apartments.

Cumming's successor, Rear Admiral Hugh 'Quex' Sinclair, kept the Service at its west

London address for a few more years but a need to return nearer to the seat of government prompted yet another relocation. By 1926, SIS had moved into Broadway Buildings, 54, Broadway, near to St James's Park Underground Station close to the building used by the Home Office* and backing on to Queen Anne's Gate. The entrance was an unobtrusive doorway at number 21 Queen Anne's Gate. From here Sinclair ran his network of European stations under the cover of 'Passport Control Offices'. Sinclair himself decided to stay close to his work and moved in to a fourth floor apartment at the address



Move number two: From Victoria Street MI6 moved to Ashley Mansions



MI6 Chief - Hugh Sinclair

which was attended to by his sister Evelyn. At first, SIS and its recent adjunct, the Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS), occupied only the fourth and fifth floors but with the outbreak of the Second World War

the whole building was taken over. Meanwhile, Bletchley Park had been purchased by Sinclair as an emergency SIS war station and MI6's Station X occupied part of the mansion. It became famous as the centre of the GC&CS code-breaking effort.

British intelligence expert Christopher Andrew wrote about an interesting incident relating to Sinclair and the Broadway Buildings. Sinclair desperately wanted to keep the location of MI6's headquarters secret, but London's many cabbies started to talk about their visits and pick-ups at this building. And there were many sightings of Sinclair's Lancia which he often parked outside. One morning 'C' left the building and was shocked at what he discovered on the pavement directly outside the Broadway Buildings... a large arrow had been painted pointing to the doorway with the words *'To the British Secret Service Office'*. Another story - perhaps a tale - surrounding the building supposedly relates to the publication of a spy thriller. The Broadway Buildings are referred to as *'Pomona Lodge'* by its author. A move that allegedly hastened MI6's exit from the building.

Yet MI6 had remained at Broadway for almost forty years until in 1964 it moved to Century House, a dreadful 22-storey Ministry of Works



Move number three: Expansion for MI6 meant new premises and the Service chose premises in Whitehall Court - just feet from the War Office (not shown). In this photograph the headquarters of the Ministry of Defence is shown from Whitehall Court



The grandiose building that is Whitehall Court

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tower block in Westminster Bridge Road, Lambeth. Though situated right next to Lambeth North Tube Station, it wasn't ideally placed, and some officers complained they were easy surveillance targets travelling to and from the headquarters. In fact, most employees were said to be "deeply disappointed". However, the building became the Service's home for thirty years during the latter half of the Cold War.

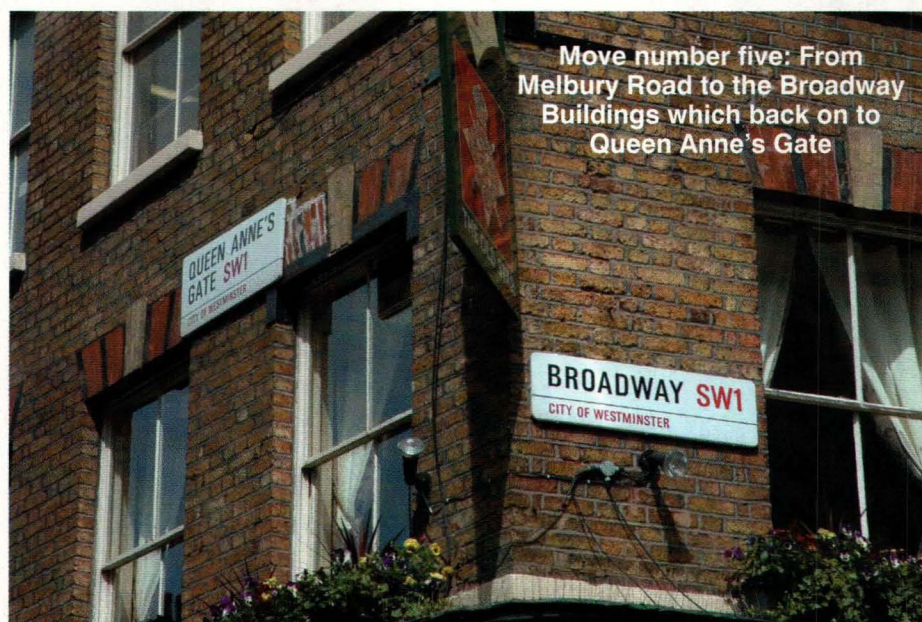
"modern intelligence service". In truth, the move was controversial and far removed from the classic buildings once occupied by this great cloak and dagger service. Some employees said it was like working in an insurance building.

A National Audit Office report published in 1985 on the building was highly critical of its security... "Some protective measures were put in hand immediately," the office later reported, but it was considered "irredeemably insecure." ➤

The glass and concrete tower block was chosen because it was said to reflect the functional business-like operations of a



Move number four: The old MI6 headquarters at Melbury Road has been replaced by flats



The magnificent Broadway Buildings - home to MI6 for nearly four decades

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The Old Star public house on the corner of Broadway and Queen Anne's Gate

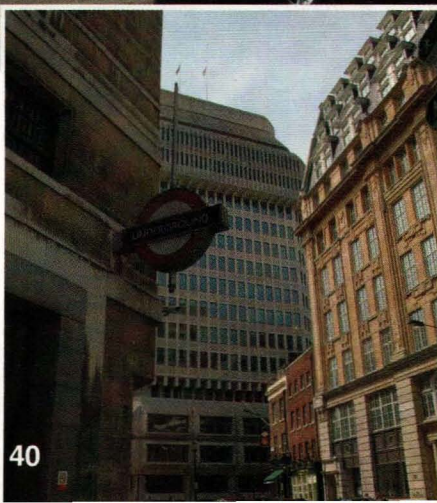
the building. There were constant checks on people renting or living in the apartments - just in case one happened to be an agent of the KGB. When MI6 decided to move to its current home on the banks of the River Thames, developers Nicholson Estates started to develop Century House into 180 plush air-conditioned flats. At the time, Gordon Andrews from the company commented it had been a "more than interesting project." Builders found a cell in the basement, and a shaft which led down to a volumetric disintegrator: Andrews says this was "a chemical disposal unit which was considered more secure than a shredder."

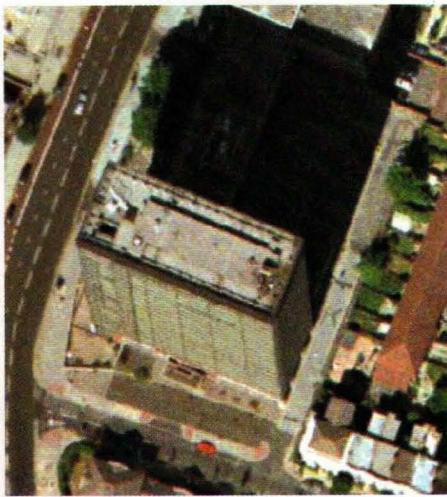
There was a persistent rumour that MI6 staff were shuttled into headquarters by Tube via their own private train line. The Bakerloo line and Northern line crosses diagonally under the building. "When we were first considering buying the building and contacted London Underground to find out whether there were any other tunnels below, they were noticeably evasive," said Mr Andrews.

As for building work, naturally there was a cross-over period when the move to Vauxhall Cross began. Builders working on the windows were only allowed to work at night so they could not look inside. Huge sheets of bomb-deflecting plastic film covered many of the windows. And the rumour that deep below Century House MI6 had constructed a nuclear bunker were never proven. There was only an

Locals were immediately suspicious and began commenting on the number of telephone vans parked outside. The glass windows also allowed virtually anyone living opposite in Burdett Street to see right inside

Editor's note: The Broadway Buildings today. Note its close proximity to the building used by the Home Office. In Eye Spy 56 we ran a feature called Black Box relating to UK surveillance. We should have pointed out that most government departments have relocated from here as the Home Office makes radical changes to its function.





Aerial view of MI6's Century House

underground car park. If it did exist, the Ministry of Works did a very good job in filling the cavity. The final staff left the building in 1994 when work on their new headquarters - dubbed "legoland" was completed.

Although almost within sight of its first headquarters, the large and prominent building on the banks of the River Thames is a far cry from the Service's beginnings in Victoria. But unlike Century House, MI6 has a headquarters that is the talk of the town, and visitors to the city can even take a land-boat from central London that exits the river within a few feet of the building. Hardly secret in nature but a must for tourists.

Designed by architect Terry Farrell and Partners at a cost of £237 million, intelligence watchers say the move to Vauxhall was a deliberate attempt to cast off the secretive



Move number six: This is redeveloped Century House - much changed in appearance from its heady days as MI6 headquarters

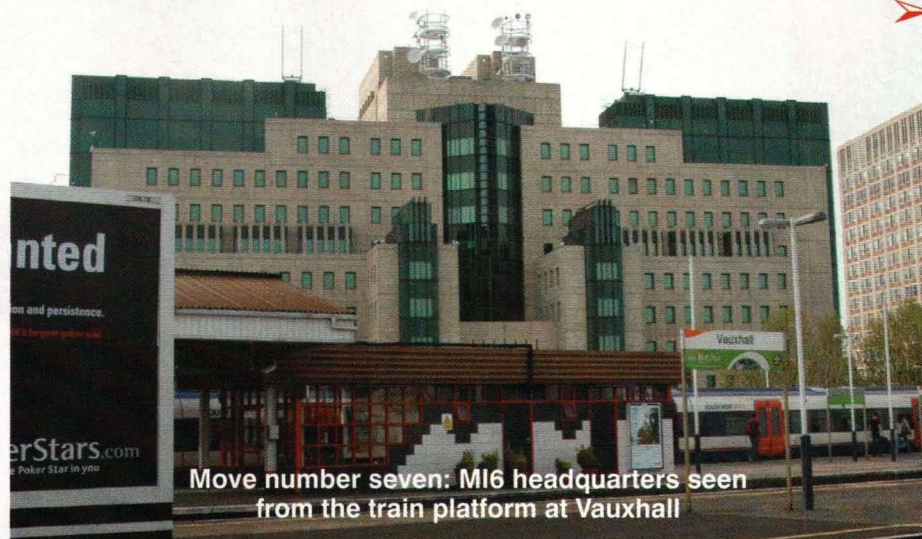
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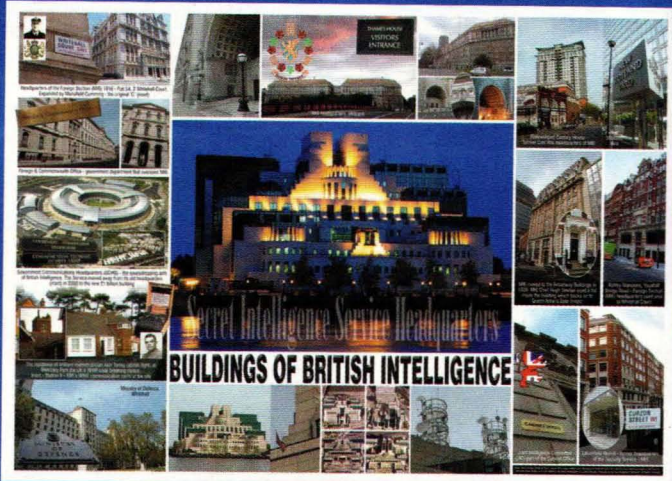
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image of the organisation. However, when the IRA attacked the building using a rocket launcher in 2000, some former officers questioned why a Service that once "theoretically never existed", should be sited in full view of London's 30 million tourists anyway.

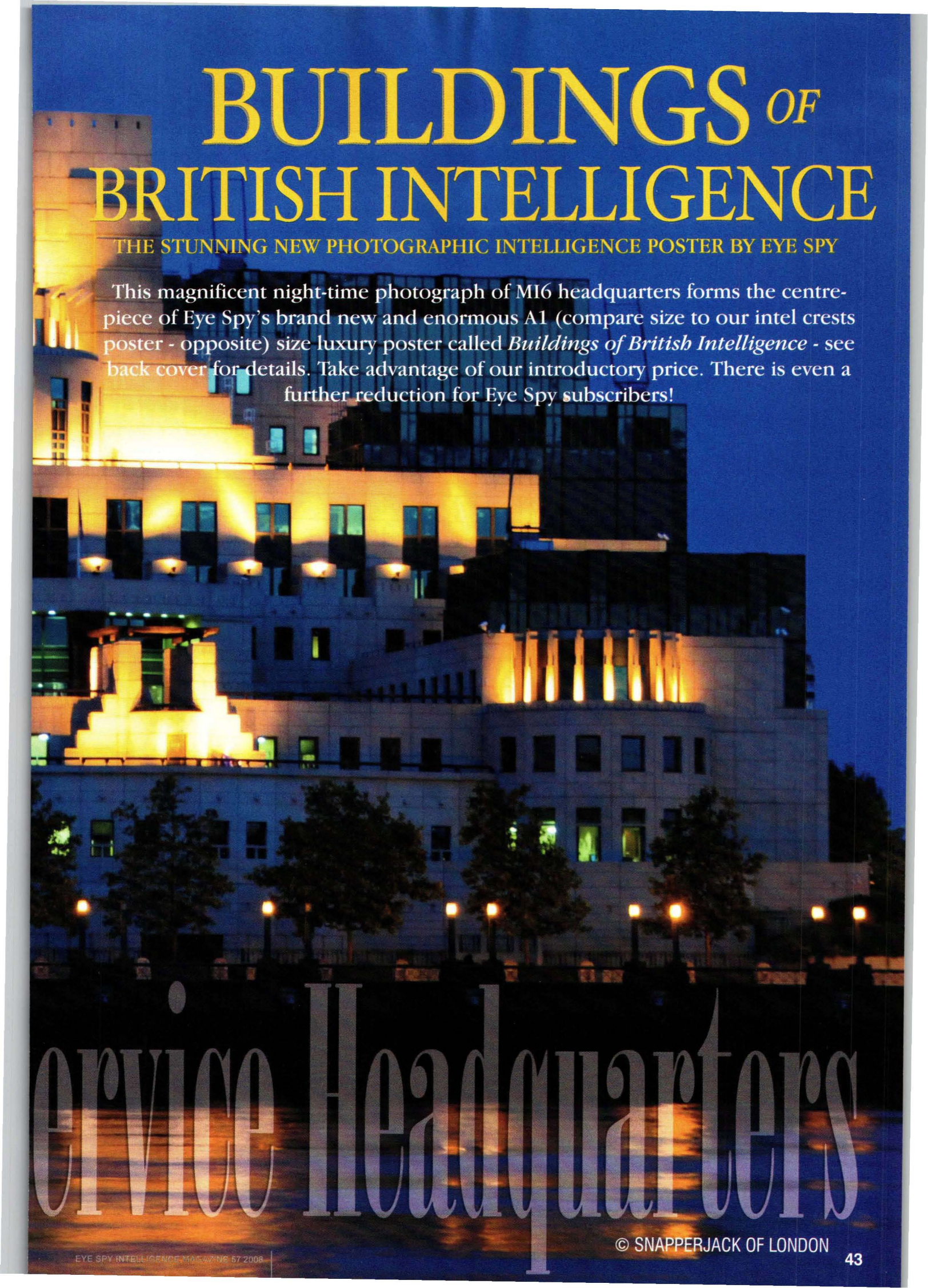
Besides these locations, generally accepted as headquarters, MI6 has used (and still uses) a variety of buildings and facilities to conduct its business, including training schools and debriefing rooms. In a future Spy London, we will examine some of these shadowy haunts...



Move number seven: MI6 headquarters seen from the train platform at Vauxhall



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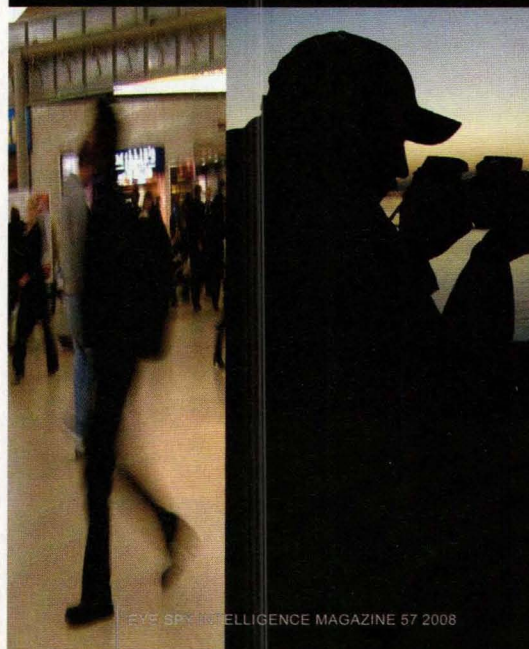
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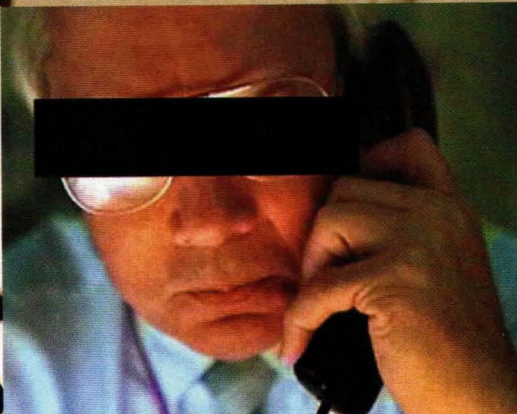
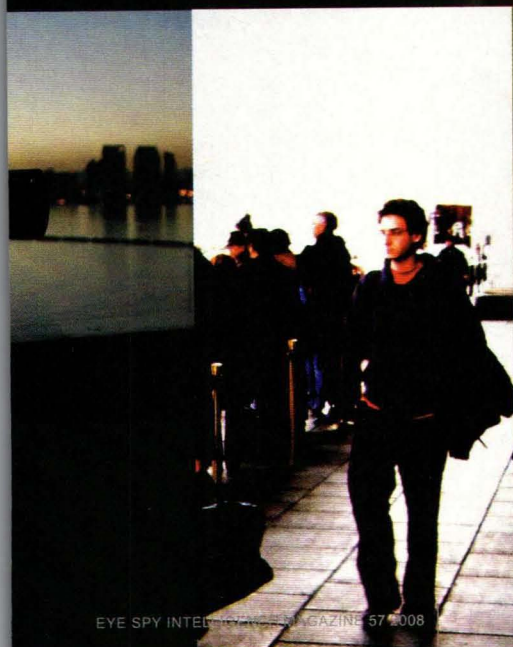
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FOUNDATIONS OF TACTICAL DRIVING

By Mark S. Kendrick
PART ONE

TRADECRAFT

Regardless of what system of driving I am teaching - and to whom - there are certain principles that I first wish to drive home. These guiding principles are fundamental to safety. They form the foundations on which tactical aspects of an operator's role should be built. In the same way that a building that is not built on sound foundations is more susceptible to collapse, an operator's driving safety will falter under the stress of an operation if the following safe driving essentials do not underpin their driving

style. More (British) soldiers are killed in road traffic accidents than in contact with the enemy, suggesting that driving safety is often unwittingly compromised.

First and foremost, it is essential to focus and concentrate all of the time. Most operators recognise this as common sense. However, in my experience common sense is actually not that common! Whenever an operator gets behind the wheel of a car they should avoid distractions, focusing on the driving environment and, of course, the mission. Commentary driving - the process of thinking out loud

(or sub-vocalising) about what is seen, what is not seen but which is anticipated, and what is planned to avoid or reduce perceived hazards or threats - is an effective tool for focusing concentration and, over time, conditioning higher level powers of concentration. For a surveillance operator carrying out mobile surveillance, their commentary becomes focused on communicating their target's intentions and actions to other members of their team who will often not be in a position to see the target. Any surveillance training course worth its price should develop this essential skill. For a single-crewed police driver engaged in a pursuit, their commentary serves numerous purposes, including providing a picture of happenings on the ground to all those involved in the containment and apprehension of a fleeing suspect. Other safe driving essentials are dependent on a focused state of mind, which is promoted by such commentaries.

It is also essential to avoid rushing, taking time to approach hazards in an unhurried fashion. By so doing, an operator will be able to identify each hazard, and have the time to make reasoned decisions about how to deal with them. An *in-slow-out-fast* approach works best. Approaching a busy roundabout, for instance, such an approach maximises



Following a vehicle too closely compromises safety - it also compromises a driver's view of the road ahead

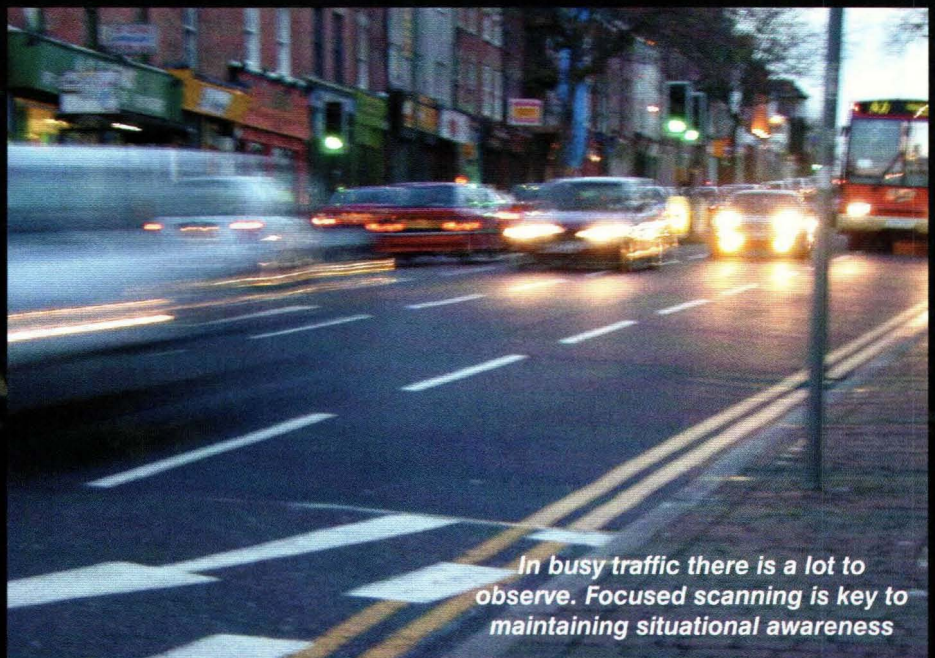
Specialist security driver and instructor
MARK S. KENDRICK begins a three-part series
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insight into the skills that are necessary to
survive in all climates and environments...

safety. Should another hazard suddenly appear (such as another vehicle approaching at speed from dead ground), a restrained approach will make stopping safely possible. In contrast, a driver who rushes in to hazards will have little time in which to make a reasoned risk assessment, and may struggle to stop. It is no coincidence that police accident investigators often hear those involved in accidents utter the word "suddenly" when they describe events that led up to them crashing. An unhurried approach is a characteristic of a defensive driver, whose aim is to avoid avoidable accidents. In contrast, an unprofessional operator or investigator conducting surveillance who rushes around with their vehicle's engine screaming and tyres squeeling is likely to get 'pinged', and compromise an operation.

In order to have situational awareness, it is also essential to scan the driving environment, by keeping eyes moving. Scanning from the far distance to the mid-ground, the near ground and to the rear is necessary in order to be fully aware of the driving environment. Continuous scanning is akin to collecting all of the pieces of a jigsaw - only if all of the pieces are seen is it possible to complete the picture, and be situationally aware. When security matters, scanning to the horizon reveals

threats earlier, giving more time to react to keep out of trouble, and find an escape route. Taking 'cross-views' before bends and other hazards reveals danger sooner, affording more time in which to avoid driving into trouble. For a VIP protection driver security awareness is key, and comes partly from having a conditioned scanning habit.

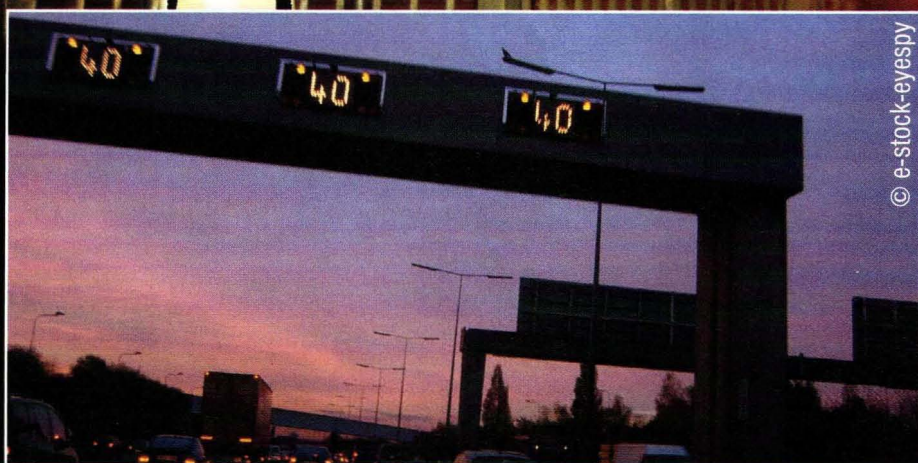
A few years ago I was coming to the end of an advanced driving demonstration to a group of aspiring close protection operators. I was waiting for an oncoming vehicle to pass before turning right (from the left-hand side of the road) into a car park for a driver change. Earlier I had emphasised to my students the



In busy traffic there is a lot to observe. Focused scanning is key to maintaining situational awareness

The City
Westminster Bridge
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The foundations of protection driving are laid in first developing an advanced defensive driving style



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need for scanning, including checking the mirrors where appropriate, such as the right-hand door mirror prior to a right turn. Just before I intended to commence the turn I carried out my habitual mirror check, only to see the following driver in the process of a high speed sling-shot overtake! If I had not checked the mirror, and aborted the turn, a potentially fatal accident would have ensued.

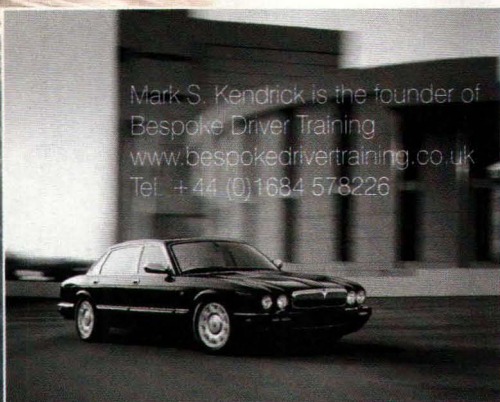
What cannot be seen can be anticipated - at least by an operator who is concentrating. Anticipating "what if?" is about using experience and imagination to predict likely developments in the driving environment, before formulating a driving plan to minimise or eradicate any risks. We react more quickly to

that which we are anticipating. Removing the element of surprise reduces the potential for 'panic freeze' - a state in which a shocked operator is temporarily unable to make a decision or take evasive action. Imagine being able to predict this week's winning lottery numbers. Now imagine the life-saving ability of a focused protection driver who, through effective scanning and sharp anticipation, picks up on the telltale signs (such as an apparently abandoned car sitting low on its rear suspension - a potential combat indicator for a vehicle-borne IED [improvised explosive device]) of an approaching ambush in time to take to an alternative route, and avoid driving into a killing zone...

The ability to safely make ground during a surveillance operation is essential. If 'eyeball' on a mobile target is lost, a surveillance operator needs the ability to up the pace, making swift and safe progress to regain visual contact. At times an operator may be on a parallel route, planning to pick up a follow at a distant roundabout or intersection. Whilst doing so, he needs to be relating speed to vision and grip, retaining the ability to stop his vehicle within the distance seen to be clear. To drive beyond one's vision is to risk compromising an operation and, more importantly, one's life - what if there is a broken down lorry hidden just out of sight beyond the next blind curve? On a dry road grip is rarely a problem, so a safe speed is mostly dictated by vision. The further it is possible to see, the faster it is possible to drive. Having the habit of scanning into the distance, lifting vision to match increasing speeds, is essential. British police driving courses are so long (at least seven weeks of full time driving training is required before qualifying as an "advanced driver") in order to develop such competencies, and consequently reduce the risks of red mist clouding their driving judgements.

If it were possible to always maintain a bubble of space around one's vehicle, a crash would never occur. Consider this: if a safety bubble is maintained around moving vehicles, that space becomes a cushion, protecting focused

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To be safe, speed must always be related to vision and grip, despite the sometimes competing requirements of an operation



Safety is paramount especially in built-up areas

drivers from the mistakes of other drivers rushing around on auto-pilot, seemingly oblivious to the fact that driving is the most dangerous activity that most of us engage in on a regular basis. Skill in driving is important; responsibility more so. Proactively position away from perceived hazards and threats: if another road user bursts the bubble, move to recreate space. Endeavour to keep at least a two-second following distance from the vehicle in front. This space becomes vital reaction time that may be necessary to avoid shunting a driver who unexpectedly and suddenly slows. When tail-gated, operators should consider dropping back further - then, if the driver in front brakes hard, they will not

have to, giving more time for the following driver to brake before they might otherwise shunt them. Particularly in protection driving, operators (driving overt vehicles especially) should maintain a safety bubble, especially in hostile environments. In a contact the bubble becomes space in which to turn a vehicle around, before making haste in the direction of the nearest safe haven. In an escort, such loose spacing between vehicles offers more protection to more vehicles in a convoy in the event of a roadside IED being triggered.

One chilly winter's morning I was driving across country to rendezvous with a colleague, using mainly untreated roads that were

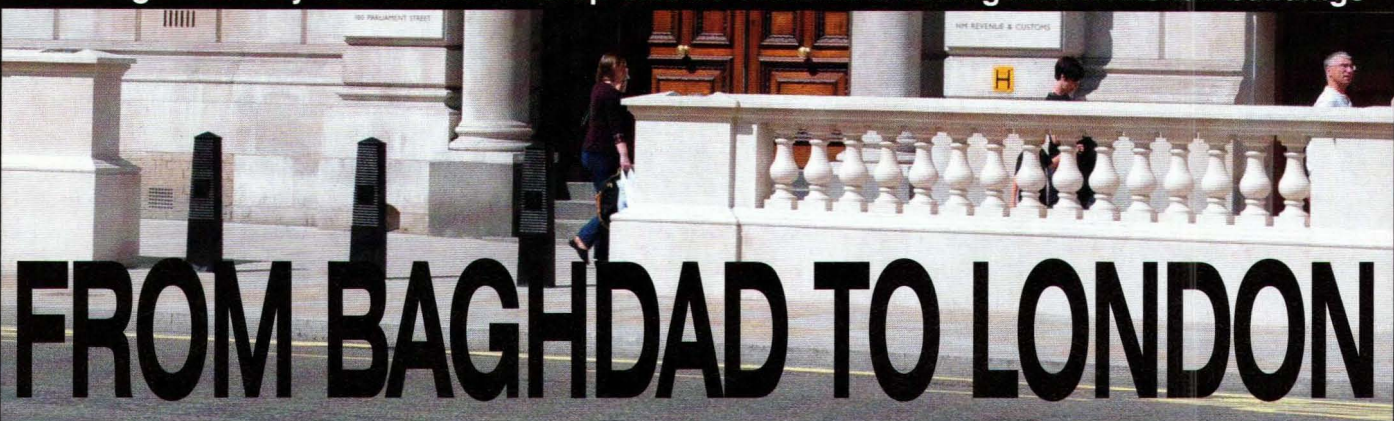
covered with snow and patches of ice. As I joined the back of a short queue of vehicles waiting for the leader to turn right, I remained attentive to my mirrors, and maintained a healthy safety bubble to the vehicle immediately in front. A van driver closing from behind at speed did not seem to have noticed the stationary queue in front of him. When he eventually saw us he braked hard and began skidding sideways towards me. I calmly pulled onto the other side of the road, moved forward, and watched him crash into the rear of the vehicle that moments before was in front of me. Continuing to scan the mirrors even when stationary, and maintaining escape routes by keeping a safety bubble around you, can sometimes mean the difference between having a crash or keeping out of harm's way. In a hostile environment the same alertness and forward planning saves operators' lives.

British police Protection Drivers are first trained in advanced driving before being permitted to attend a National Protection Driving course. MI5 Mobile Surveillance Officers first receive police-style advanced progressive driving instruction before being taught the tactical component of their trade. The foundations of tactical driving are laid during advanced driving training, aspects of which are encompassed in the aforementioned safe driving essentials.

• In the next edition of Eye Spy Mark builds on these safe driving essentials, highlighting fundamental aspects of mobile security.



New high intensity balustrades to stop suicide vehicles crashing into Whitehall buildings



FROM BAGHDAD TO LONDON

Emergency Services Vehicle

UK security officials are increasingly concerned that tactics used by terrorists in Iraq could be played out on the streets of Britain. A recent report relates to the possible acquirement of decommissioned ambulances and other emergency service vehicles. In a document prepared by MI5's Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre and issued to senior police officers, officials warn that al-Qaida has considered using such vehicles to breach security points and gain access into areas of importance. The Association of Chief Police Officers told *The Sunday Times* that there was a risk and legislation should be introduced to stop the sale of spent emergency vehicles.

Eye Spy has learned a document relating to how this could be achieved has caused the emergency services to rethink security while attending incidents. MI5 believe tactics used by insurgents and al-Qaida in Iraq to acquire such vehicles have been passed to supporters of the terror group in the UK. The plan involves calling an ambulance, for example, to a pre-designated location, after explaining an individual is in need of immediate attention. Due to the nature of the call, no police support would be required. Once at the scene the vehicle could be hijacked and removed to a pre-arranged and secure location. Number plates copied from another ambulance would then be fitted - ready for use in future days. However, unbeknown to terrorist planners - nearly all UK ambulances have tracking

A parked vehicle packed with explosives in Baghdad is made safe



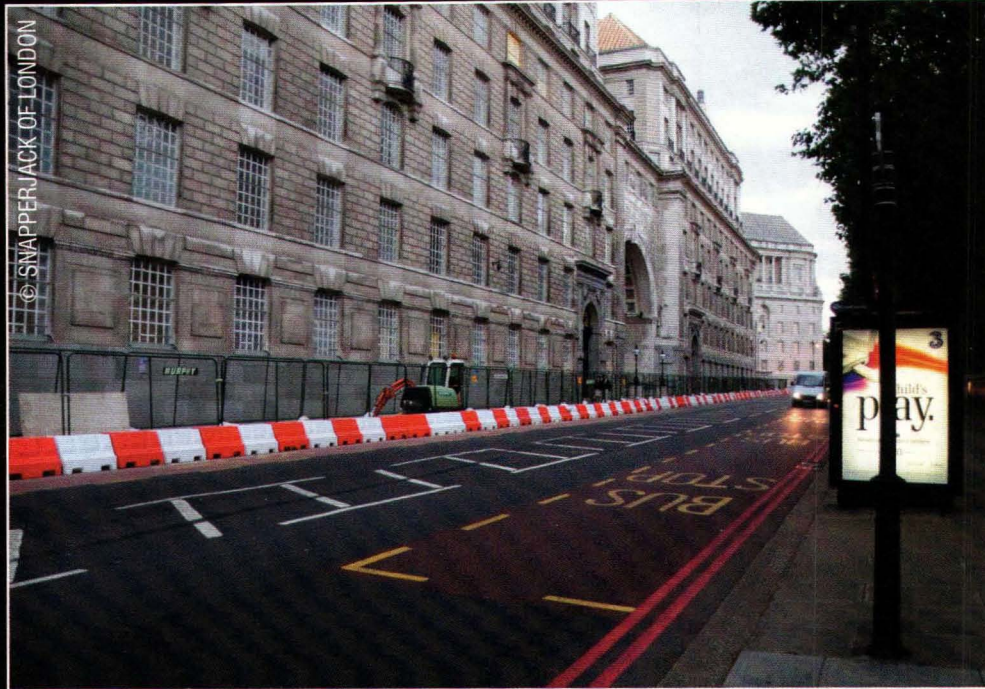
devices that are secreted in the vehicle, making it virtually impossible for the vehicle to remain undetected. "This means they would need to be used almost immediately," an intelligence source told Eye Spy.

£25 million worth of new security balustrades sympathetic to the architecture of government buildings in Whitehall have started to appear

In the United States, counterterrorism officials have been monitoring the sale of decommissioned ambulances, police and other emergency service vehicles since 2001. This after intelligence was acquired that al-Qaida planners issued guidance on how to breach security. Similarly, companies who resell such vehicles are regularly warned to contact the police if the purchase is made by cash, or if the buyer requests a specific livery.

Both MI5 and the FBI have extended countermeasures to combat this particular threat, and besides the obvious potential of an ambulance breaching security, officials are also concerned about other vehicles that may slip through a barrier or go unnoticed, including taxis, electrical and gas service vans etc. Intelligence officials also note that ambulances are an excellent method of transporting weapons and other materials. The UK's anti-terrorist bodies want more police powers to stop and search suspicious vehicles.

Decommissioned vehicles can be purchased from many sellers in the UK and cost a fraction of the original cost. Indeed, most retain their original livery and logos. The government's senior terrorist advisor, Lord Carlile, said: "As independent reviewer of terrorism legislation, I take this issue very seriously. In my view, as a general rule, all emergency service vehicles should be clearly decommissioned so they cannot be used to imitate emergency services."



Taxis have also been included on a list of vehicles that could be hijacked or stolen and used to breach security

traditional aspects of urban design ensuring this historically important area retains its iconic status as a major attraction in its own right and is safe for both workers and visitors.

However, the new balustrades which sit in front of many Whitehall buildings are not ordinary.

Inside they contain metal which will oppose an on-rushing truck.

Preparatory works began in May 2007 and are expected to be completed in 2010.

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LONDON SECURITY

After 9/11, and with the constant threat of a vehicle bomb being used to attack government locations in Whitehall, planners rushed in a variety of countermeasures, including placing huge blocks of concrete in front of buildings such as Parliament. These were an eye-sore and many people said they detracted immensely from the surrounding architecture.

Since then, £25 million has been spent on combating major terrorist threats in and around Whitehall, whilst enhancing the look of the area. The scheme, built upon the 'World Squares For All Masterplan', sympathetically integrates contemporary security features with more



British intelligence tracking organised maritime terrorists and renegade pilots

According to senior UK counter-intelligence and terrorist experts, Britain faces the real possibility of a major attack on its maritime interests by al-Qaida this year. A number of specific areas, including the hijacking of a cruise liner, have been identified in recent weeks which officials warn could result in significant casualties.

'Chatter' regarding a maritime plot involving a passenger cruise liner in the Caribbean has been intercepted. It is thought to involve a group of terrorists posing as passengers and the crew of a small replenishment vessel. Terrorist supporters discussed how to infiltrate the vessel and then use the incident as a chilling publicity stunt - played out in full glare of the media and a watching audience of billions. The plan appears centred on terrorists using travel bureaus to officially book cabins. At a given point they would over-power the crew and speed boats, easily rented in the Caribbean, would carry colleagues to the vessel.

Experts fear that even if such an attack was repulsed by the crew, speedboats could be used as battering rams. Packed with explosives, the boats drivers have been advised to "target the vessel's engine room". Some operatives have also been trained by South East Asian terror group Jemaah Islamiyah (JI)

to target stationary vessels in port. In this scenario they are advised to attach "explosives to the hull" - but not to detonate them. This would be carried out by colleagues who track the cruise liner out to sea and away from rescue services.

Though counterterrorism officials believe terrorists involved in this type of operation would require particularly good mariner skills, the feeling is al-Qaida is determined to hijack a prominent cruise liner.

MI6 and the CIA have monitored Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) and discovered many of its operatives have been specially trained by diving instructors to reach vessels and overpower the crew. These skills are being simultaneously passed on. Similarly, JI has experienced operators who have considerable knowledge of attaching underwater explosives to ships. Intelligence watchers acknowledge its close association with al-Qaida and believe its maritime training has been shared in carefully concealed camps in Indonesia and elsewhere in the far east.

It is not the first time al-Qaida has discussed this type of spectacular operation - very much favoured by its leadership due to the wide publicity and fear it would cause. On several occasions, terror groups operating under the al-Qaida umbrella have threatened to take control of large vessels. In August 2005, the

The North Korean cargo ship *Dai Hong Dan* transits off the coast of Somalia after the ship was hijacked by pirates on 29 October 2007. The crew was able to regain control of their vessel before contacting the US guided-missile destroyer USS James E. Williams for medical assistance.



MARITI

crew of *The Seabourn Spirit* was targeted by a gang of Somali terrorists off the east coast of Africa. The crew managed to repulse the attack using a Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD), which emits a directed ear-splitting noise, but not before taking fire from rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns. LRAD's have been deployed on thousands of vessels following the attack on the *USS Cole* in 2000. But officials fear a group like al-Qaida would take such countermeasures into

Pirates seized the Panamanian-flagged vessel *Golden Nori* on 28 October 2007 and held her 27-strong crew captive until 12 December. This US Navy photograph shows the merchant vessel refuelling with the USS *Whidbey Island*



THE SLEEPERS

account before launching an operation. The CIA believes a host of "pirate attacks" in the South Seas and off the Horn of Africa could be compared to maritime terrorist training.

In 2005, the CIA gathered intelligence on plots to take over tanker ships storing gas and other chemicals. The Service feared vessels would be piloted inland on the eastern seaboard and then blown-up. At the same time, MI6 gleaned intelligence from supposedly secure al-Qaida

"chat rooms" that pointed to an attack or hijack of UK oil platforms. Other intelligence led MI6 to believe terrorist divers were training to attack undersea gas and oil pipelines. Since then, none of the plots have come to fruition primarily because of the security services ability to disrupt planning, and the inability of terrorists to mimic skilled planners such as Khalid Sheik Mohammed. Finance is also an issue as the world's intelligence



The Merchant vessel *Al Marjan* was captured by pirates off the Somali coast on 17 October 2007, and held until 2 December. During that month alone, naval intelligence gleaned by the US Navy and Royal Navy identified several pirated vessels. Al-Qaida has close ties to the region and will have acquired much experience in piracy operations.

services continue to track and stop the movement of terrorist monies. However, the recent intercepts pricked the ears of listening agencies as one contributor to the discussion involving the new Caribbean attack, said he has experience in maritime operations and is an expert in explosives.

Osama bin-Laden has always been keen to take his war to the oceans. After his terrorists attacked the *M/V Limburg* in October 2002, international security services feared a wave of operations would ensue. Bin-Laden knows that 80% of the world's cargo freight is carried by sea. Any disruption to this would be very damaging to the West's economy. Within days of the *M/V Limburg* attack, bin-Laden sent a communi-



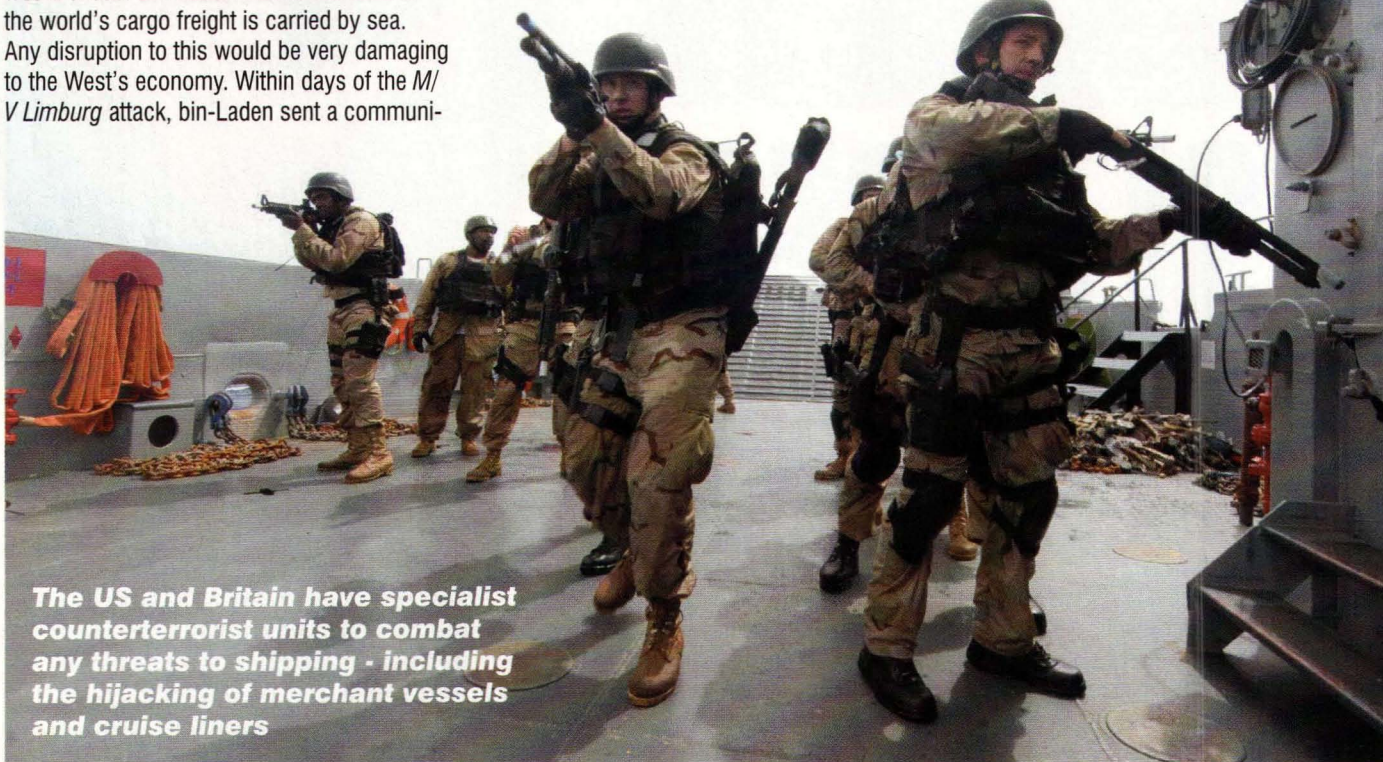
Target practise on HMS Manchester

que to the press: 'By exploding the oil tanker in Yemen, the holy warriors hit the umbilical chord and lifeline of the crusader community, reminding the enemy of the heavy cost of blood and the gravity of losses they will pay as a result of their continued aggression on our community and looting of our wealth.'

Intelligence analysts privately believe the biggest threat to cruise liners or ferries is "staff infiltration". Officials warn that much more vigorous identification methods should be used before employing maritime staff. One secret report even identifies "water contamination" aboard passenger vessels as a real possibility.

Speaking about the new threat, UK intelligence analyst and author Neil Doyle said: "Images of passenger ships, deck plans and technical details were swapped between members of the group."

US Navy security training exercise to combat hostile takeover of a ship



The US and Britain have specialist counterterrorist units to combat any threats to shipping - including the hijacking of merchant vessels and cruise liners



Inset: An F/A-18E Super Hornet assigned to the "Eagles" of Strike Fighter Squadron One Fifteen (VFA-115) is painted with the names and flight numbers of the hijacked passenger flights in honour of those who died during the attacks of 9/11. It's unlikely if this powerful warplane could ever be hijacked, but MI5 are concerned about light aircraft (above)

LIGHT AIRCRAFT THREAT

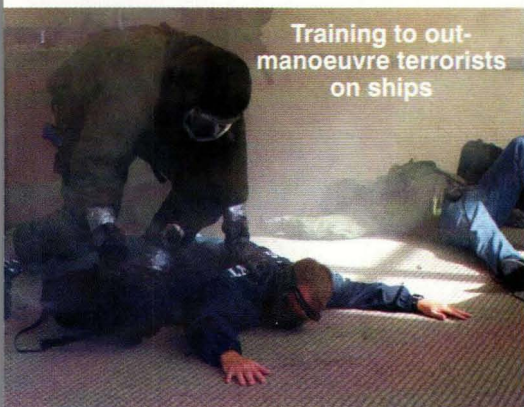
In a review of the Terrorism Act 2000, Lord Carlile, one of the government's leading anti-terrorist experts, said he feared lax security surrounding regulations governing the movement of light aircraft, could result in terrorists attacking buildings and crowds. He warned that UK police officers had told him they have "real anxiety" about attacks being launched from small airfields that lack the intense security of larger airports. He believes it would be relatively simple for terrorists to commandeer, hire or hijack light aircraft and use them as projectiles. A further problem for the security services concerns the origin of some rented aircraft. If the flights come from the EU and touch down in the UK, once they have taken off again they are more difficult to

identify though all are monitored by the Civil Aviation Authority. Lord Carlile wrote: "I know that some knowledgeable police officers and officials have ongoing concerns about the relative simplicity of terrorism conducted in this way, given the very large number of private aircraft and small airfields."

Many airfields housing facilities for private operators use a 'neighbourhood watch scheme' which they use to notify each other and the police about suspicious activity. Some 9,000 private aircraft currently operate in Britain which has approximately 500 landing areas other than those designated at recognised airports.

Chris Yates, airport security editor for *Jane's Defence Weekly* also entered the aviation and transport debate saying that while some weak points in airport security have been addressed, others remained. He notes that since the attempted suicide attack on Glasgow Airport last year, passengers throughout the UK can no longer be dropped outside the main terminal door, but that there is much more that can be done. "Quite frankly in this day and age we don't know which direction the threats are coming from," he said. "Terrorist groups look for the weakest links in the chain... - always." He also warned that the al-Qaida aviation threat is simply not being taken serious, and believes lax security could prompt another attack.

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HOSTAGE TAKERS

intelligence insight

Former British Military Intelligence Officer **SIMON ATKINSON** provides Eye Spy with a unique insight into hostage taking. Plus the procedures and methodology that have been constructed by the world's leading experts that could help you survive... if ever you find yourself in such a predicament



A hostage is defined as somebody held prisoner, illegally, by a person or group such as a nation or criminal or a terrorist organisation, until specific demands are met. Hostage taking is a frequently reported occurrence, both as part of terrorist tactics and criminal enterprise. Hostages come from all walks of life - business people as well as soldiers, intelligence officers, contractors, close protection operators and even students on GAP Year travels. Sadly, their families may also be a target by virtue of association.

Official statistics vary, but it is estimated that there are over 20,000 reported hostage incidents

worldwide annually. This is, in all likelihood, only a fraction of the actual number as many incidents are resolved without official police involvement.

Numerous hostage incidents begin by criminal elements seeing a financial opportunity and selling the hostage to a political grouping. In many parts of the world, particularly in Latin America and Eastern Europe, it is simply regarded as a business.

Many terrorist and criminal acts are acute in nature with most of the subsequent response involved in post-incident activity. Hostage incidents, however, tend to be protracted in nature with the hostage takers as well as primary

(the hostage) and secondary victims (members of the family, business or close protection team) being engaged in an extended situation during the incident.

The protracted duration of most hostage incidents means that there is often an opportunity to influence its outcome by the behaviour of all people concerned. The success or otherwise of this depends on the levels of awareness of all parties - these levels can be significantly enhanced by simple training.

There are differences between a kidnapping and a siege. In a kidnapping, the captive(s) location is unknown. A kidnapping becomes a siege when the location is identified. Cordons (overt or



HOSTAGES IN IRAQ

Psychological Pressure

The psychological pressure on British hostages taken by insurgents in Iraq was evident in a recent video acquired by *The Sunday Times*. 'Alan' says "physically, I'm not doing well... psychologically, I'm doing a lot worse. I want to see my family again." According to the group holding five Britons, another hostage - 'Jason' - committed suicide on 25 May, four days before the first anniversary of their abduction. The men were taken by about 40 insurgents who were dressed as Iraqi policemen.



Alan and Jason

covert) are imposed whilst negotiations are conducted. Irrespective of which situation we describe, the captives are hostages - held unlawfully against their will.

In general there are five basic reasons why people take hostages:

POLITICAL, CLASSIC, TERRORIST TYPE. This could be an airline or embassy takeover, or indeed, concern Western hostages in Iraq. Some recent examples of political hostage concern the British sailors held in Iran and the Israeli soldiers kidnapped by Hezbollah in Lebanon in 2006. Other similar examples may be a hijack, where the aircraft is redirected to a chosen location (the Afghan refugees who flew to Stanstead in 2001 or the *Achille Lauro* ship hijack in 1986).

Wikipedia lists details of many hostages held by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) including details of numerous 'canjeables' or 'exchangeables'. FARC offer their freedom in return for the release of over 500 FARC members held in Colombian and foreign prisons. Farc were recently involved with a clever military intelligence sting operation that resulted in 14 hostages being freed. It is estimated FARC is still holding as many as 1,000 hostages.

TO SECURE AN ESCAPE ROUTE. An example being the Stockholm bank raid in 1973. This tends to occur when a crime is discovered in progress and the security forces respond by sealing off the escape. Hostages are then taken in order to barter for an escape or freedom.

FOR FINANCIAL GAIN. A business. Hostages are taken in kidnappings and held at an unknown location(s). A particular problem in Italy (Aldo Moro being a good example), and parts of Africa and Latin America. Sometimes the need for funds may not be criminal but to finance terrorism (an example being the taking of middle class Iraqis from inside Iraq).

MENTAL DISTURBANCE. The hostage taker is an individual with a personality defect or simply under severe stress. Careful management is needed in these cases due to the volatile nature of the event. Careless intervention may promote a suicide attempt with initial sacrifice of hostage(s). The Waco siege in the United States is a good example of this.

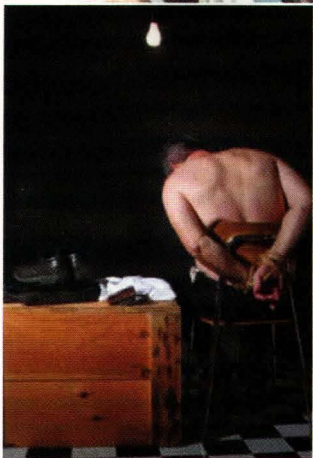
INSTITUTIONAL REASONS. Possibly a prison siege that develops from a riot, often over seemingly trivial reasons that are very important to the inmates. These are often best resolved via minor concessions and allowing the siege to run its course.

In Atlanta, GA, 1987, an 11-day siege began when Cuban prisoners took 89 hostages in response to a US-Cuban agreement to deport Cuban refugees. The siege was ended peacefully following negotiations in which US representatives agreed an 8 point plan including the right to

American and Australian forces transport contract worker Douglas Wood to a medical facility in Baghdad. Wood, who was held hostage for six weeks by insurgents, was rescued on 15 June 2005 by US troops. Inset: A video frame shows Wood pleading for his life.



Simon Atkinson, MD of Athena Security & Intelligence Consultants (ASIC) Ltd, was a former Special Intelligence officer in HM Armed Forces and was instrumental in the design and implementation of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) Hostage Survival policy. He says, "where a company identifies a normal risk to the health and safety of their employees, they implement measures to reduce risk. It never ceases to amaze me how companies simply ignore the risk of hostage taking when they have personnel deployed in high risk areas overseas."



ASIC offers a number of programmes to develop hostage awareness and survival skills in individuals working overseas. These skills are primarily aimed at avoiding the risk, but also include point of capture, incarceration and post-release survival, as well as training the untrained negotiator.

individual residency hearings for Cuban detainees.

Irrespective of the motivation of any hostage taker, those at risk of being taken hostage benefit considerably from Hostage Survival Training.

It is rare that a hostage will be killed. It is often senseless to do so because a hostage taker loses any or all leverage once the hostage is dead. Incidents where a hostage has been killed have often resulted from poorly handled deadlines.

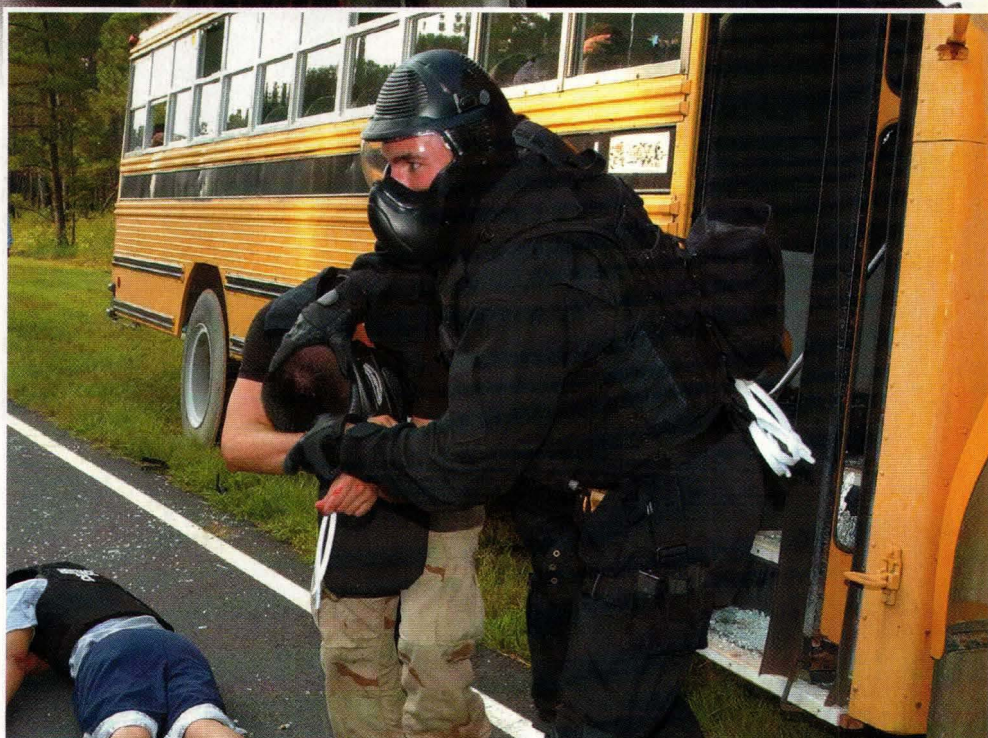
In Iraq, some, but certainly not all Western hostages have been killed for political leverage. However, even in these cases there has been time between arrest and execution. Time that can, and should be, well used. This time can often be extended by careful handling of the situation by both the hostage and any external authorities.

Hostage takers broadly fall into one of seven categories each with their own peculiarities, demands and mental states. The hostage and negotiators must understand who they are dealing with in order to begin the delicate game of rapport that will maximise the chance of a successful outcome.

POLITICAL. Rarely a random or unplanned incident. The hostage taking is simply part of a wider campaign. Obeying orders psychologically absolves the hostage taker from the act of killing. Hostages must not 'threaten' the cause in any way. If on drugs their behaviour may, under stress, verge on the psychotic. They will tend to over-react to minor success or setback. Most, but not all, will not harm hostages simply for the sake of doing so.

FLEEING CRIMINAL. The hostage taker may begin to model himself as a political extremist in order to raise himself above the level of a common thief. Often, once they realise the hopelessness of their situation, they capitulate in return for very minor concessions. Hostages

US security services storm a school bus that has been hijacked. The perpetrator is holding children hostage. Though only a training exercise, both civil and military bodies must be trained to deal with any eventuality



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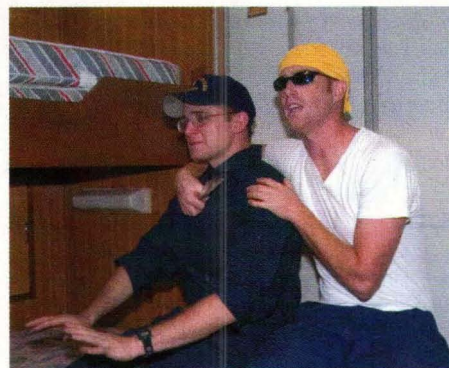
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should aim to build a relationship and convince them of similar hopes and aspirations - whilst not internally empathising with him. Rational discussion often resolves this situation rapidly.

RELIGIOUS FANATICS. These are a particularly dangerous form of hostage taker. Throughout centuries, fanaticism has created a catalogue of death and injury to opposing factions. Fanaticism has been likened to a kind of 'collective madness' inspired by revelations or interpretations of apparently divine happenings. In many cases it is the group perception that the hostage represents some form of Satanic force to be eradicated. As a hostage in this scenario, you should never disagree with the hostage taker - you will be sacrificed early - with the hostage taker feeling fully justified. You must maximise the time you remain alive through developing rapport.

CHRONICALLY DISTURBED. Possibly a long term inmate of a psychiatric institution. Often unaware he is a hostage taker and often very frightened. Try to find what he wants and gently guide him towards seeing that he will achieve this by letting the hostage free unharmed.

ACUTELY DISTURBED. This may be the result of a breakdown in a relationship. He may be holding his wife or child. Normally hostages should humanise themselves and form a rapport. In this case it is important that the hostage remains as impersonal as possible in order to avoid becoming the target of rage.



'WRONGED PERSON'. Possibly a disaffected employee who feels personal affront at a shift in corporate policy. In this case, hostages are often seen as simply a means to express a grievance. He will often demand publicity in order to voice his grievances. In such cases, the hostage should sympathise with the captor - at least verbally, and introduce the idea that the siege itself has given him the publicity he desires and that it may now be time to release the hostage.

INSTITUTIONALISED CAPTOR. Normally he has very little power. He now has enormous power, often over those who previously held him - possibly prison guards. It is likely that he will seek to humiliate his hostage. He will often react well to even minor concessions which may seem otherwise trivial. Never antagonise such a hostage taker.

A Most Audacious Operation



The US contractors arrive at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, following the Colombian operation. Some of the specialists involved in the raid have had their faces blurred by US intelligence to avoid identification.

Three US surveillance contractors were amongst 14 people rescued on 2 June by Colombian military intelligence and US intelligence. The men had been held captive by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia for five years after their drug surveillance aircraft went down in the jungles of southern Colombia in February 2003. Marc Gonsalves, Thomas Howes and Keith Stansell, all employees of the Los Angeles-based Northrop Grumman Corp used their special training to survive the ordeal.

Also amongst the group was Ingrid Betancourt, the French-Colombian politician. She was

kidnapped by FARC rebels a full one year earlier in February 2002.

The audacious raid saw two helicopters, supposedly piloted by FARC operatives land in a jungle clearing 40 miles from the city of San José del Guaviare. The intention was to move the hostages to another location. Unbeknown to FARC, intelligence agents had infiltrated the cell holding the group and helped organise the transport.

The agents said it would be a "good idea" for Alfonso Cano, FARC's new military commander, to meet with the hostages. When the aircraft

Two contrasting images of US contractor Keith Stansell. First his shock when the doors of the C-17 Globemaster III open. Suddenly freedom sinks in and Stansell gives the "thumbs up" to a military photographer.

were airborne, a soldier announced: "We are the Colombian National Army. You are free."

Though the operation was hailed as a spectacular success and a bitter blow to FARC, the movement still holds some 1,000 people captive.

Whatever motivation underlies the incident, the key to survival is to convince the hostage taker of the following points:

- The hostage taker's objectives will be best met if the hostage is released.
- The hostage is worth more alive than dead.
- It is not in the hostage taker's best interests to harm the hostage.

AIMS OF A CAPTIVE

If captured, your mind will undergo a plethora of emotions. These emotions and conflicting thoughts can often seem to overwhelm you at and beyond the point of capture.

It is important therefore that, given any number of scenarios and apparent conflicts, you can focus yourself on a small checklist of things that are critical to your survival. These are known as the 'Aims of a Captive' and you must be entirely familiar with them. Keep these aims in mind and you will be better placed to retain self-control and therefore exert certain, albeit limited, influence upon your situation.

ESCAPE

Many people think of old WWII films whenever we mention escape from captivity. Although many daring escapes took place during the war, it is worth remembering that many more failed





Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad took part in the 1979 storming of the US Embassy

and resulted in death, recapture and/or reprisal against remaining prisoners. Consider if the risks in an escape attempt outweigh the benefit before you take action.

If you escape your captivity is over and your next task is to get back home. You may have to consider survival and evasion - both very difficult in certain parts of the world. The bottom line is that you must PLAN AHEAD if at all possible. It will occupy your mind with positive thoughts as well as practical ones and help to take your mind away from your situation.

Thomas Hamill was a driver for the Halliburton Group who was held hostage in Iraq in 2004. He had many opportunities to escape but he was held in the middle of nowhere and therefore decided his best chance of survival was to wait. His opportunity came when one day he heard military vehicles and ran outside to freedom after 23 days in captivity.

AVOID SELECTION FOR MALTREATMENT

The guide for this is 'remain the grey man'. Do not stand out and make yourself a victim for further maltreatment. This is as appropriate for

those held alone as for those held in groups. Be polite to your captors and conceal your feelings and emotions. Listen carefully to everything and obey reasonable orders. Pause and think before answering any questions. Do not carry incriminating items - and ensure you never carry items on any operation that you do not need. Avoid suggestions - you will be blamed if it goes wrong.

Consider the impact of your verbal, vocal and non-verbal actions on your captors and adapt your approach to be passive but not submissive. Beware over-use or under-use of eye contact. Too much eye contact may appear threatening - whilst too little may appear overly submissive and single you out for bullying treatment. There is a definite point at which too much eye contact becomes uncomfortable and creates tension - try this next time you travel on the London Tube!

AVOID EXPLOITATION

Pretend an inability to think, remember or comprehend. Claim ignorance of accusations. Stall for time when presented with demands from your captors. Above all - think before acting, and ask yourself, 'can I do this and live with the consequences?'

SURVIVE WITH HONOUR

The meaning of this is really determined by the individual. However, it may be best described by



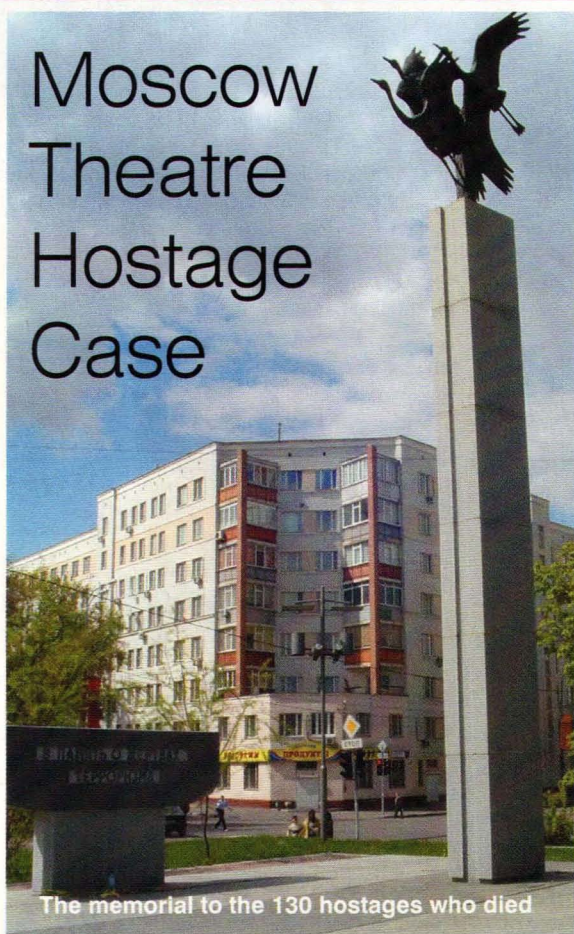
an ability to conduct yourself in such a manner that you will be able to live with the consequences of your actions for the rest of your life.

• In the next issue, Simon discusses the steps you may take in order to minimise the chances of becoming a captive in the first place in *Hostage - Avoiding the Risk*.

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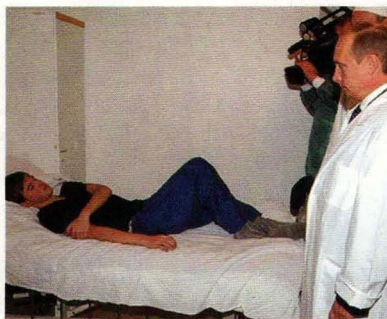
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Moscow Theatre Hostage Case



The memorial to the 130 hostages who died

When Chechen terrorists stormed a theatre in Moscow's Dubrovka suburb and took 850 people hostage, Russian negotiators were faced with a dilemma. Some 45 armed operatives demanded the withdrawal of Russian military forces in Chechnya. One of the group - identified as the "29th Division", said they were a suicide unit and told the authorities they would release anyone who showed a foreign passport. Approximately 80 persons were in the theatre who came from outside Russia. However, negotiators rejected the proposal, probably believing they had sensed a softening of the hostage takers stance. As long as the foreign nationals remained in the building, some military analysts believed they would not



Former President Putin visits a victim of the siege in hospital



Moysar Barayev was keen to talk to the media

attack any civilians. Yet Russian intelligence had learned that the group had placed improvised bombs throughout the building and many donned explosives on their bodies.

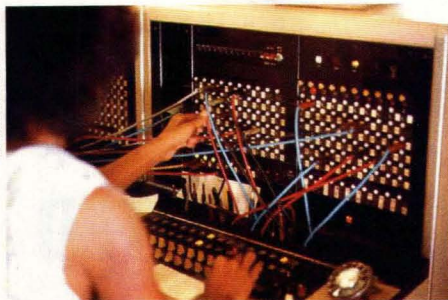
Moysar Barayev, the militant leader said he would wait seven days for Moscow to react, after which time he would start killing the hostages. And despite intense negotiations, filmed interviews and even a "get out of jail" card for the terrorists (the FSB had agreed to allow them to leave for a third country), in the end, bloodshed ensued. About 130 theatre-goers were killed when a knock-out gas was driven into the building. All the terrorists died.



MI5 ROOM SERVICE

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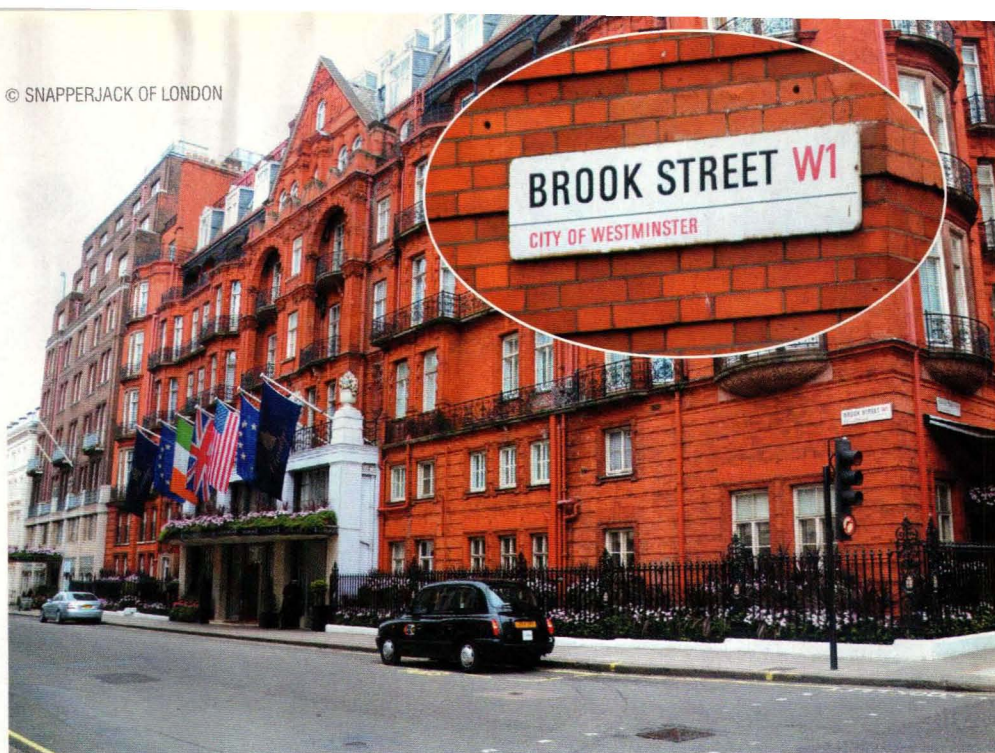


One person who strangely asked for SF to be put on his own phones was Victor Rothschild, a brilliant scientist and head of all the Shell Oil research laboratories. It later transpired he also did a great deal of undercover work for MI5 - and interviewed the likes of Kim Philby (another double agent who plied his trade for the KGB) in his office.

On another occasion MI5 did manage to put SF on some Russian telephones - presumably in their embassy or trade mission - but 60 minutes later they had been discovered and removed... not surprisingly because of Blunt's tip-off.

Though Moscow's agents had learned the secret of SF, others had not.

And so back to Claridge's. By the 1950s, the hotel was increasingly popular (as it still is



today), with distinguished guests and dignitaries coming and going. Though MI5 had advanced knowledge of who was staying and what rooms they had booked, it was allegedly decided that to cover every eventuality, they bugged each and every room using SF on the phones. To legally tap a phone you needed a warrant, but to use SF was essentially illegal so you didn't need a warrant... this made perfectly good sense to MI5 operatives! However, in time, the rumour mill started to buzz that the phones in the hotel were being monitored. And in the end, MI5 decided that the people they wanted to eavesdrop on had rumbled the ruse anyway.

SF was eventually reinvented by the Service's engineers and a Mk II using microwaves to activate the system was created. It worked perfectly. Then, in 1956, a certain Nikita Krushchev, the Soviet leader booked in to Claridge's. Though the SF started to function, Krushchev spoke all evening with his valet on mundane matters and small talk. Had the



Nikita Krushchev and Dwight Eisenhower

Russians already learned of the new variant... perhaps!

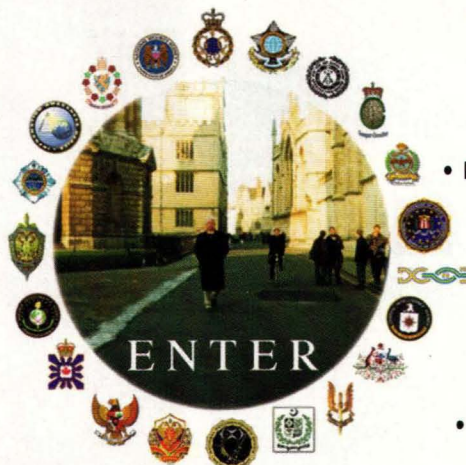
But using leading hotels like this was an absolute must for the intelligence services, and today, many "home agencies" have unique relations with the "management", though the bugs are a little more advanced.

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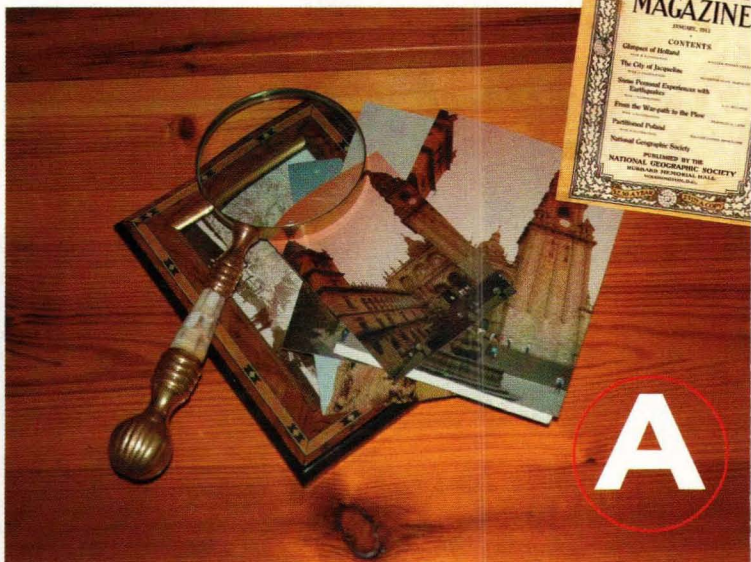
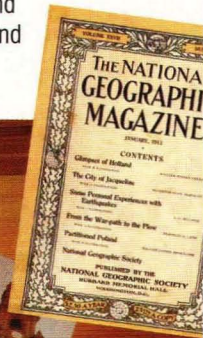


The Language

A^{to} Z REVISITED

Our recent A-Z of the 'language of spies' proved very popular with readers (see issue 55). The meaning of many phrases used by intelligence operatives and field officers is self-explanatory, but it's not always clear from which service or country they originated. Eye Spy takes another 'dip' into the dictionary of espionage and highlights a few more select 'gems' - including some used by spooks of old...

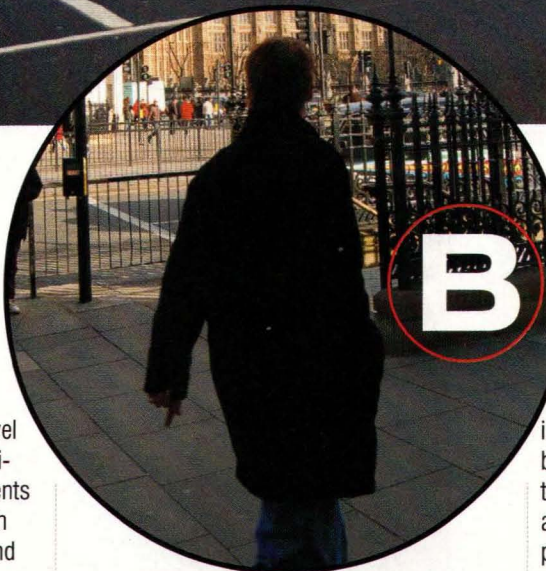
AUNT MINNIES: Today it is relatively easy to acquire imagery from foreign lands of a particular location. A quick search of the Internet and you are very likely to secure a scene or two. Using satellite technology, you can also view the area from above. This was not possible just a few short years ago - if an intelligence service or military department required imagery of a foreign or enemy target, a reconnaissance mission would be necessary, or an agent sent in to try and take photographs. However, it was not always possible and in the event it was simply too dangerous, British and US



Language of SPIES



intelligence would raise the question of 'Aunt Minnies' - a phrase still used today. Aunt Minnies are photographs taken by professionals and amateurs alike, of places of interest that often incorporate a friend or relative... *including your aunt* - some contain vital intelligence in the background. They are innocent ground-level shots and can prove invaluable to an intelligence topographer. During WWII, OSS agents (Office of Strategic Services) would search second-hand book stores for postcards and photographs of particular scenes, others would flick through magazines, including the *National Geographic*, which was a world leader and particular favourite with many intelligence services for its outstanding photography and maps.



BIRDWATCHER: Surveillance in the modern era is high-tech and performed by specially trained operatives - especially at a government level. But the terminology used by surveillance teams can be very different. For example, in the US the "target" (UK term) is the "rabbit", while the CIA call an individual officer who guides the team - "The Eye". However, some US intelligence teams refer to the target as the "pigeon". In the 1950s, an MI5 officer, or "watcher" who operationally surveilled foreign spies or subversives was called a "Birdwatcher", and this in itself spawned its own language. The birdwatcher soon became known as the "poacher"; his line-manager the "gamekeeper", and the target - a "bag". On arrest, the target had been "bagged". Interestingly, the poacher's assistants - fellow surveillance operatives, were called "beaters".

CHAMFERING: There was a time when Britain's General Post Office (GPO) had a monopoly over the telephone and postal system. This was invaluable to MI5 because every major telephone exchange had a Special Investigations room fully equipped to perform wiretaps. Its main post interception centre was based at Dollis Hill in London with one room being likened to a sauna. According to Peter Wright of 'Spycatcher' fame, this room was packed with kettles - an indication perhaps showing just how many letters the Security Service was opening! Wright also says if the steam didn't open the letter, MI5 officers would split bamboo stakes which were gently inserted into the envelope and would catch the letter inside. The bamboo would be turned slowly and the letter would wrap around the shoot. Henceforth it was examined or photographed. However, it was far trickier trying to put the letter back and quite often so much damage would be done, MI5 simply destroyed both the envelope and letter. In the CIA, an officer who performs such a task is known as a "flaps and seal" man. Many people believe the technique



Peter Wright



The secret post office research facility (main building) at Dollis Hill has long gone... it now houses apartments. The art of intercepting and opening letters using steam continues. In the United States, performers of this technique are known as "seal and flaps" men

was first devised by US intelligence, but its origins lie in the UK. When WWII broke out, six FBI agents met with MI5 who showed them how to open mail, specifically Axis diplomatic post being sent in and out of America. With the war won in 1945, the FBI decided to stop the programme, but it was relaunched by the CIA in the early 1950s, and is still used today. As an interesting, though light-hearted footnote to the technique known as "Chamfering", Peter Wright said MI5 once steam-opened a "letter of interest" which read: "Dear MI5, if you steam this open you are dirty buggers". Interestingly, there was no need to open the envelope in this manner... it was actually addressed to MI5 anyway!

FUMIGATE: Countermeasures' terminology for identifying and then rendering listening devices or other room bugs useless. Today there is an array of countermeasures equipment that can be used in a room sweep, however, that was not always the case and intelligence officers would often have to rely on their instinct and "nose". One of the best operatives at disabling bugs in the Cold War was Horst Schwirkmann from West German's intelligence service. Known as a "fumigator", Schwirkmann could find virtually any KGB device, but on one occasion his actions almost cost him his life. During one search Schwirkmann found a number of KGB bugs



and decided to play a trick on the "listeners" - one that he had used before. He inserted a device into a number of the secreted bugs - this emitted an incredibly high-pitched sound. The frequency is said to have actually damaged the eardrums of KGB technicians.



Infuriated by this, the KGB authorised Schwirkmann's assassination. Just a few days later, Schwirkmann, with a few diplomatic staff from the West German Embassy were enroute to Zagorsk, to attend Sunday Service at the medieval Russian Orthodox monastery some 40 miles from the capital. As they walked through a park, a KGB operative secretly sprayed mustard gas over his leg. Schwirkmann experienced a burning sensation and was treated by a doctor from the US Embassy. For 48 hours Schwirkmann hung on on a life-support machine, but he was expected to die... but he recovered. A joke then ensued in the intelligence world - the "fumigator" almost got "fumigated".

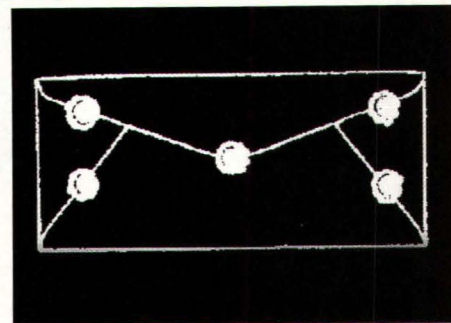
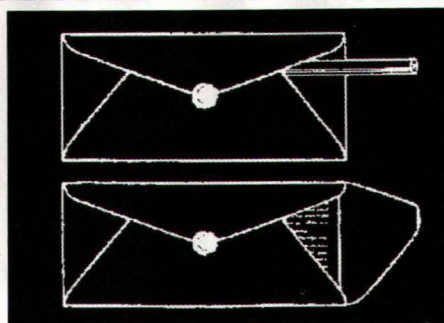
ISOLATION: You might be forgiven for believing this word is associated with an agent operating alone in the field, in fact, it is the original cover name for the CIA's training facility at Camp Peary, Virginia, better known today at "The Farm". When the CIA took over the site from the US Navy in the early 1950s, only a few buildings existed - and these were fairly sparse. In the 1960s the agency began developing a training area and staff called the

A WWI victim of mustard gas poisoning. Germany's top Cold War countermeasures officer was sprayed with the gas... but he survived

site "Camp Swampy" due the terrain being very wet and boggy. The CIA training hierarchy believed the site and its purpose were so top secret that they decided to refer to it as "Isolation".

JOCK STRAP MEDAL: Slang for a CIA decoration awarded to field operatives. The medal is said to be retained at Langley until the operative retires. The 'in-house' joke stems from the fact that the only place an agent could safely don his medal without revealing his identity, was on his "jock strap".

KEY: The phrase used by the KGB to describe the operation to persuade a person to become an agent or informant.



In World War One British diplomats were warned of the dangers of enemy spies intercepting and then covertly opening mail. The art of opening mail (even those with wax seals) by steaming was described by one official. "Inserting a pencil or small round object in the envelope, steamed a little, if necessary; the envelope is opened at the end flap and the contents pulled out without disturbing the seal, the contents are then read, put in their place again, the end flap re-inserted, a little gum used and the envelope is as intact as before." (Fig 1.) He went on to say that the only way to make sure the letter can't be opened was to use five wax seals (Fig 2.) However, he warned: "Even then a clever spy can open the letter, read the contents and seal it again. This is done by cutting through the seals with a hot razor... the divided seals are then united by pressing the hot razor against each side of the cut and then pressing the two parts of the cut seal together. This is, however, a very delicate operation and doesn't always work."

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LITTLE AMERICA: During the Cold War, the KGB created a small 'American City' near Vinnitsa in the Ukraine. It was basically a specialised intelligence agent training school. Indeed, trainees could only enter "Little America" by agreeing to strict regulations - one of which was only English could be spoken. The facility was to prepare agents for everyday life in the United States enabling them to understand American culture and help blend-in with their new surroundings and lifestyle. Everything on site was Americanised. The newspapers, currency, snack bars etc. There was even a US pharmacy and retail store so trainees could get used to shopping. It is said some trainees spent a full five years at 'Little America' before being despatched to the United States.

MAKING A PASS: The action of covertly handing a package, object or letter to another person, usually an agent, contact or courier. (see Eye Spy 26 for a major tradecraft feature

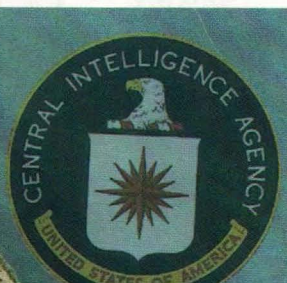
on all forms of brush passing, including the art of package and briefcase exchange).

MICE: Cold War CIA terminology for the four most common factors (drive and motivation) behind a defection - Money, Ideology, Compromise and Ego.



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NURSEMAID AND NANNY: During the Cold War business delegations were often used as cover for espionage or agent contact. They were also seen by the intelligence services as an ideal opportunity to form relations with persons who might be seen as useful assets. With this in mind - the KGB - fearful of CIA and MI6 operations, assigned an experienced officer or "watcher" who would monitor the group and look for any attempts to coerce



Satellite image of CIA training centre 'The Farm' - original cover name 'Isolation'



individuals. These officers were known as "Nyanki" (Nursemaids). The KGB also had a specialist group referred to as "Shepherds" who performed a similar task, though they would accompany intelligence groups to make sure no one defected. Similarly, the CIA and MI6 were also aware the KGB might try and spot vulnerable Western business persons, so like their KGB counterparts, they too often infiltrated a travelling group - these persons were called "Nannies".

ORCHESTRA: The most famous "Orchestra" in spylore heralded from Moscow and, essentially it had nothing to do with music. "Orchestra" was the sub-title given by the Abwehr (German Intelligence WWII) to most



**Abwehr Chief
Wilhelm Canaris**

spy rings involved with espionage activities against the Third Reich. For example, if the group was based in Paris, it may have been described as the "Paris Orchestra"; similarly, if it operated around the Red Sea, it could have been called the "Red Sea Orchestra". However, the origin of "Orchestra" is as a result of the Abwehr referring to the spy's radio transmitter as a "music box", and the actual agents as "musicians". The "Rote

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For several days NSA relied on GCHQ to support its intelligence gathering operations

Kappelle" (Red Orchestra) was Moscow's gem and probably one of the most successful spy rings in WWII.

PIGGYBACK: Some eight years ago the massive mainframe computers used by the National Security Agency developed a serious fault. The global eavesdropping arm of US

intelligence was seriously affected and thus within minutes all operations were performed by Britain's General Communications Headquarters (GCHQ). Indeed, it has been suggested that GCHQ acted as the NSA's 'eyes' for



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several days. The action of relying on a friendly intelligence service is known as "piggybacking".

SHAKE THE TREE: A highly specialised counterintelligence procedure that tries to extract intelligence by re-invigorating an investigation that has ceased to perform. Officers (sometimes referred to by the CIA as "Tree Shakers" or "Agent Provocateurs"), will target known individuals or companies involved in an investigation. It is not unusual for harassment, detention or other acts to take place. These are designed to provoke and enable counterintelligence analysts to surveil and monitor persons' reactions and actions.

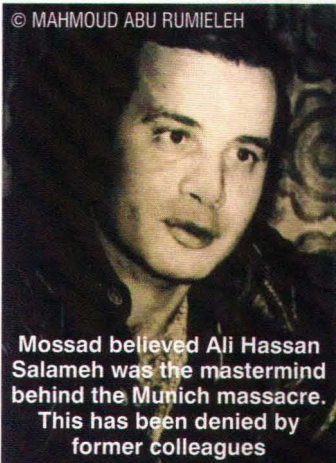
TELL-TALE: Not a person who tells tales but the CIA cover name for a form of white dust or talcum powder that can only be used on white paper. Often used to confirm if a person has been handling documents, the powder will reveal disturbance under ultra-violet light. MI5 use a similar powder which is basically crushed chalk. However, it has devised a colour range that can be matched to a variety of coloured papers and surfaces such as pine, plastics etc. The dust can be examined to reveal disturbance.

UNCLE: KGB Cold War term used in the Soviet Bloc - "Uncle is joining us for supper" meaning "a KGB officer will be dining with us tonight".

WRATH OF GOD: The secret Mossad operation authorised by Prime Minister Golda Meir shortly after the 1972 Munich Olympic Games massacre. Wrath of God assassinated over a dozen people said to be behind the murder of Israeli athletes at the games - many allegedly linked to the Black September terrorist outfit which claimed responsibility. The reprisals took place in several countries and were criticised, especially when an innocent victim was killed in Norway. These protests led to the unit allegedly being disbanded in 1974, intelligence watchers say it continued to

operate into the early 1990s. It is also suspected there remains a mechanism for the Mossad to resurrect Wrath of God at any time. The recent film 'Munich' by Steven Spielberg, is based on the actions of Wrath of God.

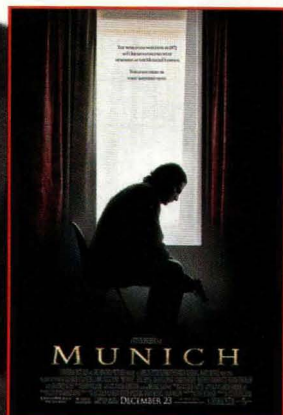
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Mossad believed Ali Hassan Salameh was the mastermind behind the Munich massacre. This has been denied by former colleagues

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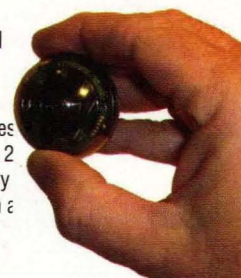
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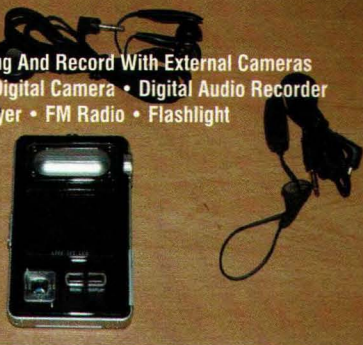
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*reveals why an advanced
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more so*

With the recognition of cyber space as a battlefield, weapons must be developed to support this warfare modality. Cyber weapons travel at light speed, can be launched from anywhere in the world and can strike anywhere in the world. Computers, systems and networks with exposed vulnerabilities may be disrupted or taken over by a hacker or by automated malicious code. Military officials are becoming as concerned about cyber weapons as they are about weapons of mass destruction (WMD). In fact, cyber weapons have created a new term - "Weapons of Mass Disruption" due to the implications of a cyber attack.

Cyber weapons are classified based on their mission.



Definition: A cyber weapon is an instrument used to disrupt processing of information, computing activities or network communications, or the threat thereof, against microprocessors, computers and/or networks, with the intention to cause harm or further social, ideological, religious, political or similar objectives.

Cyber weapons are constructed with a specific mission in mind. Typical are intelligence scouting, espionage, destruction, and disruption.

INTELLIGENCE SCOUTING

These weapons provide reconnaissance capabilities. Reconnaissance is an important component of military operations and is used to gather insight into a target's computers, systems and networks defences and operations. This information is used to create exploitation capabilities and initiatives.

ESPIONAGE

The SANS Institute has ranked cyber espionage number three on its 'Top Ten Cyber Menaces for 2008'. Using cyber weapons to covertly collect sensitive technical, financial, economic and other data related to an enemy, enhances the ability of military planners or competitors to create competitive, offensive and defensive strategies and plans.

DISRUPTION

These weapons have the ability to cause processing of computers or systems to stop. They can also slow or inhibit communications over a network; and finally, they have the ability to cause equipment with microprocessors or microcontrollers to malfunction.

Cyber weapons are software programmes that have an objective - to attack a target or targets.



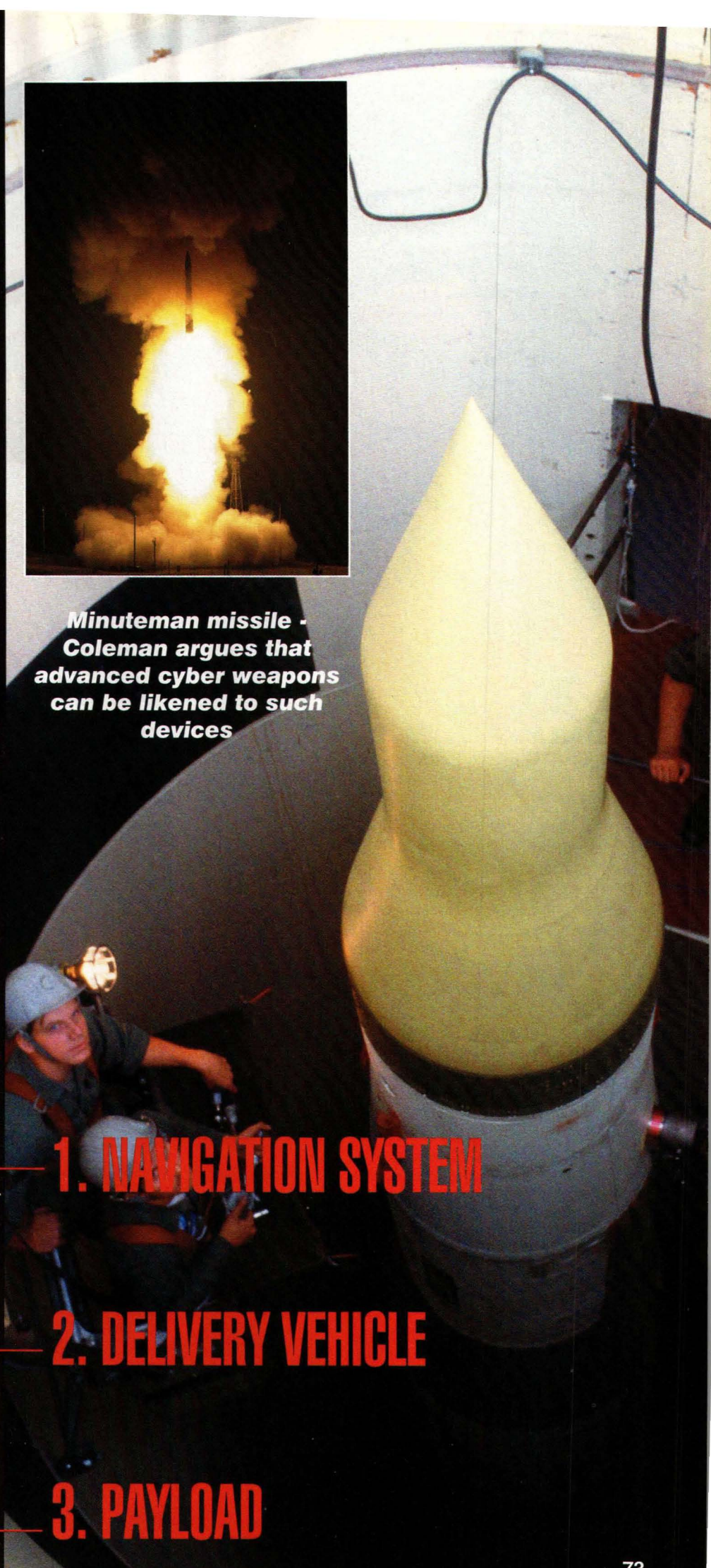
**Minuteman missile -
Coleman argues that
advanced cyber weapons
can be likened to such
devices**



1. NAVIGATION SYSTEM

2. DELIVERY VEHICLE

3. PAYLOAD





2007: A NATO Board Exhibition called 'Defending Cyber Space: Challenges and Solutions' is officially opened by Peter Flory, NATO Assistant Secretary General, Defence Investment Division.

Many are available for free on the Internet but some more sophisticated programmes are kept privately or are for sale commercially. In the early 1980s we began to see '*malicious software*'. Since then, the frequency of this type of software being released, the destructive nature of its code, has grown and the quality of this nasty software increased. By the mid-1990s we had, computer viruses, worms, Trojans and code specifically designed and developed to steal information from computers. In the early 2000s, organised crime recognised the value and profitability of developing and using malicious code as a part of their illegal business.

But in 2004 we saw a substantial change. The malicious code developers became professional. They used formal methodologies to develop the code. They ran the developed code through a quality assurance (QA) process to improve the performance and reliability. Now we have seen

another significant advancement in the development of malicious code used as a cyber weapon. A modularised architecture has emerged that has revolutionised the development of malicious code and cyber weapons. The novel properties of cyber weapons are revolutionising the way we wage war and conduct espionage operations.

Earlier this year, NATO's Cyber Defense Chief warned that cyber attacks and computer-based terrorism pose the same threat to national security as a missile attack. Using this as a framework, we can put into context the evolving architecture for cyber weapons.

CYBER WEAPON ARCHITECTURE

A missile is comprised of three basic elements. The first is a delivery vehicle (rocket engine), followed by a navigations system (tells it how to get to the target) and finally the payload (the

component that causes harm). It has transpired, that the same three elements now appear in the design of cyber weapons.

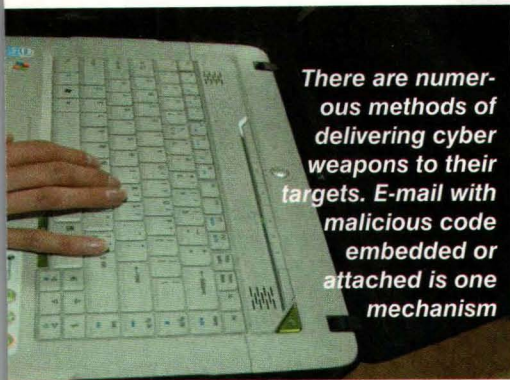
DELIVERY VEHICLE

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Three element architecture demonstrates just how advanced and sophisticated cyber weapons are becoming.





There are numerous methods of delivering cyber weapons to their targets. E-mail with malicious code embedded or attached is one mechanism

of delivery. Another are web sites that conceal malicious links and downloads. Hacking is a manual delivery vehicle that allows a 'cyber soldier' to place the malicious payload on a target computer, system or network. Counterfeit hardware, software and electronic components can also be used as delivery vehicles for cyber weapons.

NAVIGATION SYSTEM

Just as a navigation system guides a missile, it allows the malicious payload to reach a specific point inside a computer, system or network. System vulnerabilities are the primary navigation systems used in cyber weapons. Vulnerabilities in software and computer system configurations provide entry points for the payload of a cyber weapon. These security "holes" in operating systems or other software or applications allow for exploitation and compromise. Exploitation of these vulnerabilities may allow unauthorised remote access and control over the system. It is important to note that in 2007, on average a new vulnerability was reported every 57 minutes.

PAYLOAD

The payload of a missile is sometimes called a warhead and is packed with some type of



OPENS NEW CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON CYBER DEFENCE

In May seven NATO nations and the Allied Command Transformation signed the documents for the formal establishment of a Cooperative Cyber Defence (CCD) Centre of Excellence (COE) in Tallinn, Estonia.

The centre will conduct research and training on cyber warfare and include a staff of 30 persons, half of them specialists from the sponsoring countries, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Spain. "The need for a cyber defence centre to be opened today is compelling," said General James Mattis, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, at the signing ceremony, "it will help NATO defy and successfully counter the threats in this area."

The agreement comes a year after a major cyber attack on Estonian public and private institutions prompted NATO to conduct a thorough assessment of its approach to cyber defence. At their meeting in October 2007 Allied Defence Ministers called for the development of a NATO cyber defence policy which was adopted early 2008.



General James Mattis, NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, Estonian Chief of Defense LGEN Ants Laaneots, and LTC Ilmar Tamm address the media following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding establishing NATO's Cyber Defence Center of Excellence.

explosive. In a cyber weapon the payload could be a programme that copies information off the computer and returns it to an external source. It can also be a programme that begins to erase or alter information stored on the system. Finally, it can allow remote access so that the computer can be controlled or directed over the Internet. A "bot" (a component of a botnet) is a great example of a payload that allows remote use of the computer by an unauthorised individual or organisation.

This 'three element architecture' demonstrates just how advanced and sophisticated cyber weapons are becoming. The architecture creates reusability and reconfiguration of all three components. As one software or system vulnerability is discovered, reported and patched, that component can be removed and replaced while the other two components are still viable. This not only creates flexibility but also significantly increases the productivity of the cyber weapons developers.

CONCLUSION

Cyber weapons' development capabilities must become a core competency in order to achieve national security. We have entered a new arms race - a cyber arms race. These weapons of

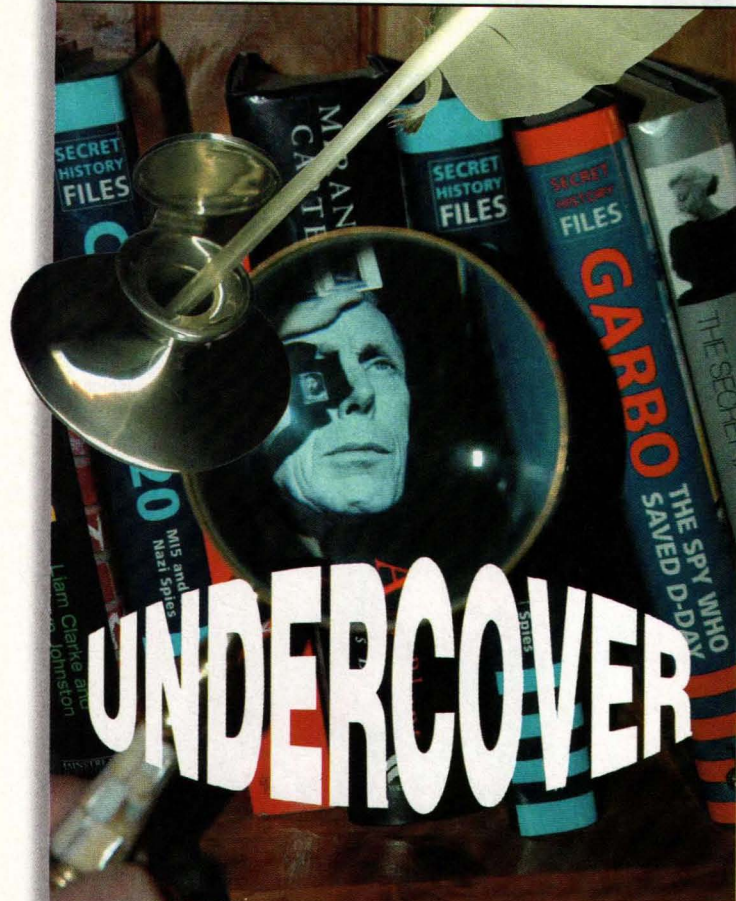
attack are being professionally designed and developed and have spawned 'cyber arms dealers'. A recent US Congressional Research Report stated that 90% of the web sites examined containing malware resided on servers located in the USA or UK. In that same report, counterintelligence officials reportedly stated that about 140 different foreign intelligence organisations regularly attempt to hack into the computer, systems and networks of US Government agencies and US companies.

Computers belonging to al-Qaida and others that have been seized by military and law enforcement agencies worldwide, indicate terrorists are becoming more familiar with hacker tools and services that are widely available over the Internet. Terrorism experts believe that as computer literate youth join the ranks of terrorist groups, cyber terrorism will become increasingly more mainstream. The threat posed by these advanced weapons may escape those with limited computer literacy. However, to military planners, security professionals and government executives this evolution is reason for concern. An unprotected computer, system or network is a cyber weapon waiting to be loaded and used!

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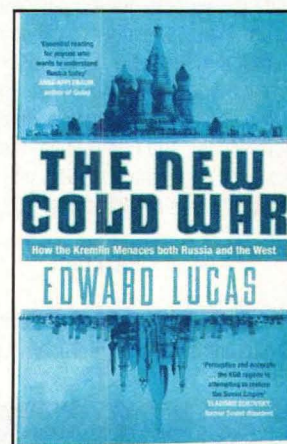
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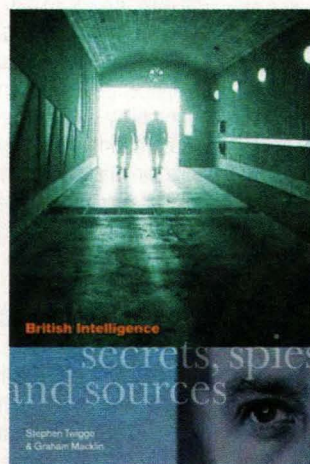
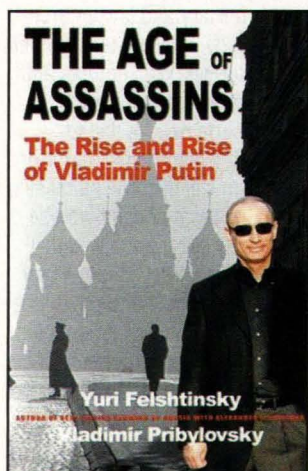
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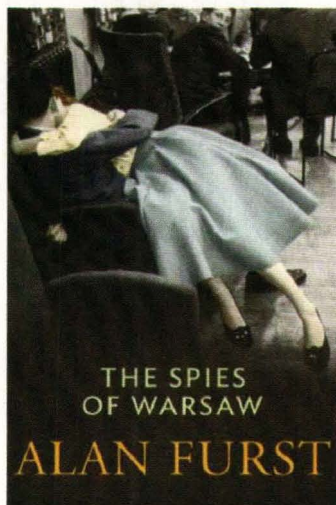
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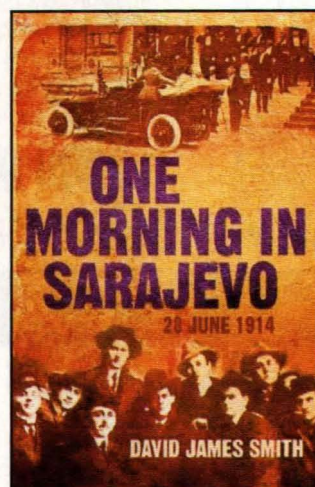
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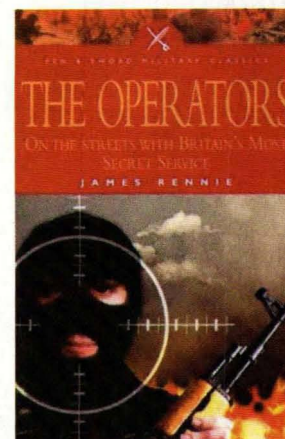
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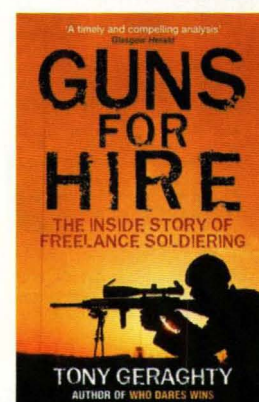
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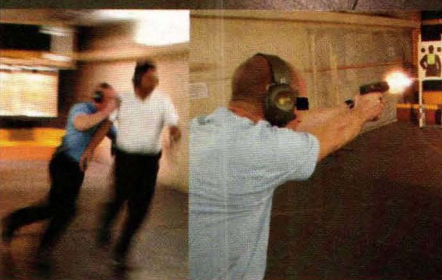
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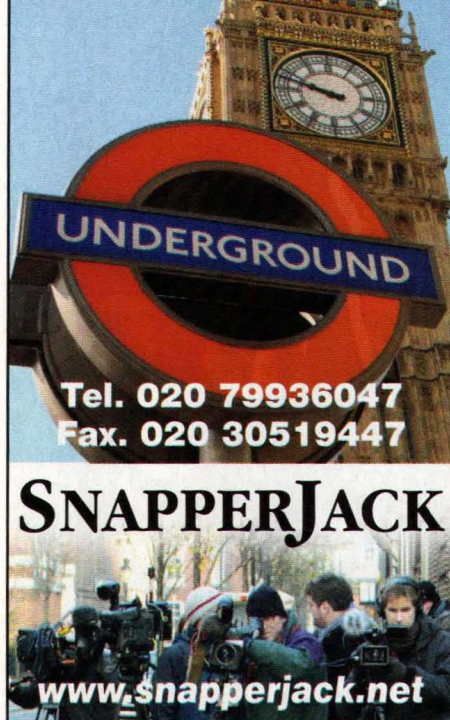
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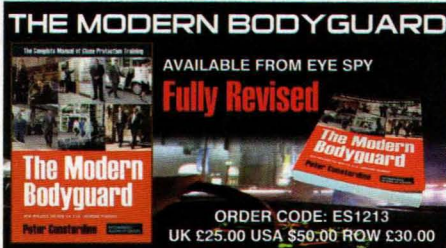
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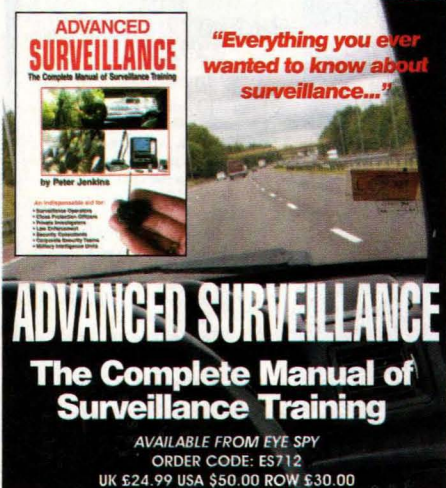


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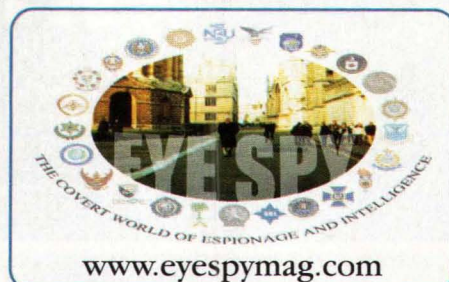
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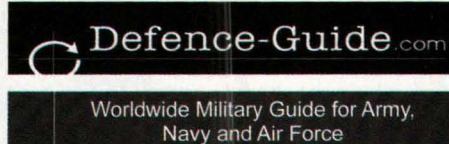
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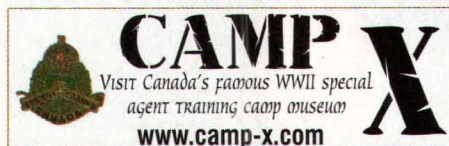
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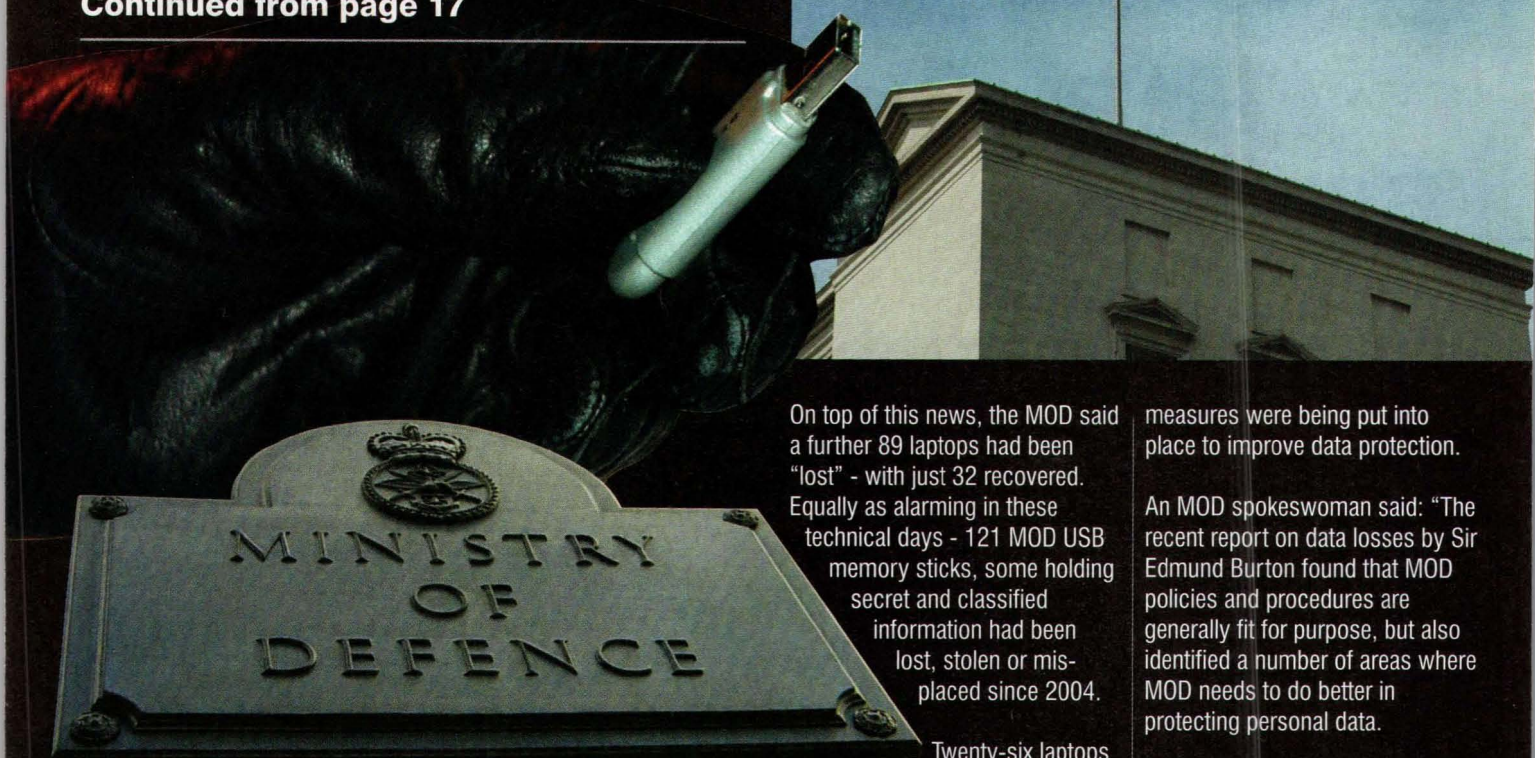
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On 18 July, just to compound matters, a new report was published that said the MOD needed to "improve some areas of data protection." But contrary to earlier "laptop loss figures", the MOD admitted a staggering 659 laptops had been stolen - just

about double to the number previously acknowledged. This puzzling admission caused some officials to say the MOD does not have a counting mechanism in place. One minister called the losses "shocking incompetence".

On top of this news, the MOD said a further 89 laptops had been "lost" - with just 32 recovered. Equally as alarming in these technical days - 121 MOD USB memory sticks, some holding secret and classified information had been lost, stolen or misplaced since 2004.

Twenty-six laptops have disappeared in

2008 alone, three of which contained secret information, and a further 19 holding MOD restricted material.

Politician Sarah Teather obtained the information after asking a question in parliament. Teather said: "It seems that this government simply cannot be trusted with keeping sensitive information safe. This shows a shocking degree of incompetence across the entire government."

The MOD said any computer loss was subject to a full inquiry and

measures were being put into place to improve data protection.

An MOD spokeswoman said: "The recent report on data losses by Sir Edmund Burton found that MOD policies and procedures are generally fit for purpose, but also identified a number of areas where MOD needs to do better in protecting personal data.

"MOD has developed, and is now working through, an action plan to address all of the report's recommendations and bring the department's handling of personal data to an acceptable state." Since the Burton report (published in June 2008) MOD officials have recalled 20,000 non-encrypted laptops and are now encrypting them.

Liam Fox, the politician who might be in charge of defence matters in the near future was furious. "To treat national security in such a cavalier fashion is unforgivable," he said.

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