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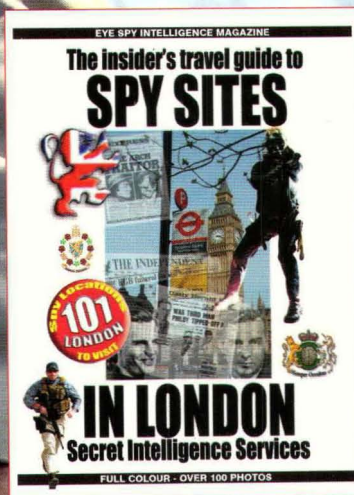
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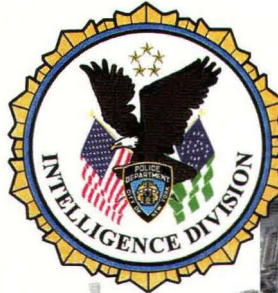
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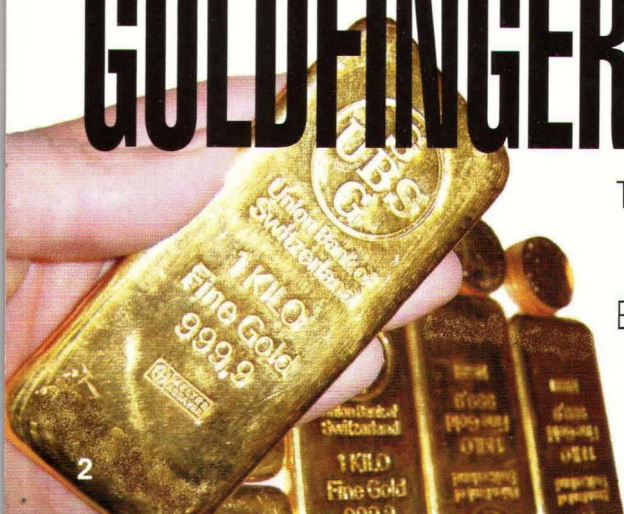
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### MI6 EDGING OUT OF SHADOWS?

Just a few short years ago - 1993 - to be exact, the words "Secret Intelligence Service" were used openly for the first time in Parliament. It was official and public recognition that MI6 really did exist. Before that, quiet "coughs" and long "winks" combined with incoherent mumblings of "six" and the odd shuffling of feet were used to draw reference to MI6, or the "funny buggers". Anyone who dared to utter the immortal words "SIS", even in a private club or a bar full of Parliamentary toffs, could find themselves whisked off to 'The Tower'. Its Latin motto "Semper Occultus" - "Always Secret" - was strictly adhered to, even by those who objected to such a shadowy organisation. How things have changed.

A few years on and MI6 is a name that features virtually every day in the news - for one reason or another. And now, as it prepares for its 100th birthday (like its sister organisation - MI5) in October (some say August - we've given up trying to pin this down), the Foreign Office has announced that Sir John Sawers - a former MI6 officer and career diplomat, is to take over as 'Chief' or 'C' in November. Unlike any of his predecessors, Sir John is not shy of a camera or unwilling to head straight into an interview or join in a debate. It is an astonishing new wave in the Service's "openness policy" and one wonders what may follow in the future - an appearance on television? In this edition of Eye Spy we take a look at the man who in a few months time takes his place in the top office at Vauxhall Cross.

In respect of these happenings, there's just time to mention - our new MI5 and MI6 100-Year Commemorative Posters - absolutely terrific - and our new tourist guide of 101 spy sites in London. It's a limited print-run so don't miss out!





Career diplomat  
appointed 'C'  
as MI6 looks  
to emerge from  
shadows



# the new man at Vauxhall

## MI6 CHIEF



**T**he new Chief of MI6 (Secret Intelligence Service) was publicly revealed on 16 June 2009. Sir John Sawers, 53, currently the UK's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, will replace Sir John Scarlett in November - this after the former head of the Cabinet Office Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) finishes his five-year tenure.

A Downing Street spokesman said: "Sir John Scarlett has done an important and valuable job in guiding the SIS through a period of change and making a real contribution to protecting Britain from international terrorism and other global threats."

The announcement came just hours after Prime Minister Gordon Brown said another Iraq War inquiry (why the UK went to war) was to be held - some of it in secret. Sir John Scarlett was annoyed at the way in which the former Prime Minister, Tony Blair, and his pool of "spin doctors" used MI6 intelligence as a tool to bolster his decision to remove Saddam Hussein. Though a 'Blair associate' (Downing Street backed his appointment as 'C'), Scarlett was deeply concerned that his intelligence



Foreign Secretary David Miliband (seated) and Sir John Sawers (far left)



Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Sir John Sawers

service was being drawn into an abyss of political skulduggery. For that, he won't forgive some elements in Parliament, and it will really be interesting to see what results from the new inquiry... perhaps a clue to why Gordon

Brown wants part of the evidence presented "behind closed doors", despite massive interest and support from the media and public to hold a "totally open inquiry".



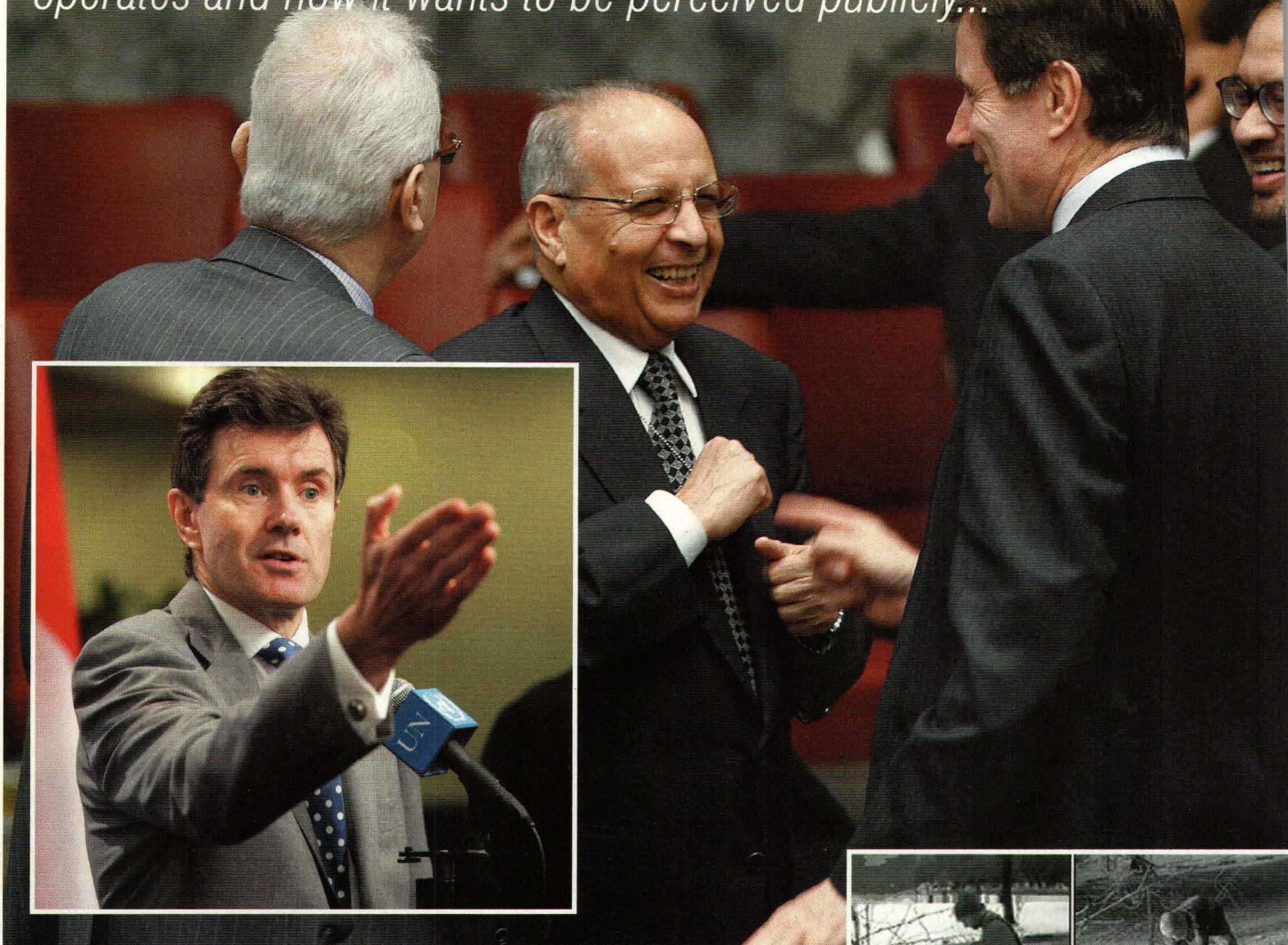
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Though a Foreign Office career diplomat, Sir John Sawers is hugely popular with senior MI6 (SIS) officials



*Intelligence watchers believe Sir John's appointment almost certainly heralds a new era of openness in the way in which MI6 operates and how it wants to be perceived publicly...*

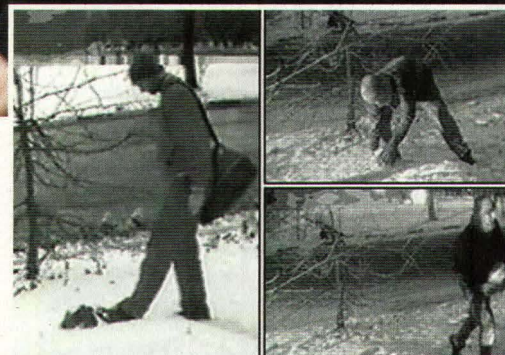


This new independent inquiry may well see the departing 'C' once again presenting evidence, though the announcement he is stepping down was taken months ago and the two events are not connected. Sir John Scarlett, was a controversial appointment five years ago because he leap-frogged the then deputy Nigel Inkster. Few, however, could question his prowess in intelligence matters or his skill as an agent handler.

In 2004, and unlike his esteemed predecessors (Sir Richard Dearlove), his face was emblazoned on television screens and in newspapers, following his public appearance at the inquiry into the Iraq "dodgy intelligence dossier" (Hutton Inquiry). Once that debacle had ended, he melted away into the background just like so many 'C's' before him. MI6 insiders say it will be difficult for the new Chief to match Scarlett's "hands-on" role he played in management, recruitment and operations abroad, be they counter-terrorist or intelli-

gence collection (espionage). Eye Spy has also been told he preferred tried and trusted methods of intelligence gathering and was not always convinced technology was the answer. Apparently he mistrusted some equipment - no doubt his suspicions increased when one of his officers kicked out at a recording/transmitting device that had malfunctioned in a Moscow park!

Sir John Sawers is an experienced career diplomat with a security background, unlike the man he is replacing (Sir John Scarlett was an MI6 Station Chief in Russia), and was the Foreign Office's former political director. He is, however, experienced in intelligence matters, and worked as an envoy in Baghdad and interestingly was foreign affairs adviser to Tony Blair. He was also a major background (liaison) player in the ending of the Troubles in Northern Ireland, and played a central intelligence role in the Bosnian conflict arena. Prior to this, in the late 1980s and early



**An MI6 operative kicks out at a very expensive piece of kit in a Moscow Park. Four personnel were "outed" in the incident**

1990s, Sir John was based in South Africa. He has held positions at a number of diplomatic missions, including the British Embassy in Washington DC, and was appointed Ambassador to Egypt in 2001. In recent times he has been focused on Iranian affairs, especially Tehran's nuclear ambitions for the Foreign Office and the United Nations. Sawers holds a deep mistrust of the current Iranian regime and is content in the knowledge that Tehran is fast-tracking its nuclear bomb programme.





# VAUXHALL BRIDGE

## MI6 POSTER SPECIAL PRINT

To commemorate the 100th birthday of MI5 and MI6, Eye Spy has produced two superb giant A1 posters. See page 62 for more details!



never been a time when the skills and dedication of our intelligence agencies, including SIS, have been more necessary to our national security and the safety of our people around the world," he said.

Sir John Sawers studied physics and philosophy at Nottingham University, and also attended the universities of St Andrews, Witwatersrand in South Africa and Harvard in the US.

it's almost impossible to imagine that a man so much in the public theatre, both here in the UK and abroad, will allow himself to simply melt away into a world of shadows.

We also understand for the first time ever, the possibility of a female 'C' was mooted.

Though the announcement was expected (Eye Spy understands three officials were considered for the post, including a current counter-terrorism expert whose name we can't reveal for legal purposes), Downing Street made an unexpected comment that "Sir John was rejoining SIS" and that it would not be appropriate to reveal the date when he had left MI6. Described as an "outsider" by the intelligence world, Sawers has previously operated in an official intelligence capacity for MI6, at least in the early part of his career serving in Yemen and Syria in 1977.

His appointment was confirmed by Foreign Secretary David Miliband, a strong supporter of the intelligence services: "I welcome the appointment of Sir John Sawers as the new 'C'. I look forward to working with him on the challenges we face as a country. International terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the growth of regional conflict and instability mean that there has

His official Foreign Office biography lists his interests as the theatre, hiking and sport, especially tennis and cycling. His wife, Shelley, is a teacher. They have three grown-up children.

- The head of the Office of Security and Counter-terrorism at the Home Office, had been among those tipped to take over from Scarlett.

**EDITOR'S COMMENT:** Intelligence watchers believe Sir John's appointment almost certainly heralds a new era of openness in the way in which MI6 operates and how it wants to be perceived publicly. Indeed,

## SIR JOHN SAWERS FACT FILE

Name: Robert John Sawers CMG

Date of Birth: 26 July 1955

2009 - Chief of MI6 (Secret Intelligence Service)  
 2007 - 2009 Ambassador to the UN in New York  
 2003 - 2006 FCO, Director General for Political Affairs  
 2003 - 2003 Baghdad, UK Special Representative  
 2001 - 2003 Cairo, Ambassador  
 1999 - 2001 Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Minister  
 1996 - 1999 Washington, Counsellor for Foreign and Defence Policy  
 1995 - 1996 Harvard, sabbatical  
 1993 - 1995 FCO, Principal Private Secretary to Foreign Secretary  
 1991 - 1992 FCO, Head of EU Presidency Planning Unit  
 1988 - 1991 Pretoria/Cape Town, First Secretary  
 1986 - 1987 FCO, Private Secretary to Minister of State  
 1984 - 1986 FCO, Desk Officer EU Department  
 1982 - 1984 Damascus, Political Officer  
 1977 - 1982 FCO





# INTELLIGENCE DIGEST

## COUNTING DOWN

Three senior intelligence chiefs admit nothing can stop Iran's quest for a nuclear bomb

**B**rigadier-General Yossi Beidatz, the head of the IDF (Israel Defence Force) Military Intelligence Research Division, told the country's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, that senior analysts have estimated Iran is just twelve months away from having sufficient materials to build a nuclear bomb. Tehran already has proven it has manufactured a delivery system capable of housing and transporting such a device over thousands of miles. The launch on 20 May of an intercontinental ballistic missile took Western intelligence by surprise, for only weeks earlier, many said Iran simply did not have such a device. The Sejil-2 is a



two-stage missile solid-fuel rocket capable of flying about 1,300 miles. It is far more advanced than any other rocket in the Shahab missile series.

"By the end of 2009, Iran may have enough fissile material for their first nuclear bomb," said Beidatz. He went on to say that he doubts negotiations will stall Iran's race for a bomb, and that the evidence suggests "Iran is extremely troubling" due to the speed of its research. "It has missiles which can reach Israel... the Iranian clock precedes the international diplomacy clock." He added that for the time being, "The United States is determined to pursue diplomacy" with Iran.

The intelligence briefing was hardly news to his superior, IDF Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi. He warned that Tel Aviv was ready to take any action if required. "Iran continues with its plans. Its

## MI6 "TRACK RUSSIAN HITMAN"

No confirmation of yet another possible assassin in London

**A**ccording to media sources close to Akhmed Zakayev, the former Chechen warlord who is high on Russia's 'most wanted' list, MI6 discovered a plot by a hired FSB agent, to assassinate Zakayev in a London hotel. The case echoes that of Boris Berezovsky in 2007, who was the target of another Russian-based hitman. In this case a planned meeting at the London Hilton Hotel was to be the scene of the assassination, but MI6 warned Berezovsky who quietly left the country for a few days. The would-be gunman was identified by MI5 and New Scotland Yard quickly pounced, flying him out of the UK within hours.

Zakayev, the people's choice or figurehead of the would-be Chechen Republic of Ichkeria was a personal friend of murdered FSB

officer Aleksander Litvinenko and Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya. He said: "I remember holding a press conference with my dear friends Aleksander Litvinenko and Anna Politkovskaya. Now they are murdered and I am the only one left."



Zakayev

Intelligence insiders told Eye Spy that Russia's FSB have long wanted to bring Zakayev back to Moscow to face charges of terrorism. However, the British Government have politically thwarted every attempt. His planned assassination was halted after MI6 supposedly intercepted a telephone call that discussed a "professional killing" by a gunman posing as a journalist.



### FSB TARGETS

L-R: Boris Berezovsky

Aleksander Litvinenko

Anna Politkovskaya

COURTESY: IDF

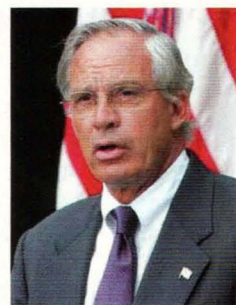


Brigadier-General Yossi Beidatz

## CIA'S NO HIDING PLACE US Speaker Fears Agency Probe

**S**peaker Nancy Pelosi's claim that the Central Intelligence Agency misled her in 2002 about interrogation tactics used on suspected terrorists, will not be investigated after Democrats blocked a move that would have led to a full investigation. Pelosi was present at a meeting of the House Intelligence Committee on 4 September 2002, which discussed CIA interrogation techniques, including "waterboarding". Pelosi said she was only told about the action months later by an aide. This led former D/CIA Porter Goss to

write: "A disturbing epidemic of amnesia seems to be plaguing my former colleagues in Congress. I am slack-jawed to read that lawmakers claim to have not understood that the techniques on which they were briefed were to actually be employed or that waterboarding was never mentioned."



Former D/CIA Porter Goss says Pelosi "fully aware" of CIA actions



# RAN'S N-BOMB



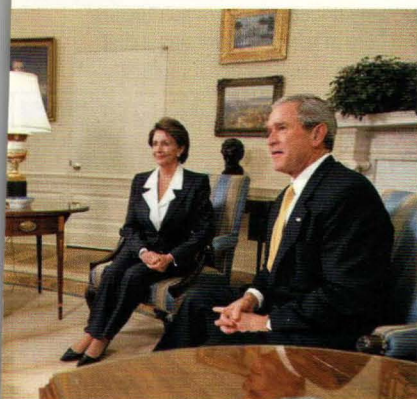
IDF Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi - acknowledges Iran's nuclear quest is near completion

The Sejil-2 reaches for the sky - the rocket is part of the successful Shahab (Meteor) programme and will almost certainly carry Iran's first-ever nuclear warhead

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possession of nuclear weapons could destabilise the entire Middle East. There is dialogue between the United States and Iran, with the prospects for success doubtful. But as the chief of staff, I have to be prepared for any eventuality, and so this is what we are doing."

In an interview six months ago, former Mossad chief Shabtai Shavit, told Israel's Parliament, that he had no doubt once Iran had the bomb they would use it... and that he expected a "surprise" announcement from Iran's government by the end of 2009.



Nancy Pelosi and former President George W. Bush at the White House in 2006

The facts regarding what Pelosi was told about the CIA methods (aimed only at three senior terrorists - including Khalid Sheikh Mohamed, the planner of 9/11 - pictured right),

would undoubtedly have been revealed in an investigation.

Pelosi caused huge controversy when she publicly accused the CIA of "misleading Congress and giving her incomplete and inaccurate information." However, her response was also pushed away by current D/CIA Leon Panetta who declared on 15 May, the Agency "briefed truthfully" in 2002. More damaging for the Speaker, the CIA retained a series of charts that were used to brief members on the committee... including Pelosi.



## HOME-GROWN TERRORISTS DEADLY ATTACK ON US ARMY RECRUITERS

**A**bdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad, A.K.A. Carlos Leon Bledsoe, faces a life sentence after shooting dead a US Army recruiter, and wounding another at a recruiting station in Little Rock, Arkansas, on 1 June 2009. Private William Long, 23, who succumbed quickly to his injuries, and his colleague, Private Quinton Ezeagwula, 18, were shot at virtually point-blank range by Muhammad, a Muslim convert, who fired several rounds from his vehicle. Both soldiers had no time to react. It is believed Muhammad was under observance by a US intelligence element after visiting the Middle East. After the shooting, police chased down the terrorist, and arrested him as he drove towards a motorway on the outskirts of the town. He calmly told officers he would have shot others had he had time to do so.



Muhammad is led away by police



Times Square recruiting station - following attack in 2008

One US pundit notes the town council passed a resolution that said a Marine recruiting station "is not welcome in the city, and if recruiters choose to stay, they do so as uninvited and unwelcome intruders."

Such stations have become targets for protesters, but in recent times, attacks by deranged persons and terrorists have become more violent.

One frequent target is the recruiting station in Times Square, Manhattan. Eye Spy consultants in the city have been told by anti-terrorism police these violent attacks are probably the work of just one man.

## MARINE ONE AND TEHRAN BLUEPRINTS AND UPGRADES END UP IN IRAN

**I**t was recently discovered that sensitive data on the VH-60N Marine One presidential helicopter were reportedly found on a server with an Internet Protocol (IP) address indicating it was in Iran. Cyber forensics indicated that the files were transferred from a laptop back in 2008. The data was said to include planned engineering upgrades, avionics schematics, and computer network information on the planned upgrade for the President's existing helicopter. One

insider in the security company confirmed they found a file containing the entire blueprints and avionics package for the proposed Marine One. Other reports state that the VH-60N files included information on the helicopter's missile warning and missile countermeasure systems. This is just another startling example of a very high profile computer security breach that has become all too common in the high tech espionage world we now live in.







## Having a Secret S

### MI6 plans to celebrate its 100th

There has been much speculation in the international and British press, that MI6 is holding a secret tuxedo and gown ball to celebrate its 100th birthday. It also coincides with the stepping down of MI6 Chief Sir John Scarlett. The story first broke in the *Wall Street Journal*, the US broadsheet that does have a news-thread to the intelligence world.



Those attending the event, described by the WSJ as an "espionage ball", include many of its serving and past employees, plus political and military dignitaries. However, when ordinary folks are finding it difficult in current times to make ends meet, and

unlike many of the politicians in Parliament who have disgracefully picked the pocket of British taxpayers, Service chiefs will not use public money to finance the event. Those attending, including Royalty, will have to buy their own tickets.

# CIA FIELD STATIONS



## DISPUTE OVER WHO SELECTS STATION CHIEFS CONTINUES

Leon E. Panetta, Director Central Intelligence Agency (D/CIA), is standing firm over intense pressure to let the Office of the Director National Intelligence (ODNI), choose the Agency's overseas Station Chiefs. It has transpired, that just hours after DNI head Dennis Blair announced his coordinating office would use its authority to select personnel for these important posts (see Eye Spy 61 - ODNI versus CIA), Panetta sent a message to CIA employees saying ignore the statement - the CIA was in charge of

overseas intelligence matters. Eye Spy sources say navy career man Mr Blair, was "furious" about the CIA's stance and some say the word "insubordination" was used.

This internal dispute was undoubtedly caused by Mr Panetta's statement when he mistakenly told a journalist Mr Blair was his boss. As far as we can ascertain and believe, the ODNI is a central liaison office which was charged with intelligence

flow and is not an active agency with overall control of the 16 member services of the US Intelligence Community. Indeed, some agencies report to the Pentagon anyway. Mr Blair, does however have great support from leftist elements of President Obama's government who are keen to waterdown the CIA's power.

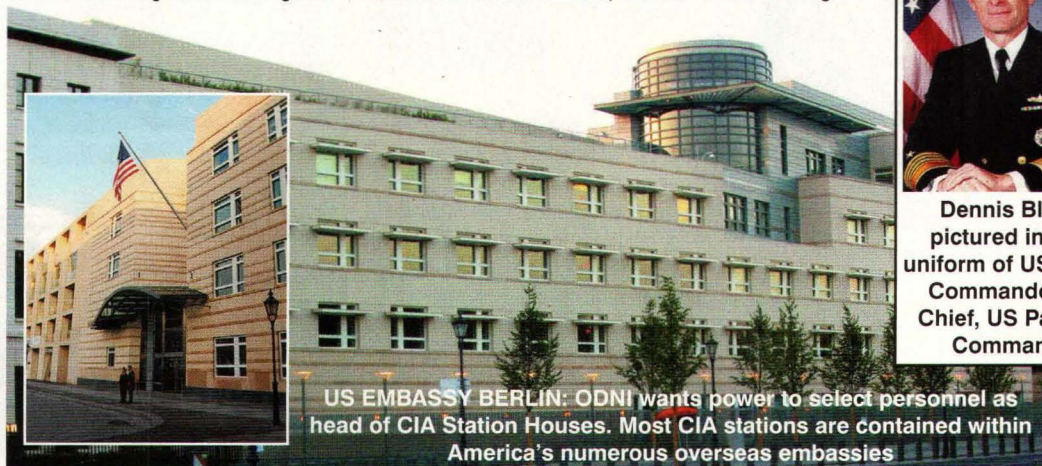
"We need to move intelligence away from the cold war mind-set, and the

CIA has a problem to some extent accepting that," said Senator Dianne Feinstein, the California Democrat who is chairwoman of the Intelligence Committee.

Some senior CIA staffers believe the ODNI is unnecessary, while officials working in the ODNI, are upset that the CIA has maintained its role as the country's senior service. Commenting



D/CIA  
Leon  
Panetta



US EMBASSY BERLIN: ODNI wants power to select personnel as head of CIA Station Houses. Most CIA stations are contained within America's numerous overseas embassies



Dennis Blair, pictured in the uniform of US Navy Commander in Chief, US Pacific Command



# Ice Ball

## day in style

Naturally the evening is shrouded in secrecy, as befits an organisation that until 1993 "still did not exist". However, now that news of the dinner and ball has been leaked, speculation abounds when

100 Years of SIS  
DINNER  
DANCE

October 2009

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres  
7.30pm

Dinner 8.00pm

ending 1.00m - 1.00m

Dress accordingly

behind closed doors and off-the-record, the Agency is "hidebound, turf-obsessed and insular," one ODNI liaison said. The ODNI wants the power to select individuals from agencies such as the NSA and organisations like the Pentagon where appropriate.

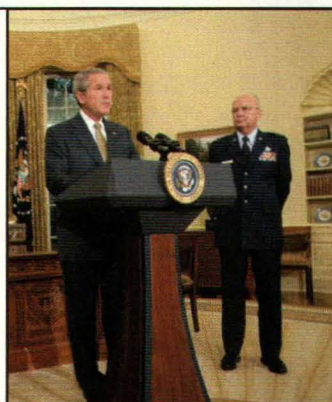
Former D/CIA Michael V. Hayden, is supportive of the CIA and says delegating non-CIA officers to run Station Houses might confuse America's intelligence friends: "When we get a liaison partner coming to Washington, they are already confused about who they should be dealing with here," he

and where it will take place. There are some who believe it is scheduled for October - its supposed operational inception month in 1909.

We can't be 100% sure of the date MI6 came into being, but Mark Birdsall, editor of Eye Spy was informed by a former MI6 officer the Service prides itself knowing its founding Chief - Sir Mansfield Cumming started work exactly three days before his counterpart in MI5 - Vernon Kell. Now Eye Spy believes he first sat down at his desk in the War Office to take up his duties on Monday 23 August 1909. The time was 10.00am.

There is no news yet of an MI5 (Security Service) function to commemorate its 100th birthday.

Whatever the MI6 evening holds for today's and yesteryears spies - few will dare complain about the dinner - Sir John Scarlett himself reportedly "approved" the menu.



Former D/CIA Michael Hayden and George W. Bush

said. "Now, you could be creating that same circumstance in a foreign capital."

## MI5 BUILDING BLUNDERS

### Northern centre publicised in brochure

**LONDON:** Three years ago it was quietly revealed that Britain's Security Service - MI5, was to open several regional headquarters in various parts of the UK. It has two northern England centres in the Manchester and Leeds regions, but one of these recently featured in a publicity brochure by the firm which built it. Besides trying to keep the location of the centres secret, the actual cost was also confidential... until the builder's web site announced one had cost £20 million. The building plans, which were objected to by 60 people, had in fact been filed with a local council in 2008 and were accessible. These have now been reportedly classified. The builders describe the development as a "high specification state-of-the-art commercial office."



MI5 DG  
Jonathan Evans

# OXFORD'S

## KGB SPY FIXER

### Identity revealed after 70 years

Following extensive research by Earl Haynes, Harvey Klehr and Alexander Vassiliev, the latter a former KGB officer, it has emerged that a leading British civil servant was in fact a KGB agent recruiter. For years there has been much debate in intelligence circles about the identity of a person known as Agent Scott, this after KGB files were released into the public domain in 1992. The papers tell of a British contact who actively introduced people into the world of espionage... on behalf of Moscow.

The researchers found the answer in a document written by the KGB's former head of counter-intelligence, Pavel Fitin to his KGB chief - Vsevolod Merkulov. Dated July 1941, the memorandum says "[agent] Scott is Arthur Wynn". However, it is believed his first mention came in a file dated 1936. At the time Wynn was believed to be 35-years-old, a member of the Communist Party of Great Britain, and a graduate from both Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

His connections to other so-called "Oxbridge" spies are also revealed. Wynn was himself recruited by Theodore Mally, a senior KGB fixer based in London, and Edith Tudor Hart, the KGB agent who also recruited top Soviet spy Kim Philby. In his role, Wynn passed on "intelligence assessments" on around 25 possible recruits, one of which "Bunny" still remains a mystery. Five reportedly did make the grade.

Reference to Agent Scott was made over 20 years ago by British intelligence writer and researcher Nigel West, in his book *The Crown Jewels*.

This important new discovery was made by the authors whilst researching their book *Spies: The Rise and Fall of the KGB in America*. Though the

work fails to mention Agent Scott, it does identify Russia's main sources from which it gathered intelligence on America's nuclear bomb programme - The Manhattan Project. Melita Norwood - dubbed the "grandmother spy" was one, and the other was Engelbert Broda, an Austrian-born physicist who worked at the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge. He had access to Manhattan technical reports.

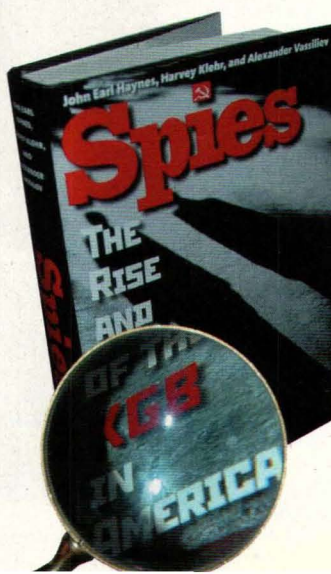
Former MI5 "spycatcher" Peter Wright was always convinced a second spy ring had remained undetected in "Oxbridge".



Vsevolod Merkulov



Pavel Fitin





EXPERIENCED AGENTS IN PLACE FOR OVER 30 YEARS

# CUBAN SPIES



***Real fears as US intelligence community admits significant secrets have been secured by Moscow***

**A** former worker at the State Department and his wife have been charged with espionage. FBI officials said Washington DC residents Walter Myers, 72, and Gwendolyn Myers, 71, passed on intelligence to handlers in Cuba for a period spanning over three decades.

Specialists from the Bureau's counter-espionage directorate used well-rehearsed 'sting tactics' to convince the couple

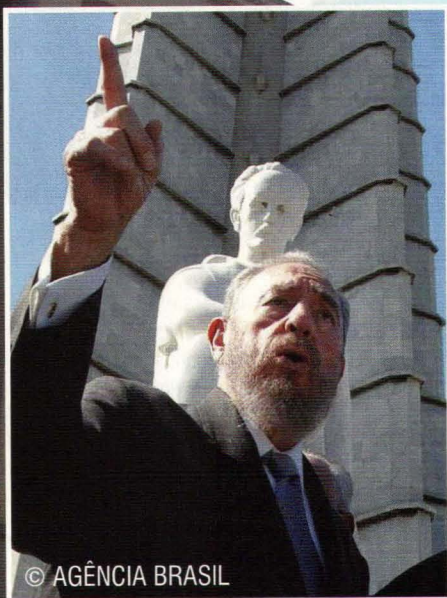
to provide them with details about their past activities - this as an agent posed as a steadfast Cuban spy.

Mr Myers started work at the State Department in 1977. Attached to the Foreign Service Institute, Myers was employed as an "instructor" and given "top secret" clearance. In 1999, Eye Spy understands he was granted "Above Top Secret" clearance after he was assigned to the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR). This allowed him access to some of the nation's most guarded secrets... or at least the potential to request associated

intelligence because of his State Department work. Mrs Gwendolyn Myers (the couple married in 1982), was employed as an analyst at a Washington DC bank.

In 2006, one year before he retired, Myers used his super clearance to view almost 200 highly classified documents relating to Cuba.

Mr Myers was first contacted by a Cuban intelligence officer in 1978. Thereafter both the Myers' agreed to start forwarding intelligence on subject matters of interest. After the FBI became aware of the couple's previous role



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**Cuban spies in State Department had a personal audience with Fidel Castro**







## Bureau of Intelligence and Research

The Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR), drawing on all-source intelligence, provides value-added independent analysis of events to Department policymakers, ensures that intelligence activities support foreign policy and national security purposes; and serves as the focal point in the State Department for ensuring policy review of sensitive counterintelligence and law enforcement activities.

INR's primary mission is to harness intelligence to serve US diplomacy. The bureau also analyses geographical and international boundary issues. INR is a member of the 16-strong US intelligence community (IC).

(he retired in 2007), a careful operation was deployed to ascertain just what intelligence the Myers had passed on, and how this was achieved.

They believed their new "Cuban liaison" was assigned from Havana, and duly told him they were known as agents 202 and 123 and had actually met Cuban leader Fidel Castro in person. As for trading information, Mrs Myers would visit carefully selected grocery stores. After making contact with her handler, she would swap shopping trolleys - with secret files tucked behind food stuffs. Other early spying activities involved methods drawn from

KGB tradecraft manuals - including using morse code and writing messages on water soluble paper. As new technology emerged for passing intelligence, the Myers adapted and started to visit Internet cafes to send encrypted messages. As for the "shopping trolley swap", Mrs Myers told an FBI interrogator she would not do it now because so many stores have CCTV.

During this "new spate" of spying with their Cuban liaison, the Myers again agreed to pass on intelligence. Snippets of previous espionage activities were also revealed to the undercover agent.

The US authorities have ordered a "comprehensive damage assessment" on the extent of the Myers' spying, fearful that whatever was passed to Cuba, would undoubtedly have reached Moscow.

Questions are now being asked how these spies could have operated for so long without being detected. "Political motivation" is the answer, according to FBI insiders. Cuban spies can be especially difficult to catch because the Cuban government specialises in recruiting "true believers" rather than agents who operate simply to make money.

# NO REVIEW FOR CUBAN INTEL AGENTS

**D**espite wanting better relations with Cuba, the US Supreme Court, with presidential support, has refused to review the case of five Cuban intelligence agents dubbed the "Cuban Five". The agents say they did not receive a fair trial in Florida because of the strong anti-Castro sentiment that exists in Miami. Regarded as heroes in Cuba, the agents were part of the 1990s 'La Red Avispa' [Wasp Network] which was dismantled by agents of the FBI who successfully infiltrated the group.

The men, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González, Rene Gonzalez and Gerardo Hernandez were convicted in June 2001, on charges of acting as unregistered Cuban agents in the United States and of espionage conspiracy for attempting to penetrate US military bases. They were surveilled by FBI officers who discovered the group was also gathering intelligence on exiled and anti-Castro factions.

Hernandez was also convicted of murder in relation to the deaths of four Miami-based Cuban-American

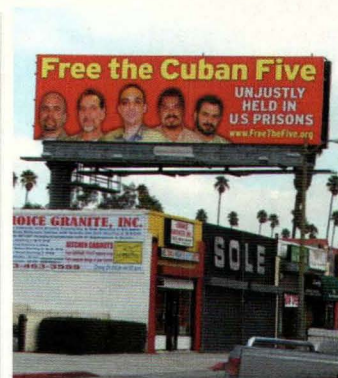


L-R: Fernando González, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero, Gerardo Hernandez and Rene Gonzalez

pilots. As part of an outfit known as the 'Brothers to the Rescue' organisation their aeroplanes were shot down by Cuban warplanes over the Florida Straits in 1996. Hernandez passed on key information to his handler in Havana about the unarmed flights. Four civilians were killed in that action, which prompted the US to act.

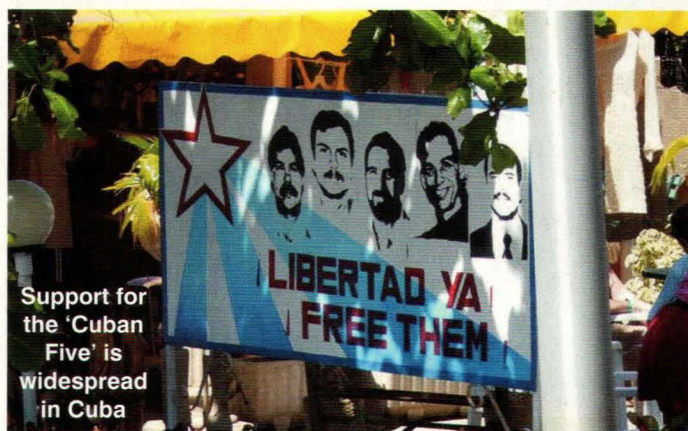
None of the jurors in the trial were Cuban-Americans, but legal representatives of the five men say that they may have been fearful of personal and community-wide consequences should they acquit the defendants.

Though hailed as heroes in Cuba, the men are held with much disdain on the eastern seaboard of America. The Florida region boasts a big



Cuban community. Nevertheless, the men seemingly have strong support from as many as 12 international legal groups.

All five were convicted and sentenced to prison terms ranging from life to 15 years.



Support for the 'Cuban Five' is widespread in Cuba



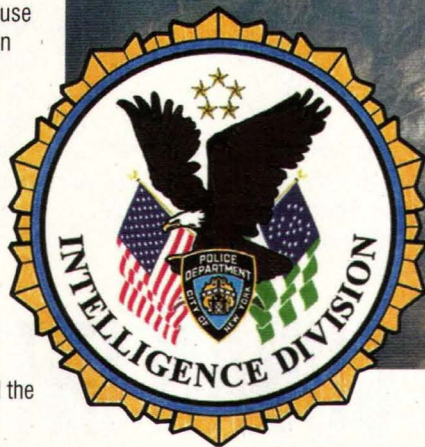
## FBI AGENTS AND NEW YORK POLICE IN NO WIN SITUATION

**U**S counter-terrorist officers have thwarted the fourth major threat to the country in as many years, with the arrest of four men in the New York area. However, far from hailing the clever work of the FBI and New York counter-terrorist police, a large part of the US media (and some civilian security outfits) have decided to accuse the authorities of running a low-level informant and ensnaring a band of felons who had "little chance of success". With so much editorial copy focused on the pre-emptive nature of the FBI sting operation, and the central characters involved in the plot, the US public could be forgiven in thinking the arrested men were little more than "bad clowns" from a sideshow in Billy Smart's Circus. The truth is, the men were keen to cause havoc and carnage on the streets and death in the air.

One newspaper described the arrested men as "poor ex-convicts down on their luck". Another reported how one of the terror suspects bantered with the judge in court, explaining that despite regularly "getting stoned", he could still "understand everything" that was being said. A television station poked further fun at the FBI by revealing the main undercover agent: a Pakistani national who successfully infiltrated the gang and avoided deportation in 2002 after agreeing to help the authorities. Apparently it wasn't the agent's first undercover work for the Bureau. A national editorial went further saying such operations bordered "entrapment", that the sting operation was overblown, and those arrested were "down and outs" and "hapless". They also said the operation was "fanfared" too much.

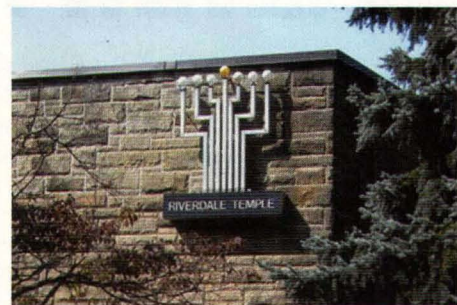
Regardless of the mentality and background of the would-be terrorists, the fact remains that the men drove to two targets in the city and

# NEW YORK ATTACK FOILED



deposited what they believed was enough explosive to take down an entire building... and in this case it just so happened to be a couple of synagogues in the Bronx district of the city. They also were en-route to bring down an airliner.

The tirade of mocking abuse was echoed in some security circles as the FBI was accused of actually "creating terrorists" by choosing to go underground with informants. "Once the guy [informant] has been attached, the targeted men



are egged on," said one security analyst. "I wonder what would happen if they were left alone?"

The central agent (FBI informant) in this latest pre-emptive FBI strike is Shahed Hussain. It is our understanding he also played a pivotal role in outing US-based would-be al-Qaida operatives in 2004 by tricking them into thinking he was a "top arms dealer" who could acquire and deliver virtually any weapon.

In court, Hussain identified James Cromitie (the son of an Afghan immigrant who also goes by the name Abdul Rahman) as the gang leader who recruited David Williams, Onta Williams and Laguerre Payen as his henchmen. He was apparently furious with US intervention in Afghanistan. After liaising at a local mosque in July 2008, Cromitie, the "plot mastermind", told Hussain: "The best target [the World Trade Center] was hit already." And after learning of an



Stinger rocket launcher

*A dish critic deflect four arrested*





Mayor Bloomberg honours members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force and the emergency service unit who foiled a terror plot in the Bronx with Governor Paterson, Police Commissioner Kelly and FBI Assistant Director In Charge Joseph Demarest Jr.



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by an undercover police car. The men returned to Newburgh and after performing several manoeuvres to make sure they were not being surveilled, continued their journey and returned to Stamford to collect a box of C4 explosives' and the Stinger missile. Unbeknown to them, all had been carefully modified by Bureau experts.

After returning home, they carefully concealed the items in a lock-up and started to shout "Allah akbar" (God is great).

Hussain's FBI-NYPD handlers had rigged up covert microphones and cameras to record much of the gang's activities, and an enormous amount of intelligence was gleaned which the defendants will undoubtedly find difficult to explain.

A year-long operation reached its end game in mid-May as the gang made its way to Riverdale Temple and the nearby Riverdale Jewish Center. Three cars were used in all, two of them primed with bombs and detonators attached to cell phones. The vehicles were parked next to the Jewish targets and then the men set off for Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, Orange County, upper New York State, home to the USAF 105th Airlift Wing. It was here the men hoped to bring down a commercial military-contracted cargo aeroplane enroute to US forces in Afghanistan. At the same time, they would dial the cell phones - all three targets would be hit simultaneously.

However, once the bomb vehicles had been deployed, a huge NYPD truck blocked their path.

The four suspects were dragged from a dark SUV and arrested.

New York Mayor Bloomberg hailed the pre-emptive strike: "While the bombs these terrorists attempted to plant tonight were - unbeknownst to them - fake, this latest attempt to attack our freedoms shows that the homeland security threats against New York City are sadly all too real and underscores why we must remain vigilant in our efforts to prevent terrorism."

"It's hard to envision a more chilling plot," Eric Snyder, an assistant United States attorney, said in court. "These are extremely violent men. These are men who eagerly embraced an opportunity" to "bring deaths to Jews."

Still, the critics of such tactics are everywhere. Terence L. Kindlon, a solicitor who crossed the path of Hussain in a 2004 money-laundering and terror trial proclaimed: "Where Hussain goes conspiracies blossom."

## US HOLOCAUST MUSEUM GUARD KILLED

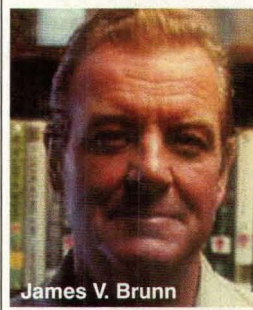
In June, an 88-year-old neo-Nazi gunned down a security guard at Washington DC's



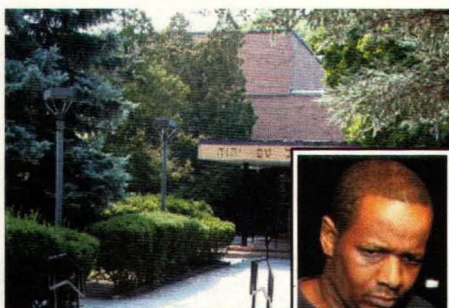
Stephen T. Johns

Holocaust museum. Described by police as a "white supremacist", James von Brunn calmly walked through the doors of the museum and opened fire, killing Stephen Tyrone Johns.

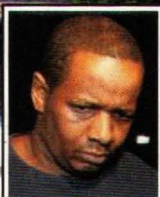
Johns died instantly and "in the line of duty", according to officials. Brunn was himself shot and seriously wounded as police returned fire. FBI officials have linked Brunn, who had served time for firearm offences, to a number of extreme right-wing groups.



James V. Brunn

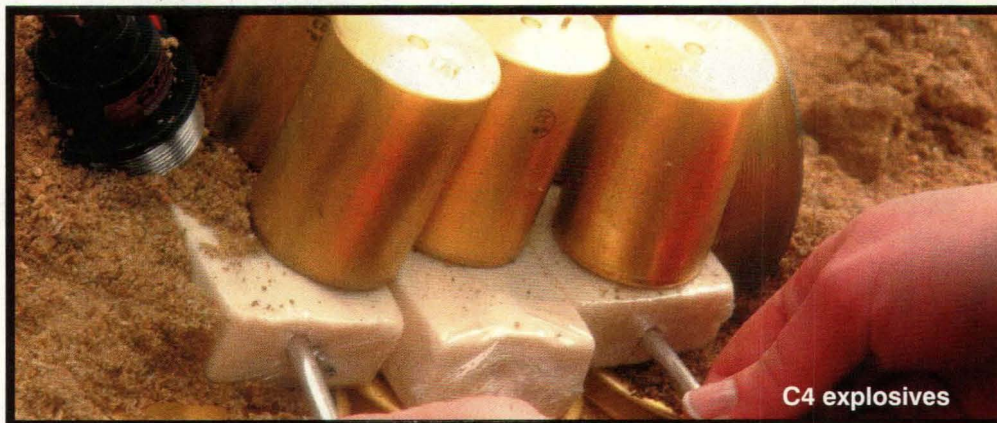


attack on a synagogue, he said: "I hate those mother\*\*\*, those f\*\*\* Jewish b\*\*\* .... I would like to get a synagogue." These words sparked FBI interest and an operation to get Cromitie was enabled.



James Cromitie

Hussain, on instructions from his FBI controller, started to point out possible targets during mobile reconnaissance, including Riverdale Temple and the nearby Riverdale Jewish Center. Previously tried and trusted methods regarding the supply of weapons, munitions and explosives soon saw the four men start to believe they could really pull off an attack. Cell phones and a camera were purchased, and also a gun from a gang leader in Brooklyn. Hussain, portrayed himself as an al-Qaida supporter, with strong ties to the terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed. He also set up a journey to pick up a mock ground-to-air rocket launcher (Stinger). However, as the gang drove to Stamford, Connecticut to pick up the device, Cromitie believed he was being followed



C4 explosives



# AIR FRANCE 447

## Crash exposes international intelligence interest in al-Qaida's growing presence in South America

**T**wo French intelligence officers examining possible terrorist threats to the loss of Air France 447 over the Atlantic, were quickly despatched to Brazil after two names on the flight list corresponded with those of suspected al-Qaida terrorists. DGSE (Direction Générale de la Sécurité Extérieure) analysts had noticed the flagged names but after a number of checks, the officers contacted Paris and confirmed the dead men simply shared the same names.

Flight AF 447 disappeared from radar on 1 June, about four hours into its journey from Rio de Janeiro to Paris, after the Airbus A330 started to automatically send out "incoherent" readings. An early aircraft accident report shows that the airliner hit the sea suddenly and without much notice - passengers had no time to don life jackets. Over 200 people died in the crash.

DGSE officers were already investigating terror threats to an Air France jet made just days before the crash, from an unknown group in neighbouring Argentina. On 27 May, the main office of the airline company in Buenos Aires received a bomb warning for AF 415. The Boeing 777



airliner was thoroughly checked by counter-terrorist officers before being allowed to take off.

Far from being an al-Qaida free region, bin-Laden's influence has reached South and Central America. MI6 and the CIA have identified one zone of interest dubbed "the Tri-Border Area". The region straggles Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. A recent intelligence summary noted:

"In the tri-border area of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay, Middle East terrorist organisations such as Hamas and Hizballah train terrorists and conduct fundraising activities in an area which has a growing population of Middle Eastern and South Asian immigrants. Funds raised in the tri-border area are sent directly to the Middle East to support the operation of these organisations, possibly even the planning and execution of

terrorist acts. No doubt funds raised in the tri-border area have made it to the pockets of al-Qaida and Osama Bin Laden. The FBI claim Islamic extremist cells linked with Hizballah, Islamic Jihad, and al-Qaida are also operating in Paraguay, Uruguay, and Ecuador."



DGSE chief -  
Erard Corbin  
de Mangoux

One day prior to the bomb warning, Brazilian federal police detained a man described by the media as a "high ranking figure in al-Qaida" in Sao Paulo. Khaled Hussein Ali's name was given to police by a US Internet tracking unit which had been monitoring his alleged anti-US rhetoric. It turns out Ali, is a self-employed computer technician with permanent residency in Brazil.



An AF A330 similar to the one that crashed in the Atlantic. Inset: Concerned passengers at the Air France ticket counter at Galeao Airport in Rio de Janeiro following the crash of AF 447



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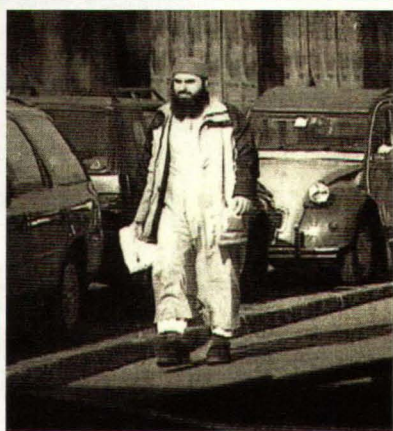


Senior Italian intelligence officer allegedly offered to work as a double agent for Central Intelligence Agency, as rendition trial offers unique insight into local US station rivalries

# INSIDE THE ROMAN CIA



STREET SURVEILLANCE IN MILAN CIA  
photo of Hassan Mustafa Osama Nasr



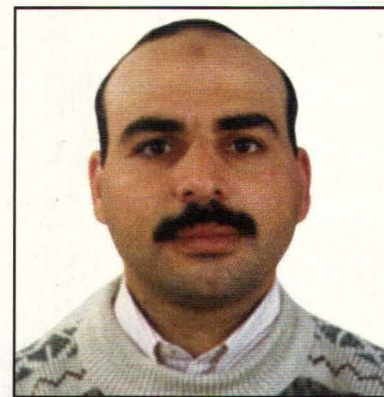
**R**arely do intelligence operations play out in the media as much as that involving the CIA snatch operation that saw over two dozen operatives surveil, then abduct Egyptian cleric Hassan Mustafa Osama Nasr - a suspected al-Qaida link man in the city of Milan in 2002.

In October of that year, CIA Milan Station Chief - Robert Seldon Lady and local SISMi (Italian military intelligence) commander, Colonel Stefano D'Ambrosio, met to discuss an operation that neither he, nor his Italian counterpart wanted much to do with. Lady advised D'Ambrosio, that despite his reservations, the CIA Rome Station Chief had ordered that the operation go ahead. And just in case Lady had last minute objections, a senior deputy was despatched to Milan to oversee things.

The rendition operation seemed to go smoothly, but CIA operatives left a plethora of clues, most notably a cell-phone trail that led all the way to the US Embassy. Since then, 26 CIA officers and



**Gulfstream V. The CIA's favoured aircraft to transport terror suspects**



**Hassan Mustafa Osama Nasr**

their associates, including the now retired Lady, have gone on trial in absentia. Also in the dock are seven Italians charged with complicity.

D'Ambrosio explained that Lady was worried the covert action could be problematic, not only for the careful relations he had built up over the years, but that it may lead to an armed confrontation with local police if the abduction went wrong. Lady said to D'Ambrosio: "Talk to your people..." D'Ambrosio believes Lady was trying to say: "In other words this whole thing is so crazy that if... two operational chiefs in the field, who know the area, who work in this territory, say that an action is completely crazy, probably they will back off."

Whatever the men tried to work didn't happen, for the CIA team swooped and flew Omar out of the country via a nearby US air base.

Giving evidence in court in October 2008, a resigned D'Ambrosio said: "We were between the tragic and the ridiculous."

Lady allegedly played a pivotal role in the operation, following orders from his more senior partners in Rome and Langley. But in doing so, stressed relations between CIA Milan and his SISMi associates were in danger. "We all had excellent relationships with him [Lady] because this was a very affable and professionally accessible person," said Luciano Pironi, a Carabinieri lieutenant who admitted to a "hands-on role in the abduction". "I think he had given CIA souvenirs to half of Milan."

D'Ambrosio was also puzzled when Lady, who had launched the CIA surveillance on Omar, said SISMi had delegated a special team to help a CIA paramilitary 'Special Operations Group', surveil the Egyptian. D'Ambrosio believes he was being purposely left out of the loop.

D'Ambrosio, like Lady, knew of other suspected terrorist facilitators close to the Mosque where Omar frequented. He believed that by removing Omar, it would expose a wider intelligence operation in the city. D'Ambrosio drove to the city of Bologna and discussed his concerns with a senior SISMi official - Marco Mancini. He requested that Mancini act and put pressure on the CIA to abort its operation. He now admits that his request was akin to dissent. D'Ambrosio was transferred to Rome away from the scene, apparently because the CIA "wanted his head".

#### **DOUBLE AGENT -SISMi TO CIA?**

The case in Italy has enthralled many people, but D'Ambrosio then delivered a bombshell. Just after Mancini had risen to deputy of the agency Lady admitted he had offered more than cooperation with the CIA. "He told me that Mancini had offered himself to the CIA as a

double agent," D'Ambrosio said. "And he said the CIA had made a negative response to the offer. An analysis done by CIA psychologists based on conversations with Mancini had revealed according to them that Mancini had an extremely venal character."

Mancini and other SISMi officials have rejected that allegation. But the spy chief has been charged with criminal conspiracy, that also involves telephone wiretaps and a telephone company.

Lady, meanwhile, has been accused of recruiting an Italian police officer to stop Omar on 17 February 2003, moments before masked CIA operatives whisked him away in a van. The Italian, Lieutenant Pironi of the Carabinieri, testified that Lady paid for a near week-long trip to the USA, the highlight of which was a visit to Langley where members of the CIA's European Theatre thanked him for his assistance.

The case continues.

**Eye Spy Notes:** Since late 2007, the Italian intelligence services, including SISMi have undergone major restructuring. The primary intelligence concern is now Agenzia Informazioni e Sicurezza Esterna (External Information and Security Agency), known as AISE. SISMi is part of this structure.

**There were real concerns inside the CIA and SISMi that if the operation to abduct the cleric went wrong, it could lead to an armed confrontation with local police. In the end, Omar was taken and flown out of the country via the US base at Aviano**



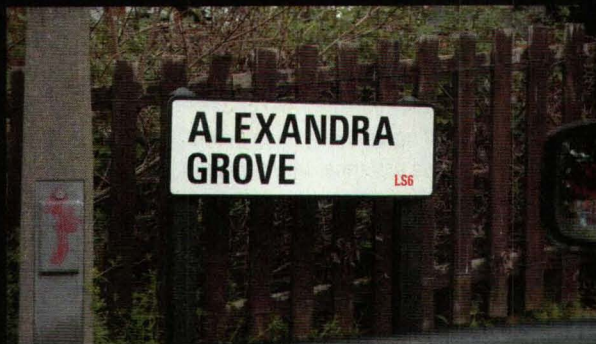
**US Air Base Aviano**



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## THE AL-QAIDA BOMBER WITH

MI5 had capacity to track just one in 20 terror suspects before London bombings



**T**he second report prepared by the Intelligence and Security Committee (ISC) into the London terrorist attacks of 2005, has revealed no misgivings about the performance of the Security Service and police. However, the report contains information that reveals inadequate resources, especially in the area of surveillance, which dramatically reduced MI5's overall capacity to surveil properly more than one in 20 terrorist suspects in Britain.

MI5 admits that terror cell leader, Mohammad Sidique Khan, was flagged nine times as he

crossed both its and other police forces "radar", including occasions when he met with suspects already being monitored and some who were planning a bombing campaign.

Together with another 7/7 cohort, Shazad Tanweer, MI5 was interested in Khan, but the evidence was only tentative and both seemed on the periphery of terrorist activity, despite liaising with persons under surveillance. The report states: "*MI5 were fully aware of Khan's terrorist links, but did not think he was a direct threat to national security*". Khan was also filmed by MI5 as part of another intelligence operation, but the link was not made

until after the London attacks, primarily because he was not recognised and identified on the image.

MI5's Director-General Jonathan Evans, explained to the ISC that his agency did not have the ability or resources in 2004 and 2005 to track anyone who was not directly involved in planning an attack on the UK. He admitted that this meant resources and full surveillance could only be placed on suspects at the very top of the ladder. "We could only hit the crocodiles nearest the boat," he said. In real terms that meant providing good coverage (surveillance) on just six per cent of those under observance. The other 94% was





"patchy, inadequate or non-existent", the report says. The two Leeds bombers, Khan and Tanweer, both fell into the latter category and "no intelligence cover" was deemed necessary.

The ISC recognise MI5 can't be held accountable for being "under-resourced". The report states: *"Having looked at all the evidence in considerable detail, we cannot criticise the judgments made by MI5 and the police based on the information that they had and their priorities at the time"*.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUES

One undercover MI5 surveillance photograph taken in 2004, shows a number of UK-based al-Qaida operatives from three or more emerging cells, Waheed Ali, Mohammad Sidique Khan and Omar Khyam were tracked and monitored in London. Ali was later acquitted by Kingston Crown Court of conspiring with the bombers.

On other occasions MI5 managed to place listening devices in the mens vicinity and recorded conversations about "plans to fight with the Taliban" in Afghanistan. Khan had travelled from Beeston, Leeds, to meet with the would-be architects of the bombing of the Ministry of Sound nightclub. On another occasion the suspects met with Muktar Said Ibrahim, the leader of the cell that attempted an attack in London on 21 July.



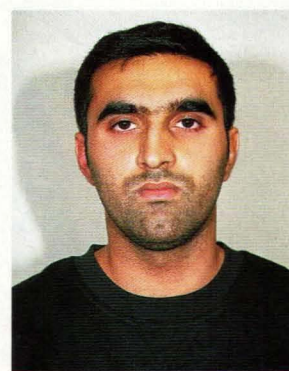
"There was a huge amount of intelligence that if followed properly, and resources allowed, could have opened doors," an intelligence source told Eye Spy.

MI5's A-4 watchers were focused on Omar Khyam's cell in Crawley, West Sussex (Operation Crevice). In April 2004, three "clean skins" (unknowns to the Security Service) were seen with Khyam - they were quickly identified as Khan, Ali and Shehzad Tanweer. MI5 invited West Yorkshire Police to obtain more background intelligence on the Leeds men, but this was allegedly never acted upon. However, neither did MI5 submit a second follow-up request or a status report.

MI5 surveilled the men when they met with other prime suspects, including an explosives expert from Canada. Khyam and his "fertiliser gang" or the "Crawley Mob" as dubbed by New Scotland Yard, were arrested just days after this meeting. All were later convicted of

planning to attack London with a bomb made from fertiliser.

There was also intelligence that if given to the FBI may have thrown up more red flags. US al-Qaida supergrass Mohammed Babar was instrumental in setting up passages whereby those wishing to attend terror training camps could do so. Leeds cell leader Khan was one of the men who chose to do so. However, his photograph was not sent to the FBI. Critics say Babar would have been able to identify the head of the 7/7 gang had he been shown the MI5 image. Months later both Khan and Tanweer would fly to Pakistan to receive their final orders to attack the capital.



Omar Khyam

COURTESY: THAMES HOUSE/MI5

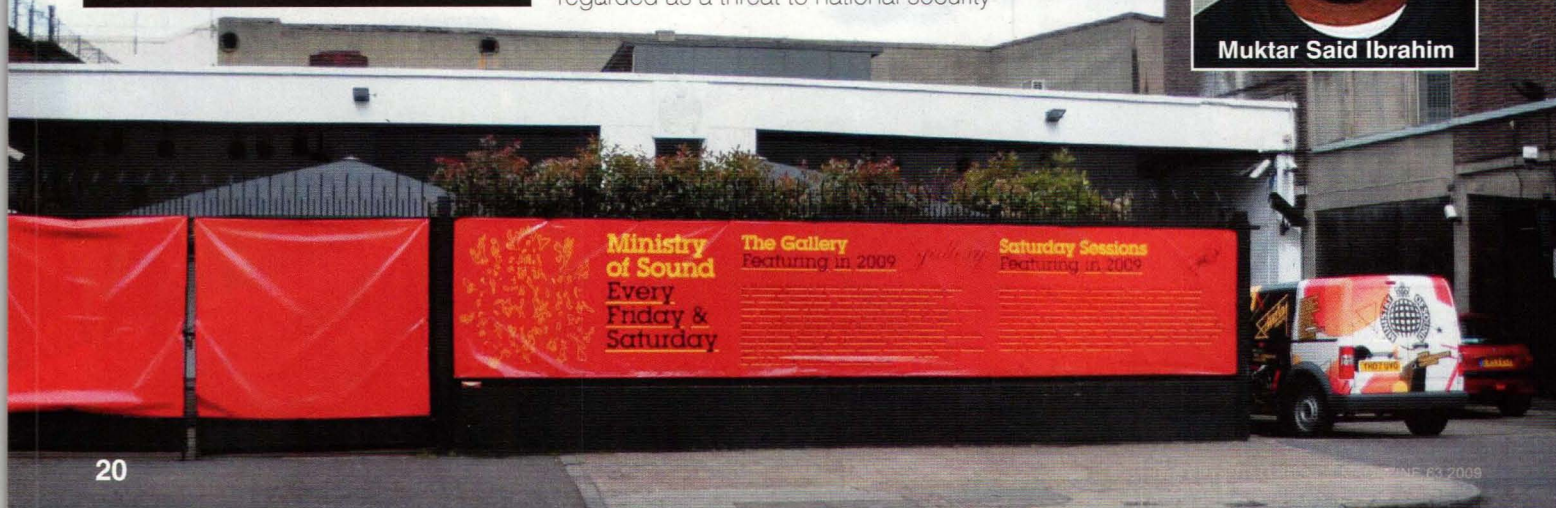


### UNDER OBSERVANCE - AQ's LEEDS AND LONDON TERROR CELLS

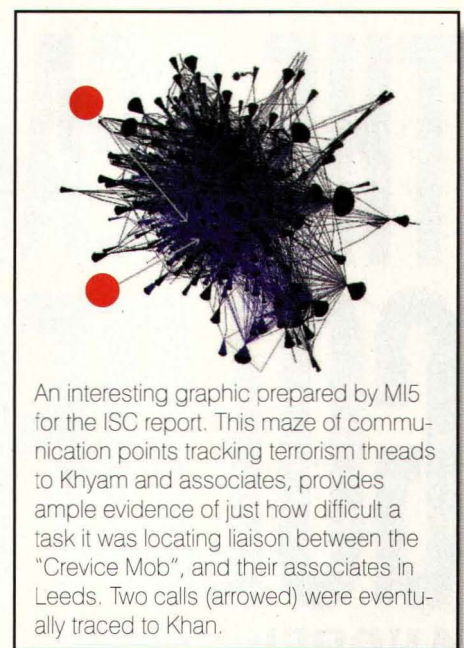
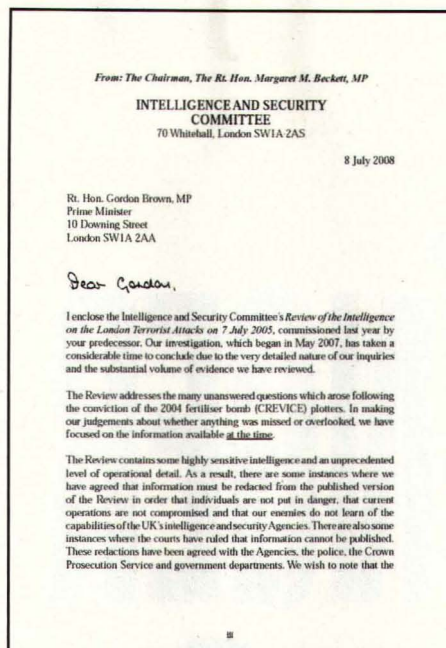
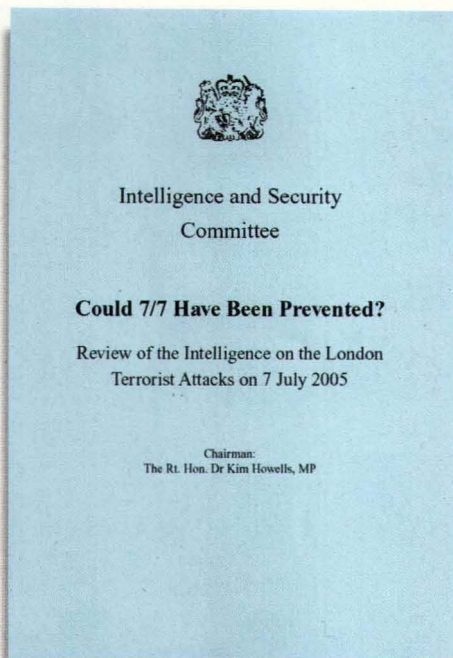
MI5 surveillance image (from video clip) showing from left: Waheed Ali, Mohammad Sidique Khan and Omar Khyam who headed the London cell intent on attacking targets such as the Ministry of Sound nightclub. Though a "person of interest", Khan was not regarded as a threat to national security



Muktar Said Ibrahim







Analysis of the report shows some concern that MI5 did not identify Khan "definitively" prior to 7 July. And besides an MI5 photograph of Khan taken in 2001, there were five other "contacts" starting in 1993, when he was arrested for assault, and more significantly in January 2005, when a hire car he had driven was linked to a terror investigation.

52 people died and 1,000 were injured in the 7 July 2005 attacks. The 21/7 bomb attacks were a failure and no-one was injured. Members of both cells were familiar with each other.

The July 7 Inquiry Campaign Group believes the government should hold an independent inquiry into the events leading up to the bombings, and that the ISC findings "lacked transparency".

Kim Howells MP, chairman of the ISC, anticipated the criticism but said: "There will inevitably be those who do not like what we have written, who will criticise the report because it does not say what they want it to say, but we cannot alter the facts to suit the story."



Untouched surveillance photos [two] of 7/7 bombers Shazad Tanweer Mohammad Sidique Khan taken by the security services prior to the 2005 attacks



Khan photographed by undercover officers in 2001. Had this image been correlated with others taken of the bomber before 7/7, and Khan recognised, MI5 well may have probed much deeper - much sooner

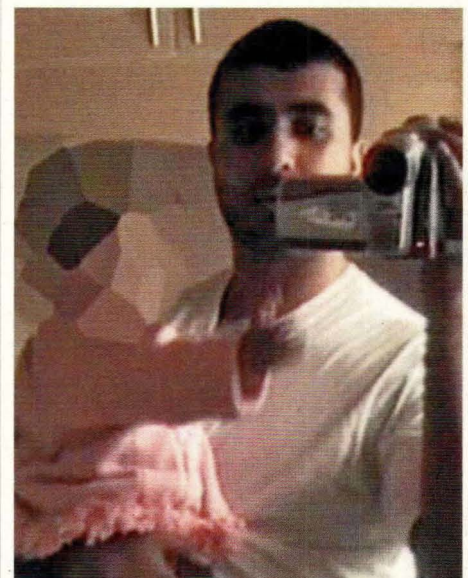
## ANALYSIS PROBLEMATIC?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The ISC report states MI5 had only sufficient resources to surveil about 52 suspects properly in 2004-2005, and that to monitor all those "persons of interest" would need an unachievable "several hundred thousand [operatives] to provide comprehensive intelligence coverage".

Critics of MI5 may conclude surveillance was left wanting, but anyone who has participated in this art knows 24-hour-a-day coverage of several targets and over a long period, is difficult. I don't think the problem had anything to do with the surveillance - resources yes, but it seems analysis of the intelligence was problematic. There were lots of clues, but like a jig-saw with missing pieces, the bigger picture could not be seen. Analysis of intelligence can be painfully slow and mind-boggling difficult. This can be evidenced in data acquired concerning Khyam alone. MI5 investigators had to carefully pick-through over 4,000 telephone calls and electronic contacts, and an astonishing 1,154 threads to vehicles. When data was examined concerning his movements, buildings and residences visited, intelligence on his

social and business contacts, little wonder MI5 analysts are occasionally asked "give it your best shot".

And as for the 7/7 case being closed, Eye Spy has learned that MI5 are convinced over a dozen people in the Leeds area had full or partial knowledge of what the bombers planned. This is evidenced by a secret file containing a wealth of forensic evidence; DNA of persons who were in the bomb factories in the city, of others who removed bin bags containing explosives residue, of clothes that were burnt when one detonator accidentally exploded in the bathroom as it was being built. Some surveillance footage actually shows the result of that explosion - the hair was burned on one man. Those dozen-or-so people have yet to be identified by MI5, some undoubtedly will not. But in the course of time, I suspect there will be other arrests.



VIDEO DIARY: A freeze-frame of Sidique Khan with his young baby shortly before he and his fellow terrorists embarked upon a suicide mission to London

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# THE REAL GOLDFINGER

ANDREW COOK

Acclaimed intelligence writer and historian Andrew Cook, provides Eye Spy readers with an exclusive insight into a new British television series, and reveals evidence of the real "Goldfinger" - a senior German spy who inspired the character in the movie of the same name

In 1964 cinema audiences around the world were transfixed as James Bond foiled the evil plans of a villain called *Goldfinger*. Little did they know that Goldfinger's plot to blow up Fort Knox and treble the value of his own gold was not just a work of fiction, but a version of a true story that happened in London in 1914.

The Real Goldfinger was a cunning German Spymaster who planned to blow up the Bank of England and devastate the British Economy on the



German spy - Gustav Steinhauer

eve of war. The Bank of England plot has been a secret for nearly 100 years and it is only now that we are beginning to uncover the truth. If Britain's Secret Service Bureau had not uncovered the plot and the Germans had succeeded, Britain would almost certainly have lost the First World War.

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The Secret Service Bureau had started as a small group of just 13 men tasked with guarding the secrets of the nation in the run up to the First World War. Their little Victoria Street office was set up in 1909 and their newly recruited spies were whipped into shape by ex-Special Branch chief William Melville ('M').

Melville was a very cunning character and a master of disguises, known for his sometimes rather dubious methods. Ian Fleming, author of the Bond novels, worked for British Intelligence during the Second World War and would have known about Melville's exploits, which included using the legendary escape artist, Houdini, to train his operatives. In the real world Melville's job was to try to ferret out German spies on British soil. This difficult task pitted him against a German he had once worked alongside.

Melville's opposite number in Germany was Gustav Steinhauer or 'The Kaiser's master spy' as he liked to call himself. Melville and Steinhauer knew each other well. They had actually worked together to protect the Kaiser





*The Bank of England, London - target of a most audacious German spy operation*



**Houdini pictured in 1907 alongside his wife and mother**

Melville was far too cunning to arrest Ernst or anyone else in the network. Instead he let them continue to write to each other but intercepted and read everything they sent before having it re-sealed and forwarded it on. It was a stroke of genius on Melville's part - he was now effectively spying on the spies.

A document written by one of Melville's assistants describes quite clearly how, through postal interception, Melville came to learn of a German plot that could have devastated the British economy.

"For some time we had been attending to tasks concerning possible targets for German sabotage. A network of German agents was known to exist in England and their activities and communications were closely monitored thanks to our intercepting of their post. From one such letter Mr Morgan\*, had gained a suspicion that German agents had bold designs on no less than the Bank of England."

The theft of this gold would have a devastating effect on Britain's economy. Back then the British economy (and indeed the other major economies) was based on something called the 'gold standard'. What that meant is that every bank note in circulation corresponded to an equivalent amount of gold in the Bank of England vaults. ➤

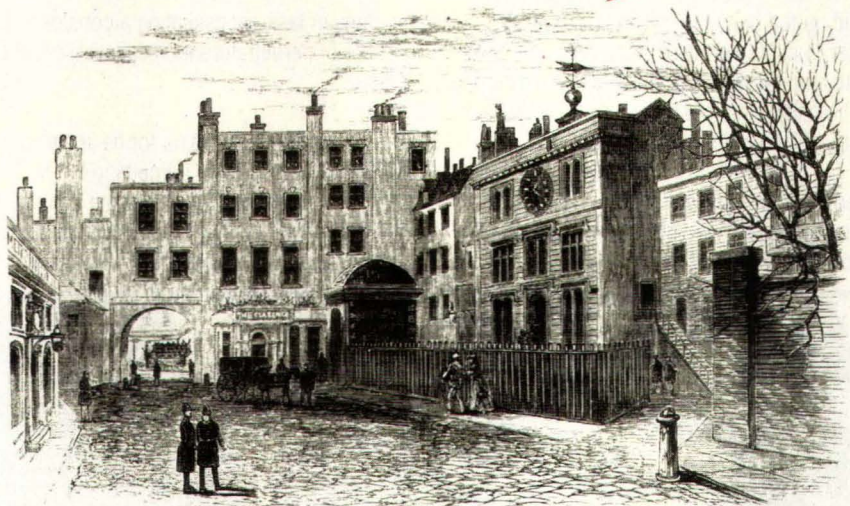
from assassination when he came to England for his grandmother, Queen Victoria's funeral in 1901.

In 1911 the new Secret Service Bureau had a lucky breakthrough that would uncover an entire network of German spies operating in Britain. Apparently, Melville, working undercover, had overheard an intriguing conversation on a train - a man of German descent was openly discussing a letter he had received from the Fatherland, which asked for information about Britain's coastal defences.

This suspicious correspondence had been signed by one 'F Reimers' - a known alias of Gustav Steinhauer. It was the lead William Melville had been waiting for. All correspondence to and from this particular name and address, F Reimers, was intercepted and read. Melville could therefore see all the people who were corresponding with Steinhauer from the UK and a wide network of German spies was revealed.

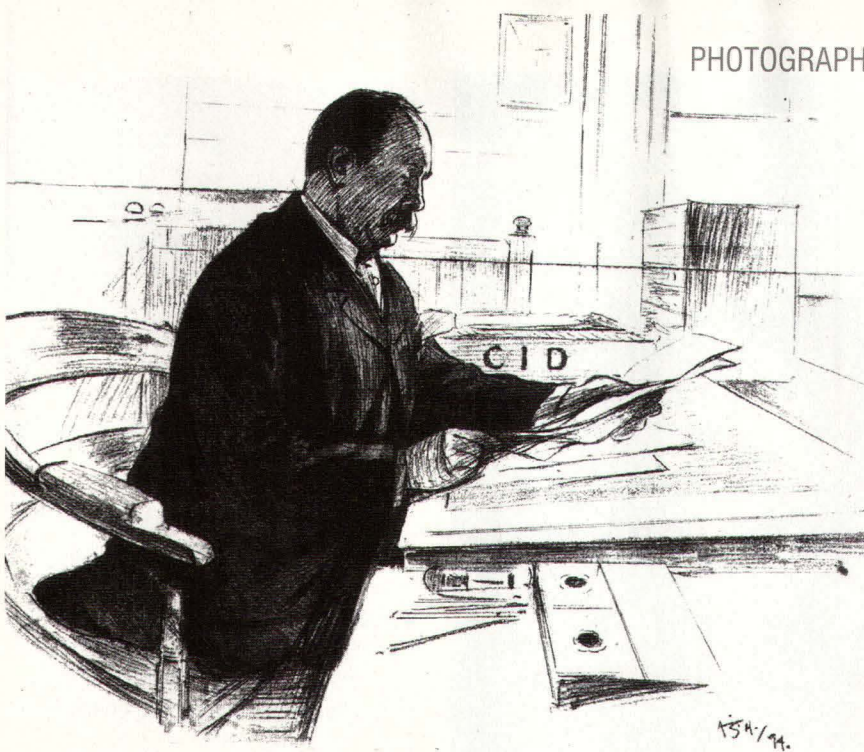
The letters led Melville to a barbers shop on the Caledonian Road in London - the proprie-

tor Karl Ernst seemed to be Steinhauer's favourite correspondent. Ernst was a middle man - most letters from Steinhauer to his German spies go through Ernst's address in London so that he can send them on round Britain without German postmark.



The original Metropolitan Police Headquarters in Great Scotland Yard. It was here Melville began his career with Special Branch - the powerful police office which in later days often found itself operating as an 'arm' of MI5





Melville studying notes at his desk in 1894 - a sketch by a police colleague

If the gold was stolen all the paper money in circulation would suddenly be worthless. It would cause complete chaos, recession, depression - it would crush the nation. Melville headed straight to the bank - his intention was to enter the mind of the most cunning German spy-come-bank robber and work out Steinhauer's plan of attack.

"We walked along Princes Street and then turned right into Lothbury, so as to observe the stone walls surrounding the Bank. Having inspected the entire perimeter, we noted that there were no windows at all in the outer wall, and on each side there was only one small doorway. The gates were heavy looking wood reinforced with steel plates and studs behind which lay solid steel. The bank had been planned like a fortress."

Melville began to realise that not only is the bank almost impenetrable but the gold itself would be too heavy to steal. The Governor, Walter Cunliffe, had taken him down into the vaults and shown him the boxes of gold. From this he calculates that just 80 of these boxes would weigh about a ton.

"Even if it were possible to affect entry to vaults, his reasoning power told him that removing anything of value would prove a



William Melville

gargantuan task necessitating a considerable number of perpetrators an incalculable amount of time."

Melville wracked his brains for he knew Steinhauer was plotting something but it couldn't be robbery. His visit to the bank quickly convinced him that the theft of so much heavy metal would be an impossible task.

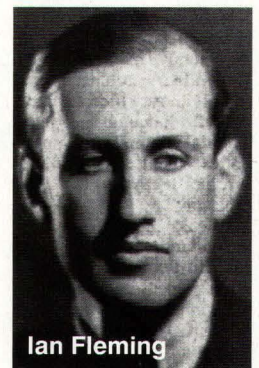
And then it hit him. If the German's goal was to destabilise Britain, they didn't actually need to steal the gold. It occurred to him that the answer might lie in the realms of economic warfare. Explosives, apart from their use in securing entry to premises might also be employed for destructive objectives. The consequences of such an attack on the Bank were without doubt incalculable and potentially as deadly as any major defeat on the battlefield. It looked like the Germans were planning to blow up the nation's wealth.

When writing the bond novels, author Ian Fleming often drew on his experiences in the intelligence services. Fleming was very open about the fact that a lot of his ideas were inspired by the time he served in naval intelligence during the Second World War.

While there he had access to the Naval Intelligence archives and admitted to borrowing ideas from these old Secret Service case files which he read avidly. We will never know for certain but I believe that is where he got the inspiration for 'Goldfinger'. Fleming

no doubt found out about the real life plot against the Bank of England in 1914 and simply transposed it to America where the equivalent target would be Fort Knox.

Melville had already figured out that the Germans would never be able to rob The Bank of England, but he was still fearful that they intended to destroy it, and all our national wealth along with it.



Ian Fleming

"He realised that any attack was most likely to come from underground and was quick to see the danger. Now in disuse, the tunnels led directly to the Bank and no doubt caused the Chief to ponder on locations where supplies of explosives might be secreted away by enemy agents."

An enormous stock pile of explosives would be needed to destroy the bank - but even with 1914 technology, it was not impossible - the British carried out exactly this kind operation in the First World War, tunnelling under and blowing up an entire hillside in one case. Such an attack must be prevented and Melville lost no time ordering a search of the tunnels.

Extensive searches were carried out which nipped in the bud any possibility of German sabotage. We know that the police combed this subterranean world but we don't know if they ever found anything.



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What of the predicted German sabotage? No bombs went off, no hidden army of German reservists marched on Dover, the Bank of England did not explode. Nevertheless, 32,000 resident Germans were interned just in case.

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Notes: \*Mr Morgan was Melville's operational alias

Historians taking part in the Channel 5 programme include: Dr Andrew Cook, Dr Nicholas Hiley, Claire Thomas, Dr Thomas Hennessy and Michael Smith.

It is narrated by Honor Blackman who co starred (as Miss Pussy Galore) with Sean Connery in the 1964 Bond blockbuster 'Goldfinger'.



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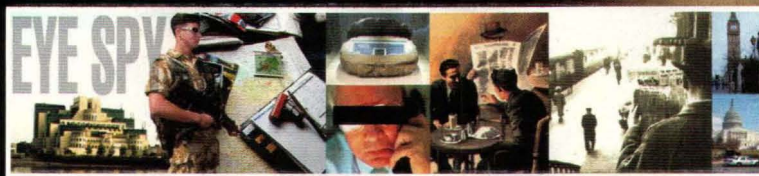




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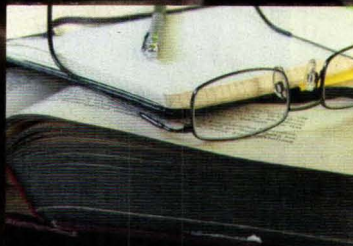
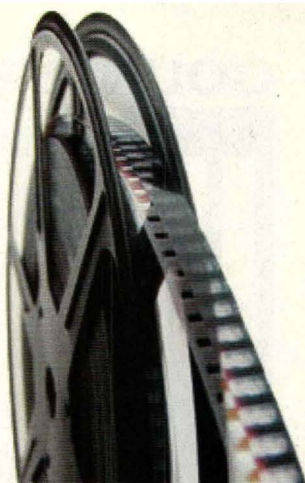
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# UNIVERSITIES OF TERROR

## THE NEW JACKALS:

Whitehall 'think-tank' warns of new generation of home-grown terrorists

A senior UK government security advisor said that since the London bombings in July 2005, Britain has experienced a "golden age of counter-terrorist successes", but warned that MI5 and Counter Terrorist Command though successful, have also "been lucky". As Director of the powerful and respected Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), Professor Michael Clarke, said that home-grown al-Qaida operatives will undoubtedly have learned from past mistakes, and that British prisons will make for a "hotbed of radicalisation".

"Since 2001 we have seen only the first round of the struggle," said Professor Clarke. "Prisons around the world are universities of terror and there is no reason to believe that the UK's will not be the same. The 90-odd convictions, of which the security services can be proud, will have their own longer-term consequences for which the government must be prepared."

Professor Clarke's report warned that the radicalisation of disaffected Muslim youths is often rapid and that recruitment and the use of terrorist techniques is evolving as operatives learn from earlier mistakes. "The phenomenon will not wither away in the near future: it is likely to be generational." This "rapid recruitment" may be problematic for MI5 in future days - as established methods of identifying terrorists may fall short.

### OSAMA BIN-LADEN

RUSI's report says that while overseas military campaigns and operations have disrupted known and well-established terrorist training camps, and stopped the group's leader - Osama bin-Laden from communicating effectively, the "call" of al-Qaida is an inspiration to those wanting to join British sleeper cells.

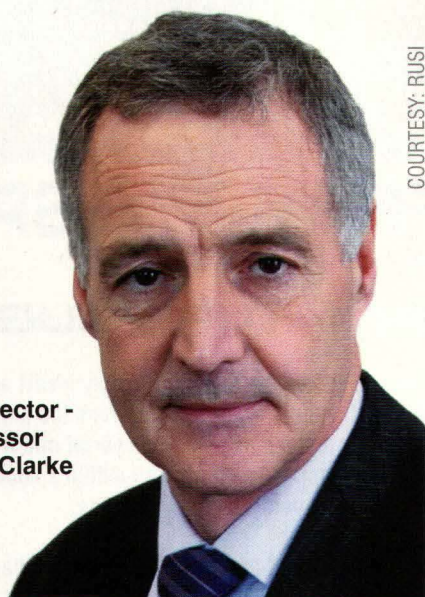
*A RUSI report applauds the security services for countering many attempts to attack Britain, and calls it a "golden age" of successes. However, its author, Professor Michael Clarke believes a new generation of far-more determined and professional terrorist is being created and will cause mayhem in the future*





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JSI Director -  
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HM Prison Full Sutton - houses some of  
the UK's most notorious prisoners...  
including several al-Qaida terrorists

Professor Clarke described UK prisons which hold  
some 100 terrorists as "universities of terror"

Though Professor Clarke believes new terrorist recruits will be more deadly, he notes that those currently active in the UK perform their "tradecraft" with zeal, but they are somewhat amateurish.

An example of a "perfect amateur" is Nicky Reilly, a convert to Islam who had a mental age of ten. He tried to blow-up a family restaurant in broad-daylight in Exeter, but only managed to injure himself with a poorly built bomb packed with nails. Two other cases which highlight the difference between professionals and those wanting to be

professionals, are the failed 21/7 London bombings, and the TigerTiger nightclub operation. In both cases the police "got lucky" with



One of the 21/7  
bombs that failed  
to detonate

explosives mixed incorrectly and detonators not attached properly. "Jihadists in the UK talk like terrorists operating in professional cell structures but do not normally act that way," said Professor Clarke. The sleeper cells that are emerging communicate, cooperate and are "interwoven", making it easier for MI5 to surveil networks. However, he warned that even amateurs "get lucky", especially if there are numerous attempts, and that the terrorists are learning every day.

The most recent MI5 estimate relating to al-Qaida operatives reveals that some 200 suspected or known cells exist, comprising of a minimum of 2,000 operatives.

**Editor's notes:** There is evidence (much of it unseen), which suggests the terror cells forming today in the UK are far more difficult to spot, and are increasingly using "tradecraft" to confuse the authorities, especially in the way of communications. Similarly, the plots are becoming more focused and complicated, often making it difficult for MI5 to "second-guess" terrorist objectives. Another worrying

situation for the security services is that many cells in the UK are being fashioned and built by experienced terror commanders thousands of miles away. Perhaps more worrying still, is that operatives unknown to MI5 are being installed in the UK under quite legitimate schemes - bogus colleges for example - some of which only exist on paper. It is our understanding that senior counter-terrorist officials in the United States are fearful that a "long-term plan" based in the UK is being formed that could be relevant to the 10th anniversary of 9/11.



Amateur but  
potentially deadly  
- Nicky Reilly



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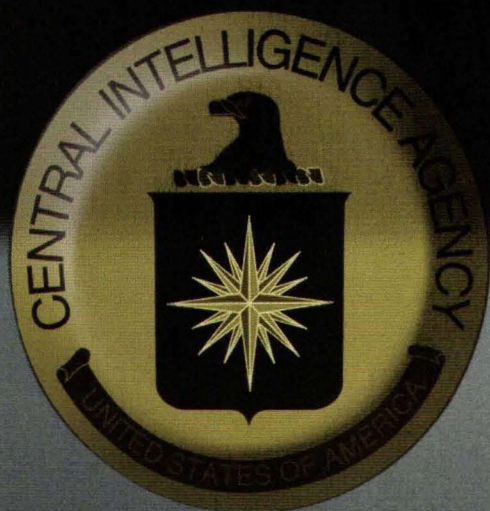
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This is the story of **PROJECT JENNIFER** a secret CIA operation that sought to acquire Soviet submarine secrets, coined two important words in the language of spies; and a phrase that is still frequently used in today's spy industry...



**T**hirty five years ago exactly, in June 1974, a CIA-contracted vessel built and operated by the business and design maverick Howard Hughes, embarked upon a top secret journey which was to give the US Navy an edge in the on-going Cold War submarine games with the Soviets.

Six years earlier, on 11 April 1968 to be exact, US military officials received intelligence that a powerful Soviet Golf-II Class ballistic submarine (Project 629, NATO designation - K-129) had sunk in the Pacific Ocean. Its location was about 1800 miles northwest of Hawaii.

America's naval intelligence directorate at Pearl Harbor had been monitoring the boat as she quietly passed through the seas, but an array of ocean-bed listening devices suddenly lost her signal. At this point nobody understood what had happened, perhaps the Russians had created an advanced submarine that could avoid US listening devices?

The US launched 'Operation Sand Dollar', which involved sending surveillance ships and a number of aircraft to the area - but they found nothing. And then the CIA observers were told to back away after the arrival of Soviet merchant and warships. These were soon followed by other Soviet submarines.

There was every indication that the Russians had indeed lost a submarine and that efforts were underway to see if a recovery operation was possible. Other data gleaned by naval intelligence seemed to indicate that shortly before the boat's signal was lost, a series of explosions had occurred. The Russians were not there on a rescue mission, but to try and assess if there was any possible chance their technology and warheads could be recovered by the Americans. However, the watching CIA believed the Soviets could not even find the submarine - this after surveillance proved they were searching in the wrong area. Analysts at Langley concluded Moscow was confident if its own forces could not find the boat, what



chance had the United States? After three months the Soviet vessels departed. The submarine USS Halibut returned to the scene and in a relatively short space of time found the wreck. Using advanced diving and photographic equipment, the navy started to take pictures. Halibut had earlier been involved in a CIA-driven operation to tap into Soviet communications cables on the ocean floor.

Back in Washington, Dr Henry Kissinger chaired a meeting of the government's shadowy '40 Committee'. It had a mandate to review possible covert actions performed by US intelligence and elements of its armed forces. In this case, the agenda was topped by the appearance of William Colby, DCI (Director Central Intelligence). Colby was given 'official' permission to try and recover the Soviet submarine from the sea-bed. The undertaking, given the CIA codename 'Project Jennifer', was both vast and dangerous. In his memoirs, President Ford admitted he did not know how the Soviets would react if they learned of the operation. The CIA opted to use a contract company whose owner was more than willing to accept the challenge - Howard Hughes.

Colby held a secret meeting with Hughes who tasked engineers from his Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, to start work on the Hughes Glomar Explorer (HGE). In 1973 the vessel was built, 619 feet long and 116 feet wide, it came complete with a 'moon pool' into which

salvaged materials could be secretly lifted by a 209ft derrick. Indeed, so strong was the lifting gear experts were convinced weights of upto 800 tons would pose no problem. Even the human sensitivity factor was covered - with a massive



CIA chief  
William Colby



refrigeration unit built into the ship - capable of holding 100 bodies. Religious service burial addresses in Russian were also taken aboard.

US naval intelligence had pin-pointed the exact location of the submarine which lay some 17,000ft on the sea-bed. But the CIA knew the HGE's appearance in that part of the world would spark Soviet interest, so a cover story was created. Oceanographers were aware that the sea-bed in this part of the Pacific is rich in iron, nickel and other metals. The media was made aware that Hughes' massive effort was one of research and development and exploration. On 20 June 1974, HGE reached its location and soon found the Soviet submarine. CIA watchers and NSA spy satellites quickly reported the arrival of a number of Russian vessels, but though the operation was of interest, they too thought the massive Hughes ship was simply deep-sea mining.

At this point the CIA operation becomes opaque. One report says the sub's hulk cracked and only portions were brought to the

surface. There is also a reference to the loss of nuclear missiles and their launching codes, plus other codebooks that were used by the Soviets "silent service". However, it's our understanding the CIA did indeed obtain the crucial code machinery, codebooks, signals, internal submarine "language" references and... three intact nuclear missiles. Other more imaginative stories have emerged, and besides this bounty of treasure, the coning tower was reportedly brought to the surface, along with the bodies of 75 Soviet sailors who were given a full military sea burial (any notion the bodies could be returned to Russia was soon dismissed as this would have simply compromised the operation). However, the latter report seems incorrect, for in the mid-1990s, a US delegation in Moscow allegedly handed over a



USS Halibut



President Ford and  
Secretary of State Henry  
Kissinger on the grounds  
of the White House  
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Howard Hughes



tape recording made in 1974, showing the sea burial of just six Russian sailors. This tape was shown to relatives and part of it was aired on television.

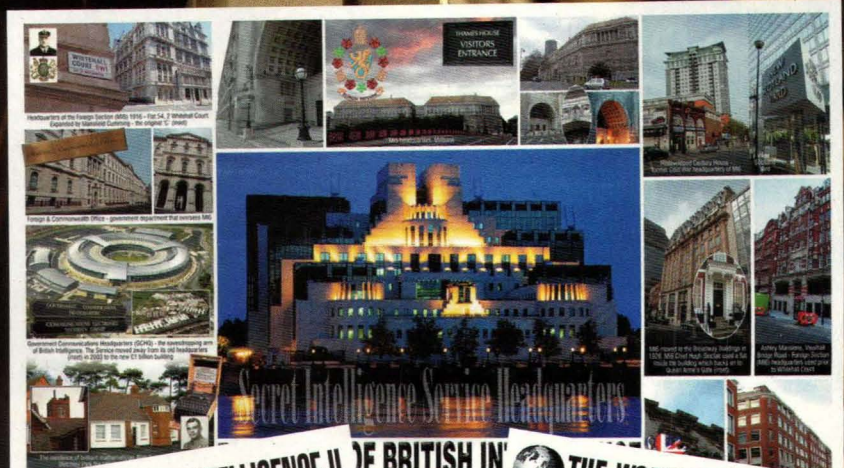
Glomar Explorer was eventually purchased by the US Navy for \$200m, but the intelligence recovered in 1974, was probably worth that money alone. After a few more research trips, the vessel was mothballed, but in the late 1990s, this huge ship underwent a near \$180m refit and now operates as one of Global Marine's deep-sea drilling ships.

As a sidebar to this astonishing effort, the CIA naturally were concerned when snippets of news started to leak in the mid-1970s that the Agency had recovered much technology from a sunken Soviet submarine. However, Langley officials managed to convince most senior editors this was of huge national security concern. This liaison provoked a FOIA request from a freelance journalist by the name of Harriet Ann Phillippi, who wanted to know more about Langley's attempt at "dissuasion". A classic statement from the CIA then emerged: "We neither confirm or deny the existence of records". The CIA claimed that a release of material might prove disastrous for Agency personnel involved in the Glomar Explorer. This "denial" statement is now an oft heard word used in intelligence circles. And furthermore, in American intelligence circles, or the CIA's 'Unofficial Dictionary of Intelligence Terms', 'Glomar' and 'Glomarization' are used to abbreviated the classic 1974 "denial statement"!

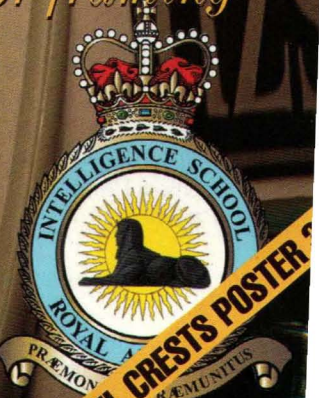
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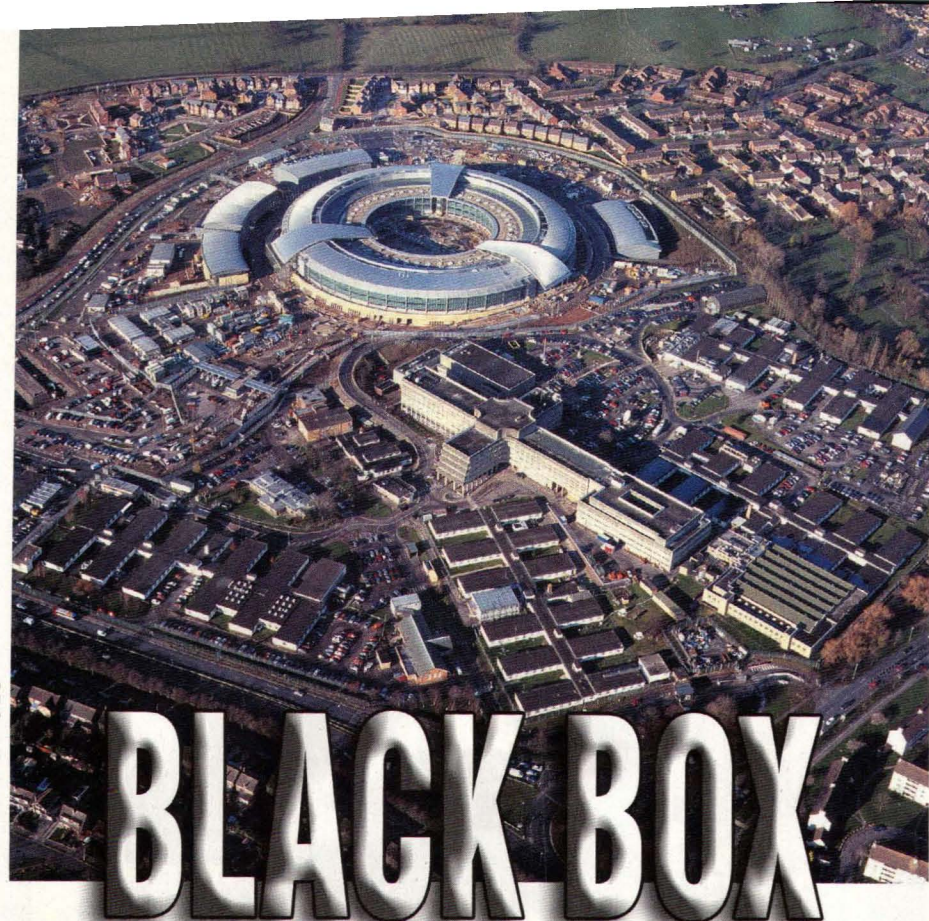


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**G**overnment Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), the electronic intelligence gathering arm of British Intelligence, issued a rare statement over its alleged involvement with a controversial programme to monitor all electronic traffic. The spy agency, which partners America's NSA, was touted as the prime mover behind Black Box - a billion pound system that would effectively capture and store every single action performed on a computer and other forms of electronic communication... including cell phone usage.

Senior intelligence figures however, concerned over the public's perception of the agency's image, denied it has plans to track all Internet and phone activity. GCHQ acknowledged it was developing advanced tracking technology, but it will only act "when necessary" and does not "spy at will".

The programme was mentioned over a year ago in Eye Spy and was said to operate using a chain of mind-boggling powerful electronic systems to collect communications' data known as Black Boxes. These are an integral part of a concept dubbed 'Mastering the Internet' or MTI for short. However, the concept has been moved forward after the agency reportedly received a huge advance of one billion pounds.

Downing Street continues to support a central data centre which can be accessed in seconds by law enforcement and the security services. And despite GCHQ's unprecedented statement, many critics believe the government is using a crucial intelligence arm to gather volumes of data that is absolutely worthless. Supporters of the project liken Black Box to a fishing net - but also acknowledge much of what is catches will be worthless.

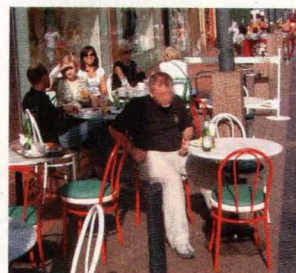
It is our understanding Black Box will proceed, though GCHQ may have more in the way of control in what areas it decides to search. And it does not wish to house the central core of data. Data searches (and intercepts) it insists are governed by a legal framework that "GCHQ follows meticulously." Officials at the Cheltenham-based centre, are adamant that the agency will only act when it is "necessary and proportionate to do so; GCHQ does not spy at will."

Another part of GCHQ's statement read: "The greatest challenge is maintaining our capability

Technology has moved on incredibly in only a few years. In days goneby, those employed by MI5's technical branch had to physically bug the phone or listen-in from local exchanges or switchboards. Today, any land-line phone or Internet connection can be monitored... even from great distances

in the face of the growth in internet-based communications. We must reinvest continuously to keep up with the methods that are used by those who threaten the UK and its interests. Just as our predecessors at Bletchley Park mastered the use of the first computers, today, partnering with industry, we need to master the use of internet technologies and skills that will enable us to keep one step ahead of the threats. This is what mastering the internet is about."

As for its projected involvement in Black Box, the agency said: "GCHQ is not developing technology to enable the monitoring of all internet use and phone calls in Britain, or to



Many terror planners are returning to old methods of communication, via post and in safe locations







# GCHQ NO PLANS TO MONITOR ALL INTERNET TRAFFIC



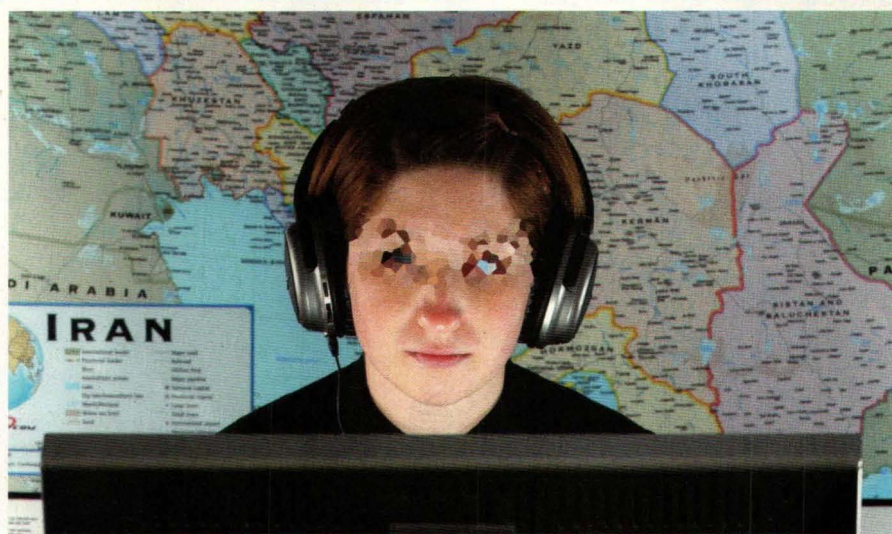
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target everyone in the UK. Similarly, GCHQ has no ambitions, expectations or plans for a database or databases to store centrally all communications data in Britain."



MI5 and MI6 officials warned government ministers, that al-Qaida commanders have turned to Skype, a popular piece of consumer software that allows free calls to be made over the web, to liaise with terror cells across the globe. Unlike regular land-line calls, or cell phone calls which can be monitored and traced, Skype, the commercial application of a technology called Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP), breaks the Internet call into millions of bits of encrypted data before being reassembled on the receiver's computer. Similarly, Internet Service Providers (ISPs), do not store the data.

Though the system will undoubtedly provide analysts with useful data to search for patterns and intelligence, MI5 recognise that in recent times, terror organisers have returned to old methods of communication. This means surveilling suspects who meet in pre-determined locations, and talk in places often out of reach to the Service. The Black Box system is also vulnerable to disinformation, i.e. suspects providing useless data that is intended to confuse. Eye Spy believes such tactics were used to confuse and expose surveillance in a recent operation that resulted in no convictions in the North of England.



## EX-GCHQ DIRECTOR SUPPORTS PROGRAMME

**F**ormer GCHQ spy chief - Sir David Pepper, is very much in favour of the system, warning that existing technologies to monitor suspected terrorist electronic traffic is becoming obsolete. Sir David, who retired from the agency in 2008, believes "all Internet and phone traffic should be recorded to help the fight against terrorism." He warned that unless this happens, lives would be at risk.



Few can question the judgement of the man who chased down several terrorists, including some based in faraway lands, and helped the security services close-in on other sleeper cells. "It's a constant arms race, if you like. As more technology, different technology becomes available, the balance will shift constantly."

In a recent BBC documentary - *Who's Watching You*, Sir David said the biggest worry is about "the attack that you haven't seen coming," probably in reference to events in New York and London. He said GCHQ was tackling very sophisticated targets and there are "plenty of people who will do all they can to make themselves difficult to find."



Operations such as Double Cross and Ultra form an integral part of the history of British Intelligence. Most persons familiar with these WWII endeavours recognise that both MI5 and MI6 gained immeasurable experience in communications, propaganda, distraction, disinformation, disruption and the art of "turning" adversaries. Eye Spy examines the key [development] moments of British Intelligence during the war years.



# the SECRET SERVICE

**A**t the beginning of WWII, MI5's 'Registry' - a huge carded index of foreigners and "persons of interest" was relocated to the relative safety of Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire. One person almost certainly on that list was a 40-year-old Welsh electrical engineer and Royal Navy contract man by the name of Arthur George Owens. Owens was in fact an MI6 agent who had been paid a reasonable sum in the mid-late 1930s to bring back intelligence on German shipyards following his frequent overseas trips. MI5 soon suspected Owens was also working for the Abwehr (German Military Intelligence). When confronted by counter-espionage officials, he said he was only passing on certain information thus enabling him even more access to areas of interest to MI6. This explanation did not sit well with MI5, but they continued to "play along" with him. As war ensued, MI5 started to round-up suspected spies, and Owens feared he would be next. He duly telephoned a Scotland Yard contact and arranged to meet him at Waterloo Station. His intention was to emphasise to government officials his ties and role play with MI6. However, the problem for Owens was

# WAR YEARS a

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64 Baker Street, London - former home of the Special Operations Executive. SOE's success and size during WWII almost resulted in the demise of MI6



compounded when his police friend, along with MI5 officers pounced. Owens was arrested as a German spy and taken to Wandsworth Prison.

### DOUBLE CROSS

Lt. Colonel Robin 'Tin Eye' Stephens was an MI5 officer and the Commandant of Camp 020, a facility at Latchmere House in the

village of Ham Common, south London, where German agents were interrogated and often "turned". Owens was told that if he cooperated,

he would avoid prosecution... and possibly execution. He agreed, and using his Abwehr code-name SNOW, he once again made contact with his German handlers via a radio he had been given by Berlin. As far as the Nazis were concerned, Owens was still their "agent in place", and this was "confirmed" when he sent a message they were patiently waiting for: *'Must meet you in Holland at once. Bring weather code. Radio town and hotel Wales ready.'* Unbeknown to Berlin - this



MI5's 'Tin Eye' Stephens

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### MI5's 'AGENT TATE'

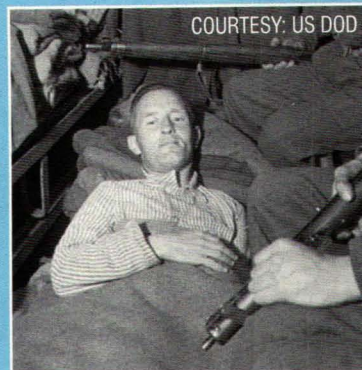
**WULF SCHMIDT** was given the identity of 'Harry Williamson' when he embarked on his spying mission to England. The Danish-born double agent so impressed the Nazi authorities that he was made a naturalised German by radio and awarded the Iron Cross First and Second Class in absentia.

MI5, via Double Cross fed a great deal of disinformation through Schmidt to Germany, and gave him the code-name 'TATE'.



## WANDSWORTH PRISON

Wandsworth Prison was sequestered by the War Office during both the First and Second World Wars. Many characters recognised in the intelligence world have been residents, including the Nazi propagandist Lord 'Haw Haw' (William Joyce), seen here after his arrest by US forces in 1945, and the German spy Karl Richter. The latter managing to slip out of his handcuffs as he stood on the gallows.



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message had been relayed from Owens prison cell under the watchful eye of senior MI5 men.

This message effectively triggered the Double Cross System - one of the greatest deception operations ever launched. And though overseen by MI5, many agencies were involved in the effort.

Initially MI5 was content to learn of new German agents entering the country and proposed operations in England. As the spies arrived, they were duly "turned". However, senior officials were of the opinion that people like Owens held far more potential for disruption and disinformation. Planners in London wanted Berlin to believe all (or most) of their agents were operational by sending back "high grade intelligence". Unbeknown to the

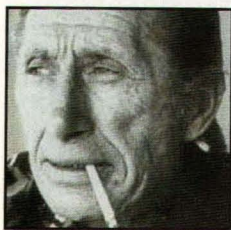
Abwehr, the information would be generated solely by MI5 and the War Office, often to confuse and divert attention away from other important work. To discover if the Germans had been taken in, Britain's GC&CS started to intercept communications and then decode them. It was clear Berlin had fallen for the deception.

Another Double Cross success concerned Abwehr agent Wulf Schmidt. He was arrested after parachuting into England in September 1940. A two-week stint at Latchmere House soon saw him agree to spy for MI5 and MI6. The operation was not the only one being run to turn agents. MI5 and MI6 jointly ran a parallel and utterly shadowy organisation



# and SOE/OSS 'Irregulars'





**Duško Popov**

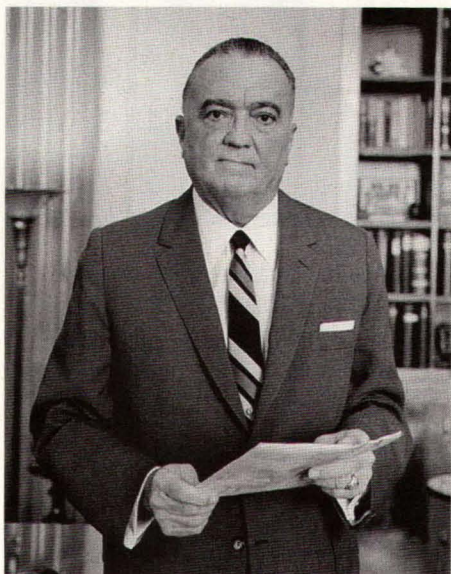
with the MI6 Station Chief in Belgrade, Yugoslavia in December 1940.

called Security Intelligence Middle East (SIME). This outfit would soon obtain the services of another legendary double agent -

Duško Popov - who had made contact

## THE INTELLIGENCE WAR

The intelligence flowing in and out of Double Cross needed careful scrutiny and evaluation, so the Twenty Committee was formed and included representatives of MI5 and MI6 (it was called thus because double cross - XX is twenty in Roman numerals). Military historians now recognise that Double Cross and the work of the Twenty Committee played a significant part in Britain winning the intelligence war. The operation, it should be noted, was also aided in part by Abwehr officials who were willing to collaborate with Britain.



**FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover - didn't trust Popov, was suspicious of MI5, and was opposed to a new civilian-run US intelligence agency**

# MI5 AGENTS

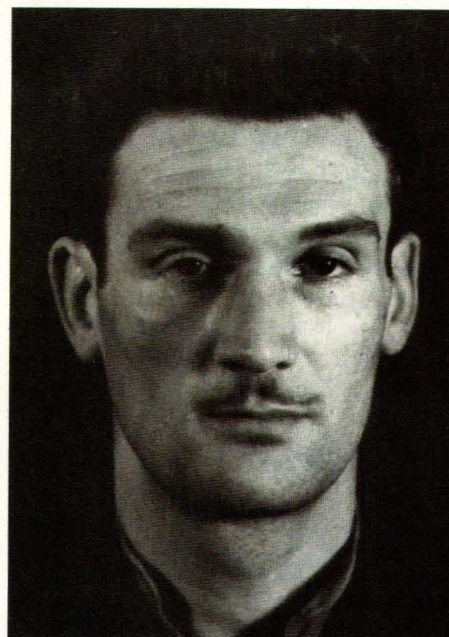
## From ZigZag to Teapot

Many German agents turned by MI5 were afforded code-names, some are historically important and well known, such as agent ZigZag and Tricycle. Here are a few other ones: Balloon, Bronx, Brutus, Careless, Carrot, Dragonfly, Lipstick, Mullet, Mountain, Mutt and Jeff, The Snark, Sniper, Steeple, Teapot...

There were problems in the running of some agents. In 1941, Popov was sent by the Abwehr to create a spy ring in the then neutral United States - this was also sanctioned by MI5 and MI6. And despite MI6 advising Washington he was working for the British, FBI chief Edgar Hoover was having none of it. Some analysts believe that this was a major error, especially when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Historians have suggested MI5 man Guy Liddle should have been more forceful in advising Hoover that Popov was carrying vital intelligence on Pearl Harbor. Others suggest this was deliberately not confirmed by Britain who recognised any such attack would trigger America's entry into the war. And interestingly, because of Popov's now tri-party role, parts of the Double Cross system was sometimes referred to as "Triple Cross".

## ULTRA

Another intelligence success was ULTRA - the interception and decoding of German radio communications. Its success lay solely with GC&CS. Wanting to play a part, MI6 tried to influence the way in which the organisation worked, but in reality it only distributed the decoded communications. MI6 Chief Menzies still wanted to take the credit for the work of the codebreakers, and every day he would send a box of the "best material" to Winston Churchill. Churchill, not realising that Menzies was standing on GC&CS's toes, was delighted. Another MI6 side-swipe was aimed at

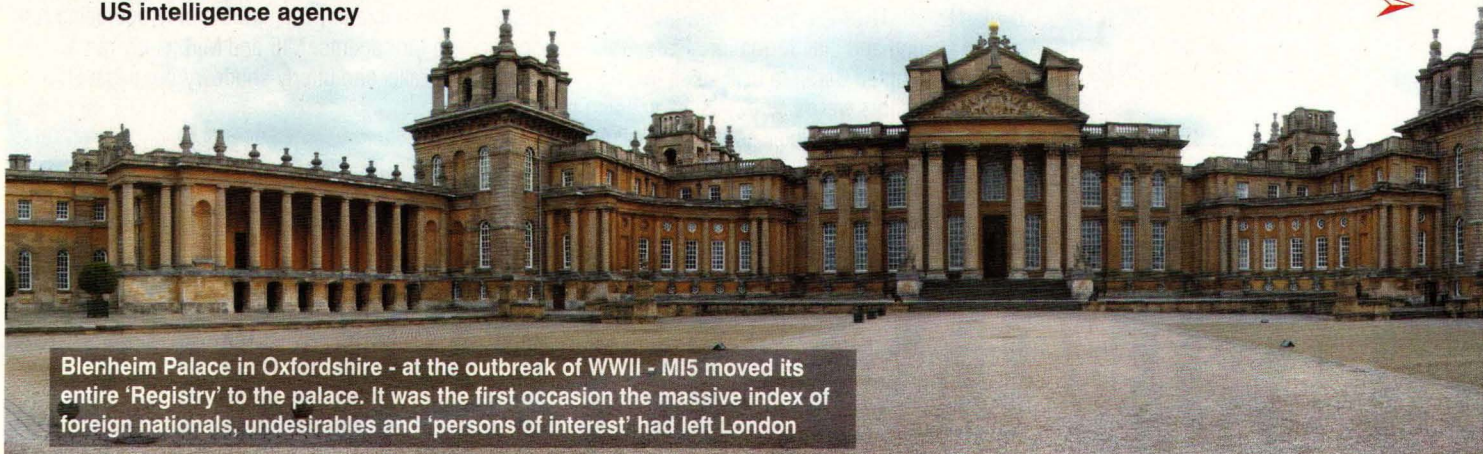


**Double agent Eddie Chapman was code-named 'ZigZag' by MI5. His Abwehr name was 'Fritz'**

MI5. The Security Service had earlier set up the Radio Security Service (RSS) to monitor Abwehr signals in Britain, but after it had learned of agent SNOW, MI5 turned its listening devices on wider transmissions. Menzies was furious over what he saw as MI5 interference, and with Churchill's support, the RSS fell into the hands of MI6's counter-intelligence Section V.

MI6 seemed intent on "capturing" and dictating intelligence policy. Indeed, with its Section D, established just prior to the war, enabling undercover operatives to perform subversion and sabotage operations, MI6 seemed the dominant force. That was until the formation of the military intelligence organisation - Special Operations Executive (SOE).

Menzies was powerless when the SOE, established by Churchill in July 1940 "to set Europe ablaze", absorbed Section D and about 40 of its officers from MI6. From April 1939, until its desolvment, Section D had been housed at Caxton House. Also thrown into the SOE model, whose first head was Sir Frank Nelson, was a shadowy British Intelligence



**Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire - at the outbreak of WWII - MI5 moved its entire 'Registry' to the palace. It was the first occasion the massive index of foreign nationals, undesirables and 'persons of interest' had left London**



# SOE

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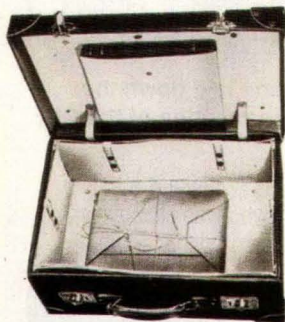


## THE AMPHIBIAN DEVICE

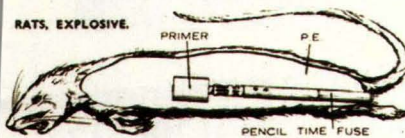
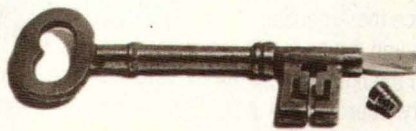
Oxygen bottle providing 90 minutes of breathing time

## THE IMAGINATION AND GENIUS OF THE SOE LABORATORY

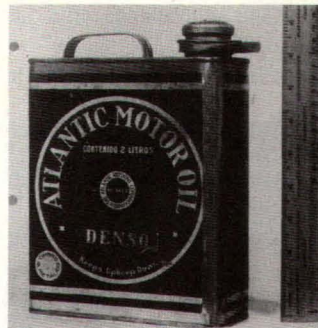
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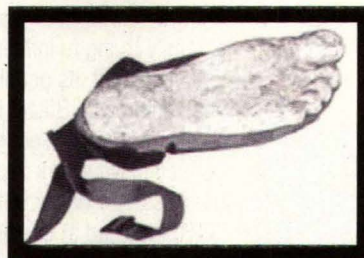
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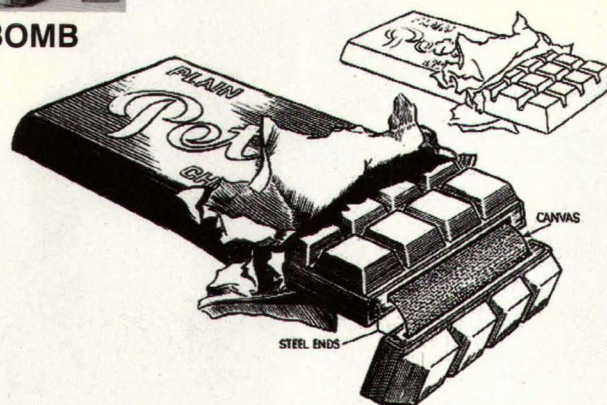


### OIL CAN BOMB



### FOOT PRINT DEVICE

Created specifically for a Far East SOE operation



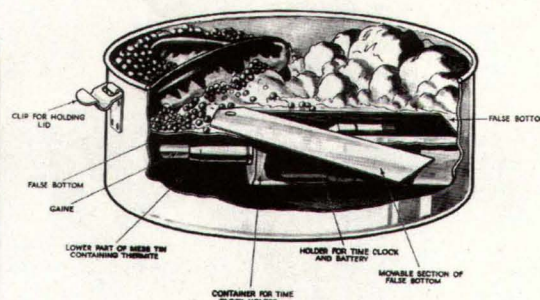
### SOE 'CHOCOLATE BOMB'

The bomb is made of steel with a thin covering of real chocolate. When a piece is broken off the canvas is revealed and pulled. After seven seconds delay the device will detonate

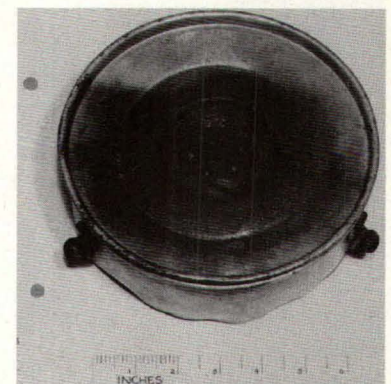
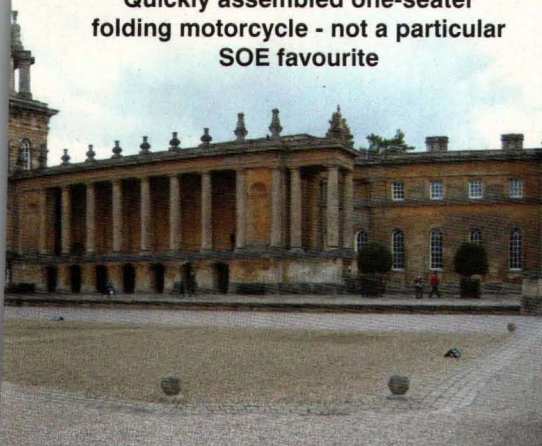


### THE WELBIKE

Quickly assembled one-seater folding motorcycle - not a particular SOE favourite



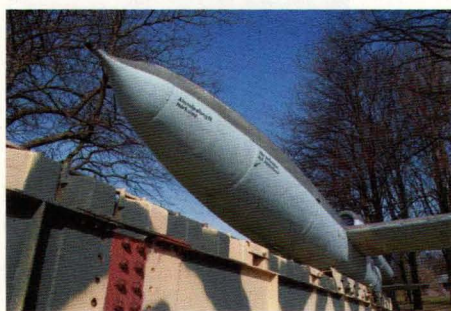
### EXPLODING MESS TIN BOMB





outfit called 'Department EH'. This ultra-secret Foreign Office front organisation had ties to MI6 and was essentially a propaganda organisation headed by Canadian media magnate and *London Times* man, Sir Campbell Stuart. Interestingly, the 'EH' designation came from the building it once occupied 'Electra House'. A third entity, and much more important, made up SOE - a guerilla research warfare unit established by the War Office in 1938 known as Military Intelligence Research (MI(R)), a small effort within a section known as General Staff (Research) (GS(R)). Section D, Department EH, which had its own first class intelligence section, and GS all had ties to each other before the formation of SOE.

SOE's propaganda wing, earlier known by the designation SO1, was boosted by Department EH staffers and eventually turned over to a



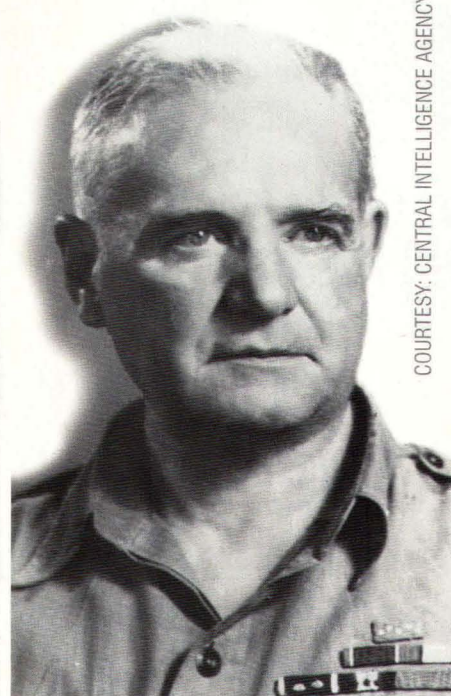
In 1944 Electra House was hit by a V1 destroying part of the building

new and emerging powerful organisation known as the Political Warfare Executive (PWE). This left SOE focused on active operations.

But MI6 still had operations running in Europe, such as Claude Dansey's Z-Organisation (see Eye Spy 61) and often found itself competing for resources with SOE. The relationship between MI6 and the SOE was fraught and bitterness often ensued. MI6 were increasingly nervous about the high-grade intelligence often being acquired and returned to London from SOE officers and its operatives.

### BRITISH SECURITY COORDINATION

Another MI6 front organisation had been carefully trying to influence the American Establishment, its people and media that it should join with Britain in the fight against the Nazis. The British Security Coordination (BSC) - based in New York and headed by Canadian businessman William Stephenson - codename INTREPID, had at one time 10,000 personnel and contacts throughout the USA. The BCS's



William J. Donovan - laid down the foundations for the creation of the CIA

main task was "get the Americans into the war". Stephenson's (who was also a key Z-Organisation agent) main liaison in the USA

The British Intelligence Department 'EH' took its name from the building the disinformation and propaganda office occupied - Electra House in London. This element was absorbed by SOE. However, the 'dirty tricks' directorate known within SOE as SO1, was soon turned over to an even more powerful entity - the Political Warfare Executive







SIR COLIN GUBBINS is the most famous head of SOE. Besides creating an organisation that caused chaos in Europe, he was also responsible for establishing a most secret civilian network that would operate in Britain disrupting German administration in the event of invasion.

were often called "Baker Street Irregulars" after a group of boys who helped the fictional detective Sherlock Holmes and "resided" in the same street.

The operation was fronted by a cover agency known as the Inter-Services Research Bureau. Agent training, interviews, debriefing etc. were conducted at country houses, referred to as "stations". Other stations were used for research and "device" production. The term "station" was to become an accepted part of CIA and MI6 terminology. Here all manner of equipment was made, including instruments for sabotage, espionage and false documentation. Some stations were dedicated to wireless transmissions, all of which left MI6 annoyed. It didn't help either that SOE was attracting the very best agents and increasing its staffing levels that would dwarf its established cousin. At its height, SOE had a staggering 10,000 employees of which 3,000 were field agents and support staff. This, in comparison to MI6 whose numbers were in the hundreds.

SOE's huge staff had outgrown number 64, and soon the residences at 82 (St Michael's House), and 83 (Norgeby House), Baker Street were acquired. In later years, some parts of these buildings would later be used by MI5 and MI6.

#### MINISTRY OF UNGENTLEMANLY WARFARE

In April 1942, Sir Frank Nelson was replaced by Sir Charles Hambro. One year later, the legendary Colonel Sir Colin Gubbins was appointed Executive Head SOE. He objected to the organisation's description by some MI6 staffers as "Churchill's Secret Army" and "Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare". MI6 officials were clearly rattled at the speedy emergence of SOE.

Back in America, in July 1942, and after much haggling and political interference from Hoover and other US military bodies, Donovan's Office of Strategic Services (OSS) - the equivalent of SOE was formed. This was a full

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CITY OF WESTMINSTER

Main: Norgeby House, 83 Baker Street. Below left: The original headquarters of SOE - a building (St Ermin's Hotel) shared with their arch rivals from MI6



was William J. Donovan, a powerful figure with the ear of President Roosevelt. Donovan was invited to Britain to examine the war effort and the intelligence machinery. It was a significant moment, for Stephenson explained the role of MI6 and the SOE, and convinced the American his country should embark upon the formation of such bodies. That didn't go down too well with FBI chief Hoover - who headed the country's only civilian-based intelligence gathering service. However, it was a significant moment in the world of intelligence, for that London meeting sowed the seed for the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency.

SOE's first headquarters were on Caxton Street, within St Ermin's Hotel and shared with MI6 officers. On 31 October 1941, the organisation moved to a permanent residence at 64 Baker Street, London. Agents and personnel



82 Baker Street  
(St Michael's House)

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six months after the US entered the war. However, the BSC under Stephenson had achieved its objective, with a little help from the Japanese who bombed Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

The OSS was modelled on MI6 and the SOE. Britain was initially delighted because it now had access to far more materials and resources to tackle the Germans in Europe. The OSS conducted most of its agent training in the UK, indeed, its central operations unit was also located in London at 72 Grosvenor Street in Mayfair. Donovan was keen to ensure his operation kept its own identity. Nevertheless, this led to inevitable tri-service tensions. OSS refused to allow MI6 an insight into its codes, communications and more dangerous operations, but it relied on MI6 to organise transport and was utterly dependent on British intelligence for dropping agents into conflict zones. Analysts in MI6 believed internal OSS security was poor and feared intelligence breaches - this was probably why early mistrust ensued. There was also, at times, a cross-over with SOE and OSS personnel operating in some cases, in the same areas.

But in 1943, a liaison and cooperation agreement between the UK and USA over signals intelligence was formalised, a situation which still exists today. This helped lessen tensions.

When the Allies eventually circled Berlin two years later, there was much talk about how MI6 did not have one single agent inside Germany. Donovan's men could not believe MI6 had relied so much on intelligence gleaned from products

such as ULTRA, the RSS and GC&CS. However, MI6 and Double Cross proved their worth in the elaborate deception operation that ensued just prior to the Normandy landings (Operation Overlord) in June 1944. There was also the first real sign that MI6 might disappear forever, consumed by the far larger SOE.

The hierarchy of OSS and senior military figures in Washington wanted a more aggressive response from MI6. Yet MI6 had devoted much to the end game of Double Cross including convincing the Germans that the Allied invasion of Europe would be focused around the Pas de Calais, rather than the beaches of Normandy. One famous MI6 double-agent, Juan Pujol Garcia MBE, code-named GARBO, even made an accurate warning of the invasion to his German handler - but purposely just a little too late to have any deadly impact. GARBO's reputation in Berlin, therefore, was enhanced. He went on to report that Normandy was a diversion and the attack would come at Calais. Hitler was provided with this intelligence and it may well have led him to hold back his reserves from Normandy. It was a resounding MI6 success, and one founded on its seemingly greatest weapons - deception, disinformation and confusion. Today, GARBO could easily fall into any of these descriptive agent categories.

In June 1944, the OSS despatched over 200 agents to Germany. From its own Secret Intelligence Branch (SI(B)) in London, OSS would launch over 100 operations between invasion and the end of the war. Heading the SI, was a certain William J. Casey who would later head the soon-to-be-formed Central Intelligence Agency.

Another critical judgement made by MI6 was one against its now ally, and former adversary - Russia. MI6's hierarchy warned that beyond the collapse of Germany, a new and



MI6's Agent Garbo



OSS headquarters  
72 Grosvenor Street



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ELECTRA HOUSE was originally sited at Moorgate, London, and opened in 1902. It was home to the Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies.

In 1933, the administration centre was transferred to a new building on Victoria Embankment. This building served as the administrative headquarters for Imperial and International Communications, which in the following year became Cable and Wireless Ltd. Also of significance, the building was used as an alternative terminal for Britain's main overseas communications' system.

After a V1 drone struck the Moorgate building, all the work conducted at Moorgate was transferred to Electra House, Embankment.

In 1939, Cable and Wireless operated nearly half of the 350,000 miles of cable that spanned the globe and also ran around 130 of the permanent wireless circuits. As in accordance with the Official Secrets Act, the company, like other cable operators, had been compelled to supply copies of all the communications' traffic to the Government, for investigation by GC&CS.

Another shadowy operation performed by Electra House, Embankment, related to secret conduits laid to the building from the Central Telegraph Exchange at Moorgate. These monitored the telephone lines of every foreign embassy in London. If the Moorgate site was damaged, Electra House, Embankment, had sensors to take over.



William J. Casey

immense foe would emerge. MI6 created Section IX, a directorate or branch dedicated to countering Soviet espionage and sabotage. And though proud of its foresight, MI6 made a fatal error that would have global implications - it appointed one of its emerging talents as head... a certain Kim Philby (below).

With the war against Germany won, Churchill was faced with a dilemma - what to do with the

SOE who had served the country so well. Some politicians and military officials were of the mind that the UK and the West would soon need the SOE to counter the 'Red Menace' that wasn't budging from the plains of Eastern Europe. MI6, which was under the auspices of the Foreign Office wanted SOE shut down, or at the very least put under its control. Lord Selborne, who wanted to keep SOE alive responded to the suggestion: "To have SOE run by the Foreign Office would be like inviting an abbeess to supervise a brothel." Churchill failed to act one way or another, and the decision was effectively

taken out of his hands when he lost the general election. Labour Prime Minister, Clement Attlee was also dismissive of SOE, despite this worldwide organisation having a network of agents and communications in place. SOE was dissolved officially on 15 January 1946, and some 300 operatives from the Special Operations Branch moved to MI6. SOE's training and research bodies were also absorbed by MI6.

**NEXT ISSUE: SPIES OF THE COLD WAR**

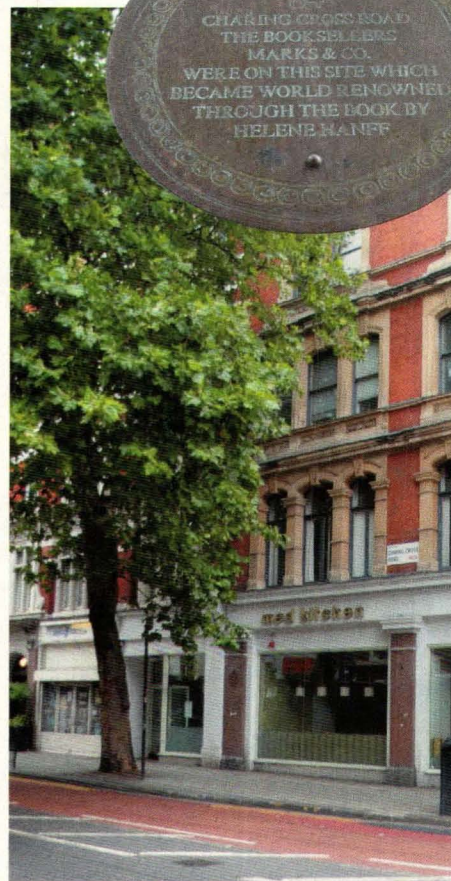
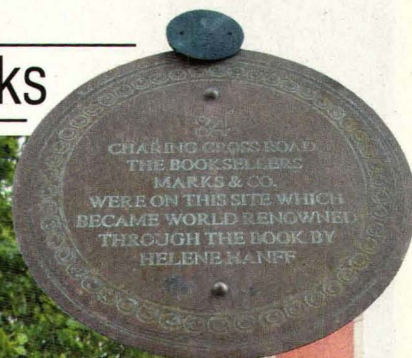
## The Genius of Leo Marks

LEOPOLD SAMUEL MARKS was one of the UK's most brilliant cryptographers, who went on to write the best-selling book *Between Silk and Cyanide*. The son of an antiquarian bookseller in London, he was introduced into the world of intelligence inadvertently by his father, when he deciphered the book shop's unusual price coding.

Marks joined the Armed Services and went to Bedford to train as a cryptographer. Soon after he took an exam at the codebreaking centre Bletchley Park, where he was judged to have failed. (Other students used codebooks to help - Marks simply used his brain). Thereafter he joined the SOE and went on to help organise agent training and operations. Installed as head of SOE's codes and ciphers, Mark's commanded a staff of 400. He is still referred to at Bletchley Park as "the one that got away".

His father's bookshop where he first learned of the significance of codes - 84 Charing Cross Road, has long gone - replaced by a modern restaurant (right). His work for SOE and the wider intelligence movement however, will never be forgotten.

\* Even today, *Between Silk and Cyanide* remains the best selling of all titles in the Bletchley Park Museum shop.



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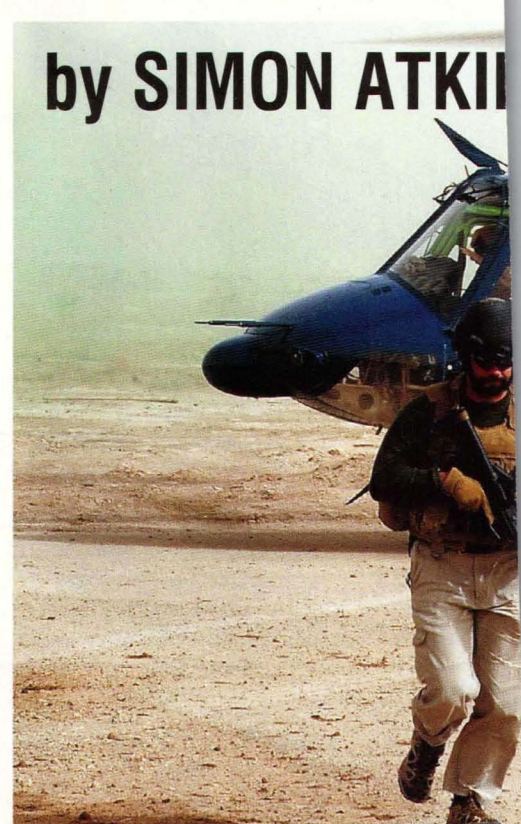




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# THE RULE HOSTAGE *guidance*

In previous issues, SIMON ATKINSON has looked at avoiding captivity and hostage survival as well as the mindset of Hostage Taker and their motivations. He's also discussed the aims of a captive. This article focuses upon *guidance to the initial responder* to a call in the middle of the night informing them that their principal, employee, employer, colleague or loved one has been taken hostage. The actions taken by this person - the Untrained Negotiator - often prove key to the successful outcome of the situation.

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## to the initial responder

### THE NEGOTIATION

Compared to the other options open for the resolution of an incident (sniper, assault, doing nothing, request surrender, chemical weapon - as used in the Moscow theatre siege of 2002, for example), negotiation is really the only policy that can minimise risk of harm to hostages and that does not rely upon us knowing the exact location where they are being held.

**REMEMBER** - A siege takes place when the location of hostage[s] is fixed and a cordon is imposed. A kidnapping occurs when we do not necessarily know the location of the hostage.

First thing to keep in your mind is **SAFETY**. You must not put yourself or third parties in any position where their safety is compromised. Irrespective of the outcome of the negotiation, you should always consider Force Protection of yourself and others - particularly if a ransom is to be paid. You do not want to be taken hostage yourself - or the ransom money seized and subsequently considered a 'down payment'.

Emotions will run high - particularly initially and as any deadlines approach. Your role as a



**A**s a hostage, you must understand that there are many people working constantly in order to secure your release. This is certain, irrespective of the reasons for your captivity or the initial motivations of your captors - negotiations will take place, otherwise what is the point of taking a hostage in the first place? You may or may not see evidence of this during your captivity - but you should certainly gain strength in the knowledge that **YOU ARE NOT ALONE** and that you will get home.

We will presume that, in this case, the hostage takers (HTs) have demanded that there be no police involvement and that you will continue negotiations unassisted. This is not a recommended course of action, but one which many people often choose to take - certainly during the initial stages of an incident. Professional negotiation is often crucial to a successful outcome and the points in this article are simply a guide to initial contingencies that should be considered before professional assistance arrives on scene.

negotiator is to stabilise the situation and establish a 'problem solving climate'. It is not to make any demands or promises or to inadvertently set any deadlines yourself.

Negotiations in this situation are really no different from those in any business scenario - for them to be successful, both parties must establish a rapport and be satisfied with the outcome. Therefore, you should avoid a tone that forces a situation or one that places you as some kind of pushover. Try and match your style - verbally and vocally to that of the





*Ensure you keep a detailed log of all events...*

HT whilst always attempting to take the pressure off a situation as it develops. This will assist you in establishing a rapport - common understanding/mutual respect - with the HT, whilst allowing you to maintain an element of control over the situation.

During negotiations, you **MUST** ensure that you keep a detailed log of *all* events. This will help you to recall detail from previous conversations and will also prove essential to professional negotiators, should they enter the situation at a later stage. Information that should be included in the log are transcripts of conversations (recordings are even better) and the date/time groups of all events. Also provide a column that details 'actions taken', and by whom, following the event in the log. This will also assist in any subsequent

forensic examination of the process following the conclusion of negotiations.

Professional negotiators - if they are called in - will benefit from this log as well as knowledge of other things relating to the situation. This information can be collated as the event progresses and will include:

#### Hostage Information 1

- Name(s) of HT(s) and the organisation they represent.
- What do they want? What is their motivation?
- What is their past behaviour during negotiations and their emotional state?
- Are they armed?
- Is there a deadline that has been imposed? What has been said will happen at that deadline?

#### Hostage Information 2

- Who is a Hostage? Why have they been taken?
- What is their response to stress? Are they aggressive? What is their emotional state?
- Do they have any medical concerns?
- Do they have any special training or skills that they may use in this scenario?

#### Holding Area Information (if known)

- Observation points - outside looking in and inside looking out.

- Escape Routes. Are building plans available?
- Blind approaches?
- What communications are there? Mobile phones, landline, internet?
- What Life Support is there? Air conditioning, water, power?

As an *Untrained Negotiator*, you should stick to the following guidance during conversation with the HTs...

**Be polite but firm:** A pushover will soon lose credibility and the ignorant or 'bolshy' person will risk harm to the hostage.

**Request 'Proof of Life':** You need evidence that the hostage is safe and well and in the custody of those who purport to have him before things can sensibly progress. This is best achieved by actually speaking with the hostage. This 'Proof of Life' should be routinely re-requested.

**Plead for time if deadlines have been given:** You need to "speak with a higher authority to gain authorisation" or "it will take longer than that to achieve what you want". This will introduce doubt, manage expectations and may reduce the anger of the HT if the deadline is not met.

**Arrange a further call:** Do not allow a conversation to end without finding out when and how the next contact will be made.

***It is important to convince hostages that they are not alone and everything is being done to secure their release***





**Keep talking:** Do not end a conversation yourself. Whilst the HT is talking, the hostage is safe.

**Contain the incident:** Have a plan for maintaining operational security. How will the family be informed? What if the media make enquiries?

**Debrief witnesses:** Ensure any witnesses to the event are appropriately debriefed before they are allowed to leave the scene.

**Try to gain information:** Such as - age/sex of caller, name of caller, background noise, are they using a prepared text?

#### **HUMANISE THE HOSTAGE (and the HTs):**

**THE GOLDEN RULE.** Use their first name, refer to their loved ones. It is much more difficult to harm a person than it is to harm someone who represents a political or financial entity.

#### **YOU SHOULD NOT:-**

**Put anyone else at risk:** You have enough to deal with, without giving them extra hostages!

**Ignore any communication:** You must ensure that all communication is answered - 24/7.

**Challenge a HT to carry out a threat:** They will see this as a challenge to their credibility and likely harm the hostage.

**Represent yourself as a 'final decision maker':** You are a conduit or link man NOT the highest authority.

**Make promises:** Never make a promise you cannot deliver. Always say "I'll see what I can do..."

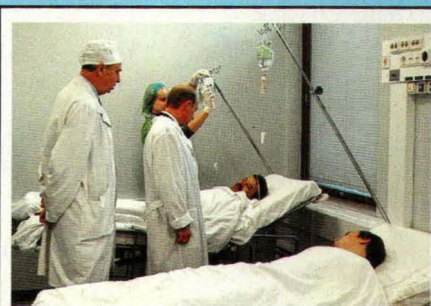
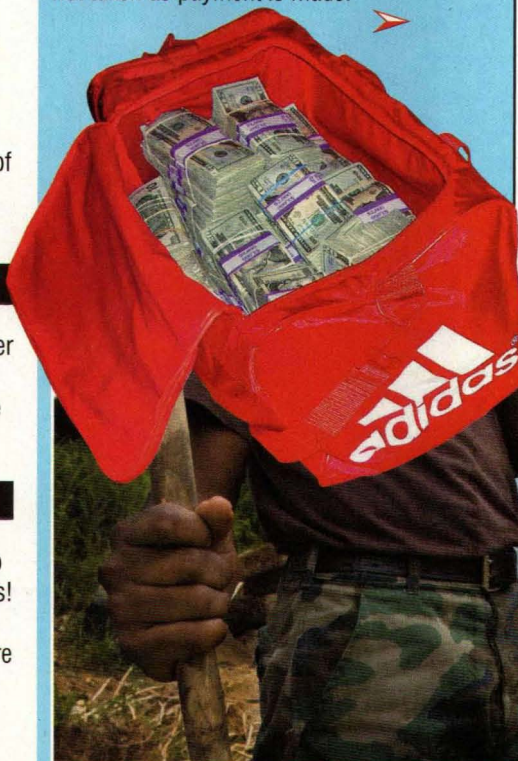
**Set deadlines:** Do not set yourself or the HT any deadlines. Do not ask for a deadline. This will place more pressure on yourself or the HT to conduct a stated action. Ensure that a deadline is not set by the HT without passing comment, "...It may take longer to achieve that..."

**Assume a private conversation with anyone:** It is likely that any conversation you have will be monitored by other HTs. Certainly any conversation with a hostage will be listened to.

**Disclose a Commander's name:** If you do this, you will lose credibility as the HT will simply want to speak with them instead of you. Say something like "...there is a group of people involved. I am their liaison..."

#### **RANSOM AND RECOVERY**

If a ransom is to be paid you must have plans to ensure that the hostage is returned safely, on payment, and that the payment is not seen as a 'deposit' for a larger sum. You must also make all effort to ensure further hostages are not taken as payment is made.

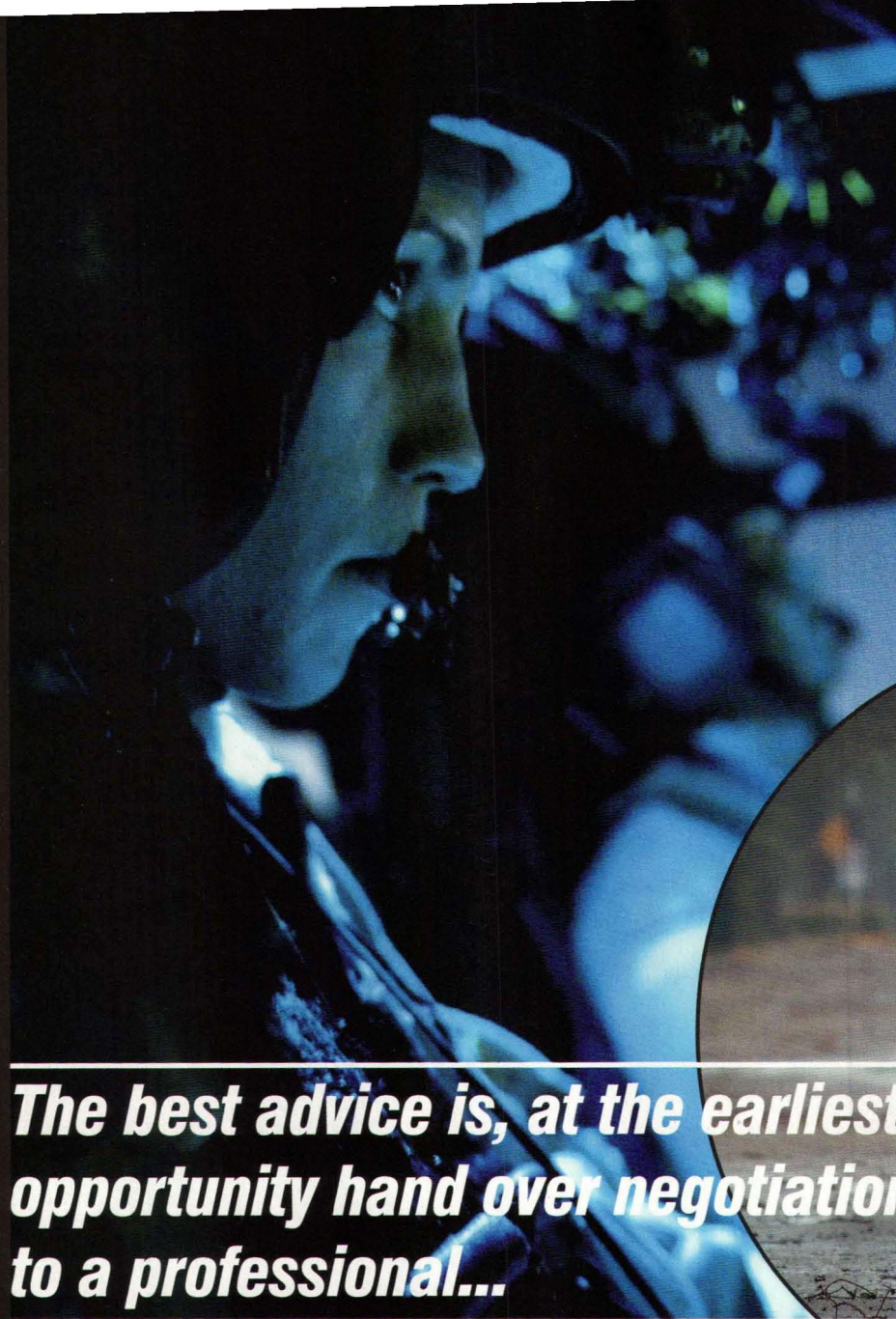


#### **FSB's ALPHA GROUP**

Former Russian President Vladimir Putin visits survivors of the 2002 Moscow theatre siege. One of the main units involved in the rescue operation was the FSB's Alpha Group an element of the agency's Special Operations Centre of A Directorate







## ***The best advice is, at the earliest opportunity hand over negotiations to a professional...***

The detail of these plans can only really be put together when the location and required mechanics of any drop off point are known but you should start planning for a number of 'broad brush' contingencies as early as possible.

Upon recovery of the hostage, you should also ensure that appropriate resources are in place for their initial and longer term physical and psychological care as they will undoubtedly be, at best, severely stressed upon their release.

### **Kidnap and Ransom (K&R)**

K&R insurance is an often misunderstood term. Contrary to popular belief, the man from the insurance company or bank does not turn up with a briefcase stuffed full of cash for payment of any ransom. If insurance policies are in place - it is critical that the insurer is informed immediately. They will often have

set procedures and specified consultants to assist with the entire negotiation effort. Your K&R insurance is there to cover expenses incurred and is often redeemable after a ransom has been paid. Depending upon the policy, it may also pay for consultant fees, informant information, cash in transit cover and other items. Key to successful recovery of funds is that the insurer is involved as early as possible, is kept fully abreast of any expenses incurred and authorises such expenditure as redeemable. Again, depending upon the policy, insurers may release funds in stages in order to cover ongoing expenses. You may, after all, be in for a long period of negotiations before your loved one or employee is released.

### **CONCLUSION**

Negotiations are difficult and stressful on all parties. However, the behaviour of the initial point of contact may often determine how the

scene is set and a lot of harm can be done if procedures are not established and basic guides are ignored. Conversely, by application of common sense and considered response, even an untrained negotiator can positively affect the situation and hasten the safe return of any hostage.

Companies and individuals who operate in areas where they are at an increased risk of kidnap, should ensure that they have appropriate, exercised and well considered response mechanisms in place. Their designated 'initial responders' should be appropriately trained and regularly exercised



in order to maintain their levels of currency. The best advice is, at the earliest opportunity, to hand over negotiations to a professional.

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# M.A.D.



## CIA issue top secret memo that warns North Korea could really launch a nuclear warhead

**T**he theory or doctrine of M.A.D. (Mutual assured destruction) is one that does not apply in the chilling game being played out by North Korea against much of the free world. In the Cold War, both East and West used M.A.D.

as a bargaining chip in a global effort to save face, protect borders and maintain a status quo. No-one could win a nuclear war - and in the event one side tried - it too would be annihilated. Those officials currently running North Korea don't seem too concerned.

Two years ago the NSA and CIA tracked a test missile that was launched from one of a number of facilities in the communist country. Within minutes it was confirmed that the

missile had been programmed with coordinates to strike Hawaii. Of course the rocket was destroyed by North Korea after travelling but a few hundred miles. The operation, however, was meant as a 'sideswipe' at the United States, which has long supported its southern neighbour.

Much has changed in recent months with two major nuclear bomb tests in the north, the last coming on 25 May. Indeed, NSA spy satellites have been manoeuvred from other parts of space to keep a 24-hour watch over North Korea which has threatened to launch a nuclear strike against either South Korea or Japan. However, the CIA, which does have a major presence in the region, believes plans are afoot to include the USA in that group of proposed targets... at least the only part of the country it can reach - Hawaii. As many as 11



**North Korean rocket launch - April 2009 - the flight intensified the war of words between the two Koreas**

underground bases are being surveilled that could support such an attack. There is also evidence the US would either strike the rocket on the ground, or intercept it in space. ➤



**"Hit-to-kill" test vehicle launched in 2001 from the Kwajalein Missile Range**



**President Reagan announces his Strategic Defense Initiative vision on 23 March 1983. The protection shield might just be needed according to the CIA**





Known as the 'Bridge of No Return' - the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) that separates the two Koreas

COURTESY: RUSSIAN FEDERATION



Kim Jong Il with former Russian President Vladimir Putin. 2002

However, before that, some analysts believe at least one more nuclear test must take place, possibly in Kumchang-ri in North Pyongan. In 1998, the CIA managed to infiltrate the area and reported a labyrinth of empty tunnels. It had been the suspected site of a massive underground nuclear facility. But in recent months Langley, via NSA analysis on reconnaissance photographs, believe they have reactivated the facility which has been completed under the noses of the West's intelligence services.

Knowing the US are listening, North Korean intelligence officials purposely made open communications about a ballistic missile (Taepodong-2) strike towards Hawaii... and possibly on US Independence Day. With an estimated range of 4,000 miles, besides Hawaii, the rocket could also hit Alaska. CIA analysts, however, doubt this range is achievable and note an earlier failure in 2006. A Japanese intelligence report also confirmed

a missile launch, though officials in Tokyo believe the Dongchang-ni site has been readied for this event. This would take the missile over Japan.

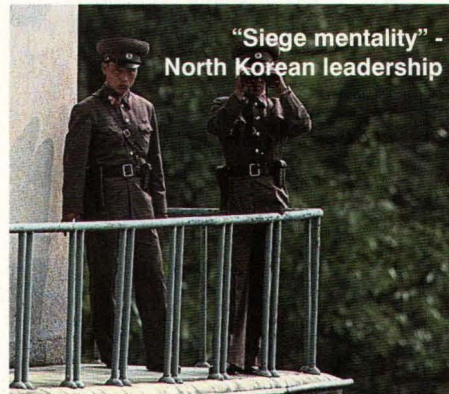
North Korea has already warned the United Nations that it will react with "violence" to new sanctions, and that it has enabled a programme to "weaponise extracted plutonium". The stakes could not be higher.

Isolated and with not a care in the world, Eye Spy understands the CIA has drafted a top



"Ready"... US Defence Secretary Robert Gates

COURTESY: DOD



"Siege mentality" - North Korean leadership

secret warning that North Korea really might press its red button. And besides its growing nuclear capabilities (much of it already shared with Iran), North Korea also possesses large stockpiles of chemical weapons, including mustard gas, phosgene, blood agents and sarin.

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates said efforts were "on-going" to deal with a possible missile attack on Hawaii. "We do have some concerns if they were to launch a missile to the west in the direction of Hawaii," Mr Gates said. He went on to confirm that "additional support" was being provided in the area - this in the way of missiles and radar. Observers note this is almost certainly part of America's National Missile Defense (NMD) "hit-to-kill" (missile countermeasures) programme that began as the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) or "Star Wars" over a quarter of a century ago by President Reagan.



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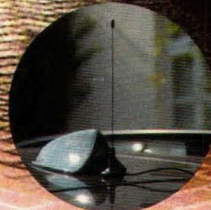
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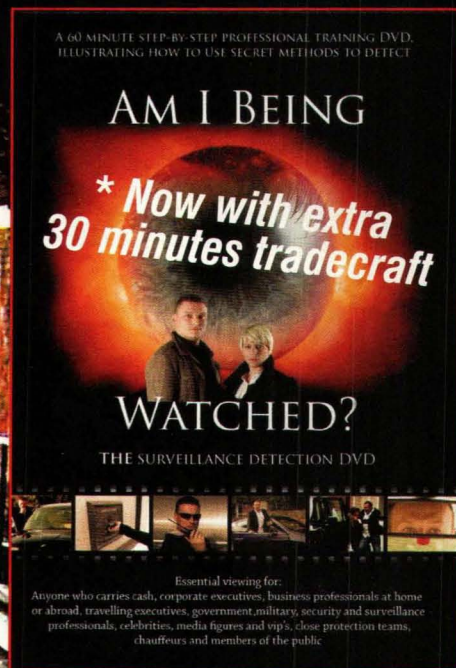


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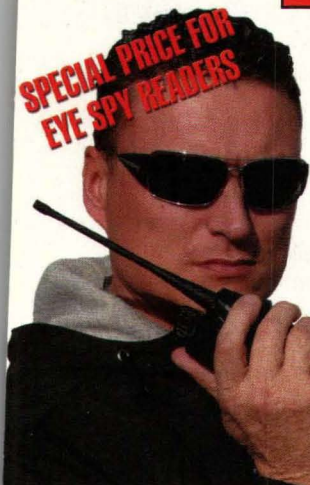
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**A2A** - MI5 section used to transcribe intercepted intelligence (communications)



**BLACK OPERATION** - Used predominantly by operatives within American intelligence and its pseudo-military arms. Essentially denotes a highly covert mission, often performed without official sanction or under the guise of another operation. Extreme Black Operations could include blackmail, torture, extortion and even murder.



**BLACK OPERATION**

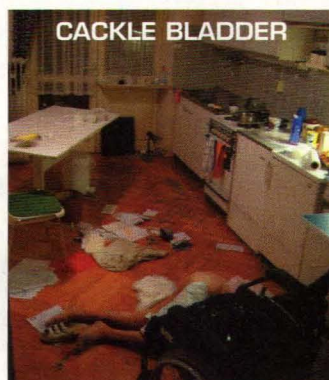
## BUGGER'S MATE

- MI5 term to describe the junior operative in a bugging operation. The "Bugger's Mate" would carry equipment and pass requested tools to the installer. Occasionally described as a "Caddy" by the CIA.



**CAKCLE BLADDER** - Used exclusively by US intelligence operatives as a term to describe a live body being disguised to look dead. Cackle Bladder is also used as an expression to describe a scene that simulates death. Such scenarios have reportedly been

considered as an interrogation tool. In this case, a body is covered with poultry blood in a room where a suspect is being held. The sight of a dead body disturbs the suspect into parting with information. The phrase has also entered the public world as well, whereby it is slang for faking one's own death - again with the added simulation of animal blood.



**CAKCLE BLADDER**

**CLEANERS** - In the UK intelligence arena 'office cleaners' are often agents employed by foreign embassies but in reality they work for British Intelligence through 'recommended' contract companies. Most countries now employ cleaning staff attached to their respective embassy. In the US, the CIA term refers to a special dedicated unit or person who will completely overhaul a room where





an operation or incident has taken place (See also Decorators). This can also mean cleaning a room of forensic evidence.



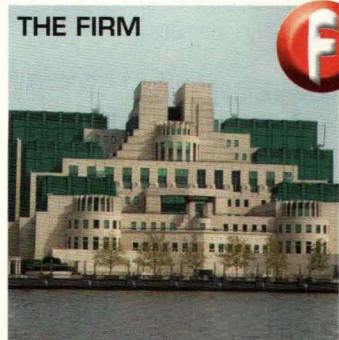
**DECORATORS** [The] - A British Security Service expression used by active officers to describe a specialist team within MI5's A-Branch. Such specialists would be called upon to hastily "tidy up" after a room had been entered, damaged or devices installed. Some operations require that plastering, painting or electrical work is performed. MI5 'Decorators' are particularly apt at such repairs and have passed many of their speedy skills to their friends in the CIA.

**DOCTOR** - An occasional CIA designation used to warn of a police presence. In the UK, the word 'Martian' represents an unwanted police presence - especially during an ongoing surveillance operation.

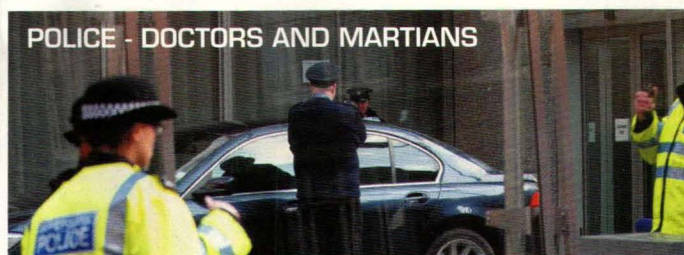
**DROP** - KGB term for a secret location whereby information in the form of a package or envelope can be left or retrieved - dead letter 'drop'. The word is used as an end game phrase by CIA officers meaning "success" - often following a 'black operation'.



**ELEVENTH COMMANDMENT** - MI5 "special entry operatives" oath - "Thou shalt not get caught".



**FIRM** [The] - An alternative name given to Britain's MI6 or Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) by its own employees.



**FRACTURE** - FSB expression for the sudden loss of communications between posts.



**GRAPEVINE** - The name given to the sixth floor bar of MI5's former Curzon Street headquarters.

**GUEST HOUSE** - An early British Intelligence phrase used to describe a "control hotel" or "primed guest house". For example, Claridges Hotel in London (below) was a particular favourite with visiting distinguished guests and foreign dignitaries. To overcome problems of selecting the "right" room to bug, MI5 simply bugged every

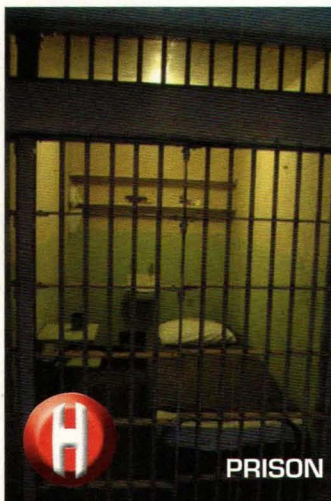
**HOSPITAL** - Under-the-counter CIA and FBI expression to conceal a suspect has been taken to or is in prison.

**HW - HEAD WAITER** - MI5 terminology for obtaining the cooperation of restaurant staff who would notify the Service when a "person of interest" or target had arrived. Quite often the HW would invite the guest to sit at a particular table which had been specially reserved... by MI5. As well as microphones and other devices that have been pre-installed, the table is positioned in a



room. Former MI5 officer Peter Wright described this arrangement as "the most sensible thing to do."

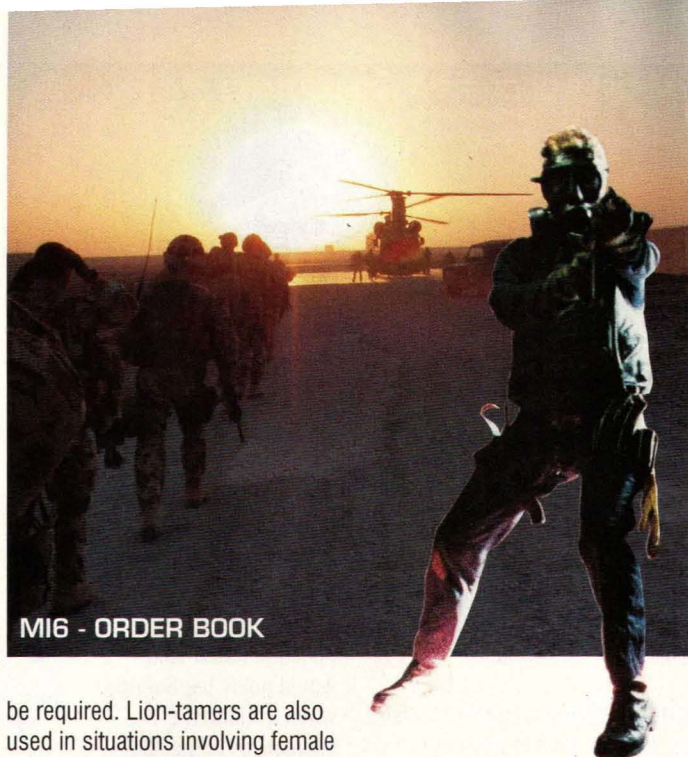
manner that makes filming and photography possible. Once departed, other forensic evidence can be gathered, such as fingerprints and DNA.



**LION-TAMER** - An oft used phrase in intelligence talk that describes a senior operative who is brought in to settle a dispute in a calm manner. Lion-tamers are also used to control operatives who are simply out of control or are making threats about public disclosure. If the calm-taking operative can't quiet things down, a more aggressive lion-tamer may







MI6 - ORDER BOOK

be required. Lion-tamers are also used in situations involving female agents caught in embarrassing situations.



**NRA** - Nothing Recorded Against - MI5 vetting expression used for a variety of purposes (clearance, job application, investigation).



**ORDER BOOK** - Word used by senior MI6 personnel from 'SIS Charter' to phrase a request (use) of its special operations capability. In most cases the 'Increment' - a force drawn from 22 SAS (Special Air Service) CRW (Counter Revolutionary Wing) and M (CT) Troop of the SBS (Special Boat Service).



UN - PUDDING CLUB

**PUDDING CLUB** - Detrimental term used by CIA and MI6 intelligence officers to describe the United Nations in New York.



**SHOPPING** [Going] - Used by operatives in the US and UK to describe collection of information - often from snitches and informants.

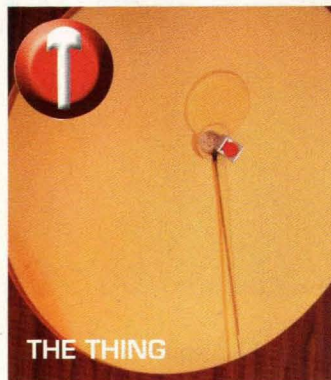
**SLEEPWALKER** - Intelligence description of personnel working for an agency who may inadvertently be providing information to a foreign agency through a lack of discretion or simply ignorance. The person may not even be aware they are breaching security regulations. They may discuss sensitive information or occurrences on the telephone in an office or even in social arenas or to their spouses. In most cases a warning is sufficient, though if "sleepwalking" continues, dismissal or a less sensitive posting is almost certain.



SLEEP WALKER

**SWIM** - KGB term originating in the 1950s and used by agents to describe being sent on an overseas mission, or indeed, any journey that involves significant travel. NSA intercepts of numerous Russian embassy telephones

around the world exposed the true meaning of the word. However, even today Russian FSB officers describe journeys as "going swimming".



THE THING

**THING** [The] - CIA term for the seemingly uncomplicated bug found in the Great Seal on the wall behind the American Ambassador's desk in Moscow (above). At first US analysts believed because of its simplistic manufacture, it could not possibly have provided much intelligence to the KGB, that was before the CIA, and then specialists from MI5 examined the device. In the end, it was recognised the bug was unique and incredibly ingenious.

**TEA** - Usually most folk are happy to be invited to tea - unless the invitation comes from MI5. In days gone-by, MI5 was far more



secretive than it is today. An invitation to "[MI5] tea" was usually made by the Treasury Solicitor's Office - basically a euphemism for being subjected to pressure by the Security Service.

**THIRTY THREES** - FBI surveillance expression to describe an emergency situation associated with an on-going operation.

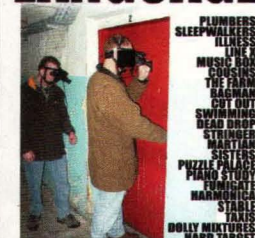
**SOP** - Static Observation Post - MI5 term. A fixed surveillance observation platform often used for long-term operations such as the monitoring of embassies. The SOP can be contained within a house, office or other building yet must be totally secure and not attract public or opposition attention. In many cases SOPs can't be established due to circumstances, in such cases, several posts may be operational in outlying areas.



WHO'S WHO

**WHO'S WHO** - A major problem for counter-espionage teams is identifying who's who in a foreign embassy. At UK embassies abroad, the intelligence officer usually has a direct outside line. However, MI5 have had all manner of problems with the Russians, because their staff are locked away from view. To overcome this problem, after learning of staff names, MI5 simply call the embassy. A process called "movement analysis" could "out" a spy. If the call was routed to his desk - the person was not an 'IO' (intelligence officer), if he had to be called via an intercom, it was likely he was working in what's called the "secure area", a room designated "safe" from eavesdroppers and used for communication and conversation.

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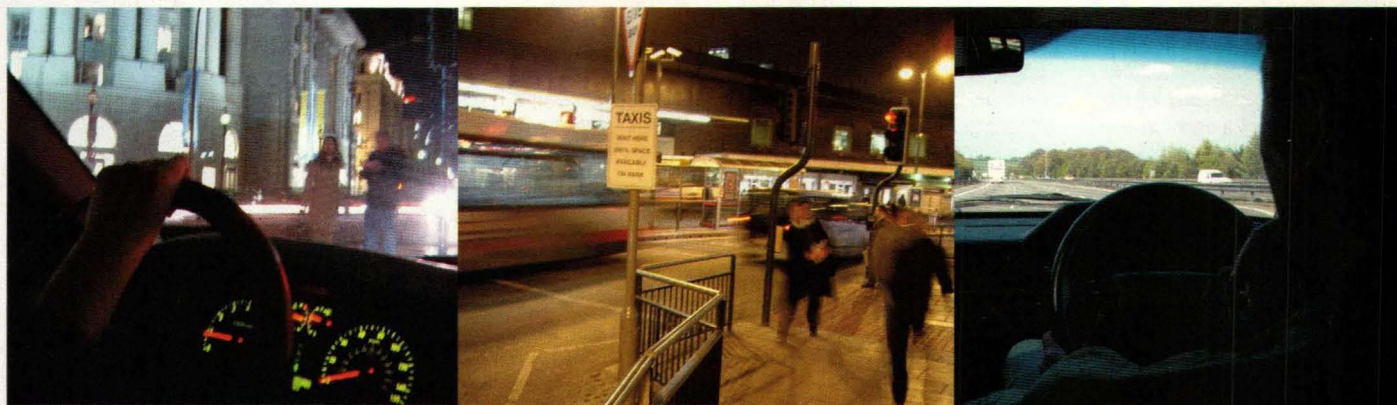


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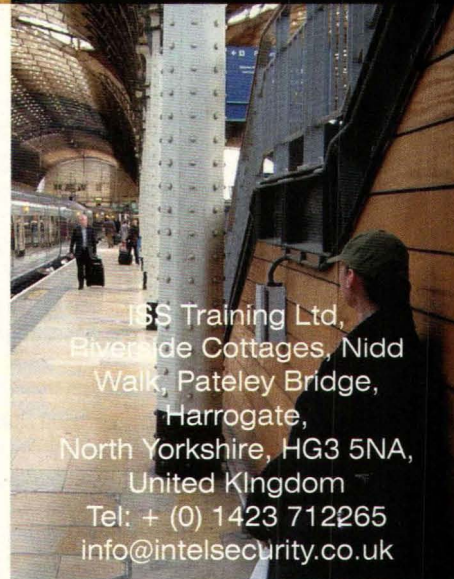
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**PORTON DOWN'S  
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*Canisters would  
contain as many  
30,000 darts laced  
with deadly  
mustard gas*

# RAINING POISON

## The Deadly Secret WWII Darts

*'Collapse occurs  
within one to five  
minutes, and death  
within 30 minutes'*

Britain's National Archives has released a series of Top Secret War Office documents that tell the story of a dark programme (1941-1945) to release "clouds of tiny poisoned darts" over enemy positions. The darts were tipped with deadly mustard gas and intended only to kill and not destroy buildings. Once prodded, the victim would be dead within 30 minutes.

The weapon was the brainchild of scientists working at the secretive

Porton Down research facility in Wiltshire, England. And though darts were built and scientists "enthusiastic", the results were inconclusive and the programme was shelved.

The project was paralleling other "air burst" bombs, but scientists were convinced falling darts would cause more mayhem (both physical and mental) than conventional exploding canisters.

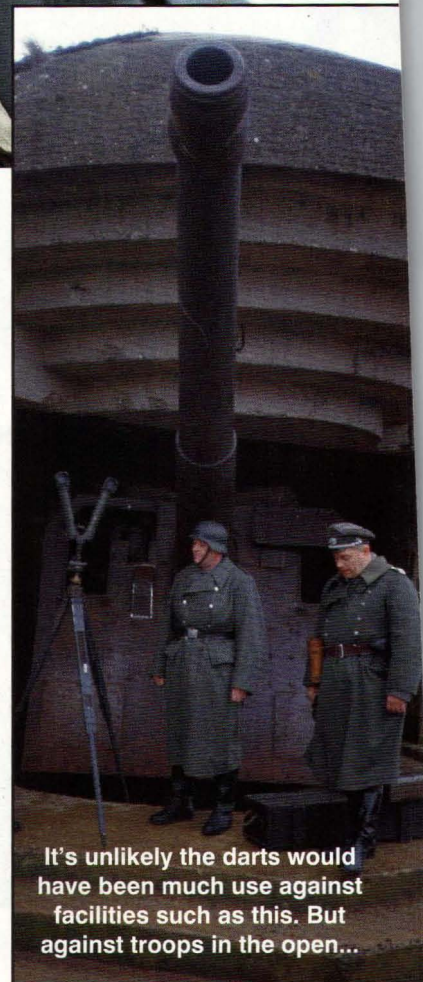
Mustard gas is an appalling substance and if pricked by a dart, death would be painful, or at best the person would sustain dreadful injuries. Part of the report reads: "If penetrating into the flesh, will cause death if not plucked out within 30 seconds. If plucked out within this time, will cause disablement by collapse. Collapse occurs within one to five minutes, and death within 30 minutes."

And those clever boffins working at Porton Down had designed the device in such a way, that even if you removed the dart it would not matter. A scientist notes: "I doubt whether the darts can be plucked out. The paper tail would come off."

As with many secret programmes developed by the Allies, information was exchanged. Canada and America got involved, with the former using sheep and goats clothed in battledress material. The scientists said any symptoms shown by the animals (once the skin was broken), would be repeated on humans. "The pulse becomes very slow and the blood pressure falls. The subject collapses and lies on its side with twitching muscles. Where the dose is lethal, death occurs on 30 minutes, usually preceded by convulsions."

### HONEST QUESTIONS

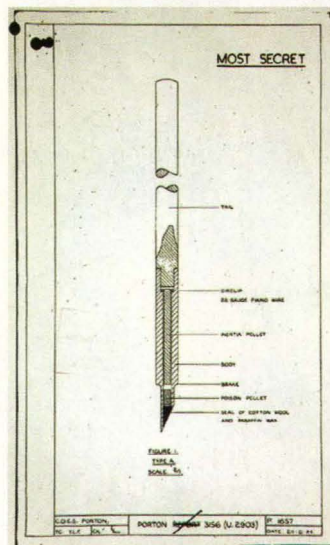
Porton Down's Biology Section turned to the world famous Singer Sewing Machine firm to procure needles for the experiment, and obviously they did not want to tell the company what the needles were for. However, one document from Singer shows that secrecy can often lead to confusion. "In reply to your letter... we are afraid we do not quite understand your requirements. From your remarks, it would seem that the needles are required for some other purpose, other than sewing machines."



*It's unlikely the darts would  
have been much use against  
facilities such as this. But  
against troops in the open...*

As late as January 1945, officials still wanted to test the dart. A paper titled 'The Use of Poisoned Darts from the Air', said: "It is recommended that earnest consideration be given to possible utility of darts with a view to deciding whether development and exploration of this project should not be continued and intensified."

In the end, the darts never went into production, but the report is evidence enough, Britain was quite prepared to use unconventional weapons to thwart Nazi expansion.







## CODE-BREAKERS HONoured

Silent heroes of Bletchley Park to receive recognition medals

**H**undreds of former employees of the top secret codebreaking centre - Bletchley Park, and other signal sites are to be formally honoured for their work by the government. At its height during World War II, over 10,000 people worked at Bletchley Park and helped bring the war to a much earlier conclusion by breaking Nazi communications traffic.

The award will also see former employees at other little known interception sites receive medals, including: Perton Station, a number of Y Stations, RAF Cheadle and the GPO centre at Whitchurch. Such listening centres monitored real-time language radio traffic, coded and uncoded.

It is believed over 5,000 surviving staff will receive medals after a quiet campaign by historians and die-hard supporters of the facility - now a museum run entirely by a volunteer

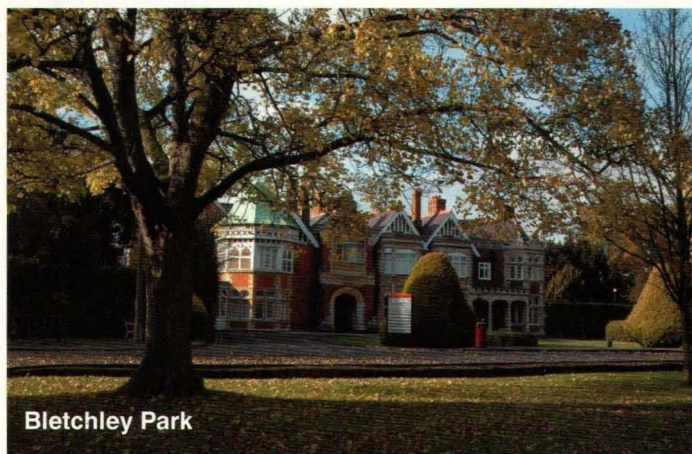
staff. Sadly, some of its most famous staff have died, but existing family members could collect their medals.



**Code-breaker Alan Turing**

*The Daily Telegraph* has reported that GCHQ, the modern-day equivalent of Bletchley Park, is involved with the fashioning of a medal and a formal announcement will be made shortly. Britain's Foreign Office, which oversees the communications arm of British Intelligence, is said to be "supportive" of the measure.

It is believed moves are afoot that would see Her Majesty the Queen involved in the medal presentation, rather than a politician.



**Bletchley Park**

## MILLION DOLLAR AGENTS

CIA recruits Wall Street Financial Wizards

**T**he CIA has launched a series of recruitment adverts aimed at finding a few financial geniuses to help lead the war against terrorist money laundering, financial transactions, and covert payments to supposed legitimate businesses that are little more than terrorist front companies. The targets will also include charities acting as "funnels" for

nation". According to sources, the Agency is actually holding a series of private interviews at a secret location in Manhattan. No phone calls were accepted regarding the job vacancies, but applicants simply had to e-mail their resume. The salary, according to one financial wizard who looked into one job, was a "paltry \$160,000 (£100,000)". However, with so many of Wall Street's "whizz kids"



receiving donations which end up in far away countries... and into the hands of al-Qaida.

An advert on Bloomberg Radio first alerted intelligence watchers to the move, when an announcer declared that investment bankers, money analysts and hedge fund experts were wanted for "intelligence work on behalf of the

and bankers now redundant after the global financial crash, the CIA is confident of filling the posts... even if the wage is a fraction of what many "money people" earned before.

- In the UK, MI5 has launched a similar campaign to attract teachers to its ranks - advertising in *The London Times*.

## THE SPY CODE-NAMED FANG

**F**BI counter-espionage officers have arrested a retired USAF Lieutenant Colonel on espionage charges. James Fondren Jr. is allegedly part of the same spy ring that was broken in early 2008, which sold defence secrets to China via a number of registered and legitimate US concerns. Dubbed 'opinion papers', and based on classified information, Fondren supposedly passed the material to Tai Shen Kuo - a Chinese furniture seller in Louisiana, who in turn forwarded the material to his Beijing handler.



In return for the information, which included high-end intelligence on visiting Chinese military personnel and an overview of Pacific Command naval exercises, Kou paid Fondren, whom he code-named 'Fang', various amounts of money upto \$800 in one case.



# The Ohnesorg Incident...



# STASI

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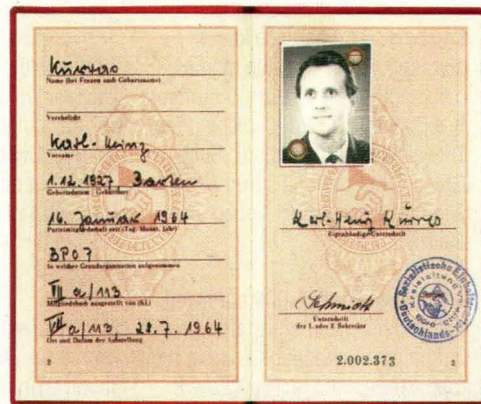


Researchers uncover evidence that a pivotal point in history - the creation of left-wing student-borne terror organisations - may have been caused not by capitalism and the West - but by the poor "down-trodden communists" of the East and a suspected Stasi agent

In times of despair and trouble, Britain has manufactured secret intelligence concerns to gain support for the country. In WWII, the Political Warfare Executive and the British Security Coordination helped drag America into the war by a variety of unconventional methods. Now evidence has emerged that the Stasi had disruption agents every bit as effective in creating chaos, but much more deadly.

In the 1960s, Europe and North America were awash with student protests against what many saw as Western aggression in parts of the world that did not concern it. Vietnam was but one flashpoint theatre, Cuba another. In such a climate, it didn't take much for students and a variety of left-wing groups to organise demonstrations - be they against capitalism or the atomic bomb. Country's with major armies and lots of money seemed to be the focus of such demonstrations, but there was a bizarre reluctance to say anything wrong against the poor "downtrodden" communist nations such as Cuba and other

Soviet satellites. In the middle of this boiling pot was the divided country of Germany. The Western half clearly enjoyed greater prosperity than its easterly neighbour, whose population was constantly strangled by Moscow and an internal army of spies known as the Stasi (secret police). But there was one city where capitalism and socialism clashed - Berlin. And on 2 June 1967, a shooting occurred that would spark an even greater student uprising, and turn moderate students against the West and some into terrorists. This was the killing



**Document that suggests Kurras was a member of the East German communist party - the SED**

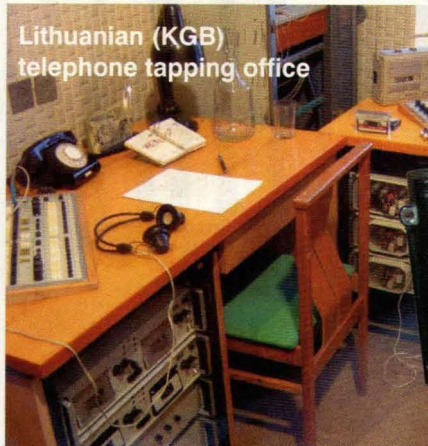
of Benno Ohnesorg. And what followed on the streets of several Western capitals was cheered by intelligence and political figures in Moscow.

Ohnesorg, a student of literature had recently married, and like many of his era and age, was keen to join a protest march in West Berlin - this time against the visiting Shah of Iran - America's greatest ally in the Middle East. The gathering against the Shah's presence soon turned nasty, and Ohnesorg





# KGB AND STASI 'EYES AND EARS'



Lithuanian (KGB) telephone tapping office



Stasi camera capable of taking photos through a 1mm hole

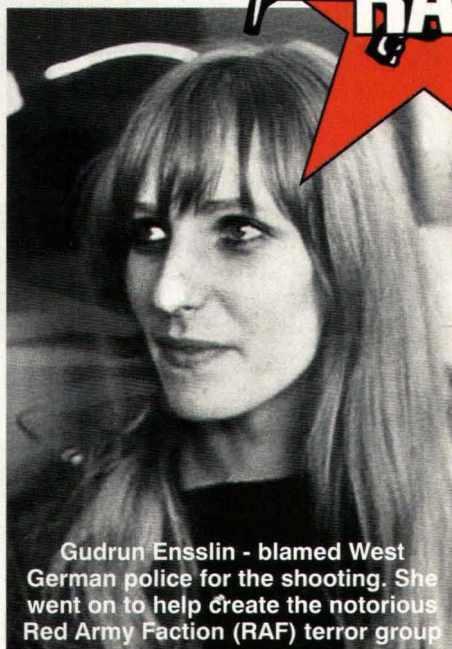


Stasi camera concealed in an outdoor drum

watched from a distance as a group of protesters were chased into a courtyard. Seconds later, a police officer, Karl Heinz Kurras walked behind Ohnesorg and fired his gun from point-blank range into his head. The student was killed instantly. In his defence, Kurras said he had been attacked by "students with knives". There was never any evidence to support this claim, but he was cleared anyway.

What followed was left-wing outrage and the emergence of a number of high-profile and deadly student-based terrorist outfits. One student by the name of Gudrun Ensslin proclaimed: "[West Germany] is a fascist state... they want to kill us all." Gudrun took up arms, and went on to head one of those groups - the notorious Red Army Faction.

Gudrun died in 1977, and many of her associates also succumbed to the "four horsemen", but



Gudrun Ensslin - blamed West German police for the shooting. She went on to help create the notorious Red Army Faction (RAF) terror group

things could have been so different had they known what researchers would uncover four decades later in 17 files pertaining to the Stasi.

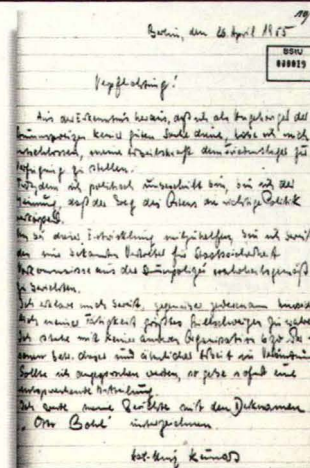
Though a great many Stasi secrets were lost when the Berlin Wall was finally pulled down on 11-12 November 1989, many survived. Indeed, it will be decades before analysts have gleaned the last fact from hundreds of volumes retrieved at Stasi headquarters by the CIA under its Operation Rosewood tag. Already thousands of Germans have been identified as former members of the Stasi - some as official officers, many more as snitches and agents. At its height, the Stasi could rely on an army of spies numbering over 100,000.

Now it transpires another name can be added to the long list of "outed" Stasi spies... Karl Heinz Kurras.

Kurras is 81 today, but his journey into the Stasi began over half a century ago... in 1955, when he visited a building in Berlin occupied by the Communist Party Central Committee.

He then joined the West Berlin Police Force, but he had already agreed to pass any relevant intelligence about defectors and secret tunnels and passages to the Stasi. As his secret career blossomed, he was given the code-name 'Otto Bohl' and enhanced his reputation by providing details of West German-espionage operations.

There is much debate in intelligence circles about the political impact of Kurras's actions, especially as the Communists benefited greatly from the increased violence and the creation of so many radical groups and terror



Letter reportedly written by Kurras agreeing to work for Stasi

organisations. However, there remains no evidence that the slaying of Ohnesorg was sanctioned by Kurras's bosses. For the record, Kurras went on to be twice acquitted of manslaughter.

• Researchers Helmut Müller-Enbergs and Cornelia Jabs discovered the Stasi documents. Their findings first appeared in *Deutschlandarchiv*, a periodical dedicated to the ongoing project of German reunification.



'The death of the protesters' by Alfred Hrdlicka. Benno Ohnesorg commemorative relief



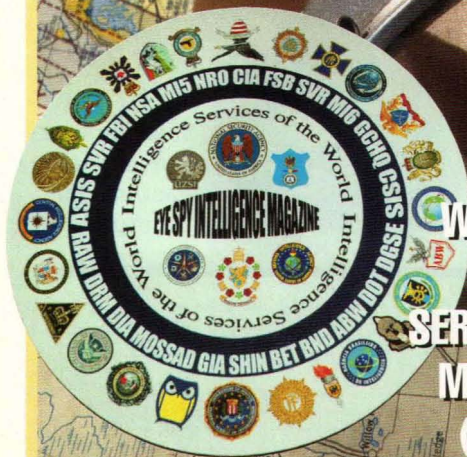
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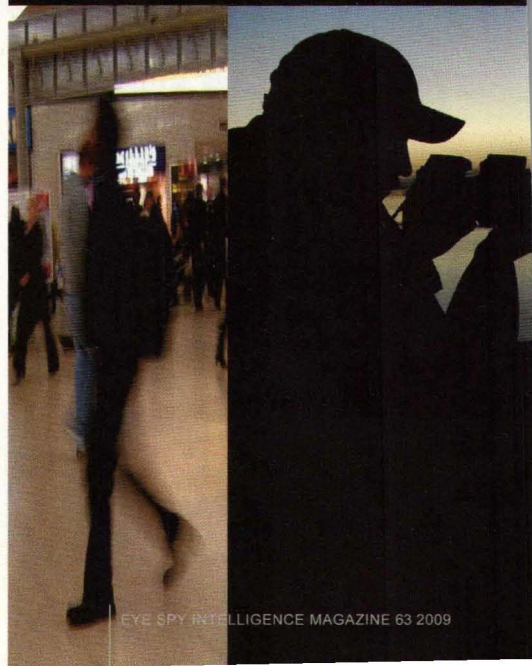
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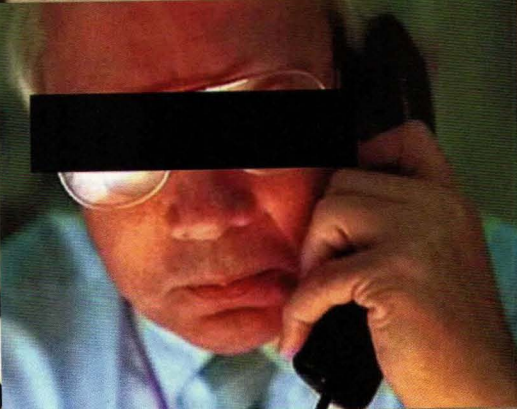
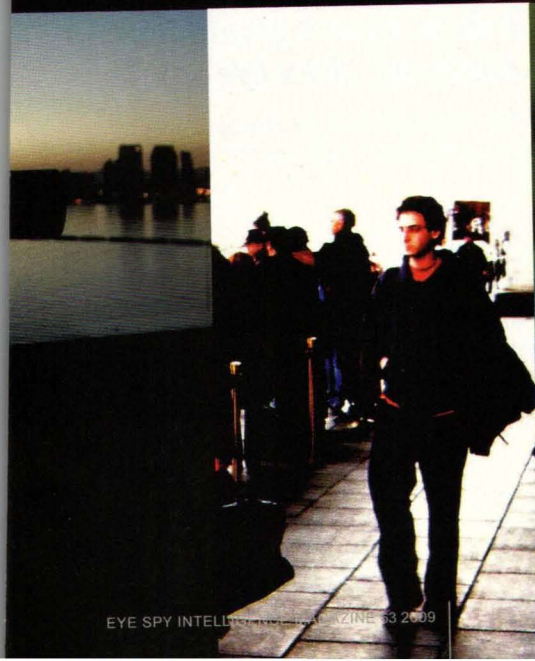
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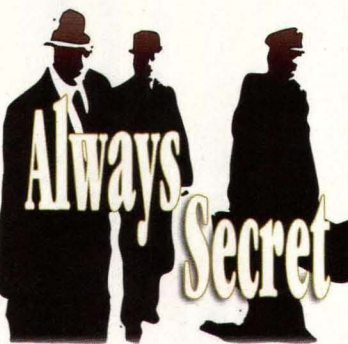




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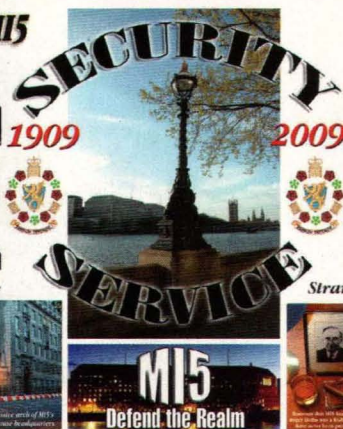
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## The Director Generals of MI5



## EVOLUTION AND CENTRAL LOCATIONS OF MI5



In Autumn 2009, both MI5 and MI6 are 100 years old, the latter going operational just 72 hours before Vernon Kell, the head of the Home Section of the Secret Service Bureau sat down in his office. Kell began work on a Monday, while his counterpart, the eccentric first chief of the Foreign Section - Mansfield Cumming, decided to open his door on the Friday before. Even today, MI6 is proud of this fact,

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though it has been rumoured Cumming did this on purpose as both agencies should have started functioning at the same time!

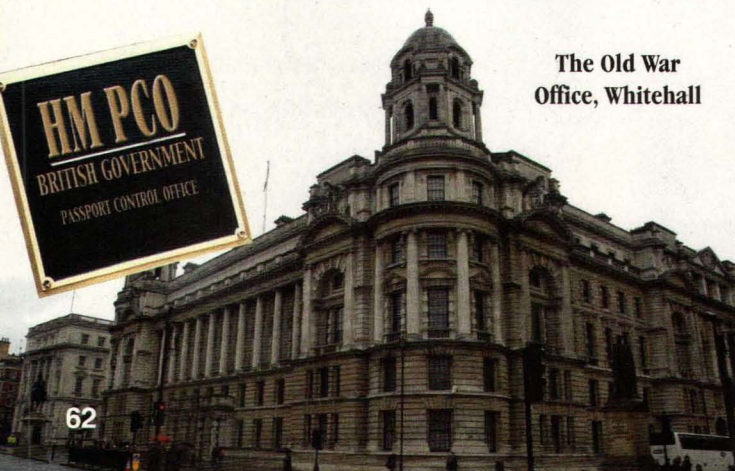
These famous services have provided the basis for countless books, documentaries and even pictures. Eye Spy has worked with a number of parties to create these posters, and most of the photographs and text have been carefully researched and commissioned. Besides providing an illuminating history of the journey of MI5 and MI6, the posters are packed with facts and anecdotes.

By chance MI6 has just announced its new Chief - Sir John Sawers who replaces Sir John Scarlett in November 2009. Unlike many of his predecessors, he is a



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## The Old War Office, Whitehall



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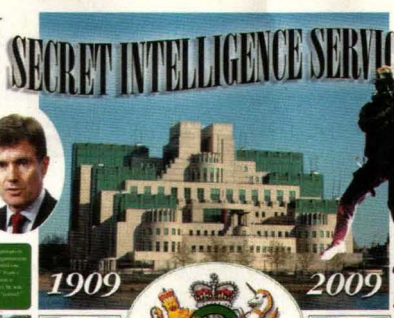


### The Chiefs of MI6

1909-1923 Sir Mansfield Cumming  
1923-1939 Admiral Sir Hugh Quex Sinclair  
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1956-1968 Sir Richard White  
1968-1975 Sir John Keble  
1975-1978 Sir Maurice Oldfield  
1978-1981 Sir Arthur 'Dick' Franks  
1981-1985 Sir Colin Figures  
1985-1989 Sir Christopher Cullen  
1989-1991 Sir Colin McCall  
1991-1999 Sir David Spalding  
1999-2004 Sir Richard Dearlove  
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### Recruitment

MI6 recruits are selected from a wide range of backgrounds and professions. The process is highly competitive and involves a series of interviews and tests. Successful candidates are then trained in a variety of skills, including language, cryptography, and espionage.



### STOPWATCH

One of the most famous operations undertaken by MI6 was the sinking of a Soviet submarine. The operation was a success, and the submarine was sunk. This was a major victory for MI6 and a significant blow to the Soviet Union.

### THE INCREMENT

When used with different procedures, MI6 can make a small difference in the 'increment' made up of SIS and MI6. This is a small but significant difference, and it can make a big difference in the long run.

### Berlin Spy Tunnel

MI6's greatest achievement was the discovery of the Berlin Spy Tunnel. This was a major victory for MI6 and a significant blow to the Soviet Union. The tunnel was used by the Soviets to communicate with their agents in the West.

### THE BETHELL LETTER

1909 THE RECRUITMENT OF MANDELSTAM THE FIRST CASE OF MI6

### Moscow Spy Rock

It is very hard to see the importance of the Moscow Spy Rock. It is a small rock, but it is a very important rock. It is a symbol of MI6's success in the East.

### Carleton Gardens

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## JOURNEMEN OF MI6

### 1909 - 1918

The journey of MI6 began in 1909, when the first MI6 agent was recruited. This was a major victory for MI6 and a significant blow to the Soviet Union. The agent was recruited from a list of names provided by the British government.

### 1919 - 1939

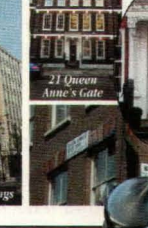
In 1919, MI6 was on the move. It was moving from its old headquarters in Whitehall to its new headquarters in the Admiralty. This was a major victory for MI6 and a significant blow to the Soviet Union.

### 1940 - 1963

At WWII, MI6 was at its peak. It was the most powerful intelligence agency in the world. It was responsible for the defeat of the Axis powers. This was a major victory for MI6 and a significant blow to the Soviet Union.

### 1964 - 2009

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### MI6's Greatest Achievement

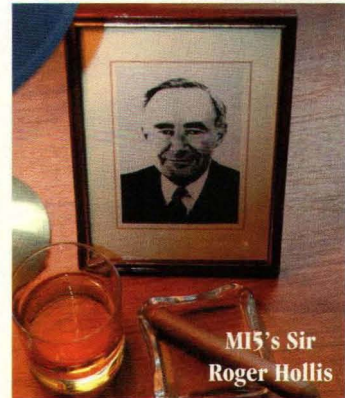
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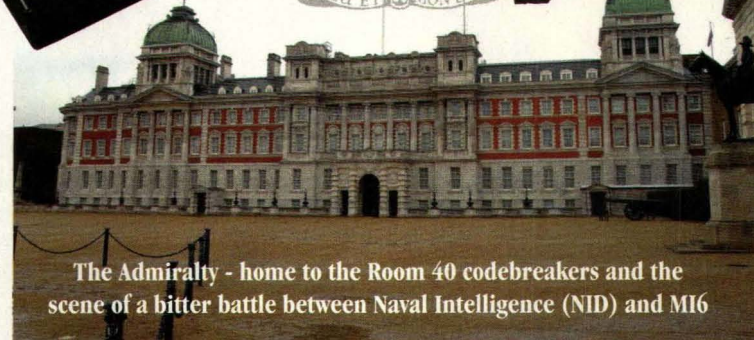
willing speaker and not frightened of communicating with the outside world. This suggests a monumental change of direction for MI6, perhaps even more openness, after all, the Service did not officially exist until 1993. His image sits opposite Cumming - evidence indeed of how the Service has evolved in 100 years.

As for MI5, it too has endured some incredible moments in its role as a counter-espionage organisation. From hunting down Nazi agents, to the chilling Cold War games played out with KGB spies, MI5 has always been able to evolve, suffice to say, it is now engaged in a secret war with terrorists.

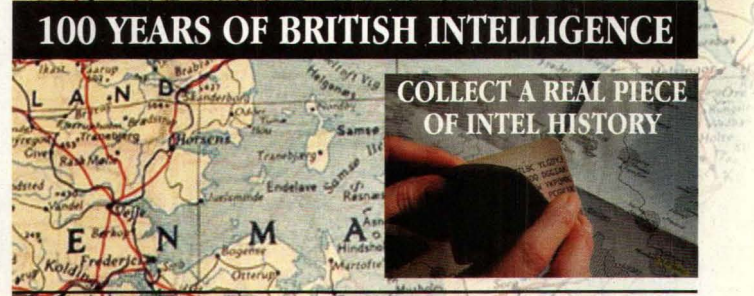
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**Eye Spy takes a look at one of the UK's least-known Cold War bases - Kelvedon Hatch on the outskirts of London. Additional reporting PETER THOMSON**



Unlike many Cold War facilities that have fallen victim to the developers bulldozer or left to fend off the elements, Kelvedon Hatch has survived and is thriving as a tourist location. Situated just 25 miles from London in the county of Essex, the building that sits atop of a gently sloping secluded hill, does not reflect what lies beneath, nor its prior importance to the nation.

The land was sold to the Air Ministry in 1953 by the Parrish family for £100.00 per acre. In all, just under 24 acres was purchased, including mature woodland - ideal for eye-level and aerial concealment.

At the time, the reason for the purchase was of course secret. However, had Russian bombers crossed the UK and nuclear missiles peppered the country, Kelvedon Hatch would have provided security at the Regional Government HQ. Seventy five feet beneath the tidy bungalow, was a labyrinth of 10ft thick



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# Kelvedon Hatch



## THE COLD WAR BUNKER





This innocent-looking bungalow sits atop a huge underground facility that could house and support 600 government employees, including the prime minister, for up to 12 weeks

reinforced concrete secret rooms and tunnels - capable of maintaining some semblance of order and with the capacity of supporting 600 personnel... almost certainly including the prime minister.

It was not initially planned as a "last redoubt" for government. Kelvedon Hatch was one of a number of facilities that formed important parts of Britain's air defences and communications' centres. They were born from a programme implemented to improve the UK's early warning system code-named ROTOR. Part of this programme meant building underground rooms for the equipment and generators. The site was ideally positioned, for just six miles away was RAF North Weald and earlier built Marconi communications facilities.

Transport to and from Kelvedon and security was handled by the RAF. In the event of war, government and emergency staff could quickly be moved out of the capital to the site.

While work was in progress to build the underground rooms, all footpaths and access to the site was off limits to the public. A large slice of hill was removed and the main bunker room built from concrete and metal rods.



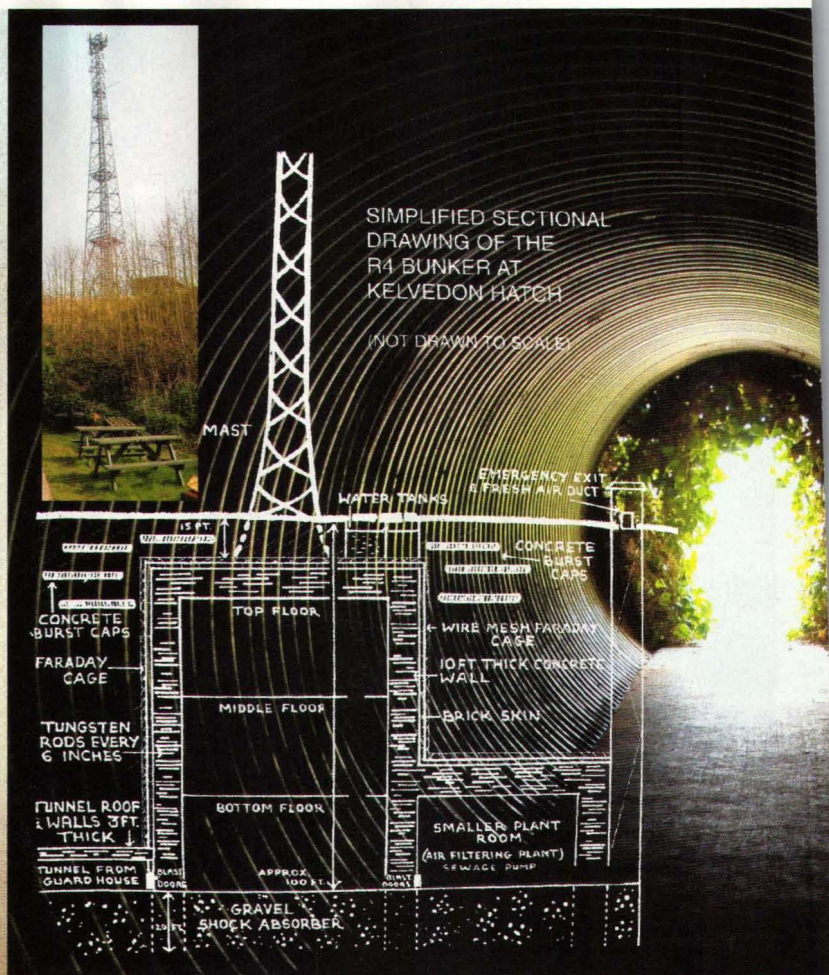
Male dormitory - the noise caused by huge generators, air pumps and cleansing units would have been tremendous







Blast doors



These materials were delivered in lorries that always took different routes. Once complete, the soil was replaced hiding a 27,000 sq.ft room. At the bottom was vital equipment such as air conditioning, heating, sewage works, cooling towers etc...

### FIGHTER COMMAND CENTRE

Kelvedon Hatch began its life as the Fighter Command Metropolitan Sector Operations Centre in the summer of 1953. It was one of six regions that provided security for the UK. Inside were a plethora of maps that covered southern

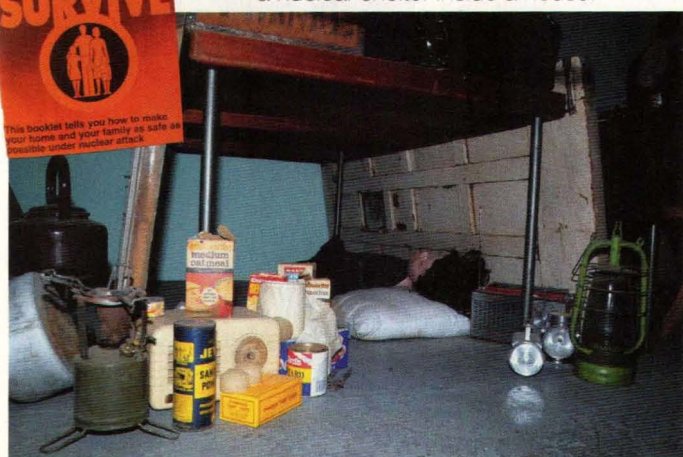
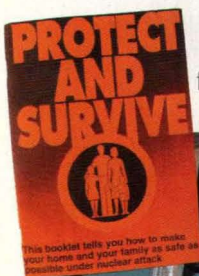
and central Britain, as well as parts of France and Denmark. An indication, perhaps of where the RAF expected Soviet bombers to emerge.

By the mid-1960s, the threat of nuclear war was even greater and the military decided the facility at Kelvedon needed enhancing greatly. Its role as a fighter station (operations) was ended and some rooms filled in. War planners felt that the site would be best suited to serve as an Emergency Regional Government Seat. With this in mind, every two years government personnel held simulated emergency exercises with a variety of key Home Office and uni-

formed staff deployed. One room was soundproofed and turned into a BBC studio. This would be the UK's "ears" if the bombs started to fall. Three warnings would be given by Kelvedon to the British people. The 'Red' alert meant an air attack was imminent; 'Grey' was ominous - nuclear fall out (dust) would tumble from the skies in a matter of hours; 'Black' simply meant bombs had been dropped and fall out was just about expected. The BBC

### HOME-BUILT NUCLEAR SHELTER

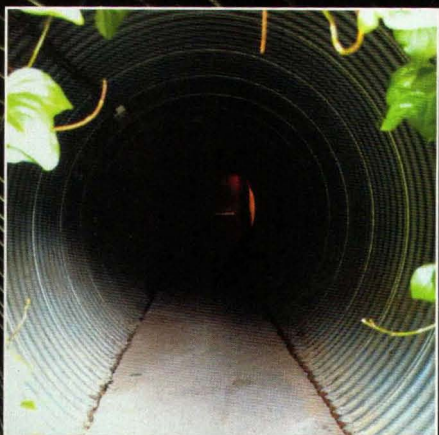
This interesting display shows a person following government guidance on how to build a nuclear shelter inside a house!



room would also liaise with nationwide authorities and military facilities, all the while requesting on the air waves that public order and justice be maintained. Little chance of that, one would expect.

Other parts of this most secret site were also improved. Exercise areas were built, cooking facilities needed expanding to house potentially





600 staff, bunk beds were lined up in corridors and dormitories. Elsewhere, blast doors led to stairs and a small brick tower atop the hill. There was a sick bay and a room where scientists would plot the radiation levels and fall-out across the country. There was even an additional guard house building disguised as an ordinary cottage. However, inside the windows were blocked by metal shutters and a heavy front door meant unlawful access was impossible. Part of the house was used as an armoury, while the decontamination room was also situated in the cottage.

## Welcome to the ex Government Regional HQ. The home of Central Government in time of nuclear war.

What you see before you is the guardhouse defending the entrance to the massive 3 level bunker designed to house up to 600 personnel, from scientists to Prime Minister.

This bunker was built to enable government to continue functioning for a minimum of 3 months after the bomb had gone off.

Don't forget this bunker was active until the end of 1994. It could still be re-activated. There are an ever increasing number of nations with nuclear capability. We suggest you visit us now while you still can.

At the end of a 100-yard access tunnel to the bunker were placed heavy metal blast doors. These guarded the Emergency Nerve Centre. In the event of an attack, the doors would have been slammed shut, effectively entombing its 600 occupants. Not before, of course, enough food and water had been delivered and stored along with power to last 12 weeks underground. By that time, it was envisaged, the air outside would be safe to breath and a recovery plan for the country implemented. Experts agree, that the prime minister and his staff would have exited to a world of horror.

Of course by 1990 the threat of nuclear war with the USSR rescinded and three years later, Kelvedon Hatch, known as 'The Hole in the Ground' was removed from the Ministry of Defence's secret buildings' list. In November 1994, it was sold back to the family that had

assisted the nation in its time of need - the Parrish's.

## KELVEDON HATCH



From the A128 Ongar to Brentwood road at Kelvedon Hatch. (gps users CM15 0LA)



Nearest rail stations are Brentwood or Shenfield. Taxis available (7 miles).



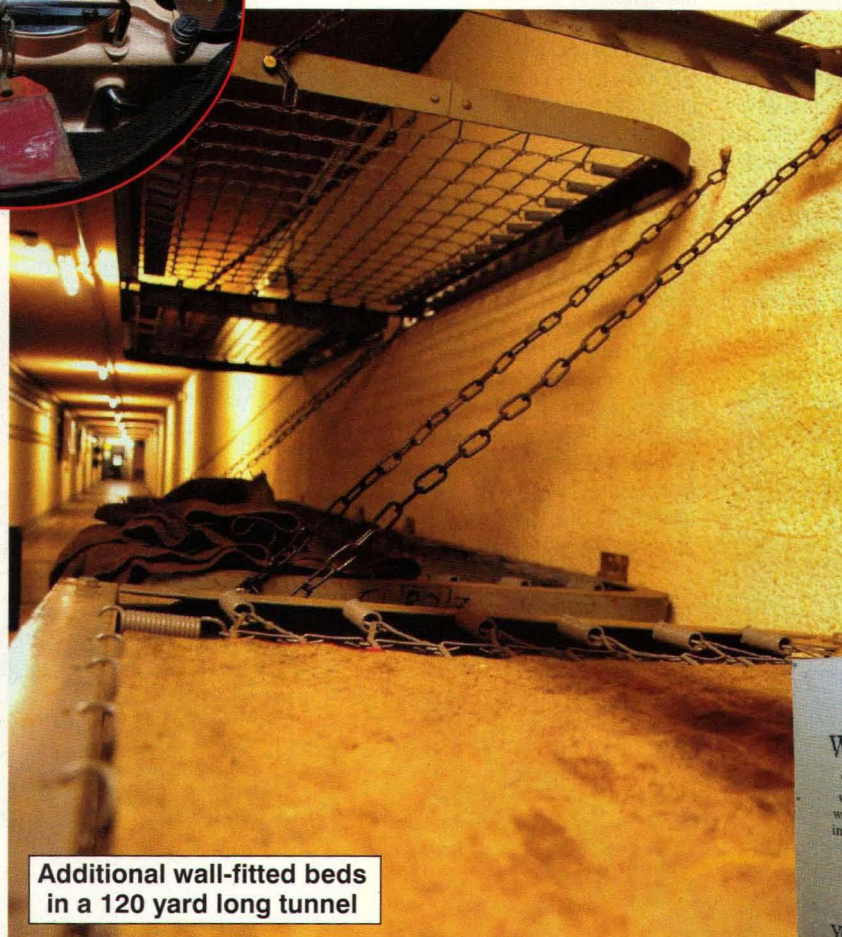
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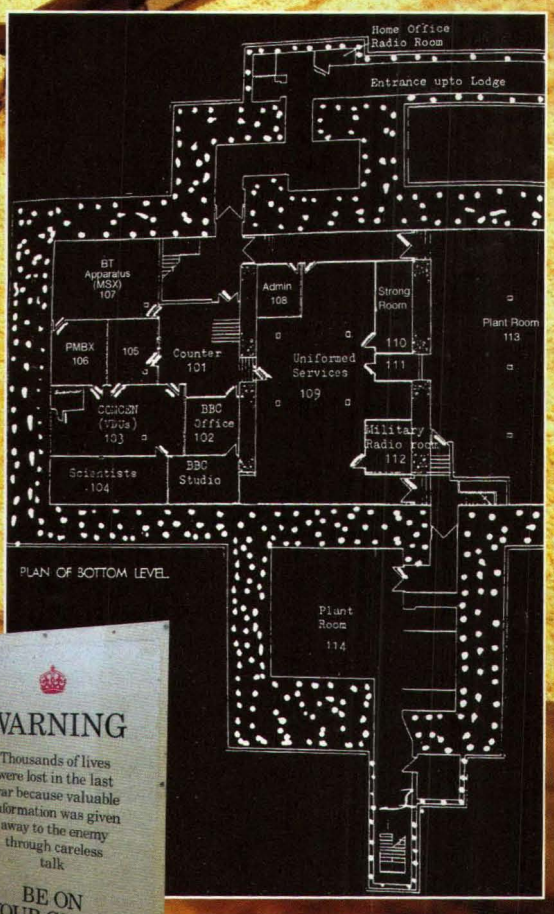
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### WARNING

Thousands of lives were lost in the last war because valuable information was given away to the enemy through careless talk

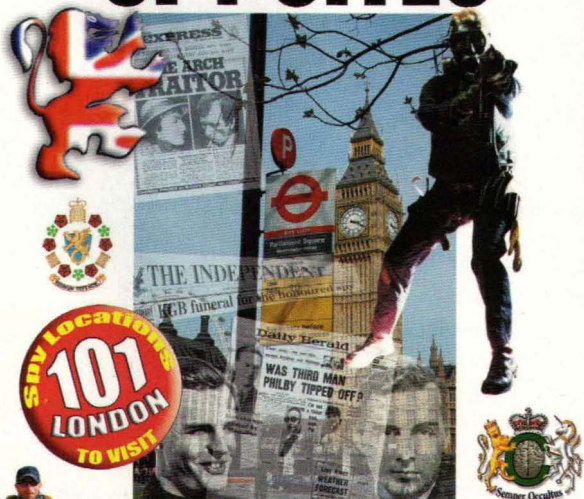
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**B**esides the obvious locations such as MI5 and MI6 headquarters on the River Thames, the guide allows you to venture to the least known haunts used by the Services in over 100 years of intelligence collection and planning. Places where iconic figures such as MI6's first chief Sir Mansfield Cumming carefully controlled his network of agents, tapped on the shoulder of would-be spies, and then had dinner with other famous officers.

Meticulously researched using Eye Spy's many sources, the guide also features places that hold a wealth of intrigue, the pubs and locations where MI5 trapped some notorious spies and traitors, the dead letter drops used by KGB agents to exchange intelligence and converse, and all the building headquarters associated with British Intelligence during the past century, plus a few more that hold a plethora of secrets.

*A certain MI5 spy chief decided he would rather work from this hotel... but which one?*



Eye Spy Intelligence Magazine in conjunction with Snapperjack Photography of London, has produced a fantastic 130-page full colour guide to the best and least known spy sites of London

No other place on the planet can compare to London in respect of the rich history of espionage and the development of two of the world's greatest spy agencies. Former MI5 spycatcher Peter Wright once boasted his team "bugged their way across London" - and this fascinating guide allows you to see many of the sites identified by Wright, plus many more that have come to light. From the buildings used to plan the defeat of Nazism and the cracking of Germany's Enigma, to the locations where MI5 established 24-hour observation posts to "listen-in" to foreign secrets. This guide provides a real opportunity for you to relive a most remarkable journey that British Intelligence has taken since it was born from the Secret Service Bureau.

MI6 now resides at the impressive Vauxhall Cross building, though it has had numerous central locations, one of its earliest at 2 Whitehall Court next to the Ministry of Defence. However, we have tracked down so many of the buildings used by SIS (Secret Intelligence Service) to give it its proper title, that were used to perform operations, from the site used to tunnel under East Berlin and tap-in to Soviet telephones, to the building known as "The Craft Centre" where operatives were trained in spycraft, and a location used by MI6 interrogators to question would-be KGB defectors.

There are also a number of buildings in London which housed various intelligence and security bodies. Some were even used by the wartime Special Operations Executive (SOE). The SOE was a powerful organisation that quickly evolved and soon dwarfed MI6 in terms of its personnel and network. Interesting indeed that MI6 could have disappeared if SOE had been allowed to survive, but even more amusing was the fact that MI6 officers and SOE staffers both occupied rooms at St. Ermin's Hotel.



*Behind these doors lies a subterranean facility that once housed a major MI6 facility. Discover what went on beneath this London street!*

No coincidence either, that St Ermin's became a household name in the publishing of spy books!

Of course it would be impossible not to include some of the more shadowy and dark secrets that London streets hold. And these in turn lead to more locations that are well worth a visit. For example, who can forget the KGB assassination of Bulgarian dissident Georgi Markov on Waterloo Bridge in 1978. He was prodded by a specially built umbrella that fired a ricin-laced pellet into his leg by a "hired hand" code-named 'Agent Piccadilly'. Markov was standing at a bus stop waiting for a bus to take him to nearby Bush House. This building has an incredibly rich association with British Intelligence. For example, it was home to early MI6 front companies,



*A key KGB spy working for the War Office was surveilled by MI5 watchers and then arrested in this London pub*



# SPY SITES OF LONDON



## BROADWAY BUILDINGS



Home to MI6 for several decades and once sheltered by the imaginary front called 'Minimax Fire Extinguisher Company'. Note its close proximity to the old Home Office headquarters (former building).

British intelligence expert Christopher Andrew wrote about an interesting incident relating to MI6 Chief 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 pickups outside the building. And there were many sightings of Sinclair's grand Lancia car 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.



To help conceal the true occupiers of the Broadway Building - MI6 placed this plaque on the front doors. It did not fool London cabbies.

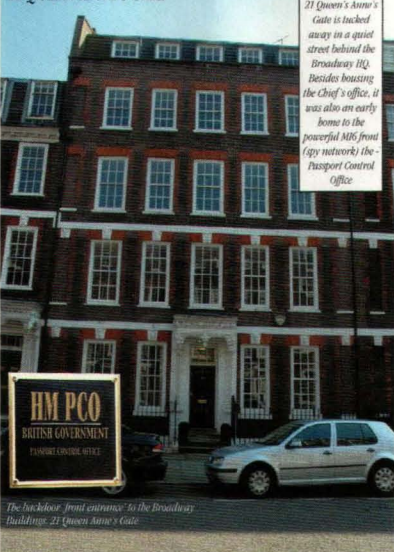
**TUBE DISTRICT & CIRCLE to St James's Park** MI6 building immediately adjacent. At rear of Broadway is 21 Queen Anne's Gate (see page 55) - the former secret entrance to the building (see page 55)

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# SPY SITES OF LONDON

## 21 QUEEN ANNE'S GATE



21 Queen Anne's Gate is tucked away in a quiet street behind the Broadway Buildings. Besides housing the Chief's office, it was also an early home to the powerful MI6 front (spy network) the - Passport Control Office.

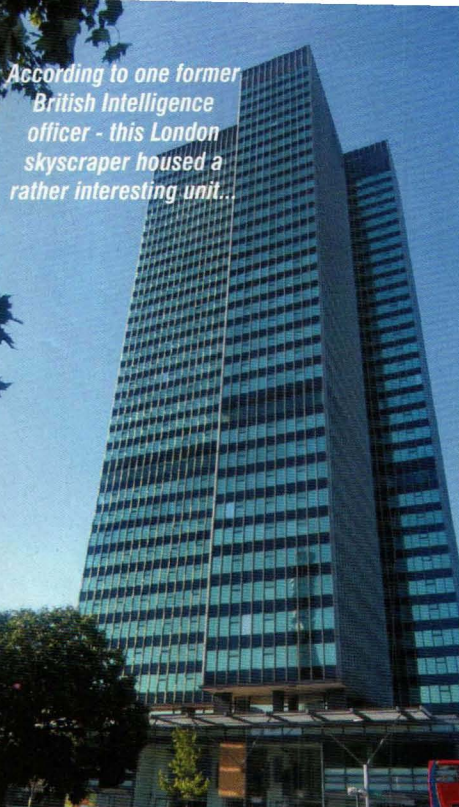


The backdoor front entrance to the Broadway Building, 21 Queen Anne's Gate.

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According to one former British Intelligence officer - this London skyscraper housed a rather interesting unit...



Packed with a plethora of photos, facts and anecdotes

## Former MI6 training centre



including London Films headed by Alexander Korda and spy networks such as Claude Dansey's Z-Organisation; it later became central to disinformation campaigns and other intelligence operations.

Who would have believed "faceless" buildings and glamorous venues could hold so many secrets. Indeed, we have tracked down so many locations, from the places where MI5 watchers were once based; the flat used to interrogate MI5 head Sir Roger Hollis (he was suspected of being a KGB asset); the apartment used by the notorious terrorist known as 'Carlos the Jackal' (a photo of this apartment is bound to be a talking point); buildings used as safe houses and planning centres to combat foreign intelligence operatives and a few stops used by Soviet spooks to converse and enjoy an Eastern European meal when not dodging MI5 surveillance teams.

In more recent times, other incidents likened to that of Markov have happened; the strange assassination of Aleksander Litvinenko in 2006, and the equally odd death of suspected Mossad agent and Egyptian billionaire, Ashraf Marwan just a few months later. Litvinenko died of a micro-sized crumb of polonium-210 as he drank tea in a London hotel, while Marwan was allegedly pushed from the

balcony of his Mayfair apartment. This guide allows you to glimpse some of the central locations relevant to these disturbing occurrences.

There is a whole listing of more notable sites that have a surprising, though definite intelligence story to tell. Few would suspect the Bank of England would fall into this category, or the steps of a Tube Station in Leicester Square. Many stories associated with espionage, though mostly forgotten, are retold and re-energised in this guide.

If visiting the capital, this book provides hours of entertainment. Besides over 100 splendid colour photographs and places to visit, Eye Spy has prepared a rich and enjoyable text that takes the reader through 100 years of the involvement of Britain's secret intelligence services. Packed with anecdotes and a plethora of factual tidbits, the guide also contains general directions for you to reach each and every location.

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Your visit to London will never be the same again!

Mark Birdsall, Editor, Eye Spy Intelligence Magazine



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MI6 ran several front organisations from this building, including a well known London film company

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The Prussian philosopher Karl von Clausewitz theorised, "Every age has its own kind of war, its own limiting conditions and its own peculiar preconceptions."

# CYBER ES COUNTERM

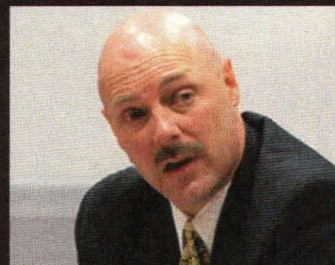
KEVIN COLEMAN argues we live in an age of information... and Cyber Warfare has become our type of war. For this reason the US Intelligence Community and its defence associates, like many other services, including those in the UK, has placed great emphasis and priority on cyber security. With agencies and defence arms actively recruiting personnel for newly established counter-cyber attack departments, and millions of pounds being invested in high-end counter-measures, Coleman asks is it too little too late?

**C**yber attacks pose an increasingly serious and costly threat to government and commercial networks. The type of attacks range from relatively simple attempts of hacking by teenagers to highly sophisticated cyber assaults on our critical infrastructure and our businesses.



Cyber attacks and cyber espionage are costing businesses a bundle each and every year and have now become so significant it really is a national security issue. In March 2009, Dennis Blair, United States Director of National Intelligence (DNI) stated in his testimony that intellectual property theft and data theft cost businesses \$1 trillion dollars in 2008. National security and cyber security experts believe the US Government and its contractors are the targets of a growing cyber warfare effort that they suspect is being conducted by nation states and their proxies with the aim of stealing military and industrial secrets - high-end espionage in every sense of the word. Anywhere there is attractive intellectual property and anything that is valuable and useful to someone else is a target for cyber attack. This could include advanced technologies, defence and military

FBI's  
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systems, new products and services for businesses - the list goes on. Shortly after Blair's testimony, another story broke disclosing information about the power grid in the United States being compromised, scanned, mapped and malicious software installed that could be remotely executed. This came on the heels of public comments made by Shawn Henry, assistant director of the FBI's cyber division, who said computer attacks pose the biggest risk "from a national security perspective, other than a weapon of



# ESPIONAGE MEASURES

Kevin Coleman discusses the vast intelligence war that has spawned many Internet-based Cyber counter-espionage directorates, the latest created by GCHQ, all equally as important as those that exist to catch spies on terra firma



**Kevin Coleman**

mass destruction or a bomb in one of our major cities."

Pentagon war planners have understood the looming risks and danger of cyber attacks on military networks and the US critical infrastructure. Also in March, General Kevin P. Chilton, Strategic Command (StratCom), told the House Armed Services Committee's subcommittee on strategic forces that he remains concerned about growing threats on computer networks and is calling for changes within the US Defense Department's

**March 2009: Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick D. West speaks with cyberspace recruiters about bringing qualified people into the Navy during a visit to Navy Recruiting Command**

*"The business of the United States is done on the Internet... information that flows electronically 24/7 is increasingly the target of not only identity thieves and scammers, but organised crime groups, terrorists, and overseas governments. There are a number of countries who have an interest in stealing information from the United States... as many as two dozen nations have taken an 'aggressive interest' in penetrating our networks. The malicious activity has become much more prevalent."*

**Shawn Henry -  
FBI Cyber Division  
(2008)**





"fundamental culture, conduct and capabilities to address this new mission." He is not the only one concerned! The threat and situation has risen to the point where just recently, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon disclosed that cyber weapons have been added to the list of arms falling under the UN's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, which also develops policy on weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Cyber attacks on the Pentagon (US Department of Defense DoD) and the Ministry of Defense (MOD) in the United Kingdom late last year has given rise to the concern over the threat of cyber warfare. A quick scan of the current state of cyber defences, cyber intelligence and counter-intelligence has shown that over 140 countries now have cyber weapons programmes in place and is led by China and Russia - both having significant capabilities.

Take for example the recent discovery of GhostNet. GhostNet is the name given to a cyber espionage network that stretched across 103 countries and compromised approximately 2,000 computers. Experts estimate that about 30 percent of these computers are considered to be high value targets (HVT). The researchers discovered the compromised computers in the embassies of

India, South Korea, Indonesia, Romania, Cyprus, Malta, Thailand, Taiwan, Portugal, Germany, Pakistan to name but some. The malicious code is said to have allowed for the capture of data and files from the computers, activation of the web cams and microphones that enabled the GhostNet operators to look and listen in. The network is said to have been

**FACT:** In 2008, Hezbollah announced the formation of its very own cyber unit.

**FACT:** In 2008, there were 5,499 known breaches of US government computers with malicious software.

**FACT:** In 2009, The Pentagon said it spent more than \$100 million in a six month period responding to damage from cyber attacks and other computer network problems.

**FACT:** In 2008, a GAO study found that DHS needs to better address its cyber security responsibilities.

traced to servers in China, although the researchers warned about jumping to conclusions.

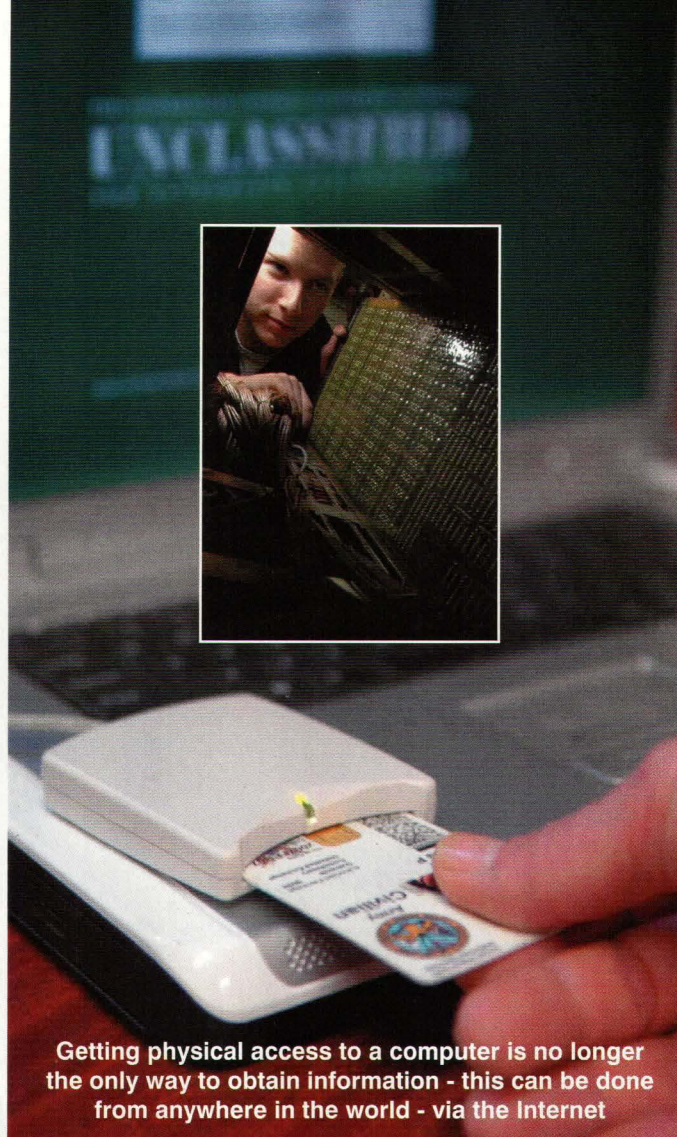
In conventional espionage you rely on deep cover covert operatives to conduct espionage and gain intelligence. In cyber espionage you use computer systems and data coupled with conventional tech-

niques to gain intelligence and sensitive information. Just think how long it would take to recruit 2,000 spies, train them, deploy them with a well established cover and infiltrate these high value targets... years.

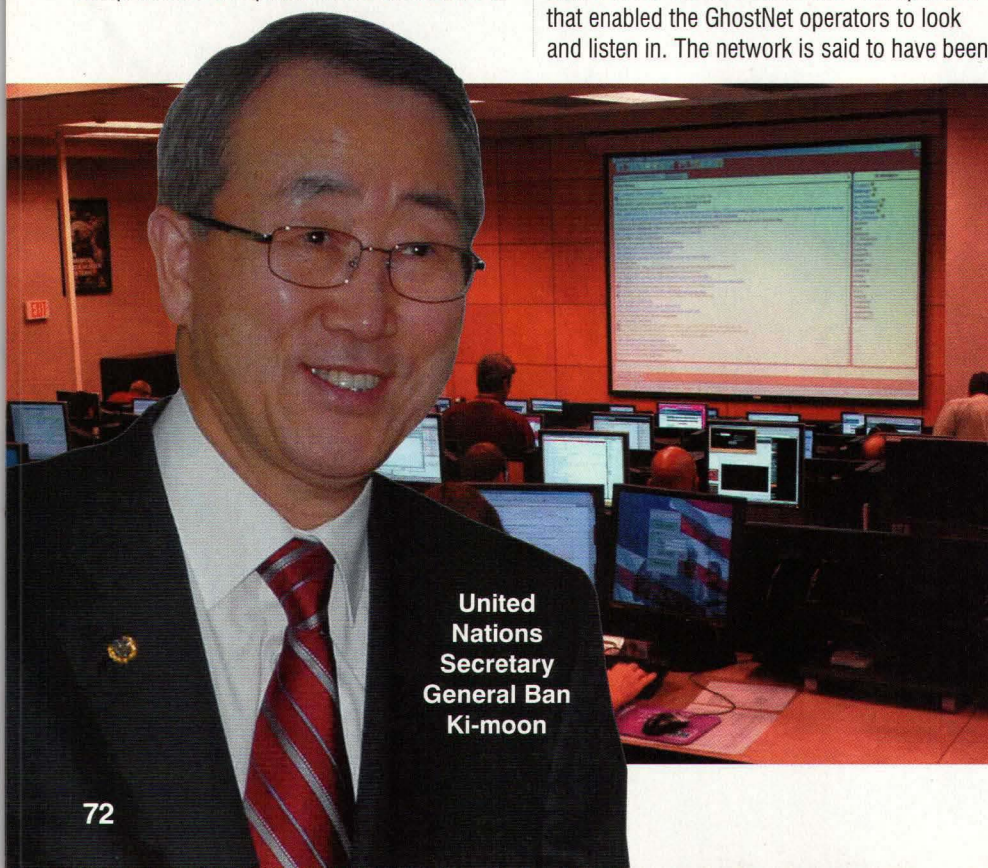
Cyber espionage is the latest weapon used for intelligence collection with various strategies, tactics and tools. Cyber espionage is defined as the intentional use of computers or digital communications activities in an effort to gain access to sensitive information about an adversary or competitor for the purpose of gaining an advantage or selling the sensitive information for monetary reward. This widely accepted definition was originally crafted by Spy-Ops in their cyber warfare analysis programme back in 2004. Cyber espionage blasted on the scene in the mid-1990s and has grown at a steady pace alongside the adoption and use of the internet by business, government and military. Even though cyber espionage is relatively new, countries like China have already invested a lot of time and energy into building large and well trained cyber-espionage forces.

Cyber spying is here and it's not going away anytime soon.

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**Getting physical access to a computer is no longer the only way to obtain information - this can be done from anywhere in the world - via the Internet**



**United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon**



# EYE SPY

## PRODUCT REVIEW



*The perfect  
panic room  
solution*

3G camera with wireless alarm

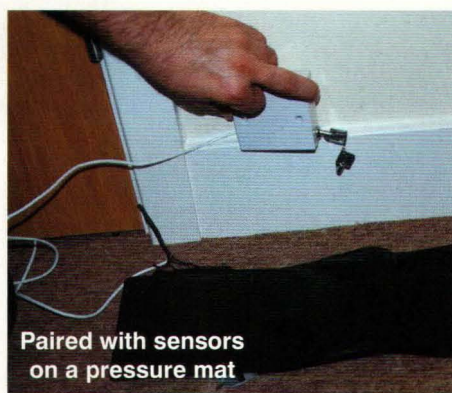
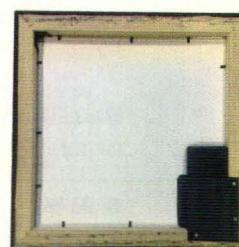
**3G** TECHNOLOGY



**F**ollowing the introduction of 3G cameras in to the covert surveillance arena, this new mobile technology is proving to be a worthwhile tool for more than just a covert monitoring solution. This is because the 3G cameras can be linked wirelessly to any type of sensor to trigger a video call to a predefined mobile number. And as the 3G camera also allows live video to be transmitted over standard wireless mobile networks worldwide, they make a perfect panic room monitoring solution.

A small battery operated pendant that can be kept discretely in a pocket and paired with any of a range of covert 3G cameras, provides an easy to activate panic alarm. A press of the button anywhere within a 50-metre radius (open air, otherwise reduced depending upon the number of walls or solid obstacles) of the 3G camera will silently trigger the live video call to a monitoring station, an officer or a family member in the vicinity who can take the appropriate emergency action.

The integrated microphone within the covert casing along with the 1.3 mega pixel camera provides audio along with video that can even



Paired with sensors on a pressure mat



The system can be concealed in a range of everyday products you would expect to find in a house or office - here secreted in a carbon monoxide alarm



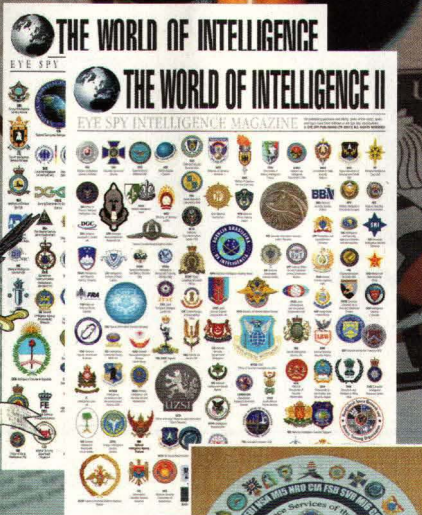
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be recorded from a mobile phone connected to a DVR.

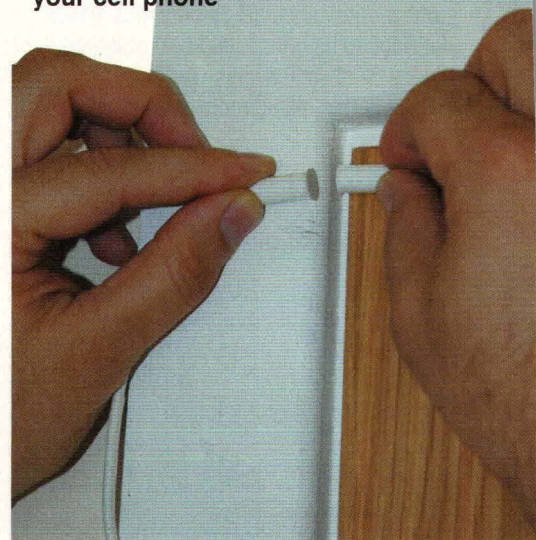
The standard push button panic alarm is provided with two lithium ion coin batteries that will last over two years on standby before replacements are required.

Up to three more back up numbers can also be pre-programmed in to the 3G camera unit so that in the case where the first mobile phone called is switched



# 3G

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off or out of range, then the first of the backup numbers is called after the failed attempt to contact the primary number. In addition, the primary number will receive a text message informing of the missed emergency call. This process continues until one of the mobile numbers is answered.

The level of reassurance provided by the 3G camera should not be underestimated in circumstances where a critical witness or vulnerable target is concerned. The level of built in back up for the emergency call outs

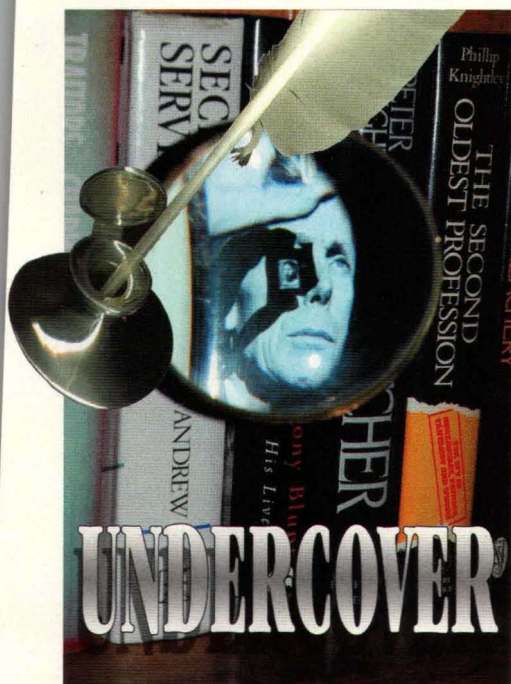
gives a high level of peace of mind to the protected and protectors.

Any authorised mobile phone would also be able to covertly call in periodically to check up on an area, giving yet more reassurance for this most critical of applications.

In the last edition of Eye Spy we took a close look at the functionality of 3G systems, where all those functions still apply to this panic room solution.

## 3G FEATURES

- Camera activation by wireless alarm pendant
- Live emergency call outs at the push of a button
- Up to 4 numbers to receive an emergency call from the camera
- Pre-defined numbers set up remotely via SMS commands
- Live video and audio from any 3G/video calling mobile phone on demand
- Paired with any type of sensor as well as an existing alarm panel
- Still pictures on demand
- On board memory card option for saving images
- Many different covert enclosures to suit any environment



## BOOK RELEASES

### THE TERRORIST HUNTERS

Andy Hayman, Margaret Gilmore  
Bantam Press

Assistant Commissioner Andy Hayman, CBE, QPM, was in overall command of the UK's national counter-terrorism offensive, at the centre of every major terrorist investigation - overt and covert - of the past five years. He handled the Metropolitan Police's response to 7/7 and dealt with the politically explosive murder of the Russian dissident Aleksander Litvinenko.

Based at New Scotland Yard, in charge of thousands of Special Branch and counter-terrorism officers in the UK and across the globe, deciding strategy, working directly with the Prime Minister with a

budget of £500 million, Hayman is able to give unprecedented insight into key top-level crisis meetings he attended with intelligence chiefs and political leaders worldwide.

Hayman describes how he led a dedicated team of men and women, committed to protecting the UK from dangerous enemies. Hayman lived through the pain and soul-searching when terrorists did succeed - and the pride when intelligence officers prevented attacks. Andy Hayman leaves no holds barred in his analysis of the way law enforcers tackle terrorism. He outlines his radical blueprint for the future to protect the public, in the run-up to the 2012 Olympic Games and beyond.

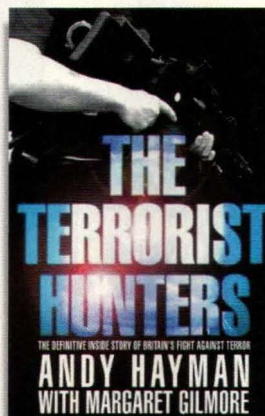


Hayman, though no longer with the force, has publicly acknowledged that al-Qaida will strike again in the UK and America, with an even more deadly intent than that seen in the past. The Terrorist Hunters can't be ignored simply by the fact that it was written by a man who was in a unique place at the forefront of tackling the biggest threat to world security since the Nazis. Powerful material. Hardback 372pp

Editor's note: Just as the magazine went to print - the government forced the publisher to withdraw the book. We are unable to disclose the full reason for the injunction on legal grounds but will comment in Eye Spy 64.

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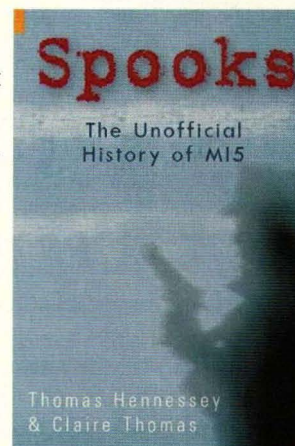
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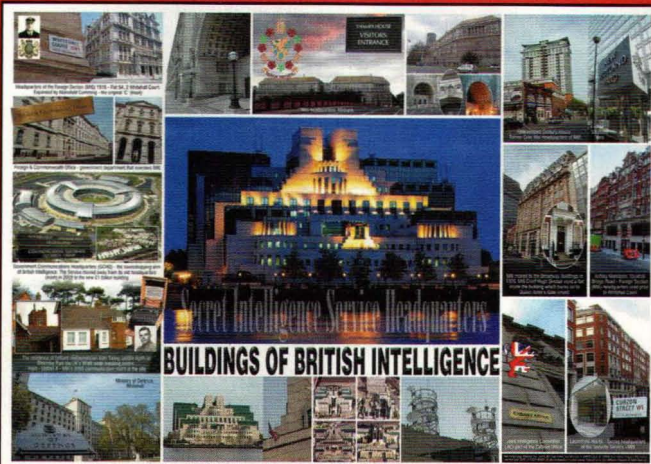
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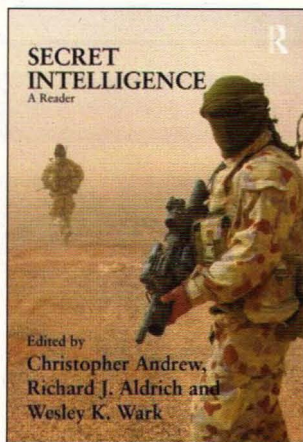
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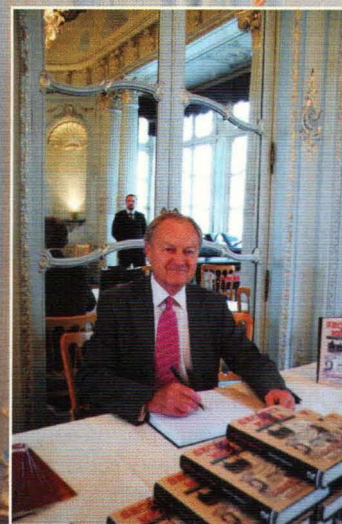
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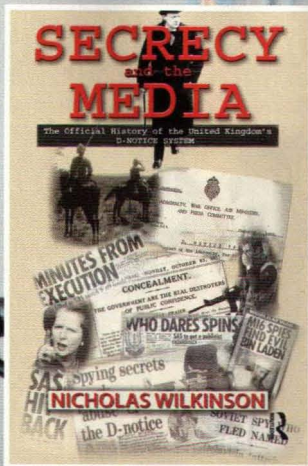
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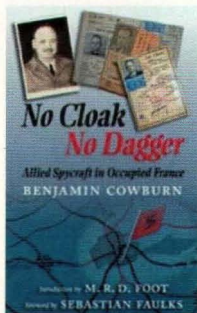
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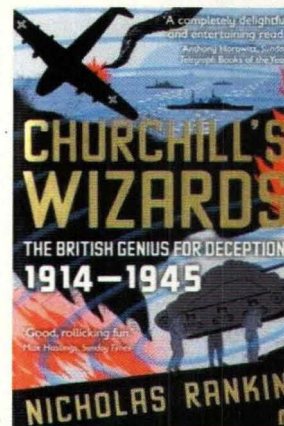
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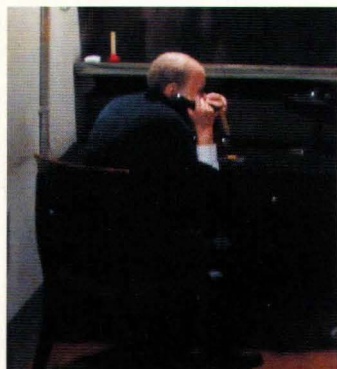
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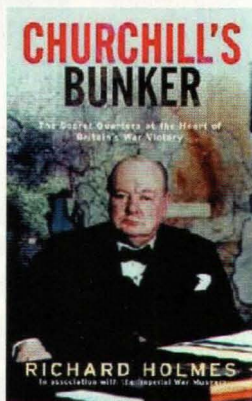
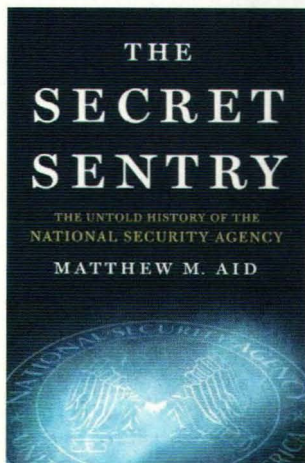


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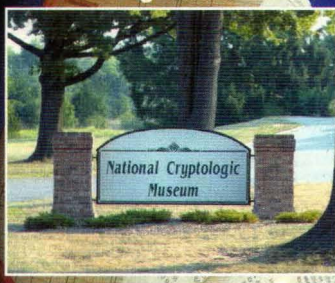
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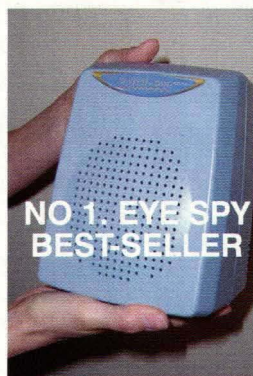
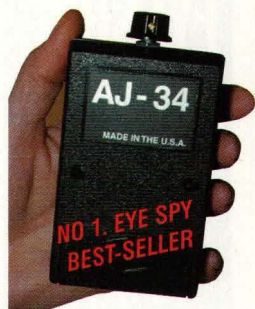
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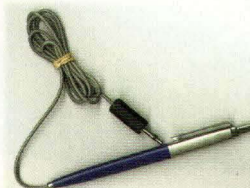


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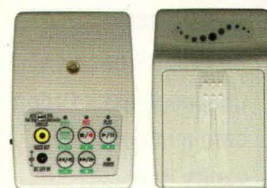
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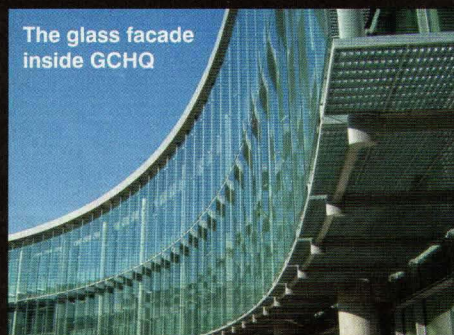
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## New Intelligence Unit

### Cyber Warriors Within GCHQ

**B**ritain has established its own cyber operations directorate at Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), the electronic intelligence arm of British Intelligence. This follows an announcement just weeks ago that the Pentagon was already operating a similar concern.

As part of a wide ranging set of measures within the National Security Strategy, the UK's Security Minister Lord West said: "We know that various state actors are very interested in cyber warfare. The terrorist aspect of this is the least (concern), but it is developing." He also revealed GCHQ has a powerful "offensive" section that gives the UK potential to launch its own cyber offensive if required. "It would be silly to say that we don't have any capability to do offensive work from Cheltenham, and I don't think I should say any more than that."



The glass facade inside GCHQ



Security Chief Lord West has announced a new cyber (counter-measures) branch has been created within GCHQ - the electronic collection arm of British Intelligence



As reported in Eye Spy, the UK's military branches have come under fierce cyber attack by the Chinese and Russians, though Lord West said "no secrets were lost". He also warned that key businesses, the national power grid, financial markets and Whitehall departments were future targets.

In respect of terrorism, Lord West said that it was a "developing situation" that is being monitored. Few doubt al-Qaida's global network of terrorists are not seeking to attack critical infrastructure (including nuclear plants and defence systems) and cause mayhem. "We know terrorists use the internet for radicalisation and things like that at the moment, but there is a fear they will move down that path (of cyber attacks)," he said. "As their ability to use the web and the net grows, there will be more opportunity for these attacks."

The truth is, no longer do terror players have to reach their destination.

### THE 'NAUGHTY BOYS OF GCHQ'

GCHQ has turned to a strange pool of "talent" in relation to recruitment. Lord West admits that some personnel have been involved with illegal hacking and described these workers as "naughty boys". "You need youngsters who are deep into this stuff. If they have been slightly naughty boys, very often they really enjoy stopping other naughty boys," he said.

Besides an operational arm at GCHQ, the cyber centre will have a liaison in Whitehall - Cyber Security in the Cabinet Office (CSOC). This unit will deal with media questions, legal and ethical issues.

Eye Spy can also reveal that US cyber officials from the Pentagon have recently met in Whitehall to discuss the on-going attacks by Moscow and Beijing. This is a clear indication the newly formed US and UK cyber intelligence branches have forged a liaison to combat future threats and offensives.

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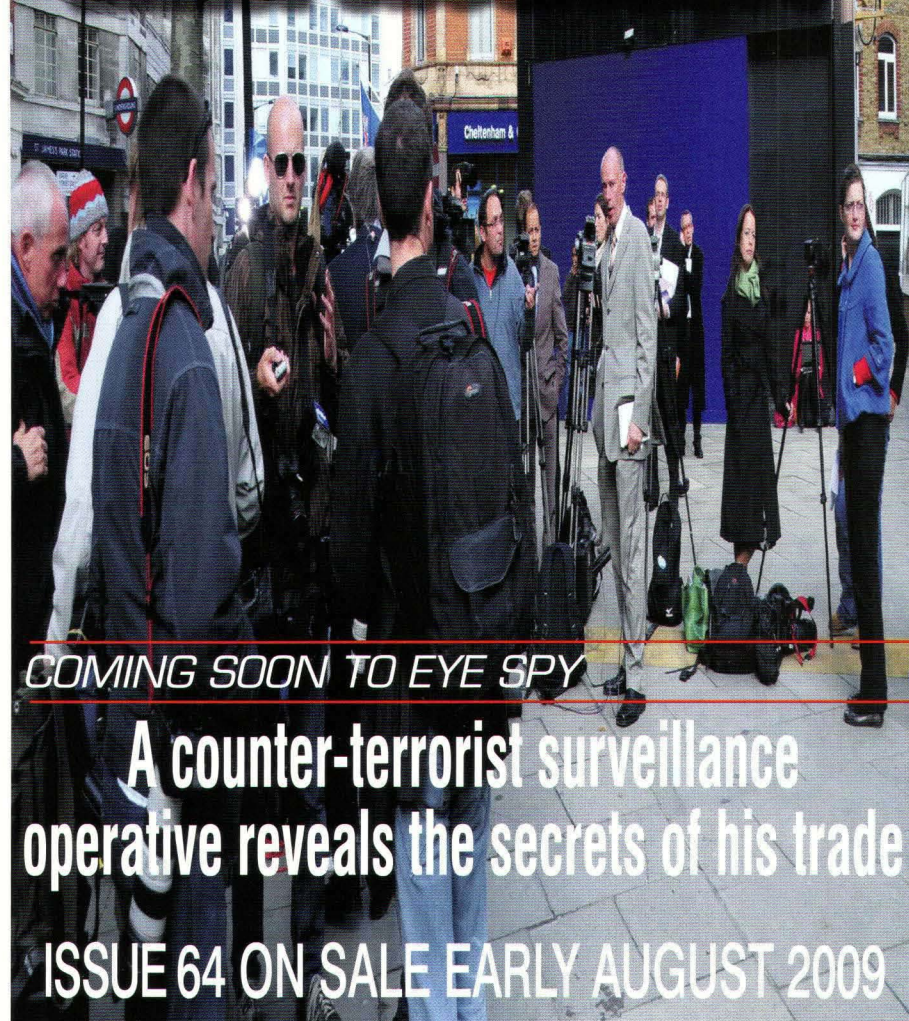
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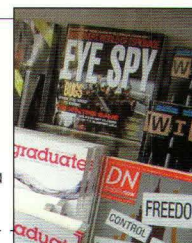


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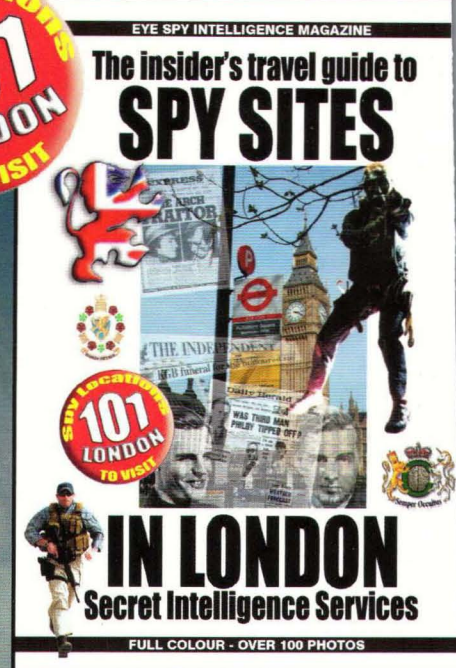


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