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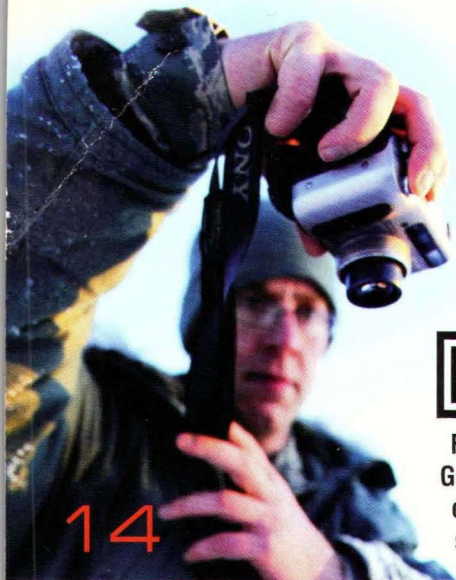
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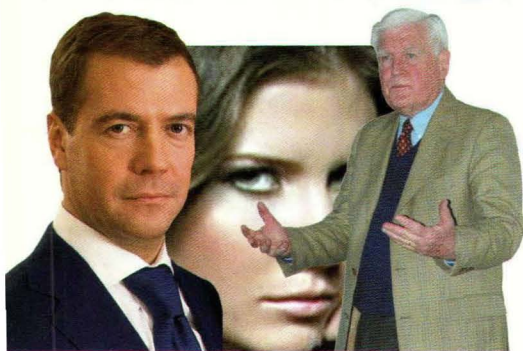


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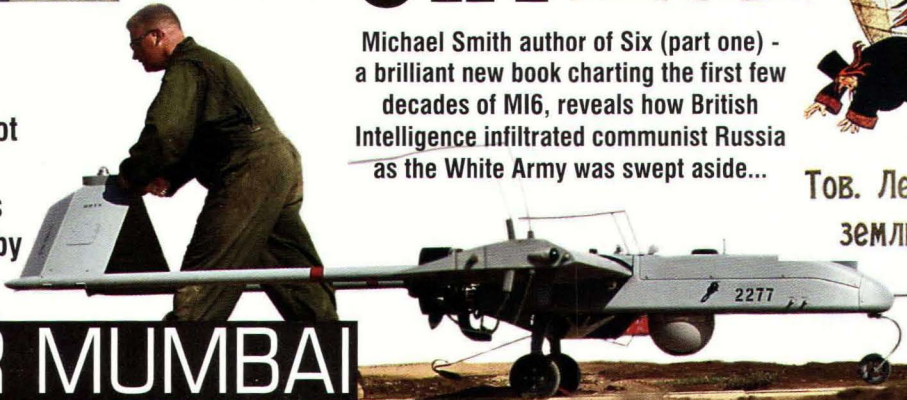


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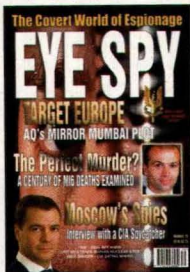
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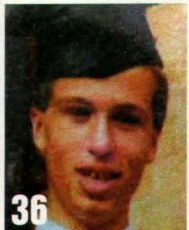
In an age of instant communication, information is king. Within days of the appalling city-wide attacks in Mumbai two years ago, followers of the al-Qaida (AQ) brand realised that with a little planning, surprise and a few automatic weapons, a determined bunch of people could create mayhem and secure worldwide publicity. The AQ affiliated group LeT, were so impressed by what their people had achieved, the plans for the Mumbai raid were circulated across the world to other terror groups - including Osama bin-Laden's outfit. Thankfully, a plan based on Mumbai was exposed and the CIA moved quickly to disrupt and destroy an international terrorist gathering that threatened at least three European capitals. Most intelligence officials believe AQ will try again.

The inquests into the deaths of 52 people in London on 7 July 2005, have also started. While many aspects of the incident will be heard in public for the first time, it's worth remembering that the editors of this magazine believe police and MI5 are still looking for associates of the bombers - perhaps as many as 20 people - who to various degrees, knew of the gang's intentions, or offered assistance. A central figure - still unidentified - may yet emerge during the proceedings. Watch this space.

Mark Birdsall, Managing Editor



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So how did MI6 man Gareth Williams (left) die? The codes and communications expert was on a year-long secondment from the listening arm of British Intelligence - GCHQ - and just days away from concluding his mission with MI6. In August his naked body was found tightly packed in a 36 inch-long bag at his London flat. Rumours abound, but there is a nagging belief that Williams was murdered - but by whom?

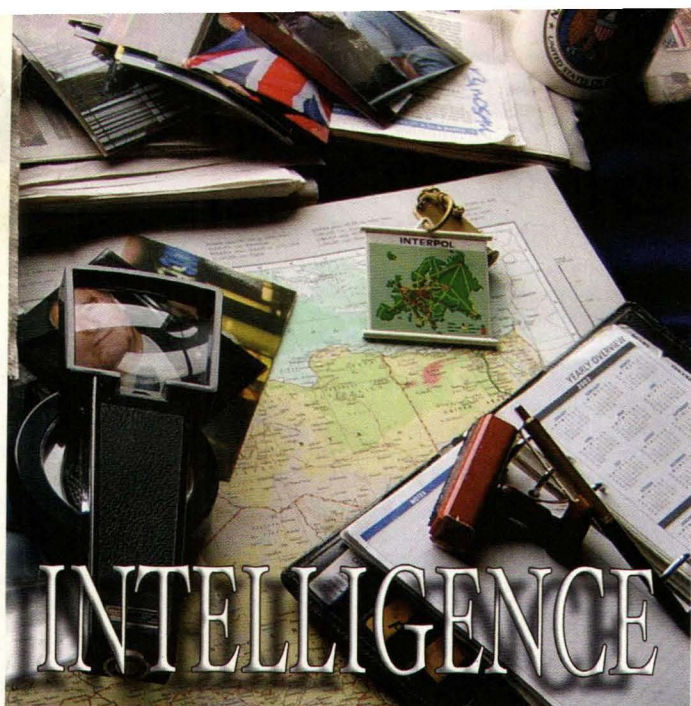
Eye Spy has spent much time investigating Mr Williams death. We have interviewed senior London intelligence experts with impeccable sources; retraced the officer's movements across the globe, examined the paucity of information released by New Scotland Yard and the security services. In this edition of Eye Spy, we present a plethora of factual-based accounts and information we have ourselves sourced. Is the case unusual? Of course. Besides an MI6 man's death - regarded as suspicious by some of New Scotland Yard's finest, it's worth remembering the instant and quite scurrilous reports which emerged in certain newspapers concerning Mr Williams lifestyle. They are untruths. And it is also unprecedented to see a Chief of MI6, in this case Sir John Sawers, and Gareth's MI6-GCHQ colleagues attending a funeral, knowing full well the world's media would be watching. Perhaps the final word should go to the unnamed detective who said: "It was a very neat job." The perfect murder? Perhaps. **FEATURES 14, 3**

"We are seeking information on two persons of 'Mediterranean appearance' known to have visited number 36 Alderney Street in June or July..."



Statement issued by New Scotland Yard

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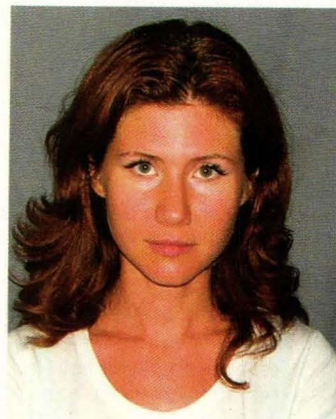
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ROAD TO THE KREMLIN

Failed SVR infiltration agent Anna Chapman seeks political career in Russia

Anna Chapman, the daughter of a former KGB official who was ceremoniously thrown out of America because of her association with members of a known spy cell, has declared she intends to seek a political career.

On her return to Russia, besides a long-line of modelling engagements, Chapman has sought guidance about entering the country's Duma (parliament). Her



WATCHING TARGETS FROM AFAR

TERRORISTS USE OF LIVE WEBCAM FEEDS CONCERN INTELLIGENCE WORLD

Faaisal Shahzad, the American national originally from Pakistan, has been jailed for life for trying to kill dozens of civilians in New York City's Times Square. The Taliban-trained terrorist, who had already pleaded guilty, remained defiant as a judge handed down the sentence: "Brace yourselves, because the war with Muslims has just begun," shouted Shahzad.



A freeze-frame from a Times Square live webcam



Faisal Shahzad

During the trial, much interest focused on how Shahzad had travelled to Pakistan and Afghanistan, and used rudimentary training to build the car bomb once back in the United States. Shahzad also admitted he, along

with dozens more AQ terrorists, are now using strategically positioned public and private live webcams to monitor areas packed with people and gather surveillance intelligence. Such city-wide cameras are popular with

hundreds of millions of people worldwide to 'tune' into street scenes at tourist locations, for example. Eye Spy has learned this revelation has sparked concern, not just with many city officials in New York, but also across the world where counter-terrorist officials are identifying the locations of live webcams and monitoring just what they see. A typical example is the Internet camera that can be viewed 24-hour-a-day to view the Eiffel Tower.

For months prior to his fiendish action, Shahzad sat watching New York City cameras positioned in and around Time Square. He noted traffic flow, identified the busiest times when the area was packed with families and tourists

visiting the theatres; he even found a parking space which he used during the attack. And before that, he sat with his Taliban mentors to produce a propaganda film that has since been aired on the Internet.

He told FBI investigators that the bomb attack was not "a one off," in that he planned to carry out a second attack two weeks later.

In a fiery court hearing, Shahzad said hundreds of people would follow in his footsteps and he urged Muslims to attack Americans wherever they can. Judge Cedarbaum told Shahzad, he would not be one of them and will spend the rest of his life behind bars with no chance of parole whatsoever.



Terrorist propaganda video featuring Faisal Shahzad

"Certainly we did some very bad things. We did a lot of direct action. Assassinations. Although I was never involved..."

FORMER MI5 AND MI6 MAN JOHN LE CARRÉ



door into politics could come by way of replacing the retiring Anatoly Korendyasev, who represents Chapman's native southeastern city of Volgograd. It's an interesting move, because Korendyasev himself is suspected of being attached to the FSB.

If Chapman does try and emulate intelligence people such as FSB man Andrei Lugovoi, wanted by New Scotland Yard for his role in the assassination of Aleksander Litvinenko in London in 2006, she will be supported by Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who was quick to "recognise her patriotism". Putin was also a ranking KGB officer.

Never Say Never

SIR JOHN SCARLETT, the ultra secretive former head of MI6, has been approached by a publisher regarding the possibility of securing a book deal. However, he has refused to follow in the footsteps of many senior players in the intelligence game, saying that his friends would not speak to him again. "I won't do it," he said, this after attending the launch of a military book. He also rejected the possibility of producing a work of fiction...

PAPER INTELLIGENCE TRAIL

RUSSIA'S CIA SPY SIDE-STEPPED FBI WATCHERS FROM INSIDE JAIL

Former CIA training officer Harold Nicholson, 59, who pleaded guilty in 1997 to conspiring to commit espionage, still managed to pass messages to his Russian intelligence handlers by way of his son - this despite the best efforts of FBI officers who were monitoring their liaisons in jail.



Harold Nicholson

Eye Spy has previously reported on the case of Nicholson - a former instructor of tradecraft at the CIA's training facility known as the 'Farm' in Virginia. Nicholson, a skilled officer, strangely believed he was owed a pension by Moscow for his undercover work.

This line of thought may have been brought about because he and members of his family had debt; thus together with his son Nathan, the men decided to hatch a plot whereby payments could still be obtained. However, the CIA officer knew the FBI would be watching, thus he slipped secret communications to Nathan by way of slips of paper napkins rolled into balls. These were then taken by Nathan to faraway places such as Mexico, Peru and Cyprus and delivered to Nicholson's grateful handlers - believed to be intelligence contacts attached to Russia's overseas diplomatic corp.

Harold Nicholson, who earned around \$300,000 for his spying



Nathan Nicholson

activities, was jailed for 23-years. His secondary spying mission via Nathan, earned the family another \$45,000 - the monies being paid because Russian Intelligence wanted to learn just how the FBI had rumpled its operation in America. However, it is believed from the confines of his prison meetings with Nathan, Nicholson also passed valuable intelligence to Moscow about his life in the CIA, agent contacts and programmes.

For his part, Nathan explained his father had told him to admit to his actions - this to avoid jail.

NOT SUCH A REVELATION

JOHN LE CARRÉ:

"We carried out assassinations during the Cold War"

British intelligence services carried out assassinations during the Cold War, John le Carré, the novelist and former secret agent, has confirmed.

David Cornwall, better known by his pen-name - John le Carré, has acknowledged that elements of Britain's intelligence services performed a number of operations involving the "removal" of certain people during the Cold War.

Cornwall, who operated from time to time with MI6 and occasionally MI5, discussed his liaisons with British Intelligence in an interview given to 'Seven' the insert magazine of the *Sunday Daily Telegraph*. However, he was quick to point out that there was a "huge difference" in the way the UK and its Western allies operated and performed compared to the

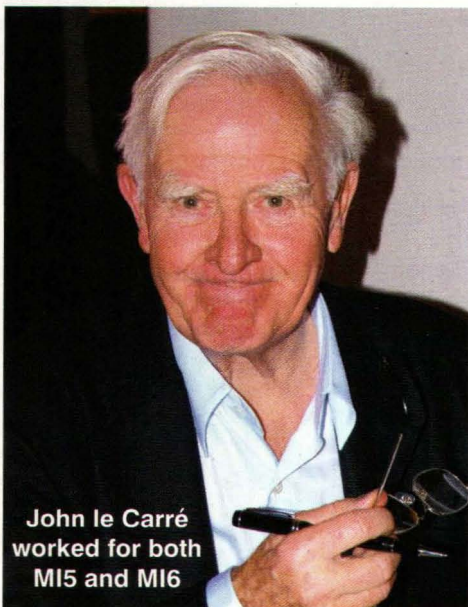
Soviet Union: "Certainly we did some very bad things. We did a lot of direct action. Assassinations. Although I was never involved."

"Even when quite ruthless operations are being contemplated the process of democratic consultation was still relatively intact and decent humanitarian instincts came into play. Totalitarian states killed with impunity and no one was held accountable. That didn't happen in the West."

Le Carré, who has penned many spy-related works, also spoke about his recruitment into secret service, and why he turned down the chance to meet Kim Philby - the British double agent.

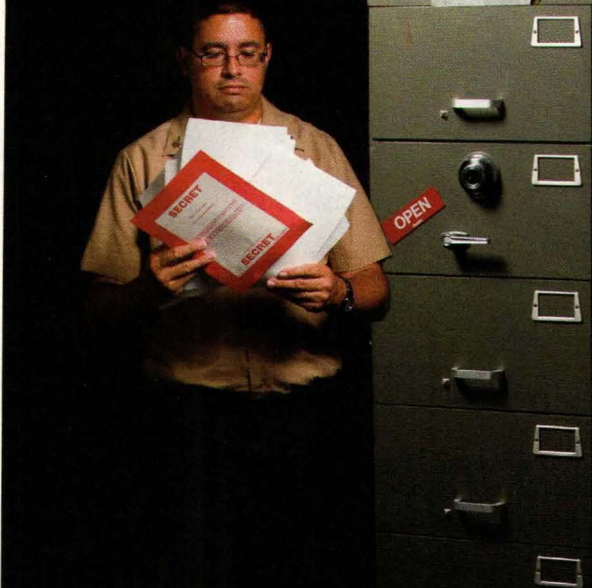


Kim Philby



John le Carré worked for both MI5 and MI6

TRUE: To perform operations that might involve the use of lethal force, MI6 must first obtain, via the Foreign Secretary a **CLASS SEVEN AUTHORISATION** From Eye Spy's forthcoming book - *The Language of Spies* (ESPL 2011)



GHOST OF LITVINENKO

Murdered Spy Discussed in Moscow

On his first visit to Russia as Britain's Foreign Secretary, William Hague, said both countries are trying to overcome a dip in relations since the assassination of former FSB officer and MI6 contact man, Aleksander Litvinenko in 2006.

Hague, whose office oversees MI6, held meetings with senior Russian diplomats, including his counterpart, Sergei Lavrov.

Answering question about levels of cooperation and a Cold War climate, Hague said: "Our countries have had some differences in the past. We should be able to acknowledge that differ-

ences remain and apply our minds to them, patiently, through dialogue and diplomacy."

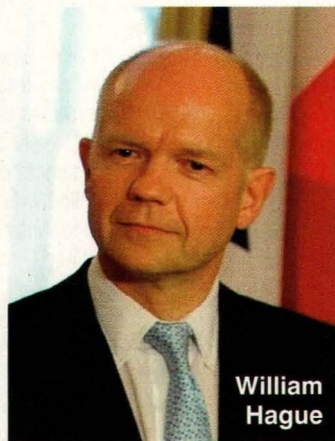
Those "differences" include Moscow's continued effort to block New Scotland Yard's investigation of Litvinenko's death. Senior detectives want to question former KGB and FSB man and prime suspect, Andrei Lugovoi.

Lavrov replied by saying: "We don't view the remaining problems as an obstacle for other issues."

However, Lavrov insisted that British police share all the information with Moscow, and that any resultant action should be taken under Russian law.



Sergei Lavrov



William Hague

THE SECRET SPY?

Legendary Nazi hunter was Mossad's 'Agent Theocrat'

Israeli historian Tom Segev, has claimed Simon Wiesenthal, the famous Nazi hunter, had a double life as a Mossad agent.

Indeed, Segev says he worked for a fledgling intelligence unit before the Mossad was even formed - helping to capture one of the architects of the Holocaust - Adolf Eichmann.



Simon Wiesenthal

Thereafter, until 1970, Wiesenthal passed information to the Mossad under the code-name of 'THEOCRAT'. Naturally, a great deal of supplied intelligence was on war crime suspects, but not all; he also submitted files on neo-Nazi groups that threatened Israeli citizens living within European communities, plus details of German scientists suspected of working for Egypt's burgeoning rocket programme.

Segev says the Mossad gave Wiesenthal a monthly retainer of \$300 and helped finance the opening of his office in Vienna.

The allegations are presented in Segev's important book - '*Simon Wiesenthal*', and have been drawn from researched papers in a 300,000 document archive created by Wiesenthal himself. Additional material was also acquired from Wiesenthal's handlers and contact personnel attached to the Mossad (see UnderCover page 73)



Litvinenko's grave in London

The affair is much more complex today because Lugovoi is a member of Russia's parliament and cannot be extradited. Essentially he enjoys immunity from prosecution.

Other topics discussed by the men and relevant to intelligence, included espionage activities performed by both countries. Moscow's spying in the UK is at an all time high, while the FSB have complained MI6 is using all sorts of non-governmental organisations as 'fronts' for its spying activities.

One subject both countries agreed to work more closely on, is

counter-terrorism, and the continuous activities of al-Qaida.

PRIME SUSPECT:
New Scotland Yard want to interview Andrei Lugovoi



SERGEI TRETYAKOV

COLD WAR SPY DEATH NOT SUSPICIOUS

There has been much interest and suspicion in the death of Sergei Tretyakov, a former KGB officer and one of the most prominent Russian defectors of the post-Cold War era. The US-based Tretyakov, died just a few days before the SVR spy ring was exposed on the eastern seaboard of the United States.

A few ungentlemanly comments fired off by former KGB men in Moscow, plus rumours of a possible poisoning, all combined to grab the media's interest. Connections were made between the two events, and some commentators still believe the dead spy knew some of the ousted SVR agents.

However, it now seems evident that Tretyakov, 53, choked to death in June on a piece of chicken pie, though an autopsy revealed his

days were probably numbered anyway, after Dr. Russell S. Vega, chief medical examiner for Florida's District 12, discovered an undetected, advanced cancer of the colon.



Sergei Tretyakov

Initially, doctors believed Tretyakov had suffered a heart attack, but because of his intelligence background, additional tests were carried out, including toxicology. Vega said: "In this particular case, I played on the side of caution and waited for all the tests to come back before finalising the cause of death. In most cases I would not have done that; I would have certified it right then."

Cane used to murder British spy auctioned

A MACABRE BUT TRUE PROVENANCE

A walking stick used to bludgeon an international British spy to death more than 100 years ago, has been sold at a Lyon and Turnbull (Edinburgh) auction for £550.00 (\$800.00). The wooden, hand-carved walking stick once belonged to William Gill, a British spy and multimillionaire explorer. However, in 1883 it was turned against Gill by Bedouin tribesmen who murdered the 39-year-old adventurer in the Sinai desert. Gill was probably operational at the time of his death - assigned to cut telegraph lines between Constantinople and Alexandria to disrupt enemy communications.

Gill inherited millions of pounds and used his fortune to fund his global explorations. His travels to Persia, China, Tibet, India, the Balkans, Turkey, North Africa and elsewhere, provided an excellent opportunity for him to send back valuable intelligence to London. It's not known if he was rewarded by his military spymasters for his work, but he was presented with a gold medal by the Royal Geographical Society for his work as an explorer. Just as puzzling are the reasons why the Bedouin should want to kill Gill - but they did not consider his walking stick as a trophy. The person or organisation who owned the object remains anonymous.



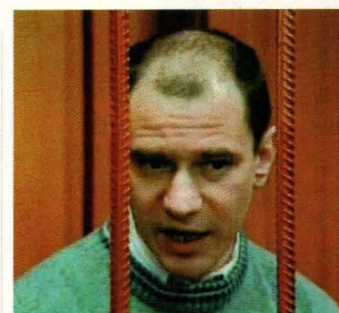
The stick carries Gill's inscription



Igor Sutyagin, who was part of the dramatic spy swap involving a dozen-or-so SVR agents removed from America this summer, has been speaking about his arrest by the FSB and his time in London.

Sutyagin, 45, was jailed for espionage - allegedly for passing intelligence to a shadowy outfit run by the Pentagon. "I do not know if 'Alternative Futures' was a front," he said. However, he remains as defiant as ever in his belief that the information he imparted, was all 'open source'.

As for his release, he says the first time he realised something was happening, was when he was moved from Arkangelsk back to Lefortovo Prison in Moscow. Here, he noticed a bag that was



tagged 'Sergei Skripal'. Skripal, of course, was jailed for 13-years in 2006, for allegedly passing the names of Russian agents to MI6.

Three US 'diplomats' then visited Sutyagin and told him he was being released in exchange for several Russians held in America. However, two Russian military officers explained that he would only be freed if he signed a confession document - which he felt he was obliged to do.

Dubai Police Chief Threatened

The Dubai police officer leading the investigation into the assassination of Hamas agent and gun-runner Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, says he believes the Mossad are behind two death threats levelled at him and his family.

Dahi Khalfan Tamin, who showed a great deal of professionalism in his investigation, said he had received an e-mail which read: 'Protect your back if you are going to keep your tongue loose'. And in a phone call to a relative, a man with a Western accent said: "Tamin should keep quiet." Security sources apparently



traced that call to a retired Mossad man.

The claims were made in a United Arab Emirates - government-owned newspaper - *Al-Ittihad*.

MI5 OPERATION



Security Service stretched as intelligence officials warn of renewed terror campaign by RIRA and other groups on British mainland

PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS CIRA GUNMEN



NARE AND LIBURNA

Following a two-year long undercover MI5 operation code-named 'Nare & Liburna', two members of the Real Irish Republican Army (RIRA), were given prison sentences. Paul Anthony John McCaugherty, 44, received a 20-year term for attempting to smuggle weaponry and arms. Dermont Declan Gregory, was handed a four-year sentence for agreeing to help finance the operation via the sale of a cafe in Portugal.

McCaugherty, suspected of being the second-in-command at the RIRA, allegedly sought to import AK-47s, plastic explosives, powerful sniper rifles, hand-held firearms, rocket-propelled grenade launchers and other weaponry intended to disable or destroy armoured vehicles.

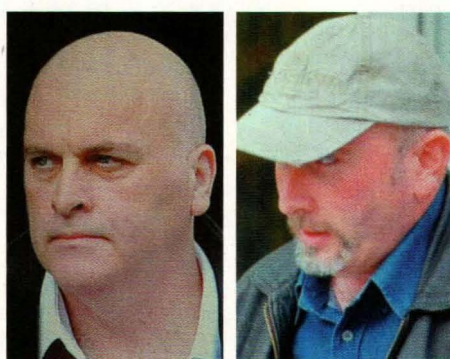
In a case shrouded in much secrecy, Eye Spy sources say several "players" involved in the affair, are suspected of working for both sides.

The intricate MI5 operation was truly international, and involved undercover liaisons with an MI5 agent by the name of 'Ali' in Bruges,

Jonathan Evans MI5 D-G



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Paul Anthony John McCaugherty and Dermont Declan Gregory

Amsterdam and Istanbul. In these locations, bogus arms dealers, middle-men and couriers all met to discuss financing the deal and smuggling the weaponry across Europe and into Ireland. McCaugherty did not know Ali was working for MI5.

Both McCaugherty and Gregory have since appealed against their sentences.

The conclusion of this case, which centred upon events occurring between 2004 and 2006, comes at a time when the RIRA has once again started to plan operations on the British mainland. Jonathan Evans, Director-General of MI5, confirmed the Security Service is now having to contend with two serious terror adversaries in al-Qaida and the RIRA.

Mr Evans admitted that when MI5 assumed responsibility for intelligence gathering in Northern Ireland in October 2007, the Service believed the "residual threat from terrorism was low, and likely to go down." However, following 30 serious attacks this year alone, compared with 21 for all of 2009, he warned there were "signs of increasing co-ordination and co-

operation between disparate groups in recent months."

The Ogligh na hEireann (ONH - Volunteers of Ireland), has been blamed for planting four covert spy cameras in trees close to MI5's main station which is contained within the Palace Barracks in County Down.

Officials tried to play-down the story, but it is likely the cameras were used to gather intelligence on MI5 and military personnel at the £20 million facility which employs more than 300 people. Of note and relevance, the trees where the alleged discovery was made, were quickly cut down.

In recognition of an increase in RIRA activity, Britain raised the Irish-related terrorist attack possibility from moderate to Substantial. Home secretary Theresa May, warned an attack is a strong possibility: "Judgements are based on a broad range of factors, including the intent and capabilities of terrorist groups. This is the first time we have published the Irish-related threat assessment to Great Britain. This is in the interests of transparency and to encourage people to remain vigilant."

Substantial is the third most serious UK status. The current threat level from international terrorism is one higher at Severe.

The last significant RIRA attack on the UK mainland occurred in Ealing, London, on 25 September 2001



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EUROPE'S CAPITAL CITIES TARGETED

MIRROR MUMBAI

Following a year-long multi-agency intelligence operation fronted by the CIA, US para-military forces disrupted the planning of a complex terrorist operation that could have resulted in serious casualties in several European cities and possibly North America.



Undoubtedly, the huge CIA-controlled UAV raid on a "culinary school" - al-Qaida (AQ) speak for a terrorist training centre - on 27 September in North Waziristan, was but part of a massive international counter-terrorist effort targeting senior AQ planners. It is understood the site had been uncovered by NSA and GCHQ intercepts of persons from the UK,

Europe and North Africa who had liaisons with some of the camp's trainers. Thereafter the area was monitored by NSA reconnaissance satellites and UK and American Special Forces.

A central British connection appears certain after a Pakistan ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence Agency) officer, said "two British brothers (one

of whom was killed) were at the heart of the plot." The man was named as Abdul Jabbar, originally from Pakistan's Jhelum province. Eye Spy understands he has links to a number of suspected terrorists in northern England and London. The ISI said he had been charged by Osama bin-Laden with creating the 'Islamic Army of Great Britain' and launching terror strikes across the country. Another key al-Qaida terrorist who was killed is Fahd Mohammed Ahmed al-Quso. He has been on America's 'most wanted' list for his role in the attack on the USS Cole in 1998 which left 17 sailors dead. German nationals of Pakistan origin also played a key part in facilitating support for the operation. As many as 10 operatives who passed through the base

CIA drones destroy terrorist camp used to train and host planners of an elaborate Europe-wide operation designed to replicate the 2008 Mumbai city attacks...

CIA field officers have been monitoring the camp and other 'satellite' sites in the lawless and virtually untouchable North Waziristan region for over a year

The CIA decided it could not take any chances, lest one or more terrorists strike, or worse, that they disappear or fall off the radar completely....

are British passport holders. Some of these individuals are believed to have made their way back to the UK and Europe, henceforth Whitehall sources declaring that the danger of a future city attack involving the plotters is still likely.

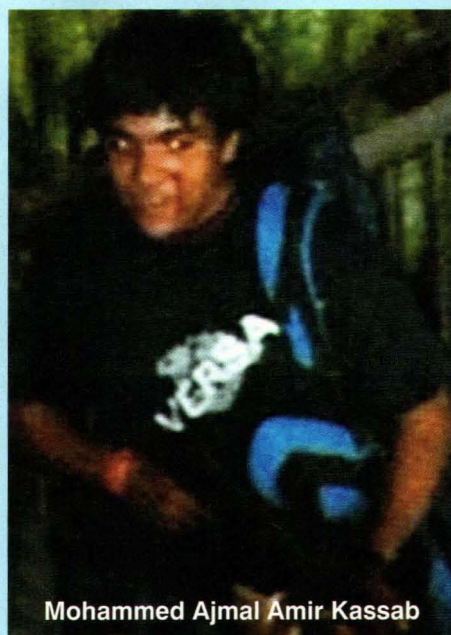
Another "nugget" of intelligence concerning the camp came from an unlikely source - a German-Afghan man detained in Kabul this summer as he tried to board a flight back to his home city of Hamburg. Ahmad 'S', was interviewed at NATO's central Afghanistan facility based at Bagram airfield. The suspect said he was aware of a major terrorist operation to target Germany and other European countries. It later transpired 'S' was an operative of the little known Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), which has tried to forge ties with other AQ groups. The IMU are known to have attracted a number of German followers. Other 'S'-provided intelligence pointed to a significant gathering of AQ umbrella groups on the Afghan-Pakistan border.

It soon became evident, that this was more than a simple terror training camp. What followed was an international effort to track

persons entering and leaving the camp. Pakistan ISI agents also provided useful intelligence on the targets' movements thereafter - including back to Europe.

JOINING RESOURCES

For well over a year, pooled intelligence from various agencies suggested AQ had embarked on an ambitious attempt to replicate the events of Mumbai. But the attacks would not be confined to just one city - planners demanded a "spectacular" - something which could compensate for so many operations that have been thwarted in the West since London, 2005. To recall, in the bustling Mumbai metropolis, a dozen or so LeT (Lashkar-e-Taiba) terrorists caused mayhem using AK-47s, small arms fire and hand-thrown bombs. The attack completely took India's more-than-competent security services by surprise. Police and troops were unsure of the number of terrorists involved, primarily because attacks were being launched simultaneously in



Mohammed Ajmal Amir Kassab

various parts of the city populated by residents, tourists and commuters alike. Over 150 civilians and police officers were murdered. All but one of the terrorists, dubbed the "baby faced assassin", (Mohammed Ajmal Amir Kassab - above) were killed.

OPERATION MIRROR MUMBAI

As reported by Eye Spy over eighteen months ago, so impressed were AQ terror chiefs,

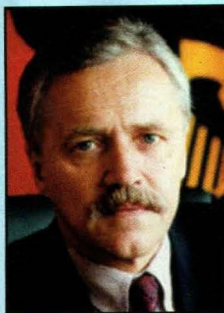
The Reichstag - Berlin

Intelligence sources believe this building may well have been the primary target for al-Qaida in the German capital.





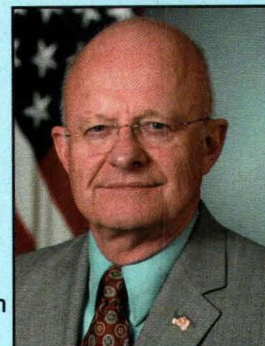
Erard Corbin de Mangoux -
Director of France's DGSE



Heinz Fromm, Director of BfV (Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution) - the domestic arm of German Intelligence - equivalent agency to the FBI and MI5



D/CIA LEON PANETTA



James Clapper - Director of US National Intelligence. The ODNI coordinated much of the operation to destroy the camp



A POWERFUL COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE EFFORT

including Osama bin-Laden himself, about the level of carnage and the international publicity the Mumbai operation generated, the LeT operational blueprint was modelled for major Western cities, including New York, Washington DC, London, Berlin, Paris, Stockholm, Madrid, Oslo and elsewhere. The plan was known simply as 'Mirror Mumbai'.

The phrase has surfaced in various intercepted terrorist-related communications, but not just in commentary about the UK or America. Thereafter, counter-terrorist agencies were alerted and enabled to monitor with increased alertness, activity of covert surveillance: transport hubs, premier hotels, theatres, shopping centres (malls), sports stadia etc., all came under intense scrutiny. In the UK, New Scotland Yard issued a series of

public posters inviting the public to call if they suspect anything unusual. A similar programme was launched in Germany and France.

And in 2009, there was the first sign AQ's leadership call to "Mirror Mumbai", was being heard. The FBI arrested a number of terrorist plotters who were trained by al-Qaida and wanted to replicate Mumbai using automatic weapons in shopping malls in Boston. Last year, a senior FBI source told Eye Spy: "Sooner or later the USA will suffer an attack like that seen in Mumbai..." Low-grade operatives they may have been, but they did have threads to Iraq, Somalia, Yemen and Pakistan - all nations battling with the terror group. There were also other attempts to strike

in the United States - some involving similar tactics used by LeT in Mumbai, and of course, few will forget what happened at Fort Hood, Texas, in November last year. Here, Major Nidal Malik Hasan, inspired by AQ's propaganda wing, shot dead 12 base personnel.

DISRUPTION

A decision had to be made to either let the plot develop, thus affording a great opportunity to arrest those at the cutting edge of the plan, or eliminate those responsible for its planning. The CIA decided it simply could not take a chance, less one or more bombers strike, or worse, that they disappear or fall off the radar completely. ➤





Paris's main railway station -
Gare Saint-Lazare

FOCUS ON PARIS

Sarkozy's France is top AQ objective

Intelligence analysts have become increasingly aware of al-Qaida's determination to strike at one of the UK's and America's closest allies in the fight against global terrorism. However, events in France often go unreported in the media, but that doesn't mean they can simply be swept under the carpet. They have a relevance to everyone.



Bernard Squarcini

Bernard Squarcini is head of France's Central Interior Directorate of Intelligence (DCRI). This relatively new agency controls counter-espionage/terrorism operations and has been likened to the FBI. Squarcini recently warned that the risk of a major AQ attack in France has never been higher.

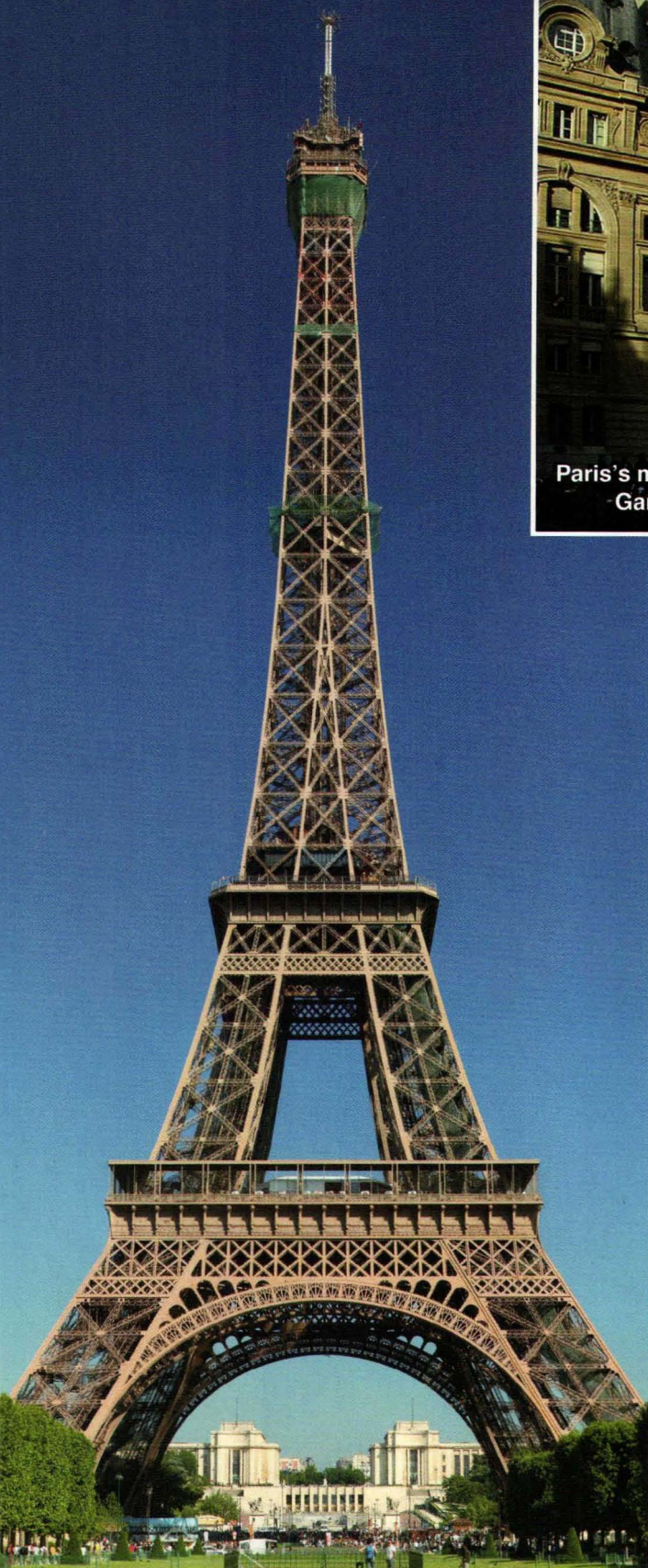
France's colonial past and interests in parts of Africa has seen them pitted against the AQ affiliate - Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM). And the country's intelligence services are involved in a bloody underground war with AQIM that threatens to spill into neighbouring European countries.

On 16 September, thugs controlled by the terror group abducted five French contractors from a Nigerian mining site near the town of Arlit. This followed the brutal murder of another abducted French national in April. What followed was a number of encounters with French Special Force and AQIM terrorists - many of the latter ending up dead. AQIM threatened revenge and was keen to join the Europe-wide plot being formulated by senior AQ men in Pakistan and Afghanistan.



President Sarkozy

Eye Spy has also learned that French Intelligence has still not ruled out the possibility that Air France Flight 447, en-route from Rio de Janeiro to Paris in June last year, was brought down by a terrorist action, this despite a court ruling in September, that "criminal error" was behind the crash. A computer malfunction has been the focus of attention. At the time, a number of persons in Brazil were being surveilled, and the event, which cost the lives of 228 people, was of sufficient interest to MI6, that two field officers left London for Rio just days later to meet with their French counterparts.



THE EIFFEL TOWER:

Symbol of Paris and France. In recent weeks several bomb threats have been made against this iconic structure



The CIA has a major Field Station in Afghanistan and a number of operational centres - some close to confrontation areas

MIRROR MUMBAI

The CIA-controlled UAV attack came after an intercepted signal revealed that the proposed multi-city European plot had moved beyond simple discussion to the drawing board.

Meanwhile, French Intelligence aided by counter-terrorist police learned a suspected terror cell associated with the plot, had received a consignment of weapons in the south of the country. Hundreds of officers prepared to raid addresses in and around Avignon and Marseilles.

A GATHERING OF TERROR GROUPS

The intensity of the CIA missile attack on the terror camp actually forced many of its occupants to flee. However, this didn't stop the controllers of the UAVs continuing their action. At least 65 operatives assigned to the Europe terror plot may have been killed - some described as "link men" and "couriers". Of concern to Western intelligence agencies, is the fact that the camp had become a meeting point of several al-Qaida umbrella groups, including the

Pakistan-based Islamist group Lashkar-e-Taiba; the North African terror group, al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (which France's DGSE has been battling for some time), and more surprisingly, an AQ outfit known as the Haqqani Network, which until now, had predominantly operated in South Asia. Also in attendance was at least one co-ordinator from the burgeoning AQ force in Somalia and a following from the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan. Someone had dared to gather such a high-profile group in one location, and as one UK intelligence source told Eye Spy, "it wasn't for tea."

FRENCH CONNECTION

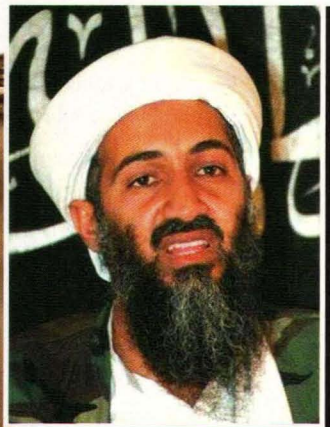
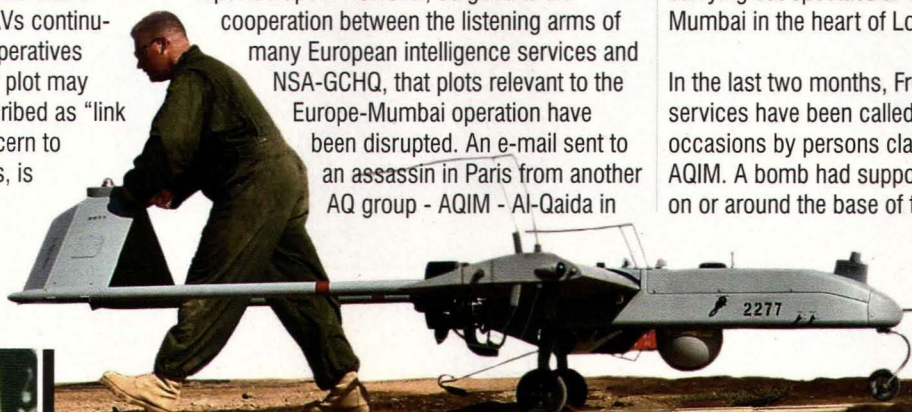
French Intelligence has been particularly active in the last two years in an underground war with AQ which has, in the main, not been fully reported upon. However, so good is the cooperation between the listening arms of many European intelligence services and NSA-GCHQ, that plots relevant to the Europe-Mumbai operation have been disrupted. An e-mail sent to an assassin in Paris from another AQ group - AQIM - Al-Qaida in

the Islamic Maghreb, last year, resulted in a multi-agency meeting in London. Senior officials were satisfied that several major Western cities were now being surveilled by local AQ operatives or by persons who had not yet come the attention of agencies such as MI5. Of relevance to France, President Sarkozy was to be assassinated, the CERN Large Hadron Collider attacked, and various sites in Paris bombed, including the Eiffel Tower and the city's subway.

Thereafter, Eye Spy learned that a secret intelligence file ('AQ-CENTRAL: AMBITIONS') had been created and circulated that discussed the very real possibility that many fringe terror groups were positioning themselves alongside the remnants of Osama bin-Laden's group. AQ - with Osama bin-Laden still at its helm, would reinvent itself by carrying out spectacular operations like Mumbai in the heart of London, Paris etc.

In the last two months, French security services have been called on a number of occasions by persons claiming to be from AQIM. A bomb had supposedly been placed on or around the base of the Eiffel Tower on

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Osama bin-Laden hoped a simultaneous attack on European cities played out in the full glare of the world's media, would regenerate his terror followers and bolster his rapidly declining allure. The CIA were having none of it...

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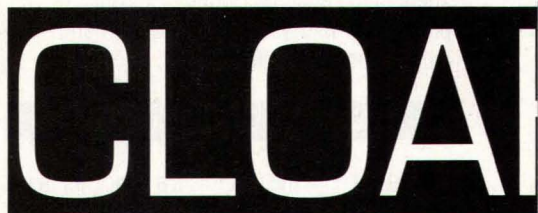
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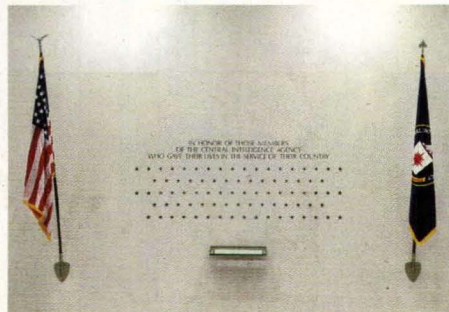
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In a well polished marble-effect corridor at the CIA's Langley headquarters, visitors and staff are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice made by the Agency's front-line field officers. A simple star signifies that they had "fallen in operation" and less than a hundred adorn the memorial. If this included others who were killed - attached to the CIA and used in a variety of roles by Langley - then the heads of the CIA would need a bigger wall... a much bigger wall.

It's a closely guarded secret, but undoubtedly the chiefs of Langley may struggle to house a



UNDERCOVER OPERATORS



The unexplained death of MI6 man Gareth Williams, is laced with intrigue, but debate still rages over the exact circumstances how he was killed, for what reason, and by whom? Even if it transpires he was killed because of events linked to his personal life, which sources used by this magazine doubt, MI6 and its various fronts have lost personnel and 'contact' agents on a regular basis throughout its one hundred years of operations.

Eye Spy takes a brief look at a number of case files, some well known, others not so, that amply reflect the dangers sometimes faced by associates and employees of the world's most cunning collectors of secrets...

K AND DAGGERS

reasonable guess pertaining to just how many operators have fallen during the course of CIA actioned operations, from radio operators in Vietnam, to contacts murdered by the KGB in Berlin during the Cold War. It's an unknown, and that probably goes for MI6 as well. No one knows for certain if British Intelligence keeps a record of its personnel who have lost their lives in service of their country, but it would come as no surprise if this was the case.

For security reasons, there are many deaths, sometimes suspicious, that never reach the media. Tested mechanisms stop this happening. But just occasionally, as in the case of the unfortunate Mr Williams, information flow is unstoppable. What transpired thereafter was expected. Stories and allegations originating from certain characters were fed to Fleet Street and suddenly instead of focusing on the actual incident, journalists now had a "multiple choice" question - and most chose the seedy answer. But was his death associated with his work for MI6 and GCHQ?

A DANGEROUS OCCUPATION - FOR SOME

To qualify and quantify the dangers oft associated with intelligence collection, one need look no further than events that concealed the true circumstances of the deaths of over 100 men and women operational and otherwise, linked to the SOE and MI6 in WWII. These daring people helped free Europe of Nazism, and they paid the ultimate price. After capture, the agents were jailed, tortured and then murdered, many in the concentration camps dotted around occupied Europe. There had always existed rumours concerning the fate of these agents and contact personnel, but when files were released in 2005, by the American National Archives, one sensed scandal. It transpired that an agent, used in later years by MI6 in the Cold War, may himself have been actively involved in the deaths. The papers identify a one Horst Kopkow, under investigation by the post-war crimes committee, and interviewed extensively by MI5. He was "snatched" by the Service who then faked his death by



Gareth Williams was found dead in this building

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Horst Kopkow most probably ordered the deaths of several SOE and MI6 agents. He was interrogated by MI5 after the war, but was used by MI6 thereafter



**SOE officer
Vera Atkins**



**Russian Desk Chief
Kim Philby**

bronchopneumonia. He was then used by MI6 to help collect intelligence on the emerging Soviet menace.

The papers themselves were almost certainly prepared or in the possession of senior intel officer and SOE hero Vera Atkins. After the war, she made it her business to find out what had happened to so many of her associates. While intelligence watchers note Kopkow could not be compared to other Nazis such as Klaus Barbie, nicknamed the *'Butcher of Lyon'*, who was used by American Intelligence, the affair caused more than a rumpus in the British Establishment, who would rather this story have remained hidden. And while it was not unusual for the Allies to use former committed Nazis, Operation Paperclip springs to mind, the efforts of MI6 in this case were seemingly undone. At the time of Kopkow's capture, the Service's head of the Russian Desk, was a certain Kim Philby - a Soviet spy of standing. No doubt Kopkow's information would have wended its way all the way back to Moscow, along with the names of MI6 officers, contacts and agents.

INSANITY BY POISON?

Of course in times of conflict, intelligence services double their efforts and the danger associated with such work is amplified to a much greater degree. As a result, intelligence, by necessity, must be secured using additional sources, or contacts. This magazine has carried features proving all manner of persons are used to gain an advantage in the great game, from businessmen to newspaper sellers plying their trade outside places of interest.

Unbeknown to many intelligence aficionados, one MI6 contact man, who probably succumbed to the "dagger" part of the phrase, was Lord Northcliffe (Alfred Charles Harmsworth), an early 20th century press magnate and former owner of the *Daily Mail*, *The London Times* and *Daily Mirror*. During the Great War (1914-1918), Northcliffe worked as Britain's Director of Propaganda and often found himself operating just behind the front line. However, he also visited numerous other locations in Europe in an effort to gather

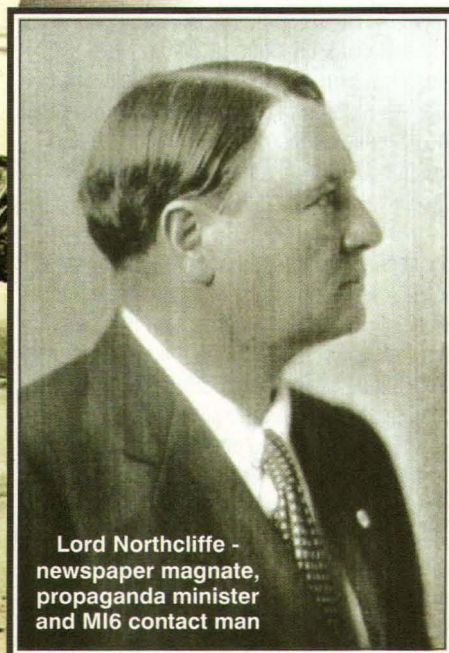


Lord Northcliffe lived in a hut atop this building

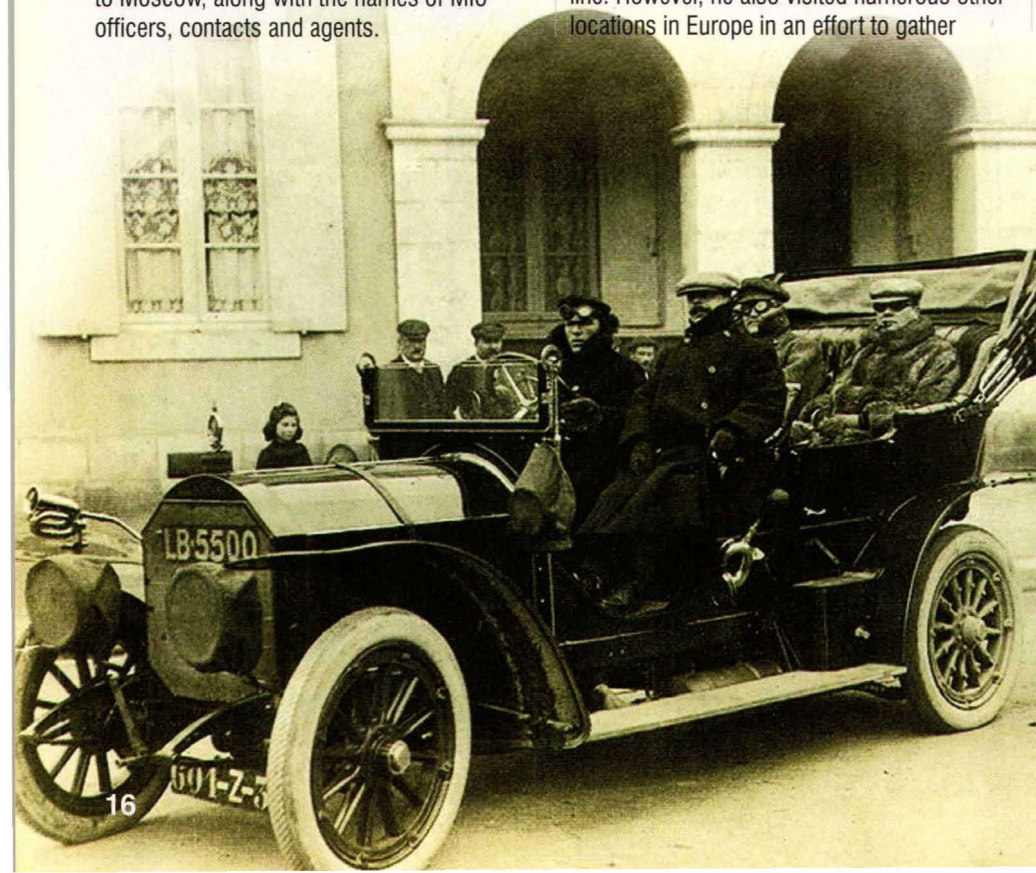
stories and portray "appropriate viewpoints" urged on by his political and intelligence masters in London.

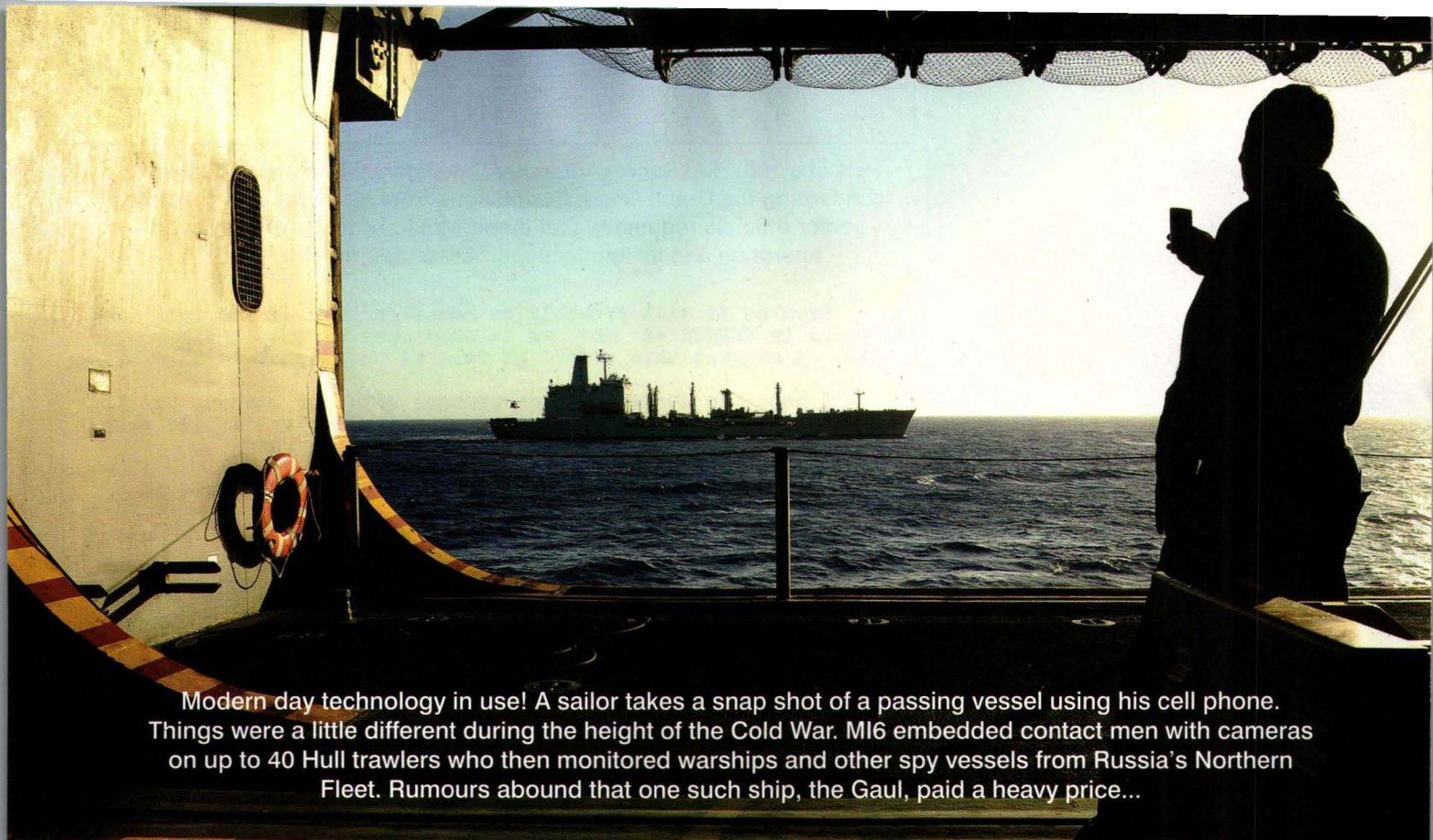
Shortly after the war ended, Northcliffe's health deteriorated, and in a strange move, he was incarcerated in a wooden hut on the roof of 2 Carlton Gardens, which up until recently, was still used by the intelligence services. Northcliffe had complained of stomach pains and died of *'general paralysis of the insane'* in 1922.

But when investigators probed a little deeper, his aides explained that his problems could be pinpointed to a specific date in time. Northcliffe believed he had been poisoned by enemy agents after visiting the Dutch border. It is believed he was given an ice cream which had been laced with a deadly substance by a German after he was recognised.



Lord Northcliffe - newspaper magnate, propaganda minister and MI6 contact man





Modern day technology in use! A sailor takes a snap shot of a passing vessel using his cell phone. Things were a little different during the height of the Cold War. MI6 embedded contact men with cameras on up to 40 Hull trawlers who then monitored warships and other spy vessels from Russia's Northern Fleet. Rumours abound that one such ship, the Gaul, paid a heavy price...

It's quite a story, of course, but perhaps an early case file that has equal relevance to events taking place today.

THE ACE OF SPIES

Perhaps the earliest reported death of an MI6 officer who definitely died on active service, was Sidney Reilly, affectionately dubbed *'The Ace of Spies'*. Reilly first worked for Scotland Yard before joining the fledgling Secret Service Bureau. He operated predominantly in Russia and provided London with a remarkable overview of events involving the Bolshevik takeover of the country in the 1920s. He was also central to MI6's efforts to destabilise the communist regime, but ultimately paid a heavy price for his daring-do as a master of deception. Agents of the OGPU, the Russian security outfit which succeeded the Cheka, created a front organisation called Trust and lured Reilly to the Russia-Finnish border in September 1925. He was captured and shot dead.



MI6 and Reilly had itself been outdone using a ruse which it has since made the trademark of its wider global operations - the 'front company'.

MI6 CHANNEL TO BERLIN

Some 20 years later, MI6 lost a person who would have been of considerable importance in a post-war Europe, had he not been executed on the orders of Adolf Hitler himself. Hans Oster (below) was deputy head of Germany's Abwehr (military intelligence) under Wilhelm Canaris. He was viewed in Berlin with much



suspicion because of his anti-Nazi stance and eventually participated in plans to overthrow Hitler. But for several years, through underground intelligence channels, Oster succeeded in passing valuable intelligence to MI6. Sadly, he was shot dead on 9 April 1945, primarily because of his connection to the failed assassination attempt on Hitler in 1944.

DEATH OF AN MI6 FROGMAN

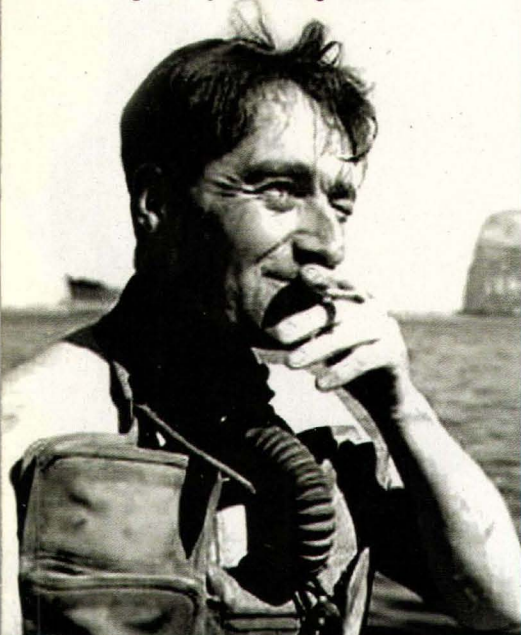
Much has been written about the mysterious disappearance of Lionel 'Buster' Crabb. Indeed, only recently another book surfaced containing yet more revelations about the MI6-contracted naval diver (see UnderCover page 74).



Crabb went missing after MI6 launched an unauthorised operation to examine the hull of a visiting Soviet cruiser to the shores of Britain in April 1956. Thereafter all manner of cover stories were hurriedly introduced to conceal both his death, and the task he was involved in. Unfortunately, an attempt to shield the Service's exploits from Downing Street and Prime Minister Anthony Eden failed, and there followed some significant rows and even a top resignation - the Chief of MI6 himself - Sir John Alexander Sinclair.



Buster Crabb - an MI6 man who was as daring as any in the organisation



Crabb was one of the country's top diving experts, and he was an early choice to head up the operation against the Ordzhonikidze which was part of a flotilla carrying Russia's Nikita Krushchev on a top diplomatic visit to the UK. Eden's office had not been told that

PM's MI6 FURY



Prime Minister Eden's fury was obvious when he told Parliament that "appropriate disciplinary measures" have been taken following the MI6 operation. However, as in keeping with the mystery of Crabb's disappearance, the PM said: "It would not be in the public interest to disclose the circumstances in which Commander Crabb is presumed to have met his death."

MI6 forces would attempt to gather information on what it believed was the Ordzhonikidze's revolutionary propeller and hull. And there was much pressure from intelligence elements in the powerful Admiralty. The fact that three powerful Soviet warships sat in Portsmouth Harbour, was simply too much of a temptation.

Once Crabb dived under the ship (and subsequently failed

to surface) it signalled the beginning of a significant cover-up from various parties. Almost immediately details of his stay at a local hotel were removed. However, MI6 realised that stopping "information seepage" was never going to contain the story, especially since the Russians had lodged an official complaint with London - this after spotting a frogman under the ship.

Crabb was either shot, stabbed or captured by Russian sailors. He could also have banged his head under the ship, lost consciousness and drowned. But any evidence that this might have been the case was not forthcoming, not least because his body, allegedly found over a year later, was minus a head.

Despite many proper investigations carried out by persons who knew Crabb, his family, authors, journalists and film makers, the jury remains out concerning just exactly what happened to him. Perhaps to confuse matters even more, certain figures said he was assassinated by MI5 because the Service had learned he was on the point of defecting. And then more confusion; the press were told he was actually working as a top naval trainer on behalf of the KGB and Soviet Navy.

Nothing can really be proven, other than much existing evidence that saw various organisations, ministries and Establishment-types conspire to create layer after layer of news material that most agreed was disinformation.

EYE SPY INSIGHT:

Part of a 1957 Top Secret Admiralty (Intelligence Division) document concerning the Crabb Case. It is obvious from its theme and content, senior officials requested that those with knowledge of the covert operation and its implications, "keep their mouths shut"...

6. Even so it will probably be necessary for him to tell some officers in VERNON as much as is necessary to keep their mouths shut. I suggest this should be done at the Captain's discretion.
7. I hope the above is in accordance with your wishes, but if not perhaps you will be good enough to inform Blundell (to whom I am sending a copy of this letter), and let me know.
8. I might add that is being extremely robust in his approach to his unenviable situation.
9. Sir John Lang has seen this letter and agrees.

That Crabb was murdered by the Russians, who discovered him clambering on the underside of the Ordzhonikidze, is almost certain. He was a risk-taker, built and operated by MI6 in the same manner as Sidney Reilly who also was got at by Moscow.

MORE MARITIME SPY GAMES

MI6 use 'contact men' [and women] to facilitate intelligence collection, though they are rarely described as agents. Passing information that comes their way or tidbits heard through the grapevine, are more in keeping with the task of such operators. Occasionally, however, they are seen to be in a position whereby they can help. The CIA sometimes describe such persons as 'assets'.

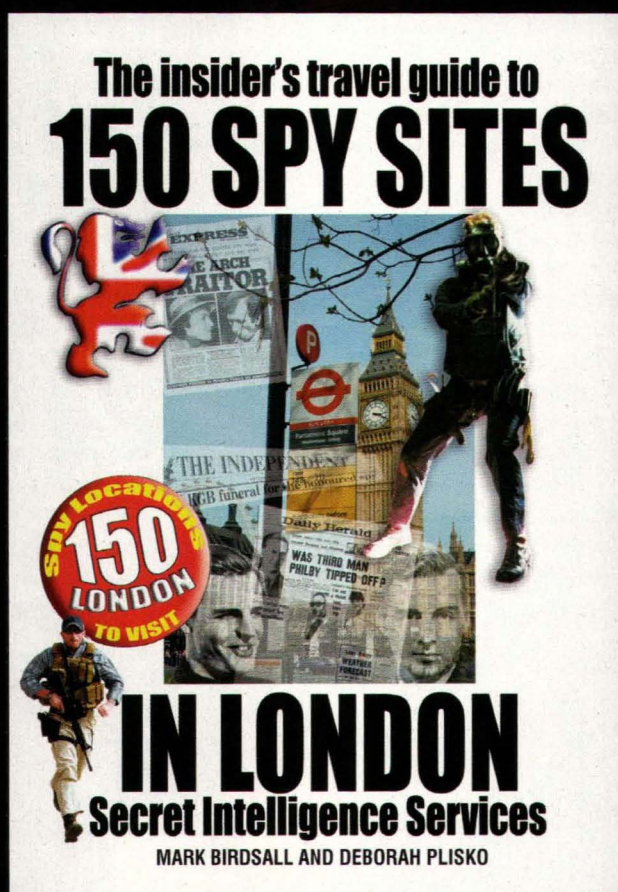
Such designated persons can find themselves working in very dangerous waters - literally. In 1974, a Commander Brookes found himself attached to the Hull fishing fleet, primarily as a liaison, but clearly there to assist MI6's wider field operations in intelligence gathering on the Soviet's northern fleet. However, disaster struck when the very modern Hull trawler, 'Gaul' was lost in the waters of Norway's sub-arctic. There was deep suspicion in the city that the ship had been sunk by a Soviet submarine, primarily because trawlermen in the port had often been invited to take photographs of passing Russian warships. The cameras were donated



A headless body in a frogman's suit (partial) was found here at Pilsey Island over a year after Crabb's disappearance. Most agreed it was the former MI6 diver

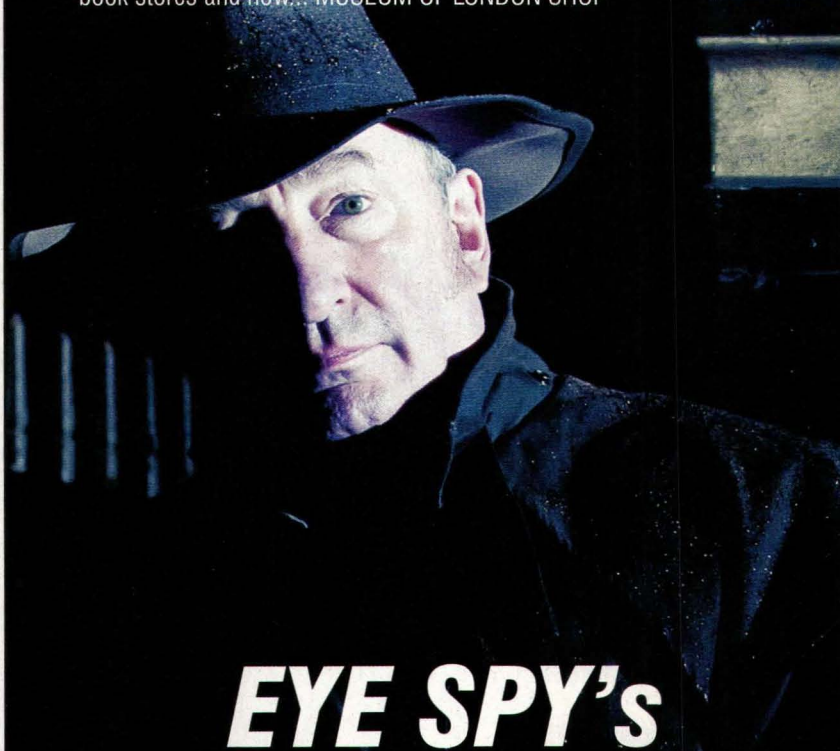
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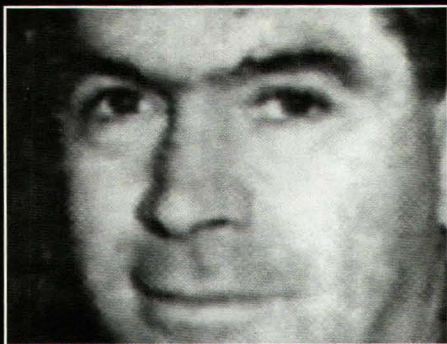
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MI6 recruiter 'Commander Brookes'

by Brookes, who was known as a recruiter of fishermen for the Yorks trawling fleet. Though an inquiry (thirty years later) concluded the ship had sunk after being hit by a "giant wave", most people in Hull, and especially the relatives of the deceased, viewed the report's findings with much suspicion. Researchers told this magazine, that as many as 40 Hull-based trawlers over an unspecified period of time, carried MI6 men.

RICIN MAN - AGENT PICCADILLY

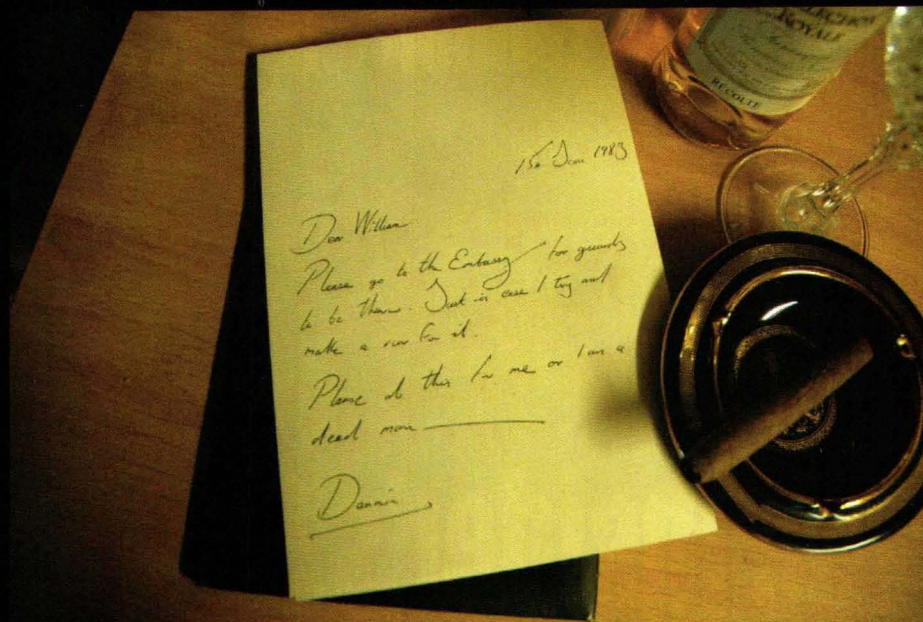
In 1978, another strange death linked to the intelligence world caused a sensation in the media, but sent alarm bells ringing in MI5 and MI6. Bulgarian dissident, BBC World Service worker, and MI6 contact man, Georgi Ivanov Markov, was stabbed on Waterloo Bridge in London with a ricin-tipped umbrella. His assassin, unbeknown to MI5 at the time, was a KGB contract killer called Francesco Gullion, code-named 'Agent Piccadilly' by MI6.



Georgi Markov - victim of KGB skulduggery. His death was evidence enough that Moscow had the ability to operate anywhere in the world...

MI6 BANK MAN'S ASSASSINATION

Sometime during 1983, MI6 contact man and the Midland Bank's representative in Moscow, came across highly important information that would have "outed" a Russian spy in the British Embassy. Dennis Skinner wrote a hurried note (above right) to an embassy official saying he feared for his life because of what he knew. The communication was received by a British diplomat, but perhaps not taken too seriously. What happened next amply reflects the dangers of intelligence work. Skinner was found dead 24-hours after airing his darkest thoughts. His body was found beneath his hotel room on Leninsky Prospect Street, Moscow. Cover stories about his private life, health and "drinking problems" abounded, all most certainly generated to cloud his role with MI6. Had he committed suicide or was he assassinated? Few intelligence watchers believe he took his own life, and most intelligence people agree he was got at by the KGB or elements controlled by them.



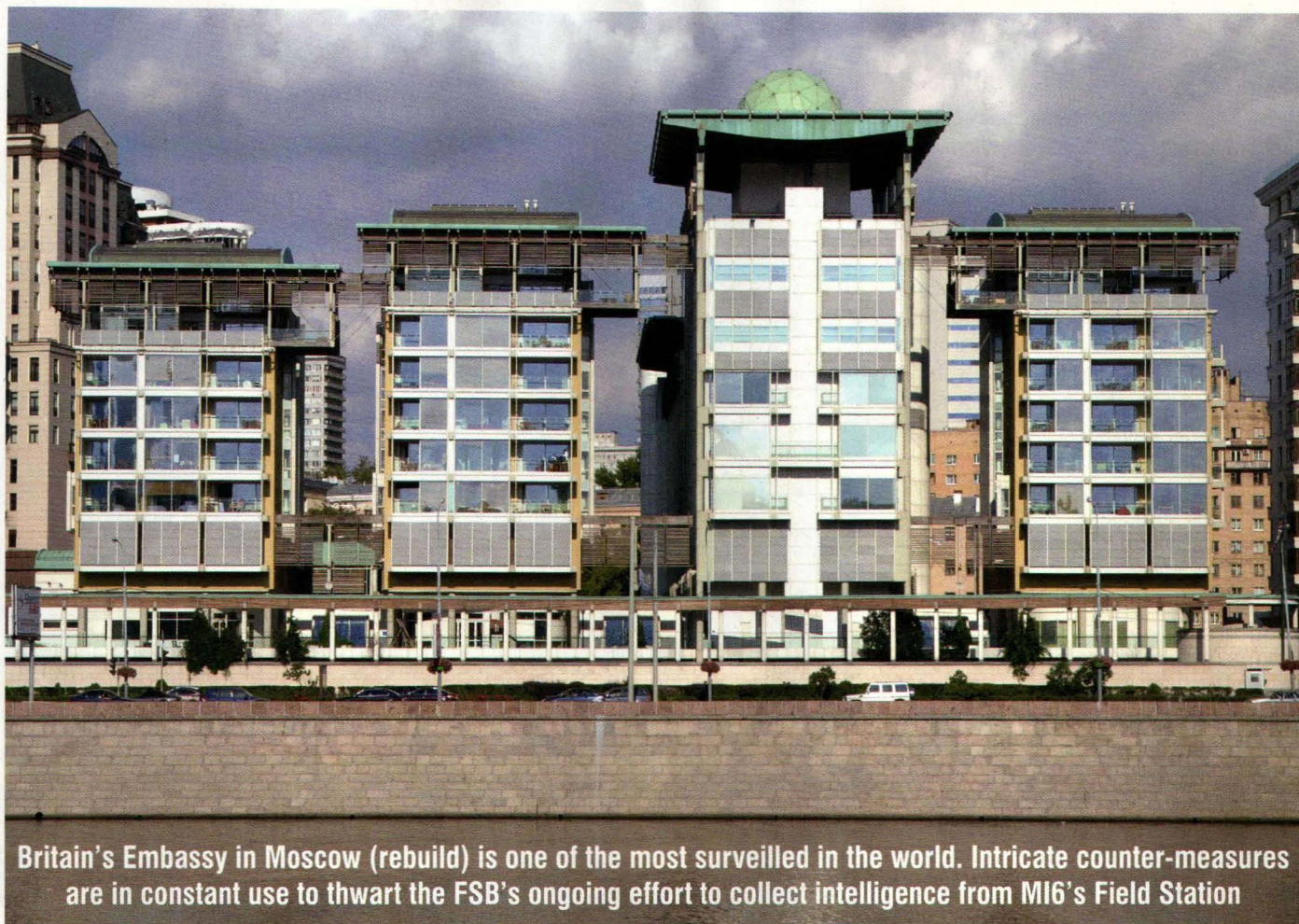
POISONED OR ALL IN THE MIND?

The recruitment by MI6 of KGB Colonel Oleg Gordievsky in the early 1980s, and the Service's underground operation that saw him reach the shores of Britain in 1985, is still regarded as one of MI6's finest moments. His well-being ever since that date, has been overseen by a special MI6 section - The Resettle Group. But London is well aware of Moscow's unforgiving hand in respect of defectors, especially those whose background is in the world of espionage. Amidst the continuing backdrop and fallout from the murder of Alexander Litvinenko, stories started to emerge in 2008, that Gordievsky's "old friends" had attempted to kill



Leninsky Prospect Street, Moscow

MI6 contact man Dennis Skinner was in possession of valuable information about a Russian spy who was working inside the British Embassy in Moscow. Just hours after writing about his concerns, he was found dead on the pavement below his fifth floor room



Britain's Embassy in Moscow (rebuild) is one of the most surveilled in the world. Intricate counter-measures are in constant use to thwart the FSB's ongoing effort to collect intelligence from MI6's Field Station

"I've known for some time that I am on the assassination list drawn up by rogue elements in Moscow..."

Oleg Gordievsky

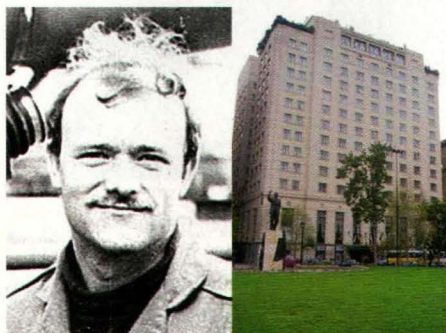
him. From his government safe house in the south of England, a statement was made that he had fallen ill after a visit to his home by a Russian assassin.

A year earlier, in a move that infuriated Russian Intelligence, the Queen bestowed on Gordievsky the CMG for his services. He acknowledged that there always existed the possibility he would be targeted. "I've known for some time that I am on the assassination list drawn up by rogue elements in Moscow," he said.

Gordievsky was initially upset that the event was not taken seriously enough. "The deputy head of Special Branch visited me and said there was no poison, no crime," he fumed. Since then, intelligence watchers have noticed that this fascinating story and its far-reaching implications, have simply drifted away.

SEX GAME GONE WRONG? - NOT TRUE

One case file with similarities, at least in respect as to what has been reported regarding the murder of Gareth Williams, was actually discussed in Eye Spy 67. The death of British investigative



MI6 contact man Jonathan Moyle, was murdered in the Hotel Carrera

journalist Jonathan Moyle, in a hotel room in Chile 1990, followed closely the assassination of Iraq's 'Super Gun' creator, Gerald Bull in Belgium. Moyle was in South America investigating an arms deal linked to Iraq and the two deaths were spoken of in the same context by journalists. However, the press reported Moyle had died as a result of a bizarre sexual experiment that had gone wrong. He was actually discovered in a wardrobe with a noose around his neck. Moyle was an MI6 contact man, though some say he was actually working for the Service. Regardless of which story is correct, Moyle had spoken to his mother just minutes before

he died. His family say he was in "high spirits", despite him returning to the Carrera Hotel to find his research notes scattered before him. According to our sources, the "sexual add on", regarding Moyle, was deliberately mentioned by an official so it could be overheard by a writer. Within hours, public attention was focused on Moyle's private life, rather than his important work.

THE LADY GHISLAINE MYSTERY

Newspaper and media magnate Robert Maxwell's death has always been regarded as suspicious. He died after allegedly falling from his beloved yacht - the 'Lady Ghislaine' - off the Canary Islands in November 1991. There are numerous books and investigative reports that link Maxwell to the world of intelligence, and he had assembled a large following who were convinced he was either a Mossad or KGB man. The truth is, he was probably neither, instead opting to talk to a number of concerns regarding his incredibly complicated life in the higher echelons of business, social and government circles. He also spoke to MI6, and this makes him a contact man. As to his death, of course it was suspicious, but



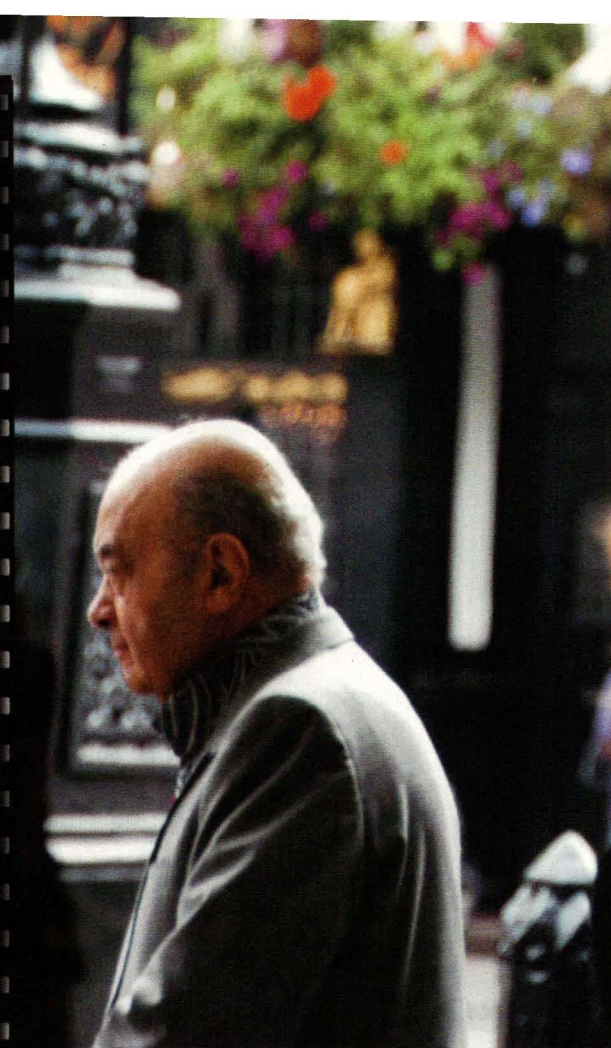
Maxwell had many enemies and one could spend much time considering a plethora of theories.

DEATH BY DEFAULT

The 31st of August 1997, was a date significant in the history of the British Royal Family. Diana, Princess of Wales, succumbed to her injuries after the car she was travelling in crashed in the Pont de Alma Tunnel in Paris. Within days the conspiracy theories about an assassination abounded. With plots and accusations appearing every day, attention soon turned to the chauffeur of the vehicle and head of security at the hotel where Diana and her lover, Dodi Fayed, were staying.

Henri Paul was employed by Dodi's father at the Ritz Hotel, and he became the subject of a massive and meticulous investigation by the world's media and authors alike. Little about his private life and work role remained secret, and it soon transpired Paul had an MI6 connection as a contact man. He almost certainly passed information on a regular basis to the Service's Paris Station via a liaison. That would not be an unusual occurrence, as most major intelligence services have associates sited at certain locations, and the Ritz was a popular hotel frequented by dignitaries, politicians and VIPs throughout the year. Paul, may well have provided other agencies with information as well.

MI6 thereafter became the "villain of the piece", with scurrilous comment coming from

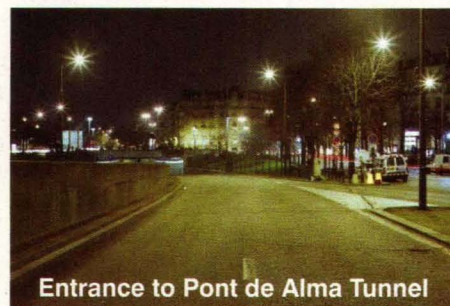


New Scotland Yard's most senior officer - Sir John Stevens - headed Operation Paget. His huge investigation proved beyond doubt the Paris car crash was but an accident

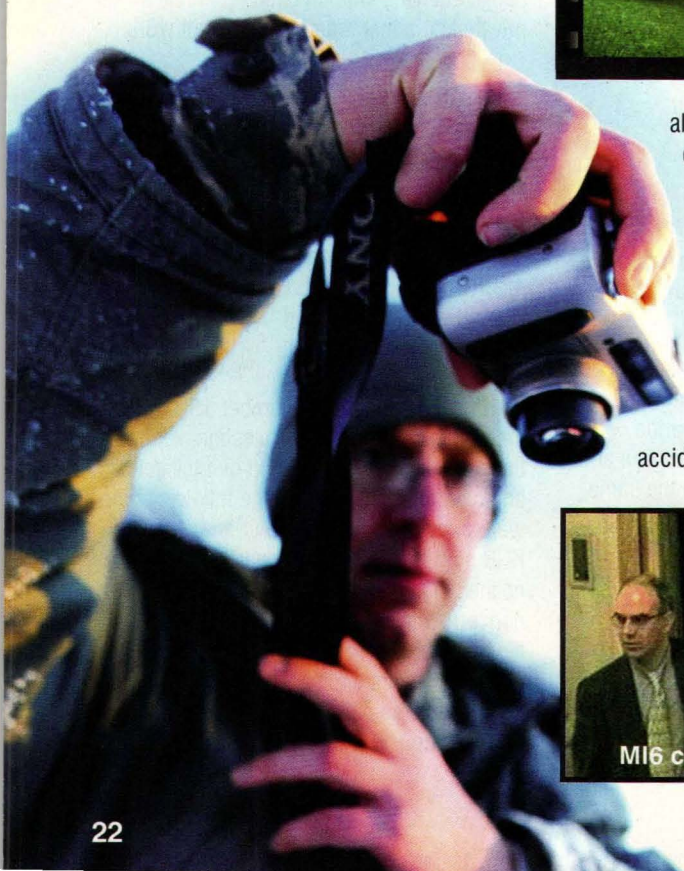
all sorts of people stating quite categorically the British Establishment had ordered her death because she was carrying Dodi's child. The event became the most discussed topic for the best part of a decade, until it became plain the allegations were rubbish. New Scotland Yard's 'Operation Paget' concluded it was a simple accident. For the purpose of this

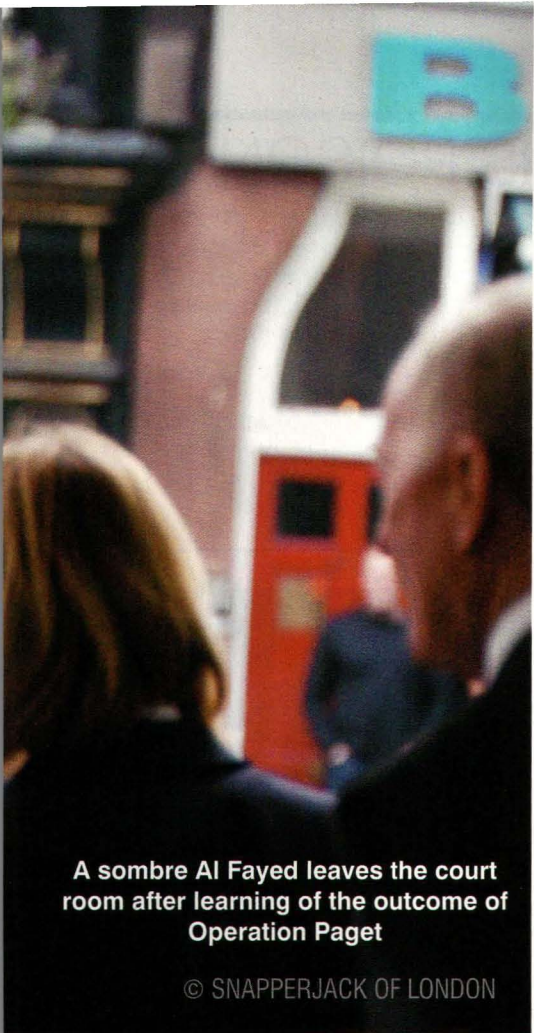


MI6 contact man Henri Paul



Entrance to Pont de Alma Tunnel





A somber Al Fayed leaves the court room after learning of the outcome of Operation Paget

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article, Paul's role in Paris displays the importance of having friends in places where intelligence can and is gleaned every day. Paul was a classic "MI6 contact man".

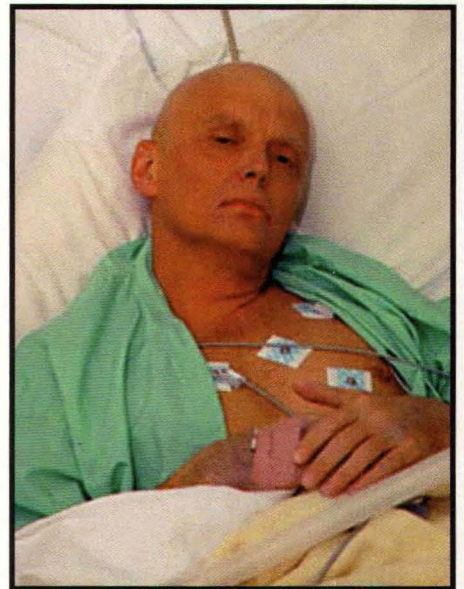
DREADFUL RETRIBUTION

Russian-backed intelligence operators were definitely behind the assassination of former KGB and FSB officer Aleksander Litvinenko in London in 2006. Litvinenko had made lots of enemies in Moscow, and the FSB elevated the security man almost to the very top of their 'most wanted' list. That he resided in London and had connections to another "enemy of the state" - Boris Berezovsky, who had also made the UK's capital his home, didn't matter. The FSB had allegedly despatched shadowy elements to get to the billionaire before, but MI5 and MI6 had thwarted at least two "hits" on him. However, Litvinenko was different - a gatherer of information - a great deal of information, especially from associates still operating and living in Russia.

In a complex affair, his killers sought to kill Litvinenko in a most unusual manner - using



Aleksander Litvinenko - before and after being poisoned by Polonium-210



This rare photograph shows MI5 and New Scotland Yard SO15 counter-terrorist officers outside the home of the Litvinenkos. Just hours earlier forensic specialists had discovered why the former KGB officer and MI6 contact man had fallen so desperately ill. A detective told Eye Spy, "this was a two million pound hit"

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THALLIUM THE POISONERS POISON



A fragment from a Thallium rod

Favoured by contracted persons with one objective - murder - Thallium is odourless, tasteless and highly toxic (from the metal). Thallium dissolves quickly and is absorbed through the skin. It can be found in rat poison and insecticides. A small dose can induce initial symptoms that are similar to influenza. Thereafter, other side effects happen, including hair loss, headaches, tight muscles and joints, delirium, dementia etc. Victims may also fall into a coma. Just one gram can kill.

MI5 initially believed it was radioactive thallium that was used to kill Alexander Litvinenko, primarily because it is the "preferred choice" for many of the shadowy elements attached to the FSB and its predecessor - the KGB. However, it should be recognised that this would have been difficult to detect, because it degrades very quickly.

NELSON MANDELA THE CONTACT MAN WHO NEVER WAS



"THE STRUGGLE IS MY LIFE"
NELSON MANDELA
GAOLED 5th AUGUST 1962

There are occasions when people are mistakenly linked to an intelligence service. One such person is Nelson Mandela. At the start of the new millennium, Mandela was linked to MI6 by a story that claimed he had aided the Service in its shadowy clashes with Libya's Colonel Gaddafi, especially in the surveillance and movement of arms from the North African country to Northern Ireland and the IRA.

A similar mention of the link was aired in a book written by a former MI6 man that caused much embarrassment for the Service. Central to the issue was a meeting between Foreign Office diplomats and Mandela. All controversial stuff, but links between the freedom fighter and MI6 have been rejected by most intelligence watchers. Mr Mandela himself called the allegations "disgraceful fabrication". The story probably has its genesis from a diplomatic meeting that took place in Kent in 1990.

What is most certainly true, is that an attempt was made to poison Mandela using Thallium whilst he was imprisoned.

the most dreadful solution - Polonium 210. An operation lured the Russian to a number of central London locations with the promise of intelligence, and then he was poisoned. A tiny amount of the substance was dropped into his cup of green tea. Initially, MI5 specialists could not find out why he was deteriorating so slowly. Thallium was suspected, but when the truth emerged, that a multi-million pound substance was used, all eyes focused on Moscow. Today, New Scotland Yard has made it known who it believes was responsible. As for Litvinenko's connection to MI6, there was much talk about the former KGB man being paid a "retainer" for his services - about £2,000 a month. This is the amount of money received by contacts such as Henri Paul. As a sidebar to the death of Litvinenko, it should be noted that some of his associates in Moscow have also been murdered, most famous, of course, the journalist Anna Politkovskaya.

MORE FALLING SPIES

Ashraf Marwan is an intelligence enigma. The Egyptian is claimed by both Cairo and Tel Aviv, though the truth will probably never be known due to his death in June 2007.

Marwan was central to intelligence warnings relating to the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when Israel was attacked by some of its neighbours. Marwan was allegedly a Mossad spy who provided advanced notice of the attack, but Egypt's intelligence service say he was a double agent. All of this is perhaps of little consequence now, because of his fall from the balcony of his luxury London apartment. Vital evidence went missing, and the fact that he was writing his personal memoir (which also disappeared) seems to suggest a death most strange. Interestingly, police reported two men of "Mediterranean appearance" were seen on his balcony just moments after his body was found on the ground.

According to many intelligence sources, Marwan had MI6 contacts.



Ashraf Marwan is said to have met with MI6 personnel

SUMMARY: The persons featured in this small overview represent but a small selection of officers, agents and contact people associated with MI6, who were either murdered or died in suspicious circumstances. However, organisations such as MI6 has relations with hundreds of people who are not employed directly by Her Majesty's Secret Service, on the contrary, it is sometimes best to look "outside the box" for intelligence channels.

As for Gareth Williams, his name can now be added to a listing of persons whose deaths will always be the stimulus for debate.



Gareth Williams - GCHQ codes' analyst whose death whilst in the service of MI6 is a contentious issue - one that is likely to remain that way for the foreseeable future

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The Real Secret Spy Wars

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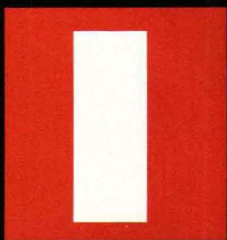
By Michael Smith



World renown intelligence and defence writer Michael Smith provides an astonishingly detailed account of MI6's infiltration operation that placed two British spies inside Moscow during Russia's turbulent transition to Communism.

This important feature is drawn from the researches of Smith's brilliant new book 'SIX: A History of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service', and amply reveals the extent and deliberation of key intelligence, political and business persons who combined to give London an all "powerful seeing eye" on the dramatic events that resulted in the creation of what MI6 called, "the Communist menace"...





In the early hours of New Year's Day 1928, as Soviet border guards slept off the drunken celebrations of the night before, two Russians slipped across the border into

Persia intent on making their way to India and handing themselves over to the British. One of the two would-be defectors was Boris Bazhanov, who as a former secretary to Josef Stalin and knew the Soviet dictator's darkest secrets, the other was Bazhanov's secret police minder.

Their defection left Stalin incandescent and a secret police hit squad was dispatched to the Persian city of Meshed to intercept and kill them. Meanwhile, the British Secret Intelligence Service, now better known as MI6, sent its own man to the city post haste to try to keep Bazhanov alive and get as much information out of him as possible, just in case he never made it to India.

This brief resurgence of the Great Game, the 19th century espionage battle between Russia and Britain for control of central Asia, ended a remarkable period during which Britain's spies were receiving detailed intelligence from the closest aides of not just one but two Soviet leaders.



Arthur Ransome's role as a liberal writer reporting on events in Russia was excellent cover for his work as an MI6 intelligence officer

It began in the frantic months after the 1917 October Revolution brought Vladimir Lenin's Bolsheviks to power, with Stalin and Leon Trotsky as key members of the new leadership.

At the time, Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Affairs Commissar, was the more important of the two and was sought out by for an interview by Arthur Ransome, Moscow correspondent of the liberal *Daily News*, and subsequently better known as the author of the children's book *Swallows and Amazons*.

It was while arranging that interview that Ransome first met Yevgenia Shelepina, Trotsky's 23-year-old secretary. Already estranged from his wife, the British journalist fell deeply in love with Shelepina.

Ransome was not just a journalist, he was also working for British intelligence, as agent S76, and his affair with Shelepina provided him with a good excuse to spend a lot of time in Trotsky's offices in the Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, based opposite the Winter Palace in Petrograd (now St. Petersburg).

Over the next six months, Shelepina provided Ransome with detailed information on the intentions of the Bolshevik leadership, and their attitude towards Britain in particular, which he passed on to Ernest Boyce, the head of the British secret service in Russia.

By the middle of 1918, the British were already concerned at the risks Shelepina was running, with Robert Bruce Lockhart, the most senior British diplomat in Moscow, asking that she be put on Ransome's passport as the author's wife since "her services to the allies have been considerable".

Ransome found a way round the problem, persuading a Bolshevik diplomat to give Shelepina a job in the Russian legation in Stockholm where the British journalist was also provided with an office.



Boris Bazhanov - an MI6 spy who provided a deep insight into the political and military upheaval in Russia

It was the best of both worlds, leaving Shelepina and Ransome able to escape if the Russians realised what was going on, while in the meantime giving them continued access to Bolshevik secrets and allowing Ransome to travel in and out of Russia with ease.

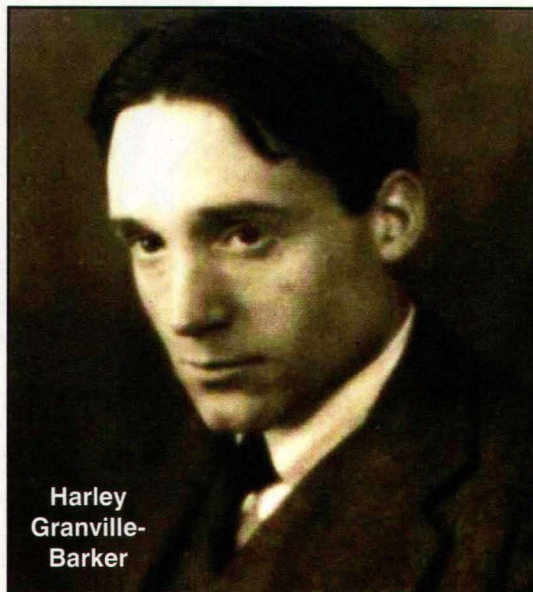
But Ransome's privileged access to the Russian embassy left senior military intelligence officers in London, who were unaware of what was going on, convinced that he was "a Bolshevik agent".

Given the need to keep the true loyalties of both Ransome and Shelepina secret from the Bolsheviks, British secret service chiefs

"...theatre impresario Harley Granville-Barker was in fact a senior member of the British Secret Service..."



Arthur Ransome's relationship with Yevgenia Shelepina, meant he could spend time in the offices of the Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, based opposite the Winter Palace in Petrograd (above)



Harley
Granville-
Barker



Bruce
Lockhart

Ransome was seriously concerned at the risk of Shelepina being exposed as a British agent. So John Scale, the British secret service representative in Stockholm, persuaded the Swedish authorities to put the couple on a list of 13 "dangerous Bolsheviks" to be expelled from Sweden.

Meanwhile, Lockhart arranged a prominent talk at King's College, London, where in front of representatives of the right-wing press, he stridently denounced Ransome's pro-Bolshevik reporting.

His reputation as an "out-and-out Bolshevik" restored, Ransome went back to Russia with Shelepina. But while she stayed in place, he returned a couple of months later laden with Bolshevik documents which he delivered to Boyce, now working at the secret intelligence service headquarters in Whitehall.

The mission had been a great success. "I even got a letter from Lenin authorising all the Commissars to give me whatever information I might ask for," Ransome said. "I was entirely uncontrolled."



Leon Trotsky

struggled to explain what was going on. "His association with the Bolsheviks was begun and has been continued throughout at the direct request of responsible British authorities," one British secret service officer insisted.

But senior army officers, incensed by what they saw as Ransome's pro-Bolshevik reports in the *Daily News*, lobbied the newspaper's bosses to have him sacked.

The newspaper's owner, chocolate magnate George Cadbury, expressed consternation at the demands for Ransome to be brought home. He and the *Daily News* editor were themselves so irritated by the pro-Bolshevik tone of Ransome's reports that they had tried to recall him,

Cadbury said. But when they did so, they received a visit from Lockhart, who told them Ransome was far too valuable where he was and insisted they must keep him there.

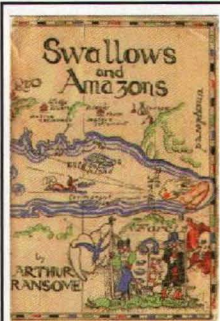
When after further pro-Bolshevik reports they felt they had no choice but to bring Ransome

home, they were visited by the actor and theatre impresario Harley Granville-Barker.

He claimed to represent "the War Office" and "implored" them to keep Ransome in Sweden. They replied that they could not afford to keep paying the hotel accommodation of both Ransome and Shelepina.

Granville-Barker, who was in fact now a senior member of the British secret service, agreed that his department of the War Office would pay the hotel bills to keep Ransome and his mistress in place.

But reporting from inside the Russian embassy in Stockholm was all very well, the British needed Ransome and Shelepina back in Moscow, finding out the views of the Bolshevik leadership. The problem was that



Ransome's hugely popular book was first published in 1930



Russian Revolution 1917



Тов. Ленин ОЧИЩАЕТ ЗЕМЛЮ ОТ НЕЧИСТИ.

A communist poster urging the regime to "sweep the world clean"

By May 1920, Ransome was increasingly concerned for Shelepina, proposing to Boyce that he go back into Russia, to collect more intelligence on the Bolshevik intentions and to get her out. "It seems to me to be blazing madness for us to have no-one in Russia capable of getting first-hand news," Ransome told Boyce. "There is no-one else who can keep in such close touch with affairs there as I can. I am just as friendly with the leaders of the other parties inside Soviet Russia as with the Bolsheviks."

C. P. Scott, the legendary liberal editor of the *Manchester Guardian*, was willing to fund the trip "although he knows that he will get very little for his paper," Ransome said. "I could also get out written reports of the state of affairs generally, if we arranged beforehand

how I should address them to ensure their reaching the right hand."

With funding for his secret service mission from the *Guardian*, a British passport listing Shelepina as his wife, and Lenin's letter, Ransome returned to Moscow and his mistress.

Shelepina succeeded in persuading the Bolsheviks to let her leave, so long as she took out more than a million roubles worth of precious gems to fund communist parties in Europe. Given that she continued to live happily in exile with Ransome, without threat from Soviet hit squads, the gems must have been delivered, although no doubt with the recipients tracked by Britain's spies.

With his real wife refusing to divorce him, Ransome and Shelepina could not go to live in England, so he used Estonia as a base for his reporting assignments for the *Guardian*.

Ransome remained in contact with his friends in the British secret service until at least 1922, providing them with further intelligence, including a list of former Tsarist officers serving in the Soviet forces who might make potential agents.

In his book *Racundra's First Cruise*, Ransome describes meeting up with Boyce, by now the British secret service representative in Finland, during a sailing trip round the Baltic in September 1922, recalling that they "wasted all that day in friendship".

Two years later, finally divorced and free to marry Shelepina, he brought her to Britain. But by now the British secret service had a far more important agent inside the Kremlin, providing them with detailed minutes of meetings of the Soviet communist party leadership.

It is impossible to say for sure that this agent was Boris Bazhanov, but all the evidence suggests that, from the very moment he joined the Communist Party in October 1919, Bazhanov was a British "agent-in-place", attempting to climb as high in the Soviet communist hierarchy as possible.

He would later described himself as a "Trojan horse" infiltrating the party. "The game was very risky," he said. "I had to keep constantly on my guard. I had to watch my every word, every move I made, every step I took."

The result was a spectacular success, with Bazhanov becoming secretary not just to the



C. P. Scott is remembered fondly by the *Guardian* newspaper



Politburo, the body that controlled the Soviet communist party, but to Stalin himself.

Boris Georgievich Bazhanov was born in 1900 in the Ukrainian town of Mogilev-Podolsky. During the early years of communist rule, that area changed hands repeatedly between Bolshevik and Ukrainian nationalist forces. Bazhanov appears to have been recruited in the summer of 1919, when several British intelligence officers were operating in the Ukraine, recruiting agents and sending reports back to London.



Bazhanov studied engineering at the Moscow Higher Technical School, Russia's leading technical university. Today the facility is known as Moscow State Technical University



Lenin pictured with Stalin

MI6: EMERGENCE OF THE TRADecraft FACTORY

The story and daring-do of MI6 men, Boris Bazhanov, Arthur Ransome and their friends, provides a fascinating insight into how MI6 perfected the running of covert operations using very "un-British"-like tactics. As the pro-London White Army of Russia was swept aside, MI6 was ordered to find out just what was happening. And they used many clever methods to conduct this task; from infiltration, the creation of "legitimate" front organisations, distraction operations and the passing of intelligence via secondary parties. The actions of these men and their associates

allowed MI6 to spy on Britain's new adversaries from within the heart of Moscow itself.

Learning just what occurs in faraway lands was essential for the keeping the British Empire intact. Where military personnel and diplomatic officials could not supply information, MI6 turned to newspapers and their overseas correspondents, and just like today, Britain had lots of them. But Arthur Ransome's MI6 role was made a little more difficult because Russia was in turmoil and a new regime had emerged. Perceived by many as being "far too close to Russia", this made

Ransome the perfect spy in Moscow. MI6 fermented criticism of Ransome in Britain, and made sure these stories of concern went all the way back to Moscow.

MI6 gleaned much valuable intelligence, but just as important, the operation against Moscow allowed its planning officers to gain valuable experience in a craft that was incredibly dangerous and ever changing. Bazhanov and Ransome were two original operators whose skilful work helped lay down the foundation stone of the MI6 tradecraft factory.

Bazhanov immediately instigated a complete reorganisation of the files, ensuring he had access to any document he wanted at any time...

From the point at which he actually joined the party, Bazhanov behaved like a classic entryist, swiftly getting himself elected as secretary to a succession of local then regional party committees. Having established a history and base within the party, he moved to Moscow in November 1920, to study engineering at the Moscow Higher Technical School, Russia's leading technical university. Like all Soviet universities, it had a communist party cell, but since few students were interested in boring party activities, it was "no bother" for Bazhanov to get himself elected secretary once again.

He soon got himself a job with the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee and began ingratiating himself with top party officials, seeking out allies of Stalin, the party general secretary, whom he clearly saw as the "coming man".

INFILTRATION AND ACCESS

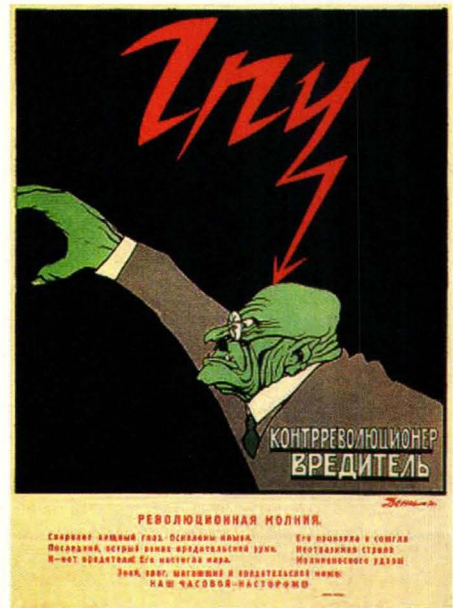
Bazhanov soon had access to all the reports crossing their desks, including the top secret minutes of the Politburo and, at the end of 1922, was put in charge of the main party administration. He immediately instigated a complete reorganisation of the files, ensuring he had access to any document he wanted at any time.

British secret service reports to be found in the India Office records at the British Library include the complete minutes of meetings of the Soviet leadership throughout this period.

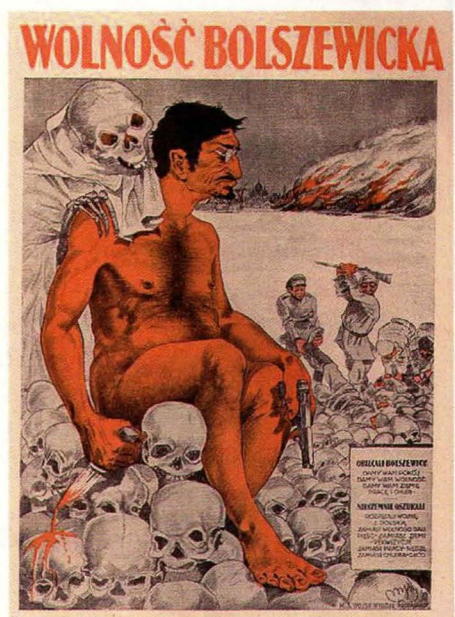
It was a critical period in Soviet history, with Lenin increasingly disabled by a series of strokes and Stalin outmanoeuvring Trotsky to take control. British intelligence was able to watch it from the inside.

Bazhanov's career was at its peak in August 1923, when he was appointed secretary of the Politburo itself, at the same time becoming secretary to Stalin. As "a soldier of the anti-Bolshevik army, I had imposed upon myself the difficult and perilous task of penetrating right into the heart of the enemy headquarters. I had succeeded."

British intelligence reports throughout this period show a remarkable understanding of what was going on, but Bazhanov's star was already on the wane.



GPU poster shows the political directorate striking the head of a counter-revolutionary saboteur



Polish Government anti-Bolshevik propaganda poster from 1920 showing Trotsky with death on his hands





Genrikh Yagoda

The Soviet secret police, the OGPU, were already highly suspicious of Bazhanov and the pressure soon began to tell.

Bazhanov made a brief visit to Scandinavia in December 1924, ostensibly to buy skates for the Soviet national ice-skating team, but almost certainly to tell his British controller he needed to get out.

Soviet secret police chief Genrikh Yagoda now went directly to Stalin, telling him that Bazhanov was a "hidden counter-revolutionary". Bazhanov managed to persuade the Soviet leader of his innocence. But a second

attempt to go to Scandinavia saw him banned from travelling abroad.

With his escape via Europe impossible, Bazhanov found himself a senior party post in Ashkhabad, capital of the central Asian republic of Turkmenistan, just 30 miles from the Persian border.

But with Yagoda convinced he was a counter-revolutionary, Bazhanov had to be accompanied at all times by a secret police minder, Arkady Maksimov.

They crossed the border into Persia on the pretence of a hunting expedition. After evading the OGPU hit squad, they eventually made it to India where Bazhanov was extensively debriefed, producing a series of top secret reports on the Soviet leadership that were regarded by the British as gold dust.

The two defectors were resettled in Paris where Bazhanov was frequently visited by Dunderdale, now the British secret service representative in the French capital, and by senior British intelligence officials looking for his advice on Soviet affairs.

Bazhanov survived several assassination attempts by the Soviet secret police, dying in



Stalin reportedly asked spy and assassin Yakov Blumkin to kill Bazhanov whilst in Paris in 1929. Blumkin was actually enroute to Turkey armed with orders to kill none other than Leon Trotsky.

Paris in 1983. Maksimov was not so lucky, falling mysteriously to his death from the Eiffel Tower in 1937 after failing to carry out one of the assassination attempts.

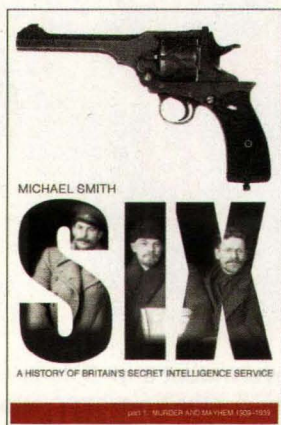
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A History of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service part 1: MURDER AND MAYHEM 1909-1939

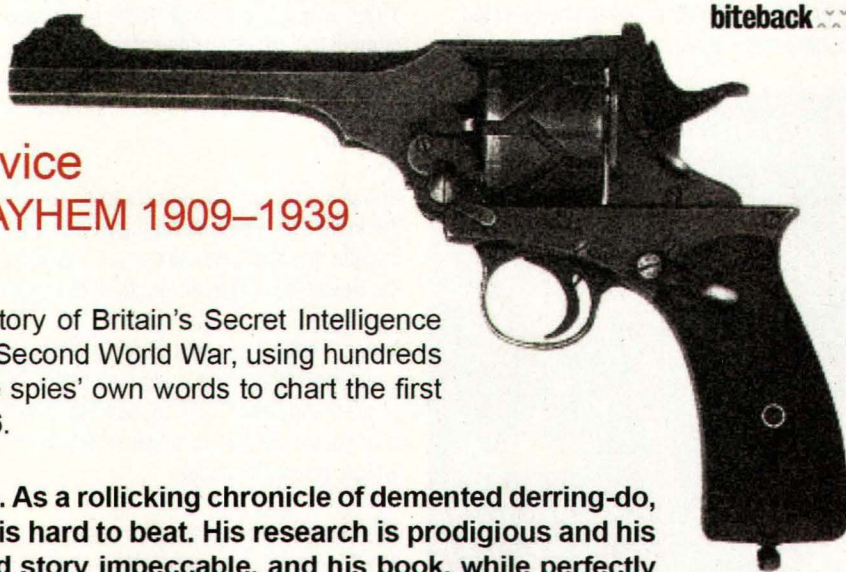
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CIA and the 2011 DESK



US Intelligence Plans For 9/11 Anniversary

A joint top secret CIA-FBI counter-terrorist effort which has been on-going for three years, has been provided with good intelligence that al-Qaida has "plenty of helpers" within the United States. However, analysts at Langley are most concerned about the establishment of terror cells in the UK, Europe and elsewhere, that may have already

been installed to help "celebrate" the 10th anniversary of the attacks next year.

The '2011 Desk', which has been collecting intelligence from various countries and friendly services since 2007, is satisfied that even if Osama bin-Laden's AQ-Central fail to launch a significant attack, other umbrella groups may take it upon themselves to create havoc.

Intelligence watchers have been unable to glean any information on the Langley-based programme, suffice it to say those heading the unit are also unknown. We do know it has established liaisons in numerous countries, including the UK, probably by way of MI6 at Vauxhall Cross and New Scotland Yard. Intelligence that is specific to a likely attack on or about 11 September 2011, is continually being channelled to Washington DC for dissemination.



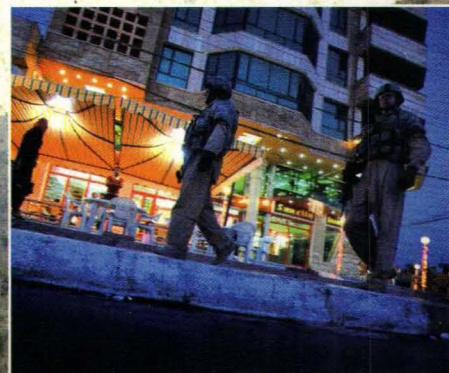
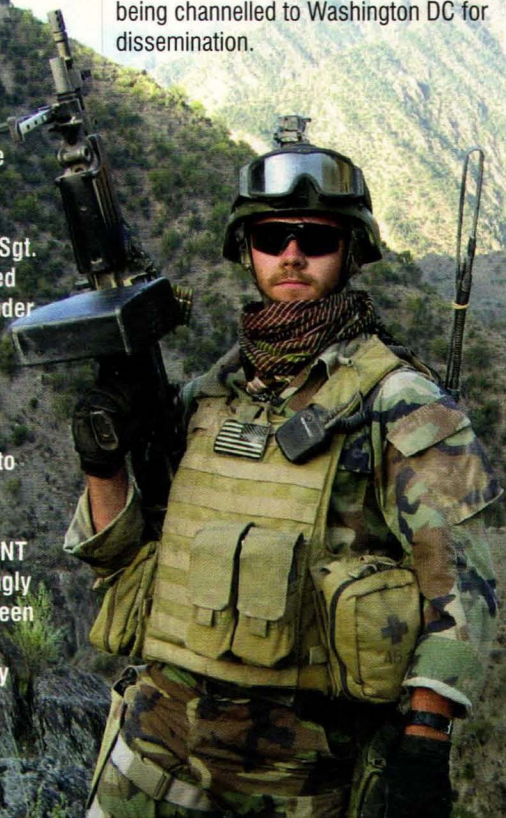
Abdullah al-Muhallab pictured at an AQ terror camp. He was used by terror planners to test US air security - in a "win win" operation

The NSA has provided a voluminous amount of communications' intercept material relevant to the "2011 celebration". Analysts have also started to plot (or take a calculated guess) where AQ might establish terror cells that will attempt to gain entry into the USA or attack by way of an airline flight. Fort Meade has already played a

HUMINT:

US Special Forces have been at the forefront of security and intelligence gathering in the heart Afghanistan, including many areas used by al-Qaida's planners. SF soldier - Staff Sgt. Robert J Miller (pictured) - was killed in 2008, as his night patrol came under attack from terrorists. Miller was awarded the Medal of Honour for putting up fierce resistance in an action that allowed seven of his SF colleagues and 15 Afghan troopers to escape the ambush.

Trying to glean information or HUMINT in such areas has become increasingly dangerous, but several plots have been disrupted and many AQ and Taliban terror camps have been identified by such patrols...



A night patrol in Baghdad. Though the US has effectively withdrawn from Iraq, it still maintains a significant support force, including an intelligence presence that provides a deep insight into AQ intentions and operations

Counter-terrorist training operations in the United States have increased to an all time high



pivotal role in identifying various al-Qaida groups that have begun assembling in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and many analysts believe this is not coincidental.

Eye Spy has learned that some very senior intelligence officials believe the Christmas Day operation to blow-up an airliner en-route to Detroit, was in fact a deliberate (but covert) action by AQ planners, to test US security and elements (early planning stages) to strike the United States again. Nigerian Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, despatched by AQ via Amsterdam on a flight from Nigeria to America, has been described as "expendable" by AQ, and a "fall guy" by the CIA. Though his bomb failed, the operation was deemed a major success by the terror group. Planners recognise that by using multi-flight routes from continent to continent, this might be a way in which counter-measures can be breached by a single individual.

Security officials in America have been liaising with the CIA-FBI unit, to focus on international and domestic flying schedules for the lead-up to 9/11 next year. Port security and motorway/road traffic will also be increased, with intelligence already being gleaned. An immense overseas security effort has also been started, and air marshal chiefs have been invited to comment, and if necessary, bolster resources as the anniversary nears. However, some Langley staffers believe domestic flights are potentially less secure than flights entering the country from abroad. With this in mind, the FBI has embarked on a fresh nationwide programme to identify possible AQ cells and individuals who may have offered their services to the terror group. Eye Spy



A CIA Desk and FBI task force are coordinating a secret security effort

also understands the Pentagon has nearly modelled its defence plan, which includes a huge USAF warplane showing, to provide additional ground, sea and air security.

Not surprisingly, in recent months, the CIA has enabled its biggest ever offensive using a plethora of UAV 'hunter-killers' in the border regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. US Special Forces are also more active. Intelligence sources say that whilst some of these actions were performed to destroy a European-Mumbai styled plot, the 2011 Desk is confident a number of terrorists charged with seeking ways to strike America again, have also been killed. One reason, perhaps, organisations such as MI5 decided not to comment on the attacks.

Other disruption operations have already taken place - as witnessed in the US and elsewhere. Operation Pathway in the UK in 2009, saw MI5 and New Scotland Yard expose, detain and remove a number of suspected terrorists who had moved in to the Manchester area.



STUXNET

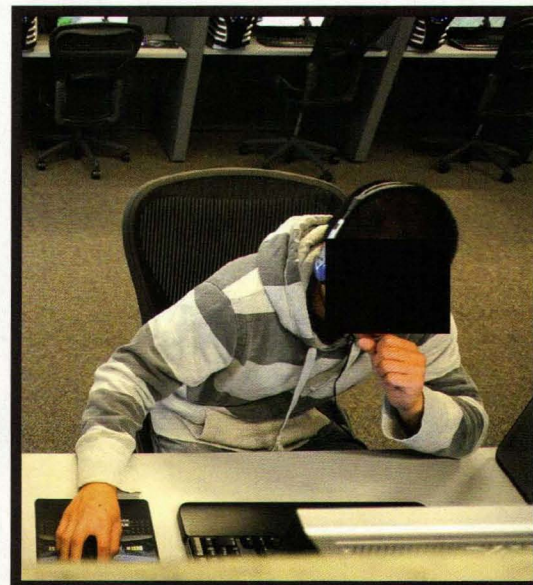
A THRESHOLD

INTRODUCTION

Since 2007, Eye Spy's Kevin Coleman has given readers a gradual introduction into the world of cyber warfare, crime, espionage and other elements that engage in this invisible world. In between, he has warned about the various types of cyber attack [threat] programmes, and their increasing complexity. The dangers and implications for ordinary people once seemed tiny and so far away - but this is no longer is the case....

We have investigated incidents where dangerous code has been uploaded into technology used in the aviation industry, where cities and huge areas have been denied power, and most recently, it has come to our attention that a hospital computer was hacked and an incorrect drug prescribed deliberately to a patient - who subsequently died. But now an event has just occurred which alters the 'ball game' again. I believe this is a *Threshold Event*, - a turning point in the history of cyber warfare.

Cyber, like with most threats, has a minimum impact or exposure needed before action will be taken. This is referred to as the *Threshold Level*.



ATTACK - IRAN

D LEVEL CYBER EVENT

Eye Spy's senior US editor explains why a recent cyber attack on an Iranian nuclear plant is a pivotal moment that has implications for everyone



Kevin Coleman

Exposure to a cyber threat at levels below the threshold is not a big enough risk for retaliatory action and often viewed as an annoyance. The Stuxnet events are significant, and not only exceed the threshold level for a cyber event, but raise the bar of what a true cyber weapon and attack can do. By all measures and further evidenced by the comments of cyber security experts around the world, the research, engineering, coding and execution associated with the Stuxnet malware attack sets the bar really high and paints a troublesome picture of the potential capabilities of professionally developed cyber weapons. It is important to note that there are under a dozen countries and only a few organisations with the know-how, resources, finances and motivation to carry out an attack at the same level as Stuxnet.

The Stuxnet worm was highly focused and targeted industrial control computer systems designed by German company Siemens AG. These supervisory control and data acquisition systems (SCADA) are used to oversee and run industrial processes in facilities like nuclear

power plants, conventional power plants, water and sewage treatment plants, oil pipelines and many more industrial facilities. The sophisticated Stuxnet worm takes control of the SCADA systems when it locates them. The bad news is that whoever is behind Stuxnet could potentially orchestrate major accidents at critical industrial sites. The worm seems to be looking for a high-value targets, which in September 2010, turned out to be Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant.

The Stuxnet worm is thought to have been created by a team of five, maybe ten 'sharp' systems' programmers over six to eight months. The reconnaissance, scanning, planning and testing could have taken another two to three months. It is estimated that the total cost of development for Stuxnet would be approximately \$1.3 million (£750,000).

The Stuxnet attack is on-going with new versions of the worm spreading and reinfecting systems.



Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant had to halt its October opening following a powerful Stuxnet cyber attack

In many ways, this piece of malware is a first of its kind and continues to impress those researching cyber weapons. There is no question the sophistication and execution of this attack amounts to a wake-up call for all those in cyber security as well as the militaries around the world. Cyber attacks and the use of cyber weapons as a means of power projection is a reality. NATO has joined a chorus of organisations warning about the increasing frequency of cyber attacks and the malicious capabilities this new class of weapon has demonstrated. One thing is for sure, whoever is behind the Stuxnet-Iran attack could launch other covert attacks on critical industrial sites.

Stuxnet is the most sophisticated cyber attack ever experienced in the cyber conflict domain. An Iranian official called it an "act of cyber terrorism." No matter what you call it, one thing is for sure, when it comes to cyber weapons, we have reached an unprecedented level of capabilities and sophistication.

As stated earlier, cyber, like with most threats must have a minimum impact or exposure threshold level before action will be taken and this has now exceeded far beyond that level!



Many intel watchers believe Israel's super secret Unit 8200 - a Mossad element - was responsible for the Stuxnet worm - but is this really the case?

INTELLIGENCE

Intelligence sources have reported that Iran now considers Russia, along with Israel and the United States, as a primary suspect in the Stuxnet worm. These sources also say reports are circulating that Iranian investigators have interrogated several Russian technicians at the Russian-built Bushehr power plant over their possible involvement in the Stuxnet worm. Keep in mind, approximately 85 per cent of cyber compromises are accomplished with the assistance of an insider. The Bushehr plant was due to open in October 2010, but due to technical difficulties (Iran blames a leak while other reports blame the Stuxnet cyber attack) operations are now expected to begin early in 2011.

ABLE DANGER

"Too Close": Pentagon's buys and pulps Army officer's memoirs



Colonel Anthony Shaffer

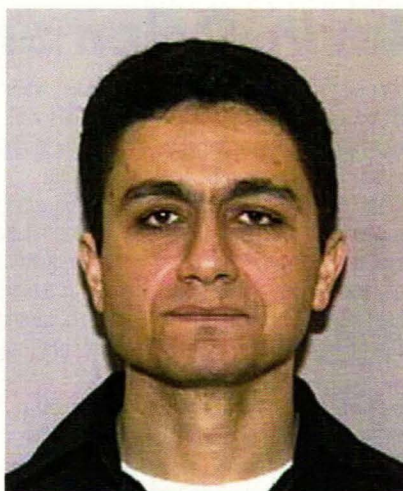
The DOD contacted the publisher in early August making clear that it opposed some of the finer [military intelligence] detail in the book. Of further interest, a Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) memo dated 6 August, suggests the Agency tried for nearly two months to get hold of a copy of the manuscript. The memo "identified significant classified information... expected to cause serious damage to national security." The manuscript reportedly contained secret activities of the US Special Operations Command, CIA and National Security Agency.

The US military purchased, and then simultaneously pulped, as many as 10,000 copies of a book which supposedly contained extremely sensitive operational secrets and intelligence. Written by Army Reserve Lt. Colonel Anthony Shaffer, a 'black-ops' team leader with previous links to the powerful Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), the book focuses on many events post-9/11 in Afghanistan and beyond.

The purchase of the first print-run cost the Pentagon an estimated \$47,000 (£30,000).

Readers of Eye Spy will know Shaffer better for his role in the secret US intelligence data mining effort - ABLE DANGER - and his commentary that more could have been done to disable the 9/11 plot and capture Osama bin-Laden (see Eye Spy 36). The Able Danger outfit (now defunct), with links to the CIA, probably got as close to anyone in piecing together the intelligence that also revealed the threat of lead hijacker Mohamed Atta.

Shaffer called the decision to effectively remove his book from newsstands as, "ludicrous," but Pentagon spokeswoman Lt. Col. April Cunningham responded:

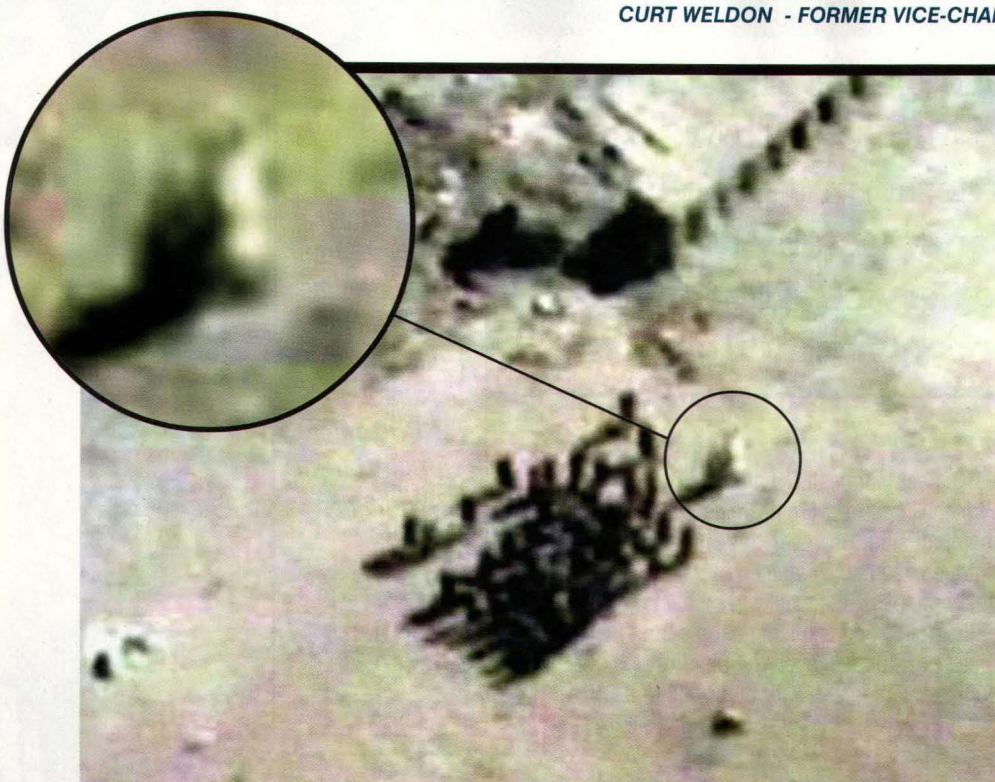


Mohamed Atta

"The Department of Defense decided to purchase copies of the first printing because they contained information which could cause damage to national security."

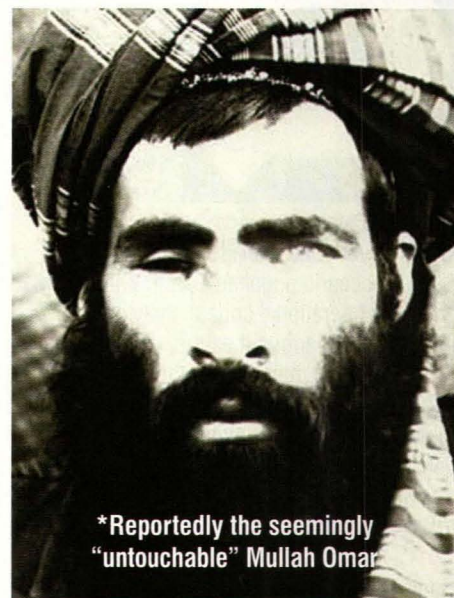
A second printing of the book was made by St. Martin's Press, which incorporates redactions requested by the Pentagon. Sections regarded as classified and





A remarkable CIA photo still taken by a Predator UAV. The man circled is almost certainly Osama bin-Laden talking to around 30 al-Qaida terrorists at a training camp near Khost, Afghanistan. The film is believed to date from February 1999. On at least three occasions prior to 9/11, para-military personnel from the CIA's Special Activities Division, called Washington DC to obtain permission to attack bin-Laden. On three occasions President Bill Clinton said "no".

The same happened in respect of Taliban leader Mullah Omar* (below).



***Reportedly the seemingly "untouchable" Mullah Omar**

Military intelligence data mining outfit Able Danger allegedly could not form a relationship with civilian agencies such as the FBI - therefore losing the threads to Mohamed Atta and Osama bin-Laden

some procedure methods were removed or 'blacked-out'. We understand that the names of agents operating in Afghanistan were also dropped. The move was criticised by some commentators, but applauded by others on the grounds that it could "reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to national security."

Not surprisingly copies of the original print-run have reportedly surfaced as the DOD purchase was only 99% effective. One seller on eBay wanted nearly \$2,000 for his copy which has a retail price of around \$25.99.

With so much international interest in the Pentagon action, Shaffer should not be

surprised to learn that additional print-runs will turn his work into a best-seller.

Editor's note: Eye Spy has learned that as many as 400 first-edition copies of *'Operation Dark Heart'* may have punctured the DOD-shield effort to contain its release. It seems really odd that efforts to check for sensitive content were not carried out much, much sooner. A joint DOD-Pentagon-Author-Publisher liaison would surely have been possible as this book was first planned over a year ago.

The problem for the Pentagon now is much more serious. One only has to cross-reference an original book with a second-edition copy to

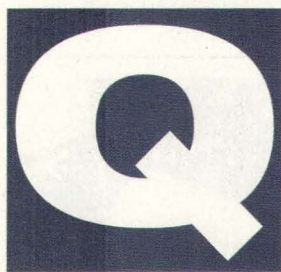
discover those sections which have been altered, deleted in part, or removed in their entirety. Not a difficult job for even a low-grade analyst, but this may be a treasure trove for those interested in how US Intelligence thinks, operates and comments, and more importantly, just what information it did not want the public to see. An 'own-goal' which was very avoidable.

Shaffer has always insisted that given more support, senior 9/11 planners could have been captured or removed. Likewise, Pentagon insiders have always questioned that belief...



EYE SPY

examines the strange death of a GCHQ codes' analyst on secondment to MI6. Gareth Williams was almost certainly murdered in a property owned or rented by MI6 and used by contact personnel attached to the Service. The Police investigation appears to have ground to a halt...



uite often following the unusual death of an intelligence officer, cover stories are created and seeds of disinformation

planted to mask certain aspects of the victim's work and intelligence background. Such a scenario engulfed Gareth Williams, 31, an active operational codes' analyst who has performed in various theatres, including Afghanistan. In many cases the released information is mundane, but sufficient enough to deflect attention away from the investigation. It also allows breathing time for senior officials to prepare their commentary and responses from an inquisitive media.

However, it is all about context, but that scurrilous information about Mr Williams' private life was given to the UK's most popular tabloid, did come as a surprise to the editors of this magazine. No one will ever know if the reports were deliberately intended to sway public opinion and deflect serious attention from the implications of the event. Those intent on mischief didn't expect such a tough stance from New Scotland Yard and MI5.

Both organisations sensed Mr Williams death was unusual and clinical in nature... not the stuff of a burglary gone wrong or an argument with a lover, or a sex game which had simply gotten out of hand.

It has been suggested that 'shadowy' Whitehall figures were prominent in creating the confusion. However, this is most certainly not the case and evidenced by MI6's remarkable openness, especially in respect of calling in the police and exposing a top secret Service residence. Indeed, even the Chief of MI6, Sir John Sawers, along with other MI6 and GCHQ personnel, respectfully paid tribute to the deceased by personally attending Mr Williams funeral which took place exactly one month after the discovery of his body.

PIMLICO - 23 AUGUST

Mr Williams body was removed from 36 Alderney Street, Pimlico, hours before the mass media gathered. The posh terrace house hosts four apartments of which Mr Williams occupied Flat 4. His top floor apartment was armed with a direct alarm system and a safe telephone line threaded to MI6's internal security staff. An alert would have resulted in a security detail being present in a manner of minutes (five - according to Eye Spy sources).

Senior MI5 men visited the building along with officers from New Scotland Yard and an MI6 liaison. The situation was viewed with concern.

Mr Williams naked, decomposing body was discovered by police officers on the evening of 23 August at about 6.30pm. Locked in a large red-coloured North Face sports holdall, his knees were toward his chin and his arms tucked behind his back. We understand it was



Police secure Alderney Street in the Pimlico area of London following the death of GCHQ-MI6 worker Gareth Williams



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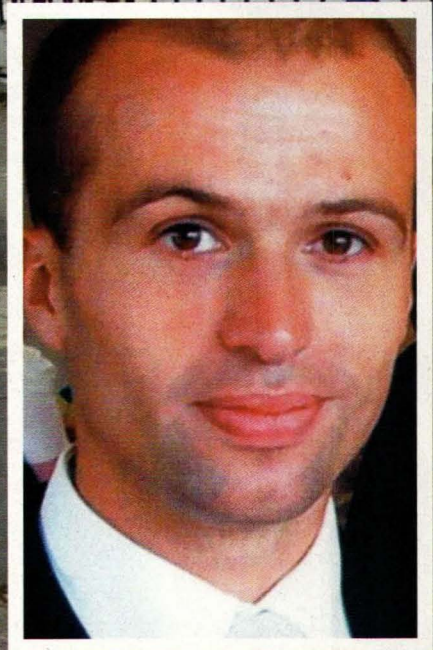


An MI5 officer attached to the Williams investigation enters number 36 Alderney Street just hours after the body of the MI6 worker was removed

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an MI6 associate who had raised concern earlier in the day - this after Mr Williams failed to turn up for work for a second or third time. CCTV tapes were quickly secured from a nearby hotel at the top of the street, but we found no other overt security cameras leading to or positioned in the area.

MI6 and MI5 had a presence at the house when New Scotland Yard officers entered the flat via a secondary key. There was absolutely no sign of a break-in and the occupant of a flat below reported nothing unusual. The muscular Williams, who was 5ft 8 inches tall, was found curled up in the 32-inch long holdall inside a dry bath. Early reports said that a gel-like substance (nothing to do with the decomposing body) was allegedly found in the bag. This has since been disputed.

By 25 August, the media rumour mill was in full swing with untrue stories concerning what detectives had actually discovered. A wardrobe containing dresses which would have "fitted the spook" were discovered. Another report claimed he was a "gay" with a taste for a number of "seedy bars", "escort agencies" and "bondage". There was also a story that focused on several SIM cards from cell phones "laid out in a ritualistic and macabre manner". All of which were nonsense, of course. As for the manner of his death, Mr Williams was "stabbed"... "his body cut up and placed in the holdall". In later days, speculation abounded that he had been strangled.

INVESTIGATION

Eye Spy learned that New Scotland Yard carried out an experiment to replicate the scene. A female officer, about the same weight and size as Mr Williams, clambered into an identical holdall, attempted to zip the bag up, and then supposedly fastened down an exterior padlock - claspings two handles. This led to further speculation that the victim had died as a result of a sex game gone wrong or he was trying to replicate the skills of famed magician and escapologist Harry Houdini. The true results of the test have not been released, but a police source told Eye Spy that detectives were "extremely dubious".



North Face sports bag identical to the one in which Mr Williams body was discovered



As for his death being linked to his work, this was rejected by a Whitehall source as "nonsense." Perhaps his opinion was premature, but it was in keeping with other cryptic messages being injected into the story. However, with MI5 already at the address and the arrival of New Scotland Yard counter-terrorist detectives, the scene was about to change. Police announced that they could not ascertain how he died and toxicology tests were being carried out.

By now the damage to Mr Williams reputation was in tatters. But only after a rebuke by the victim's family did the speculation cease, at least to a point. Police also said there was "nothing true" in the rumours surrounding his private life. One detective went further. The scene was "tidy... it was a neat job" - make of that what you will. Suddenly the seriousness of what happened finally took hold. There was also a new look at the circumstances of the case.

Journalists then conjectured who had committed the crime. There were a number of theories. Al-Qaida and Irish dissidents may have been responsible, he had died at the hands of a serial gay killer, with emphasis on the death of a transsexual in the city three years ago. His financial circumstances were investigated with tales of thousands of pounds being paid into his account and withdrawn in haste. For the record, he earned about £800.00 (\$1350.00) a week and the dresses may well have belonged to a girlfriend, colleague or former resident. Indeed, we have also learned other evidence exists that a female may well have frequented the flat.

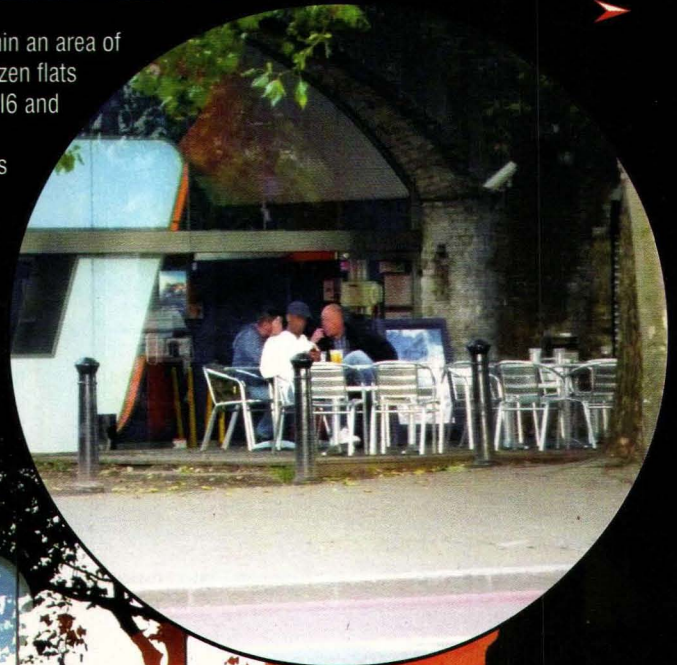
GCHQ LIAISONS

The address at Pimlico is within an area of the city containing about a dozen flats rented, leased or owned by MI6 and MI5 through the Foreign and Home Offices. These buildings are also used by visiting intelligence and security delegations. It is an area known to some foreign intelligence concerns. Other employees from the UK's security services attached to

MI6, in an advisory, training or operational capacity, are housed in this and other designated areas. But it's hardly likely they will be aware of each others presence or the exact house.

Mr Williams, for the record, was a quiet and unassuming man, and he had few visitors to his flat.

A 15-minute walk to Vauxhall Cross suggests strongly Mr Williams spent a great deal of time at MI6 headquarters or a building used by the Service. He was probably part of a live operation involving several team members. It is also our understanding that he spent at least one tenure in a liaison capacity with a GCHQ delegation at the Service's US sister organisation - NSA at Fort Meade, Maryland, and visited other NSA elements elsewhere, including service centres in Colorado and Texas. He also spent a few days liaising with associates at the headquarters of the CIA at Langley. None of this is unusual, but tends to negate another tabloid claim he was



The Bar Code, Vauxhall. Occasionally Mr Williams had a drink here

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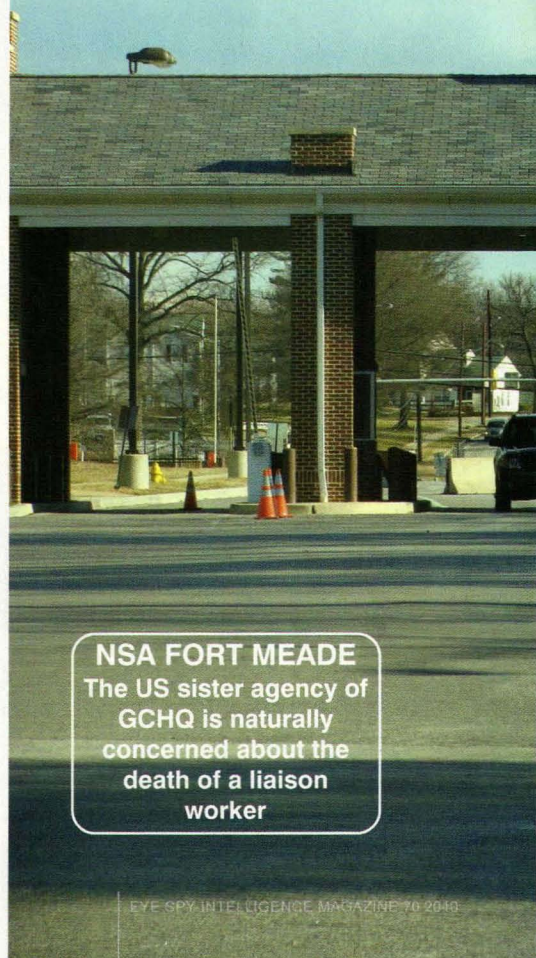
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but a "low level worker". As for his active service record, this remains somewhat blurry, but Mr Williams did serve abroad acting as a codes' advisor to MI6 in Afghanistan. Eye Spy also understands he also had access to certain areas of NSA, henceforth the US organisation's interest in this matter, and a visit paid to Washington DC by a combined British Intelligence team.

IMPLICATIONS

Former MI6 officer Harry Ferguson remarked that the case does have security implications in respect of items that may or may not have been removed from Mr Williams flat or person. He also discussed the very pertinent subject of blackmail. Background checks are an inevitability of working as an intelligence officer. Mr Williams private life, social scene, relationships, health and general well-being would be discussed by his line or personnel manager on occasions.

Any situation which could result in blackmail, particularly involving a foreign agency, would be serious. As evidenced most recently in 2008: an MI5 officer in this instance was forced to resign after his wife was outed following a sex incident involving a former motor racing chief. A Whitehall source said this was done because he was a "potential security risk." Similarly, other instances have arisen whereby a person's private life have been used to gain access to national intelligence. In the late 1950s and early 60s, Navy



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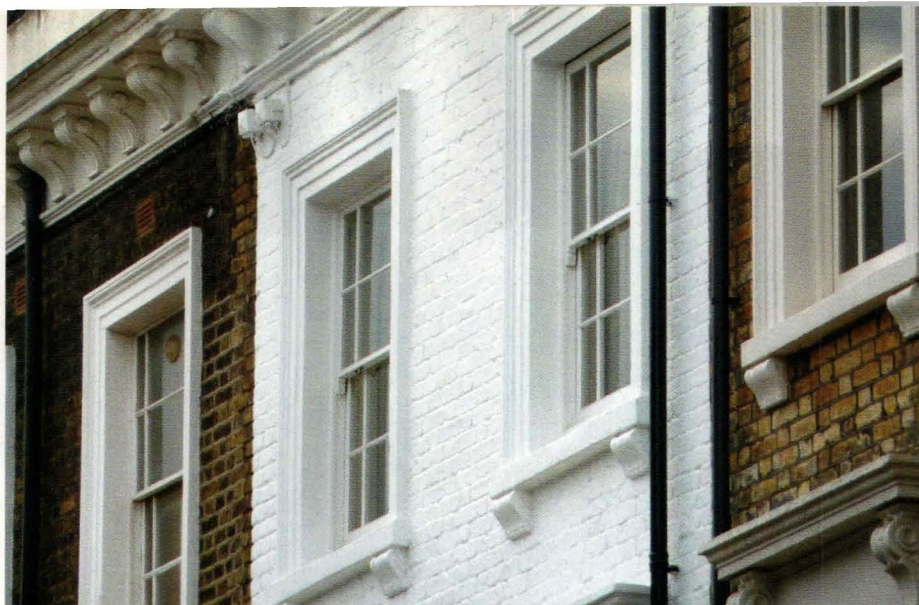
The US sister agency of GCHQ is naturally concerned about the death of a liaison worker



intelligence worker John Vassall (above), was blackmailed into working for the KGB - this following an undercover operation which led to some compromising photographs being taken by the Moscow-based organisation at a party.

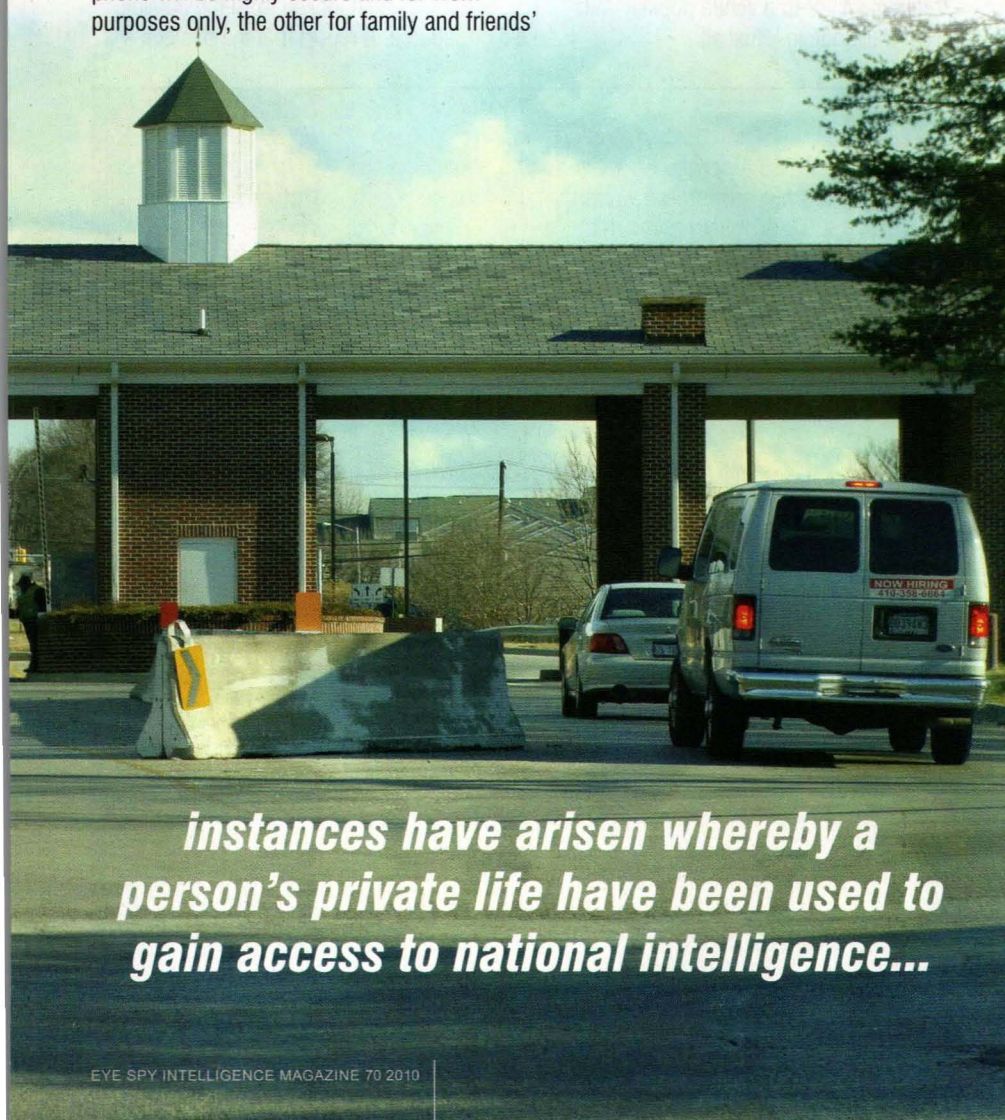
LOST INTELLIGENCE

An inventory of equipment, documents and other items associated with the victim's work with MI6 and GCHQ was quickly made. An intelligence officer who is operational is requested not to carry work materials on their person or take them home for obvious reasons. If anything of a national security nature was missing, MI6 decided not to make this public. However, more difficult to ascertain are those items associated with Mr Williams private life; a diary, cell phone, address or contact book. Most intelligence officers use a minimum of two cell phones, sometimes more. Or, they will switch out multiple SIM cards - which might explain the surprise at the number found in his flat. One phone will be highly secure and for work purposes only, the other for family and friends'



Flat 4, 36 Alderney Street. Gareth Williams had lived in the building for just under a year. It's highly unlikely the property will be used again by MI6

NSA Headquarters, Fort Meade, Maryland



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calls. Other phones may indicate a second identity - or the fact he was indeed operational. This is standard procedure.

The police will have examined the SIM cards under the watchful eye of MI6 and MI5 - no doubt. These may yet provide further clues to his last known whereabouts and his contact with associates or 'aliens' - persons not known to his employer and beyond the scope of his official work or handler.

The last sighting of Mr Williams was made on 15 August as he walked along Brompton Road and visited Harrods. He was seen in the capital four days earlier after returning from a holiday in the United States. This information negated media speculation he had been dead for up to two weeks, though little has been said about this "holiday" - but the fact that he flew in from Dulles, Washington DC may be relevant.

Eye Spy learned quite quickly - from detectives at the scene - that they regarded his death as "unusual", though naturally they declined to comment further. However, officers did say there was "no signs of a struggle", nor was there evidence of any disturbance in the flat. As for Mr Williams body being placed in a holdall and in the bath, this strongly suggests, if it was murder,



whoever killed the officer may have intended to return and remove the body at a later date. For reasons unknown, they never did, perhaps because of activity in the street or other flats. Detectives have also considered the possibility that he was placed in the bag to minimise the risk of odours being detected by residents.

We also voiced comment that persons unknown were mischief making and trying to discredit Mr Williams. Those sources used by two newspapers in particular, almost certainly came from someone who claimed the officer was a frequent visitor to a venue popular with gays called Bar Code in Vauxhall.

And, as for the suggestion that Mr Williams climbed into the bag and then closed the padlock from within, Eye Spy police sources say investigators find this not plausible. "Gareth somehow got in or was placed in the bag and it was then locked from the outside," said our source. A report that the padlock's

CALLING CARD

Security system requires entry to be permitted by residents... unless person or persons sought by NSY had a key or entered premises with Mr Williams



Fig 1.



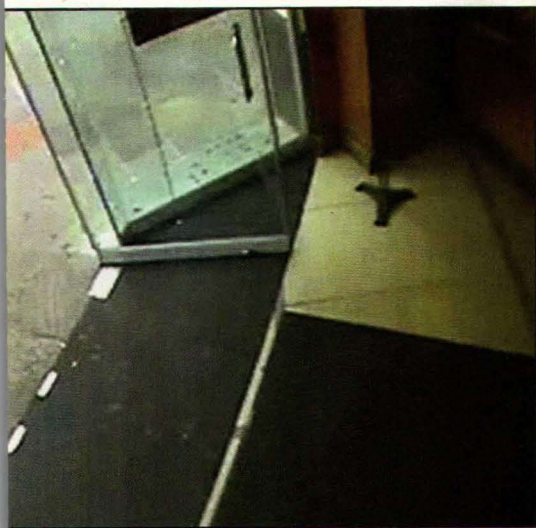
Fig 2.

The intercom system on the porch of 36 Alderney Street is shown here (Fig. 1). No names are written on the four door-bell cards, simply Flat 1 to 4 (Fig. 2). However, there is a security camera and microphone which allows the occupant to identify and talk to any caller to the building from, an internal unit similar to that shown in Fig. 3.



Fig 3.





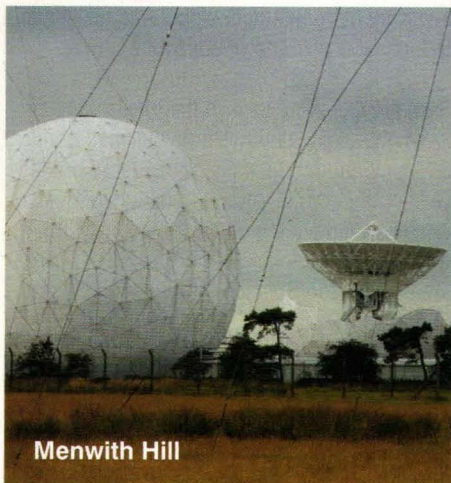
CCTV showing Mr Williams walking on Hans Crescent near Harrods on 15 August. This is the last reported sighting of the intelligence worker

key was found inside the bag remains unconfirmed. Forensic specialists have been unable to conclude if the victim died in the bag or was already dead before being placed inside it.

PROFESSIONAL RETRIBUTION?

Mr Williams had worked in intelligence for about a decade, rising through the ranks to become an experienced codes analyst. In that capacity at GCHQ, he would have certainly been privy to many intercept and spy techniques involving the 'listening arm' of British Intelligence. Indeed, several units of personnel at GCHQ have an on-going liaison with MI6 in lots of intelligence collection efforts - predominantly electronic and of an overseas nature. According to Eye Spy sources, Mr Williams was working with personnel on a top secret UK-based programme relevant to cell phone technologies, cyber terrorism and security of computerised systems.

There is reason to believe he also spent a period of time at the NSA's strategic global facility at Menwith Hill in North Yorkshire. ➤



Menwith Hill



The front door to four apartments within 36 Alderney Street



A community police officer stands at the door of 36 Alderney Street. Though a keen cyclist, the bicycle is not relevant to events inside Flat 4

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Mr Williams often enjoyed a drink at the Patisserie Valerie in Holland Park



MI6 MAN OLEG GORDIEVSKY

"KGB poisoning is based on the poison being undetectable... the fact that no evidence of poison was initially found means absolutely nothing..."

A FOREIGN ELEMENT?

As with any murder, New Scotland Yard has compiled a list of possible suspects, as well as collecting forensics in respect of the case. Personal events and associates relating to his private life are still thought very relevant to Mr Williams death, but the theories that a foreign element or a "third party" is involved has not been ruled out.

New Scotland Yard issued a puzzling request for assistance regarding two people who visited the apartment block in June or July. They are said to be in their 20s or 30s, and have a "Mediterranean appearance". The couple, a man and a women, were allowed into the communal entry area of the building by one of the occupiers of the four flats. It is our understanding, detectives believe they said they were visiting Mr Williams. Another report suggests they may even have had a key to his front door.

Further investigations showed Mr Williams met regularly with a couple at the Patisserie Valerie in Holland Park. It has since been stated they are not the persons New Scotland Yard wish to trace.

Two toxicology tests have thus far failed to find any substances which could have played

a part in Mr Williams death. No alcohol or recreational drugs were found in his body. Other tests for more "exotic" and "menacing" substances have also been authorised, including advanced testing for poisons, including Thallium, strychnine and cyanide. This is suggestive that MI5 are still considering Mr Williams was targeted by a professional outfit. Indeed, senior detectives are now certain the holdall was padlocked by another person.

Mr Williams was a private man and highly regarded by associates in the intelligence industry. There has been much speculation concerning the foreign element theory. That the powers-that-be are looking east seems likely. Mr Williams death, if it was murder, is unusual in that there are virtually no clues - at least none that have been released to the public. A professional assassin could not have done a more clinical job.

THE POISON THEORY

Two years ago, former KGB Colonel and MI6 agent Oleg Gordievsky, claimed he was targeted by a Russian assassin who poisoned his food. Gordievsky warned: "KGB poisoning is based on the poison being undetectable... the fact that no evidence of poison was initially found means absolutely nothing."



Freed MI6 man - GRU Colonel Sergie V. Skripal

There are two 'schools' of thought amongst intelligence watchers. That Mr Williams was not specifically targeted because of his work, but rather because of who he worked for, or that he was part of an active programme involving high-end technology. And this leads to that most puzzling of questions... why?

Some researchers believe the affair may have its origins in the summertime collapse of the SVR spy ring on the eastern seaboard of the United States. MI6, after all, managed to get one of its top agents out of the country in the form of GRU Colonel Sergie V. Skripal. There are elements in Russian Intelligence who are unforgiving.

Heading up the New Scotland Yard investigation into Mr Williams death is Detective Chief Inspector Jacqueline Sebire. She said: "This remains a complex unexplained death inquiry."

NOTES and observations

ON THE DEATH OF A CODES' GENIUS

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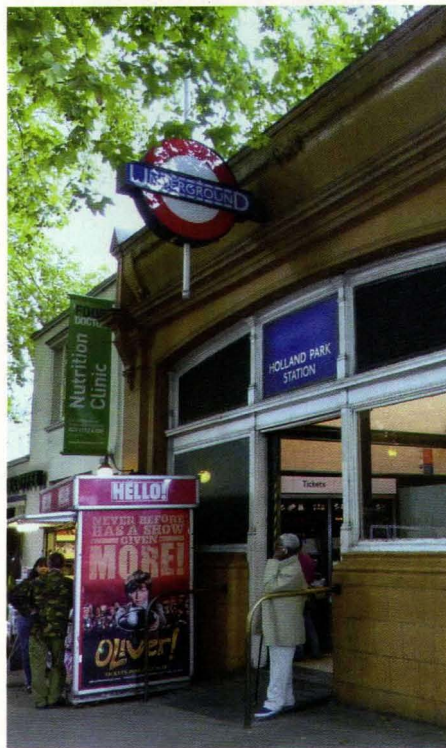
In many high-profile unsolved murder investigations, it's not usual to find a few key aspects of the incident are withheld from the public. Such actions can help thwart time wasters who claim involvement or are over keen to inject information that is probably not relevant. It also allows officers an opportunity to cross-reference new information in future days, should the case remain unsolved or a similar incident happen again.

New Scotland Yard (NYS) has released few details, probably because of the deceased's work and employer. But there are aspects of this most strange case that can be examined, and might just reveal the real thinking of those within NYS.

The door to Mr Williams flat was locked from the outside, suggesting some type of *deadlock*. A person or persons unknown left the premises and deliberately



Mr Williams captured on CCTV at Holland Park Tube Station 14 August



double-locked the door. At that moment, either Mr Williams was alive or dead, in or out of the bag. One key to the apartment is almost certainly missing. How that key was obtained remains unclear.

Police are seeking information on two persons of "Mediterranean appearance" known to have visited number 36 Alderney Street in June or July. We understand detectives were given intelligence on the couple who gained entry into the building in either late June or early July. They still remain unidentified. However, it is also possible that the couple may have been recorded on CCTV entering the area via a covert camera. Eye Spy sources in the USA understand a tape was analysed by the FBI using some fairly advanced enhancement technology.

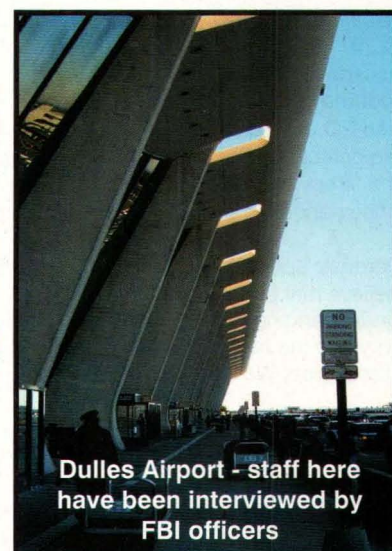
British investigators have travelled to the United States in an effort to trace Mr Williams colleagues, contacts, friends and associates who may or may

STRANGE DAYS

MI6 Chief Sir John and intel personnel attend funeral in an unprecedented show of respect

Gareth Williams' parents, Ian and Ellen, have remained dignified throughout this event. Eye Spy understands Sir John Sawers (right), Chief of MI6, who attended his officer's funeral in Anglesey, has met the couple personally. It was an unprecedented moment to see the head of MI6 and other intelligence officers attend such a visible service, albeit GCHQ and MI6 personnel entered through a back door in the church. The media was also asked to conceal their faces in subsequent images.

As for the quick commentary issued in the press about what detectives supposedly discovered in the MI6 house, William Hughes, uncle of Gareth, was "furious". On behalf of the family, he questioned the disinformation put out by some elements of the media in relation to his nephew's sexuality. "They [Mr Williams parents] are very, very angry. It is completely false. The lad had been away for a long time - we did not know much about his private life, but it has never crossed our minds he was gay. It's not the picture they have of their son." Mr Hughes then surmised someone from a government office tried to discredit Gareth in a "dirty tricks" campaign.



Dulles Airport - staff here have been interviewed by FBI officers



"He [Gareth Williams] did really valuable work with us in the cause of national security"

Sir John Sawers - Chief of MI6

CLUE

STRANGE BUT TRUE: The only overt CCTV cameras Eye Spy researchers could find in the area are positioned on the Windemere Hotel - some 100ft from 36 Alderney Street



A sealed New Scotland Yard Counter Terrorist Command (CTC) evidence bag awaits collection

not be linked to the two persons in question.

Detectives, we understand, are satisfied a yet-to-be identified person was with Mr Williams on the day or about the time he found his way into the holdall. And, our sources strongly believe that the person may well have been female. A £90.00 receipt was discovered for make-up items in the flat. But police did not find these products - suggesting they were taken away or given to a second party - probably a female. It is almost certain that surrounding CCTV footage is being pored over to try and ascertain who this person is. However, Alderney Street and the surrounding area has NO overt cameras. The only cameras we detected belong to a hotel at the top of the street and face downwards towards a basement door and main entrance.

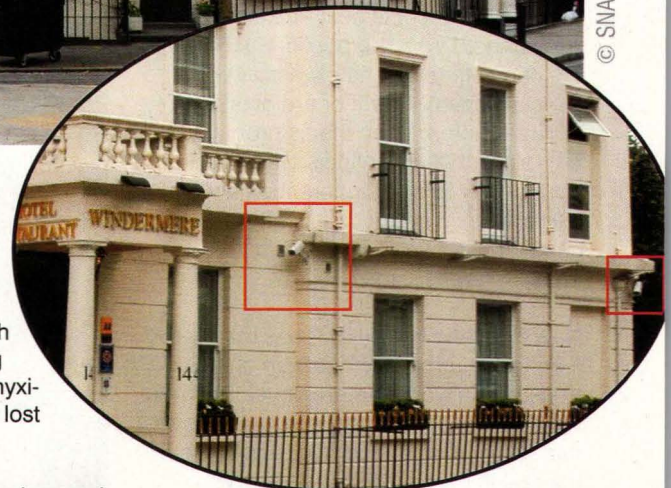
Forensic specialists contacted by Eye Spy believe that evidence relating to our understanding of how Mr Williams found his way into the bag, may have already been discovered. We were told:

"If Mr Williams entered the bag on his own volition and then panicked because he could not get out, it's possible he could have tried to pierce or unlock the bag to escape. At the very least he may

have made an attempt to burst the bag's seams using his limbs, torso, backside, head or even teeth. This is dependent on various factors, for example if he was still conscious, strong enough etc. Similarly, if he was embarking on a sexual path (auto-erotic asphyxiation), it's possible he could have lost consciousness and passed out.

"Scratch marks on the inside of the bag and on the bath itself might be visible, so too other evidence that could prompt detectives to believe he made an effort to free himself. Blood marks would have proved useful if they were found, but since the body had deteriorated over a period of days, it's unlikely anything of this nature was found [blood marks], or more importantly, where they came from.

"Fibres may also have been found behind his fingernails or in his mouth, or the fingers themselves could have been damaged from



trying to exit the bag. Similarly, specialist tests could reveal if the bag's fibres were stretched - indicating force was used from within. There are tests available to show if the fibres were subjected to sudden 'burst force' or if they were stretched through normal long-time usage."

Stories about Mr Williams participating in some form of auto-erotic asphyxiation undoubtedly prompted a number of the upsetting press reports. However, it is useful in this case to quote Stephen J. Hucker, a



A Community Police Officer takes the names of people living in Alderney Street. Journalists were not allowed access for 72 hours

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consulting forensic psychiatrist, and Professor of Law and Mental Health at the University of Toronto. "It should be emphasised that this practise is intended to induce sexual pleasure... but practitioners are usually aware of the risk element that is inherent in the act should they lose consciousness. Because of that, the individual is usually careful to use some kind of safety mechanism intended to prevent accidental death in the event of unconsciousness."

The death of Mr Williams came as a complete surprise and shock to his family, who all commented on how very happy and content he seemed. Thus for the sake of balanced reporting, it is also worth noting the following passage in Professor Hucker's overview of hypoxiphilia (another term for auto-erotic asphyxiation): "In most cases hypoxiphilia deaths are [come as] a complete surprise to family and friends as the deceased was typically in a good mood and giving every indication that they were looking forward to the future."

Gareth Williams may have been a team member involved in a joint top secret GCHQ-MI6 electronic intelligence gathering operation

The North Face sports holdall had a capacity of about 140 litres and the stitching is fortified. However, it's hardly likely it was 100% airtight. Stories that the bag was padlocked seem true. We have not received confirmation, however, that the key to the lock was found inside the bag. We have also been told that NSY have now discounted the suggestion that Mr Williams locked the padlock from inside the bag.

A Home Office pathologist has ruled out the possibility he was stabbed, strangled or shot. Toxicology tests have yet to prove he had ingested or was exposed to drugs and alcohol. Tests for more exotic substances (at time of publication) continue.

Intelligence sources told Eye Spy NSY has yet to identify at least two people who Mr Williams is known to have met at a cafe. They are described as being in their "thirties", like the "Mediterranean couple". "If these were innocent liaisons, or even encounters with Mr Williams colleagues or handlers, one would have thought they would have come forward," a former MI5 agent told Eye Spy.

Also of note, and much significance. Eye Spy has learned FBI officers pored over CCTV footage captured at one US airport, believed to be Dulles International (Washington DC) - this in connection with Mr Williams recent visit to America. Exact details of his trip have not been released. Central to the footage is the North Face holdall - was it in his possession at that time and, perhaps more interestingly, is it even his bag? We understand, questions were put to baggage movers at Dulles by detectives.

That the investigation and search for clues has now gone international, is a further clue that New Scotland Yard are simply not happy with the suggestion, or theory, that Mr Williams died amidst a sexual experiment gone wrong. If this was the case, would detectives and a British Intelligence team really spend so much time retracing the intelligence officer's steps in the United States?

Mr Williams, was of course, within days of completing a one-year stint at the world's most secret service. Some reports say he was unhappy at the thought of returning to GCHQ, but these seem untrue. He had spoken to his previous landlady and preparations were in hand to return to his former place of work.

We have spoken to many senior security correspondents and investigative journalists from all sections of Britain's media, who have expressed surprise at the paucity of information that has surfaced regarding this case. It is true to say that the jury is undecided regarding just what happened in his apartment, but undoubtedly the conspiracy wheel has only just started to spin.



Gareth Williams was described as a "maths genius" by his friends and family. His official title as a communications worker belied his intelligence potential. This picture shows him graduating from Bangor University at the age of 19. He then went on to Cambridge before embarking on a career with the intelligence service - GCHQ



EDITOR'S NOTE:

The exact nature of Gareth Williams work will remain secret. However, it is evident the deceased was involved in an electronics programme involving Internet communications, cell and satellite phone technology. Some reports state he was "relevant" to the identification of those involved in the Mumbai-type plot to strike Europe. Our own sources say in the past few months GCHQ has voice-matched a number of trained terrorists at the AQ camp with specific regions in the UK, including Manchester. Mr Williams may or may not have been party to this effort. Whether any of this is relevant to his death is pure speculation.

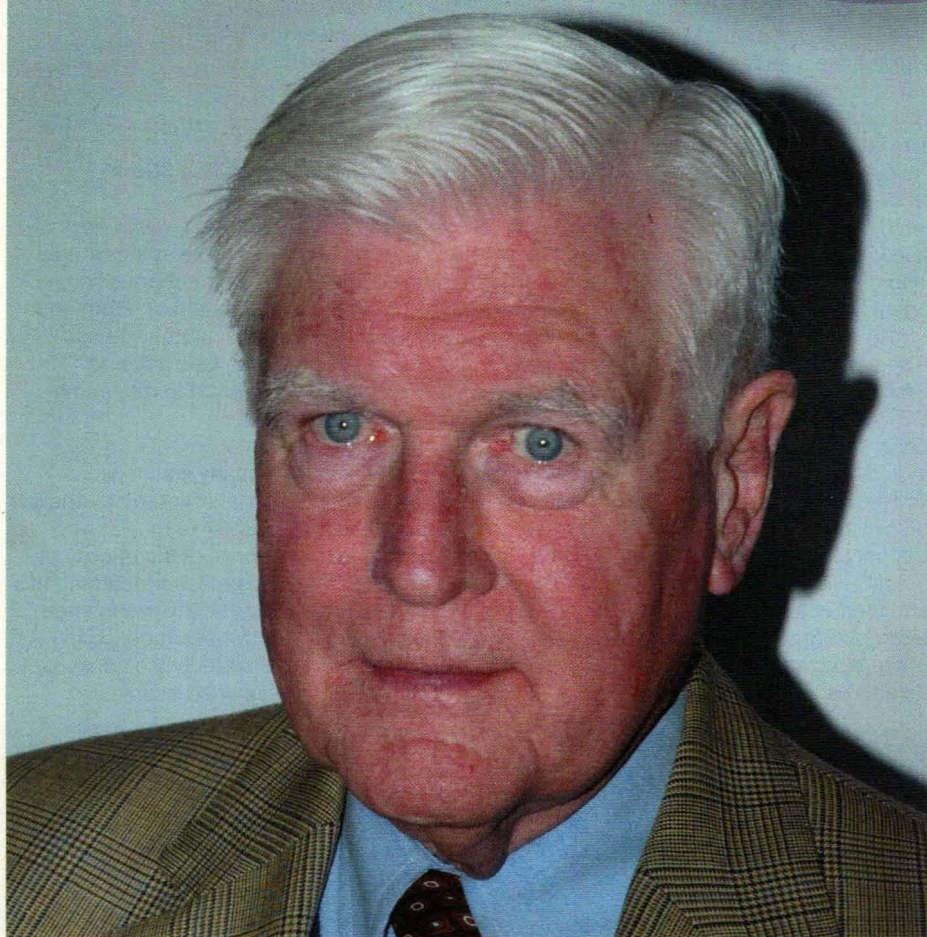


The only authoritative comment regarding how Mr Williams died can now only be sourced from New Scotland Yard and those attached to the organisation's forensic investigation. I will add, however, that the initial stories inserted into the press by a dubious and unscrupulous source regarding the officer's personal life, have stuck with many leading investigators, and sadly, a big percentage of the public. However, I seriously doubt they are true. Convenient? Yes. Accurate? No.

I strongly suspect we will hear much more about this disturbing affair in future months.

A HIDDEN AGE

THE SVR S



TENNENT BAGLEY

Tennent Bagley, former head of the CIA's anti-Soviet Counter-intelligence Desk and author of the controversial book *Spy Wars*, talks exclusively to Eye Spy about the recent SVR spy ring which was exposed on the eastern seaboard of the United States. Mr Bagley believes not everything about this case is clear cut...

Background: In the summer of 2010, eleven, perhaps twelve SVR illegals were deported from the United States for their association with Russian Intelligence. In return for their release, Moscow agreed to free four people linked to British and American Intelligence. The incident was remarkable for many reasons, not least the speed in which events unfolded.

Eye Spy sought professional guidance from a man who made a living from spy catching, former CIA man Tennent Bagley.

Two years ago, Mr Bagley sent shudders through the spy world when he provided convincing evidence that one of America's "key gains" in the Cold War, KGB defector Yuri Nosenko, was a plant hiding KGB moles who have never been uncovered. Now he explains why certain facts about the recent spy case do not make sense...

EYE SPY: Did news of the Russian spy ring come as a surprise to you?

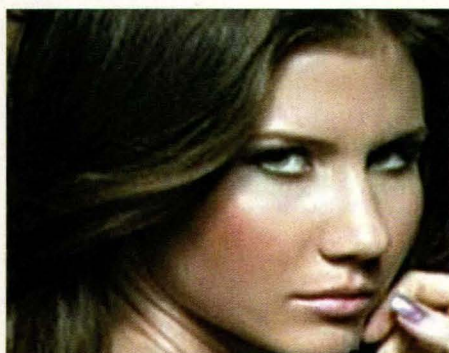
TB: Yes and no. Of course it was no surprise to see one more manifestation of an old practice by a familiar old enemy. This was no "throwback to the Cold War" - it was just business as usual. But this particular case brought a huge bag of surprises with it. To people familiar with Moscow's spy practices and familiar with Western work against them, what's been published so far raises more questions than answers.

EYE SPY: What do you mean?

TB: Well, first, just take a look at these eleven people in the light of the past. They're what the Russian spy services call "illegals". These are intelligence officers, usually but not always

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Anna Chapman, prettiest of a spy group which Mr Bagley considers strangely tied together

Russians, implanted abroad under false Western identities. Through the decades Illegals have played a lot of different roles, but their primary job through most of recent history has been to maintain Moscow's contact and communications with certain of its spies abroad. I mean Westerners secretly working for Moscow whom Moscow does not want to contact through handlers working officially in Russian installations abroad. For any of a whole lot of reasons, such as the political sensitivity of the Westerners' positions, or their geographic location, or their sheer importance. Moscow knows that Russian handlers under official cover are being routinely watched by local security and counterintelligence services.

EYE SPY: But as far as we can see from what's been published, not one of these recent eleven had any contact whatever with any real spies.

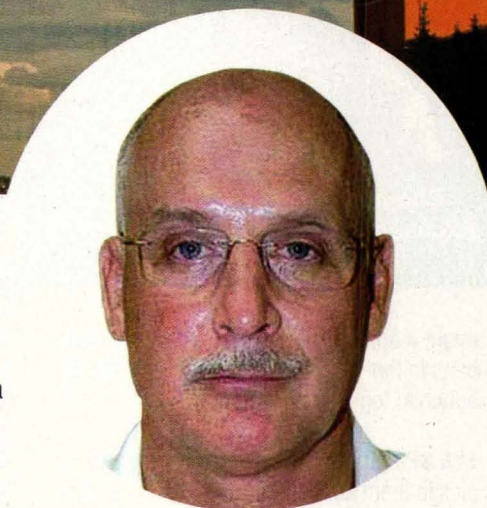
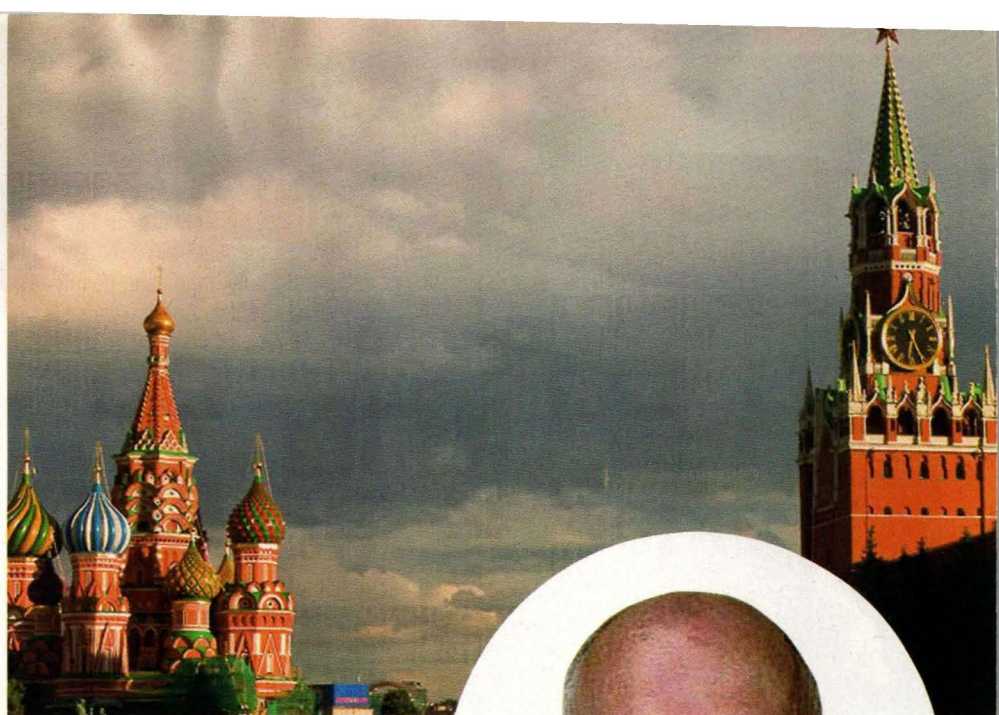
TB: Yes, and that's one of the oddities here. Some of these eleven had been in place in the United States for up to ten years with the bizarre mission to go out on their own to get close to Americans with secrets and to spot

some who might be induced to commit treason against their own country. Moscow even sent them an unnecessary, gratuitous (and to my eye, suspicious) directive reminding them of that primary mission. Now, such a mission might have made sense back in the 1930s when Communist ideological appeal was high, or during the Second World War when there was so much sympathy for embattled Russia fighting our same Nazi German enemy. In those earlier days Illegals did a lot of such work. But as the primary task for an Illegal today, it sounds ludicrous, even self-defeating.

EYE SPY: How so?

TB: Just think of the years of hard work it takes a lot of highly qualified people in Moscow to prepare even one Illegal. To get him or her planted securely in a Western community with the necessary languages, area familiarity, and the documentation needed to backstop a new non-Russian identity. To get him into a solid job with enough mobility to travel to do his real, secret work. To train this person in the most sophisticated high-tech communications methods and all the tradecraft needed to operate without being detected. I remember cases, from my time heading CIA's work against them, where all this preparatory work took the KGB more than ten years of efforts and false starts. But here we're being told the Russians spent all this effort just to get these people to do what practically any American working for the Russians could probably do just as well or better.

EYE SPY: Does it not seem odd to you that they were planting these Illegals in places so far from the government secrets they were supposed to be collecting - and in jobs so unlikely to provide access to people with secrets?



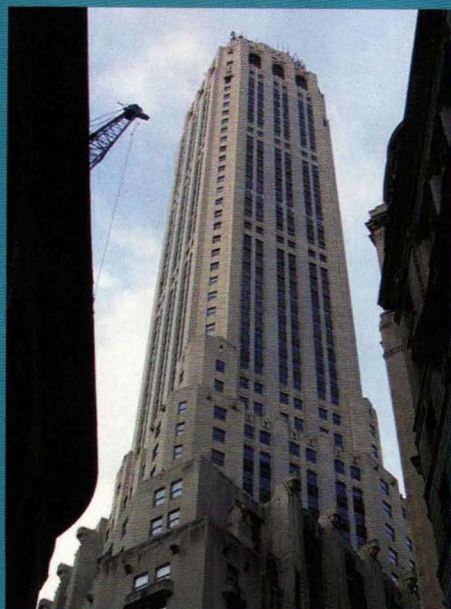
On the so-called 'money man' Christopher Metsos -

"I have seen no indication that Metsos knew or was in touch with the other three pairs... it sounds to me like a diversion, tossing dust in our eyes..."

TB: No, that wouldn't be odd for an Illegal with a more traditional spy-handling mission. The job doesn't matter as long as it justifies the Illegal's presence in the community and permits him or her to perform the real, secret duties. Some of the most dangerous spies in history - Russian moles in Western governments and military services, scientists with atom-bomb secrets - were handled by Illegals who, to the public eye, were a juke-box salesman, a suburban housewife, an antiquarian book dealer, a hairdresser, a watch repairer, and a stamp dealer.

EYE SPY: Isn't it unusual to uncover and arrest so many Illegals at one time? There were nearly a dozen here!

TB: Oh yes! Here you're onto one of the biggest questions. The Russians typically train, dispatch and communicate with Illegals strictly as individuals and keep them rigidly separated from other intelligence personnel and from other illegals. Two or three Illegals



Chapman had a residence at 20 Exchange Place in New York close to the city's financial district

might work together in a group, like the five pairs in this recent bunch, but not eleven all bunched together.

EYE SPY: Then why do you think the FBI picked them all up at the same time? It has been publicly speculated that this might have been a political move to impede the "reset" in America-Russia relations, or perhaps, a warning to the Russians to stop this sort of thing, something like "tweaking" Putin's nose.

TB: Not a chance! For us in Western counter-intelligence services it was sort of a Holy Grail to detect even one enemy Illegal at work. We

could then put him under discreet watch, if necessary for years, the way the FBI had been watching these people, and might discover his contact with some truly important, deeply-hidden spies in our midst. And the Illegal is vulnerable; there's no "diplomatic immunity" for his spying. That offered us the tantalizing possibility of "turning" him against his Soviet sponsors, getting him to cooperate with us and tell all, to avoid prison or exposure. We succeeded several times this way, and in some of the cases I was closely involved. To sacrifice even one such possibility for some dubious political gesture would be unthinkable. And to sacrifice eleven even more so.

EYE SPY: Does this event reveal a wider, ongoing Russian spy effort against the United States?

TB: I don't know exactly what this event reveals, but you can be sure the Russian effort is ongoing. The shift from "Soviet" to "Russian" didn't change the spy programme. And these eleven are by no means the only Russian Illegals operating in the United States. What they call today the Russian Intelligence Service (SVR) is just the going name for the foreign intelligence component of the KGB - that KGB that was born as the Cheka back in December 1917. It has had about fourteen name changes since then, but it's the same outfit, doing the same old things. Through all those years they never stopped planting people like these recent eleven in the West.

EYE SPY: Some people have speculated that the FBI started by tailing one of them -



Sergey Tretyakov

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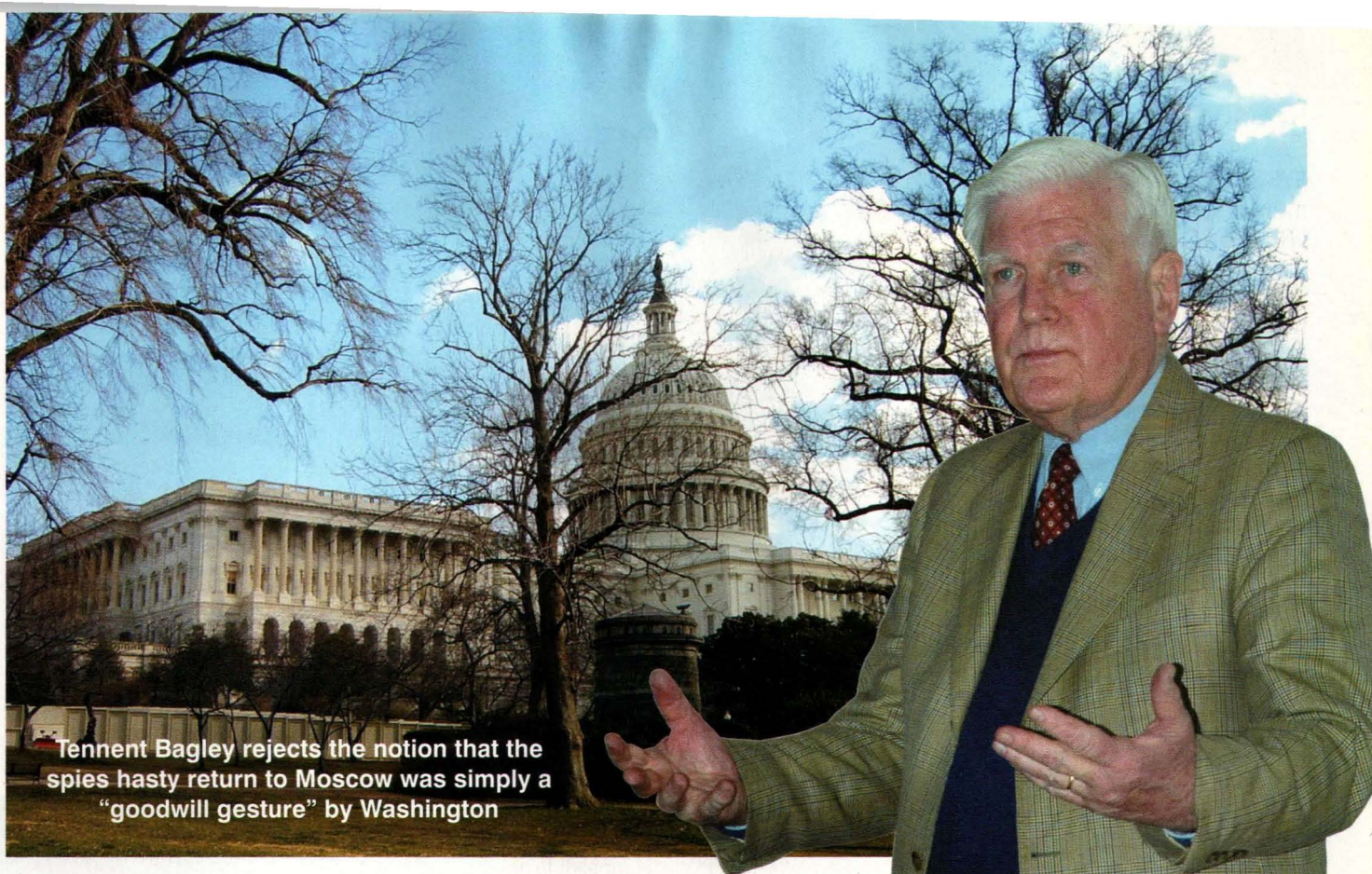
Christopher Robert Metsos, "the money man", and this led them to the others. Also that he may have been the source that betrayed the others.

TB: From what's been published about this case, I see no reason to believe that. Sure, the support agent using the name Metsos was seen contacting two different, otherwise separate pairs - but I have seen no indication that Metsos knew or was in touch with the other three pairs. By the way, that theory originated in Moscow just recently. It sounds to me like a diversion, tossing dust in our eyes.

EYE SPY: So it was something still unknown that bound these eleven people together?



ADVANCED WARNING? Just days before the SVR spies were arrested, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and US President Obama enjoyed a casual lunch at a burger bar near the White House. Some intelligence watchers believe it is inconceivable an advanced warning about the arrests was not given. Tennent Bagley has dismissed suggestions a "hasty deal" was done to get the SVR spy ring out of America.



Tannent Bagley rejects the notion that the spies hasty return to Moscow was simply a "goodwill gesture" by Washington

TB: Yes, and that's mystery number one! As the FBI knows all too well, once an Illegal has good reason to think he's been detected, knowing his vulnerability to prosecution, he gets out. I myself have seen about a dozen cases where the Illegal fled within hours, some without even going home to pack. Clearly something happened here; maybe one of these eleven somehow got alerted. The FBI knew it (or inadvertently caused it?), knew how they were all connected, and had no choice but to strike now and against them all.

EYE SPY: Do you have any idea what that might be?

TB: I can only guess. My first reaction when I heard about these mass arrests was that the arrestees must have originally come to FBI attention through one single source - perhaps the FBI or CIA had a mole inside Russian Intelligence - and something suddenly came unstuck with that source and changed the game for the FBI.

EYE SPY: Any idea who or what that might have been?

TB: No, I don't know what secret sources the FBI or CIA might have. But certain recent events have me speculating about what might have happened. Let me explain. I read Pete Earley's recent book 'Comrade J' about Sergey Tretyakov, an SVR officer who defected to the Americans in 2000. I remembered reading that in the 1990s Tretyakov had been deputy chief of the SVR in Ottawa and then in New York. It occurred to me that there

"The Illegals surely had a chance to switch over to our side and stay in the USA, and I assume they were all offered the opportunity, but apparently none accepted..."

was a Canadian aspect in several of these Illegals' "legends" (fake life histories) - citizenship, documentation, travel - in addition to the fact that they were all in the United States. Maybe Tretyakov in Ottawa had learned of plans to use Canadian backgrounds or documents for future Illegals. At first that didn't make sense. Tretyakov defected in 2000 and the SVR does a very careful investigation of what any defector might have known or heard, and thus what he might be able to reveal to the Americans. The SVR would likely have found that Tretyakov could have known of plans to use certain Canadian documentation for future Illegals. And indeed it would appear that the SVR considered these "legends" safe, because they sent out some of these Illegals years after Tretyakov's defection. But then, right in the middle of the publicity about the arrests and the spy swap, I read in the press that Tretyakov had died suddenly of a heart attack in mid-June in Florida where he had been living under an assumed identity. Mid-June? That must be just when the FBI decided to pull the plug on these eleven Illegals. A startling coincidence!

EYE SPY: So maybe Tretyakov was the source after all? That the SVR didn't figure out everything he knew?

TB: At this point, there's no way to know. I'm sure of only one thing: the question of the source still hangs there.

EYE SPY: In the official documents about the case, the FBI has revealed that one or two of its own people, posing as SVR Illegal-support officers from Moscow, actually made contact with two of the Illegals a few days before the arrests. Is this type of action common in investigating suspected Illegals?

TB: Certainly not! Though I remember one or two cases when we did it, it is hyper-rare, and for good reason. What Illegal would accept contact with an unknown handler - and not be suspicious of it - unless it had been prearranged through Moscow, with various code words or phrases to confirm the identity? And from our side, why risk exposing our knowledge of an Illegal we are watching - unless, as in the cases I remember, that was our very purpose? Insofar as one can guess from the official reports, these undercover FBI approaches might have been last-minute efforts to get some incriminating evidence before the impending arrests. It was a dangerous stunt, but it doesn't seem to have been what alerted the Illegals and triggered the arrests.

EYE SPY: Were there surprises for you in the methods these people used to communicate with official Moscow representatives?

TB: Again I'd have to say yes and no. I'd never heard of these new computer-age techniques, like "steganography" and their very clever operational use of wi-fi computer networks, and I was not only surprised but awed. But even in my time Soviet Intelligence was using state-of-the-art techniques that impressed us when we ran across them. They were early users of burst radio transmissions, microdots, resonant cavities as bugs, roll-over cameras, and a whole lot of other novelties. In Russia, espionage and counterespionage always enjoyed high priority in applying new scientific and technological developments. Obviously, they still do.

EYE SPY: What about the spy swap? Did it make sense, and did our side get a fair deal?

TB: Well, the United States had to let these people go before long anyway. They had no serious legal charges against them and this way they avoided a lot of legal hassle and expense. The Illegals surely had a chance to switch over to our side and stay in the USA, and I assume they were all offered the opportunity, but apparently none accepted. As for the deal, what's fair? It's good that this affair offered the opportunity to get four good men out of Russian prisons. So all in all, the swap looks to me like a fine idea.

EYE SPY: It's being written that the spy swap tidied up the scene, put a neat end to a banal incident, a one-time throwback to the Cold War, a fading echo of dying practices. Something we can just file and forget. But from what you've been saying, I gather that you don't agree with this interpretation of the affair.

TB: I sure don't. To me this episode is not closed, but on the contrary it has opened up new and deeper questions. I am sure we have seen only the tip of an iceberg. We can only guess at why these strange things happened - why these Illegals had such an unlikely mission, why Moscow felt it useful to underline that mission in a message to them, why so many Illegals did nothing for so many years. Why the FBI chose (or had) to arrest them when it did and why all of them at once. To my eye there are levels below what has been published, things we are not allowed to see - and maybe levels beneath those levels. Did Moscow know that the FBI was onto them and let the game go on to tie up our time and resources and divert attention from other, hidden operations? And if so why did it let the game continue so long - and expose such sophisticated spy communications methods? There are no easy answers, but these and other questions hang there.

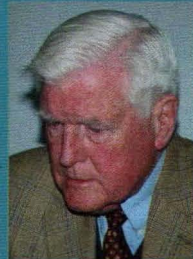
The SVR group were given a warm welcome on their return at Moscow's Domodedovo Airport



EYE SPY: Thank you. Your fresh insights are specially welcome after so much has been written and speculated about this strange affair.

TB: It has been my pleasure.

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"The FBI must have hated being forced to give up their coverage of the identified illegals"



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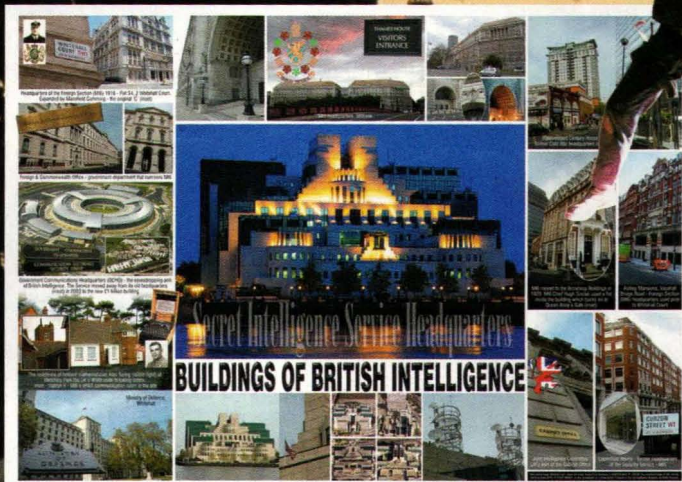
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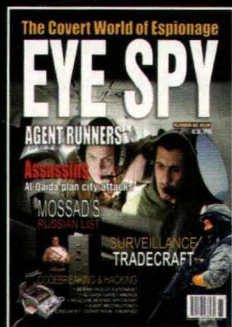
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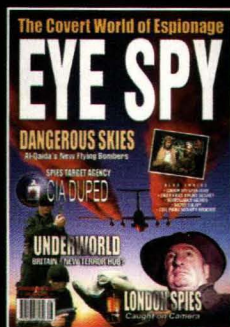




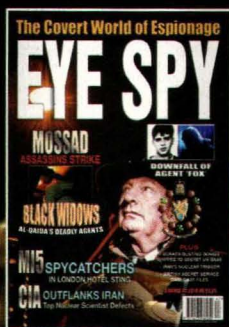
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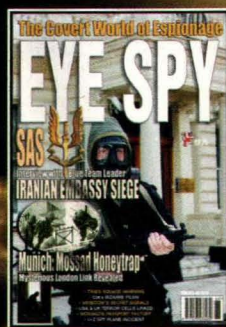
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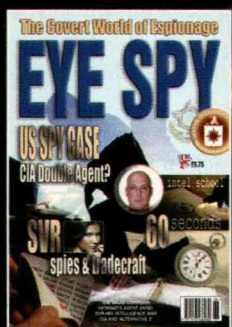


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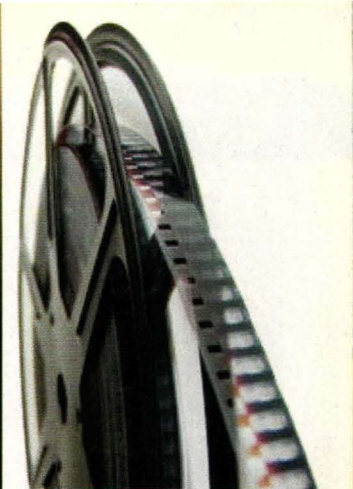
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SPIES ALONE

Israel's intelligence services face a spell of working in the cold after striking members of the country's diplomatic community refused to cooperate with them. The Diplomatic Association of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DIAMFA, is striking to eliminate the wage salary disparity between Israel's Diplomats and Civil Servants, the latter working within the country's Ministry of Defence.

Because Civil Servants receive almost double in salary than their Diplomatic counterparts, Mossad operatives have been warned to expect "no aid" by Israeli diplomats around the world, except in life and death matters.

The rift between Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Mossad has widened in recent years, the MFA being the site of some aggressive bureaucratic-based battles since the appointment of the hardliner Avigdor Lieberman (below) as its leader.

There may have already been some noticeable effects on Mossad operational requirements...



GERMANY

ISRAEL GETS THEIR MAN

Following the assassination of alleged Hamas weapons procurer - Palestinian Mahmoud al Mabhouh in Dubai, many claims have been made about the use of forged passports and the means to procure them. Such methods are listed and described by Frederick Forsyth in his excellent novels *'The Fist of God'* or *'Day of the Jackal'*.

Of course you do not need to wrack your brain too much to realise that all a government agency actually needs is an original passport for comparison and supplies of the correct materials for the forgers to go to work.



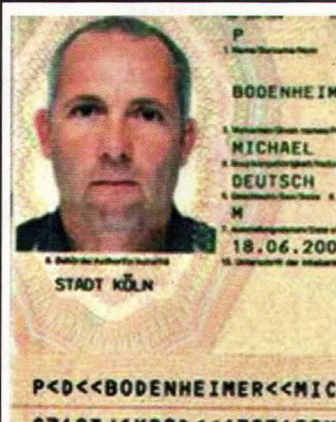
Hamas gun-runner and agent Mahmoud al Mabhouh

Enter Uri Brodsky. He was arrested in Poland on 4 June as the result of a warrant issued by German prosecutors, via Interpol. This in connection for helping to acquire a German passport for use by a member of the Mossad-backed assassination squad in Dubai in January 2010.

Whilst German and Polish authorities made the arrangements for Brodsky's extradition to face trial in Germany, Israel, unsurprisingly and very publicly, engaged in intense diplomatic meetings for Brodsky to be returned to Tel Aviv.

On 12 August, Brodsky was handed over to German personnel at Warsaw airport and flown to Germany to face the charge of Forgery, known to carry a tariff of three years in jail. A day later, Brodsky was bailed at a Cologne Court to be dealt with by "written proceedings". Hours later, Brodsky arrived home in Israel. A statement read: "Brodsky's interests will be represented by his attorneys in court."

FOR THE RECORD: Eye Spy sources say Brodsky operated under the name Alexander Werin and helped Mossad agents obtain new identities and quality identification papers...



Uri Brodsky was accused of helping the Mossad agent who went by the name of Michael Bodenheimer. The German passport was issued in Cologne



CHINA DEFECTION?

North Eastern China experienced the crash of a fighter aircraft. The flight, apparently originating from North Korea, led to rumours of an attempted defection. The aircraft, a MiG21 (NATO operating name 'Fishbed') carried North Korean markings and came down in Lagu, Liaoning Province on 17 August.



MiG21 variant in Croatia Air Force livery



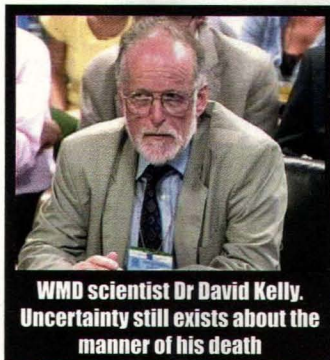
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DR DAVID KELLY: MURDER OR A SIMPLE SUICIDE?

The deceased WMD specialist, Dr David Kelly is still very much in the public eye. Many newspapers have run stories concerning the apparent need for a new inquest into the events surrounding his demise. Overseas observers and even some from within British Isles could be excused for assuming this story is the work of conspiracy theorists. However, nine senior doctors have publicly given their reasons for a new investigation.



Attorney General Dominic Grieve



WMD scientist Dr David Kelly. Uncertainty still exists about the manner of his death

That revelation was followed by a short comment that given more evidence an inquest could start. This briefly raised hopes with many people supportive of a fresh inquiry.

Nevertheless, Attorney General Dominic Grieve said he saw no reason to open several secret files which, we are told, hold the key to Dr Kelly's death. That is irrespective of Mr Grieve having the full legal power to gain access to those files which will remain out of



David Kelly was found dead on 17 July 2003, near his home in Oxfordshire. Police discovered he had a slashed wrist and forensic tests revealed he had also taken Co-Proxamol tablets

sight for 70 years due to national security.

It is interesting to note that despite having written on this matter to campaigners, whilst serving as the shadow justice secretary, Mr Grieve is now happy to state that it would be extremely unusual for him to request the papers that include not only post mortem and medical notes, but also other sensitive material. However, Mr Grieve has helpfully suggested that Justice Secretary Kenneth Clarke make the decision on the papers release.



RUSSIA

SPY GAMES

On 17 August, Russian officials made heady comment over the expulsion of one of their diplomats in a tit-for-tat action by Romania.

The FSB had discovered Gabriel Greco, the accredited first secretary of the political department at the Romanian Embassy in Moscow, trying to receive secret military information. He had "spying equipment in his possession at the time of his arrest," according to an FSB official.

Romania saw fit to retaliate by declaring a Russian diplomat, of similar ranking, at the Russian Embassy in Bucharest "persona non grata".



Gabriel Greco

With an escalation in espionage activities, one would be correct to assume that the FSB and SVR, are operating on a level not seen since the height of the Cold War. There has also been an increase in personnel and control of specialist technical agencies.



GREAT BRITAIN

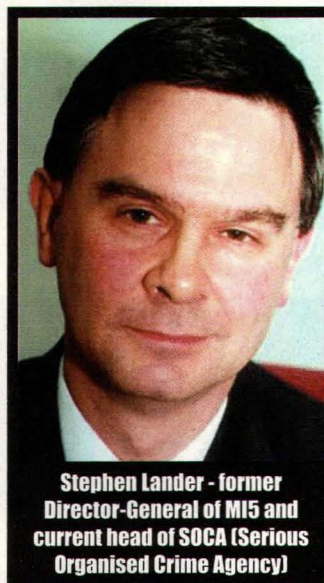
THE LISTENING RUSSIANS

The BBC recently broadcast a timely piece by Peter Hennessy entitled: 'Why Russia Spies'. Forty minutes long, the programme examined Russian and UK intelligence collection activities. Of interest were the failed attempts by Russian submariners to record the

sound signatures emanating from the UK's Trident missile nuclear submarine force, which the authority interviewed claimed, were unsuccessful. But how does he know?

The programme started with the sound of jet engines and radio messages from war-planes being scrambled to intercept the enormous Russian Bears that continue to enter British air space with their pods bristling with SIGINT equipment.

The documentary was timely because it coincided with an interview with Sir Stephen Lander, Director-General at MI5 from 1996 to 2002. With the latest exposé of illegals in America and their expulsion to Russia, one can hardly not recall the attitude of certain news outlets which claimed the illegals were less than professional and certainly not



Stephen Lander - former Director-General of MI5 and current head of SOCA (Serious Organised Crime Agency)

serious. Some made this charge in a most mocking manner. But, for former spycatcher Sir Stephen, the matter was anything but one of levity. He stated: "They're able to put people in those positions over time to build up their cover to be useful. They are part of the machine and the machine is a very professional and serious one."



A Trident-carrying nuclear submarine



PAKISTAN

ISI FOCUS

Following Mr Cameron's apparent faux pas concerning Pakistan's Inter-Service Intelligence, ISI, a report from the agency now states that domestic militancy is now the greatest threat to Pakistani national security. The British Premier had said Pakistan should not be allowed to "promote the export of terror" in the world.

Since its founding in 1948, the ISI had previously regarded its neighbour - India, as its greatest threat.

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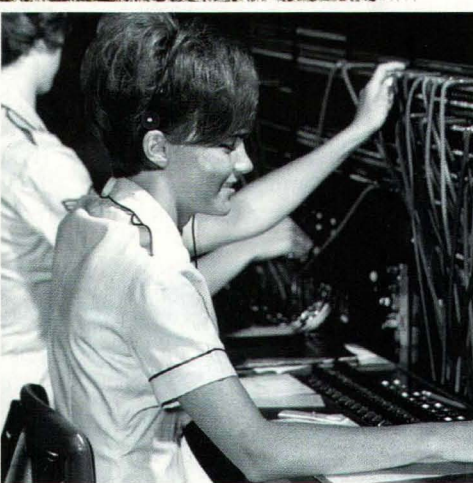


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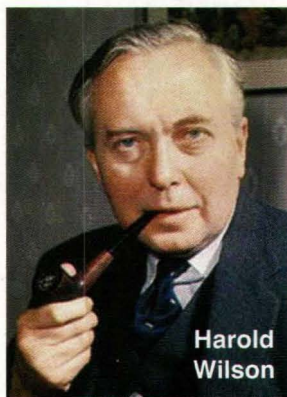
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TOWERING INTERCEPTION

Spy Games and the BT Tower

It is one of the most iconic buildings in central London, yet few people in the world know of its connection to the world of espionage...

London's BT Tower (British Telecommunications), on Cleveland Street, was officially opened by Prime Minister Harold Wilson on 8 October 1965. Standing at over 550ft tall, the concrete and glass building dwarfed its neighbours, but not everyone supported its construction, which had been conceived and commissioned by the GPO (General Post Office) in 1961. Despite this, it was hailed as being a positive symbol for a modern 20th century Britain, and in terms of its architecture, the country had not seen anything like it.



Harold Wilson

Atop the building, which was originally known as the Post Office Tower, a revolutionary revolving restaurant afforded superb views of London, but its what was



contained below that so interested all three arms of British Intelligence - MI5, MI6 and GCHQ. The structure was a hub of advanced communications' instruments and microwave channels beaming conversations to every corner of the country and beyond. And lest it be forgotten, the GPO's long tradition in assisting British Intelligence operations, from the Berlin tunnel to the bugging of Soviet dignitaries and suspected agents in the city.

The public's fascination with the tower meant that it soon became a prime site tourist attraction, and the doors were opened on 19 May 1966. In the first year, it attracted almost one million visitors, including over 100,000 who dined in the restaurant aptly named, the 'Top of the Tower'. However, because of its significance, it also attracted the attention of the Irish Provisional Army (IRA). And on 31 October 1971, a small terrorist bomb detonated

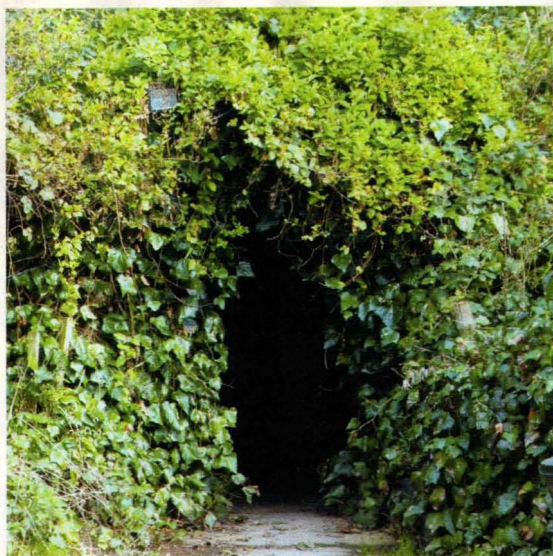
in the toilet of the restaurant. This resulted in its temporary closure, and a decision was taken that once the lease on this part of the structure to Butlins expired in 1980, it would not be renewed. A year later, access to the building was also stopped and the public could only admire the tower from street level. In 1992, the building was renamed the 'BT Tower'.

LINKS TO THE WORLD

Originally, many of the tower's dishes were strategically positioned and connected to numerous important intelligence and security sites, including Kelvedon Hatch and air traffic control at West Drayton. Radar signals and an array of domestic communications also passed through the tower, including military and intelligence traffic.

Intelligence officials asked that the tower not be identified on Ordnance Survey Maps, despite the fact that it could be seen from vast distances and was by far and away the tallest structure in the country. This bizarre situation continued until 1993, when the building was officially recognised in Parliament. However ironic that decision seemed, the Cold War was at its height and the tower played a central and pivotal role in Britain's air early warning system. Dozens of smaller towers were built across the country in key regions to keep communications open in the event of a nuclear attack. All lines were threaded to the BT Tower and beyond.

Relevant to the intelligence and communications history of the tower, in the mid-1950s,



Secret entrance at Kelvedon

the GPO had initiated a microwave programme called 'Backbone' - a series of strategic sites across the country to carry microwave signals. One site, of course, was Kelvedon Hatch, but other equally important centres and towers were created, one of which was 'Hunters Stone' (Forest Moor) near Harrogate in North Yorkshire. A decade later, perhaps the world's most advanced spy base was built within a mile of Hunters Stone (the locals call it Hunters Point) known as RAF Menwith Hill. Today, the base is a key facility operated primarily by the National Security Agency (NSA). Also emerging from Backbone and its communication links, the Ministry of Defence would develop Forest Moor as a key naval intelligence centre (now defunct).

In the 1970s, Hunters Stone was described as the primary point whereby the NSA and British Intelligence "entered" the communication system (telephones) and gave organisations

Kelvedon Hatch on the outskirts of London

During the Cold War, this highly important underground facility was a relocation site for the British Government



such as GCHQ the capability to intercept signals from across the globe. The tower here "grabbed" communications traffic primarily from Paris.

MI5 WARNING

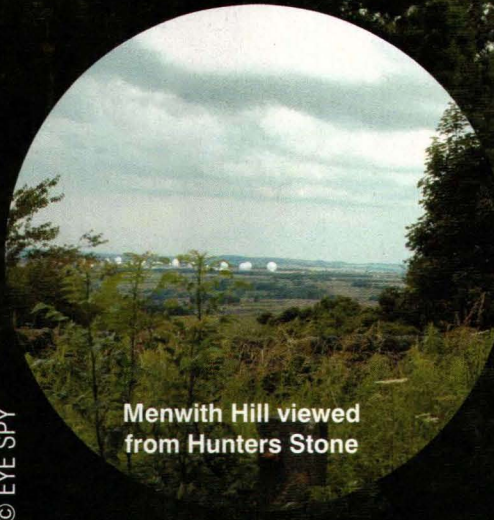
Eye Spy has learned that at least two years before the Post Office Tower's completion, MI5 submitted a top secret review to its counterparts in MI6, that any intelligence



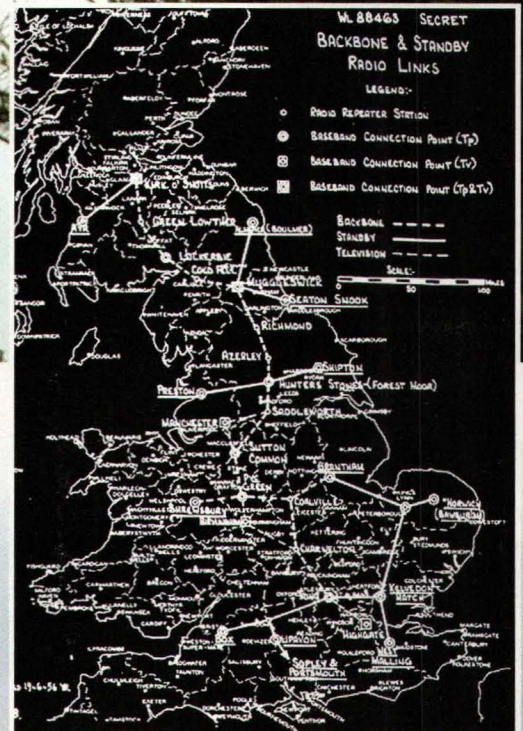
The BT Tower (above) is still a prominent structure. Today, it is considered an integral part of the city's ever changing skyline

BACKBONE

The vital
Hunters Stone
communications
point. One of the
earliest GPO sites



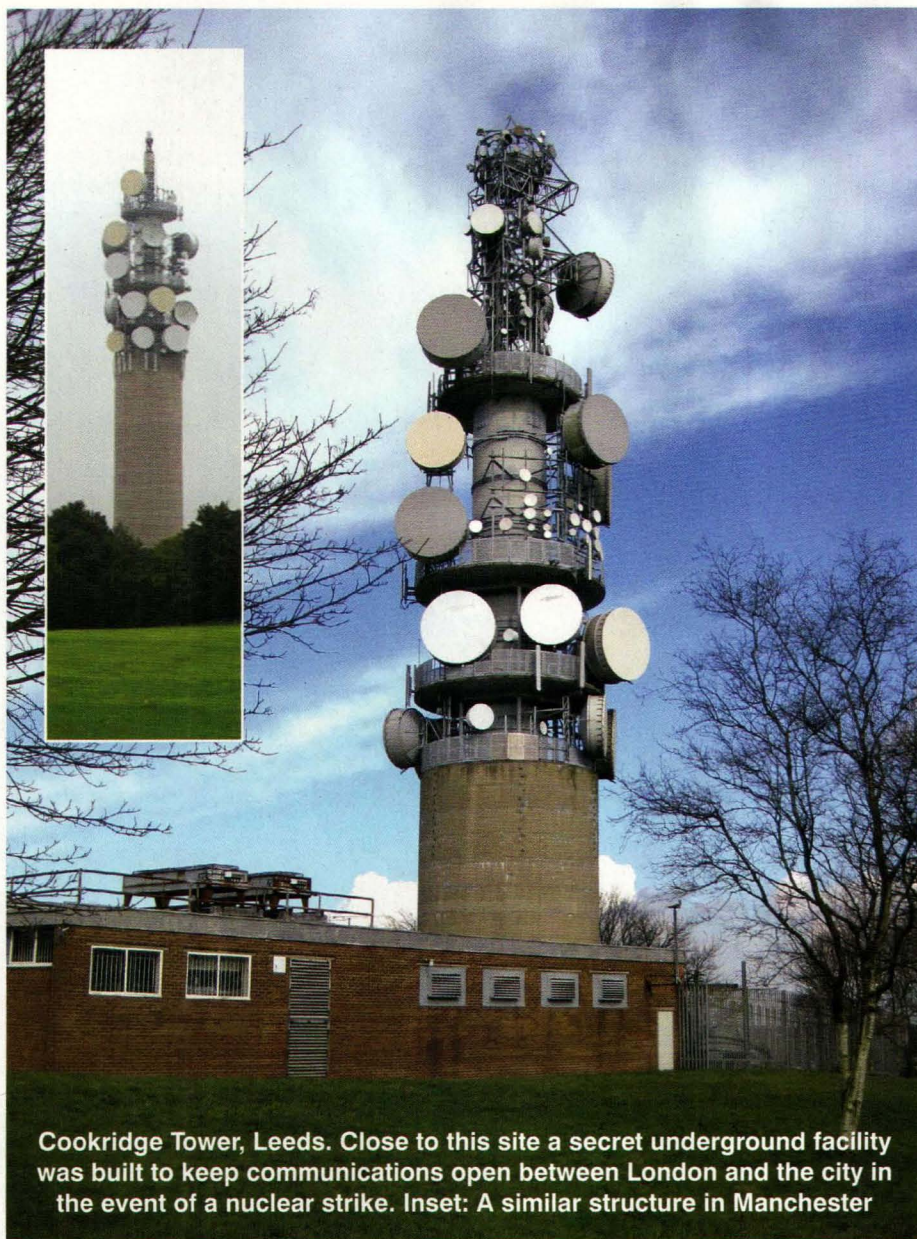
Menwith Hill viewed
from Hunters Stone



traffic sent or received by the building's microwave instrumentation would be vulnerable to Soviet interception, primarily via its embassy in Kensington. This concerned MI6 engineers who often worked alongside security personnel attached to the GPO, and who were planning to install a link and office staffed specifically by the Service. MI5 had considered that the "line-of-sight" between the embassy and the tower was unhindered and not restricted by other buildings.

The MI5 situation report was passed through to the Foreign Office (the overseers of MI6) which asked for a second opinion. This was provided by FO technicians who argued that because of the amount of calls and signals passing through the tower (150,000 an hour), Soviet Intelligence would be unable to "pick and select" because of the sheer number of channels. With much haste,





Cookridge Tower, Leeds. Close to this site a secret underground facility was built to keep communications open between London and the city in the event of a nuclear strike. Inset: A similar structure in Manchester

MI6 installed its own communication system which was ready and operational by the time the tower was opened. The Service was now in a position to liaise with outposts and friendly agencies at will, and at the same time, glean additional intelligence via foreign telephone calls routed through the building's intricate machinery.

The situation infuriated MI5 counter-espionage men who, through various means, learned that Moscow was intercepting all manner of calls. But the Security Service had yet to prove beyond any doubt, MI6 signals traffic was being captured at will. A report was sent by MI5 to the Foreign Office about intercept concerns. A codeword - Cabbages and Kings was used to describe "inconsequential rubbish" or ordinary public calls being listened to by the KGB. This in itself meant MI5's warning was still being ignored, thus a secret plan was formulated to convince the FO's boffins they were wrong and in danger of exposing British Intelligence secrets.

Meanwhile, the KGB, overwhelmed by ordinary traffic, decided to act also. A secret operation saw the importation via a "diplomatic pouch" of an early form of computer analyser. This device was actually transported in a number of crates, proving that the term 'diplomatic pouch' is somewhat of an oxymoron. MI5 had watched the arrival of the crates, but were powerless to examine their contents, but suspected they were connected to the intercept programme.

It later transpired the machine, born from the wit of the GPO's counterparts in Russia, had the capability to capture calls and signals sent from individual telephone numbers. This meant that once the KGB had secured details of a line, they were in a position to intercept.

We have been unable to determine just how long MI5's warning went unanswered, but a top secret signal sent by the Foreign Secretary through the BT Tower to the Secretary of State in Washington DC in the 1970s, caused



Russian Embassy, London

shudders in MI6. Within a short space of time, described as "stupidly short," the Russian Ambassador in Kensington wrote a letter of complaint to the British Government relevant to the original message. It would have been impossible for Moscow to have gleaned such intimate knowledge of the communication unless, of course, it had been intercepted! MI5 staffers who had years earlier warned of the danger, were reportedly furious and fained a guess at how much intelligence had been lost.

It's our understanding the original decision to overrule MI5 was nothing to do with MI6, but down purely to the Foreign Office and their wish to use this



hugely important new communications hub. The Americans were none the less pleased also.

After this incident, British Intelligence signals and all things secret were routed overseas to the United States by undersea cable. The TAT 4 Transatlantic telephone cable had been laid in 1965, ironically in the same year as the GPO Tower opened.

At some stage in the 1970s, a decision was taken by MI6 to close down its tower operation and secure sites were explored elsewhere. But there is an ironic twist to this most fascinating story. Within months of MI6's departure, MI5 decided to occupy the same office in an effort to bolster its counter-espionage potential in the city. They too would depart for less obvious locations in future years, leaving the tower to function properly and as intended by those who had conceived it in the first place!

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MI5 Director-General Sir Martin Furnival Jones warned his counterpart in MI6 about Soviet interceptions from the Post Office Tower. Initially, his concerns were ignored

Mike Finn

takes a serious and objective look at mind control and manipulation in the intelligence game.

MIND CONTROL PRINCIPLES IN THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE

In this feature, MIKE FINN examines the evidence that suggests it is possible to change the way information is received and understood by the brain, and its implications...

PART 7

In the last article we looked at the 'Frey Effect', whereby a pulsed microwave frequency can be directed at the recipient, and while bypassing the auditory system, be perceived as sound within the brain. The work of scientists such as Ross Adey opened different doors in the advancement of mind control techniques.

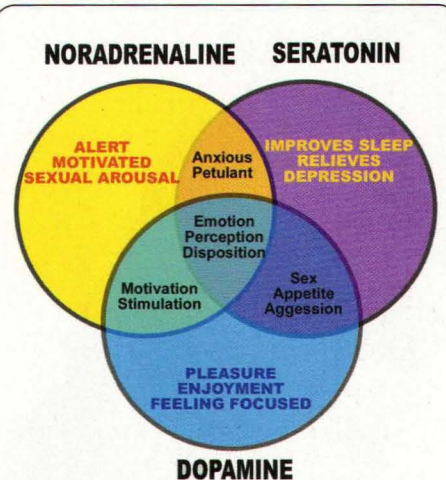
Ross Adey's research began with the Pandora Project, at the Advanced Research Projects Agency (A.R.P.A.) at the Walter Reed Army Institute during the 1960s. At that time he demonstrated how a modulated radio frequency signal could release calcium ions from a cell. This had profound potential in the transmission of information that could cause undetectable responses, while being directed at our neural pathways (more about that later).

In 1972 the Advanced Research Projects Agency became known as the Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (D.A.R.P.A.). It expanded its horizons to encompass unusual science and technology projects, which looked towards keeping ahead in the future advancements of military strategy.

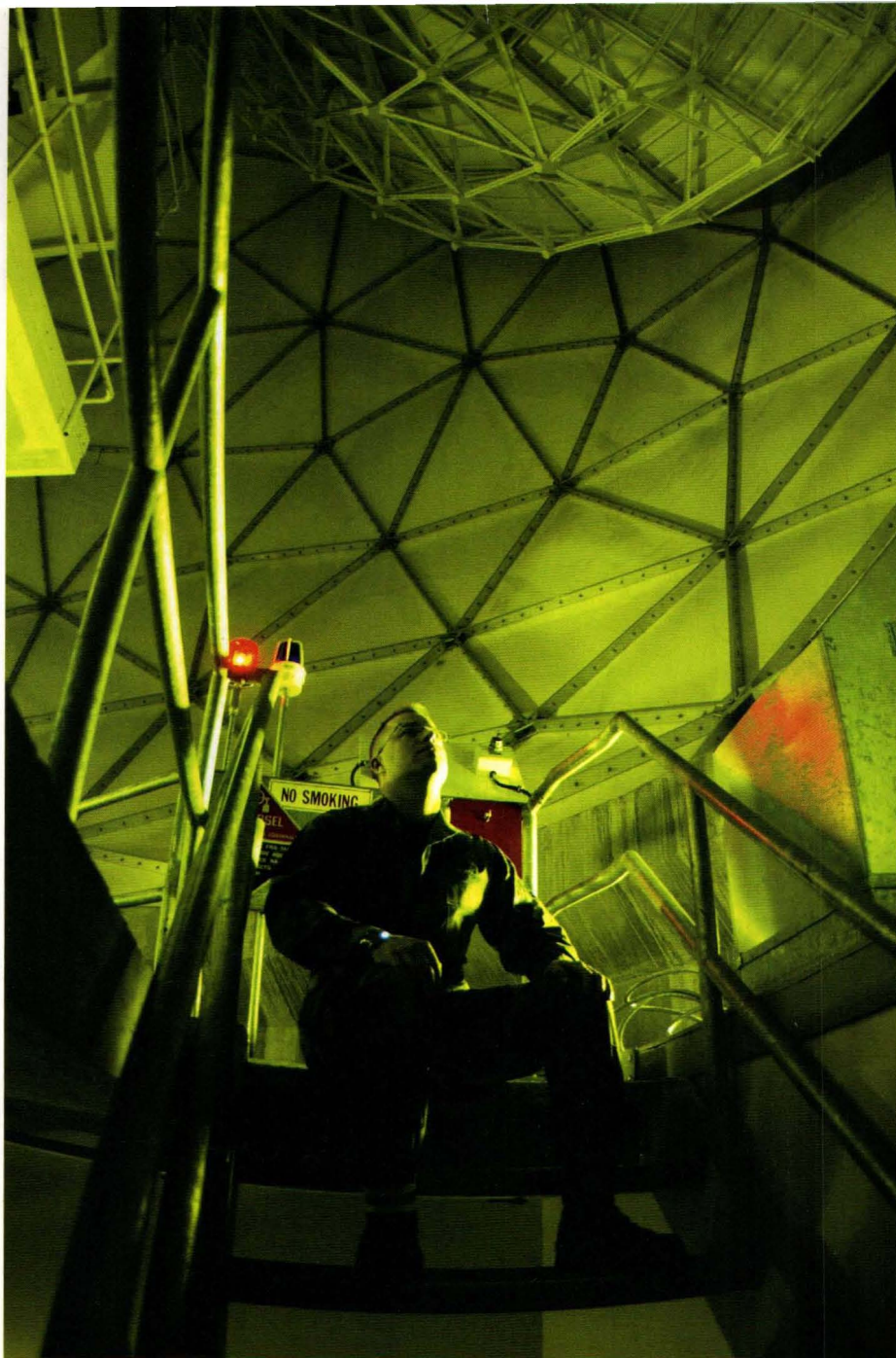
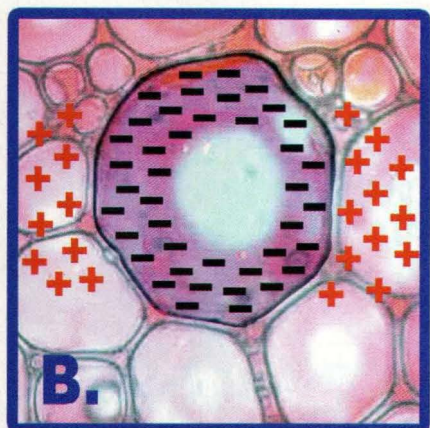
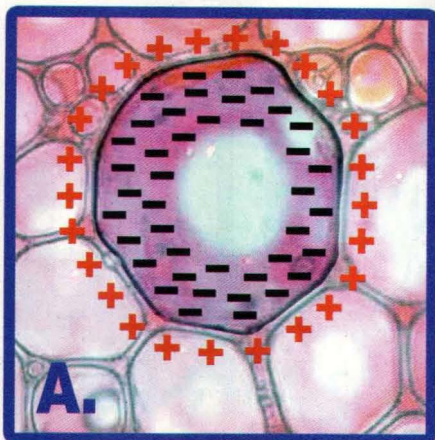
One study, called 'neuromics', is directed at ways in which technology and physiology can be linked. A particular example is the 'Human Assisted Neural Devices' (HAND) programme which is not dissimilar to the UK research, where microchip and brain interface allows the mind to access unlimited information. Another area of research is in the field of Psychotronic Warfare, focused on affecting the physiological and psychological balance of the target person/people at a distance. This brings us back to the work of Ross Adey and others.

Now let's look at the relevance of the role played by the calcium ion, how this relates to mind control, and the advancements since the breakthrough research of Adey. In part three of this series, I looked at the way in which the neural pathways act as the body's communication system, electrochemical messages are sent along nerve fibres and across gaps in this system called synapses, leading to other neural pathways and different locations. The messages sent, result in mental and physical changes within our bodies. The calcium ion plays a role in this process.

The calcium ion affects neurotransmitter initiation and is involved in the regulation of metabolic functions. In fact the calcium ion is



These three neuro-transmitters alone control many mental states. They can act independently or together. Metaphorically, the use of a specific modulated radio frequency could act as a 'paintbrush' to create such varying effects from a distance



An atom is electrically neutral; when it loses or gains an electron it becomes an 'ion'. Diagram A: In most resting cells the inside has a net negative charge in relation to the outside. Diagram B: This shows the effect of introducing an electromagnetic field. Where the positive charges collect in the direction of the external field

responsible for changes in numerous brain and body processes. Research has shown that a pulsed electromagnetic field, can alter the outward flow of calcium from the cell. Put simply, the calcium ion is released from the cell by the introduction of an electromagnetic field. At ionic and molecular level calcium ions impact neurotransmitters, affecting the nervous system, then in turn, mood, behaviour, sleep, memory, health, learning etc.

In an effort to avoid complex and a possibly boring explanation of the whole process, I would like to draw an analogy showing the importance of one small change in a complicated process. Imagine the calcium ion is a

single word, then visualise an army manoeuvre. A general decides to withdraw his troops from a certain area, he gets on the radio and says "all troops are to be withdrawn from the

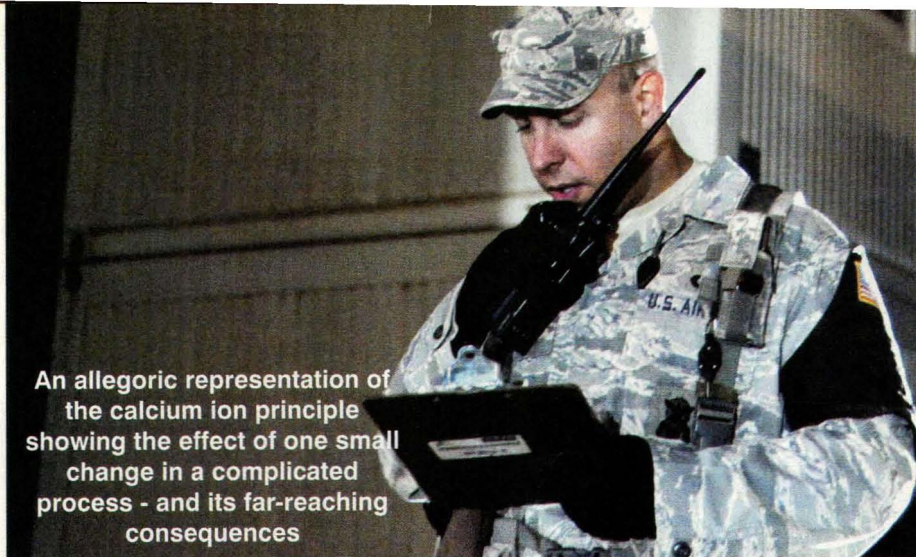
A general decides to withdraw his troops from a certain area, he gets on the radio and says "all troops are to be withdrawn from the area". The message travels along the network, but enemy agents wish to intercept it and relay a fake message....

area". The message travels along the network, but enemy agents wish to intercept it and relay a fake message. They could fake the general's voice patterns and so forth, but this is complex and time consuming. The simple answer is to introduce one word "not", then the message reads "all troops are not to withdraw from the area", this instigates a whole new pattern of events that take place.

There is the question of supplies, new strategies, various deployments of troops, the end result is quite different, and all because of the addition of one word in the right place. By

way of example, the calcium ion flows through ion channels and enters the cardiac muscle, where more calcium is released. It

is this action which causes the heart muscle to beat and keeps the heart in rhythm. If this were manipulated through control of the calcium ion, effects such as arrhythmia and various heart conditions may well be the result. This is not a new concept, some years ago R.G. Biles of the US State Department was quoted as saying he believed it was possible to induce a heart attack via radar.



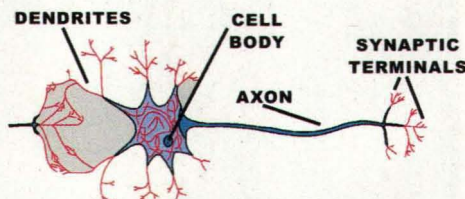
An allegoric representation of the calcium ion principle showing the effect of one small change in a complicated process - and its far-reaching consequences



By manipulating the calcium ion effect through specific electromagnetic frequencies, predictable results can be obtained from a distance, and would be undetectable, as they are at ionic and molecular level. I have greatly simplified this entire area of research in order that the layperson can see the picture as a whole. In reality, implementing this type of science and technology is both expensive and complex.

At present a great deal of research is being directed at deciphering brain wave patterns. Although each individual brain has a unique set of bioelectric resonance, there are common factors, and no matter what race, ethnic origin, or genetic background, these are the same. Give a human being an aspirin and it will work in the same way, each persons physiology will process this in the same manner. Within the brain there are a myriad of brainwave patterns that we all share. It's these common denominators that could be quantified, reproduced, and reintroduced into the brain to create the identical set of circumstances.

In 1974 Neurophysiologist Lawrence Pinneo correlated a persons brainwave patterns from an electroencephalograph with explicit commands, allowing a basic type of mind reading programme on computer. In 1995 M.A. Persinger of Laurentian University hypothesised on the concept of discovering algorithms for the coding of recognisable common brain patterns. In his paper he writes: 'The basic



The neural pathway is the body's communication system

premise is that synthetic duplication of the neuroelectrical correlates generated by sensors to an actual stimulus should produce identical experiences without the presence of that stimulus'.

More disturbingly he suggests: 'This potential is the technical capability to influence directly the major portion of the approximately six billion brains of the human species without mediation through classical sensory modalities by generating neural information within a physical medium within which all members of the species are immersed'.

There is so much research into these type of studies, both open and behind closed doors, that one can only guess at the present advancements. It is clear that a new era of mind control and mind manipulation developing. However, none of this research would be of any value without a means of distribution, an issue I will deal with in the next article.

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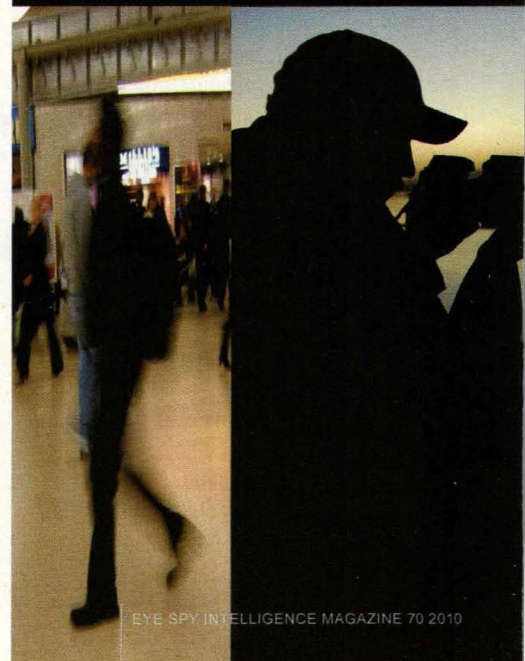
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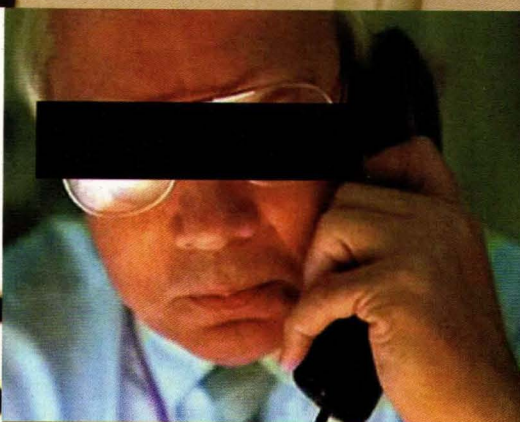
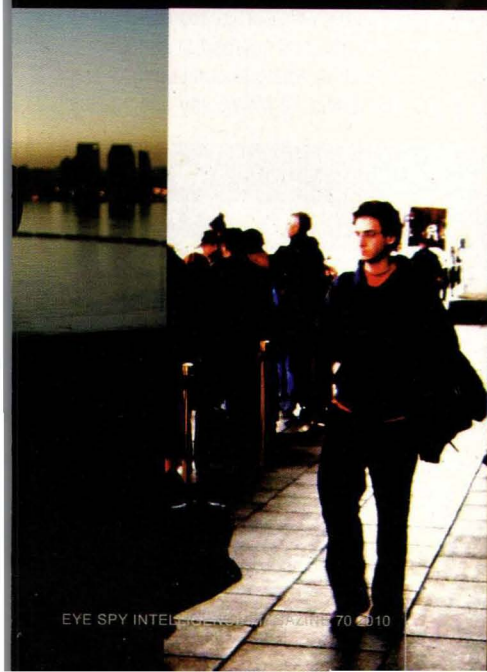
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London AQ 7/7 terrorists planned to strike on the day the 2012 Olympics were awarded to city



The inquests into the deaths of 52 people in 2005, at the hands of British-born terrorists has begun in earnest. However, it will take many months to set out the precise movements, actions and possible associates of the men responsible for the 7/7 London bombings. Laying out proceedings was Hugo Keith QC, counsel to the inquests, who opened by stating the attacks were "acts of merciless savagery which could only outline the sheer inhumanity of the perpetrators."

Already information previously unseen and gleaned by the security services, has meant a re-write of many stories concerning the attack, including the time-line. The most striking data so far, is the revelation that the al-Qaida (AQ) bombers definitely intended to attack the capital on the day London was chosen to host the 2012 Olympic Games. This, supposedly because AQ cell leader, Mohammed Sidiq Khan, had e-mailed his associates just 48-hours before the attack saying he had a hospital appointment with his wife who was pregnant at the time. Eye Spy has always been convinced this was the

A London Underground commuter learns the 7/7 attack should actually have taken place 24-hours earlier



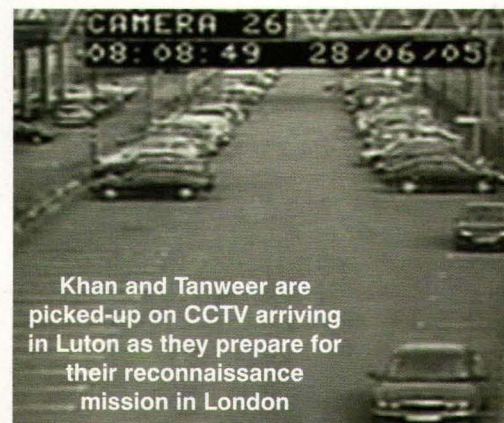
A plethora of new information reveals a day of confusion, tragedy and a group of terrorists without a care in the world...

intended date of the operation anyway, but for reasons most obvious we have been unable to publish this.

Information related to poorly composed communications' directives, dithering Tube managers, and elements of an unprepared emergency service have also been aired; so too the lack of equipment necessary to deal with hundreds of dreadful injuries to the 700 or so people who survived the blast. Such stories have surfaced in the past, but recalling these in a court room has opened deep wounds once more. For some survivors and relatives of the dead, they have caused both anger and disbelief.

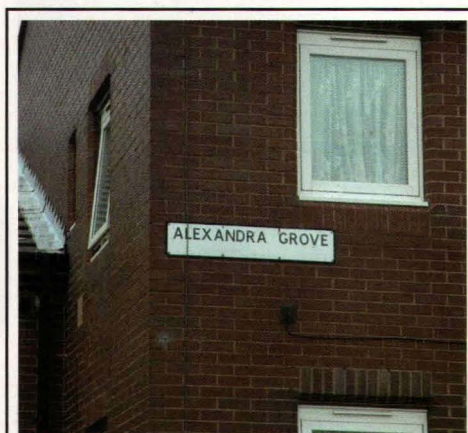
To place events in context: a huge information flow in a very short time span on the morning of the attack, from public and official organs alike, and the subsequent analysis of related reports

was simply too much for some operators to disseminate. The data was often absorbed by unbelieving operators and seemed to engulf those charged with directing accurate information to relevant bodies. To blame any one agency





5.20am - 6 July 2005 - just hours before the terrorists embark on their deadly mission to London, Khan and Tanweer are recorded at this ASDA store in Leeds shopping for some last minute goods - including 15 bags of ice to keep their explosives cool. Inset: Khan (blue), Tanweer (green) and Jermaine Lindsay (red) on a 'dummy run'



Eye Spy was told by Leeds detectives just days after the bomb factory was discovered, that efforts were on-going to trace a "female who regularly cleaned the house taking bags of rubbish away." As far as we can ascertain, she has never been traced

for not acting sooner seems harsh, but the fact that it took a full 30 minutes for emergency services to reach one location, seems wrong. Radios on the Tube did not work and there was confusion everywhere. Theories ranged from broken down trains, electrical faults to carriages catching fire.



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Yet many emergency workers and members of the public, unprepared and without proper training or equipment, did wander in fearlessly to help survivors. Praise was also afforded to individuals, including Tube driver Timothy Batkin, who showed immense calm and understanding following the bomb blast on his Circle Line train.

What is striking and evident, is the speed of the huge MI5 and police operation that followed. After initial hesitation, the security services moved quickly to identify the terrorists, their homes, and just how they achieved success. The attacks even took MI5 by complete surprise, including then Director-General, Eliza Manningham-Buller who just months after the event, told Eye Spy editor Mark Birdsall, "The confusion was such, we did not know what was happening."

Also evident is the vast collection of video tapes from CCTV cameras from Leeds (the bombers home town) to London. New film footage showed the terrorists shopping at a B & Q (hardware/garden) store close to the men's home in Beeston, Leeds. Khan, Shehzad Tanweer and Hasib Hussain can be seen casually walking through the aisles purchasing materials for their home made bombs. A number of receipts for purchases made in the city were astonishingly found in the carnage following the London strikes.

Undoubtedly the inquest will hear new and disturbing facts. Indeed, already there are stories starting to emerge of other "helpers" and "operatives" linked to the plot. This does not surprise Eye Spy at all. For a long time we have known as many as a dozen people or associates are still wanted for questioning, including visitors to the Alexandra Grove bomb factory in Burley, Leeds, or persons linked to property used by the bombers.



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Lady Justice Dame Heather Hallett was chosen a year ago to conduct the inquests. It seems probable she will hear evidence from hundreds of people. Lady Justice Hallett is one of the country's most experienced High Court Judges

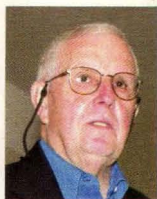
The inquest into 7/7 is expected to last until February 2011. Lady Justice Dame Heather Hallett is presiding over the inquest at the Royal Courts of Justice. The evidence will be presented in categories and cover travel, planning, bomb sites, forensics, emergency responses, and then culminate in the burning question which many families want answered - could 7/7 have been prevented?



Terror chief Khan showed concern about the well-being of his family - enough to delay the attacks by 24-hours

REVEALING DATA: There have been other investigations since 2005 by various bodies, including New Scotland Yard's Operation Theseus, the Parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee and the London Assembly, but the current inquests have thankfully allowed the public to grasp far more detail in a few hours than all of the other endeavours put together. For example, NYS Counter Terrorist Command (CTC) are still searching for a white vehicle and six occupants who were seen at the Leeds bomb factory, and that 17 of the 52 people killed on 7/7, did not die immediately. Such revelations, though painful for the relatives, need to be told.

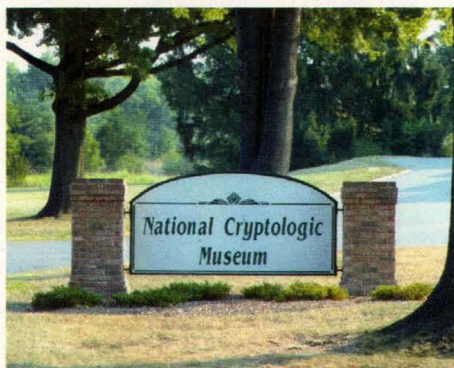
Letter from Fort Meade by David Hamer



Intelligence and codes expert David Hamer examines the machinery and people behind some "unbreakable codes" created years ago.

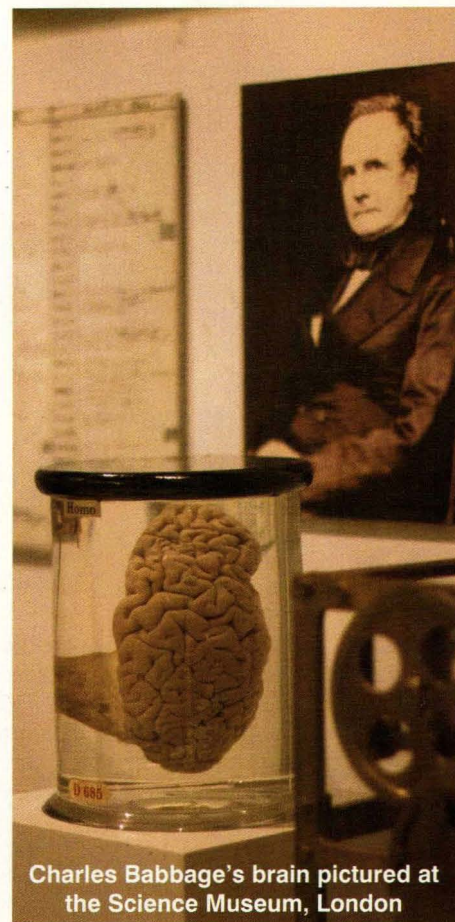
These ground-breaking achievements were strangely, ignored for varying reasons.

Hamer provides good solid evidence that these past efforts hold great relevance to today's code-breaking and code-making efforts



...being an irregularly occasional, or an occasionally irregular, communication from the American cryptological community: particularly those things associated with the National Cryptologic Museum [NCM] and its parent, the National Security Agency [NSA]

THE CHAOS



Charles Babbage's brain pictured at the Science Museum, London

Throughout the history of codes and ciphers there have always been systems considered by both contemporaneous inventors and critics to be 'unbreakable'. Examples have included Blaise de Vigenère's complex polyalphabetic cipher that bears his name and a two-part challenge cipher posted

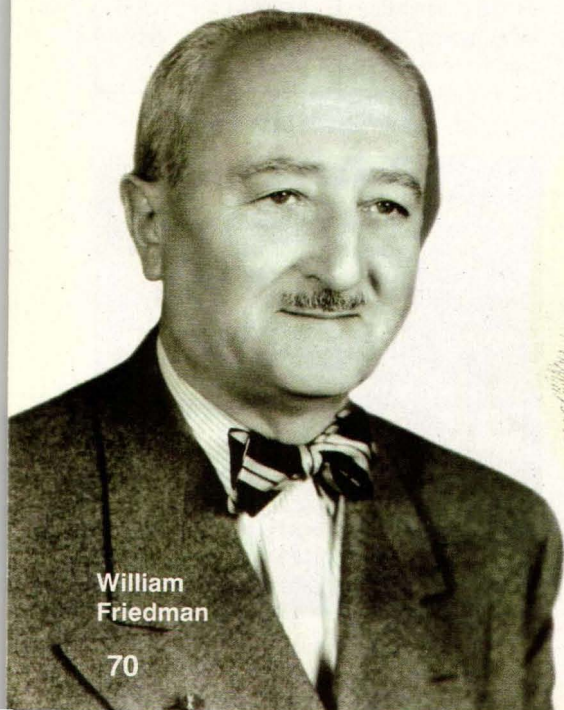
in a Philadelphia newspaper by Edgar Allan Poe in 1840. The former, proposed by its French author in the mid-sixteenth century, became known as '*Le Chiffre Indéchiffrable*'. It was in fact proven to be quite '*chiffable*' by none other than the British polymath, and former Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge, Charles Babbage. However, Babbage's 'break' into the Vigenère came



John F Byrne and John F Byrne Junior. Circa 1939

almost three hundred years after its author introduced his eponymous cipher, in about 1854: thus if not absolutely '*indéchiffrable*' it was surely almost so. The twin parts of Poe's cipher of 1839 succumbed to attack in 1992 and 2000 respectively. One has to remember of course that the first of these examples of long-time survival against attack from some rather intense cryptanalysis occurred in the days when such attacks were carried out using a pencil and sheets of squared paper.

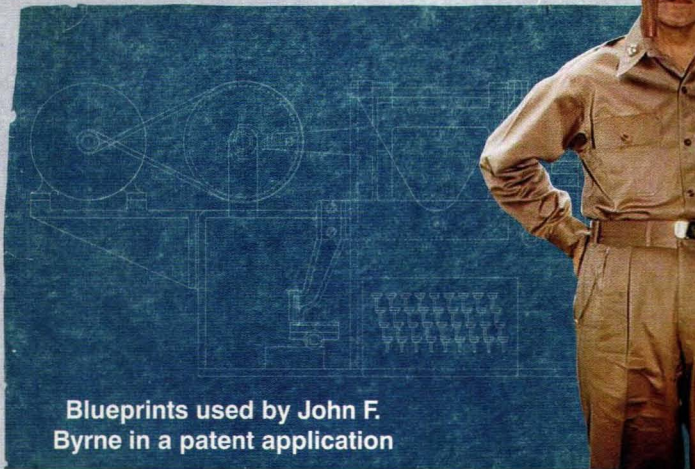
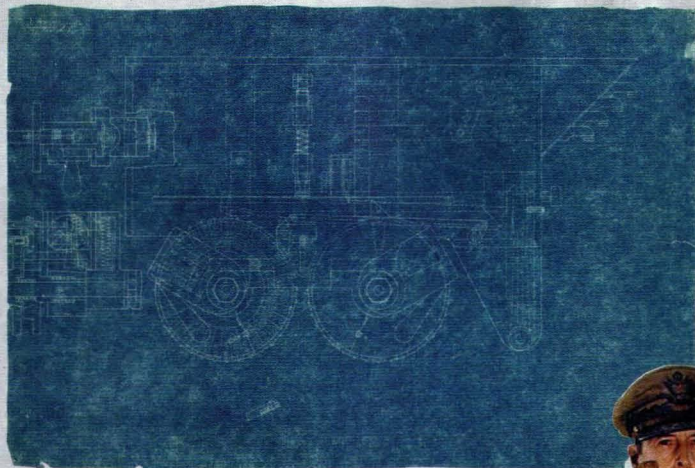
Another cipher challenge that for many years proved unbreakable, latterly even amidst today's almost universal use of computer



William Friedman



Charles Babbage



Blueprints used by John F. Byrne in a patent application



Colonel Lawrence Bunker

90 Church Street
New York 7, N.Y.

10 August 1951

Dear Mr. Byrne:

General MacArthur has asked me to acknowledge your letters of June 25th and July 31st and to say how much he appreciates your having brought this material to his attention. He regrets that the pressure upon him at present is too great to allow him to interest himself more deeply in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

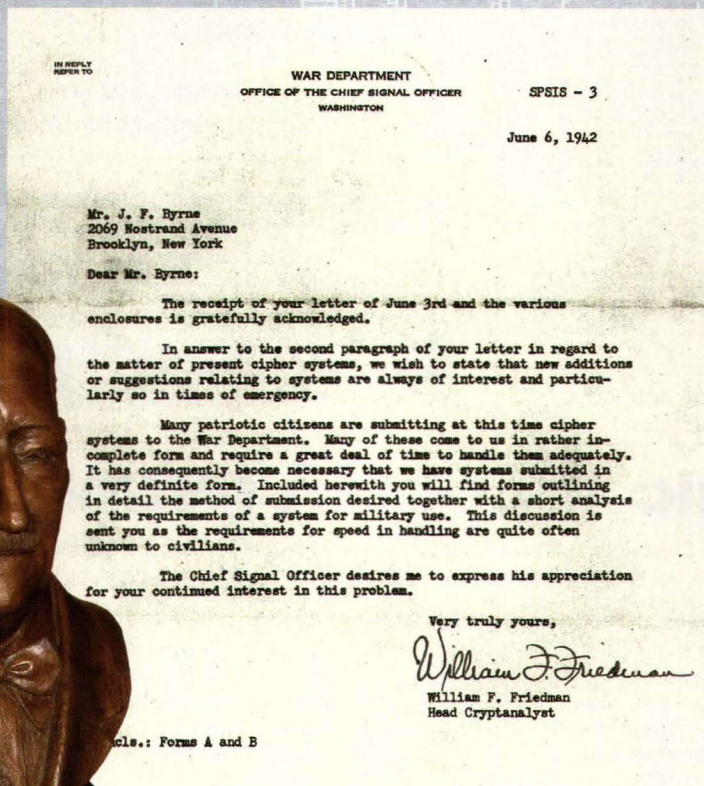
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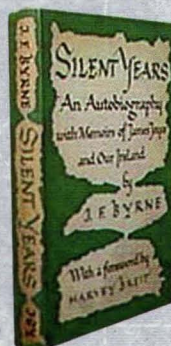
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Letter to John F. Byrne from Colonel Lawrence Bunker (aide to General Douglas MacArthur - pictured left)

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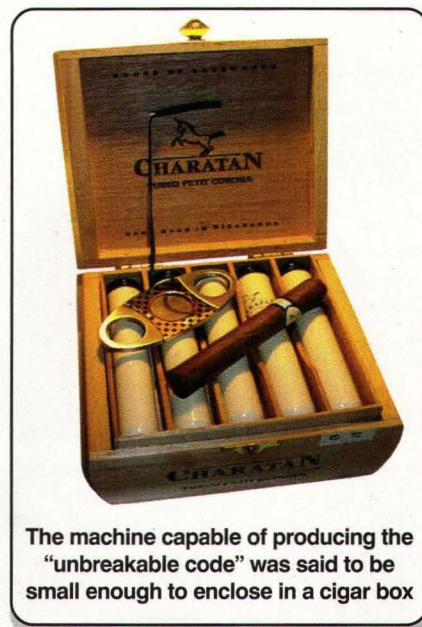
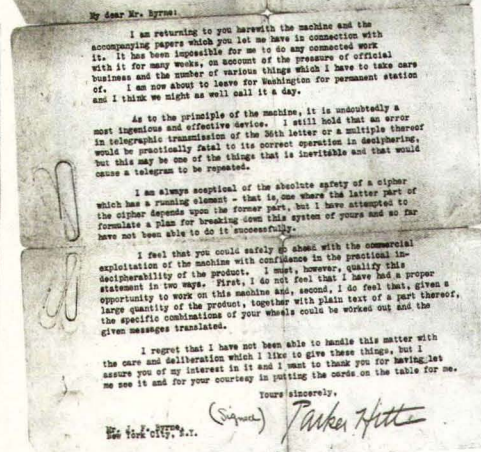
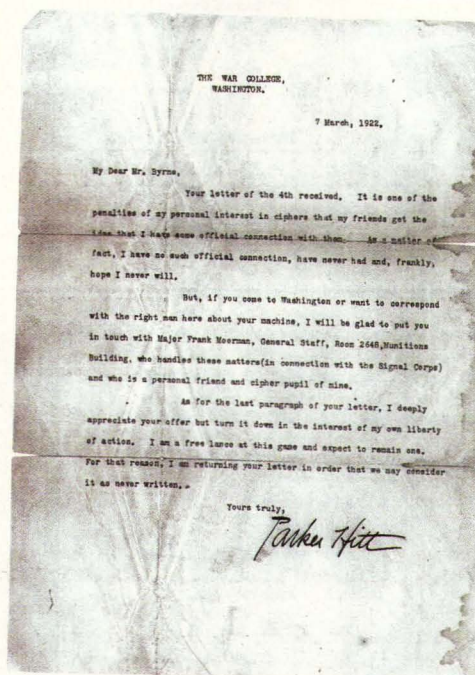
Letter to John F. Byrne from William Friedman



Above: Sketch of John F. Byrne by his son and JFB's important autobiography - Silent Years

power, is Chaocipher: a machine system invented by Irish author, poet, newspaperman and general 'renaissance man' John F. Byrne in 1918. Byrne was a contemporary and lifetime friend of James Joyce, best known as the author of *Ulysses*. Chaocipher was said by Byrne to be a compact device that would fit easily "into a cigar box". Byrne tried for many years to interest the US government and others in adopting his system for military use but his pleas fell on the deaf ears of such luminaries as the legendary American codemaker, and codebreaker, William Friedman, and the equally legendary Colonel Parker Hitt. Byrne also sought the help of other notables, including General Douglas MacArthur and even First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Formerly classified correspondence pertaining to the Chaocipher



The machine capable of producing the "unbreakable code" was said to be small enough to enclose in a cigar box

During the latter decades of Byrne's work and his efforts to make a commercial success of Chaocipher he was supported and assisted by his son John Jr., who for many years after his father's death continued to hope to realise success with his attempts to interest the US Government and other parties in the system.

A few years ago, only three living people knew the secret of Chaocipher: John Byrne Jr. himself and two editors of the academic journal *Cryptologia* to whom he divulged the information in 1990, after extracting an oath of professional silence. Recently both Byrne Jr. and one of those two editors themselves died and, with the realisation that if action were not taken quickly the Chaocipher secret might be gone for ever, the Byrne family decided to

release the remaining records to the NSA's National Cryptologic Museum [NCM] at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland, where they now reside. We in the crypto-historical community should for ever be grateful to the Byrne family for their generosity. Currently work is ongoing to catalogue and index the donated material, to include appropriate items in the museum display and to make relevant documents available through the NCM reference library.

While the famous 'cigar-box' did not survive, the highlights of the Byrne material include several blueprints of the machine used in connection with a patent application; a paper and wood model of the system [made by John Byrne, Jr.]; correspondence between Byrne Sr. and senior US officials and others, relating to

the attempts to gain acceptance for Byrne's work, and continuing correspondence from John Byrne, Jr. A great deal of work has been carried out on Chaocipher by a wide range of well-known amateur cryptanalysts. These include Israel's Moshe Rubin, the UK's Michael Cowan and America's Elonka Dunin. All will be delighted that this material is now 'open source' and we may expect a veritable waterfall of erudition. A full inventory of the material at the NCM library is yet to be done but a cursory study by this author reveals that the contents include correspondence between Byrne Sr., William Friedman, Parker Hitt and other notable political and military figures of the twentieth century.

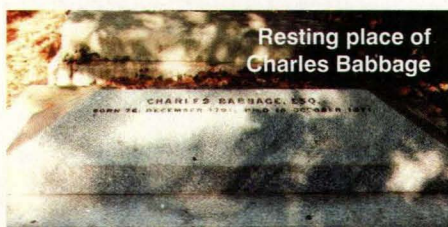
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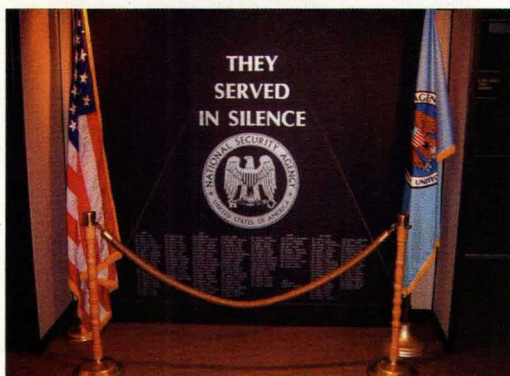
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A page from the appendix to Byrne's book

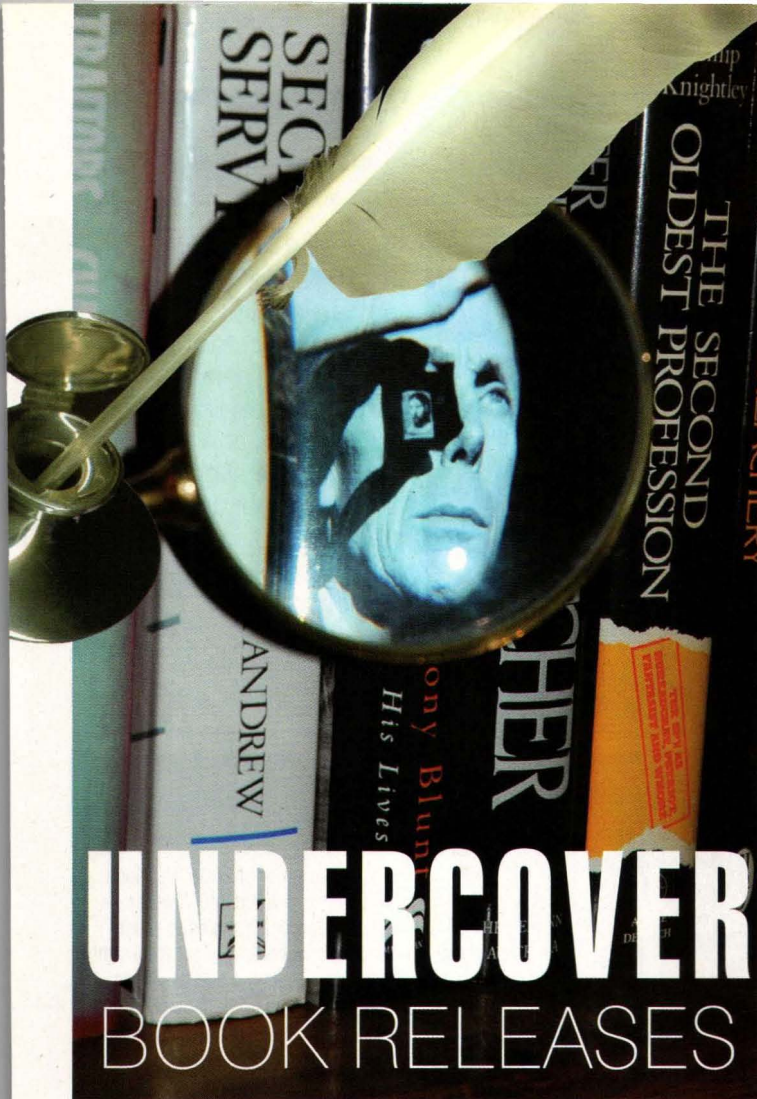
National Cryptologic Museum [NCM]



The National Cryptologic Museum [NCM] is located at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland adjacent to the giant campus of the National Security Agency. NCM is however outside of the secure area and thus open to the general public as well as serving as an educational adjunct to the agency itself. It has been described as 'NSA's window on the world'. While the museum is small reservations are not required except for school and other large groups. NCM is now equipped with an audio guide system that allows visitors to use their personal cellphones to dial the two or three-digit number alongside each display to receive a detailed and informed commentary. Knowledgeable docents and other members of the museum staff are usually available to provide a personal touch.

The museum, its research library and gift shop are located at the intersection of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway [Route 295] and Maryland's Highway 32: easily accessible by car with ample free parking. Information begins at:

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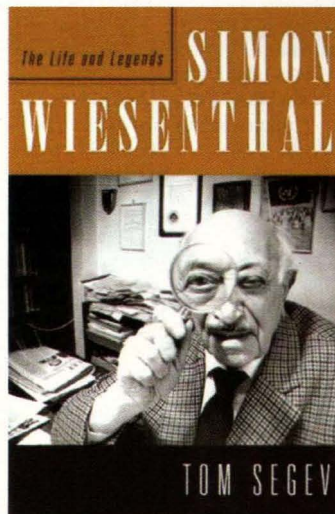
SIMON WIESENTHAL: The Life and Legends

Tom Segev
Doubleday Books

This first fully documented biography of Simon Wiesenthal, the legendary Nazi hunter, is also a brilliant character study of a man whose life was part invention but wholly dedicated to ensuring both that the Nazis be held responsible for their crimes and that the destruction of European Jewry never be forgotten.

Like most Jews in Eastern Europe on the eve of Hitler's invasion of Poland, twenty-four-year-old Simon Wiesenthal did not grasp the nature of the Nazi threat. But six years later, when a skeletal Wiesenthal was liberated from the concentration camp at Mauthausen, he fully fathomed the crimes of the Nazis. Within days he had assembled a list of nearly 150 Nazi war criminals, the first of dozens of such lists he would make over a lifetime as a Nazi hunter. A hero in the eyes of many, Wiesenthal was also attacked for his unrelenting pursuit of the past, when others preferred to forget.

For this new biography, rich in newsworthy revelations, historian and journalist Tom Segev has obtained access to Wiesenthal's private papers and to sixteen archives, including



records of the US, Israeli, Polish, and East German intelligence services. Segev is able to reveal the intriguing secrets of Wiesenthal's life, including his role in the capture of Adolf Eichmann, his relationship with Israel's Mossad, his controversial investigative techniques, his unlikely friendships with Kurt Waldheim and Albert Speer, and the nature of his rivalry with Elie Wiesel.

Segev's challenge in writing this biography was Wiesenthal's own complicated relationship to truth. Wiesenthal told many versions of his life, his suffering in the camps, and his involvement with the arrest of individual

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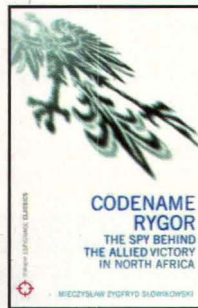
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Mieczyslaw Zygfryd Slowikowski
Dialogue

Major General Mieczyslaw Zygfryd Slowikowski, code-named Rygor, was a Polish intelligence officer who helped establish Allied spy networks in occupied France, and later, in German occupied North Africa.

In July 1941, Slowikowski was transferred to Algiers where he set up and ran one of the War's most successful intelligence operations, providing the vast bulk of



the intelligence for Operation Torch, the 1942 Allied invasion of North Africa. This was the first joint Allied military operation involving both the British and the Americans, in the first large-scale Allied landings of the war. Although it is not as well known as the later operations in France and Italy, Torch provided a turning point in the war against the Axis powers. Slowikowski lit the fuse. His immense bravery and effort were later rewarded with the American Legion of Merit and an Order of the British Empire. This is his extraordinary story. Paperback 320pp

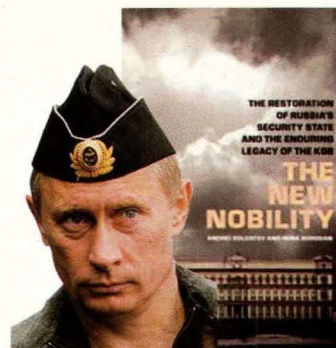
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THE NEW NOBILITY: The Restoration of Russia's Security State and the Enduring Legacy of the KGB

Irina Borogan
PublicAffairs

While Vladimir Putin has been president and prime minister of Russia, the authors argue the Kremlin has deployed its security services to intimidate the political opposition, reassert the power of the state, and carry out assassinations overseas. At the same time, its agents and spies were put beyond public accountability and blessed with the prestige, benefits, and legitimacy lost since the Soviet collapse.

The security services have played a central - and often mysterious - role at



key turning points in Russia during these tumultuous years: from the Moscow apartment house bombings and theatre siege, to the war in Chechnya and the Beslan massacre.

In *The New Nobility*, two Russian investigative journalists open up the closed and murky world of the Russian Federal Security Service. The security services, they argue, are not all-powerful; have made clumsy and sometimes catastrophic blunders.

But what is clear is that after the chaotic 1990s, when they were sidelined, they have made a remarkable return to power, abetted by their most famous alumnus, Putin. Hardback 329pp

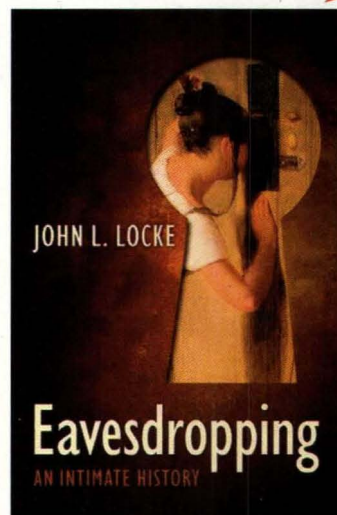
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Eavesdropping: An Intimate History John L. Locke

Oxford University Press

Who among us hasn't eavesdropped on a stranger's conversation in a theatre or restaurant? Indeed, scientists have found that even animals eavesdrop on the calls and cries of others.

In *Eavesdropping*, John L. Locke provides the first serious look at this virtually universal phenomenon. Locke's entertaining and disturbing account explores everything from sixteenth-century voyeurism to Hitchcock's 'Rear Window'; from chimpanzee behaviour to Parisian café



society; from private eyes to Facebook and Twitter. He uncovers the biological drive behind the behaviour and highlights its consequences across history and cultures.

Eavesdropping can be a good thing - an attempt to understand what goes on in the lives of others so as to know better how to live one's own. Even birds who listen in on the calls of distant animals tend to survive longer. But Locke also concedes that eavesdropping has a bad name. It can encompass cheating to get unfair advantage, espionage to uncover secrets, and secretly monitoring e-mails to maintain power over employees. In the age of CCTV, phone tapping, and computer hacking, this is eye-opening reading. Hardback 288pp

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THE CRABB ENIGMA

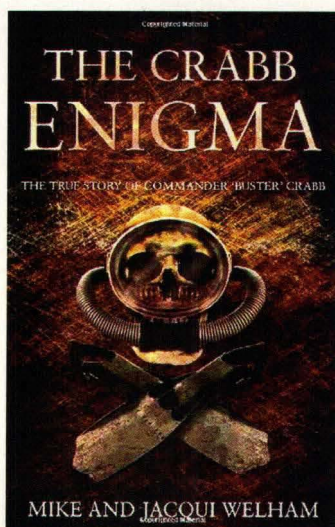
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Commander 'Buster' Crabb, a British naval frogman, disappeared whilst undertaking an underwater 'spying mission' involving the Soviet cruiser *Ordzhonikidze* in 1956. Just over a year after he disappeared, a body washed up headless and handless near Portsmouth. The establishment took charge of the body and, at an inquest, declared it to be Crabb. However, vital evidence was omitted and key witnesses not called. It's now known that it was not Crabb who was buried in Portsmouth. But there was a problem, Crabb worked for the then head of the Royal Navy, Lord Mountbatten.

The authors make a plethora of claims, too many to list in this review. However, what follows is a condensed version:

At the time of the incident, US government security agencies had alleged that Mountbatten was doing 'unofficial' business with the Soviet



Union. This, UK officials believed, was a valid reason for Crabb's story to be held secret until 2056 - an unprecedented 100 years. The FBI and CIA state that it is in the interests of US National Security not to make available any documentation or information, and applications to the KGB by the authors remain unanswered. However, for thirty years Admiral Gennadiy Zakharov trained Spetsnaz troops in Naval sabotage and states that Crabb was in the Eastern Bloc at that time. Sir Percy Sillitoe, former head of MI5 also states that the department had a file that proved Crabb was in the Soviet Union.

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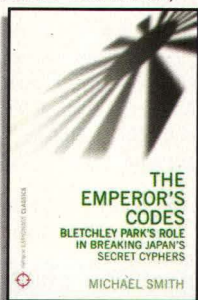
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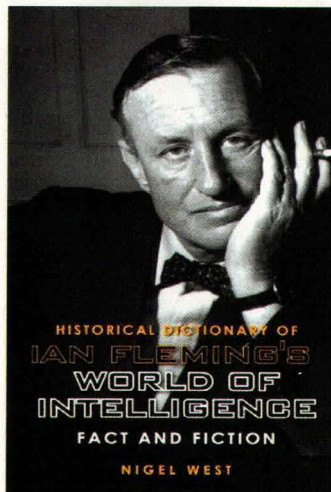
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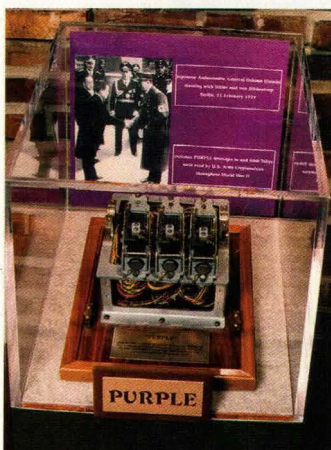
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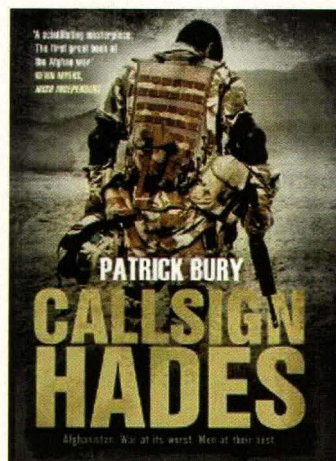
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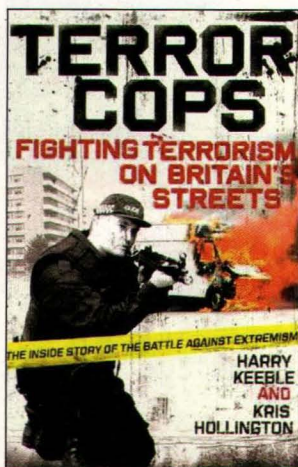
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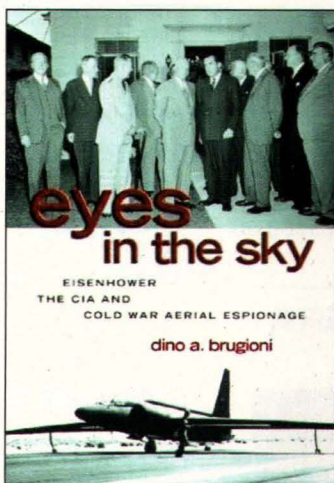
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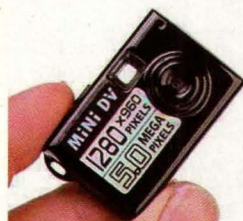
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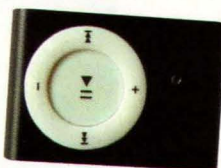
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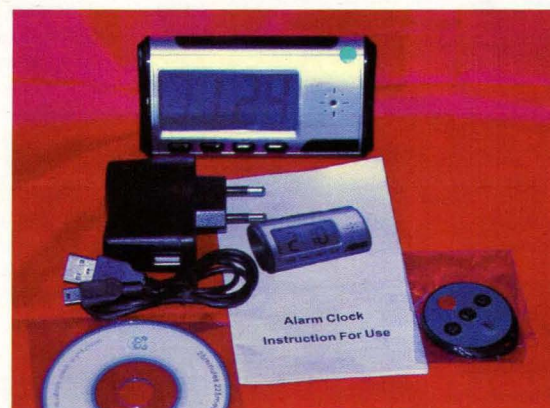
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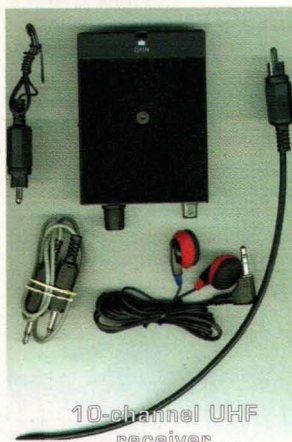


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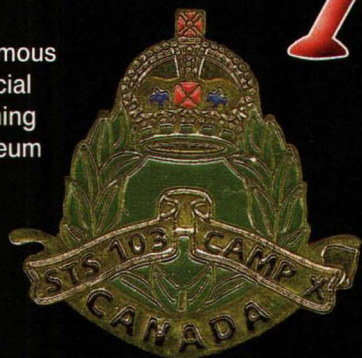
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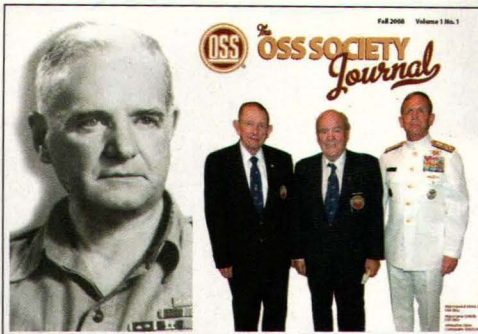


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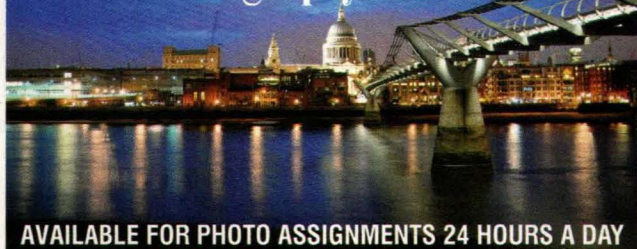


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28 September. Two days earlier, police secured the city's St Lazare Railway Station following a similar bomb threat. Naturally, within minutes, these areas were cordoned off and there was an increased security presence in key city sites, such as government buildings, tourist locations etc.

Bomb threats, as those made in September, coincided with a nationwide hunt for a suspected female suicide bomber who has threatened to attack a central area of the city. While the DGSE are taking such threats seriously, they are also convinced AQ operators are monitoring the reaction time and placement of security personnel called out to deal with such scenarios. It is a classic surveillance ploy often used by those who live and work in the underworld. The events are almost certainly part of the AQ-Central plot to strike Europe and will have provided the terror group with useful intelligence.

So just how advanced was the 'Mirror-Mumbai' plot? According to some senior intelligence sources used by the very reliable *Wall Street Journal*, it was advanced but not in the imminent stages. However, a correspondent did say: "There are some pretty notable threat streams and that this was an unusually serious threat." Another Pentagon official said it has been quite some time (years) since they have seen intelligence as serious as this.

Few intelligence watchers doubt those participating at the leading edge of the capital city attacks, would not have been told this was a suicide mission.

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A telephone threat against the Eiffel Tower caused France to mobilise its security services. The response to such incidents may well have been monitored by al-Qaida operatives

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The operation to strike at the plotters' training and planning centre in Afghanistan, flies in the face of those commentators who believe such actions in faraway lands have little bearing on the security of the public in Europe, North America and elsewhere. Whilst this is clearly a major blow to AQ, it should be remembered that those assigned or willing to help the terror group in this Europe-wide plot, are still in place, though some may have gone to ground.

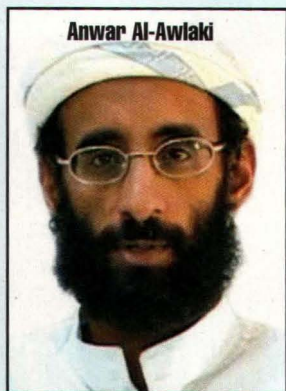
On 5 October, less than 48-hours after the US State Department warned its citizens to be careful in [European] public places, French security services

arrested a dozen AQ suspects who had been under surveillance. Weapons, including a Kalashnikov, pump-action shotguns and ammunition were seized. Another suspect was arrested in Naples, Italy, this after intelligence was gleaned from one of the suspects cell phones. He just happened to be carrying a bomb-making kit.

Fear is something that costs little to produce and can be transferred from the badlands of Afghanistan and Pakistan in various mediums - the Internet being just one. MI6 and the CIA have warned ministers and officials that AQ's use of the Internet to manage plots and recruit operatives is now reaching critical levels. Indeed, in Paris on 22 September, amidst the looming backdrop of the proposed Mumbai commando-type operation, Interpol Director Ronald Noble said: "The threat is global, it is virtual and it is on our doorsteps. As soon as you knock out one [AQ web site], another pops up. It's like playing 'whack-a-mole'."

To give an accurate scale as to just how many web sites are supporting AQ, and in effect, providing a recruiting platform, is difficult.





Anwar Al-Awlaki

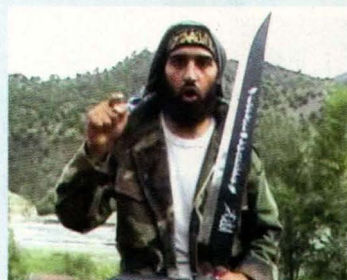
However, in 1998, there were just 12 sites spouting AQ rhetoric. In 2006, Interpol had registered 4,500. One web intelligence expert

says today, the figure is closer to 15,000. In the sights of British and American Intelligence is Yemen-based terrorist, Anwar al-Awlaki, who has featured in an astonishing 5,000 videos on YouTube alone. He and his inner-circle of cohorts are providing AQ Central with new recruits, contacts in countries aplenty and financial support. Many of those falling for al-Awlaki's twisted statements are prepared to physically assist the terror group. And undoubtedly he is playing a logistical or supportive role in plots to attack London, New York and elsewhere.

HAMBURG CELL

'Shahad D', alias Abu Askar, al-Almani is believed to have been one of eight or nine German nationals killed in the Warzistan CIA strike.

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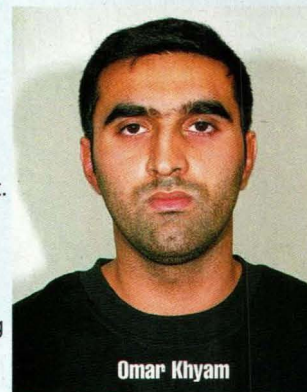
MI5 estimate that at least 500 Britons seriously intent on operational terror activities have passed through the training camps run by al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan and Pakistan. About 100 people are regarded as being highly competent in explosives' manufacture, and all have received firearms training. About half this number are known to have returned to the UK and are still in contact with senior terrorist contact men. Overall, the Security Service believes AQ has access to over 2,000 operators in the United Kingdom alone.

It is understood MI5 is intensely surveilling a major terrorist cell in a district of London. One man, regarded as a 'facilitator', is of particular interest and could be relevant to the European plot. The London location was frequented by Abdulla Ahmed Ali, the single most important operator in the plot to destroy at least seven civilian airliners over the Atlantic in 2006. Part of the New Scotland Yard/MI5 operation code-named Crevis, also centred upon this location. A terror cell used the area to help develop a plan dubbed the "fertiliser plot" - in which al-Qaida intended to blow-up the Ministry of Sound nightclub, attack the Bluewater Shopping Centre in Kent, and possibly shoot-down an airliner en-route or taking off from Heathrow Airport. The man under surveillance here was Omar Khyam.

As for Abdul Jabber's role in the Europe plot, intelligence watchers are divided if he was to be the lead man, but few doubt he would have played a role. MI5 are still investigating Jabber's possible links to the 'facilitator'.



Abdulla Ahmed Ali



Omar Khyam



"The threat is global, it is virtual and it is on our doorsteps. As soon as you knock out one [AQ web site], another pops up. It's like playing 'whack-a-mole'..."

Interpol Director Ronald Noble

So keen are the CIA to arrest him, a special unit has been formed specifically to glean intelligence and formulate operations to hunt down al-Awlaki. MI6 is also on his trail. But moving weaponry such as a crate of AK-47s through Europe still poses a major logistical problem, thus those who planned the attack, must have been confident they had the resources and finance to pull off such a feat. Al-Awlaki has both.

The destruction of the training camp by the CIA has definitely disrupted a very deadly AQ plot to strike in Europe. But, by trying to join and satisfy growing numbers of AQ elements and expanding the plot to cover several countries, those in charge broke many golden rules. When trying to launch attacks of this nature outside their theatre of strength, AQ risks exposure via infiltration and communication intercept.

Its operation was covert to a point, but once beyond the confines of a camp hidden in the mountains of Afghanistan, information leaks and operators are vulnerable. One intercepted cell phone call or a checked ticket from Kabul to Hamburg, can expose even the tightest of operations - and operators with objectives and armed with knowledge get nervous - 'S' being a could example. It is one reason the AQ training manual insists terror cells are limited to a dozen or so people. AQ broke its own golden rule.

Few doubt that MI5 and those involved with deflecting this plot, have added several names to a lengthy watch list of subjects - some betrayed by their liaison and fascination with al-Awlaki. But they will try again...



An intelligence bounty: These cells phones and computer accessories were recovered from AQ terrorists by US forces. Few doubt the forensics recovered at the site of the destroyed camp will provide incredible intelligence

THE FINAL WORD

BIN-LADEN'S EUROPEAN ADVENTURE

So impressed with the LeT operation in Mumbai, 2008, Osama bin-Laden decided to use the blueprint - for what one CIA source called - his "adventure into Europe".

Initially the operation was designed to involve secure established terror cells, but bin-Laden believed the exercise was an opportunity to unify AQ groups and expand his reach [and control] even further.

However, by inviting other terrorist outfits to join the plot, essentially redrawing the blueprint, he risked exposure.

The terrorist operators used by LeT in Mumbai were controlled by a small number of planners in Pakistan. Security was excellent and the operation undisturbed. Bin-Laden, however, decided to strike anyway, and probably around Christmas time, despite him knowing that there would be a



Fahd Mohammed al-Quso was killed in the CIA attack. He had been on a wanted list since 1998, for his role in the bombing of the USS Cole off the coast of Yemen

heightened state of alert in all European countries and North America.

It didn't take long for MI5 and other domestic intelligence services in Europe, such as the DGSE and BfV to track the comings and goings of certain individuals, their phone calls and liaisons. They were all under surveillance.

A Mumbai-style attack has been on the cards for the best part of 18 months. Intercepting communications and commentary about Mumbai meant that NSA and GCHQ had a good idea what was happening. Osama bin-Laden did not see, nor expect the disruptive CIA attack, and the seeds of a huge terror operation never had time to germinate.

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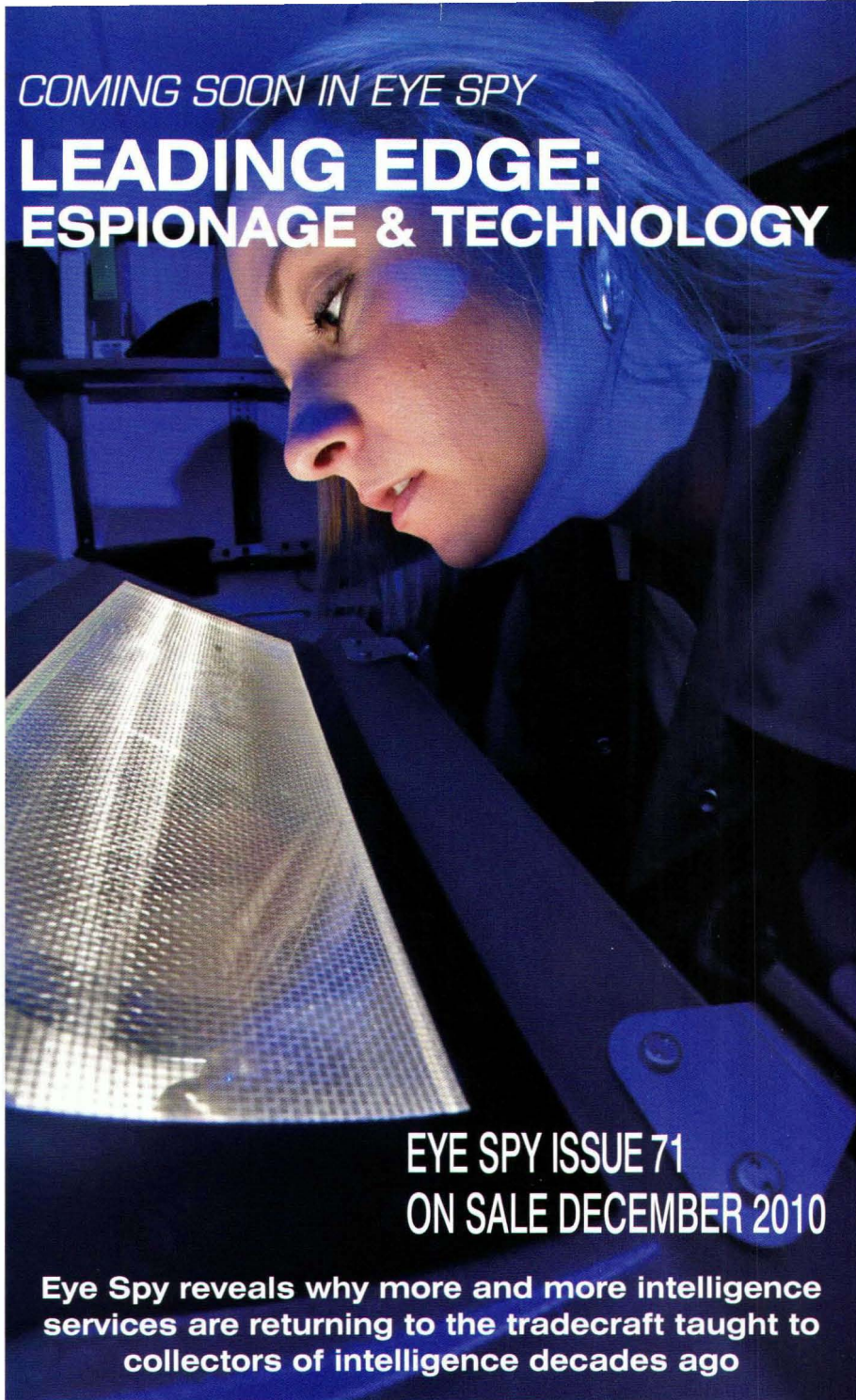
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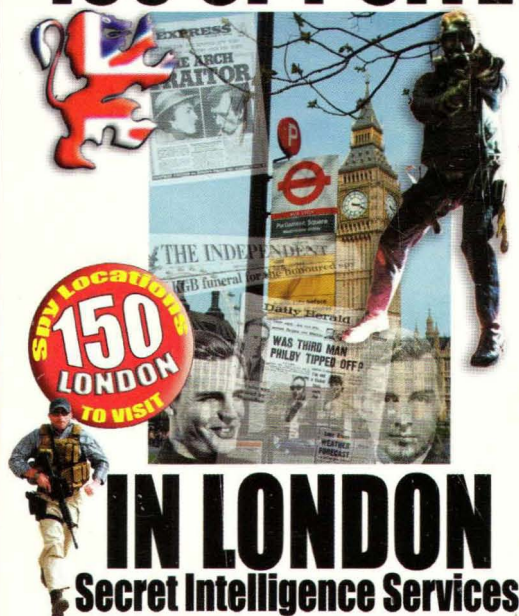
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