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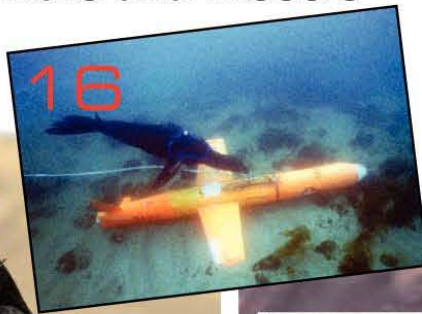
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On cyber attacks - "It's a bit like terrorism... In that the more you know, the more frightening it becomes"

Baroness Pauline Neville-Jones
UK Security Minister



FIRST WORD



STRANGE DAYS

To say the intelligence world was caught off-guard by recent political events in the wider Middle East is an understatement. However, two of America's leading intelligence figures - Leon Panetta (Director CIA), and James Clapper (Director National Intelligence) spoke frankly about how difficult a task it is to predict such tumultuous happenings. Their comments can be found inside.

As usual, we have been busy looking into a number of interesting intelligence stories, including the baffling case of MI6 worker Gareth Williams whose body was found in a sports bag. The inquest into his death has been postponed, but our sources still maintain there is something very odd about the entire affair. We've packed as much information into this edition as space permits, suffice it to say there are quite a few interesting snippets.

Later this summer Eye Spy celebrates its 10th anniversary. I'm pleased to report our subscription base is at its highest level ever and newsstand sales have not been affected at all by the economic climate. We are indebted to our loyal readers for their support.

Mark Birdsall, Managing Editor



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Speaking at the inquests into the deaths of 52 people killed by al-Qaida terrorists in London in 2005, Chief of Staff to MI5 Director-General Jonathan Evans, admitted the Service did not have an "inkling" of the terror operation. The officer, known as Witness G, also rejected suggestions MI5 could have prevented the attack. He said it was "nonsensical and offensive" to suggest the Service had failed to take steps which could have thwarted the bombers. 'G' did acknowledge more could have been done to identify the true threat of cell leader Mohammed Siddique Khan.

The 7/7 inquests has heard from an astonishing number of people, and the manner in which the proceedings have taken place must be commended. New Scotland Yard, whilst producing a plethora of visual and documented evidence, has been respectful to those in attendance, many of whom have lost loved ones or were caught up in the attacks. The post-bombing investigation could not have been more thorough.

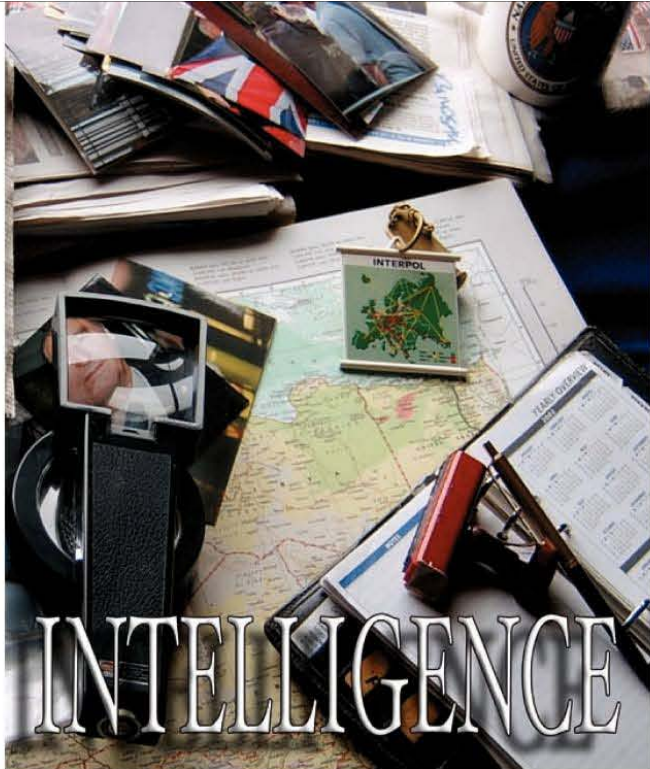
In this edition of Eye Spy, we take a look at a number of photos taken by Counter Terrorism Command, MI5 and West Yorkshire Police of the inside of 18 Alexandra Grove, a location well known to this magazine. It will also be interesting to learn if reference is made to numerous people (around 20 - we understand), who had connections to the address at the time it was being used to build the London bombs...

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"profound regret the Service was unable to prevent the 7 July 2005 bombings in London..."

MI5 Chief of Staff - Witness G





INTELLIGENCE

Tri-Agency Operation Targets Iran

Intelligence sources in France and Israel claim the Mossad, MI6 and the CIA conspired to "deflect" Iran's nuclear weapons programme. Throughout 2010, and after receiving assurances from Israel that it would not launch a military strike against Iran's nuclear plants, a series of joint operations took place effectively crippling vital components of Tehran's nuclear bomb research. According to French intelligence officials, Mossad agents carried out acts of sabotage in Iran

Heavy water reactor near Arak



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with the assistance of the CIA and MI6. This also included the abduction and assassination of senior scientists.

Another unnamed official said the agencies had worked for over a year to introduce the powerful Stuxnet computer virus into hundreds of computers which control Iran's nuclear reactors.

CIA SECRET TRACKERS?

OLD RUSE - NEW TECHNOLOGY TO TRACK BIN-LADEN

Abu Al-Fatan, a link man supposedly close to terror chief Osama bin-Laden, claims the CIA used a news front to gain access to the al-Qaida leader. Boasting about the group's 'technical wing', Al Fatah said it had discovered a tiny 5mm satellite tracking device embedded in a USB unit which contained questions for an interview. There was no photographic evidence of the micro-chip to support this story; a fact which has not gone unnoticed by intel watchers. "If such a device was discovered AQ web sites would by now have shown it on the Internet," a US intelligence once involved in the hunt for bin-Laden told Eye Spy.

Abu Al-Fatah called a Middle East media organisation in early February concerning the chip, and though he provided no corroborative evidence, the story he recounted on how the supposed USB "questionnaire" got close to bin-Laden's inner circle is interesting.

A back-channel communication link was established in Khartoum,

CIA tracker may have been used to locate Osama-bin-Laden

Sudan, where a Western television journalist sought to make contact with an al-Qaida commander in the hope of finding a way to interview bin-Laden. "We refused his request because we were suspicious of his presence in Sudan and his interest in Afghanistan", Al-Fatah said. Nevertheless, if this was indeed a bogus approach, the ploy at the very least revealed there was a liaison between Al-Fatah's franchise and AQ Central located in the borderlands between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The journalist, who called himself 'David Noshkay', was refused permission. This did not stop him asking if the AQ link man would send a series of questions to bin-Laden, have the interview filmed, and upload a copy on the USB memory stick. It's a process which has happened before, but Al-Fatah supposedly asked a computer expert to examine the device for bugs.

"When our technical wing starting assessing the device we found a 5mm chip stuck in it, said Al-

Farah. We investigated the chip and found out that it provided signal to satellites that allowed airstrikes that are being used to bomb Taliban and al-Qaida dominated villages and cities in Afghanistan."

The Sudan group referenced a number of case files where people were killed by terrorists posing as journalists, including Ahmed Shah Masood, head of the CIA-friendly Northern Alliance in Afghanistan. Al Farah forgot to mention nearly all the attacks were carried out by al-Qaida.



MASSOUD AND THI



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MOSCOW'S SECRET ANGELS

SUCCESS FROM FAILURE

There was a time when "outed" Russian spies would have received a cold reception in Moscow - an even chillier one awaited if their mission had ended in failure. A posting in Siberia comes to mind. How times have changed. Since being quietly removed from America and having her British passport revoked, failed Moscow spy Anna Chapman has shot to fame across the globe. Intel observers say this is largely due to her good looks, but there are some senior figures in the intelligence world who believe she "won" a number of spy games, and was

definitely an important spy for Moscow, including former KGB man Oleg Gordievsky.

Besides talk of a movie, a television series and a life in politics, Chapman and her advisors are laying the foundation for a long career in the public eye. But for those wanting an interview - beware... money is king.

Today, the 28-year-old talks about her SVR mission in the context of failure, though she has never once identified what it was. Well, let's answer that question: it was most definitely one of infiltration - long-term infiltration. Supported by the SVR, Chapman was set to establish herself in the highest echelons of British and American society, with threads to big business, politics and even the Royal Family. There is a very good chance all this may still happen of course (Royal Family apart), but it won't be done through the watchers and auspices of the SVR.

Careful not to expose her one-time spy role, Chapman said Sean



Anna Vasil'yevna Kushchynko - aka Anna Chapman

Connery is her favourite James Bond actor. Ever the entertainer, and a firm favourite with Vladimir Putin, Anna Chapman is learning fast.

But this story is far from finished. Eye Spy has learned that MI6 and the CIA are convinced that far from being a "solo artist", the SVR undoubtedly trained other female operatives in the "sweet" guise of Anna. Indeed, they may already have identified at least one girl who was part of that very same training programme.

Fearless Indian-Muslim SOE Agent-Runner Honoured

A campaign to raise £100,000 to help pay for a memorial to one of Britain's most fearless WWII SOE agents has received widespread backing. Noor Inayat Khan was sent to Europe as part of Churchill's instruction that the SOE should "set Europe ablaze" - this in an effort to derail Hitler's military occupation.

Khan, who fled to Britain after France was overrun by the Nazis, trained as a radio operator. She returned to the country in 1943 to help run the resistance spy network code-named 'Prosper' from Paris.

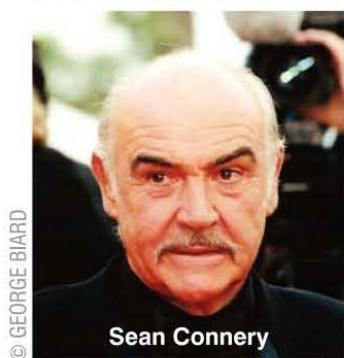


Code-name 'Madeleine', Khan was ultimately betrayed and captured. For ten months she bravely withstood Gestapo torture, until she was executed at Dachau concentration camp on 13 September 1944. She was just 30 years old.

Khan will become the first woman of Indian-Muslim origin in Britain to have a bronze memorial bust made for service to the wider intelligence community, though she was posthumously awarded the George Cross in 1949 and the French Croix de Guerre. The memorial will be erected in central London, close to the Bloomsbury house where she lived as a child.



Khan pictured in the uniform of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF)



Sean Connery

CHINESE SPIES AND HONEYTRAPS

A classified French Intelligence file, the contents of which surfaced in February, highlights an attempt by Chinese agents to infiltrate all levels of French Society, especially business and government. The report notes that it is increasingly obvious some Chinese "interns" - students amongst the country's 30,000 or so who study in France, have been given training in the art of honeytrapping. With much emphasis on establishing relations with contract companies and finding information about certain influential individuals, China's spies are securing state secrets in the same manner as witnessed in the last 20 years in the USA.



E BATTLING NORTHERN ALLIANCE

The Northern Alliance of Afghanistan had fought al-Qaida and the Taliban years before bin-Laden ordered the attack on the United States. At its head was Ahmed Shah Massoud, who brought together many local groups, villages and battle-hardened warriors who had helped remove Soviet military forces years earlier. Though poorly sponsored by the CIA in terms of weaponry, Massoud would become a pivotal, though secret ally in the region.

The NA conspired to disrupt the Taliban and AQ at every opportunity, but just 48 hours before 9/11, Taliban assassins posing as journalists killed Massoud. However, following the 2001 US-led invasion, Massoud's movement was invigorated and helped Coalition forces oust bin-Laden's followers.

Today, 9 September, the date of his murder, is a national holiday in Afghanistan known as 'Massoud Day'.



The tomb of Ahmed Shah Massoud



INTEL DIGEST

AMERICA-BOUND?

Thorn in the side of US Intelligence set for extradition to Sweden

The founder of WikiLeaks, Julian Assange, has attacked attempts to extradite him to Sweden as a "rubber-stamping process" after a British judge ruled that he be extradited to answer allegations of sexual assault. "What does the US have to do with a Swedish extradition process?" Julian Assange asked outside the Belmarsh Magistrates Court after Judge Howard Riddle's ruling. "Why is it that I am subject, a non-profit free speech activist, to a \$360,000 bail? Why is it that I am kept under electronic house arrest when I have not even been charged in any country, when I have never been a fugitive?"

For all the indignation and drama that has surrounded Assange, the

failure to prevent his extradition was entirely predictable, legal experts say. His extradition case, in this instance known as a European arrest warrant, is just one of 700 or so processed by British courts each year, of which only a tiny number are successfully blocked.

Just as predictable, Mark Stephens, one of Assange's solicitors vowed to take the case to the European Court of Human Rights if necessary. But he won't get there, other lawyers say, and once the appeal is blocked in the High Court, as is considered likely, Assange's mounting legal fees would be better spent on a credible defence for a rape trial. For that is where this is headed, say experts including Seth Levine, an extradition and human rights law specialist at Dyers Chambers in London.

BACK TO MOSCOW?

SUSPECTED RUSSIAN SPY SEEKS TV POST

Suspected SVR or GRU spy, Katia Zatuliveter, 25, the personal assistant to Liberal Democrat MP Mike Hancock, has had her bail restrictions eased - this as she seeks to apply for a post on Russia television and receive visitors in her home.

Zatuliveter faces almost certain removal from the UK, this after

MI5 reportedly secured information that she was passing intelligence on British Government matters to an FSB or SVR contact man. MP Hancock, 64, sits on the UK's defence committee and official documents on defence policy flow through his office.

Zatuliveter, who is banned from visiting Parliament, had been under MI5 surveillance for quite some time, and was said to be handling information "in an inappropriate manner". Essentially, MI5 believe she is a spy.

Justice Mitting, special immigrations appeal commission judge, noted the restrictions were "quite severe" and said he wanted to make it easier for her to obtain employment.

Mitting said: "I am very keen she should be free to work in a job that does not, in the view of the secretary of state, propose a risk to national security."

Zatuliveter joined Hancock's office as an intern in November 2006, this after arriving in Britain to study for a master's degree at Bradford University. In time, she would become his full-time parliamentary assistant.

A major MI5 surveillance operation resulted in her detention at Gatwick airport in August 2010. Though released, she was arrested again on 2 December amid fears she was engaged in espionage.

Zatuliveter refutes the spying allegations and her appeal is set for October 2011. However, Eye Spy understands events are moving quickly and the Russian



Katia Zatuliveter

television company - Russia Today - which many regard as a front outfit for the Kremlin's information service, is keen to get Zatuliveter back to Russia as soon as possible. It seems likely no charge of espionage will evolve.

Interestingly, if she is successful in finding work with RT - her first posting could be back in London as a reporter.

In respect of other relevant information secured by MI5; a report identifies Zatuliveter's father and sister as "student recruiters" for work in the UK. Katia herself almost found employment with a large UK defence company before MI5 stepped in.



Mike Hancock



There is every possibility, Assange, who has unsurprisingly lost the support of a number of his "inner circle", may yet be questioned about espionage activities - if and when he ends up in America....

INTEL HOTLINE TO MOSCOW

Private liaisons and new telephone link may ease MI6-FSB tensions

Though relations between Britain and Russia in the intelligence game could be better, both London and Moscow agree on one issue - countering terrorism. And this means providing assistance and intelligence on current and emerging threats.

At the height of the Cold War, a secure communication link meant that confirmation of a nuclear alert or tensions could be quickly discussed and amicably resolved. Now a new encrypted system is to be installed in Downing Street that will allow both premier and president to discuss sensitive issues such as al-Qaida and the sharing of highly classified material.

The current line has been in use since the early 1990s, and both offices have acknowledged that the system, though functional, should be upgraded.

The 'red telephone' or emergency line between the leaders was supported by



President Medvedev recognises need for collaboration

translators - who were always on hand. Senior advisors were never far away either. It is believed, however, that a central line will also have feeder lines to important or relevant advisors and offices, thus allowing others to participate in a conversation.

Senior Russian intelligence officials visited London in mid-February and it is believed there was some discussion about resolving the bitter 'secret war' between MI6 and the FSB that has been on-going since the assassination of Alexander Litvinenko in 2006.



IDF SHOW REEL AND THE STUXNET CLUE

Sometimes intelligence is gleaned in unusual places, and this often means digesting the content of events that on the surface, seem ordinary and unrelated to other topics. Thus when a film identifying the successes of out-going IDF chief Lieutenant General Gabi Ashkenazi was played

at his retirement party, intel watchers thought they already had a good data base of operations that could be attributed to Ashkenazi. Features had been prepared earlier and the editorial copy was ready, but there was a twist - a big one.



Meir Dagan

Negev, Israel. US sources say the secret Stuxnet programme was based in the Israeli Desert



Lieutenant General Gabi Ashkenazi - a brilliant strategist and organiser behind a plethora of IDF intel operations

The film included a reference to Stuxnet, and suddenly watching eyes and ears were alerted. Seconds after the Stuxnet piece, one of the great Mossad spymasters, Meir Dagan, chipped in with a tribute to Ashkenazi. Both men had worked closely together throughout the period of Dagan's tenure. What made intel watchers shudder, was the fact that this was an 'operational successes and showcase reel' - publicly acknowledged events, including the destruction of Syria's nuclear site in 2007.

Few doubt that this is the clearest evidence yet that the 'hand of Mossad', with assistance from

others, was behind the derailing of important elements of Iran's nuclear programme.

As for supporting intelligence, there is strong evidence coming from US intel sources at a major eastern seaboard-based newspaper, that the special unit behind the Stuxnet attack was based in an ultra secret desert location in the Israeli desert. US sources say the site was established with the assistance of America and another nation. Iran is adamant that country is the UK.

The Stuxnet attack, at the very least, provided 'breathing space' and time for more negotiations regarding Iran's nuclear programme.

WESTERN INTEL ASSESSMENTS IDENTIFIED EGYPT AS 'STABLE'

EGYPT AND INTELLIGENCE



President Mubarak's departure was not predicted by the CIA nor MI6.

The White House was paralysed by uncertainty as intel analysts at Langley were asked to predict - "what happens next?"...

Senior US and British intelligence figures failed to predict the shock waves from the revolution in Tunisia that would reach the heartlands of President Hosni Mubarak's stable Egypt...



President Mubarak was seen as a 'calming influence' in the complex politics of the Middle East...

On 10 February, senior US intelligence and military figures from the CIA, DIA and even the Director of National Intelligence, James Clapper, were asked to explain why no-one gave any advance warning or signal concerning events in Egypt. The uncertainty of what would eventually happen in Egypt led to a plethora of mixed messages and puzzling comments from an uncertain White House. Indeed, for days President Obama seemed unsure of what his country's response should be. This was noted by international commentators... and US Intelligence is taking flak.

Intelligence sources say there appeared to be a "wait and see policy" in operation. The truth of the matter is America was criticised by some for not demanding President Mubarak should step down, whilst others told Washington not to interfere... The United States was in a no-win situation. But events exposed a deeper flaw - intelligence liaisons in the region are fragile and far from assured.



Smoke billows from a building in Cairo

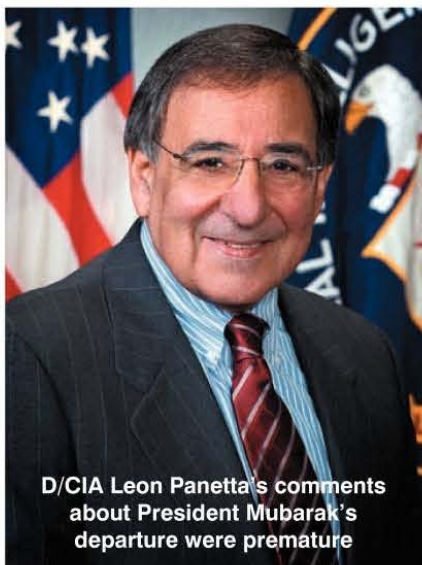


INTEL INSIGHT

Amidst the turmoil in Egypt, America's senior intel men spoke candidly whilst delivering commentary for the country's annual Threat Assessment Report. James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence, gave a frank and reasoned response to the House Intelligence Committee, saying that whilst spy agencies can observe trends, they can't always predict where they will lead.

"For many years, the intelligence community has been aware of tensions and instability in the Middle East and Africa, and has consistently reported on those tensions and their implications," said Clapper. "Specific triggers for how and when instability would lead to the collapse of various regimes cannot always be known or predicted... we are not clairvoyant."

CIA Director Leon Panetta, one of the most respected CIA intel chiefs for many years



D/CIA Leon Panetta's comments about President Mubarak's departure were premature



President Mubarak announces his departure

supported his colleague. Panetta likened the task of gathering intelligence to collecting and analysing data on earthquakes.

"People can tell you where the tremors are, they can tell you where the fault lines are, they can tell you what the [historical data] past is, they can even tell if the threat of something happening is close," said Panetta. "But they can't tell you exactly when an earthquake is going to take place," he concluded.

The demonstrations in Cairo and a number of Egypt's major cities, led to President Hosni Mubarak's stepping down. And perhaps the uncertainty in Washington can be explained by the fact for the best part of 30-years the president has remained America's strongest Arab ally in the Middle East.

Two weeks into the demonstrations, Omar Suleiman, head of Egypt's formidable General



Quick Profile OMAR SULEIMAN

*au revoir for now -
Egypt's 'Journey Man'*



Born in 1936 in Qena, southern Egypt, Suleiman served his apprenticeship at Egypt's finest military schools, before spending time in Moscow securing additional skills in military intelligence at the Frunze Military Academy. He studied political science at Cairo University and Ain Shams University. In 1992, he was appointed head of the General Operations Authority in Egypt's armed forces, and soon became Chief of the Military Intelligence Directorate. Less than a year later he replaced Nour El Dien Afeefy as head of the country's General Intelligence Directorate (EGID).

Though he participated in the 1962 and 1967 wars against Israel, Suleiman remains prominent in the country's dealings with Israel.

Suleiman is well known in the worldwide intelligence community and is highly respected by many of his peers. Since the emergence of al-Qaida and its franchises, he has constantly outmanoeuvred several terrorist outfits keen to take a foothold in Egypt. He also fears a nuclear Iran.



The intel crest of the EGID

Intelligence Directorate (EGID) was appointed as Deputy President. Suleiman departed his post when the president decided to end 30-years of rule. Unlike Mr Mubarak, it's very unlikely we have seen the last of Omar Suleiman - one of the world's most experienced intelligence officials and perhaps equally as important, a fierce opponent of Osama bin-Laden and al-Qaida

*Mossad gave Hamas man
code-name - 'Plasma Screen'*

DUBAI INTELLIGENCE TRAIL



Security officials in Dubai continue to unravel the circumstances of one of the most brazen operations ever performed by the Israeli intelligence service - the Mossad. Besides a bogus passport trail which "fizzles out" in several countries, police believe the 30 or so operatives used in the elimination of Hamas gun-runner and agent Mahmud Al-Mabhouh, Israeli agents may have utilised a sophisticated e-mail tracker to monitor his whereabouts.

Intelligence sources now say Al-Mabhouh may have inadvertently uploaded a powerful trojan into his laptop computer, enabling his movements to be monitored by tracking received and sent e-mails. This theory does not oppose the belief that on-site surveillance and an informant exposed Al-Mabhouh.

Eye Spy understands the reason why so much surveillance was required, is because the

Mossad did not know which hotel he was staying in, thus monitored more than one location. However, it's interesting to note that two specific hotels were watched. Some intelligence watchers believe e-mail traffic to these locations was secured, thus providing the surveillance team with a general idea where Al-Mabhouh was staying. It is not unusual in the intelligence game to secure bookings for more than one hotel and then switch accordingly at a moments notice. Al-Mabhouh played it by the book.

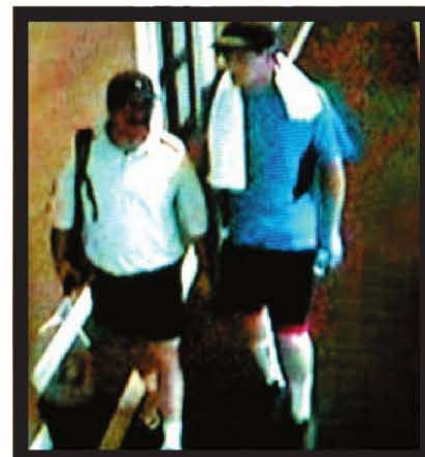
Dubai security officials were also able to acquire a plethora of interesting time data by following cell and land line calls, credit card purchases and transactions. This also included an exterior communications link in Austria which allowed operatives to make and receive relatively safe phone calls. When cross-referenced with other data, including CCTV footage, it was not too difficult to identity the surveillance team, though by then all had left the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for places afar.

Much of the trojan-horse virus theory comes from the pen of Israeli intel writer Ronen Bergman, who has some excellent intelligence sources. He says Al-Mabhouh was the victim of the same "hit team" two months earlier, but survived a poison attempt. Bergman says the Hamas man was code-named - 'Plasma Screen' by the Mossad.

Securing other data via the electronic trail left by the Mossad may yet throw up some interesting and hitherto unknown aspects of the January 2010 operation.



Nerveless - Central Mossad Agent - 'Gail Folliard' - a key player in the Dubai operation



Mossad used an international tennis tournament in Dubai as cover to insert agents - as evidenced by this CCTV still



The forged passport of Australian Nicole Sandra McCabe was used by one of the Israeli surveillance team



NIGHTHAWKS

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s a sideswipe to US Defense Secretary Robert Gates recent visit to Beijing, China's military rolled-out its extraordinary 'top secret'

J-20 stealth fighter (built by the Chengdu Aircraft Design Institute). Had Mr Gates been able to examine some of the aircraft's more delicate features, he may have noticed parts that clearly should have been stamped - 'Made in the USA'. Air design teams in Moscow are equally as perplexed, as the aircraft also shows a number of distinct similarities to the Su-27. Indeed, at first glance

the J-20 seems a combination of both the Su-27 and F-117.

According to some intelligence sources, including Croatia's former military chief of staff, China's European spies first secured the US stealth technology after the 1999 Serbian shootdown of a US F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter. Admiral Davor Domazet, one of Croatia's most respected military officials, believes it was no coincidence Chinese nationals embarked upon a programme to buy pieces of the fallen aircraft from locals who searched farmland for the aircraft. "At the time, our intelligence reports told of Chinese

agents criss-crossing the region where the F-117 disintegrated, buying up bits of the plane from local farmers," said Domazet. "We believe the Chinese used those materials to gain an insight into secret stealth technologies."

HAVE BLUE AND SENIOR TREND

The F-117, born from an ultra-secret programme code-named Have Blue, ultimately resulted in the Senior Trend project, and revolutionised the role of ground attack aircraft. First envisaged in the late 1970s,

China's spies secure US and Russian air secrets

The landscape behind this aircraft seems almost mirage-like as the F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter lands at Holloman AFB in New Mexico



the aircraft's unique design and special radar absorbing paints and alloys (panels) combined to create an aircraft the Pentagon believed "invisible" to most radars. By the early 1990s, the Stealth F-117 was flying active missions, though it was still considered a most secret aeroplane. However, its near legendary image was somewhat shattered in 1999 when one of its kind, flown by Lt. Colonel Dale Zelko was shot down near the village of Budjanovci by a defensive Serb Army battery as Yugoslavia's break-up hastened. Serbian technicians discovered that by operating their radar on extraordinarily long wavelengths, the F-117 was partly visible. Earlier F-117 flight path data had also been gathered by the Serbs, thus a projected course for future overflights could be plotted. It is believed a "lucky shot" downed the aircraft, probably aided by night vision equipment and infrared. With much intact wreckage in hand, the prized US stealth



China Air Force Chengdu J-20

technology was compromised. It didn't help also that bits of the aircraft were soon displayed in a museum.

China, regarded as the "greatest cloner" of foreign technologies may well have sourced material on the crashed USAF fighter in 1999. However, the CIA and Pentagon believe its many spies, some embedded with "legitimate" Chinese contract companies who have allied themselves to US defence contractors, also played a role. In the last decade, valuable and presumed secret US naval technology has started to appear on a number of Chinese war

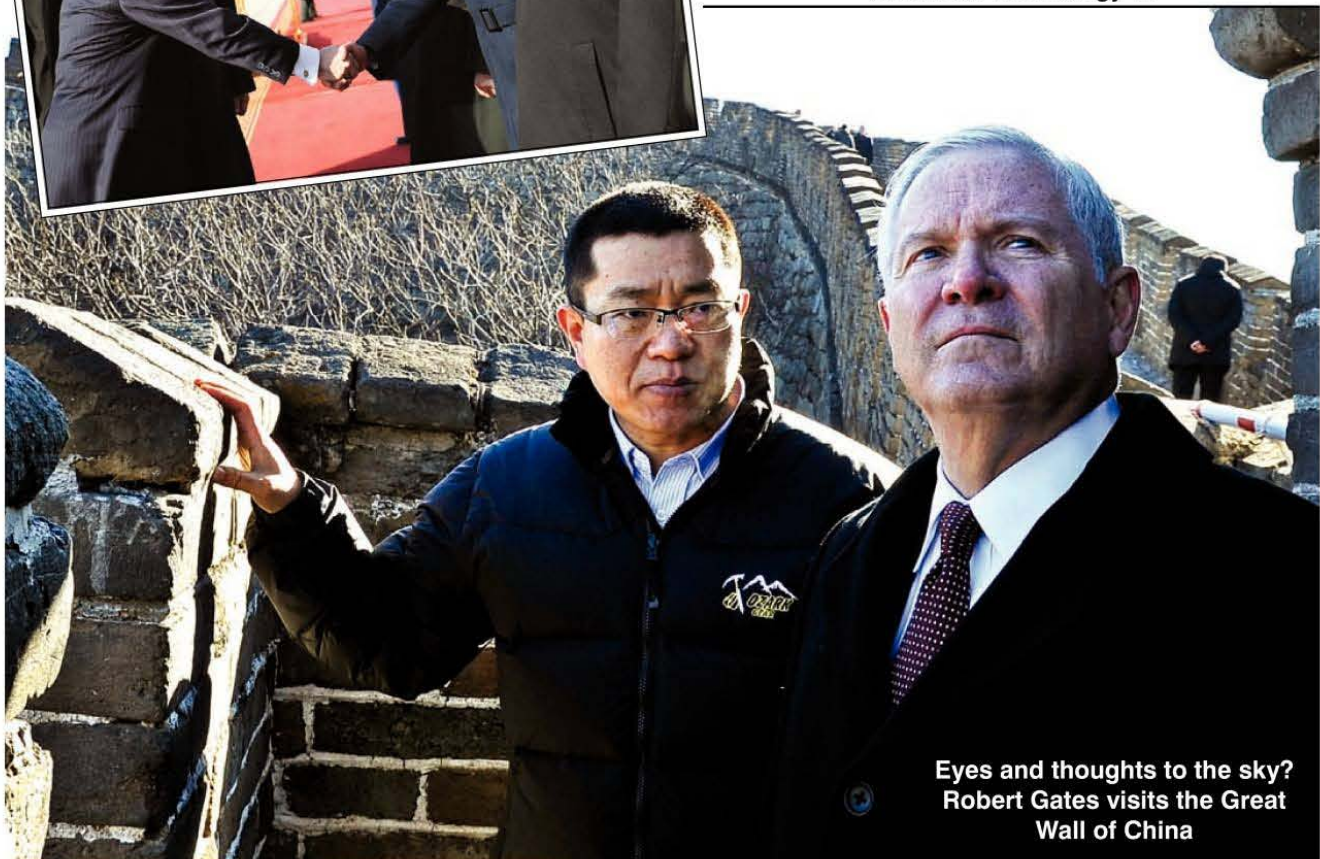
ships. And despite the recent arrests and conviction of a number of Chinese spies, American secrets continue to

disappear eastwards towards the Orient. The F-117 has been reinvented as the Chengdu J-20. However, it's not just America which has lost trade secrets in recent years. In the past 12 months a bitter row has erupted between Moscow and Beijing over other air projects. Russia has accused China of cloning its Sukhoi Su-27 and Su-33 (naval) warplanes. The latter was required for use on its new aircraft carriers, themselves outfitted with parts that many ship-builders in America might recognise.

Though the F-117 is retired, Pentagon chiefs are concerned the technology behind the next generation of US stealth aircraft is already being targeted by China's burgeoning foreign intelligence service and overseas contract companies.



Left: China's Defence Minister, Liang Guanglie, greets US Defence Secretary Robert Gates outside the Ministry of Defence. Washington is alarmed at the speed in which China has replicated "acquired American technology"...



Eyes and thoughts to the sky? Robert Gates visits the Great Wall of China

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END OF AN ILLUSION

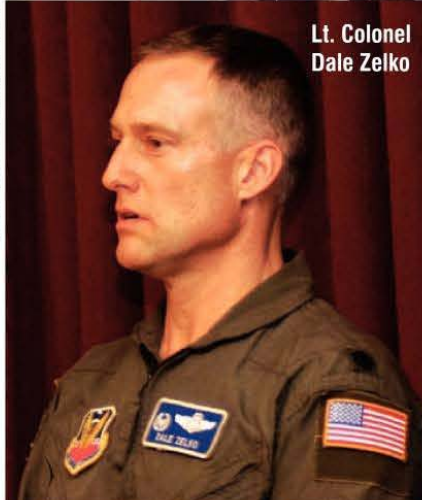
The canopy of Lt. Colonel Dale Zelko's downed F-117 aircraft and other recovered parts are on display at the Museum of Aviation in Belgrade. However, the pilot 'signature' painted just below the window pane clearly says Captain Ken 'Wis' Dwelle. The aircraft (call sign 'Vega 31') was shot down by a Serbian surface-to-air-missile (SAM) fired by the 250th Air Defence Missile Brigade, thus ending forever the belief that the F-117 was totally invisible to radar.

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Near-intact canopy from the downed F-117

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Lt. Colonel Dale Zelko

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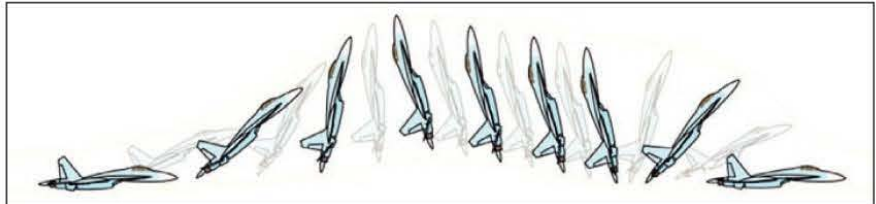


Museum of Aviation, Belgrade

Though the F-117 was officially retired in 2008, a number of flights have been reported at the Nevada Test and Firing Range



An Sukhoi Su-27 from the Russian Knights flight aerobatics team lands at Kubinka. The graphic below demonstrates the incredible versatility of the aircraft that has so interested the Chinese



SECRET WARGAMES

GATES ISSUES WARNING AS CHINA SEEKS AIR DOMINANCE

Eye Spy has learned that a number of covert espionage investigations are on-going in the USA involving various so-called US 'defence contract companies'. These are legitimate, predominantly civilian outfits which have successfully tendered for contracts in America's multi-billion dollar security industry. However, in the past decade or so, companies emerging from China's burgeoning private defence sector have attached themselves to a number of US firms, thus creating the ideal opportunity and circumstances for espionage.

The problem for security experts from the DOD and FBI, is that the liaison is legal. The CIA has repeatedly warned the Pentagon about a number of bogus, but seemingly legitimate contract firms. These have been carefully manufactured (some over a decade ago), that are little more than fronts for the PLA's intelligence gathering directorates. Their goal is US technology, and with special

handlers in place, Beijing is targeting former nationals for assistance.

Robert Gates is one of the most skilled military and diplomatic operators in the business, and following his recent visit to China, he admitted that America much be watchful over China's massive and rapid arms forces development. China's red army has always dwarfed the US Army in terms of military personnel. But unlike yesteryear, today it has a fabulous array of weapons technology - much of it removed from the shores of America. Gates warned: "They clearly have the potential to put some of our capabilities at risk." One such top secret Chinese programme that is being monitored by the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), involves the creation of a "killer satellite" that within a decade could be launched and have the capability to disable US devices at the press of a button. *Gates is right to be concerned.*



A STUDY IN TERRORISM

FBI Counter-terrorist Division arrest a "most dangerous lone wolf"



Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari

Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari, 20, a visiting student and resident of Lubbock, Texas, was arrested by FBI counter-terrorist officers on 24 February, following a rapid and successful undercover investigation. Aldawsari is charged with plotting a series of attacks, including explosions that may have resulted in the deaths of prominent figures. Known targets include the Dallas residence of former President George W. Bush, the homes of three former military guards at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq and premier dams in Colorado and California. In the criminal complaint the FBI notes he had acquired two chemicals used in the manufacture of explosives, and had ordered a third.

Aldawsari had identified the homes of three former military guards at the notorious Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq

The last order was cancelled, but the company Aldawsari ordered from reported the transaction to authorities because it looked suspicious.

The FBI complaint says that on 1 February The Carolina Biological Supply Company reported that someone tried to buy concentrated phenol. Phenol is used in many chemical processes but it is also an ingredient of TNP, or picric acid, an explosive that is sometimes seen in fireworks. Once advised, FBI officers started to probe deeper.

Investigators learned Aldawsari had e-mailed himself some of the research he had done, including methods of converting a cell phone into a remote detonator and making cars into booby traps. In December and January he bought a gas mask, a hazmat suit, a stun gun and several glass beakers and flasks, amongst other equipment. FBI agents also said they found other chemicals and equipment at Aldawsari's home including three gallons of sulphuric acid and about eight gallons of nitric acid which were purchased in December over the Internet.

At his home agents found a journal that records Aldawsari had been planning a terrorist attack for some time. One entry says in part, as translated, *'And now, after mastering the English language, learning how to build explosives, and continuous planning to target the infidel Americans, it is time for Jihad'*. His e-mail account also contained at least two semi-cryptic references to New York - a plan to spend a week there as part of a to-do list that culminated in leaving car bombs in unidentified places during rush hour and a link to a web site of feeds from the city's traffic cameras.

A Facebook page for Aldawsari says he is from Al Kharj, in central Saudi Arabia, and lists interests ranging from *'STOP Israel's War Crimes in Gaza'* and several Saudi dissident groups to Agatha Christie and zombies. Though probably a lone wolf, Aldawsari wrote in his journal that he was inspired by Osama bin Laden's speeches and that the 9/11 attacks had produced a "big change" in his thinking.

America's most powerful rivers and important dams were in Aldawsari's sights

"Aldawsari had selected some significant targets - none more so than those associated with former President George W. Bush..."



Even a failed attack on a former president would have been regarded as a "success" - especially one on American soil



Photo shows Glen Canyon Dam on the Utah-Arizona border



George Bush pictured with German premier Merkel at his Dallas residence

The handwritten journal was also said to list "important steps," including obtaining a forged United States birth certificate; applying for a passport and driver's license; travelling to New York for a week; and renting cars in disguise, placing bombs with remote detonators in them and taking them to various places during rush hour.

Aldawsari's journal also says he wished to create a terrorist group, and that he wanted to

obtain a forged birth certificate so he could apply for a US passport and driver's license. He had also e-mailed himself a list of potential targets. Besides infrastructure, such as power plants and dams, there was one note that contained the address of former President George W. Bush's home in Dallas, with the subject line "Tyrant's House."

Intelligence gleaned by the FBI shows Aldawsari planned to adapt baby dolls and prams to carry

explosives. Such innocent objects were intended to attract minimum attention and could be placed in areas without arising suspicion.

Eye Spy understands that Bureau officials decided to arrest Aldawsari because he had gone beyond the planning stage and target selection. Aldawsari is but one of around 250 terrorist suspects under various degrees of surveillance in the United States known to support al-Qaida.

STUXNET

UPLOADING THE VIRUS

New Western intel assessments concerning the realisation of Iran's nuclear bomb programme vary so much, that some commentators have all but stopped using "official statistics" and "quotes". Few doubt, however, that much damage was done to the computer systems controlling various aspects of Iran's wider nuclear research programme, following the 2010 Stuxnet attack.

Of course all eyes are on Israel, but some intel watchers note that a number of Iranian nuclear sites are not on-line. And Stuxnet is a very different beast to other cyber viruses. One such plant infected with Stuxnet was Bushehr. A similar attack is also thought to have occurred at the Natanz uranium enrichment facility in 2009, because it too is not connected to the Internet. So how did it get into the system? Intelligence officials believe the damaging programme was uploaded into a computer via a simple USB device. This is suggestive, therefore, that a foreign power is either utilising "friendly forces" inside such plants, or they have embedded personnel.

In very simplistic terms the Stuxnet virus was introduced into a site computer which is almost certainly connected to other such machines. The malicious virus then seeks out specific software which the computer uses to manage and control various mechanical aspects of the plant. If no 'management software' is found, it will seek out internal channels to transfer to other computers in the network, and the 'search and attack' process starts all over again.

Once Stuxnet finds what it is looking for, it reprogrammes the controlling software causing chaos, malfunctions etc. A typical example of this, a CIA analyst told Eye Spy, could be the reported failure of 1,000 centrifuges used to enrich uranium at Natanz. "More obvious was



Model of Bushehr nuclear plant on show at EXPO 2010 - Shanghai

the derailing of the Bushehr plant last year which should be up to speed by now," the officer said.

The operation to attack Natanz was managed by an external entity, but organisations such as the CIA and MI6, recognise that Iran or any other adversary, including a terrorist outfit, could attempt to disrupt operational nuclear plants or industries that are primarily controlled by computers - including aviation.

1. Agent inserts USB device containing virus into computer
2. Virus is uploaded and searches for controlling software
3. Virus moves to other computers on internal network
4. Programmes controlling physical applications malfunction
5. Machinery/plant forced to shut down



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Confusion Agents

Espionage, Animals and Insects

Eye Spy takes a candid look at the use of animals by the world's intelligence and security services. Some projects seem sensible, others not so, but the use of Mankind's Earthly neighbours in a variety of covert roles, may surprise many...

In January 2011, reports started to circulate that Saudi security officials had taken receipt of a most unusual bird - a camera-carrying griffon vulture. It was actually discovered by locals after it landed in the desert city of Hyaal. Within days the media speculated the bird had been despatched by Israel's Mossad. It emerged later that the equipment was a GPS transmitter and that the bird's origin was Tel Aviv University. This only conspired to make the story more viable, especially as the vulture,

complete with an 8ft wing span, could soar to heights of over 36,000ft - making it a perfect monitoring platform.

That the GPS gadget puzzled locals and sparked an investigation may appear odd, but it is not the first time a feathered animal has been considered an "enemy spy". In 2001, a South African stork landed in a village in Muyinga Province in Burundi. Locals noticed a "strange electronic device" on its back, and captured the bird. It was

A trained Sakar Falcon



Egyptian vulture - similar to the bird recovered in Saudi Arabia

handed over to a local police officer who considered it unusual, but had the foresight to call in a conservation expert. It transpired the stork was but one of a flock of five birds released by Cape Town University as part of a migration programme. On further inspection, the satellite device, which was powered by a solar cell, carried the address of a professor at the institute.



White stork



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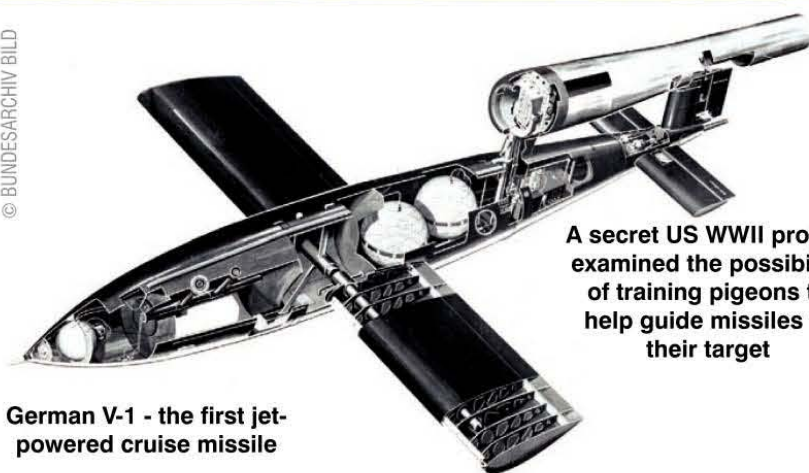
A German WWI reconnaissance pigeon complete with camera

Just like the Burundis, the Saudis eventually acknowledged their culture was part of a wildlife programme. Nevertheless, many intelligence watchers acknowledge their initial concerns were not without justification, noting that a wide variety of animals have been used by the world's intelligence services for operational means... including espionage.

SPECIAL PIGEON SERVICE SECTION

Perhaps the most widely used animal in espionage and intelligence collection has been the pigeon. Its ability to fly hundreds of miles and carry information has been exploited by many nations, especially in times of conflict. Indeed, for some specialists and ordinary members of the public, the very fact that they chose to keep pigeons was a dangerous occupation.

Strange as it may seem official documentation reveals that during the early months of WWII, MI5 initiated a countermeasures plan to thwart a Nazi communications programme involving the use of pigeons. Berlin hoped its birds would carry and return secret signals to agents-in-place on the British mainland. In conjunction with the British Army, a Special Pigeon Service Section was established; this involved the training of one



German V-1 - the first jet-powered cruise missile

A secret US WWII project examined the possibility of training pigeons to help guide missiles to their target

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of the pigeons most feared predators - the peregrine falcon. Indeed, units were reportedly deployed across parts of the country and even abroad. Thereafter, a number of intelligence-led projects were considered, including one involving pigeons carrying explosives and biological weapons to their targets. Commander W. Rayner (a pigeon enthusiast) championed the programme, and told the Joint Intelligence Committee, "pigeons were the suicide bombers of the future."

Of course the British military were not the only country to adopt the pigeon as a "special envoy" or "operative", the United States military placed much emphasis on the bird, and created a number of sections. Other countries also recognised their usefulness.

As late as the 1970s, the CIA was still experimenting with the bird. Langley specialists

designed a lightweight camera that was fitted on to the bird's chest. The aerial surveillance programme was classified, but suffered from a variety of problems, not least when the bird decided to stop for lunch - much to the puzzlement of onlookers. Perhaps the most bizarre project involving pigeons was headed by Burrhus Frederic Skinner, a well known American psychologist. Enlisted by a covert US Government body in WWII, Skinner received funding that involved placing pigeons inside missiles. At the



MY DEAR FRIEND

'Cher Ami' (French for 'Dear Friend') was donated to the US Army Signal Corps fighting in France in WWI by British pigeon 'fanciers'. A message found on his damaged leg saved the lives of 200 US servicemen (77th Infantry Division) of the Lost Battalion. The bird had been shot through the wing and breast but reached its destination - thus providing a crucial intelligence signal. Cher Ami was later awarded France's Croix de Guerre medal.



Burrhus Frederic Skinner was fascinated by pigeons and their ability to complete journey's across vast distances

front of the missile was a camera that beamed an image onto a small screen inside the projectile. It was hoped the birds could be taught to recognise the target and peck at the screen if the missile was veering off course. The touch data could then be analysed and the missile put back on an accurate trajectory. Given an initial \$25,000, Skinner is said to have made some headway, but senior military planners were not convinced and the project was assigned to history.

Eventually new technologies emerged and other airborne platforms created, thus the pigeon's use as a CIA and Department of Defense asset, had all but ended.

OPERATION BLUE PEACOCK

How much of a coincidence that another "animal-intelligence" story just happened to emerge on 1 April 2004 (April Fools Day), is debatable. At the height of the Cold War, it was a bitter-sweet joke within NATO forces that if the Soviets crossed into Western Europe it would take just seven days for the Red Army to reach the White Cliffs of Dover in Britain. As part of a range of delaying tactics to thwart the Russians and their partners in the Eastern Bloc, a plan code-named Operation Blue Peacock was born. A seven-tonne bomb, almost certainly created with the scientific genius of those employed at the top secret Aldermaston nuclear research facility, was considered. A former secret document released by the National Archives showed how the bomb, which would be buried in the German countryside several feet underground, would have its temperature regulated by entombed chickens. This would sustain its ability to explode properly for seven days. Chicken feed would be available for the birds to eat in a special section of the bomb, thus stopping the animals pecking at wires.

EXPLODING RATS

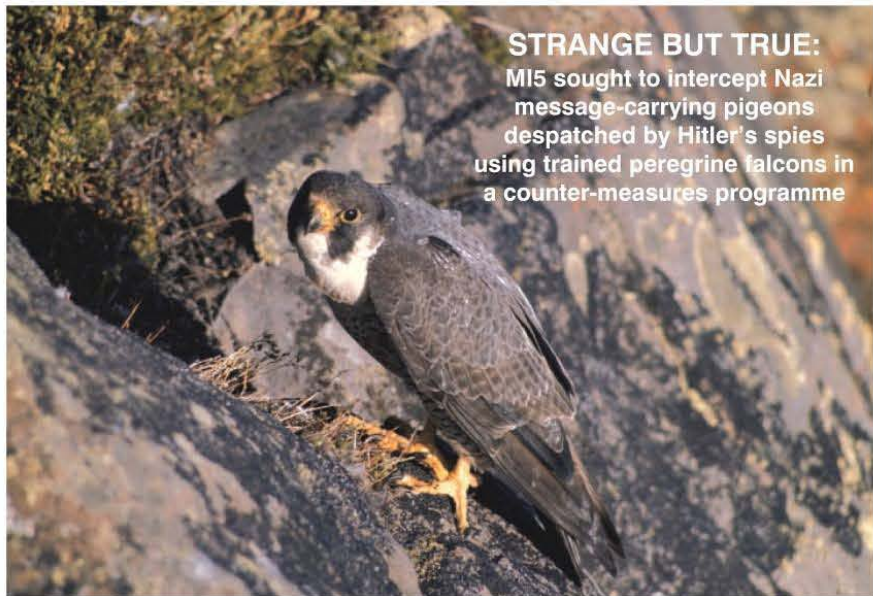
Another land-based creature that has appeared in a number of WWII intelligence files is the rat - or



A most unusual scheme was "hatched" to protect the British mainland from a Soviet invasion!

White Cliffs of Dover

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STRANGE BUT TRUE:
MI5 sought to intercept Nazi message-carrying pigeons despatched by Hitler's spies using trained peregrine falcons in a counter-measures programme



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A nuclear bomb, Aldermaston atomic research facility and chickens... an unlikely mix to thwart the advance of the Red Army

as those in the scientific and 'special projects' arm of Britain's deadly Special Operations Executive (SOE), referred to it - "the exploding rat". These rodents were trained for use in a plethora of roles by the UK and US to carry explosives to their destination. Indeed, stories about these intelligent creatures abound.

ADRENALINE DETECTORS

Unseen and in places usually the domain of counter-espionage and counter-terrorist officers, MI5 examined the theory that could have resulted in the use of gerbils in airports to "out" opposition operatives. After collaborating with scientists attached to the Israel's security services, Britain's own scientific boffins chose to investigate the possibility that gerbils could detect fear or nervousness through the aroma of adrenaline released through sweat.

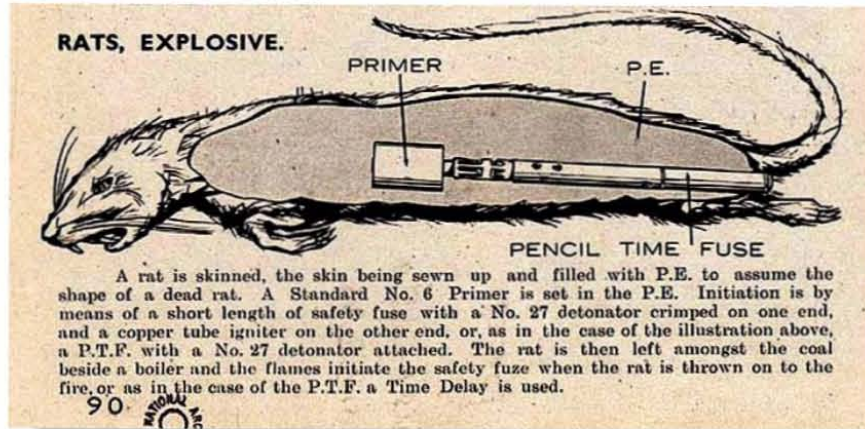
The idea was born from a simple project based at Tel Aviv Airport and involved caged gerbils and a covertly placed fan which would blow human odour toward the animals. Scientists had somehow managed to train the animals to press a lever (which would deliver a food reward), if they smelt adrenaline. The theory being - spies

and those intent on wrong-doing would release more sweat than ordinary passengers.

The plan was not the brainchild of Israel, but based upon research by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. However, the Israeli effort was soon in trouble because the gerbils could not differentiate between persons scared of flying, and those embarking on espionage and terrorism. MI5 dropped the plan, but even today, Israel employs a specially trained unit of 'watchers' to monitor passengers passing through its airports and on the airline carrier El Al. Operatives look for perspiration and nervousness.

Though the Gerbil experiment is now defunct, it hasn't stopped scientists in their bid to find a 'living' counter-measures solution to thwart unwanted travellers. In 2010, an Israeli firm - BioExplorers announced they had successfully tested a programme whereby they had trained mice to detect people carrying suspicious objects, including explosives.

There have been all sorts of spy stories coming out of Iran recently, but one related to the use of animals by foreign adversaries occurred in 2007. Iranian police captured over a dozen squirrels on



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its border with Iraq. According to some fairly good sources, the rodents were fitted with tiny electrical equipment that caused concern. That the story was manufactured by adversaries to discredit Tehran seems incorrect, this after a statement was issued by Police Commander Esmaeli Ahmadi-Moqadam. Mr Moqadam said: "The squirrels were carrying spy gear of foreign agencies, but were stopped before they could act by our security personnel." When questioned later, the police chief refused to answer any questions.

The animals were almost certainly part of a conservation programme.

SPYING HAWKS

Such nervousness shown by the authorities in Iran happened a decade earlier when India's security forces feared Pakistan's Inter-Services-Intelligence Agency (ISI), had launched a most secret delegation of spies - in the form of hawks. Press reports generated by a suspicious public centred upon a number of hawks which had taken residence in buildings housing some of the country's military intelligence organisations. Dubbed "spyhawks" by journalists, Indian police secured a number of the birds and discovered they were fitted with tiny transmitters. The reports were seemingly substantiated by India's Border Security Force (BSF), which considered the possibility the ISI had released the hawks to surveil the border. The mystery was solved by



THE LEGEND OF HARTLEPOOL



In the early 1800s, fishermen from the coastal town of Hartlepool, Northern England, allegedly recovered a pet monkey from a sinking Napoleonic ship. This was during a time when Britain expected a French invasion. According to legend, few, if any of the locals had seen such a creature and the unfortunate animal was hanged as a French spy. Just how true this story is remains a matter of much conjecture... especially in Hartlepool. However, locals here are often light-heartedly referred to a 'monkey hangers'.



During the conflict between Britain and France, vessels often deployed youngsters on the masthead to help speed up the release of vast sails, some, it is reported, were affectionately known as 'monkeys' because of their climbing skills.

Shantanu Kumar, a senior police officer and keen falconer. The birds, it transpired, were fitted with the devices to help their owners track the expensive animals across vast expanses of desert.

THE CIA'S ACOUSTIC KITTY

One mind-boggling \$10 million project was called Acoustic Kitty and headed up by the CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology (animal lovers might want to skip this one). This involved a live surgically altered cat. The animal was operated on and fitted with a fairly expensive listening device and power source inside its chest area. Inside its tail, specialists threaded a very long antenna. The idea was the cat would nonchalantly roam close to KGB offices and personnel, thus allowing Langley agents to listen-in to conversations.

In 1966, a full five years after the project began, Acoustic Kitty ran into trouble; the cat started roaming off in all directions in search of food and prey. A second device was 'installed' that specialists hoped would alter the cat's natural inquisitiveness and hunting nature.

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THE RELEASE OF AL MEGRAHI

LOCKERBIE



Downing Street “played role” in release of Pan Am Flight 103 bomber... Official report reveals many “strange goings on” behind closed doors in London and Edinburgh

Cabinet Secretary’s Review of Megrahi papers

B A C K G R O U N D

On 20 July 2010, the British Prime Minister asked the Cabinet Secretary to conduct a review of Government papers relating to the release of Abdelbaset Al-Megrahi to see whether more needed to be published. The purpose was to ensure the fullest possible explanation of the circumstances surrounding his release.

The Cabinet Secretary, Sir Gus O'Donnell, has completed the review which has been published to Parliament. In completing the review the Cabinet Secretary was assisted by the former Information Commissioner Richard Thomas, whose opinion is that the documents published “provide a fair and accurate account of events”...

- As a last-minute addition to this feature, and in relation to recent events in Libya; Mustafa Abdel-Jalil, Libya's former Justice Minister who stepped down following unrest in the country, announced Colonel Gaddafi personally ordered the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103



In the Summer of 2009, the intelligence rumour mill was rife with stories that Abdelbaset Ali Al Megrahi, the Libyan JSO intelligence officer who helped place a bomb on board a packed Pan American flight to the United States, was about to be freed. Naturally, the majority of Britons were concerned, and it didn't take too long for Fleet Street (the media) to uncover a plethora of secret meetings had taken place between UK and Libyan officials. These were aimed at getting Al Megrahi out of Greenock Prison where he was serving a life sentence for the murder of 270 people in December 1988.

In Eye Spy 64, we commented: “Though the decision to free Al Megrahi may not have been taken by a silent Downing Street, there are plenty of unanswered questions that remain. Something is not quite right in this affair - but the truth will out.” Well the truth is out - at least enough of it to categorically confirm that former Prime Minister Gordon Brown and his inner circle, did all they could to help “facilitate” the

RIFKIND - EXPERIENCED IN INTELLIGENCE MATTERS



Sir Malcolm Rifkind - Chair of the UK's Intelligence and Security Committee.

Sir Malcolm called the happenings which led to the release of Al Megrahi a "shoddy business"

release of Al Megrahi, without actually opening his cell door. The final decision was left to the Scottish Government - Al Megrahi would be released on "compassionate grounds".

Within hours, FBI Director Robert Mueller wrote a strongly worded letter saying the decision gives "comfort to terrorists". President Obama called it an "objectionable mistake." David Cameron, then leader of the UK's main opposition party and now premier,

told a press conference: "It was absolutely the wrong thing to do." Not that any of this meant anything. A deal had been done - through various back-channel discussions and the guiding hand of unseen officials who had offered every assistance to the Libyans in showing them how to go about getting Al Megrahi's release.

A SHODDY BUSINESS

Sir Malcolm Rifkind, who as Scottish Secretary in 1988, was one of the first government officials to visit the devastated town of Lockerbie following the incident, was none too pleased at the findings in the new report prepared by Sir Gus O'Donnell, Cabinet Secretary and head of Britain's Civil Service. He vented his fury at former Prime Minister Gordon Brown, "It was a shoddy business, and one in which Gordon Brown's government played a disrespectful part."

Eye Spy reported that weeks before the announcement was made to release Al Megrahi, Gordon Brown met and discussed a number of massive business deals with



Al-Megrahi's return to Libya was a much publicised event

Colonel Gaddafi. And then, there was even a "stranger liaison" between UK business secretary Peter Mandelson in the Mediterranean Sea and Gaddafi's son - Saif al-Islam. This encounter happened just days before Al Megrahi walked free. Al Islam, according to our information, happened to be part of the Libyan delegation that accompanied Al Megrahi on his flight from Scotland to Libya.

All coincidental, of course.



Prestwick Airport

The explosion occurred under the 'P' in the Pan Am logo on the side of the fuselage. At 19.01 GMT, Prestwick Airport air traffic controller Alan Topp watched Flight 103 approach the corner of the Solway Firth (pictured left) on his screen and observed as it crossed the coast at 19.02 GMT. Seconds later the aeroplane disappeared from Topp's radar.



Aerial view of the estuary of the River Nith, Scotland, at low tide; opening into Solway Firth

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A Boeing 747-100 - an identical aircraft to the one that was brought down over Lockerbie



Pictured right, in the red tie - New Jersey Senator and former Union City Mayor Bob Menendez

Naturally, the vast majority of those who lost loved ones in the explosion, or on the ground in the border town, were both suspicious and angry. Even more so in America where the widely respected and sometime cautious Admiral Mike Mullen (Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff), said, "this was obviously a political decision."

Sir Gus's 123-page report concludes by acknowledging the decision to free Al Megrahi was solely the responsibility of the Scottish Government... *but London assisted in prompting the Libyans in the right direction at all times.* US Senator Robert Menendez said that anyone who believes London did not apply pressure on Edinburgh to release Al Megrahi, it "really stretches the imagination." Others in the powerful Senate go much, much further, and have accused Gordon Brown of "cutting deals." Senator Frank R. Lautenberg

is one of a group of four officials demanding that an independent inquiry be launched to examine the affair in detail. He accused Downing Street of "dodging bullets", and in a strong statement implied a cover-up was in motion: "The latest manoeuvre comes from the UK's internal report (Sir Gus O'Donnell) that acknowledges the government's desire to see a mass murderer released, yet tries to shift the blame [on to the Scottish Government]. Such denials ring hollow. The families have suffered enough and it's time to acknowledge the truth. Justice was traded for commercial interests..."

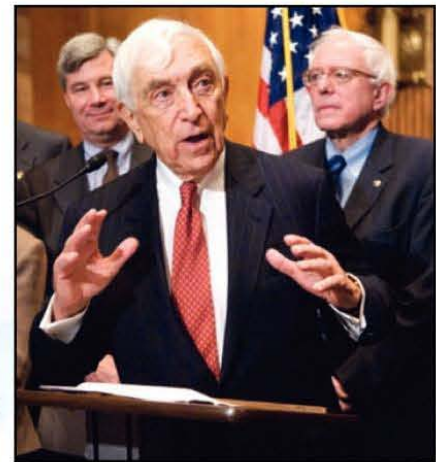
COURTESY FBI



This cloth fragment was found in the wreckage which led investigators to Malta. Here, detectives secured valuable information and a prime witness (Tony Gauci). Ultimately, intelligence gleaned on the island helped convict Al Megrahi

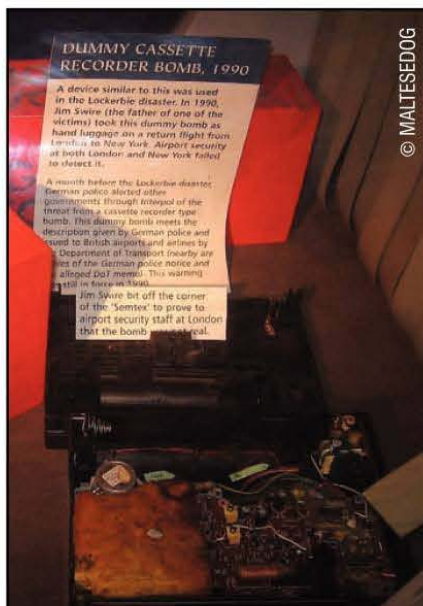
Of course, Sir Gus's inquiry found that there was no lobbying by ministers or BP (which has its heart set on drilling for oil off Libya's coastline) of Libyan officials in respect of Al Megrahi's release. However, other information in the report is most revealing, including a London memo to Alex Sammond's administration in Edinburgh that says: "*Allowing Al Megrahi to die in prison would be damaging to UK interests.*"

Another much more "suggestive" Foreign Office memo goes beyond this and states: *We now need to go further and work actively, but discreetly, to ensure that Megrahi is transferred back to Libya under the PTA (Prisoner Transfer Agreement) or, failing that, is released on compassionate grounds.*



Senator Frank R. Lautenberg





A cassette player on display at the Glasgow Museum of Transport - similar to the one used to conceal the Lockerbie bomb



Former premier Gordon Brown (left) has rejected allegations his government was central to the release of Al Megrahi from Greenock Prison (above)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Most of what was reported in Eye Spy 64 - 'Lockerbie's Puppetman' was deadly accurate to the point that the feature has been used as a source of material by those who suspect that Al Megrahi was freed to safeguard current and future contracts between the UK and Libya, including a mind-boggling money-spinning venture by BP.



Personally, I suspect this business is far more complex, and probably has its real genesis in the CIA-MI6 operation that resulted in Colonel Gaddafi (above) offering to dismantle his nuclear weapons programme.

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EYE SPY'S PELICAN BRIEF

New information suggests MI6 man's death is far more complex than first believed. Eye Spy plots the latest commentary, facts and theories surrounding the death of intelligence worker Gareth Williams...

Faced with a plethora of unanswered questions, and at the centre of an intelligence mystery, detectives from New Scotland Yard have revealed sufficient information to suggest MI6 man Gareth Williams, did not die alone.

Similarly, a friend and associate, presumably with support from those who knew Williams, has rebuffed many of the stories which were hastily published in the press. Also of much interest, the formal inquest into Mr Williams' death, which should have taken place on 15 February, was postponed - perhaps indefinitely. A statement conceded that certain facts may never be known, including the identity of two people who visited Williams.

The 31-year-old Williams, a GCHQ analyst on secondment to MI6, was found dead in his government-rented flat in August last year. His naked body was crammed into a locked sports bag which was discovered in the bath. There are only two theories - his death was connected to his private life; or associated with his work for British Intelligence.

Police have confirmed they utilised the work of a specialist to determine Gareth Williams could not have locked the bag from inside. A set of keys to the lock were found inside the bag, and a *further* key was discovered in the apartment, though not "obviously laid out" and to hand. Once closed shut, the synthetic rubber skin inside the bag (Neoprene) would have resulted in the temperature within reaching an unbearable 30 degrees Celsius. This would soon have caused unconsciousness. Thirty minutes thereafter, the oxygen in the bag would have expired - Williams' time was now limited.

Street of Secrets:



Williams' body contained no obvious signs of injury, other than a few bruises on the upper arms. However, Eye Spy understands these were not visible during the first autopsy. Some analysts believe the marks could have been caused as the victim tried to escape. However, many experts believe there would have been more injuries - if Williams had made a concerted effort to escape. Investigators therefore have not ruled out the possibility he was placed unconscious in the bag, or succumbed quite quickly to the temperature and failing air supply. Regardless, he is thought to have suffocated, though on the date the inquest was to open, it was revealed results of some forensic tests, have still to be announced. Eye Spy can confirm via immaculate sources, the body was in the fetal position (see illustration above) and laying spine down. There was no room whatsoever inside and

Alderney Street, Pimlico, London

persons close to the case believe Williams must have had assistance entering the bag.

Evidence has been found of a second party being in the room at that time, though this has not been released. Eye Spy understands police are convinced this person (or persons) played a part in locking the bag.

Another important move by detectives saw the release of very detailed e-fit drawings of two individuals, previously described as "Mediterranean in appearance", who visited Williams' flat several weeks prior to his death. The couple, according to Eye Spy sources, told

Special Branch detectives are satisfied a second party was in attendance when Williams entered or was placed in the sports bag...

another resident they had come to see Gareth but used a name that sounded like *Pier Paolo*. Investigators have linked this to the Italian film director Pier Paolo Pasolini, whose works include the controversial *Salò*, based on the book - *The 120 Days of Sodom*. In this story, four wealthy males endeavour to seek the ultimate sexual experiences by sealing themselves away for months with dozens of young male and female teenagers.

The visitors claimed they had been given keys for Williams' apartment. The resident watched them go upstairs to the flat, but did not see them reappear. The suggestion here is that this confirms Gareth Williams was involved with unusual dark sexual practises, and on the night of his death, was engaged in an action that went badly wrong.



Mr Williams was said to have visited bondage web sites. This information seems credible, though Eye Spy understands he accessed five non-pornographic web sites in 2010 that sold garments and equipment relevant to this subject. This was on a handful of occasions and some access was made via his cell phone.

In a wardrobe, detectives found several expensive female designer garments and two hair pieces - all of which were unused and had a value of about £15,000 (\$25,000). This discovery combined to create an obvious scenario that tallied with his apparent secret lifestyle. It was further "enhanced" when tickets for a drag play were found in a drawer, and a witness came forward and informed police he had seen Gareth in a gay bar. Some sources close to Williams suggest the officer

"...Gareth Williams was very modest and generous as well..."

Sir John Sawers - MI6 Chief

was active or operational at the time of his death. The number of cell phones (four) found in his apartment seems to indicate he may have had two identities - not unusual for an operative.

This information was released by New Scotland Yard before Christmas, 2010, but shortly thereafter, one newspaper - *The Mail on Sunday* - which has followed events closely, was to publish a most interesting feature. Step forward Ms Sian Lloyd-Jones, 33, a London a fashion stylist.

Jones was friends with Gareth and his sister Ceri. Indeed, Eye Spy now understands it was Ceri who first contacted police because she was concerned that she hadn't heard from him. Jones meanwhile, said she was actually his confidante and childhood sweetheart. She's adamant Williams was not gay, and further compounded the case when she explained he was being "trained for an undercover MI6 role [operation]." In his possession were two passports. At the beginning of 2010, he was allegedly part of a training programme that would have resulted in him taking on an entirely new identity.

Detectives have in the main edged towards the theory that his death was probably associated more with his personal life rather than work. But not all. This has been disputed by Jones who said: "I find it difficult to see anything in his personal life which could lie behind this."

Jones also insists there is a practical reason behind a number of the discoveries in the flat, including the female clothing. She explained Gareth was a generous person and that the clothes were intended for Ceri and herself as gifts. "I have seen every item of clothing that was there. I truly believe that Ceri and I were going to receive the clothing," she told the newspaper. Jones went on to list a range of designer clothes Williams had previously bought for her and Ceri.



This generosity was first mentioned by none other than Chief of MI6, Sir John Sawers. After attending Williams funeral on Anglesey in September 2010, an extremely rare and unprecedented occurrence in itself, Sir John said Williams was "very modest and generous as well."

It's also transpired that Williams was studying clothing design at night school at Central St Martin's College. Jones was unaware of this but says he liked fashion and saw it as art. She also revealed there was an innocent reason for the wigs. "He and an American



friend were going to a fancy-dress party in October. One of his hobbies was Japanese superhero cartoons and they were going to go as two of the characters. They were pink and yellow and those are the only wigs that were found."

As for tickets to a comedy drag club, Jones said he did say he had visited a transvestite comedy club. "It's not something he was trying to hide," she explained. Eye Spy is aware of this club, and when one looks at its location in terms of its proximity to MI6 headquarters, it is not a big surprise. With regards to the more seedier aspects of the case, Jones finds it very difficult to believe.

Investigators have also visited Central St Martin's College, where just weeks before Williams death, he had completed a 10-week design and fashion course for beginners. This was in the face of more speculation that he had climbed into the bag as part of his "homework" and that the expensive dresses were linked to the course. Cheryl Eastap taught Williams and has rebuffed suggestions that his course had anything to do with his death. This theory, was allegedly provided to a journalist from the *Daily Mirror* via a police source.

Central Saint Martins College London



Police released these e-fits of two visitors to 136 Alderney Street. They apparently had a key to flat 4, yet possessed no key to the actual building

COURTESY NEW SCOTLAND YARD

Eastap also considers reports of his cross-dressing trait as dubious. In a comment to investigative journalist Abul Taher, from the *Mail on Sunday*, she said: "The police should not have leaked all these things about him. It was hurtful to his family and it was a decoy. I don't think he was gay or a cross-dresser.

Maybe he collected dresses... fashion students [often] do... but they were not part of the course. For the record, the course cost £700.00 and was attended by 17 other students. And he had further enrolled on an arts evening class.



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In the summer months of 2010, Gareth Williams enrolled on a 10-week course to study fashion and design at Central Saint Martins College - a popular venue. That his death was associated to course "home work" has been denied by Williams instructor, who described many of the tales surrounding his private life as a "decoy".

NSY detectives are having to tread a delicate line as the case involves questioning colleagues - as many as 40 may eventually be called to provide testimony

For those newspapers which have claimed the female clothes were worn by Williams, one only has to examine the size labels - 6-8. Though small in frame, Williams could not have worn them. The ladies shoe sizes were also far too small - but they would have fit Ceri.

Yet it is his work with MI6 that has led some investigators to probe deeper than ever before.



In 2000, Gareth Williams attended St Catherine's College, Cambridge, but failed his exams. Nevertheless, his talent was spotted by spy recruiters

Eye Spy was informed Williams had undoubtedly been involved in a cyber-based programme. This seems probable due to his work with GCHQ's American sister organisation - the National Security Agency. It was always believed the analyst was involved with cell phone technology, but Jones's information suggests he was part of a far more complex event.

family. Jones said she had talked with Williams on the very last day he was seen alive, and was looking forward to going to Paris in a few days with his sister Ceri.

"The person everyone talks about... I don't recognise him at all. He was the complete opposite of everything that has been said about him."

MI6 personnel rarely confide with friends (and even family) about their work. So how did Jones know about Gareth taking on a new identity? She says one evening Gareth was in her Knightsbridge apartment going through his papers when she noticed two passports. In a "relaxed manner", Williams said he was learning his new identity. "I was taping up shoes and co-ordinating outfits and he was going through his papers," she explained. "He often came round with his work. That night he came over with his box file and started going through it. He had two passports. He probably fell asleep on the sofa that night and stayed overnight with all the documents."

Jones has since been accused of trying to preserve the reputation of Gareth Williams, but this spy mystery ➤

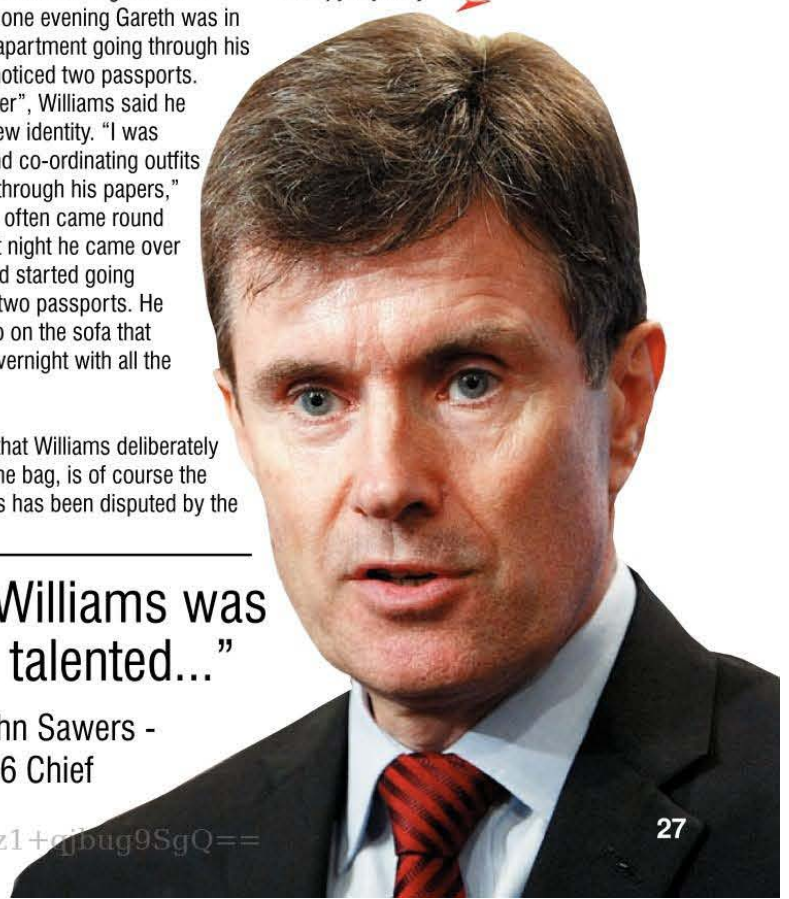
Behind the theory that Williams deliberately locked himself in the bag, is of course the suicide option. This has been disputed by the

"Gareth Williams was hugely talented..."

Sir John Sawers -
MI6 Chief



36 Alderney Street





MORE ANALYSIS AND QUESTIONS

Eye Spy has received bags of mail and comments from readers regarding the death of Gareth Williams, and although the police are still no nearer learning just exactly what happened, we have collected a few notes and observations from our intelligence advisors...

It now seems fairly obvious that the lurid stories fed into the media with such astonishing speed about Williams personal life are far from accurate. Our intelligence contacts say they were "very surprised" that vital information gleaned from an MI6 operative's cell phone and forensic data were "delivered" to a media contact within hours of the discovery of a body, including the recovery of bondage gear and porn. When linked to a wardrobe full of female dresses, a wig and the spurious single sighting of Williams in a gay bar, little wonder the media suspected the MI6 man had a secret shadowy lifestyle. It has since transpired, of course, there was no porn or bondage gear, and the dresses were still in their original plastic and fabric covers. They had never been worn. The wigs were almost certainly intended for a show and the shoes didn't fit Williams either. That the name "Pier Paolo" was instantly linked to dark sexual experiences by those intent on mischief making, may have been a little premature.

Eye Spy understands that senior investigators at New Scotland Yard are looking beyond the obvious, and are beginning to sense something about this affair is not quite right. Williams was a career intelligence man who had worked alongside some of the country's most gifted tech officers and liaised with a number of powerful organisations. His personal life would have been under review, under scrutiny, and if he did have a

private interest in the darker side of sex, then it's likely those close to him would have known - especially his close friends. Adversaries seek opportunities to compromise targets. Similarly, let's be clear, the web sites showing bondage that he allegedly visited were viewed on only a handful of occasions - and they were certainly not pornographic. This hardly makes him a "sexual oddball".

On a professional level, Special Branch detectives are puzzled about the second party who was in attendance when Williams entered or was placed in the bag. That person closed the lock and then either waited until Williams was dead, or simply walked away - never to return. It seems highly unlikely Williams would have allowed a total stranger in his MI6 apartment. And if that's the case, whoever the mystery visitor[s], they seemed confident enough to walk away leaving four cell phones intact on the sideboard, in the absolute knowledge his or her name and contact details were not on those phones. And detectives note that finding a naked body doesn't always point to sexual adventure.

FINGERPRINTS AND CLOTHES

Much has been made over the lack of evidence in the flat. It seems inconceivable that the second party did not leave any evidence, including DNA or fingerprints. No doubt the bag, lock, cups, glasses, carpets, bathroom and dozens of other items were checked. We don't know if forensic evidence has been secured - the police are not



Speculation abounds regarding the North Face bag and lock. However, it should be noted NSY has not released any information on the exact type of bag or lock used to bind the zippers.



saying. However, it's worth recalling the single line comment from a detective who left the flat following the body's removal... "it's a neat job." But if a second party helped Gareth in the bag as part of a sexual experience, and disappeared thereafter, perhaps in panic, it is odd that not a single fingerprint was found anywhere. That is unless, of course, they wore gloves, which could be suggestive of a more menacing act.

And what of the dresses - all new, boxed and still in their original wrapping? One unconfirmed report claimed they were purchased on-line and in the "smart shops of West London". If it could



New Scotland Yard murder detectives say that evidence exists concerning a "second party" being present at the time Williams found his way into the bag. If this concerns fingerprints and/or DNA, then this information is almost certainly being investigated



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This North Face bag is approximately the same size as that which contained the body of Gareth Williams. Note this type has two wheels and an extendable pull handle. Eye Spy was also informed the bag would easily carry the weight of a 15-stone+ adult without damaging the stitched canvas carry handles

be proven that these were purchased by Williams and from whence they came, this might answer many questions. A number were expensive, and without stretching resources too much, police should have been able to locate their origin, or at the very least the retail stores or on-line outlets



Gareth Williams was supposedly a computer games "wizard". Add this to his other excellent skills, this made him an ideal recruit for GCHQ. However, his work for MI6 remains a sensitive topic, so too some of his pre-Service qualifications.

where they are sold. A look at Williams' credit card purchases or cash withdrawals may have given detectives very useful information in this area also. All of this would be a mute point if the purchases had been made from private sellers, third parties, were gifts, or in fact, if the dresses belonged to another party. NSY are not saying.

THE BATH PUZZLE

That the bag was found in a dry bath has also puzzled specialists. Had the bag been on the bed or even the floor, then speculation about what

really happened may have lessened. But not so. There are three schools of thought here; that the bag was placed in the bath in the event that decomposition and bodily fluids would leak; and/or the bag was placed here for "collection". The third theory, Eye Spy understands, is that the bag was placed in the bath with the intention of running the taps - thus water would have eventually found its way in drowning Williams while he was still alive. His naked body would then be removed from the bag and placed in the water thus giving the "natural appearance" of a suicide or accidental drowning. The sports bag would then have been removed.

However, Eye Spy understands Williams would probably have died from suffocation before drowning, and this would have been apparent in the autopsies.

And on a final note regarding the bag, some sources believe the reason British security services researched the brightly-coloured North Face bag at Newark Airport, United States, was to establish if it was the property of Williams.

As for the "Mediterranean couple", much emphasis has been placed on these visitors, and the remarkably detailed e-fits - presumably the result of an encounter with another resident at

36 Alderney Street. This couple visited the building weeks before Williams disappeared. There are stories purporting to reveal their nationality - Lebanese and Greek - with assistance here coming from the Mossad which offered up some advanced facial recognition technology. Now, one would have

thought that after pressing the video door bell of Williams flat, and failing to gain access, the couple would have departed. Not so. They then pressed another button and told a neighbour they were here to see "Pier Paolo". It seems a little inconceivable that the resident didn't question this, unless, as some in the media have speculated, Williams called himself this. That they then said they had a key to his front door and simply wandered upstairs seems odd. Why would Williams, an MI6 employee working on some fairly high-end projects simply give the couple - if they were friends, a key to his flat door and not the building itself? The resident told police this was the first time she had seen the couple, and the last. None of this makes any sense, but Williams would have considered the implications had the Service discovered he was letting people use an MI6 residence. Finally, if they were close friends, it seems odd their contact details were not found on any of the cell phones recovered in the flat.

The fact that NSY are delving back months to locate visitors suggests Williams did not have that many visitors to his apartment. These two characters are thought "very relevant" by investigators.

• Turn to page 68 for some interesting notes on Pier Paolo Pasolini's surprising connections to the more shadowy corridors of the intelligence world and editor's comments on the Gareth Williams affair



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DANGEROUS

The Strange Case of Raymond Allen Davis

BY NICK FIELDING

No-one except for Raymond A Davis knows exactly what happened on 27 January in Qartaba Chowk, a shabby part of the city of Lahore, capital of Pakistan's province of Punjab. From the few facts that have emerged so far, it appears that Davis, a former special forces soldier working as a technical and administrative official at the US consulate in the city, was driving alone in heavy traffic in a hired white car at the time of the incident.

For reasons that are not yet clear he opened fire on two men riding a motorcycle that drew up alongside him. Davis shot both men twice in the front and twice from behind when he opened fire with a Beretta pistol. He later told Pakistani police that one of the men - who were both armed - pulled a gun on him and was about to rob him. Police have since said that neither of the two motorcyclists fired a shot and that there were no bullets in the firing position.

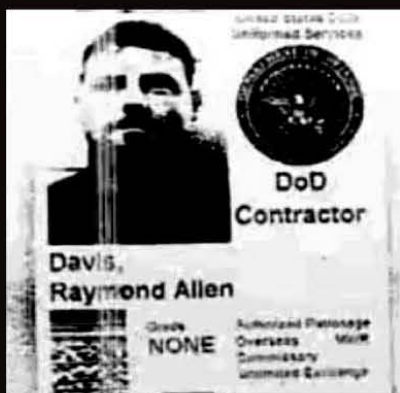
Davis then got out of the vehicle, took photographs of the dead men on his cellphone and got back in the car. He must have made a call to colleagues because another car rushed to his assistance. That car hit a motorcyclist who was killed. It then sped off and returned to the US Consulate in the city. Davis was arrested by police at the scene and detained. Despite five letters to the Consulate from prosecutors, those driving the second vehicle have not been publicly identified or surrendered to police.

Reports from Pakistan suggest that Davis - not his real name - was 'tooled up' at the time of his arrest, carrying with him a small telescope, a tracking device and a Glock pistol with three magazines. There are reports that similar kinds of unconventional equipment fell out of the other vehicle involved as it left the scene of the accident in which the motorcyclist was killed.

Although there is no evidence that Davis was working directly for the CIA, the case has all the hallmarks of an intelligence operation.

IS LIAISONS?

COURTESY LAHORE POLICE



Ordinarily such embarrassing events are sorted out between governments and people like Davis are whisked away before anybody realises what is happening.

But this is Pakistan and things are different. The Davis case may turn out to be of enormous strategic importance. One of the most violent countries in the world, Pakistan has been on tenterhooks over the Davis case.



despatched to Islamabad in an effort to get Davis's release. Even President Obama made a public statement emphasising that Davis was a diplomat, not simply a hired consultant. There have been heated phone calls between Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton and President Zardari. Formally, the argument hinges on whether or not Davis is a bone fide diplomat with the correct paperwork. In reality, the story is more complex, as there is little doubt that if he is whisked out of the country, there will be serious rioting and the Pakistan government itself could fall. Meanwhile, no-one is any the wiser about what Davis was doing in Lahore. According to one report, he



Pakistan television showed an array of equipment recovered from the vehicle driven by Davis and another car believed to have been occupied by a person or persons linked to the US consulate



Trouble-shooter John Kerry was despatched to Pakistan and met with President Zardari

widow took rat poison and killed herself in the week following his death, and Faizan Haider, 22, who died in hospital. Their relatives - and those of Ibad ur-Rehman, who died under the wheels of the 4x4 attempting to rescue Davis,

SOME SUSPECT A CIA-ISI INTEL LIAISON...

Large demonstrations calling for him to be hanged take place almost daily. Pakistanis resent the many foreign security staff operating in the country; in fact, many of them believe Davis and others like him are responsible for the devastating suicide bombings that have destabilised the country for the last four or five years, not least in Lahore itself, where hundreds have died. Conspiracy theories flourish in this country, where the security outfit Blackwater is seen behind every plot and public dissatisfaction with politicians is rampant. These conspiracy theories gained more ground when the pictures on Davis' camera phone were leaked and made public soon after his detention. They show some military sites, including bunkers close to the border with India, plus other sites in Peshawar.

Since his arrest, the US government has been lobbying very hard for Davis' release. A planned visit by Pakistani President Zardari to meet President Obama has been cancelled and there were reports saying that the Pakistani ambassador to the United States would be expelled. Senator John Kerry was

was carrying business cards for a company called Hyperion Protective Consultants of Orlando, Florida. However, an investigation by *Counterpunch* magazine in the United States has revealed that the address for the company is an empty shop front and that the phone numbers and website are fake.

Then there is the question of the identity of the two men shot on the motorbike. They have been revealed as Mohammad Faheem, whose



Presidents Zardari and Obama have discussed the case

have made it clear that they want Davis executed. "I want blood for blood. The way my husband was shot, his killer should be shot in the same fashion," Faheem's grieving widow Shumaila Kanwal said shortly before she died.

There has been some speculation that both the motorcyclists were from Pakistan's intelligence service, the ISI and had been tasked to tail Davis. This has not been confirmed, but it is certainly common practice for ISI officers to use motorcycles to follow a target.

In the end, Davis' fate depends on whether or not the US is willing to risk the future of the Pakistani government - its most important ally in the war on terror. Pakistan is presently a tinderbox and it will not take much to set off massive protests that could see the administration of President Zardari fall. At the same time, American officials will be loathe to see one of their own consigned to years in prison in the back of beyond.

LONDON 7/7 TERRORIST ATTACKS INQUIRY



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Al-Qaida bomb-making factory and safe house - interior details and photo evidence released

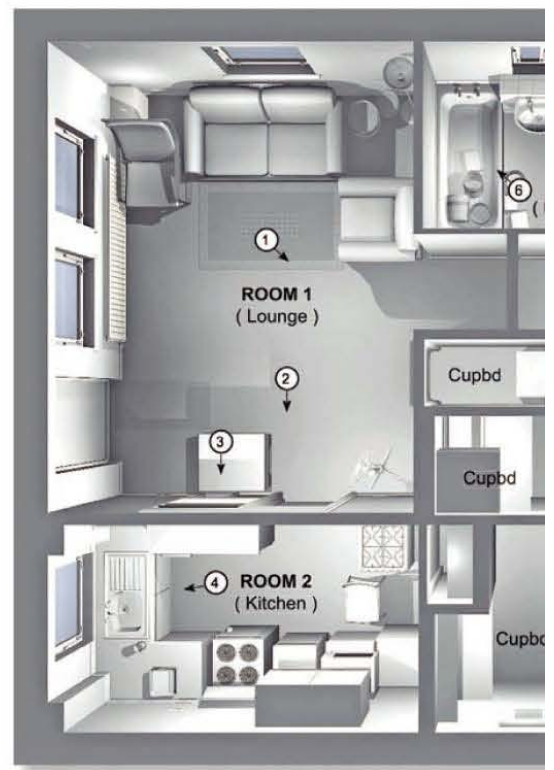
At the Royal Courts of Justice, London, the inquests into those who perished in the 2005 London bombings continue.

Since Eye Spy 71, those in attendance have heard both chilling and heart-warming stories. These told by victims and those whose bravery almost certainly saved lives. That there was a breakdown in communication between parts of London Transport, police and the emergency services was also apparent.

One of the most surreal moments came when police and MI5 imagery was shown of the interior of the Leeds bomb flat. Here an al-Qaida terror cell lived and worked in one of the most densely populated areas of the city to create a number of powerful bombs, de-

scribed as "entirely unique" in the UK and worldwide. The inquiry heard that the bombers used various readily available products, including hydrogen peroxide, hair dye, peppers etc. Indeed, Lady Justice Hallett, the coroner, said it was easier to buy the main ingredients of the bombs, than lots of aspirin tablets. Clarifying her remarks, she said: "You get cross-examined by the chemist if you want to buy too many aspirins, but you can buy as much hydrogen peroxide as you like."

Yet it was the still photography, most of it taken just days after terrorists struck, that focused attention. The scene which greeted MI5, Special Branch police and SO15 officers (Counter Terrorism Command) when they raided 18 Alexandra Grove, a two bedroom flat, was one of organised chaos. In every room one could find household objects,

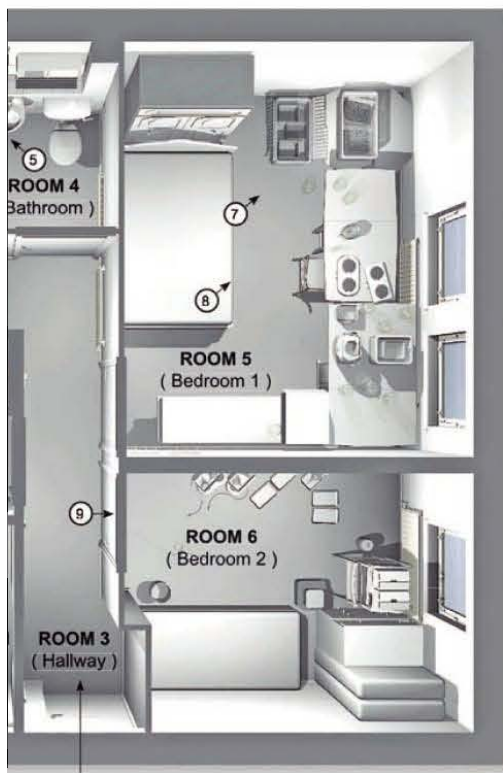


Plastic containers within plastic containers... mixtures of chemicals were strewn across the flat





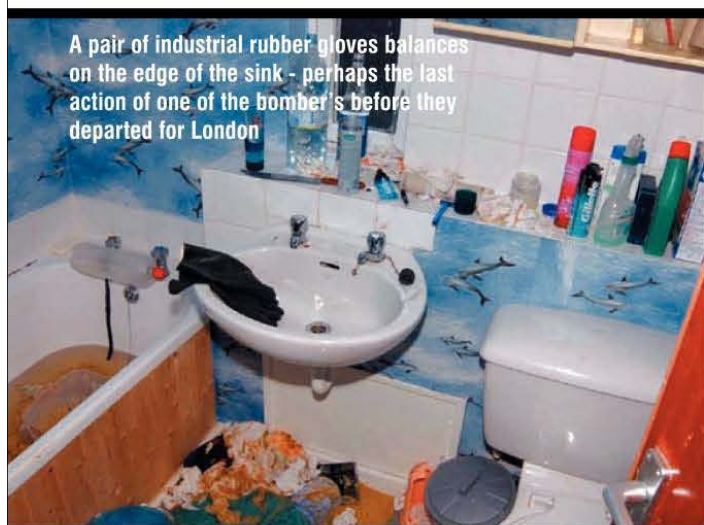
BOMB FACTORY



buckets, plastic containers, pans, chemicals, hot plates (to concentrate the peroxide), respirators, boxes of nails, bolts and tape.

Curtains were carefully taped behind the windows concealing what was going on just a few hundred feet from Burley Road - one of

the main roads into the city centre. Additional electric extensions helped feed power to numerous fans to control the temperature. In various locations, including the bath tub, an orangy-brown sludge is evidence enough that the flat must have given off some dreadful



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Throughout the inquest the standard of police and MI5 information, plus supporting evidence, including graphics and imagery has been exceptional

Image	Exhibit and description	Where found	Forensic info	Remarks
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	Exhibit CUB/32: Bin per. X331-32	Newson MIRA DESS RUK, SCUL FSL, Lumbeth. Within zone 2. Front passenger door pocket zone 2.	DNK profile of MMR present.	MI5 report 30/5/06.
	Exhibit CUB/33: Bin per. X331-33	Newson MIRA DESS RUK, SCUL FSL, Lumbeth. Within zone 2. Front passenger door pocket zone 2.	DNK profile of MMR present.	MI5 report 30/5/06.
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Newly released CCTV footage shows the bombers at various locations seeking out their chosen Tube trains. However, for some reason, perhaps even a change of mind, Hasib Hussain (bottom) decided to exit the train network and catch a bus. Minutes later he blew up himself up as the bus passed through Tavistock Square



Lady Justice Hallett DBE insisted a "very senior MI5 officer" can give evidence anonymously at the inquest. There was much debate about compromise and security issues - had the officer appeared publicly

fumes. However, MI5 has never traced the female cleaner who regularly came to the flat and then departed with black bin liners - presumably containing items used by the bombers, to eat, sleep and make bombs...

MI5 has never been in doubt that the bombers - headed by Mohammad Sidiq Khan - received training, guidance and instruction from a senior AQ bomb-maker. There remains much conjecture that he was in the UK right up to the moment the bombers made their way to London.

A piece of paper was recovered that gave instructions on how to make two types of bomb. There were also notes on the detonators which were manufactured from parts of a light bulb, tin foil and the explosive HMTD. Besides the bombs used in the actual attacks in London, the inquest saw evidence that was suggestive of a wider plot. The car used to travel south was parked in Luton train station. Here the bombers linked up with another colleague before journeying by train to London. The vehicle contained smaller-sized bombs packed with nails. MI5, Eye Spy understands, believe these were "last resort" devices to hurl or detonate in the event their primary bombs failed to explode.

Mohammed Sidiq Khan received a number of cell phone calls from a person providing guidance on how to make the bombs. The calls, made by a "facilitator" in Pakistan, also offered encouragement. MI5 eventually traced from whence the calls had come - a public call box in Rawalpindi. Records show the communications began in April and concluded on 2 July 2005, just five days before the attacks. A New Scotland Yard detective acknowledged the use of a public call box was intentional to thwart British Intelligence counter-measures.

MI5 then discovered the caller tried to make contact with Khan's cell phone at 2.04pm on 7 July, about five hours after he had blown himself up along with six innocent Londoners in the Edgware Road.

Throughout the period of plotting, bomb making, organisation and material procurement, all the front-end terrorists used pre-paid cell phones which they changed often to avoid detection. In total, 19 cell phones were used by the gang, some of which were later discovered by family members who called other numbers on the phones in an attempt to contact the men.



The terrorists made no attempt to conceal their bomb-making endeavours - suggesting most strongly this was a suicide mission

SURVEILLANCE

PHOTOGRAPHY

WITH PETER JENKINS

Part One

International surveillance authority PETER JENKINS begins a new series which explores how this most important element in intelligence gathering is performed. From guidance on selecting the best cameras, location points, changing light and exposure settings, these easy-to-follow features combine to provide a general overview of surveillance photography and all the tricks of the trade used by the world's premier intelligence and security agencies...

SURVEILLANCE PHOTOGRAPHY

In this feature, Peter discusses various aspects of digital photography, including settings, storage and transfer in relation to surveillance. With further instructions in part two, this will enable you to produce a high quality photograph taken in poor conditions such as bad light and with the use of telephoto lenses.

After you have studied the material, it's preferable to experiment with your camera and practice some of the techniques that have been described. At the end of the series we will include a short practical exercise for you to carry out for this purpose. Diving straight into a surveillance task with a new camera is asking for trouble. Read the instruction manual, play with the camera and then read the manual again to discover something new....



Many investigators and surveillance operators prefer to use video cameras rather than still photography, because the latter can seem quite technical to the novice. However, it is just as easy to fail with video as it is with a camera. From a commercial surveillance standpoint, clients often prefer video evidence, especially in relation to 'personal injury' investigations where movement is necessary. It is a subject we will cover in a later feature.

If you are watching an individual or a building for a long period of time to obtain photographic evidence, it is imperative that you understand your equipment and its capabilities. It can be embarrassing having to report or produce - after twenty hours of observation - a photograph which is either blurred, out of focus or under exposed. The photograph is often the 'intelligence product' a vital piece of evidence. Commercially, this is what your client is buying.

DIGITAL STILL PHOTOGRAPHY

There are a plethora of cameras available in today's marketplace and choosing the correct one for surveillance work can be difficult. A brand name Digital SLR (single lens reflex) camera such as Nikon, Canon or Sony is



A camera's setting and digital display can initially seem daunting. In time, and once understood, they afford the user an incredible array of options

ideal. An SLR camera is one which has interchangeable lenses. Ultimately, the quality of your photographs will be a combination of factors, including: your ability to use the camera correctly, the quality of the equipment, your personal judgement, the quality and type of lens that you use. When choosing a camera do not go for the most expensive; an expensive top-of-the-range camera will give you hundreds of different features but you are likely to only use a fraction of them. Many options can be daunting, especially to a novice.

- Ask an experienced user for their advice and recommendations. Do not rely solely on the advice of those working in a camera shop, some staff simply want to close a sale.

- Choose a camera that will withstand knocks and rough handling, get a black one, not silver in colour

- Make sure the camera feels comfortable and balanced in your hands and the controls are simple and quick to use

- Operating the camera may appear complicated at first, but after a few days handling, you will become accustomed to it

- Ensure that it has a Spot Metering facility

- Make sure it has Automatic, Shutter and Aperture priority exposure modes

- Ensure the resolution is at least 10 Mega pixels

- Choose lenses with focal length and speed in mind. As a basic surveillance kit, I would select an 18-55mm and a 55-250mm lens

DIGITAL SLR CAMERAS

Digital cameras operate in the same way as conventional 'wet film' cameras. However, instead of capturing the image on film, the image is read by a series of light sensors which convert it into signals that are stored on a memory card as an image.

This card can then be read on a computer and the image downloaded for printing or manipulation with suitable software. A photograph taken with a digital camera can be quickly and simply downloaded onto a lap top computer and sent by e-mail to anywhere in the world within minutes.

IMAGE SIZE AND RESOLUTION

Image size and image resolution are two different processes and a detailed explanation can become technical. In simple terms, the image size is the actual size of the picture if it were to be printed on paper. The image size can be altered in the camera's settings menu:



the larger the size, the more memory it will take up. I set this to the largest size possible as you can always reduce the size afterwards. Setting it small and then enlarging the picture later can reduce its quality considerably. This is because an image is made up of pixel elements or pixels. A pixel is a tiny dot of colour and a digital image is made up from millions of these dots. Normal viewing of a picture is crisp and sharp but if you enlarge the picture or view it with a magnifying glass you will notice the individual pixels and the image becomes blurred or 'pixelated'.

IMAGE COMPRESSION

When a picture is taken, it is stored on a memory card and digitally compressed so that it does not take up too much memory space. However, a high compression setting means that the image is really squashed together and in doing so loses some of its quality, whereas, a low compression is a larger file but of better quality. The 'quality' or compression setting can be altered through your camera's menu settings. I always have my camera set to take the highest quality (lowest compression) although the draw back is that you cannot store as many pictures on a memory card. However, it is far better to save images at the highest quality and work down as you cannot store an image at low quality and then manipulate it to look better later.

Another disadvantage of having the camera set to the highest quality is 'shot time lag'.

Remove the battery when the camera is not going to be used for a while.

TIP: Always ensure you have a fully charged spare...

This is a delay that occurs when you cannot take shots in quick succession because the images are being processed by the camera's computer. A high-end professional camera should not encounter this problem.

If you have altered an image by computer and saved it, the programme may ask you if you want to save it at a high, medium or low quality. When you click 'save', the picture is compressed again.

Tip: If you want to save it for use on the web, select low quality but if it is for printing choose high quality.

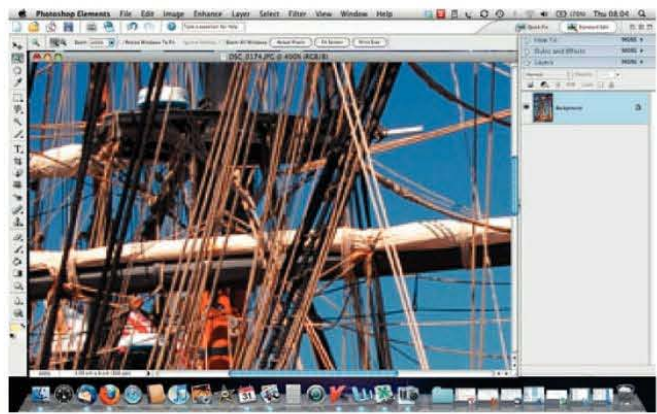
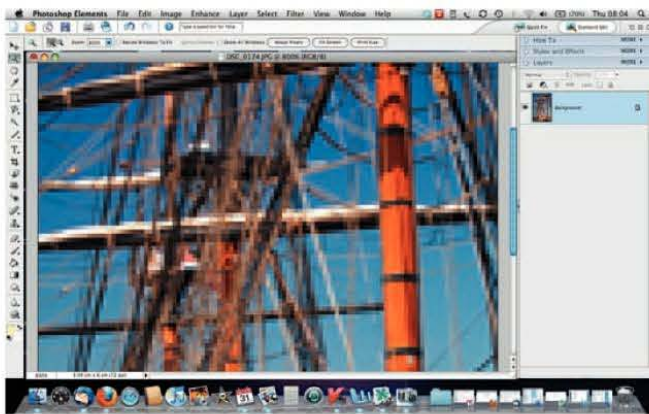
MEMORY CARDS

Every digital camera stores the images onto flash memory cards and there are various types: Secure Digital (SD), Compact Flash (CF), and Memory Stick (MS) to name a few. The cards can be removed from the camera and read by a computer. Always remember to switch off your camera before removing/inserting a card or you may damage or lose files (photos).

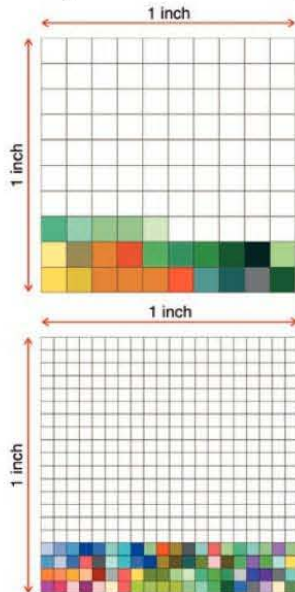
Each card will have a storage capacity normally

Images can be reviewed on most digital cameras. This was never possible with wet film cameras - until the image was developed





A higher number of pixels within a photograph should produce a better quality image



The images shown here are 10 and 20 pixels per inch. More 'information' - the higher the quality and resolution

measured in Gigabytes (Gb). At the time of writing, an 8Gb is the largest capacity card available and can store thousands of images. Personally I use 2Gb cards, any larger will encourage me to store more pictures and if the card were to crash or get damaged, I would lose all of the images. Therefore it is better not to put all of your images in one "basket". If a card is full, simply remove it, store it properly and insert an empty one.



Lenses suitable for general photography

A 1Gb card can store approximately 644 small images, 356 medium images and 204 large images. It is recommended to download the images from the card to a computer as soon as possible. If you want to write protect the card so that the images cannot be accidentally erased, there is usually a manually sliding switch on the side of the card for this purpose. The images can be transferred to the computer either by connecting the camera directly to the computer with a USB cable or by using a memory card reader.

Tip: After erasing all of the images on the card, it may be wise to re-format it so that you

maximise storage space. This is usually done through the camera's menu.

POWER

Digital cameras use up a lot of battery power. If your camera takes standard size batteries, I recommended you use hi-power (2100mAh) rechargeable ones. This is because they are less expensive and the fact that rechargeable batteries last longer.

Your camera is likely to have an LCD screen in order to make adjustments to the camera's settings and also to review the images taken. If possible, manually turn this off, as the screen is a large drain on batteries. If your camera has a conventional viewfinder use it to compose the shot rather than the LCD screen.

NEXT ISSUE: In Eye Spy 73, Peter looks at the camera metering system, the effects that shutter speed and aperture settings can produce - all of which are vital in obtaining a perfectly exposed picture. Once these fundamentals are understood and practised, we can then progress on to more advanced surveillance photography techniques...



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MI5 infiltrated an alleged al-Qaida terror cell that sought to bring mayhem on the streets of London just days before Christmas. Nine suspects were arrested on 20 December 2010 in a series of nationwide raids by officers from New Scotland Yard's Counter Terrorism Command (CTC), and regional police forces. The arrests, which involved the use of over 200 officers, were the result of months of careful investigation and an intricate surveillance operation in the capital that monitored several reconnaissance missions. Intelligence sources told Eye Spy it was inextricably linked to Europe-wide counter-terrorism endeavours that ultimately exposed an intricate chain of AQ groups. It is widely believed the network sought to strike various capital cities simultaneously, but was fragmented as police raids resulted in pre-emptive strikes and arrests to disrupt and



MI5 headquarters, London

r...stock exchange...american embassy...
y...big ben...westminster abbey...

URVEILLANCE SUCCESS

plotter surveilled and targeted s and symbols of London

*The London Stock Exchange -
one site allegedly surveilled
and targeted by the gang*



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destabilise plots arrests, such as the Antwerp operation featured in Eye Spy 71.

For much of 2010, MI5 had assisted in several European intelligence service operations to disrupt terror plots in Germany, Holland, Denmark, Belgium and France. With intelligence now suggesting a UK plot was reaching fruition, MI5 decided it was best to act, and in a coordinated police action, dawn raids took place in Birmingham, London, Cardiff and Stoke. Large amounts of information and materials were removed from a dozen or so properties. There was no official comment on what was recovered, other than a statement saying the "public were in no danger".

However, senior officers said the gang were deadly serious - this was the UK end of a plot that MI5 knew was part of a wider campaign initiated by those who support al-Qaida's 'Northern Project'. Eye Spy's US sources said a similar effort to strike American cities was enabled early in 2010, but disruptive efforts throughout the year by the FBI and CIA, meant that actions were limited and assigned to individuals.

UNDER SURVEILLANCE

UK gang members were oblivious that their number was under surveillance, and that e-mail and cell phone activity was being

monitored. Operatives were tracked as they wended their way to London and began to gather information on projected targets. According to MI5 sources, this was not solely concentrated on just London landmarks, but people and religious targets as well. Several MI5 teams on foot and in vehicles recorded one reconnaissance mission; operatives in this case walked through Trafalgar Square, down Whitehall and past government buildings to Westminster Bridge where Big Ben was watched intently. The suspects then moved on to the South Bank where they allegedly "studied" the city's spectacular London Eye attraction before heading to the Church of



Scientology near Blackfriars which they observed intently for some minutes. Throughout this period, investigators recorded at least two alleged gang members taking photographs with their cell phones. MI5 believe the information gathered here was not for "tourist purposes". When the reconnaissance mission ended, the men met at a McDonalds restaurant - an event which was also surveilled as undercover MI5 agents posed as customers.

PRIMARY TARGETS

When MI5 started to analyse information from computers and materials removed at the raided addresses, other clues as to the men's intentions became apparent. Officers believe the group had six primary targets in mind. These were: Big Ben, The London Stock Exchange, the US Embassy, Westminster Abbey, the London Eye and the offices of Boris Johnson - the city's flamboyant mayor. These locations, complete with full addresses and post codes were found on a hand-written

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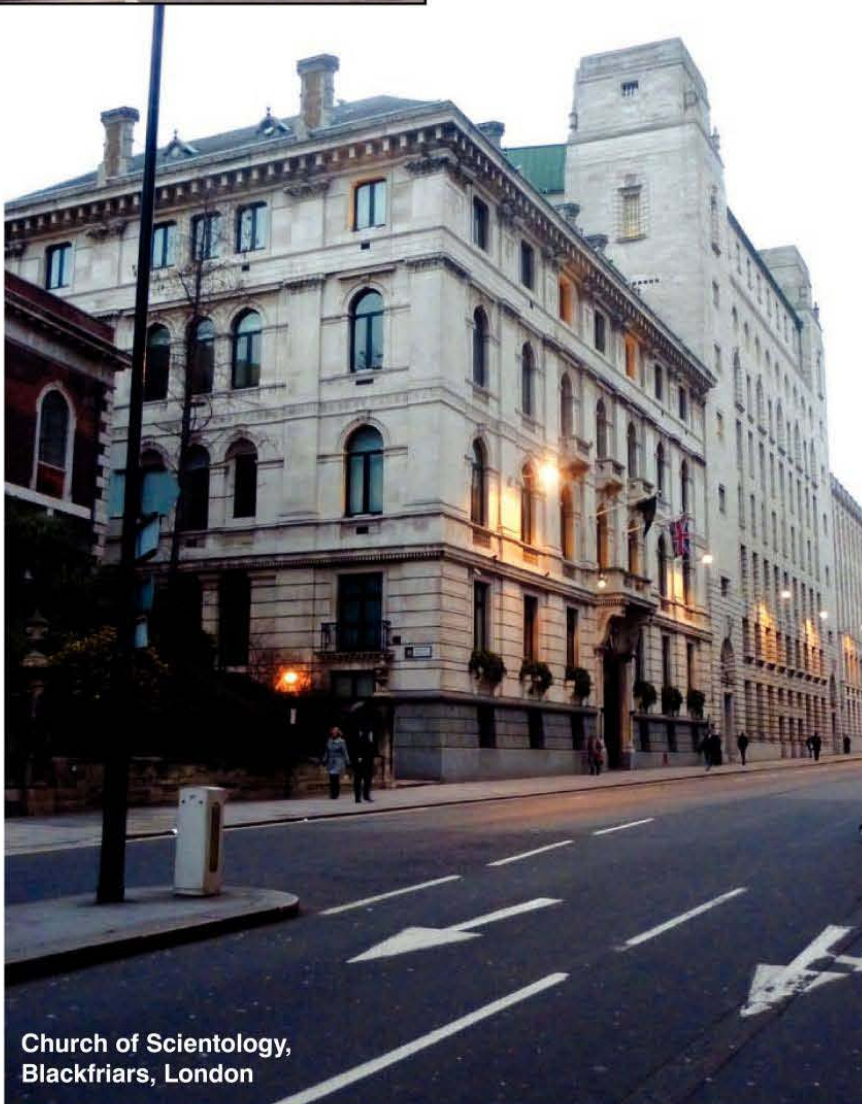


The suspects arrive for a brief court appearance. Their trial will probably take place in early 2012

note next to a computer, and correlate with surveillance footage taken by MI5 of the men's walk around central London.

Other materials found in the residences included an al-Qaida support journal called 'Inspire' that contained bomb-making instructions. The features included: 'How to make a pipe bomb in the kitchen of your mom'; 'What to expect in jihad' and 'Tips for our brothers in the US'.

MI5 green-lighted the CTC operation because of the close proximity to Christmas, and because the Service feared the plot had reached an advanced stage. The men had been under nationwide surveillance for months. As far as Eye Spy understands, no bomb-making materials or explosives were retrieved in any of the raids, though sources say the gang intended to use car bombs. Additional information however, suggests explosives testing had already taken place,



Church of Scientology, Blackfriars, London



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though not necessarily at the locations raided by police. MI5 has reportedly secured evidence that the gang had all agreed upon the main targets, which may have also included senior religious figures and dignitaries.

An early police statement said the men had conspired to cause "explosions of a nature likely to endanger life or cause serious injury to property". It added they had been downloading material from the Internet, researching and discussing potential targets, carrying out reconnaissance and "igniting and testing incendiary material". The suspects are charged with conspiring to cause explosions likely to endanger life between 6 November and 21 December 2010.

On 27 December, and under heavy police guard, the nine accused men arrived at Westminster magistrates. The suspects from Cardiff are Gurukanth Desai, 28, and Omar Sharif Latif, 26, both of Riverside, and 24-

year-old Abdul Malik Miah, of Leckwith. Those from London are East Enders Mohammed Moksudur Rahman Chowdhury, 20, of Tower Hamlets, and 28-year-old Shah Mohammed Lutfar Rahman, from Newham. The men from Stoke are Nazam Hussain, 25, of Cobridge, Usman Khan, 19, of Tunstall, Mohibur Rahman, 26, of Cobridge and Abul Boshier Mohammed Shahjahan, 26, of Burslem.

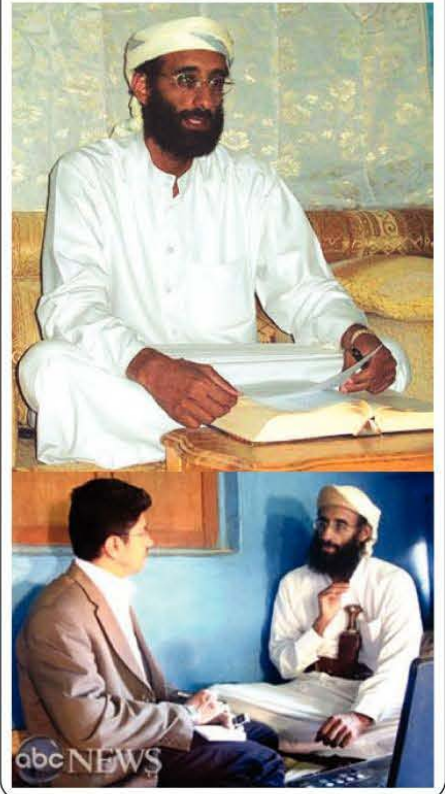
The US Embassy has long been a target for al-Qaida, perhaps one reason why the country is moving its central London embassy to a more secure site in the city. US State Department



spokesman Mark Toner confirmed the American embassy was among the alleged plots possible targets. Toner released a short statement which read: "I am aware and... obviously

FBI's MOST WANTED

One of the world's most wanted terrorists - Anwar Al-Awlaki, is believed to have played some role in the planning of the UK and Europe-wide terror plots which were all successfully disabled



our folks in London are aware of this. We are obviously taking suitable security precautions."

MI5 believes the FBI's most wanted - Anwar Al-Awlaki is relevant to the alleged plot.

New Scotland Yard Assistant Commissioner and head of Special Operations John Yates said it was absolutely vital for the public to remain vigilant.



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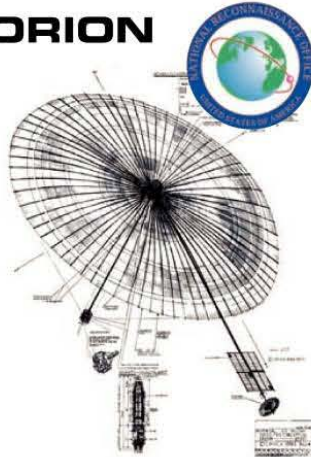


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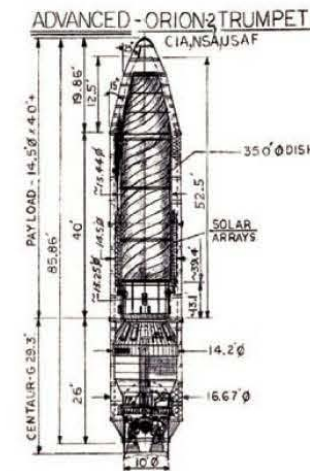
The US National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), designs, builds and operates most of America's reconnaissance satellites. The 'product' (intelligence collection) from these specialist satellites is available to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Department of Defense (DOD).

The NRO recently launched the fifth Mentor spacecraft, placing an



Advanced Orion satellite into an inclined geostationary orbit where it will collect SIGINT (signals intelligence) using an antenna thought to have a diameter of 100 metres (328 feet). This particular satellite is known to have sensitive radio receivers to intercept traffic on civilian or military communications networks. The product is believed to be utilised by the National Security Agency (NSA).

Eye Spy understands the satellite may well be the largest ever deployed and is part of an evolving 20-year NRO programme.



JAMAICA

TRIBUTE TO IAN FLEMING

The country's Boscobel Airstrip, now upgraded and expanded to handle private jets, has been renamed 'Ian Fleming International Airport' after the British author who created the world's best known imaginary secret agent - James Bond. Prime Minister Bruce Golding, who attended the opening ceremony on 12 January said: "We genuinely wanted to honour the memory of Ian Fleming because of all that he has achieved and the extent to which he brought Jamaica into that achievement."



**Photo shows Lucy Fleming
and premier Golding**

The expansion includes a customs hall, immigration point, passenger lounge and pilot briefing room. Fleming, of course, lived close the airport.

CHRONIC SPY MANIA

Following a series of explosions in Georgia in December 2010, six persons were arrested on suspicion of being Russian spies. One female was killed in Tbilisi by an explosion outside an office used by the Labour Party although another blast, outside the US Embassy caused no casualties. Four men and two women are accused of these acts after being recruited by the Russian military.



**Gela Bezhuashvili -
Head of Georgia's GIS**

Moscow claims the Georgian authorities have “chronic spy mania” after the arrest of thirteen suspected GRU Russian spies (military intelligence) just weeks earlier. One operative (a Georgian national) was described as a naval radio operator who passed on codes used for secure communications.

Since the 2008 invasion of Georgia by Russian forces, there have been a number of spy incidents involving operatives from both nations. Perhaps the most recent occurred on 4 February 2011, when Moscow accused Georgia's emerging intelligence service - the GIS, of "expanding its operations in South Ossetia" - a claim denied by Tbilisi.



The rebuilt Senaki Army Base in Georgia which was totally destroyed by Russia's military forces



GREAT BRITAIN

INTEL AND UNIVERSITIES

In context of the recent disturbances in London and other cities, which saw disgruntled students accompanied by unwanted troublesome groups of the 'rent-a-mob' variety, cause violence over tuition fees, a colleague told me that the police would be well advised to get Special Branch officers into our Universities to 'test the water'. Essentially to identify how many from the rent-a-mob crew were stirring up trouble. But universities too have an interest in intelligence and security.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Institute for Security, Science and Technology (ISST) inaugural Vincent Briscoe Annual Security Lecture at Imperial College, London. This interesting lecture was delivered by Professor Christopher Andrews, the appointed official historian of MI5.

HVA Briscoe was Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at Imperial



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Intel and Security courses are run at two universities: the UCL SECREt is a 4 year PhD programme at University College London, for those wishing to pursue security or crime-related research. Another course is that offered by the University of Buckingham by the well known security authority Professor Anthony Glees who is the director of the Centre for Security and Intelligence Studies and who can often be heard in the media.



ESPIONAGE, COUPS & OIL PREDATORS AND AL-QAIDA

In 2004 an attempted coup failed in Equatorial Guinea before it had really begun. However, it resulted in the well known British mercenary Simon Mann receiving a 34-year tariff for his part in the affair.

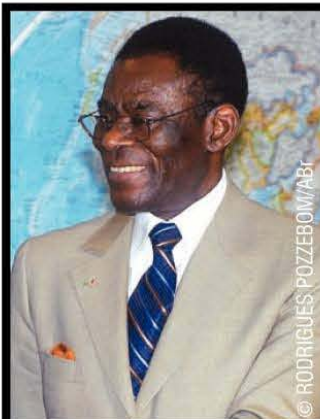
Equatorial Guinea is an oil rich African state and was really brought to the fore with the actions of Simon Mann and those who bankrolled the action. Like the expected returns to the bankrollers and the sixty or so mercenaries, there were others who notified the authorities as the preparations to commence activities reached their peak.

At the time it was also alleged that some well known figures were implicated in the plot, and Mark Thatcher, son of former UK premier Margaret was accused of investing money for the purchase of a helicopter. He was subsequently arrested in South Africa. In court he pleaded guilty to offences detailed in the South African anti-mercenary laws and paid a massive fine in excess of £250,000.

On 2 November 2009, Simon Mann was released from jail on 'humanitar-

ian' grounds after serving part of his sentence at the notorious Black Beach Prison in Malabo. He was given a full pardon.

Today, Mann is allowed to travel to and from Equatorial Guinea as he pleases and has maintained surprising links with senior government officials there thanks to him being retained. So, what is going on in Equatorial Guinea?



Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo
- current President of Equatorial
Guinea and one-time head of...
Black Beach Prison



Student protesters in central London - hundreds were arrested after demonstrations turned violent

College and was later credited with providing the first independent scientific advice to MI5 - the Security Service, on secret German writing in 1915. Briscoe's service continued through the inter-war years, WWII and after. Andrew's lecture was interesting and somewhat humorous in places. Someone later wrote of the audience that 'it was a shame that the average age of the audience was about 57 and the most popular hair colour was grey.' But they also made the point that Professor Andrews seamlessly shifted his lecture viewpoint from the past to the immediate future where his perception of the greatest security

threats are International Terrorism and Cyber Warfare. Interestingly as he spoke, the new US Cyber Command unit was readying itself to come on-line and the Iranian nuclear research programme had already succumbed to hostile cyber attacks.

Moving briefly forward in time we now have the fallout from the WikiLeaks affair with reports of cyber attacks on a variety of financial houses who withdrew their services from the said 'whistle blowing' organisation. I can say that Professor Andrews is particularly well informed about these matters...

Al Hodaydah is a Yemeni seaport used for the delivery of US Predator UAV drones. The facility operating the drones is covert by necessity and used by the US Joint Special Operations Command for mounting clandestine raids on al-Qaida cells deep in the Yemen. America denies the vehicles are armed and used for such practices, but there is much disquiet in the country.

US warplanes from aircraft carriers also conduct missions against al-Qaida. Some operations have caused embarrassment, and have prompted Yemen's Foreign Minister, Abu Bakr al Kurbi to comment. He says that

operations are mounted by Yemeni forces and that the United States subsequently cooperates with Yemen on intelligence matters. That statement is expected to offset any idea that the US military have a base on Yemeni soil despite the Obama Administration having apparently approved the use of unmanned drones by the CIA to engage targets "....without the explicit blessing of the Yemeni government."

US Special Forces have also reportedly tracked and eliminated 'specific targets' inside the Yemen. Military aid will probably double from \$70m to \$150m annually.



COURTESY DOD/US ARMY

BULGARIA

ANTENNAS AND COMMS

Readers may have seen earlier features in Eye Spy that featured the Bulgarian Embassy in London sporting some new antennae. Since that date London has been treated to some particularly poor weather; snow being one issue, the other being high winds. Antennas have their capability of wind resistance stated as 'windage' and whilst that particular figure is unknown for the massive antenna pictured in the last column it has suffered as it has rotated with the direction of the wind. At the time of writing the direction the antenna is pointing in is more towards Cornwall than Sofia, Bulgaria.

I suspected an increase in radio transmissions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sofia, call signs LZG1/DOR but according to very

accurate information I received from a diplo transmission monitor this was not the case although I have been informed that some test transmissions have recently occurred as a regular feature.

These recently used frequencies range from 11130 to 18036kHz for a rather dated digital mode. The callsign used from Sofia in this case is DOR.

Unfortunately the historical list of frequencies is somewhat larger with a list of 184 - with past activity logged on several frequencies between 9055 to 20930kHz. Americans might be interested to know the callsign for the Bulgarian Embassy in Washington is KNY32. For Londoners the known Embassy callsign is CWB.

Satellite dish mounted on Bulgarian Embassy 14 March 2005 but removed soon after



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SPY GAMES, RANSOMS, SUSPICION AND MISTRUST

KIDNAP

**By Nick Fielding
PART ONE**



OF THE GODFATHER

To some he was the Godfather of the Taliban, a modern-day Lawrence of Arabia whose military training and devotion to Islam shaped the Afghan Taliban and led it towards victory in the mid-1990s under the leadership of one of his former pupils, Mullah Omar. But the death of Brigadier Sultan Amir Tarar - known universally throughout the North West Frontier region as Colonel Imam and instantly recognisable in his trademark white turban and camouflaged British Army battledress - has created consternation in the ranks of both Islamist fighters and Pakistan's military elite.

The exact circumstances of the Colonel's death in mid-January 2010 are still unclear. Initial reports said his bullet-ridden body had

been found outside the town of Miram Shah in North Waziristan. Then it was claimed that he had died in captivity from a heart attack, victim of a vicious internal fight between rival jihadist factions.

Subsequent reports claimed that his kidnappers had confirmed the death, but were seeking a \$200,000 ransom from his family for the body.

The real question is how someone who is regarded as a national hero by many in Pakistan for his devotion to the Afghan jihad could have met such a shameful end. The answer to that question lies in the complexity of jihadi politics in Pakistan's tribal areas, a region that is off-limits even to the Pakistan Army, where Taliban courts dispense their

rough justice and where hundreds of foreign fighters find shelter with the tribes who have fought all outsiders for most of their recorded history.

It was into this land of Waziris and Mahsuds, Afridis and Mohmands in Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Territories (FATA) - that Colonel Imam drove last March, along with another former Pakistani intelligence officer, Khalid Khwaja, and British-Pakistani journalist Asad Qureshi, to make a TV film about the American drone campaign that has killed hundreds of militants in the last few years.

The drone missile strikes have radically changed the balance of war in FATA, allowing CIA-controlled drones to pick off tribal militants in these remote badlands, in the



The road between Kabul and Surobi, Afghanistan
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Nick Fielding, one of the world's leading intelligence writers and investigators, presents a dark story concerning suspicion, mistrust, spy games and kidnap from Afghanistan.

For those who try and secure accurate information and commentary from the Afghan-Pakistan badlands, occupied by al-Qaida and the Taliban, numerous difficulties await. The constant fear of kidnap or worse is never far away. And this also applies to those whose ties to such figures as Mullah Omar - chief of the Taliban, go back decades - as we shall learn...



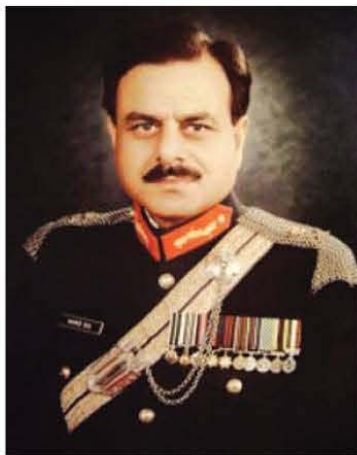


Russian soldiers pictured during Moscow's withdrawal from Afghanistan in 1988. The Taliban now ruled...



...the impact of the drone campaign would form the backbone of the documentary that Asad Qureshi intended to make for British television..

COURTESY: GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN



Hamid Gul - former chief of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Agency - the ISI

process killing many prominent members of al-Qaida and other jihadi groups. Colonel Imam was an obvious person for Asad Qureshi to contact to help make such a film.

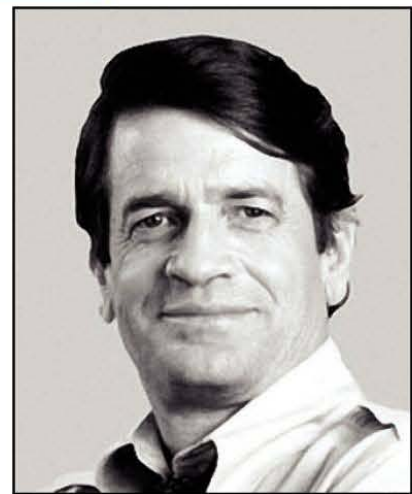
Well known and widely trusted by the leaders of the Afghan Taliban, the Colonel and Khalid Khwaja were both under the patronage of Hamid Gul, a former head of the ISI and a man known to be a strong supporter of the Afghan Taliban. Gul had headed up the ISI from 1987-89, during the jihad against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. He continues to support the Taliban and regularly speaks out against the Coalition forces in Afghanistan.

Their intention was to make contact with a shadowy group of militants in the tribal

territories known as the Punjabi Taliban - in reality a mixture of sectarian followers of the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi group and Mahsud tribesmen from South Waziristan. Interviews with these militants about the impact of the drone campaign would form the backbone of the documentary that Asad Qureshi intended to make for British television.

Colonel Imam had little cause for concern about his safety as they set off for North Waziristan last March. With 18 years in the Pakistan Army, 11 of which he served in the ISI, he had never wavered in his belief in jihad. After his graduation from the Pakistan Military Academy, he joined the Pakistan Army's 15th Frontier Force Regiment as a 2nd Lieutenant. His unit was sent to the United States in 1974, and trained with United States Army Special Forces. On graduating from the Special Forces School, he was awarded the American Green Beret by his training commander. Following his return to Pakistan, Imam joined the Special Service Group (SSG).

It was in this role that he had first been sent to Quetta in Baluchistan to train Afghans in the guerrilla warfare techniques he had learned in the United States. Amongst his young charges during 1982-83 was Mullah Mohammad Omar, later to become leader of the Taliban. After the Soviets pulled out, Imam continued in his liaison role, escorting US Congressman Charlie Wilson to Pakistan's tribal territories, for example. He was even invited to the White House in Washington, where President George Bush Sr allegedly gave him a piece of the Berlin Wall



An early photograph of US Congressman Charlie Wilson

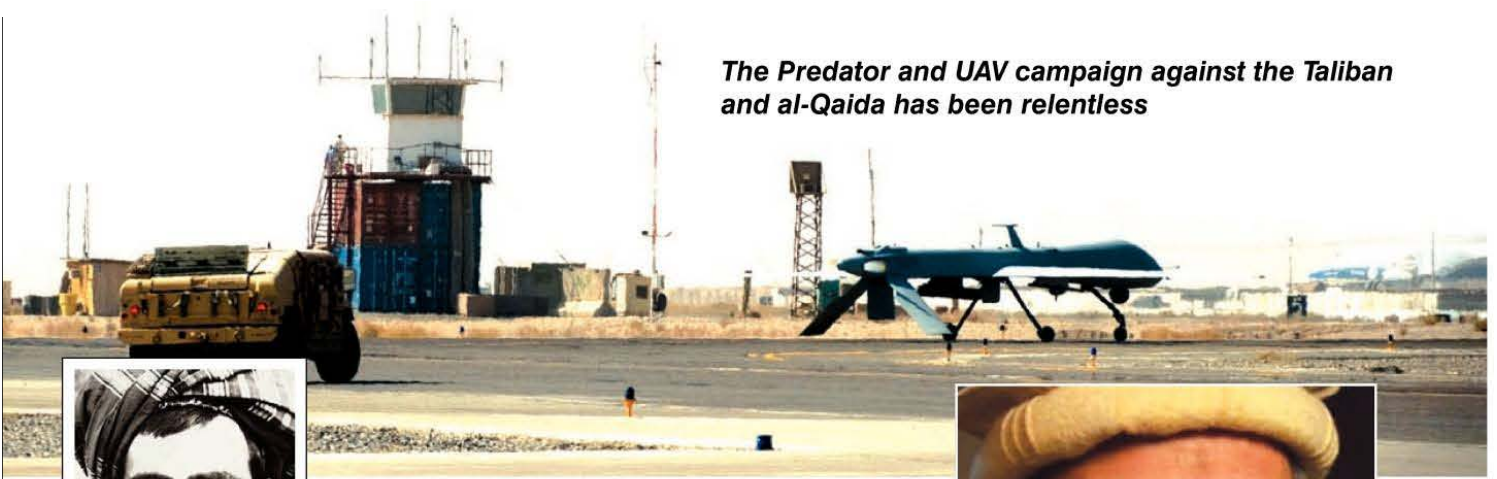
on a stand inscribed 'Dedicated to Colonel Imam. With deepest respect to one who helped deliver the first blow'. He was also present in the legendary convoy that made its



British-Pakistani journalist Asad Qureshi

COURTESY: PD-USGOV

The Predator and UAV campaign against the Taliban and al-Qaida has been relentless



Purported photo of Mullah Omar

way from the border to Kandahar in October 1994 and routed the various warlords then holding the city.

The convoy marked the beginning of a new era. The Taliban movement, aided and abetted by Imam and other ISI officers, began to take shape and quickly took control of most of the country.

Imam subsequently became a Pakistani consul in Herat and Kandahar. According to Steve Coll, author of the authoritative *'Ghost Wars'*, he was present when the Taliban finally succeeded in capturing the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif in August 1998. "My boys and I are riding into Mazar-i-Sharif" he boasted in an intercepted telephone call at the height of the battle. The battle was followed by a general massacre of Shi'ite Hazaras by the victorious Taliban, in which thousands were killed. The collapse of the city allowed Pakistan to recognise the Taliban officially for the first time as the rulers of Afghanistan.

The Colonel kept up his relations with Mullah Omar, only leaving him when American bombs began to fall on Kandahar after 9/11. In the

following years it was rumoured that he continued to train Taliban fighters in unofficial camps and was part of a network of Taliban sympathisers run by Hamid Gul and other former intelligence officers who had been sacked after the al-Qaida attacks on America.

So it was with little trepidation that the two former ISI officers, their British filmmaker and a driver set off for FATA. On 25 March they stayed at the house of Javed Ibrahim Paracha in Kohat on the border of the tribal territory. Paracha, a former member of the Pakistan National Assembly, now acts as a go-between for radical Islamists. At this point the group reportedly held a meeting with a senior Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) commander, thought to be Waliur Rahman, and interviewed him for the TV documentary they were making.

After their interview, they were taken to a nearby house and subsequently disappeared. Some accounts say that Waliur Rahman was suspicious of the group. Javed Ibrahim Paracha told Pakistan's *'The News'* that Rahman was suspicious about Khalid Khwaja's activities and complained a US drone attacked his secret location near Miramshah when Khwaja left the area two months previously.

Khalid Khwaja, a retired air force squadron leader and ISI officer, had more recently been



Khalid Khwaja

active as a lawyer. It was his petition to the Lahore High Court in February 2010 that prevented the extradition of Mullah Omar's captured deputy, Mullah Abdul Ghani Barodar and four other senior Taliban leaders, to Kabul.

Almost a month later, on 20 April, it was confirmed that all four men had been kidnapped when Pakistan's Geo TV received a video from a group calling itself the 'Asian Tigers'. Geo TV also received an e-mail demanding the release of several senior Afghan Taliban leaders including Mullah Barodar, Mullah Mansoor Dadullah and Maulavi Abdul Kabir.

The Asian Tigers' e-mail (written in English) stated: "Khalid Khwaja and Col Imam in Taliban custody. Both ISI persons are enemy of Islam and Muslims. We demand released all Taliban leaders, Mullah Brother (Baradar), Mullah Mansoor Dadullah and Mullah Kabir. We will send list of other mujahideen within a few days. Ten days time, if government not released mujahideen, then we will kill ISI officers or other decision." A \$10 million ransom demand for Qureshi was not mentioned in the e-mail, but conveyed privately to his family.

The video showed Colonel Imam and Khalid Khwaja making statements. Col Imam can be heard saying that his real name is Sultan Amir Tarar: "I had consulted with Gen Aslam Beg (former army chief) about coming here," Col Imam says.

Khalid Khwaja says he served in the Pakistan Air Force for 18 years and in the ISI for two years. "I came here on the prodding of Gen Hameed Gul, Gen Aslam Beg and ISI's Col Sajjad," Khwaja says.

So who were the Asian Tigers? No jihadi organisation would give themselves a name that



Pakistan Taliban leader Hakimullah Mehsud with Waliur Rahman

sounds more like a Los Angeles street gang. The answer came from Khwaja's family.

Despite earlier claims that the men were in Waziristan at the invitation of the leadership of the TTP, Khwaja's family revealed that the man who called and made demands from the captors identified himself as Usman Punjabi, a man who was known to both Khwaja and Imam. Both men had made a trip to FATA about a month before their trip with Qureshi and when their guide refused to accompany them on this second trip, citing security concerns, Usman Punjabi sent a guide for them.



Director of Pakistan's ISI - Ahmad Shuja Pasha

Punjabi was a known leader of the Punjabi Taliban, made up of militants who had formerly been most active in Kashmir against Indian forces, but who had settled in FATA. There they had teamed up with various criminal elements and members of the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi organisation. Unwilling to use these names, they had come up with the name Asian Tigers to cover what was probably thought of as a simple money-making operation using kidnap.

How would they treat their captives? They knew very well the esteem with which Colonel Imam was held by many members of Afghan Taliban. And why kill a journalist in cold blood? At first it seemed as if all would be well. But things began to change very quickly....

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Airport security breached as Russia attacked again

MOVING TO MOSCOW

Airport fears realised as al-Qaida causes FSB to rethink its counter-terrorism strategy

A terrorist gang trained and backed by al-Qaida, detonated an IED packed with around 15lbs of TNT and metal fragments in the baggage collection hall of Moscow's prestigious Domodedovo International Airport. The explosion killed 36 civilians and injured over 150 others, some of them critically.

The attack, which the FSB (Federal Security Service) believe was supported by a number of Russian converts to Islam, and allegedly

authorised by Chechen warlord Doku Umarov was widely condemned by world leaders.

Intelligence analysts believe the operation was specifically aimed at arriving foreigners in the hope of damaging the country's international reputation, and dissuade people from visiting or doing business in Russia. Security is crucial to the country as it prepares to host the 2014 Winter Olympics and the 2018 World Cup. Millions of visitors are expected to travel to Russia from outside its own Federation. And al-Qaida has already made its intention clear to strike at every opportunity in support of the terror group's many "franchises" in Chechnya and beyond.



Moment of detonation: A CCTV camera records the blast



Intelligence and security analyst Pavel Felgenhauer (left) supports the theory the attack was directed towards foreign

nationals. "There is always a message... if the message following the Metro bombings was to show the FSB that they [the terrorists] are out of reach, then the message here is that foreigners should keep away from Russia. It is a dangerous place. The attack was to hit Russia's image and its economy."

Domodedovo International Airport





"There is always a message... the message here is that foreigners should keep away from Russia. It is a dangerous place. The attack was to hit Russia's image and its economy."



Domodedovo International Airport. An impressive interior reflects its growing reputation as one of the world's most important airports. However, FSB officials sought an explanation how a suicide bomber managed to bypass a security point and enter the baggage reclaim area, which in most airports of such stature, are off-limits to all non-flyers.



Eye Spy was informed that the CIA has produced a secret report that states al-Qaida has embarked on a series of attacks that aim to dent the West financially. Langley believes the Moscow operation may be linked to recent events in the Middle East, whereby cargo carrying aircraft were chosen to fly powerful bombs across to America via Europe. The

disruption caused here was enormous and led to the introduction of expensive countermeasures.

In 2009, three cities hosting world financial centres were identified by al-Qaida's hierarchy - Frankfurt, New York and London. Bin-Laden's inner circle recognise that even failed

missions result in huge monetary victories, in that the resultant disruption is costly.

That London's Stock Exchange was the target of an alleged terror surveillance mission in late 2010 seems too coincidental, and may be part of the terror group's wider ambition for 2011. ➤



President Medvedev offers comfort to an injured victim

SPECIAL FEATURE

THE OMON

ОМОН

OMON's motto: "We know no mercy and do not ask for any"

Personnel from Russia's fast-growing military/police force OMON (Special Operations [Purpose] Police Force) on the streets of Moscow

RUSSIA'S MOST FEARED SECURITY ELEMENT

Once part of the country's powerful MDV (Ministry of Internal Affairs), OMON has grown to represent a major and feared element of Russia's counter-terrorist forces, and officers can be seen at most major transport hubs, including all airports. OMON units are often tasked with assisting elite forces in countering al-Qaida's growing menace in satellite regions, though in the last decade, as their strength has increased, so too has their independence and security role.

Formed in the late 1970s, as part of the Soviet Union's counter-terrorist programme for the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games, OMON was charged with preventing an attack like that which occurred at the 1972 Games in Munich. Early

recruits were drawn from battle-hardened army regiments which had fought in the Afghanistan conflict.

Today, officers are specially trained to use a wide variety of firearms (some formidable), and in hand-to-hand combat. Units are often despatched to clear buildings and it is not unusual for active personnel to wear black face masks to conceal their appearance. OMON is particularly active in Chechnya and some operations have been widely criticised in respect of actual force used. OMON forces are generally credited with the operation that saw the demise of Shamil Baseyev - the man most intelligence analysts believe was responsible for ordering the attack on a school in Beslan (see sidebar).



OMON forces in Nizhny Novgorod



Shamil Baseyev

MOVING TO MOSCOW

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All change... Head of Russia's intelligence service - FSB Director Alexander Bortnikov (right) discusses new security procedures with Russian Railways CEO Vladimir Yakunin in the wake of the airport attack

As a footnote to the CIA file, its authors warn that al-Qaida is eager to utilise "local knowledge" and "local groups" which have aligned themselves to al-Qaida. This seems to have been the case in Moscow.

AIRPORT ARRIVAL SECURITY CONCERNS

Though one of the most important transit hubs in Russia, the bomber seemingly entered the luggage collection area from outside the building with apparent ease. At the time, two international flights had just arrived at Domodedovo - from the UK and Germany, a fact not lost on MI5. Once inside the building, the bomber waited patiently for 15 minutes until the luggage area was at its busiest. Throughout this period, he kept his hands in his pocket. Around his chest area a special belt held fast a package containing the TNT.

It is our understanding two or three colleagues who were outside the airport were in contact with the carrier via cell phone. The FSB are unsure if the bomb was triggered directly via the phone, fragments of which were recovered by forensic specialists. The bomber - a young baby-faced male, was dressed smartly in a dark coat and black



Passenger screening at Domodedovo Airport's entry point. Terrorists simply by-passed these security measures and attacked the baggage reclaim area

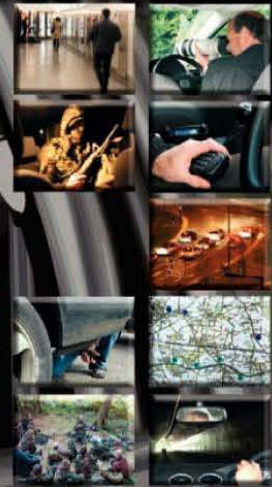
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AIRPORT COUNTER-MEASURES

Enhanced security at arrivals

Security measures are plainly evident in respect of the concrete pillars in front of the arrivals lounge at Birmingham International Airport, England (main image bottom) - this to stop suicide car bombers. Most airports have adopted this defensive feature.

Inset: Manchester Airport counter-terrorist police deployed at arrivals. Such units are operational in larger airports.

Combined with increased security for those boarding aircraft, documentation intelligence, the deployment of watchers, advanced explosive counter-measures and new cargo handling directives, security has been improved at many airports. However, in the case of the Moscow bombing, a single bomber avoided all these defences and simply blew himself up in the luggage collection area. This is indicative of al-Qaida's increasingly clever planners who are continually seeking out opportunities - in this case the one area of an airport that should be regarded as safe - the end-line of a long journey.

Following the Moscow atrocity, airport security management across the world quickly examined their own procedures - including public access to baggage collection areas.



President Medvedev meets with his security advisors just hours after the attack

baseball cap. Sandwiched between his feet was a suitcase - presumably a distraction item intended to create the illusion he had disembarked from an aircraft and was waiting to collect his luggage from the carousel. Just seconds before the bomb exploded, the man shouted, "I'll kill you all," probably the code-word for colleagues to detonate the device.

It should be noted that a second version of events was also reported upon by the Russian media. In this case the bomber was female, and the device exploded after she opened a suitcase.

At 4.30pm the bomb detonated showering the area with shrapnel, ball-bearings, nuts, bolts and nails. Such was the power of the blast, solid concrete pillars were pitted with metal fragments. Those in the near vicinity stood little chance, and most died instantly. Besides passengers, a number of taxi drivers are also thought to have died.

The bomber's remains were collected, including a near intact head by the FSB. Together with CCTV footage, security officials announced that they had identified the terrorist - a 20-year-old man from the Caucasus region. It is believed he was accompanied inside the terminal by another man.

A furious President Medvedev immediately called his intelligence chiefs together for a meeting, and demanded to know what had "gone wrong". A reshuffle of senior security personnel at Domodedovo Airport ensued, this after Mr Medvedev said the airport security had been in a "state of anarchy," prior to the attack.



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ANALYSIS

FSB concern over influx of al-Qaida groups into major Russian cities...

There remains much confusion over the identity of the perpetrators of the bomb blast at Domodedovo Airport, but the FSB initially linked the attack to another incident which rocked the city on 31 December. Here a gang supposedly intended to use a female suicide bomber to cause mayhem amongst party-goers celebrating New Year's Eve in Moscow city centre. She died in a rented apartment after the bomb she was tasked with "delivering", accidentally detonated. The FSB, however, now believe the bomber was preparing the device for an attack

COURTESY FSB



Vitaly Razdobudko - his photograph has been widely circulated amongst intel officials in connection with the Domodedovo attack

on the airport. The premature explosion, it seems, simply delayed the Domodedovo terrorist operation.

Another report linked to this incident quotes a police officer who said the bomb, which was wired into a cell phone, exploded after it received a text message.

ARRESTS

Four days after the airport attack, the FSB swooped on a number of addresses arresting five suspects in connection with the incidents.



A wall adorned by photographs of youngsters and adults alike killed in the 2004 Beslan school massacre. The FSB are satisfied that those behind this and the Moscow attack belong to the same terror outfit

A further ten people are being sought. Amongst those identified and named was Vitaly Razdobudko - he has been under surveillance for a number of months. It is understood the FSB remain convinced Razdobudko is central to the airport attack. His partner, Maria Khorosheva was also on a list of prime suspects.

Vladimir Markin, of the Russian Investigative Committee is quoted as saying both events were masterminded by different terror/crime outfits from the volatile North Caucasus and were unrelated. A police spokesman hinted that Vitaly Razdobudko had "nothing to do with the airport atrocity," but intelligence sources suggest otherwise.

BOMBER'S IDENTITY

On 4 February, Russia's LifeNews, which is said to have "excellent" sources within the FSB, named the airport suicide bomber as Magomed Yevoyev, a 20-year-old from Ingusheria, which borders Chechnya. A forensic specialist discovered a "huge amount of powerful drugs and psychotropic substances" in Yevoyev's body fragments. The

media outlet published a photo of the man when aged 14 or 15 (above right).



FALLING DOWN: Terror chief Dokku Umarov says he ordered the attack. FSB officials are unconvinced by his claims and say he is trying to bolster his standing with other terror groups after a bitter fallout that has left him isolated and vulnerable

BABY-FACED BOMBER

Magomed Yevloyev, 20 - the suspected suicide bomber. This image shows him aged around 15. On 9 February 2010, FSB officers arrested his 15-year-old brother and 16-year-old sister - both are suspected of involvement in the attack



Intelligence from Russian officials is scant, but the terrorist attacks have been linked to an AQ umbrella group known as the Nogai Brigade situated in Stavropol. This outfit originated from the remnants of the terror group which claimed responsibility for the Beslan school atrocity in 2004, headed up by the notorious Shamil Baseyev. Over three hundred people died in this attack, including 180 children.

- In 2004, two female suicide bombers dubbed "black widows" by the FSB, boarded two domestic flights from Domodedovo to Volgograd and Sochi after purchasing tickets using fraudulent identities. After a few hours into the flights, two catastrophic explosions sent the aircraft tumbling from the sky, resulting in the deaths of 90 civilians, many of them children en-route to holiday destinations in Russia.



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SPECIAL FEATURE

A YEAR WITH MI6

The Remarkable Work of James Hart Dyke

As part of a number of events celebrating 100-years of MI6, British artist James Hart Dyke was invited to record the work of the Service for a full year. This resulted in a brilliant series of atmospheric oil paintings and sketches.

Dyke was also given permission to follow the organisation abroad, includ-

ing Afghanistan, thus it was no surprise to see the odd canvas supporting spectacular views of this faraway land. But for balance, the artist compensated with views of London, including the Battersea Power Station. However, this view will never be seen by the public - it was painted from the Service's Vauxhall Cross headquarters. James says that he had to 'duck' so passersby on Vauxhall Bridge didn't see him. There are a number of London-based works, but it's

important to remember that although a foreign intelligence collection agency, MI6 clearly performs much important work in the city.

Dyke's pre-project instruction to "show the world what it's like working for MI6" resulted in a dramatic series of works that has caused much conversation and debate in the world of intelligence and art. The truth is, it could never have happened just a short time ago, and is



**Sir Mansfield Cumming -
the first 'C'**

indicative of Sir John Sawers (Chief of MI6) efforts to bring the Service out of the shadows. However, the idea was probably the result of the 'celebratory planning team' that was created by Sir John's predecessor, Sir John Scarlett, who stepped down in 2009. The team worked on several projects which included organising a top secret dinner and ball for employees, and the release of a book - which details the official history of MI6. Sir John Scarlett was actually the main 'driver' of the work and commissioned Professor Keith Jeffrey to research and write it.

Sir Mansfield Cumming may not have approved of these happenings, but he would have been at the front of the queue to collect his powerful portrait by Dyke.

Like most people who venture through the "staff only" doors of Vauxhall Cross, James was carefully vetted by the Service's extensive monitoring unit. And, despite a ruling by management that he respect secrecy issues and conform to the "rules of MI6", he has created an extremely haunting collection of paintings (we won't mention the yellow duck just yet but guess it is relevant and we'll come back to this in a moment).



'Meeting an Agent'

Oil on canvas

James says "Meeting agents in many locations all over the world... sometimes in a smart hotel as in this painting or more often in less salubrious places."

Inset: Mount Street Galleries, Mayfair, which hosted this most important exhibition



Sir John
Sawers -
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In his foreword to the catalogue which accompanied the exhibition and is still available on-line, Chief of SIS John Sawers writes:

"The Secret Intelligence Service – often known as MI6 – celebrated its centenary in 2009. For over a hundred years, our people have worked around the world, in difficult conditions and often with an element of danger, to enhance the security and wellbeing of our country."

"An Official History of our first forty years was commissioned to mark the occasion and was published in 2010. I gave the first public speech

by a serving Chief in October last year. All this was part of our effort to increase public understanding of what we do, and why our operations and identities of the people who work for us have to remain secret."

"Our centenary celebrations included a project with the artist James Hart Dyke to produce a series of images portraying the work of the Service. The project was largely self-financing."

James enjoyed access to our staff in Britain and around the world and won their trust."

"This exhibition offers an artist's insight into the day to day work of the Service and captures the essence of what we do. We're grateful to James for his contribution to our centenary celebrations. I hope you enjoy the paintings and sketches he has produced as much as we in the Service have."

Access to events, situations and locations were "carefully controlled", yet the artist still managed to capture (in a most unusual and creative manner) the work of officers and analysts in various situations. This is evident in the works showing near featureless persons - especially those donning the standard-issue dark suits, and white shirts - almost ghost-like.

Though painted and drawn in an abstract fashion, often with large brush strokes and an obvious brilliance in the use of light, there are tantalising glimpses of MI6 operations, monitoring and materials. For example, two officers

sit working on computers, and another team poring over what looks like a large blueprint spread across a bed in a hotel room. All this sparks one's imagination.

The commercial exhibition, which ran for two weeks in February at Mount Street Galleries in Mayfair, was called 'A Year with MI6' and featured about 40 oil paintings and lots of sketches - some undoubtedly reflecting real-life encounters, though this has been denied.

"This project has been the most exciting and challenging I have ever undertaken," said Dyke. "To have been given the kind of access to MI6 I have been allowed



'Going for a Meeting'
Oil on canvas



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'Toy Duck'

Oil on canvas

James says "There's a lot of hanging around. You're in a completely ordinary place, waiting for something quite extraordinary to happen... and often waiting for it for a long time."



'Battersea Power Station'
Oil on canvas

has been an amazing privilege which most people can only dream of. My paintings attempt to portray a sense of everyday life for those working in SIS which is essentially about building relations with people. I've respected the need to keep identities secret and the people shown don't represent the real men and women I have met."

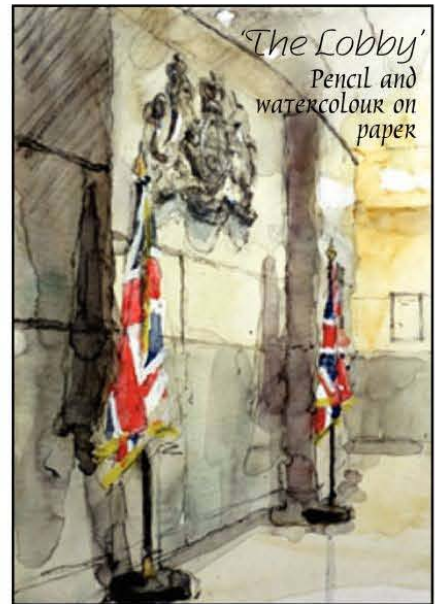
The collection, which MI6 didn't pay a single penny for, is said to represent an outsider's unique interpretation of an existence that, for those who work in SIS, can often be dangerous and surreal.

Dyke's website proclaims: 'All the people depicted in the artwork are from James Hart Dyke's imagination and do not represent real people. Any resemblance to any living person is unintentional and accidental. All the scenarios depicted are entirely fictitious and do not represent actual events'.

However, despite this Dyke has captured moments which he probably encoun-



'The Lobby'
Pencil and watercolour on paper



MI6 headquarters - lobby area

tered with his guides, and this is more than reflected in several of his paintings, which range from £950 to £25,000. Prints of course are considerably less. Any sold commercially (and it's more than likely the lot will go), the artist will donate an amount to charity.

So what about that duck painting (above)? There is a feeling that the white circles represent the beam of light which captures 'James Bond' as he walks onto the screen in the opening sequences of the 007 movies. The green circle may be a candid reference to the Chief of MI6 who always signs 'C' in green ink. They could be bullet holes. As for the duck itself, James Bond fans note that in the picture 'Goldfinger', the fictional agent

emerges from water and wearing a wetsuit as he attempts to breach security at a drugs factory. On his head... a yellow rubber duck.

A fantastic and unique collection of works. Both Dyke and those shadowy folks at MI6 who devised this project should be congratulated. A tantalising glimpse of the secret world of MI6...

To view more of James paintings on his year with MI6, and for price details go to:

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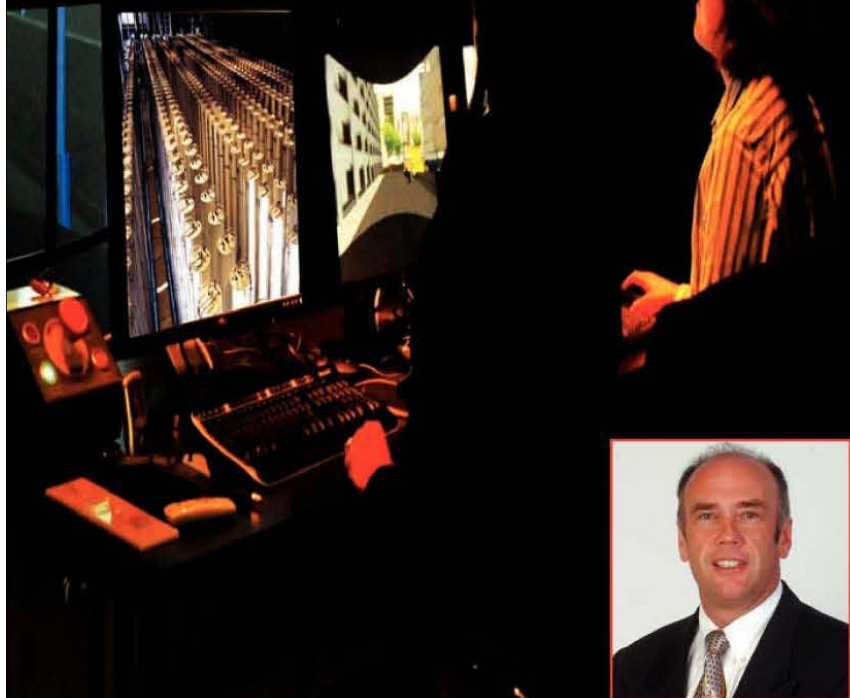
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CYBER WAR CRIMES?

By Kevin Coleman



Eye Spy's senior US editor Kevin Coleman says those who launch cyber attacks are in for a nasty awakening - this as analysts and legal officials debate how such actions should be designated...

Introducing a malicious virus such as Stuxnet into a controlling system could in the near future be considered a 'cyber war crime' - and the penalties will undoubtedly be considerable



Information emerged in mid-January that the Iranian government was preparing to file a law suit against Israel (and possibly the United States and Britain) for crimes against their nuclear scientists, including one who was chosen to head the Stuxnet cyber attack investigation. Surprisingly, Iran's President Ahmadinejad publicly acknowledged that some of the uranium enrichment centrifuges were sabotaged and targeted by the Stuxnet computer worm.

The first incident occurred on 4 February 2007, when a prize-winning Iranian nuclear scientist died under mysterious circumstances. This was followed by the disappearance of an Iranian scientist who had gone on a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. The latest incident occurred when Majid Shahriari, one of Iran's leading nuclear scientists was assassinated on a downtown Tehran street (see Eye Spy 71). Shahriari was killed on 29 November in his car while on his way to work. President Ahmadinejad said: "They [Israel, Britain and the United States] falsely think that if they take nuclear scientists or other scientists from us, the forward-looking path of the Iranian nation will be stopped."



Majid Shahriari



President Ahmadinejad tours a nuclear plant

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Head of Mossad spy ring?

Multiple sources report that Iran claims to have found the "weapons and communications equipment" behind the killing. If this is true, the legal implications could be significant. However, we have yet to see the evidence.

WESTERN SPY RING IN TEHRAN?

Analysis suggests that this action is the direct result of the arrest and subsequent investigation of what Iranian officials called a "ten person spy ring" that was said to be operating within Iran's borders and involved in the Stuxnet cyber espionage. Heidar Moslehi, Iran's Intelligence Minister said: "The network of spies and terrorists linked to Mossad was destroyed." He went on to say the alleged spies "have confessed to being trained by the Mossad and receiving all of their equipment from that agency."

Iran's state-run news channel aired an apparent confession of a man that it referred to as "the main element" of an Israeli-trained espionage network involved in the assassination of their scientist. In the televised broadcast the man, identified as Majid Jamali-Fash, said that he was hired by Israel and trained at a military base outside Tel Aviv before being sent to Iran as a part of a network ordered to kill Masoud Ali-Mohammadi. Ali-Mohammadi



Ramin Mehmanparast

was the first PhD graduate student in physics of the Sharif University of Technology. It is difficult to say how deep this litigation will go and into the details of the Stuxnet code and attack; but given Majid Shahrari was so involved with the Stuxnet investigation, it is bound to be introduced into any court action that might occur. If legal action does take place some interesting issues might arise due to all the attention Stuxnet has received. For instance, could defence attorneys call Jeff Carr who received headlines like - 'Jeff Carr: China Most Likely Candidate for Stuxnet's Origin' found on The New Internet web site to testify in the defence of those charged by Iran?

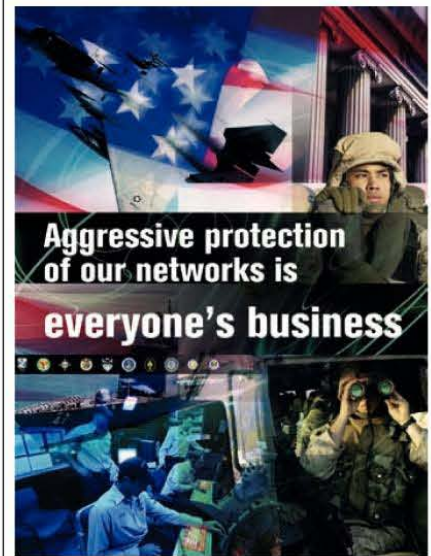
Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast disclosed few details about Iran's litigation strategy and no mention has been made as to what international court will be called upon to address this legal challenge. We should all keep in mind that there is very little case law when it comes to acts of cyber aggression, let alone case law that addresses murder and cyber espionage.

The International Court of Justice, commonly referred to as the World Court or ICJ, was established by the UN Charter in 1945 and is the primary judicial forum of the United Nations (UN). The World Court's primary function is to

'Peace Palace' - seat of the International Court of Justice or ICJ - Holland



COURTESY INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE



Espionage and Terrorism

A senior Pentagon official speaking at a cyber conference in February, warned that the US defence system is suffering persistent cyber attacks, but noting on-line terrorists pose the biggest threat.

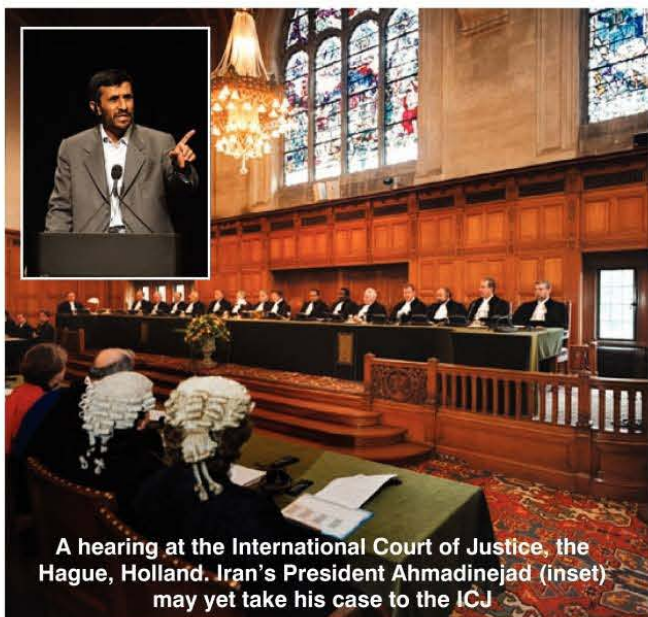
US Deputy Defense Secretary William Lynn, said most of the attacks are designed to spy on military and diplomatic secrets, but those behind them also feared a US counter-attack. However, he warned that terror groups such as al-Qaida are "determined to launch devastating cyber attacks."

Lynn also discussed establishing a legal system which would allow classified information about threats to be shared.

In respect of the espionage threat, Lynn revealed that over 100 cyber attacks have been made in recent months by government (foreign) intelligence agencies to "steal weapons' designs and military plans."



US Deputy Defense Secretary William Lynn



A hearing at the International Court of Justice, the Hague, Holland. Iran's President Ahmadinejad (inset) may yet take his case to the ICJ

adjudicate and settle legal disputes submitted to it by member states and to give advisory opinions on legal questions and challenges submitted to it by duly authorised international entities, agencies, as well as the UN General Assembly. The World Court is made up of fifteen judges that are elected to nine year terms by the UN General Assembly and the UN Security Council. Election of judges to the World Court are held every three years, with one-third of the judges retiring or running for re-election each time. This is designed to ensure continuity within the court.

United Nations members are automatically part of the court. There is a process for non-UN members to become parties to the Court's statute.

Once a nation state is a party to the Court's statute, it is entitled to participate in the court's cases; however, it must be noted that being a part of this court does not automatically give the Court jurisdiction over disputes involving member parties. It is also important to recognise that in 1986, the United States withdrew from compulsory jurisdiction following the court's ruling that its covert war against Nicaragua was in violation of international law. Since the withdrawal, the United States only accepts the World Court's jurisdiction on a case-by-case basis.



Masoud Ali-Mohammadi - assassinated

The United States and UK both have a seated judge in the current court. Iran has named both countries as being involved in the Stuxnet attack and the assassination of Ali-Mohammadi - the chief Stuxnet investigator. If the legal action is dismissed, Tehran could retaliate with its own cyber assault and claim they tried to resolve the issue within the legal system, but their actions were rebuked for one reason or another. The complexities of cyber warfare have long been talked about, but this could be the first test case that will demonstrate not only the difficulties of cyber attack attribution, but of just how lacking a common language and framework is when it comes to international law. One thing is certain - this will be worth watching as it could set a legal precedent for future actions in addition to maintaining the proper level of vigilance against retaliatory action.

IS CYBER WARFARE AN ILLUSION?

Kevin Coleman looks at the topic of cyber warfare which some claim has split the intelligence community

It is easy to understand why some sceptical individuals who have been referred to in articles claim cyber threats don't exist or are largely overstated. Most of these comments come from people who do not have a full view of the threat environment. They work with businesses and perhaps a few fringe government organisations and therefore do not see the full spectrum of attack.

The limited number of individuals who are actively involved in national intelligence, the military, or have proper security clearance see a different picture. The continuous increase in sophisticated cyber attacks coupled with the implications for everyone should such an attack be successful, combine to keep those charged with defending our nations up at night! Typically, when this issue is brought up those without proper security clearances discount the claims and say "show me". There is a reason these events are classified and there are reasons these individuals are not privy into classified events. Being involved in

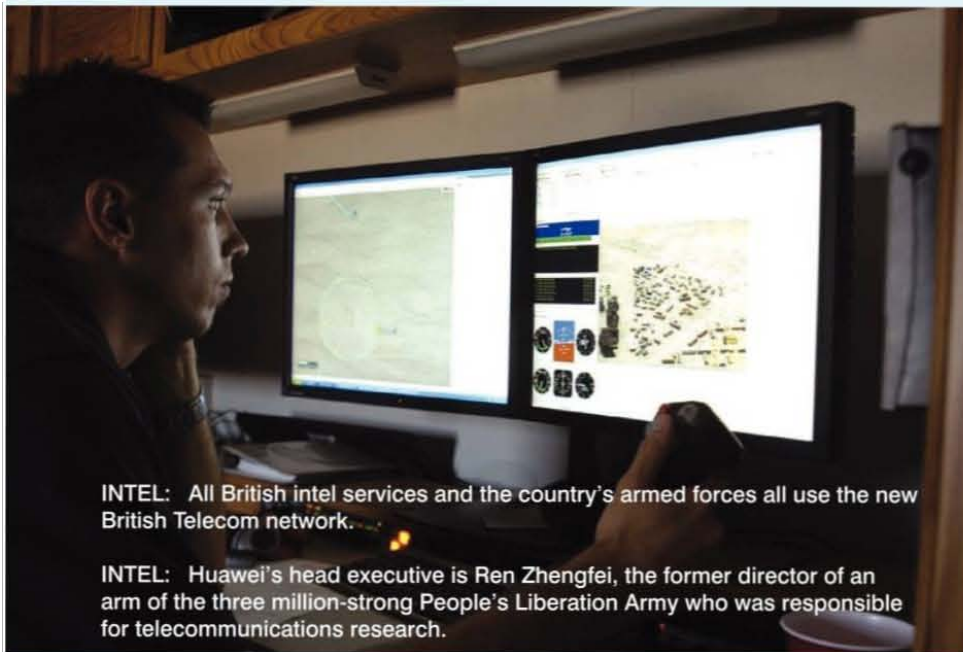
arguably the most significant cyber breach in history next to Stuxnet, I have to say I have seen the deep concern in the faces of those on the receiving end of a successful attack. Knowing that country leaders have been woken in the middle of the night and informed about cyber security breaches and that there are counterfeit chips orbiting the Earth right now that are questionable in terms of their integrity. It's enough for me. We put people in place to handle national defence and to keep us safe and then we second guess what they tell us and demand to know what they can't... talk about a no win situation!

Alex Allan (right), Chairman of the British Joint Intelligence Committee, briefed a ministerial committee on the rapidly growing threat of cyber attacks and espionage from China. In that briefing, Allan expressed his growing concern because government departments, the



intelligence services and the military were all exposed to the threat from computer and network hardware that came from foreign suppliers - he specifically mentioned China.

Two years earlier, in March 2009, *The Sunday Times* defence editor Michael Smith (Eye Spy associate editor), wrote about the real fears of British Intelligence in respect of a new communications network installed by Chinese



INTEL: All British intel services and the country's armed forces all use the new British Telecom network.

INTEL: Huawei's head executive is Ren Zhengfei, the former director of an arm of the three million-strong People's Liberation Army who was responsible for telecommunications research.

telecom giant Huawei. Eye Spy understands some aspects (fronts) of Huawei are allegedly funded by Beijing and have links to the People's Liberation Army. At the same time, Britain's powerful GCHQ, now hosting the country's cyber centre, produced an intelligence briefing warning of 'cyberwarfare attacks on Britain by foreign governments, particularly Russia and China'.

The ministerial committee on national security was told that Huawei components that form key parts of BT's new 10 billion pound network might be constructed with compromised hardware that contains malicious elements waiting to be activated by China. *The Times Online* 'newspaper' quoted intelligence officials, as saying, "In case of a war like situation, China could use BT to halt critical services such as communications, power, and water supplies." Security experts supported the intelligence chiefs' concerns and warning. They said if an adversary were able to gain control of the communications equipment, the network's mode of operation could be altered. This would give them the ability to basically turn the network off!

Another real possibility is that traffic could be rerouted to network nodes that are controlled by the attacker. While British Telecom has taken preventive security measures to reduce this risk, the government is said to believe that the enhanced security measures would not be effective against deliberate attack by China. It is widely believed that China is already equipped to make "covert network modifications" and/or "compromise equipment in ways that are very hard to detect" and that might later "remotely disrupt or even permanently disable the network." It is unknown if British security experts have hard evidence of



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network hardware espionage or if they are just being cautious.

These words of warning came on the heels of multiple reports of the discovery of a vast cyber espionage network (GhostNet) that is controlled from China which has infiltrated government and private 1,295 computers in 103 countries.



**Huawei Technology,
Shenzhen, China**

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Huawei is the largest networking and telecommunications equipment supplier in China and the second-largest provider of cellphone networking systems in the world

Mike Finn

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

PART 9

MIND CONTROL PRINCIPLES IN THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE

Commando Solo

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

In the last article I began to cover the potential methods by which a radio frequency (RF) transmission, such as those founded on the early works of Frey and Adey, could be focused at a chosen target. Because there are so many smoke screens in this new intelligence technology, I decided to simply point out the pros and cons, leaving the final analysis in the hands of the discerning reader.

The previous article dealt with the first and second possibilities, which were:

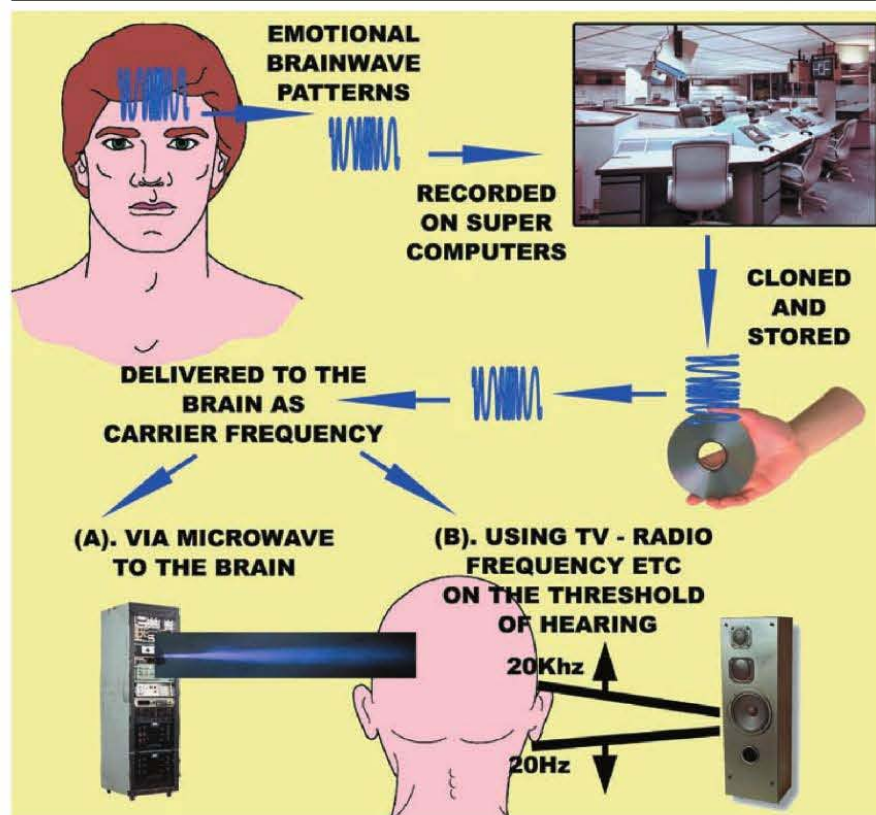
1. **H.A.A.R.P:** (High Frequency Active Auroral Research Programme).
2. **G.W.E.N:** (Ground Wave Emergency Network).

Now we move on to item 3.

3. **SATELLITE:** this technology is custom built to orbit the earth, satellites have various tasks, ranging through: communications, weather predication, television broadcasting, scientific studies, and military applications. Some follow a specific orbit while others are in stationary orbit. All satellites have an uplink and downlink, that is a receiver and transmitter.

The fundamental concept of brainwave pattern to Silent Sound processing

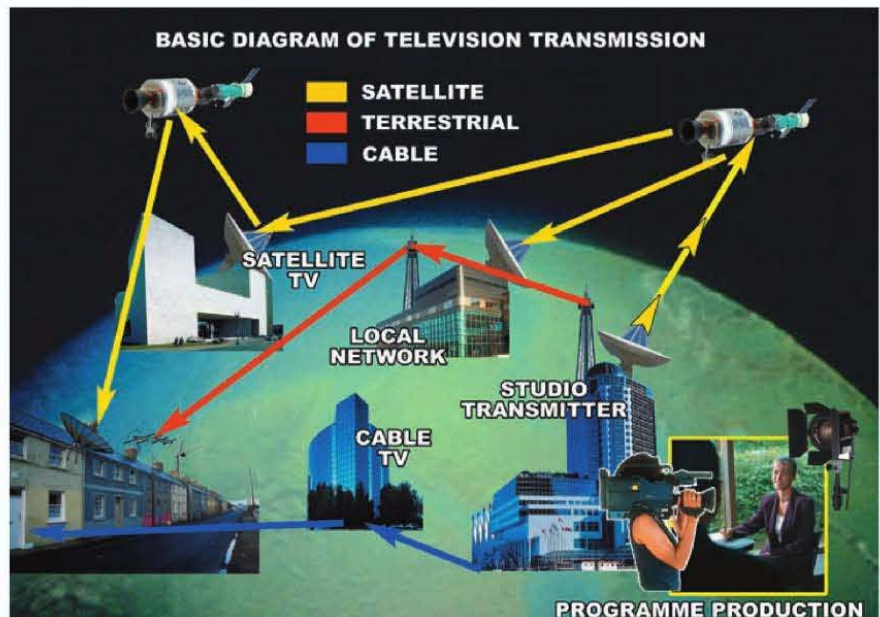
In this feature, MIKE FINN looks at various transmissions, psychological operations, and the work performed by the advanced USAF airborne platform code-named Commando Solo



They also have transponders, which process the communications. Each satellite covers a specific part of the earth's surface, which is referred to as its footprint.

Using microwave transmission via satellite to target an individual in order to cause a physical or mental change is improbable, and there are a multitude of technical and scientific reasons for this. However, two or more satellites are used to triangulate (the x, y, z. principle) and locate vehicles through the GPS (Global Positioning System), in fact most modern cars use Sat Nav technology; individuals can easily be traced in a similar manner by locating their mobile phone; sophisticated surveillance via satellite is now at the forefront of intelligence work, even public sites such as 'Google Earth' are well refined. The actual use of direct microwave transmission from satellite, for mind control is another matter.

I mentioned in previous articles that microwave signals are basically line of sight. In communication, the satellite signal is transmitted (line of sight) to an antenna on earth



Television and radio broadcasts are an ideal way of transmitting subliminal signals

where it is again boosted for further onward transmission. During its journey from the satellite, the signal can be affected by rain, cloud and other obstructions such as mountains and big buildings. Because of this the signal can lose power, encounter degradation, be reflected etc, that is why filters,

amplifiers, and circuits that clean up the signal are always used. To direct a pulsed microwave at a person, from a satellite, many factors would have to be considered, these include, the integrity and stability of the transmission, maintained accuracy and isolation of the target, selective isolation in



Adapted EC-130E - Psychological Operations aircraft Commando Solo



10,000 leaflets are dropped on a Taliban position warning against attacking Coalition forces

crowds, and constant signal strength through various buildings that the person may enter. Even if it were possible it would be amazingly cost prohibitive, compared for example, to using a nearby building or vehicle for such undertakings. However, satellite can play a role in mind control technology, for example with television transmission. This brings us to item 4, television and radio transmission.

4. TELEVISION/RADIO: Television signals reach the consumer, either by cable, terrestrial, or satellite broadcasting. The process is sophisticated, so simply directing a modulated microwave mind control signal at the TV aerial of a house, will most likely only cause interference to their television screen. However, Silent Sound (sometimes called s-squad or squad) technology lends itself to these media. This innovation has been mentioned in previous articles. It is now possible to replicate brainwave patterns that relate to specific emotions, which are fed through 'super computers'. These patterns can then be used directly, or stored in a retrieval system until required. They can be modulated by way of a carrier wave, and integrated into a radio or television programmes sound arrangement.

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EC-130J Commando Solo

The EC-130J Commando Solo is a specially-modified four-engine Hercules transport that conducts information operations, psychological operations and civil affairs broadcasts in AM, FM, HF, TV and military communications bands. A typical mission consists of a single-ship orbit offset from the desired target audience - either military or civilian personnel. The EC-130SJ Super J conducts special operations forces missions including military free fall, which includes both high altitude, low opening and high altitude, high opening missions. The aircraft also conducts joint precision aerial delivery system, container delivery system and psychological operations leaflet drops.

The Air Force Special Operations Command's 193rd Special Operations Wing has total responsibility for the Commando Solo and Commando Solo Super J missions.

FEATURES

Many modifications have been made to the aircraft. These include enhanced navigation systems, self-protection equipment, air refuelling and the capability of broadcasting analog radio and analog colour TV on all worldwide standards.

BACKGROUND

The airborne radio and television broadcast mission originated in the mid-1960s with the EC-121 (known as Coronet Solo). The mission later transitioned to the EC-130E (1980) and eventually to the EC-130J and Super J (2004). Soon after the 193rd SOW received EC-130s, the Air National Guard unit participated in the rescue of American citizens in Operation Urgent Fury in 1983. Then known as Volant Solo, the aircraft acted as an airborne radio station, keeping the citizens of Grenada informed about the US military action. Several years later in 1989, Volant Solo was instrumental in the success of coordinated psychological operations in Operation Just Cause. During this mission it broadcast throughout the initial phases of the operation, helping to end the Noriega regime.

In 1990, the 193rd joined the newly formed Air Force Special Operations Command, and the wing's aircraft were redesignated Commando Solo, with no change

in mission. In 1990-91, Commando Solo was deployed to Saudi Arabia and Turkey in support of operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Its missions included broadcasting the "Voice of the Gulf" and other highly successful programmes intended to convince Iraqi soldiers to surrender.

In 1994, Commando Solo was used to broadcast radio and TV messages to the citizens and leaders of Haiti during Operation Uphold Democracy. President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was featured in these broadcasts, which contributed to the orderly transition from military rule to democracy.

Continuing its tradition, in 1997 the 193rd SOW and Commando Solo supported the United Nations' Operation Joint Guard with radio and TV broadcasts over Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of stabilisation forces operations. In 1998, the unit and its aircraft participated in Operation Desert Thunder, a deployment to Southwest Asia to convince Iraq to comply with UN Security Council resolutions. The Commando Solo was again sent into action in 1999 in support of Operation Allied Force. The aircraft was tasked to broadcast radio and television into Kosovo to prevent ethnic cleansing and assist in the expulsion of the Serbs from the region. In 2001, the Commando Solo aircraft broadcasted messages to the local Afghan population and Taliban soldiers during Operation Enduring Freedom.

In 2003, the Commando Solo was deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit has also deployed in 2005, 2007 and 2009 to the Middle East in support of overseas contingency operations.



Without being boring, I will outline some basics in the process of television transmission. A carrier wave has nothing on it, when informa-

tion is added, the wave is said to be modulated, this is how data is transmitted. Before it is sent, the wave is encoded and often compressed. The signal is initially electrical and is transmitted through an aerial, at which point it travels through the air as electromagnetic waves. These waves are picked up by a matched aerial (like the one on your roof) to the receiver, where they again become electrical. The receiver decodes, demodulates and expands the signal, which is translated into your television picture and sound.

If any of the ingredients in the last paragraph are out of phase it will have an adverse effect on the result. Quite simply, using any old modulated signal is like putting diesel in the tank of a vehicle that runs on petrol. Once it goes through the engines system the whole thing will seize up. In the same way, the television tuner will not process the information correctly.

The best way to add any subliminal material to an existing programme is at the source, in this case the television studio. Of course that may be a tad obvious, but there is an alternative. The programme can be intercepted, have the signal added correctly, and then be re-transmitted almost at the same time as the original programme. In this case the rogue transmission would have to be so strong that it wiped out the original signal, much like the cuckoo, that substitutes its eggs in another birds nest, while the unwitting bird brings the hatched eggs up as its own. Therefore, if a





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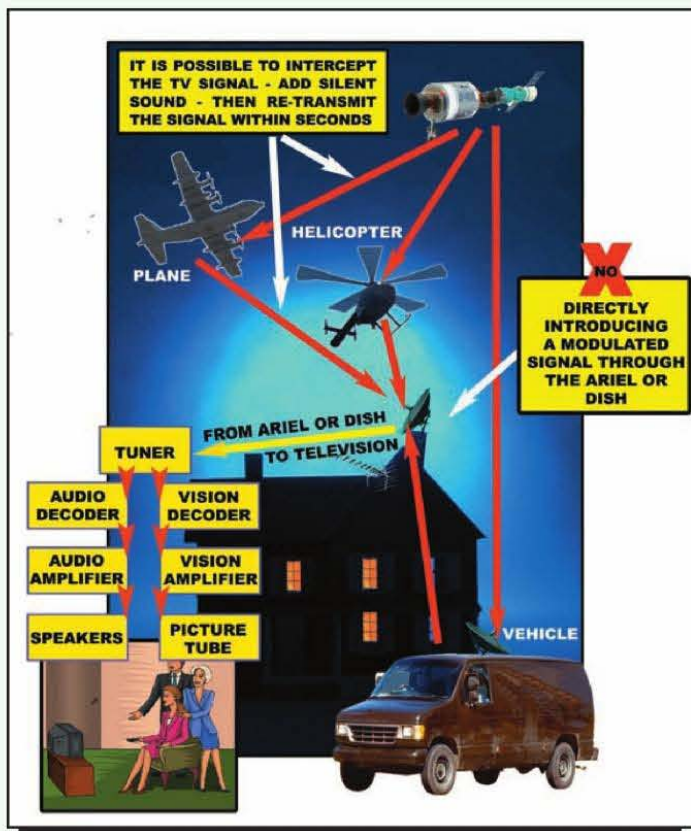
Silent Sound modulated carrier wave is to be introduced, it must be within the original transmission (or as explained above), in order to be accepted through the aerial and television. The recipients watching television will have no idea they are watching a slightly delayed programme and the Silent Sound message can do its work. Of course, if only one person is targeted, there are many channels, and no way of knowing how many are in the room watching the programme. Nevertheless, this technology can target an individual house or a whole area.

In principle the viability of the above may be reflected in America's use of the Psychological Operations aircraft Commando Solo. This EC-130E (and now the EC-130J) aircraft is a platform from which broadcasts with UHF and VHF television, AM or FM radio can be transmitted on any frequency, it also has the capability to take out/neutralise any other broadcast and replace it with its own. The plane is a modified C-130 Hercules whose prime purpose is Psychological Operations (PSYOP) broadcasts. These are developed by the US Army's 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North

Carolina, being tailor made for the specific task in hand.

Commando Solo has a range of 2,100 miles and is air refuel-able, it can fly at maximum altitudes. The updated version of this aircraft, the EC-130J is now in operation. Both types of aircraft are assigned to the 193rd Special Operations Wing of the Pennsylvania National Guard in Harrisburg.

Among the aircraft's many missions are Desert Storm, Iraq 1991; Southern Watch, Iraq 1992; Allied Forces, Serbia, 1999; Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan 2001; Iraqi Freedom, 2003. Its humanitarian missions include the 1994 earthquakes in Haiti, where public announcements were broadcast to help victims of the disaster. On the ground, vehicles such as the High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) serve a similar purpose. A mobile Radio and Television broadcasting unit referred to as Special Operations Media System-B (SOMS-B) has been deployed for a number of PSYOP assignments. It is fair to add that this technol-



ogy is also being used by a number of other major nations.

Sometimes it is hard to keep up with developing technology, but it is always as well to remember that wild speculation often masks the importance of advances in this field.

• In the next edition of *Eye Spy*, Mike Finn looks at the cell phone in terms of applied science in mind control.

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US soldiers from the Army's 350th Tactical Psychological Operations, 10th Mountain Division drop leaflets in Iraq to promote the concept of self-government to villagers

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THE PELICAN BRIEF

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EDITOR'S NOTES

We found the statement issued by Detective Chief Inspector Jackie Sebire on 15 February 2010, interesting. This was the day on which the inquest into the death of Gareth Williams should have opened. NSY have all but given up hope of tracing the "Mediterranean couple" - but this was unlikely to happen anyway. Perhaps more revealing is the fact that she disclosed more forensic tests are still being processed. Also of interest, 40 MI6 and GCHQ intelligence staff have been interviewed by investigators from two separate units - one connected to Counter Terrorist Command, the other Homicide.



Speculation remains rife regarding the death of Gareth Williams, but there has been a definite "mellowing" of sensational reporting. I can reveal that police and forensic specialists find it difficult (though not impossible) to believe Williams was placed in the bag unconscious. "It would have been extremely difficult for anyone to squeeze Gareth in the bag in the manner in which he was found," said our source. Indeed, there was no room whatsoever in the bag. Thus it is likely he found his way in there via his own volition or was forced to climb inside. Either way, once inside a second person or persons then closed the bag and fastened the lock. Escape without external assistance was now impossible.

There has been speculation that because the unidentified party has never been traced, this lends itself to the "professional killer" theory. However, the person[s] could have been a

friend, an associate or even a colleague - participating in a sexual event that tragically went wrong. He or she panicked and fled the scene, but it's likely a fingerprint or two would have been left. Those who reject this theory point out that none of Gareth's cell phones carried this "friend's name" otherwise they would have been traced. But let's not forget, Williams was well placed and seemingly experienced enough to use a pseudonym and other identities, so I don't think we should read too much into this. If an MI6 man or woman wants to use a cover name and/or other methods to conceal associates and contact numbers on cell phones, then there are methods to do so. The name of the second party may well have been on the phones, but untraceable or unidentified. This is often how the business is. Other investigators continue to work on the



theory that the second party was a colleague; that the body was discovered much sooner and a crafted plot created to conceal the affair; that the entire "seedy background" of Williams hastily introduced to help divert attention away from his important role with MI6.

There are pertinent questions still to be asked, not least the speed in which detailed and scurrilous stories about his personal life were leaked to the press. This is one reason, amongst many, perhaps, that the coroner has suspended the inquest indefinitely. Such finite detail can only have come from a person or persons working on the case. That personal



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As part of its wider investigation, NSY detectives visited several eating and drinking establishments in the Holland Park area - all within walking distance of Alderney Street. Soon they discovered Williams was a frequent visitor to the Patisserie Valerie. Here he enjoyed a coffee whilst catching up with the news on his laptop. Employees of the coffee shop explained he would often be joined by a man and a woman described as being in their early thirties. Intelligence watchers initially related these comments to a statement released by the Yard, in which a spokesman said they were interested in finding "two persons - a man and a woman of Mediterranean appearance who had visited Williams flat in late July or early August..." (see e-fits).

A detective said the information was unrelated as Williams' "cafe friends" did not appear Mediterranean. However, on most occasions the couple did not stop for a drink, and spent just a few minutes with the MI6 man each time they met. This has led to further speculation they were his "agent handlers".

It should be noted that throughout his stay in Pimlico, Williams was also seen in other cafes in the area - usually between 10.00am and 1.00pm.

TICKETS FOR THE 'RVT'

Eye Spy sources say detectives found two x two tickets in his flat for events at Vauxhall's popular Royal Vauxhall Tavern (often referred to as the 'RVT') - which is situated virtually next to MI6 headquarters. These were for an event believed to be dated 30 August and a week thereafter.

Eye Spy researchers discovered the event that took place on 30 August was called a "sports day". Not your typical "sports day" of course, but nonetheless, the charity extravaganza raised over £8,000 for good causes on that day. This was also a holiday weekend.

The second set of tickets (if confirmed) was for the venue's popular Monday night bingo sessions.

The Vauxhall area plays host to a number of gay bars and is very popular with the city's gay community but they are used by everyone. Despite extensive enquiries there exists but one, perhaps two tenuous sightings of Williams in such venues, including the BarCode - which is a few minutes walk from the RVT.

We believe it is improbable had Williams been a regular visitor to the RVT, this would not have been discovered by detectives.

Tickets for the venue can be purchased online, but the question remains, who was the intended recipient of the second ticket?



Forensic and other tests continue a full six months after Gareth Williams body was discovered by MI5 and MI6 officers

information from Williams cell phone[s], MI6 apartment and social surroundings was delivered by way of a "removal firm" (see sidebar) to the wider media, so soon after his death was reported, gives rise to suspicion. Even in "general" suspicious death events this type of information is usually considered critical until such time as it is deemed necessary to impart the facts to the public via a press conference, or when the case is nearing a satisfactory conclusion. At the very least it is examined in detail and investigated thoroughly. The police had barely started to sift through the flat when a flood of information started to emerge - including Williams employment with MI6 and GCHQ and the exposing of a Service residence.

Williams was no "ordinary" victim. He was an intelligence man living in area used by MI6 and other security organisations. This makes the quick release of personal information and his employment status even more baffling.

Is it unusual for an MI6 employee to visit one of the most prominent "alternative" gay venues in London? The Royal Vauxhall Tavern hosts events seven nights a week, some more risqué

than others, but it is only a few hundred yards from the Service's headquarters.

Those who work in the industry have told Eye Spy that the case may well prove to be "one of those" that is never satisfactorily explained, nor closed.

A little like the affair involving weapons scientist Doctor David Kelly. All interesting stuff, but pure speculation. For legal reasons let's wait for more information to emerge from those best-placed in the industry to find out - New Scotland Yard and MI5. But is the death of Gareth Williams strange? Yes of course it is.

• Eye Spy can reveal that three major UK television companies are working on documentaries surrounding the death of Gareth Williams, described as a well-liked individual and a brilliant electronic codes analyst. ➤



Dr David Kelly

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

REMOVAL FIRMS

During the 1960s and for much of the 1970s, few politicians dared to discuss the work of MI5, and even fewer MI6. It was also impossible for the heads of these intelligence services to issue a response to a particular story or happening. Thus it was decided by MI5 to create a channel to the media whereby information could be imparted to a chosen source via what was known as a "removal firm". The conduit would often be selected by a senior MI5 officer, and in most cases, would be drawn from Parliament - a politician or civil servant. The removal firm would take information and commentary to trusted media individuals, thus giving the Services a voice. In time, this system was developed further, but it often gave rise to suspicion that disinformation was being tabled.

Of course today, it is not unusual to see the head of any UK intelligence organisation issuing a comment or two. Similarly, there are mechanisms in place that allow for debate. Because of the secrecy that once surrounded MI5 and MI6, these channels could not, nor did not exist.

TRADECRAFT

**conduits of
information and
responses**

KEYS, FRIENDS AND A PLAY ON WORDS?

For the sake of clarity and accuracy, it should be emphasised that the "mystery couple" who the police want to question visited 36 Alderney Street at the end of June or early July. A resident said they were there to see a person with a name *sounding like* "Pier Paolo", this was instantly associated to the controversial Italian film director Pier Paolo Pasolini. Pasolini was notorious for his film based on the book *The 120 Days of Sodom* by Donatien Alphonse Francois. It has since transpired, the couple, after failing to get a response from flat 4, did eventually alert the female occupant of another flat in the building. They said they were there to visit flat 4, and had been given a key by "Pier Paolo". As far as detectives are concerned, the couple entered the apartment and the resident did not see them leave.

Relevant to the investigation and entry to flat 4 are comments made by lead NSY Detective Chief Inspector Jacqueline Sebire. "If he was alive, he got into it voluntarily [the bag] or, if not, he was unconscious and placed in the bag." She continued: "Gareth was a private individual. We know he would not have given his keys to anyone other than his close family. I am asking this man or woman or anyone who recognises them to come forward and assist us."

THEORIES AND CLUES

Ships in the night or a service link?

Gareth Williams, who may have been working on a cyber countermeasures' programme, will undoubtedly have been briefed on the type of guest or friend he was allowed to entertain at the apartment. Discretion is essential. The fact that the "visitors" have still not been traced, has led to speculation within the wider intelligence community, that they were adversaries, associates or part of his work sphere rather than simply "ships in the night".

Two investigative journalists are also probing the theory that Williams' death is linked to the 2010 Stuxnet attack which disabled Iran's Bushehr nuclear reactor. There is also a report that claims his home agency (GCHQ) has erected a plaque in his honour. Analysts believe this too is odd. As with any major company employing thousands of workers, a small number inevitably pass away each year during the course of employment - are they too "honoured"? A parallel has been drawn with the memorial wall at the CIA's Langley headquarters where only those who perish on active operations are remembered. In this case with a single unmarked star. And for the Chief of MI6 to publicly attend his funeral... this too is another unprecedented action.

COURTESY BBC



**NSY Detective
Chief Inspector
Jacqueline Sebire**



**Donatien Alphonse
Francois**

THE BATH CLUE

Some 18 hours after the body of Gareth Williams was discovered, journalists outside the flat started to file reports to their editors concerning "stab wounds" and "dismemberment".

Eye Spy has learned that the genesis for this inaccurate story was probably based on the assumption that occasionally corpses - the victims of criminality - are sometimes placed in the bath and then gruesomely cut up, placed in a bag or binliner, and then removed.

The theory that the bag was to be engulfed in water, thus drowning Williams, has been examined by NSY. However, even if one ignores the fact that Williams would probably have suffocated before drowning, the bath



may not have been deep enough (if one assumes the bag was placed bottom-down). An average bath is around 14 inches deep thus Williams face, in all probability would have been above the water line - and of course, the overflow would probably have come into force. If the bag was side-on, then this would be a different matter - though NSY are quite rightly holding back this key information for future investigation purposes.

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THE ITALIAN

intelligence threads of PIER PAOLO PASOLINI

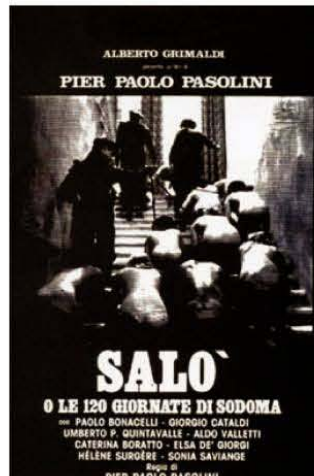


Pier Paolo Pasolini

Pier Paolo Pasolini was murdered in Ostia, Rome in November 1975. He was run over several times by Pino 'Giuseppe'

Pelosi, a 17-year-old man who had stolen his vehicle. Pelosi was subsequently jailed for nine years for the crime. However, speaking to an Italian documentary maker in 2005 (Roberto Torre), Pelosi retracted his admission and claimed Pasolini was assassinated, the result of a severe beating by three individuals on the orders of "political conspirators". At the time, a number of officials pointed the finger of blame towards factions in the homosexual underworld, sceptics claimed government or opposition forces were responsible.

Some of Pelosi's allegations were supported by Pasolini's friend and



Film poster of Salo

fellow film director, the brilliant Sergio Citti. He remarked that Pelosi was just a boy, and that he was used as bait by a professional gang - who then subsequently blamed him. Citti, who died in 2005, believed Pasolini was murdered elsewhere and his body dumped on the beach. "It was politically motivated and organised by respectable people" Citti remarked.

In 2008, Pelosi went further, adding reason to Pasolini's killing. The director was allegedly writing a novel (*Petrolio*) that alluded to an incident in October 1962 concerning the death of Italian politician Enrico Mattei. Mattei died in an aeroplane

The unsolved mystery of Enrico Mattei's death has obsessed Italians for the best part of half a century...



Enrico Mattei



Morane-Sailnier MS.760 Paris

Pasolini was killed because he was writing a novel which was simply "too near" the truth. This concerned government corruption and assassination. Unlike the political thriller, *The Pelican Brief*, where an author wrote an imaginary tale of government mischief and deceit, which turned out to be true, Pasolini knew exactly what had transpired. And so dark forces in Italy conspired to stop his research appearing in print - at least according to some Italians who are old enough to remember. To trap him, they stole a number of finished sequences from his film - *Salo*

crash whilst flying from Sicily to Milan. There were only two other people on board, his pilot, Imerio Bertuzzi, and TimeLife Rome Bureau Chief - US national William McHale. Mattei was responsible for reorganising a host of sensitive government issues, not least part of the petroleum industry and the distribution of oil wealth. McHale's presence was an indication that his work was incredibly important and had international implications. Investigators originally said bad weather caused the crash, but after it was learned valuable evidence, including flight instruments were destroyed instantly in a bath of acid, there was much scepticism. Thirty years later journalists started to probe again, and in 1995 the bodies of the three dead men were exhumed. Forensic specialists discovered tiny metal fragments throughout the skeletons - a prime indicator they were forced into the bone by an explosion. Eye Spy's Italian intelligence sources say the aircraft was almost certainly blown-up by a bomb. Though former chief of the SISMI (Italian Intelligence), Admiral Fulvio Martini, once claimed the aircraft, a jet-powered Morane-Saulnier MS-760 Paris, was shot down. Either way, it's certain, if



Pino Pelosi pictured at the time of his arrest

Pelosi's version is to be believed, that Pasolini had learned the truth and his expose, skilfully penned in his book, would be uncomfortable for many in power. And as a footnote to the death of Mattei, it's worth reading the "casualty list" which then followed as several high-profile figures linked to the case were subsequently murdered.

Nevertheless, Pelosi's new storyline prompted much discussion and further research, including a suggestion that premier Silvio Berlusconi reopen the case. In the end, Police found there was insufficient evidence to open a new investigation into Pasolini's death, and thus ended any possibility of learning just exactly who was behind the killing on the Rome beach.

Sergio Citti believes the killers of Pasolini may have stolen something of great value from his friend - a



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PROPAGANDA DUE. Some researchers say former notable members, (allegedly and according to this document!) include Silvio Berlusconi



Pino Pelosi today - pictured in a recent video clip. Pelosi says Pasolini was killed because of his research

number of canisters containing rolls of film from his movie - Salò (The 120 Days of Sodom) - which he co-wrote and was made in 1975. Pasolini had just returned from Stockholm and appears to have cooperated with the thieves - described as "extortionists" and agreed to meet their demands in return for the film reels. His death came just weeks before the picture was released.



'God's Banker' - Roberto Calvi was found hanging under Blackfriars Bridge. MI5 has never satisfactorily explained his death - though consider the 'suicide theory' unlikely

P2 - PROPAGANDA DUE

Perhaps relevant to the murder of Pasolini and drawn from intelligence and police sources, is the defunct shadowy Italian Masonic outfit known as 'Propaganda Due' or P2.

P2 was allegedly involved with numerous assassinations and crimes, perhaps the most famous of which occurred in London in 1982, when Roberto Calvi, dubbed 'God's Banker' was found hanging under Blackfriars Bridge. Calvi was implicated in Argentina's quest for weaponry in the Falkland's War. There are many journalists in Italy who blame P2 for the murder of Pasolini and claim it had threads to the very highest offices of the SISMI.

It should be noted that whilst openly gay, Pasolini rarely dealt with the subject in any of his films. His views, though left-driven and controversial, were powerful and often thought-provoking. Besides his work in film, Pasolini's talents in the arts, journalism, politics and philosophy were recognised by his peers and critics alike.

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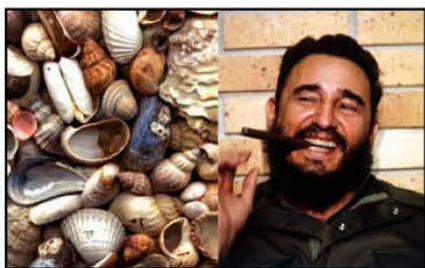


The cat was eventually driven to a park near Wisconsin Avenue in Washington DC, where agents posed as KGB adversaries and a team assembled to

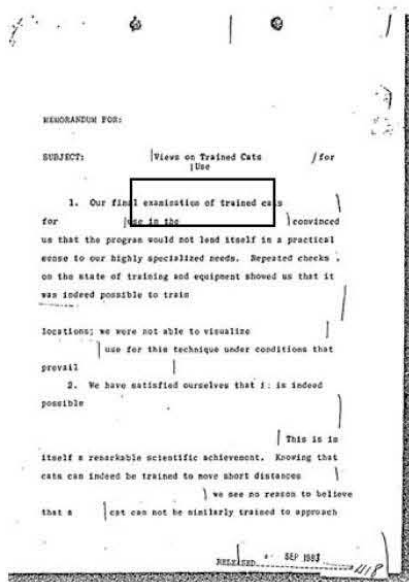
capture the conversation. Unfortunately the cat ran off and was run over by a taxi.

Some CIA personnel have spoken about Acoustic Kitty, describing the experiment as "monstrous". But by pure coincidence in 1966, a UK film entitled *'Spy With a Cold Nose'* was made featuring a "wired-up" bulldog. The animal was intended as a gift for Moscow, thus allowing British Intelligence to eavesdrop on the Russians!

And for the record, other released CIA files show that the Directorate of Science and Technology also considered "exploding seashells" to assassinate Cuban leader Fidel Castro: this amongst dozens of projected plots to remove the Russian-friendly communist.



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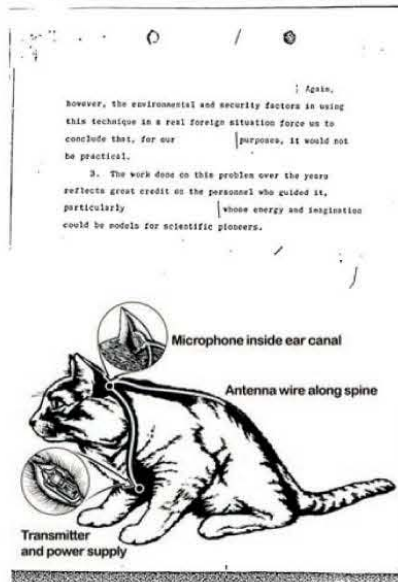


DOLPHINS AND COUNTERMEASURES

At the same time as the CIA was outfitting Acoustic Kitty, a far more serious project was being researched in conjunction with US Navy Intelligence. This involved that most intelligent mammal - the dolphin. The naval research programme began in 1960, with the acquisition of a Pacific white-sided dolphin for hydrodynamic studies. As the years progressed, and the tests became more advanced, scientists were astounded by sonar experiments that revealed the dolphins unique ability to detect and search out objects acoustically. One report says that a dolphin managed to detect a sphere around three inches in diameter from a distance of 600ft in total darkness. Their inherent friendliness to interact with humans and the ease in which they could be trained made them ideal candidates for performing underwater operations.

Soon the scientific arm of the CIA took an interest in the US Navy endeavours, this after

CIA DST documents on 'Trained Cats'



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researchers noticed that the animal could differentiate between various metals, push objects great distances, and even place items against the hull of target vessels. A top secret CIA research project based off the coast of Florida was initiated, one that was masked under the guise of a lengthy research programme run by the country's Bureau of Marine Fisheries. There was an obvious parting of the ways in the research efforts of the CIA and US Navy, but both organisations recognised that the dolphin opened up an array of possibilities.

Experiments were started which involved dolphins following sonar beams to designated targets. In time, it is believed some dolphins actually performed intelligence gathering against Soviet shipping and military vessels, including submarines. Various research programmes culminated in a small number of dolphins being deployed around the world, including Scotland. Their tasks were numerous, and kept quite secret. However, over the years information has



Langley's efforts to perfect the 'perfect spy' to monitor KGB agents in America's capital ended here on Wisconsin Avenue after Acoustic Kitty was run over by a taxi



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A tethered sea lion seeks out a dummy bomb during an early MK5 training programme

been acquired about several projects, including one which involved the detection of sunken shipping and a potentially deadly nuclear warhead that had gone astray.

That the Soviets didn't examine the potential of dolphins is untrue. Moscow embarked on countermeasures and there is a fairly convincing account whereby some dolphins and whales were killed because it was feared they were involved with espionage.

SPAWAR

Fast-forward to the present day, and dolphins are used even more frequently by military and civil maritime organisations. However, there is much more care in their use, and agencies such as SPAWAR are committed to their well-being and



MK5 sea lions locate a drone and spent shell for recovery

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preservation. The US Navy Marine Mammal Programme (NMMP) is an excellent example. Part of SPAWAR's Bioscience Division, the NMMP is a multi-faceted programme that involves a variety of highly intelligence marine life working alongside humans in defensive and safety operations. Included in the research are creatures as diverse as Killer Whales and Grey seals, but all have distinct skills, from target detection to sound production. Within the NMMP, there are various elements, but the five primary challenges are:

Mine Hunting, Force Protection, Object Recovery, Fleet Support and Deployments.

Since their early research efforts in the 1960s, US scientists have discovered that the biological radar of dolphins, called echo-location, allows active sea mines to be located and removed safely. Mine warfare has been a constant problem for the US Navy for decades, especially when you examine the facts. Since 1950, 19 major

vessels have been damaged or destroyed, of which mines account for 14. Today, US Navy Dolphins are employed in three countermeasures' systems (mine hunting systems) code-named MK4, MK7 and MK8. Each programme is different and engages dolphins to perform various tasks. The dolphin waits for a cue before entering a specific stretch of water and searches for mines using its biological sonar (echo-locates). A series of 'clicks' are emitted that bounce off the object and are sent back to the dolphin. Amazingly, the dolphin creates a mental image of the object, mine, debris etc. and is

trained to give a response.

A navy handler then sends the dolphin back to the scene where the target can be marked, thus allowing ships to avoid the area; or navy bomb specialists can be sent in to deal with the mine properly.



CAPTOR

US military personnel prepare a CAPTOR (enCAP sulated TOR pedo) Mk 60 anti-submarine deep water mine. The device was the US Navy's preferred standard anti-submarine mine during the Cold War and was sufficiently advanced to differentiate the acoustic signature of a ship and submarine. Launched by aircraft, submarine or surface boat, the mine would sink and anchor itself to the sea bed. As an enemy submarine passed over the device, CAPTOR's passive radar sonar would detect it and release a torpedo which would then track the sound wave - until it made contact with the hull, subsequently exploding.



THE REAL PIONEERS OF SPACE TRAVEL

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During the first two decades of the 'space race', both the Soviets and the United States used monkeys in many test flights. The first monkey to reach outer-space was called Albert. He was launched inside a US variant of Germany's V-2 rocket in June 1948. A year later 'Albert II' (above left) was sent into space.

In 1959, another test monkey called Sam was flown to a height of 55 miles by NASA on 'Little Joe 2', as part of the ground-breaking Mercury programme. Also in that year, NASA successfully launched and then returned to Earth - Able - a Rhesus monkey. Able, along with the original mechanism that allowed the animal to survive colossal speeds, is still on display at the National Air and Space Museum (above right).

Similarly, as part of the MK5 QuickFind system, the navy has even trained sea lions to recover objects from the ocean, locate vehicles from the bed of a lake, and helped in a simulated operation to recover submerged victims (dummies) from an aeroplane crash.

SPAWAR uses other mammals and birds in various programmes, each carefully overseen by scientists and a full-time staff of veterinary technicians and biologists who ensure the proper care and attention of the mammals. Another programme which could help in air sea rescue has also been created. This involves birds which help in the search of downed aircraft and pilots.

Yet in respect of this feature, it is the use of such creatures to assist in intelligence gathering and



for counter-measures purposes that so intrigues. Eye Spy understands a number of programmes are on-going involving the use of dolphins to act as sentry's at a number of secret locations, and perhaps more relevant, as trained watchers in counter-terrorist and organised crime



programmes. Perhaps their best known action in recent times, was the clearance of mines by Bottlenose dolphins surrounding the port of Umm Quasr in southern Iraq. This operation was overseen by US Navy SEALs.

CIA K-9 CORPS

Dogs are not an uncommon sight in the world of security. From airports to crowd control and managing protests etc., such animals have proven an effective ally. However, some highly secret organisations have canine units that could be described as a little special. Perhaps the most widely known public unit belongs to the CIA, though we are not privy to all of its functions. It is said the unit was established about 20 years ago, this after a perceived threat that its Langley headquarters could be targeted. The K-9 Corps. is predominantly for security only (explosives, weapons searches) and each dog receives about three months of intense training. There is a suggestion that the CIA out-sources the training to specialists at the US Air Force Base - Lackland.

However, it's not a secret that the CIA use specialist dogs in a variety of covert operations. This includes surveillance and counter-surveillance operations. Faced with a difficult target, and just like their counterparts in the UK and Russia (KGB), the CIA may opt to use a special

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More imagery from SPAWAR. The organisation has a fantastic dedicated animal welfare section



liquid that has been created that can be covertly sprayed onto clothes. The dog has the ability to trace the scent over long distances and through buildings etc. This is particularly useful if the target enters a multi-storey building with numerous flats, or is located in a dense woodland with various exits. MI5 refer to this liquid as 'Tag Spray'.

For the record, humans can't smell it or see it - but a trained dog can!



Minute GPS trackers and receivers

IMAGE COMPOSITE BELOW

Far left to right: Ringing a European Serin; A wolf in Yellowstone National Park carries a radio collar; A Monarch butterfly with an identification tag; SeaTag tracking device for a turtle



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An oft seen sight - but dogs are used in various capacities

The use of dogs as couriers is also well documented, especially the Bouvier Des Flandres breed. In WWII they served the underground Resistance particularly well in France and Belgium. Recognising the animals were a "menace", Hitler allegedly demanded that one be captured and examined it personally. There is a story which suggests that one dog - from this cattle herding breed - actually bit Hitler on the hand! Thereafter the 'fuhrer' ordered such dogs be shot on sight. Thankfully, several owners hid the dogs and after the war they were re-established. The Belgian Government, recognising the immense contribution of the animal, then erected a statue in its honour, as well as issuing a stamp featuring the breed.

PROBLEM SOLVING

The British are far more secretive in their deployment of animals in an intelligence theatre.

MICE AND AIRPORT SECURITY

Researchers continue quest for ultimate scanner

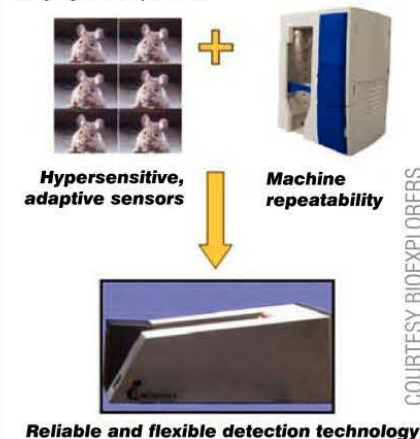
An Israel-based company - BioExplorers has been in the news of late - with a counter-measures device that just might send shudders through the offices of those producers of hugely expensive bomb and drug hunting detectors... mice.

Of course the firm are not the first to consider using rodents to 'sniff out' those intent on smuggling unwanted items onto aircraft, but it seems this time, things might be a little more interesting. BioExplorers believe mice, with a little assistance in the way of a training course, can be more accurate than dogs, pat downs and X-rays.

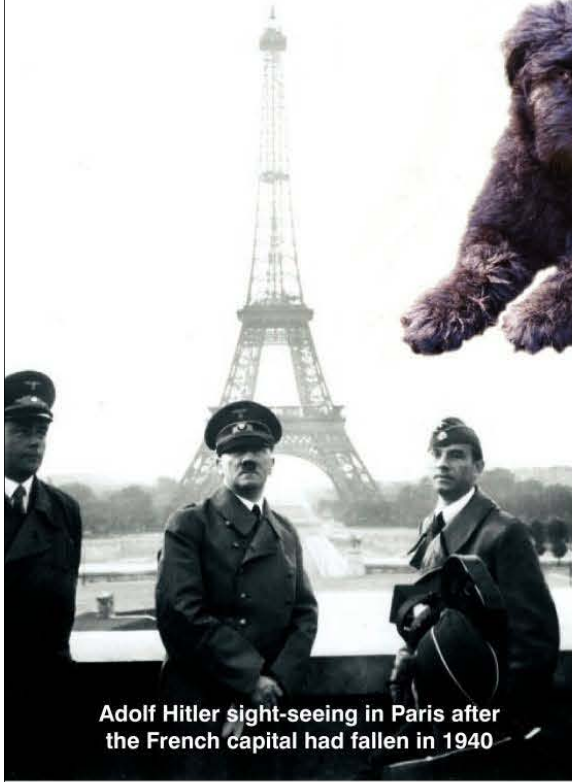
The firm says: "BioExplorers systems are based on combining the hyper-sensitive olfactory capability of rodents with the care-free reliability of a hi-tech machine system."

A machine which resembles a scanner, hosts three cartridges containing eight mice in each device. Working in four-hour shifts, the rodents can trigger an alarm if they detect odours - drugs or explosives. These tasks are of course performed

once the mice have been carefully trained, and there are a number of safety measures. Researchers hope that the system will one day be tested in an airport, though a previous test at a Tel Aviv shopping centre provided some interesting data. In 2010, 1,000 people walked through the machine; the mice triggered an alarm and 22 were identified carrying fake explosives.



COURTESY BIOEXPLORERS



Adolf Hitler sight-seeing in Paris after the French capital had fallen in 1940



Resistance fighters and agents used dogs of the Bouvier Des Flandres breed as 'agent runners' which resulted in an order from Berlin to kill them...



OFFENSIVE MEASURES:
Bats were once considered for a suicide mission

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DEFENSIVE MEASURES: The super-sensitive cricket

Of course it's well known that the MI6 code-breaking station at Bletchley Park had its own pigeon section, and that the WWII SOE planned to blow-up Nazis using rats, but little else is known. That's not to say it never happens. In the 1980s, faced with the difficult task of threading an electrical line through a mazy cavity wall, MI6 officers improvised. They sprayed a liquified scent down the hole which was of much liking to a mouse. Before setting off on its journey down the hole, the officers attached a wire around its body. We won't go into the rest of the story, suffice to say the wire was attached to something else!

Even smaller creatures have been tested in a variety of ways to assist the world's intelligence and security agencies. The US Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has experimented with the humble bumble bee, which once properly trained, are said to be able to detect explosives. USA Today reported on the research:

"From the outside, a bee bomb-detection unit in practice would look like a plain box with a few air holes, perhaps stationed outside an aeroplane entrance ramp or train platform. Strapped into straw-like tubes within the box... rows of bees would be exposed to puffs of air, constantly checking for faint bomb smells. A video camera tied to pattern-recognition software would signal when the bees suddenly start waving their proboscises in unison."

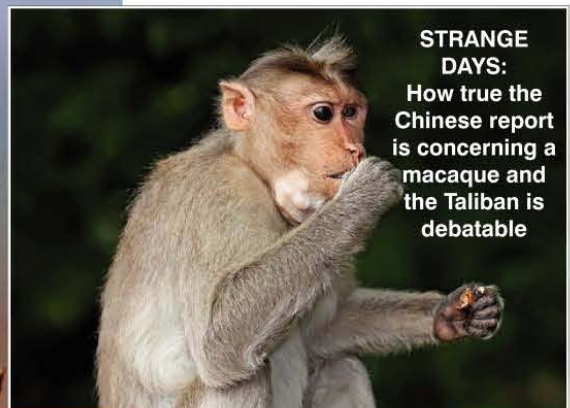


MI6 officers really did use a mouse to solve a bugging problem!

Tales of animals, insects and their use in security and espionage are plentiful, but some are not without merit or foundation, including the wartime (WWII) US War Department research project that involved the use of thousands of trained "suicide bats". The plan was the bats would be dropped over industrial parts of Japan. Other hard-to-confirm reports are of crickets being used to sense and warn of an approaching land army; a strategically placed parrot that remembered and mimicked conversations, including project names; Israelis releasing "poison-resistant" rats in the old city of Jerusalem.

But perhaps the award for the most bizarre story must go to the editorial of the Chinese People's Daily. Here a journalist suggested the Taliban were training macaques in the art of firing automatic weapons at US forces. Small wonder, therefore, with such a catalogue of intriguing stories (and there are lots more), that when a vulture descended from the skies over Saudi Arabia carrying a fairly advanced piece of equipment around its neck, that a police officer decided to take a second look...

Few scientists doubt the incredible senses of the bee - now being tested to identify explosives



STRANGE DAYS:
How true the Chinese report is concerning a macaque and the Taliban is debatable

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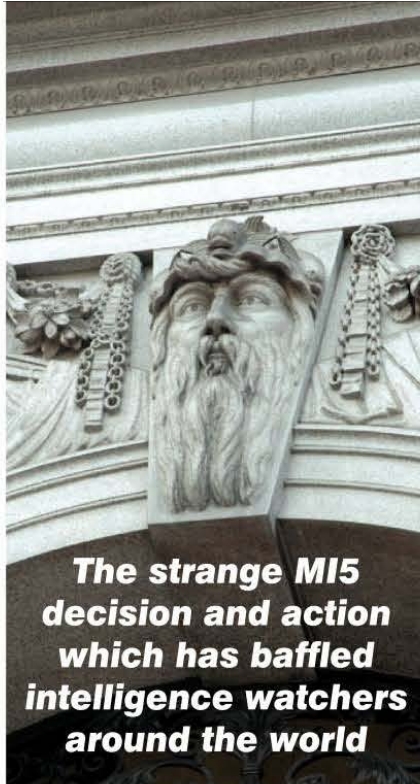
As part of the inquests into the deaths of 52 people at the hands of a terrorist gang in London in 2005, the court has heard from a great number of key witnesses. One of the most controversial questions that MI5 faced was - could the Service have prevented the attack? The short answer is "yes", if it was blessed with a fortune-teller's glass ball - and of course, huge amounts of intelligence, lots of luck and greater resources. However, plots are often disturbed, disabled and thwarted by the removal of central characters. Thus it was with much astonishment that on 22 February - MI5's Chief of Staff to Director-General Jonathan Evans, told the inquest, that an opportunity to link the 7/7 gang leader - Mohamed Sidique Khan - with an al-Qaida terror cell was lost - a full two years before the London bombings.

Giving evidence as 'Witness G', the officer was frank in his admission that a surveillance photo sent to a 'supergrass' in North America

was poor - very poor - in fact it was useless. The informant who was co-operating with US and Canadian Intelligence was Mohammed Junaid Babar. He knew the Britons from a previous trip to a terror training camp in Pakistan. Babar, for the record, was a liaison in the South of England AQ cell involved in the fertiliser bomb plot which MI5 had discovered a year or so before 7/7.

He most definitely could have identified Khan and one of his fellow cohort Shezhad Tanweer.

It wasn't that MI5 did not have Khan on its Registry - his name had surfaced before and he had even been photographed by MI5 surveillance teams liaising with the fertiliser bomb plotters - known by MI5 and New Scotland Yard as the 'Crawley Mob (CM)' and headed by Omar Khyam. One evening, an MI5 operation triggered in Yorkshire resulted in Khan and Tanweer being followed to London by mobile surveillance teams on the M1 motorway. Following their meeting with CM Khan and Tanweer headed back North. They



The strange MI5 decision and action which has baffled intelligence watchers around the world

stopped at Toddington Service station for a drink and bite to eat and were photographed in a burger bar by an undercover MI5 agent. At that time MI5 and New Scotland Yard were working closely to catch Khyam and his team in an operation known as Crevice. MI5 had already photographed the terror team with at least one North American-based bomb expert - his name was Mohammad Momin Khawaja. Khawaja was given a life sentence by a Canadian court in 2010.



MI5 Director Jonathan Evans

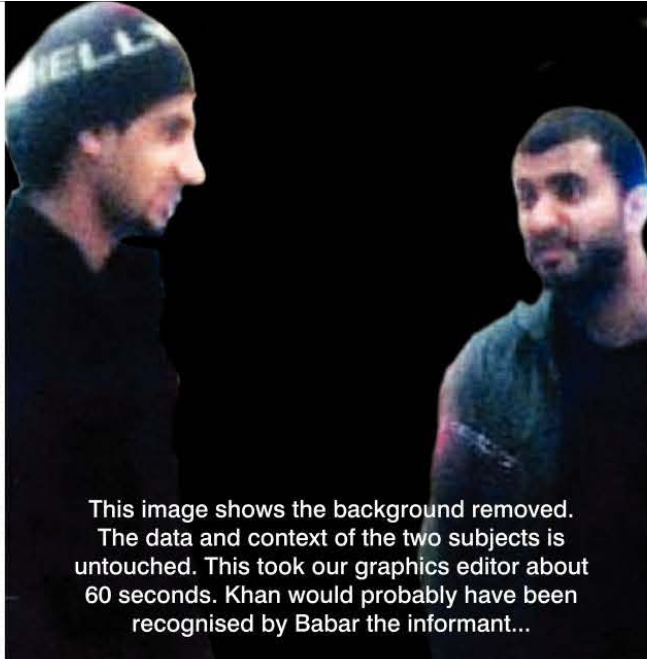
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The original high-quality MI5 undercover photograph showing Khan (r) and Tanweer:



The image with its colour signature removed - but the detail remains solid

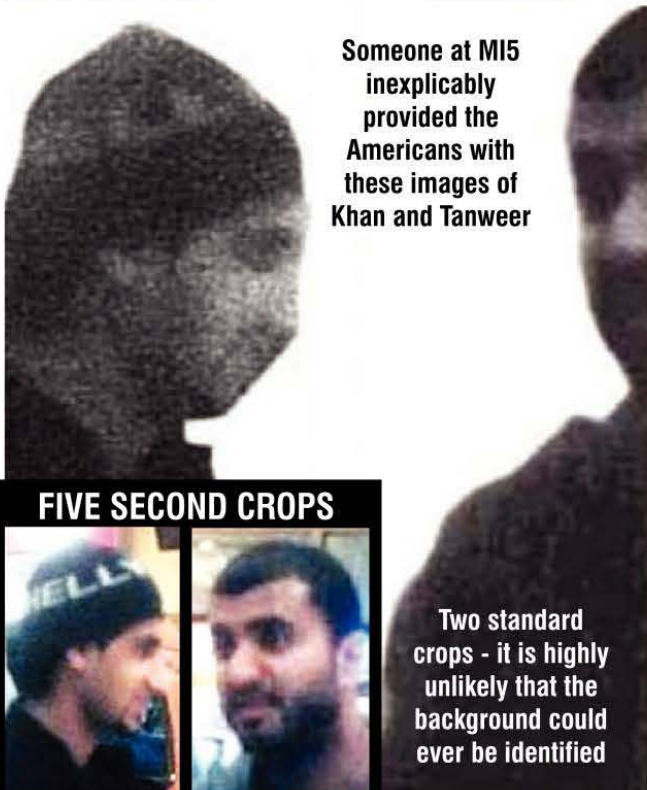


This image shows the background removed. The data and context of the two subjects is untouched. This took our graphics editor about 60 seconds. Khan would probably have been recognised by Babar the informant...



An excellent MI5 surveillance photo of Omar Khyam (right) - the Crawley Mob's known leader, and Canadian bomb-maker Mohammad Momin Khawaja

Someone at MI5 inexplicably provided the Americans with these images of Khan and Tanweer



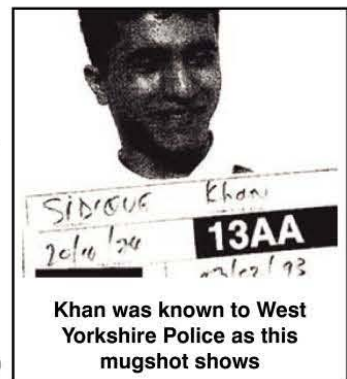
FIVE SECOND CROPS



Two standard crops - it is highly unlikely that the background could ever be identified

for whatever reason it is that by including the background we are giving away too much detail about the covert means behind the observation." But Mr Keith said that the "informative aspect was entirely obliterated" and "a little care might not have gone amiss where proceeding with one of your most significant sources."

It was a strange business because the FBI only needed the facial detail - it took Eye Spy just five seconds to crop each image in a simple fashion so that the background would be impossible to identify (left). Similarly, why crop Khan's face and alter the data so the grey data containing details such as the beard, are absorbed by black? Tanweer's cut-out is even worse - with the shape of his nose altered, the mouth (above lip-below nose area) impossible to distinguish, and his 'goatee' beard invisible. Witness 'G'



Khan was known to West Yorkshire Police as this mugshot shows

commented that MI5 were "unsure about Babar's bonafides." As for the image being transposed to mono - he said he did not know why the photographs were not sent in colour but it would depend "where in the world" they were being sent. This did not please the QC who said - "But America is not on the other side of the moon."

Witness 'G' explained that the image - a first class detailed colour picture rated at the higher end of covertly taken photos, was authorised to be sent to the FBI for identification purposes by Babar. Amazingly, the image had its colour signature removed, and the worst cut-out and crop was performed by someone in MI5.

Parts of the image seem deliberately blurred, for example, the colour image showed the words '***elly' on Tanweer's hat. On the mono version these simply do not appear. Is it the result of changing the image from colour to black and white?

More obvious is the removal of the photo's background which showed fruit machines. The court heard this was so MI5 undercover techniques were not exposed.

The explanation was met with much scepticism - even from the QC. He told Witness 'G': "I am bound to observe, if you will forgive me, one of my children could have done a better job of cropping out that photograph." He then said there was no documentation to explain why the picture was so badly cropped. The MI5 officer responded: "My judgment would be when a photograph is cropped in this way

EDITOR'S NOTES: For legal reasons Eye Spy can't comment [yet] about certain aspects of the imagery - but we were informed the image may have been changed to mono and the background cut-out because... the photo was actually sent via fax. Had the background been present, the image would almost certainly have contained a great deal of black detail, possibly running into the rest of the image. Indeed, it's highly probable that this explains the facial distortion - the photographs may not have been blurred deliberately - this could have occurred when it was sent via fax. Someone may have cut away the background quickly to avoid 'electronic inking'. As for why Khan's image is spliced neatly down the middle - it was near the edge of the paper.

This doesn't explain why the Service didn't send the original image via e-mail - far quicker, more accurate and above all, no data loss if sent and received properly.



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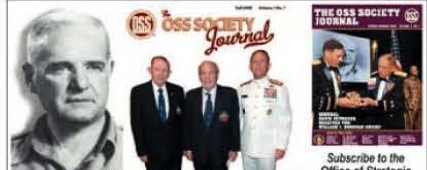
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CYBERWARFARE

Bruce Schneier, described as the chief security officer for the UK's telecom giant - British Communications - better known as 'BT', sparked criticism by suggesting the threat of "emotive cyber rhetoric" does not match the reality. Schneier complains that injecting phrases such as "cyber armageddon" into features on cyber attacks, only "inflames the situation."

Speaking to the BBC prior to his appearance at a security conference in California, Schneier was dismissive of those who choose to refer to the situation in the context of a cyber war. "What we are seeing is not a cyber war but an increasing use of war-like tactics and that is what is confusing us," said Schneier. "We don't have good

definitions of what cyber war is, what it looks like and how to fight it." According to intelligence sources, the security chief is supported by Howard Schmidt, cyber security co-ordinator for the White House.

That the numerous elements, actions and reactions which collide to create cyber warfare have never been identified or defined is simply not true. And when one introduces viruses such as Stuxnet into the equation - one that can cause nuclear weapons programme machinery to collapse, disruption in air traffic control environments etc. - with all the implications this holds (for everyone), Schneier's remarks are puzzling. But perhaps a clue to his long-time thinking about cyber events can be found in his books - *Secret and Lies: Digital Security in a Networked World* (2000), and *Beyond Fear: Thinking Sensibly About Security in an Uncertain World* (2003).

No-one wants to frighten an already confused public, but the reality is, events in the cyber world are costing more than just the illegal collection of bank and credit card details. Identities are being stolen, terrorist plots are being formed in coded e-mails, huge defence projects and the technology that goes with them are being taken and cloned, the rights of protesters to complain stopped etc., etc. And all of this causes disruption, hurt and

pain. Let's not even go into the assassination of some senior players in the cyber world. But let us try and put this all in context. In the UK alone, the cost of illegal cyber happenings and activity is a mind-boggling £27 billion a year - that's £1,000 a second. These are government figures and Schneier might well take note of Whitehall's Security Minister Baroness Neville-Jones. Commenting on the cyber events, she said: "There are criminals, there are organised networks and there are also, very clearly, state players. They are fearless. They don't actually believe they're going to be caught." The real figure is probably closer to £30 billion or more, because many companies are reluctant to admit to security compromises.

Neville-Jones, who is an experienced intelligence player, summed

up the situation perfectly (take note Schneier): "We have to rely to a very significant extent on actually disrupting the activity while in course. It's a bit like terrorism in that, the more you know, the more frightening it becomes." And that final comment is discussed by Eye Spy's cyber intelligence authority Kevin Coleman, who has done more to highlight the dangers of cyber warfare than anyone else... his comments can be found on page 62.

Bruce Schneier says people are too "emotive" when it comes to describing cyber attacks



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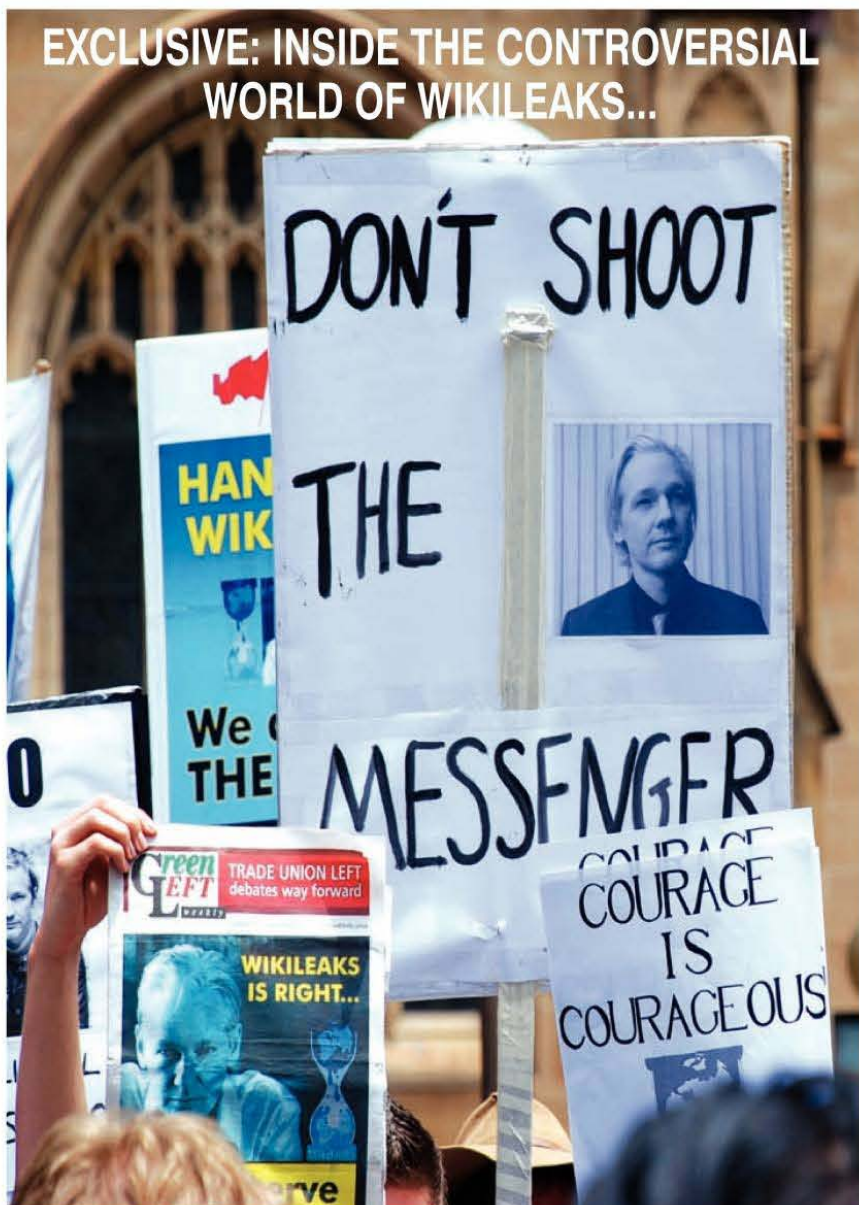
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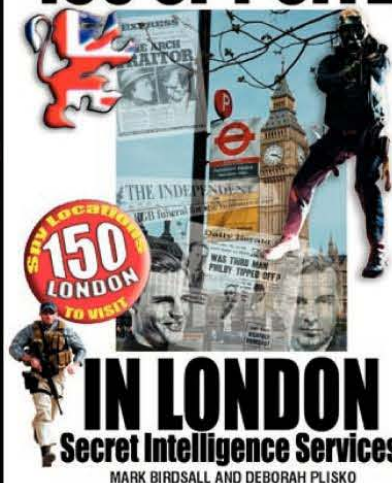
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