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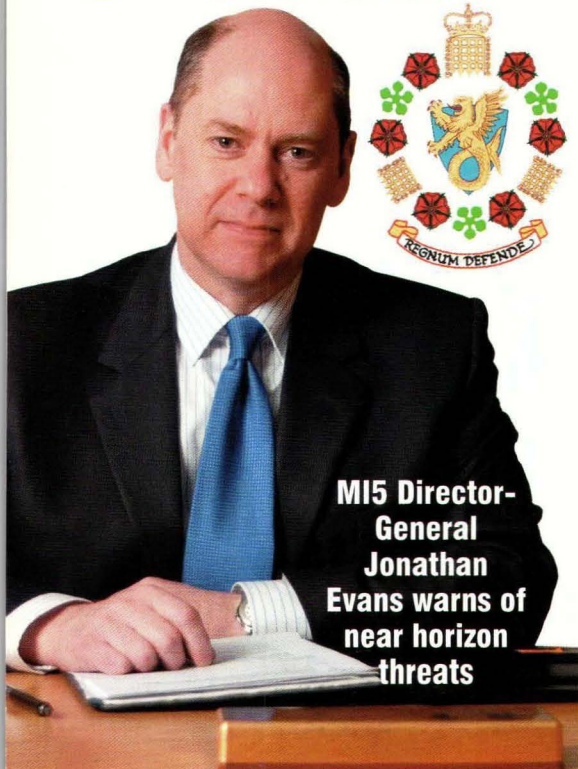
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"The dog you haven't seen may turn out to be the dog that bites you..."

Jonathan Evans
MI5 Director-General



FIRST WORD



LEAKING SECRETS TO MEDIA OUTLETS

There is a debate currently on-going in America about certain details of intelligence-led operations falling into the palms of "favoured" parts of the media. A number of senior politicians believe that in the run-up to the US Presidential elections, an informed source is trying to bolster President Obama's image. I'm not sure that this is the case, but of late, it is true to say that a great deal of background to some operations, including the joint CIA-Special Forces raid in Abbottabad that ended with Osama bin-Laden's death, has been imparted.

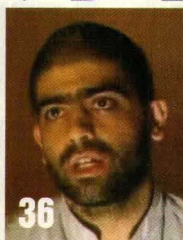
I am fully aware that the intelligence services view certain journalists and media houses more favourably than others. Similarly, there has always been a liaison between some titles and the services, even conduits who are used to deliver information to the public via the media. This happens quite frequently, but it is the sheer number of supposed leaks in the United States that have led to the odd raised eyebrow. That the intelligence community (USIC) in America is concerned, is evidenced by a memo sent to various intel and security organisations. The Office of the Director of Intelligence (ODNI), has requested that polygraph testing be introduced to help stop, or at the very least, persuade personnel not to talk to the press about matters, which on the face of it, perhaps should remain secret.

It's an interesting development, and one that seems to suggest there is some truth to the security breach reports. The affair is just one of many fascinating features, articles and investigations in this edition of Eye Spy.

Mark Birdsall, Managing Editor



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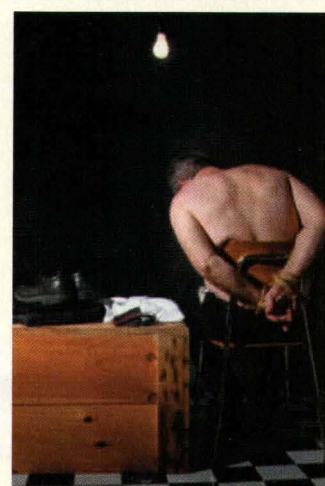
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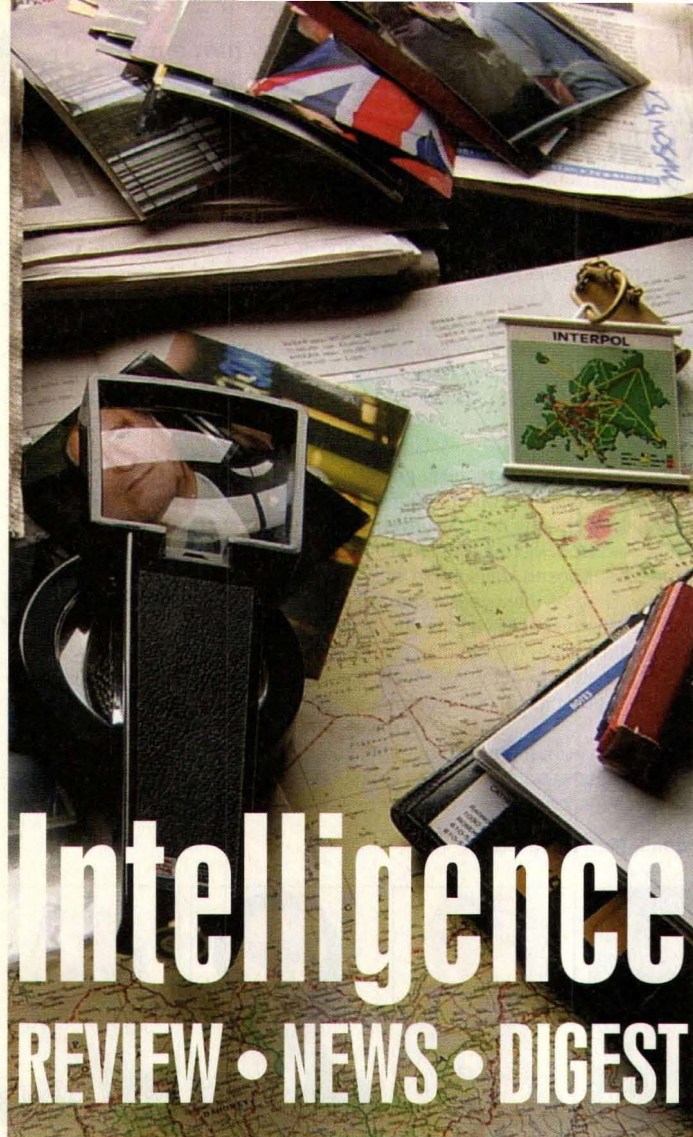
THE SIXTEEN APPROACHES

The words 'torture and interrogation' seem to go hand-in-hand these days, with law suits being planned by those who claim they were victims. From Sweden, Libya and Poland, to the USA and UK, solicitors are preparing case files that could lead to huge embarrassment for some countries.

But in this edition of Eye Spy, a former officer of America's ultra secret Intelligence Support Activity, explains why US military intelligence officers involved in interrogation, are trained not to adopt the harsh methods which have allegedly been used of late to glean information. Instead 'Jon Augustine' shows how it is possible to persuade suspects to talk without resorting to violence, torture or mind-bending drugs. The system is referred to as 'The Sixteen Approaches' - a sensible approach that he believes is proven.

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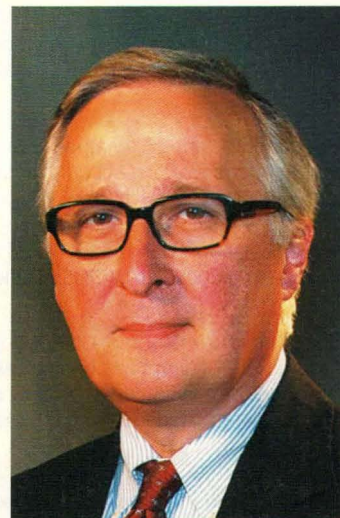
CHANGING PLACES

INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS IS FAST BECOMING SUPERIOR WEAPON

Canada's spy chief Richard Fadden of CSIS (Canadian Security Intelligence Service), has acknowledged that the 'great game' is changing rapidly, and nations are relying more on analysis than ever before.

In an address to intelligence officials, Mr Fadden said spies are beginning to take a back seat to the important work being conducted by analysts. "In today's information universe of WikiLeaks, the Internet and social media, there are fewer and fewer meaningful secrets for the 'James Bonds' of this world to steal. Suddenly the ability to make sense of information is as valued a skill as collecting it."

Mr Fadden also said it was crucial analysts were educated in history,



COURTESY CSIS

CSIS Director Richard Fadden

geography, religion and politics, this in order to provide information on horizon threats and possible conflict areas. "We [CSIS] are expected to provide not just information, but insight... of the

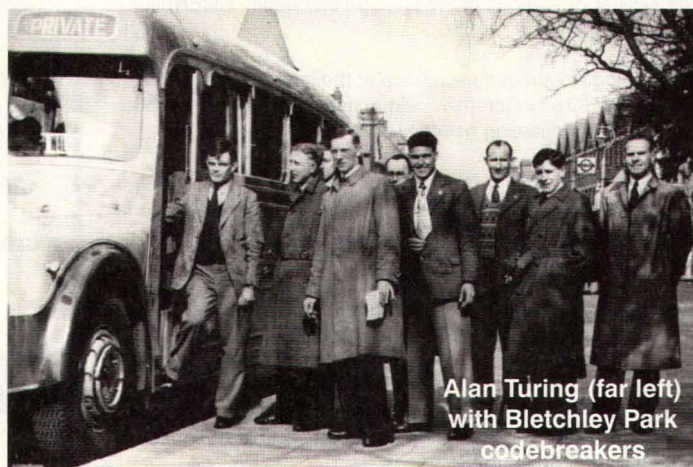
CODEBREAKING GENIUS - DEATH AN ACCIDENT?

Flawed inquest into death of Alan Turing would not have been accepted today

As events took place across Britain marking what would have been codebreaking genius Alan Turing's 100th birthday, an author says his death may not have been suicide after all, but a simple accident.

For decades it has been believed Alan Turing, who was gay, took his own life after suffering persecution and insecurity about his sexuality. In 1954, aged just 41, Turing reportedly digested cyanide, this two years after being found guilty of gross indecency with another man.* To avoid prison, he agreed to take a series of oestrogen injections, or as many people called it, "chemical castration."

Now a Turing expert, Professor Jack Copeland of the Turing Archive for the History of Computing, says vital evidence in the original inquest was ignored. "The coroner didn't really investigate the evidence at all," said Copeland. "He just jumped to the conclusion that he committed suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed."



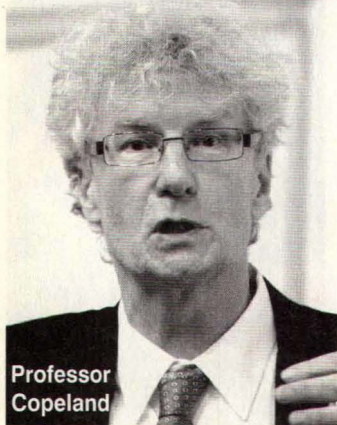
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Alan Turing (far left) with Bletchley Park codebreakers

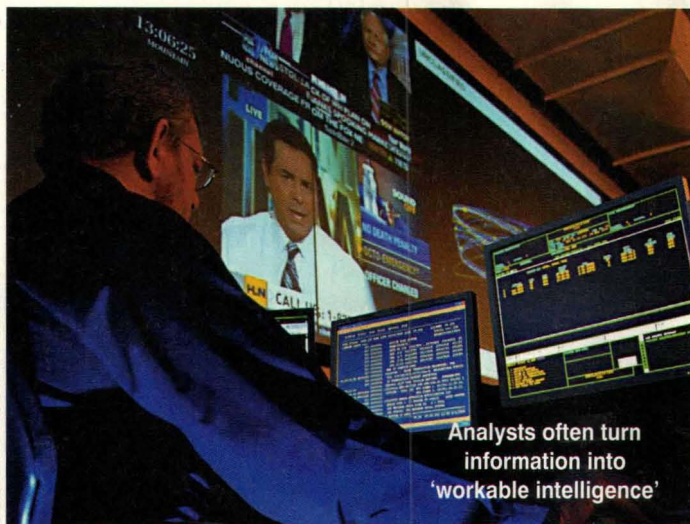
Copeland says the evidence suggests Turing, who was a lead researcher in the breaking of Germany's WWII Enigma, died after he inhaled the cyanide rather than digesting it. He notes when police entered Turing's laboratory, they reported a strong cyanide smell. It was known the scientist was performing experiments with the poison. Also of note is the fact

that a half eaten apple was found next to Turing's dead body on his bedside table. Many see this as an indicator he had not planned to commit suicide, but rather fell ill and simply died. Astonishingly, the apple was not tested for cyanide.

In 2009, Prime Minister Gordon Brown apologised for the treatment of Turing, whose work at Bletchley



Professor Copeland



two, insight is often the scarcer commodity," he said.

CSIS are one of the world's most powerful intelligence agencies, but in recent times has become increasingly concerned about the possibility of a terrorist attack in Canada. Mr Fadden warned that whilst al-Qaida and Islamic extremism pose a leading threat, the country should not let its guard go down in respect of a politically motivated attack - one that has nothing to do with AQ.

The events of 9/11 were also mentioned and Mr Faden said it

was important for analysts to be more creative in their thinking and be able to focus on the next attack. "Every now and then we need to pause and pretend it is 10 September 2001."

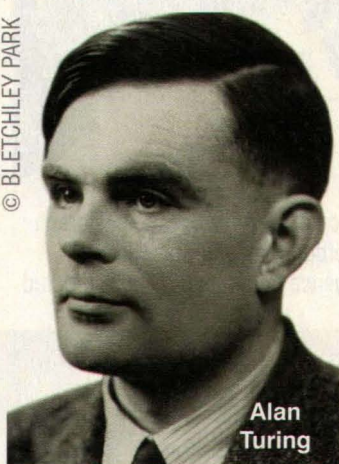
He also showed his intel experience when he said analysts might be asked to deliver a report that government and policy makers find uncomfortable: "The politicalisation of intelligence is an occupational hazard, and must be resisted." He drew reference to the Iraq War, as an example.

US tells Iran "open Parchin facility" to IAEA inspectors

Using intelligence almost certainly gleaned by the CIA, the International Atomic Energy Agency has called on Iran to allow access to a number of nuclear sites, though one in particular has been named. This is Parchin, a military nuclear facility where nuclear explosives' tests may well have been conducted. Iran has denied it has tried to erase evidence of a weapons programme at Parchin, despite the nuclear watchdog stating several buildings have been demolished.

Spy satellite imagery showed water pouring out of one building indicating a clean-up operation was on-going, whilst analysts note that huge amounts of soil have also been removed.

An examination of the area by inspectors would almost certainly reveal if Parchin had or is still being used for non-energy research, but as yet, Iran refuses to cooperate.



Park almost certainly saved millions of lives by shortening the war.

Professor Copeland called for the inquest to be reopened, noting that today, a coroner would request that evidence of a pre-meditated act be shown before announcing a verdict of suicide.

* Turing had reported a burglary and when police arrived he admitted having a male lover in his house - something at that time was illegal.

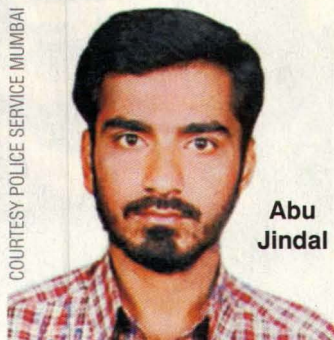
THE MUMBAI 'AGENT HANDLER'

CELL PHONE COORDINATOR OF TERROR ATTACK ARRESTED IN INDIA

Indian security forces have arrested the man they believe organised the deadly 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai.

Described as the "agent handler," Abu Jindal, also known as Syed Zabiuddin, was the most wanted man in the country.

The attack by around 10 heavily armed and drugged terrorists belonging to the Lashkar-e-Taiba group, claimed 165 lives. Hun-



Abu Jindal



Damage is obvious at the Oberoi Restaurant, Mumbai

dreds more were injured in the resulting firefight with security services across the city.

Intelligence sources believe Jindal was responsible for coordinating the movement of the terrorists in the city. Using a cell phone he kept in contact with the attackers, who broke away in small groups and caused havoc in many buildings, including the main railway station.

In May 2010, the only surviving terrorist of the attack, Mohammad Ajmal Amir Qasab, was given the death sentence for "waging war on India." The incident raised tensions between India and Pakistan, because initially Islamabad denied none of the operatives were its nationals. However, Pakistan later conceded some were from the country, including Qasab.

Russian Surveillance Flight over Canada

Strange treaty allows 'legal' overflights of secret installations and infrastructure

The timing could have been a little better, but a legal treaty between Russia and Canada that allows for annual flyovers of each country's military infrastructure, including industrial sites, cities and transport centres, has been invoked. In June 2012, a Tupolev 'civilian' aeroplane conducted a flight over Canada as part of an 'Open Skies Treaty'. The

aircraft was monitored by Royal Canadian Air Force fighters. The operation occurred just days after Canadian officials used a Hungarian aircraft (Hercules CC-130) to fly over parts of Russia.

The Treaty, which can be invoked at any time, was created by US President Dwight Eisenhower in 1955, and signed off some 20 years ago after the collapse of



Tupolev Tu-154M

communism. However, the Russians initially hesitated fearing it was a green light for espionage.

Intelligence watchers note that surveillance equipment is carried by such aircraft, though both countries are allowed to place observers on board.

The flights took place against a backdrop of increasing Canadian concern over other Russian spy overflights, and the recent security breach at the intel site Trinity.

Canada has used the treaty on four occasions since 2004

THE MEDIA POLYGRAPH

New tests ordered following intel leaks to media

US intel czar James Clapper, ODNI (Office Director of National Intelligence) has rewritten the rule book concerning intel staff employees and the media. In future months, it is believed most of the 16 agencies of the USIC (United States Intelligence Community), will adopt polygraph questions for would-be and existing personnel about relations with the media.

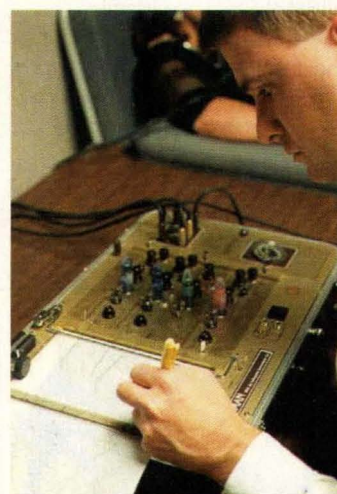
The move follows a calamitous number of leaks to selected news media by some intel or intel-aware

officials in Washington (see page 50 - 'Chain Reaction'). Mr Clapper would not reveal the exact wording of the questions, but said: "I am mandating a question to unauthorised disclosure of classified information to be added to the counter-intelligence polygraph to employees at agencies including the CIA, DIA DOE, FBI, NSA and others." He then went on to say that he hoped other federal agencies across government would do the same.

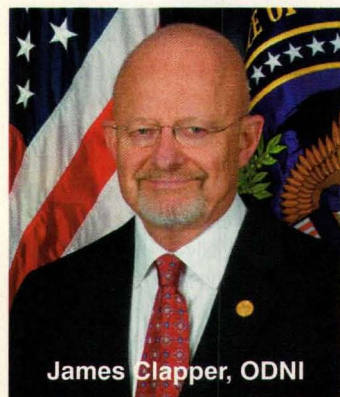
No one knows for certain how this will affect staffers, but they are asked to retake polygraph tests about every seven years. As for new employees, again, the media question might arise.

Intel watchers are certain that the polygraph question is being introduced not just to 'out' those who speak to the media, but as a warning and an alert call to be "careful what you impart and say." Polygraph tests can already be introduced if agencies suspect a person of passing intelligence.

At present only the CIA asks questions relevant to unauthorised disclosure when performing polygraphs on its employees. Mr Clapper notes this and said: "The question that the CIA uses is going to be adjusted to speak specifically to members of the press, members of the media, and that question is going to be expanded



to counter-intelligence polygraph programmes across the intelligence community." He also noted



James Clapper, ODNI

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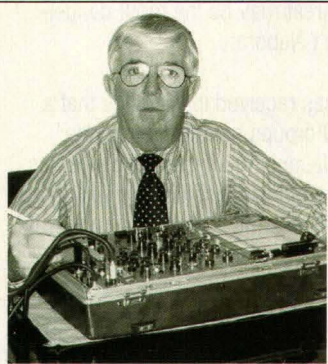


CIA Advisors and the Syrian Conflict

Washington denies CIA agents in Syria

Press TV, the Iranian sponsored media outlet, has claimed that the CIA and MI6 have despatched officers to work with Syrian rebel forces and to discuss their "military needs."

The claim follows quickly on the heels of another unconfirmed report that the CIA has an operational team working in southern Turkey. These officers are allegedly selecting which rebel units to liaise with.



In Eye Spy 49, we conducted an exclusive interview with senior CIA polygraph examiner John F. Sullivan, better known in Langley as 'The Gatekeeper'. Sullivan, who performed hundreds of such tests gave a unique insight into the art.

that those officers who with access to the most "sensitive information," will have "tougher tests."

The ODNI has become an integral office within the USIC and is investigating if the leaks of intel to the media are genuine. Mike Rogers, Chairman House Intelligence Committee, has warned that future relations between overseas intel partners is threatened. He also said in some cases cooperation has been lost. Eye Spy understands MI5 and MI6 were dismayed when details of a penetration operation between the services and the CIA in Africa, somehow ended up in an American newspaper.



Al-Assad supporters at a rally

It's not clear where these claims came from, but the situation in Syria can now be regarded as a civil war. Britain's Foreign Minister William Hague, did however give an insight into possible intelligence operations when he admitted for the first time, al-Qaida are now conducting terrorist atrocities as well as government-backed forces. "We have reason to believe that terrorist groups affiliated with al-Qaida have committed attacks designed to increase the violence. This has serious implications for national security."

Eye Spy understands the situation in Syria has become one of major concern for the CIA, for Langley is desperate not to support numerous cells sympathetic to, and aligned to al-Qaida. "What's happening in Syria is complicated by a variety of factors, not least because there are so many factions," a CIA source told Eye Spy. Indeed, President Bashar al-Assad is still backed by



Syrian security forces have been accused of multiple attacks against civilians, but atrocities are being committed by various unidentified forces as well

Russia, but few intel watchers doubt that a political void would be exploited by terrorists. Washington has dismissed suggestions the CIA is supplying weaponry and guidance, but there are reports contact has been made with the mainstream Free Syrian Army (FSA) via friendly nations in the region. This too may prove to be

problematic, because intelligence assessments indicate some elements of the FSA may also include AQ fighters.

Nevertheless, speculation is rife the UK could provide some military assistance; reports of Western spy agencies operating in the region are probably correct.



Russia's Dmitry Medvedev and Syria's President Bashar al-Assad

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FBI's OPERATION CARD SHOP

Brilliant Ruse Leads to Cybercrime Arrests

WASHINGTON: The FBI has performed yet another of its legendary 'sting operations', this time trapping over 20 hacking criminals in an operation code-named 'Card Shop'.

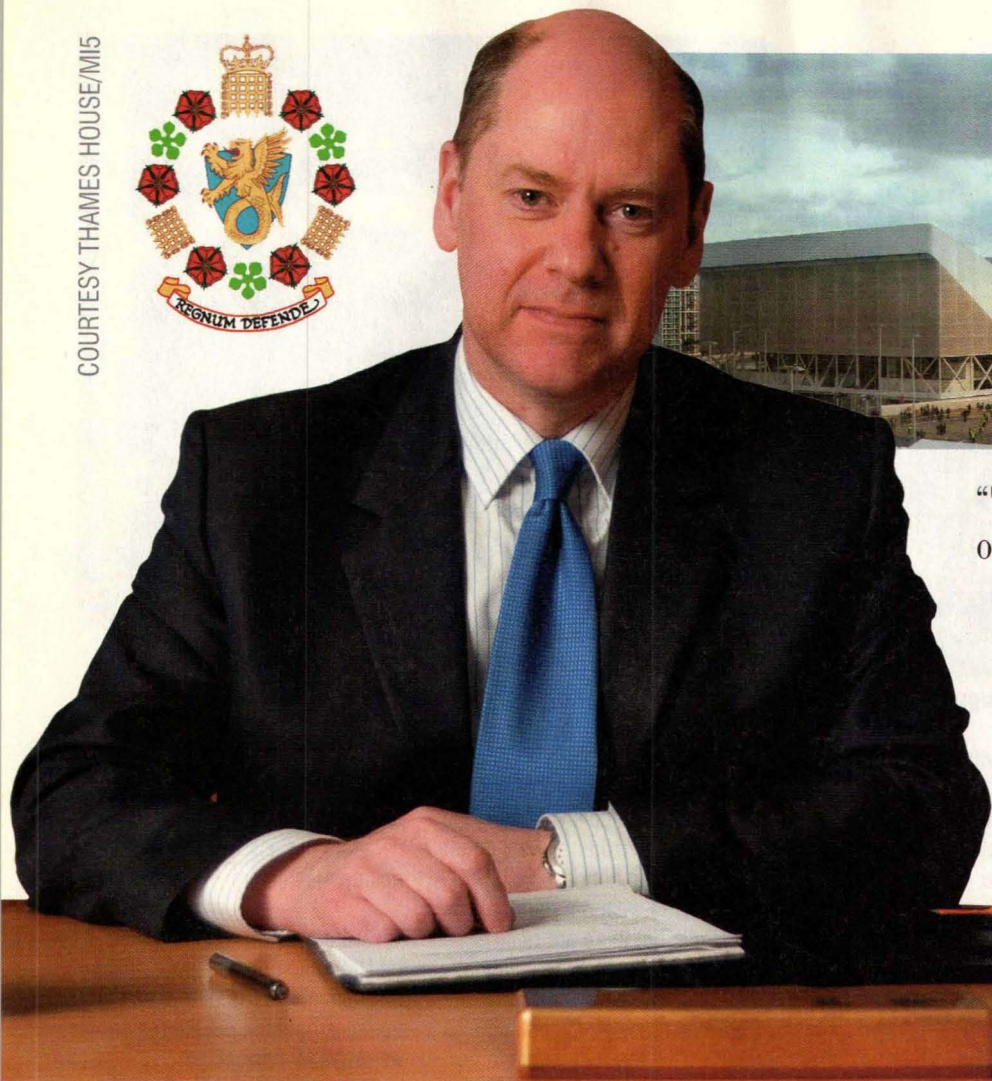
Bureau officials lured the hackers to a fake website that was purportedly selling significant numbers of credit card details. Once purchased, agents followed the 'threads' and discovered the true identities of many purchasers.

One user, called Mir Islam went by the name 'JoshTheGod'. Investigators discovered he also had data on an



astonishing 50,000 credit card accounts. He was detained after buying cards from an undercover agent and trying to use them at an ATM in New York. Others that had fallen for the ruse were also involved in identity theft.

The website was created in 2010 under the name, 'Carder Profit' and was subsequently closed in May 2012. At present 26 people have been arrested, but that figure is likely to rise dramatically as the FBI chase hundreds of US-based and foreign users.



"The dog you haven't seen may turn out to be the dog that bites you... in back rooms and cars and on the streets, there is no shortage of individuals talking about wanting to launch attacks here"

MI5 Director General Jonathan Evans

unexpected threat may be the most dangerous." He didn't elaborate.

The Service has received intelligence that a number of AQ groups have examined the possibility of launching attacks at the Games, and officials recognise that just one incident, and not just necessarily in London, could ruin

CLEAR, PRESENT AND F

MI5 Director General Jonathan Evans has delivered a fascinating, but disturbing overview of current security and intelligence concerns, and the challenges facing the Security Service in years to come

Jonathan Evans, Director General of MI5, gave only his second public address in two years at the Mansion House in London. Titled *'The Olympics and Beyond'*, Mr Evans highlighted the huge security programme that has been enabled to help protect the London Olympic Games, but said total security can never be provided. He also warned that the instability in the Middle East is creating a new generation of al-Qaida terrorists, some of whom are British and travelling to places like Yemen to receive training.

Another major theme discussed by Evans, who is vastly experienced in counter-terrorism, concerns cyber espionage and crime.

LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES

The threat of an attack during the Olympics is very real said Mr Evans, and as such the Service has cancelled all leave. Much of the Service's focus over the Games' period will be on counter-terrorism. And as part of this endeavour, MI5 are now in the process of increasing surveillance and monitoring communications of certain individuals and small AQ (al-Qaida) cells operating in the UK. Decisions about arrests have also been discussed with senior officials (see page 82 - The Final Word).

'Lone wolves' are a major concern for MI5, especially 'clean skins' - people not known to the authorities and who are prepared to die. He issued a chilling warning when he said "an

Airline plots have been foiled, but al-Qaida continues to seek the 'spectacular' attack



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The Olympic stadium and other arenas built for the Games



this spectacular event. "The dog you haven't seen may turn out to be the dog that bites you," he said. "In back rooms and cars and on the streets, there is no shortage of individuals talking about wanting to launch attacks here."

THE ARAB SPRING

Mr Evans reflected on events in the turbulent Middle East, and how they could impact on the UK. "A small number of British would-be jihadis are making their way to Arab countries to seek training and opportunities for militant activity," he said. "Parts of the Arab world have once more become a permissive environment for al-Qaida." Yemen and Somalia were mentioned as examples. And then he warned that some of the operatives will return and present

a threat to the UK and other nations. "It is a worrying development and could get worse." MI5 has identified 200 British nationals who have already received training at al-Qaida bases, but the true figure is much higher. Around 100 have also left the UK in an attempt

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One million people demonstrated against President Mubarak in Tahir Square, Cairo



TURE DANGERS

Demonstrators clamber aboard an army truck in Cairo, Egypt



FLAME CYBER VIRUS

“The Perfect Espionage Tool”

- Analysts first discovered powerful cyber Trojan in computer systems belonging to Iran's oil and energy ministries
- Part of Flame code exists within Stuxnet virus
- Virus has the capability to change settings
- Israel's super secret Unit 8200 is suspected of uploading Flame virus

“It's a live programme that communicates back to its master. It asks where should I go... what should I do now? It's almost like a science fiction movie”



Target: Following massive Stuxnet attack on Iran's nuclear industry in 2010, an unknown organisation has seemingly turned its attention to other parts of Iran's energy programme

According to the United Nations International Telecommunications [monitoring] Union (ITU) in Geneva, the Flame virus which has been in the news of late, is the most “powerful espionage tool” ever to have been created. Marco Obiso, a senior cyber official for the UN, warned the virus has the potential to attack critical infrastructure by manipulating computer programmes used to control machinery.

The ITU's Director, Dr Hamadoun Toure said he did not believe the Flame virus was an act of war, “because it was detected in time.” Asked whether his powerful office would investigate who was behind the attack, Dr Toure responded by saying the ITU was “not mandated to make such a judgement, but operates to work with partners and promote better cooperation.” He did however admit he had spoken to various parties and that Flame was probably developed by a nation state.

Flame was predominately unleashed in the Middle East, though once again, the focus seems to be Iran. In figures released by the well



Dr Hamadoun Toure - chief of the United Nations International Telecommunications Union

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Cyber specialists at NSA and GCHQ are concerned that in the near future a virus may be directed at air traffic control and on-board computer systems, such as collision avoidance. The air industry is extremely dependent on computers for the control of air space, weather reporting and ground-to-air communications etc.



known Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab, 189 attacks occurred in Iran, 98 in the West Bank and other reported incidents occurred in Syria, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and Egypt. Kaspersky Lab founded by Eugene Kaspersky in 1997, is a world leader in computer threat management and software. Of interest, its analysis of the virus shows it could have been launched at



least four years ago, which means it predates the Stuxnet virus by at least a year.

WHAT CAN FLAME ACHIEVE?

Kaspersky have described the Flame virus as one of the most "complex computer threats ever discovered." Acting like a Trojan or worm virus, Flame spreads throughout a computer system but it can also work its way onto data sticks and travel through local networks. Home computers have also been infected, probably by the transfer of Flame via data sticks or laptops. Kaspersky believes Flame was launched primarily to secure technical documents.

Research and analysis on Flame has been ongoing for a short time, but much has already been learned about its potential. It is a multi-task programme that has the ability to search for specific information, uncover and retrieve even the most complex of passwords; record audio and even take screen photographs. It can perform key stroke data collection and secure data from nearby

Kaspersky Lab

Notes and Comments on Flame

"Segments of Flame and Stuxnet were nearly identical," said Eugene Kaspersky. However, he believes it was made using "different tools." His researchers believe the teams behind the viruses had access to the same code. This suggests tight collaboration, but differing styles. Kaspersky Lab, famous for its cyber-virus countermeasures software also stated as many as 100 people may have worked on Flame.



Eugene Kaspersky
- founder and chief
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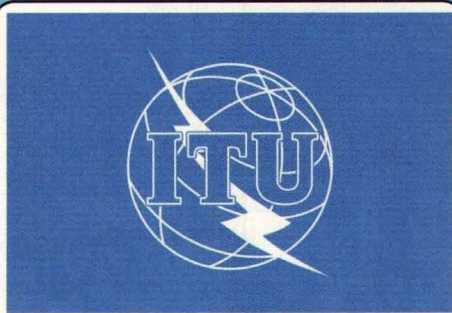
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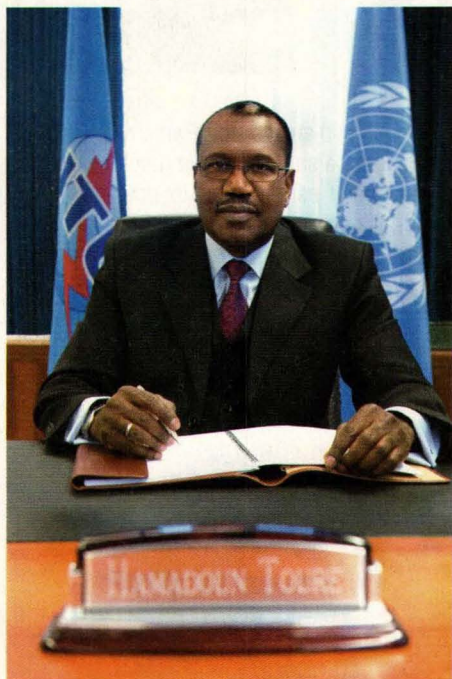


Bluetooth-enabled devices. Just as damaging, it can change entire computer settings. Cyber analysts are cautious about declaring they have discovered all Flame's secrets, warning that in future months, research could reveal even more attack programmes.

In respect of conventional espionage, particularly interesting is Flame's ability to turn a computer into a listening device. Besides



"FLAME - NOT CYBERWARFARE"



ITU Director Dr Hamadoun Toure believes there is now a real risk of an all out cyber war, but that it could be prevented. "We are saying the best way is to avoid it in the first place," he said.

As for policy concerning the United Nation's telecommunications monitoring unit, Dr Toure said: "Our role is first to coordinate international efforts - not only sharing knowledge, but also training people, especially from developing countries because we want to avoid one country being a weak link in the whole process. We are trying to keep cyberspace free of politics, ideology and especially free of criminals."

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  flame_props.FLAME_TIME_CONFIG_KEY = "TIMER.N
  flame_props.FLAME_LOG_PERCENTAGE = "LEAK.LOG
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  flame_props.BPS_KEY = "BPS"
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  flame_props.getFlameId = function()
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being able to record Skype calls, for example, it can also record user and office conversation.

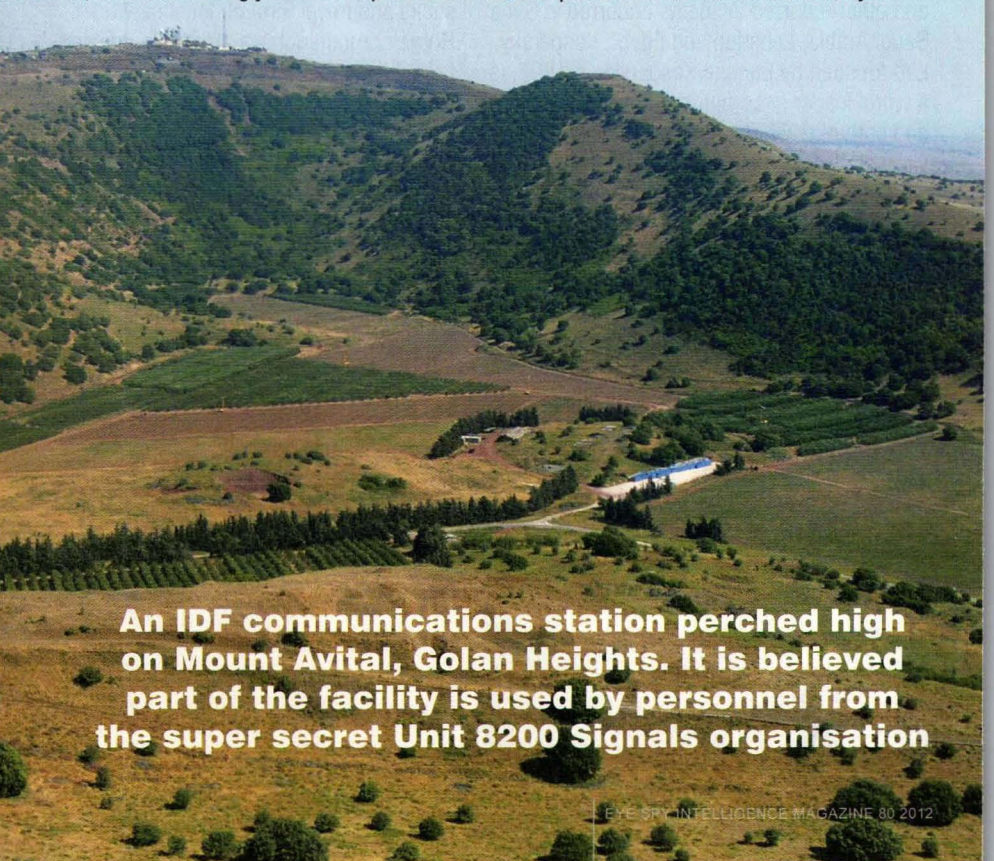
Once the data has been collected, it is returned immediately to command and control servers across the globe, and from there it can be retrieved by those with the knowledge of where to look. It is not designed to search out bank details or perform tasks often associated with civilian hackers or crime outfits, and this might provide a clue from whence the virus came. However, it has been described by intelligence watchers who work in the cyber industry as "the perfect espionage tool."

Whilst having some similarities to the Stuxnet virus that targeted Iran's nuclear programme in 2010, Flame is chillingly more complex and

powerful. Kaspersky note that whilst Stuxnet had around 500K of code, Flame has 20MB, and say it will be at least another year before its analysts truly understand the virus. Interestingly, cyber outfits are still unsure how it finds its way into a system in the first place.

HOW WAS IT DISCOVERED?

Not surprisingly, the answer lies in computer systems in Tehran. In March and April 2012, computer controllers at several Iranian oil ministry offices reported problems. An investigation discovered other government departments were also experiencing failures and errors. The machines were analysed and Flame discovered. There were reports from Iran that hard drives had been erased, but some experts believe malware called Wiper was responsible not Flame. However, cyber



An IDF communications station perched high on Mount Avital, Golan Heights. It is believed part of the facility is used by personnel from the super secret Unit 8200 Signals organisation



Natalya Kaspersky co-founded Kaspersky Lab with her ex-husband Eugene. In 2007 she stepped down as CEO to run another company called InfoWatch

GENIE IN A BOTTLE

Cyber security chief warns of worldwide mayhem

Speaking to 1,000 delegates at a cyber conference in Tel Aviv in June, Eugene Kaspersky said: "I'm afraid that in the future there will be other countries in this game. It's only software, [but] maybe hactivists will become cyber terrorists. And maybe traditional terrorists will be in touch with cyber terrorists."

He called on those responsible for releasing viruses such as Flame and Stuxnet to stop before it is too late. "There is a genie in a bottle," Kaspersky concluded.



Dams - water supply

security company Symantec revealed that its researchers had discovered a 'suicide' command in Flame which essentially allows it to disappear from an infected computer. "It tries to leave no traces of the infection behind," a Symantec worker said. The company had carefully monitored the Flame virus in action using infected computers.

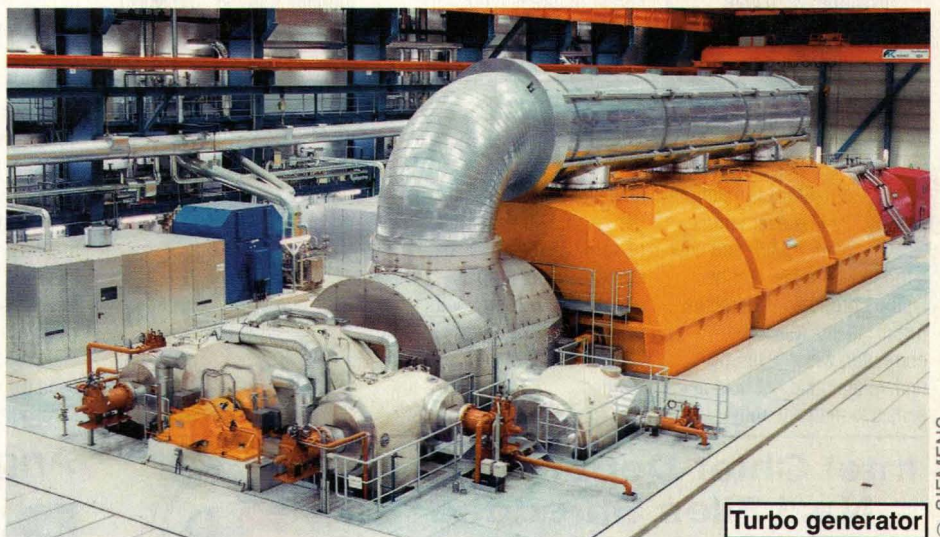
The ITU fear Flame could have damaged vital infrastructure via computers which control heavy plants - power, water, electricity, gas lines etc.

WHO DESIGNED FLAME?

Israel's Cyber-Ark, another of the world's leading cyber security companies described Flame as something akin to science fiction. Udi Mokady, co-founder and president of the firm said: "It's a live programme that communicates back to its master. It asks where should I go... what should I do now? It's almost like a science fiction movie."

Mokady believes only Russia, Israel, the United States and China have the cyber expertise to build Flame. And it's unlikely it was the Russians, whose scientists helped Iran and other Middle East countries find the virus in the first place. As for China, they have no cause or reason to direct such a cyber weapon towards the Middle East, this leaves but the US and Israel. Kaspersky believe whoever created Stuxnet also had a hand in designing Flame. Since Israel has the world's most powerful cyber organisation in the guise of the IDF's Unit 8200, and Iran was once again the primary target, all eyes are on Israeli Intelligence - with a likely helping hand from the US. But Eye Spy understands that a number of government computer systems in Israel may also have been infected adding to the mystery of the developer.

Nevertheless, US intelligence officials have circulated the UN warning, and have noted Flame's potential espionage threat.



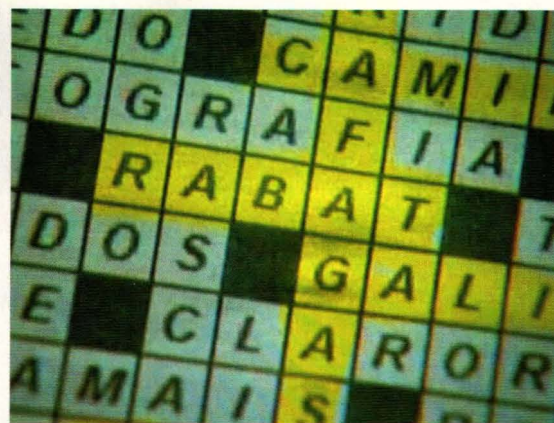
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Espionage Comment Leads to Departure

A senior US general has been replaced after allegedly commenting about military and intelligence operations against North Korea. Brig. General Neil Tolley, commander US Special Forces in South Korea, reportedly said US and South Korean men were being parachuted into the north of the country to spy. The supposed comment was picked up by a Japanese media outlet causing controversy in the Far East. However, the claim was rejected immediately by Pentagon officials.



Brig. General Neil Tolley

The Diplomat magazine, allegedly quoting Tolley at a defence industry conference in Florida, reported that the spies were penetrating the North's vast network of underground military facilities to gather intelligence. "The entire tunnel infrastructure is hidden from our satellites," the magazine reported Tolley as saying, "so

we send SK and US soldiers to the North to perform special reconnaissance."

The Pentagon says the move to replace Tolley was "routine job rotation - and had nothing to do with the magazine's report." It criticised *The Diplomat* article noting it had taken "great liberal license with his comments" and was out of context. "Quotes have been made up and attributed to him," a spokesperson said.

Tolley, who was replaced by Brig. General Eric Wendt, also rejected the report, but noted he had not presented his remarks clearly. "At no time have we sent Special Operations forces into North Korea," he said.

Chavez Crossword Controversy

A veteran crossword maker in Venezuela has been questioned by that country's intelligence agency after readers of the *Ultimas Noticias* newspaper notified the authorities about some answers. Neptali Segovia was initially accused of using his crossword to hide coded messages to incite the murder of Adan Chavez, brother of President Hugo.



President Hugo Chavez

Television presenter Miguel Angel Pirela also commented on the purported findings of a team of psychologists and mathematicians: "These sorts of messages were used a lot during WWII."

In Venezuela itself, political and military unrest is high, especially because President Chavez is undergoing treatment for cancer. His brother Adan, is being touted as his successor.

Former MI5 Director-General Loses Laptop

Dame Stella Rimington, the first ever female head of MI5, and now a top thriller writer, lost her laptop computer at Heathrow Airport in late May. The computer, which Eye Spy understands did not hold any sensitive material, may

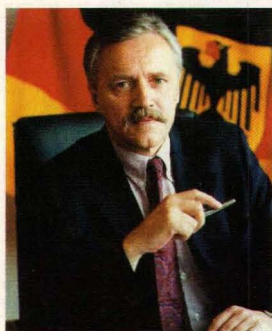
however have contained the names and contact addresses of some associates. The computer was probably accidentally left on her luggage trolley. SO15 (Counter Terrorism Command) was notified.



COURTESY MI5/THAMES HOUSE

Some answers in the crossword included the words *Adan*, *gunfire* and *kill*. After intel officials visited his office, Segovia voluntarily attended a police station. "I have nothing to hide and have been doing this for 17 years," he said. Nevertheless, some intel watchers in the country stated that crosswords have been used for years to pass messages.

Intel Chief Departs After Nazi Files Shredded



Heinz Fromm

Heinz Fromm, the head of Germany's domestic intelligence service has stepped down following a major gaffe by his staff. Investigative reports detailing the killing of immigrants by a neo-Nazi outfit called the National Socialist Underground (NSU), were shredded on the very day they should have been handed over to legal officials.



There is no suggestion that the order to destroy the files came from Fromm, but some intel watchers believe they may have contained information showing his Service, the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV), used NSU people as informants.



BfV headquarters Cologne

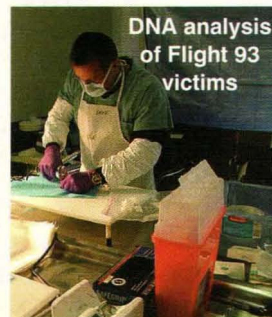
Angels Guarded Flight 93

Retired FBI staffer Lillie Leonardi, who acted as a liaison officer for the Bureau and the families of those who perished on Flight 93, has written a book describing events and how it affected her. One comment in particular caught the attention of the media. Leonardi says she saw "legions of angels at the crash site."

'In the Shadow of a Badge: A Spiritual Memoir', focuses on her vision, but she says it has more to do with what she didn't see. "The biggest thing for me is that there were no bodies," she said. "I'm used to crime scenes but this one blew me out of the water. It just looked like the ground had swallowed up the plane."

Leonardi says at that moment she started to see "shimmering lights," but didn't tell her colleagues for fear of ridicule.

Leonardi, 56, retired from the Bureau due to post-traumatic stress disorder. However, she still maintains what she saw on 11 September 2001 at the crash site in Pennsylvania, was very real to her.



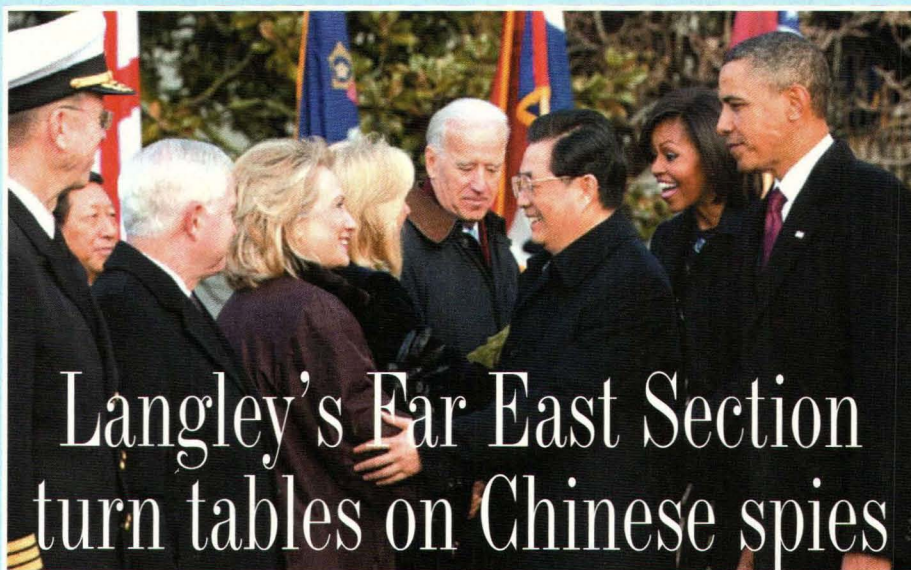
DNA analysis of Flight 93 victims

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CIA 'Pretty Woman Trap'

A suspected CIA spy and secretary to one of the most powerful and influential figures in China has been arrested on espionage charges. Though details of the case are patchy, it is believed the man was detained between January and March 2012. The incident seems connected to recent turmoil within China's Politburo and the death of Briton Neil Heywood. It is further complicated because US-Sino relations are at a very low ebb, thus Beijing and Washington kept quiet about the spy affair.

If the man, said to be aged 38, was indeed an agent for the CIA, his exposure is a bitter blow for Langley. Initial reports stated the alleged spy, who at time of publication has not been named, worked in the office of Qiu Jin, deputy minister of the country's powerful Ministry of State Security. The MSS controls China's spy



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Langley's Far East Section turn tables on Chinese spies

President Obama's inner circle greet Chinese premier Hu Jintao at the White House in 2011. There are now rumours circulating in Beijing that Jintao's phone was bugged

agencies and a report stated that the spy was a desk clerk involved with information flow from various intelligence elements, including foreign intelligence collection. However, one source said the aide, who also worked with economic, political and strategic intelligence, was attached to the office of vice minister Lu Zhongwell, 59, who was reportedly arrested. Just how damaging the espionage has been can be calculated by one official who said, "the destruction has been massive." Indeed, intelligence watchers are already describing the case as China's "worst security breach in decades."



Ministry of State Security building in Xionghu - the MSS control most of China's spying activities and counter-intelligence work



Police chief Wang Lijun sought US protection - he was being investigated by staff in the office of the suspected CIA agent

Despite this, a number of reports have emerged in the Chinese press that the agent had been fully trained by the CIA - this after he received a blackmail threat from a third party - presumably those involved in the honey-trap.

In recent years the FBI and Pentagon has engaged its counter-espionage forces to confront several Chinese spy networks, bogus contract companies and individuals operating in the United States. One report emanating from Hong Kong says the agent may well have compromised a number of Chinese spies.

WIRETAPS AND ASSASSINATION

Beijing has been rocked by recent political scandals, including assassinations, that have captivated the imagination of the Chinese public, and this latest affair has resulted in the suspension of a vice minister who has been questioned by counter-espionage officers.

Eye Spy has been told the incident is almost could be connected to events surrounding the strange murder of intelligence contact man Neil Heywood in Chongqing in November

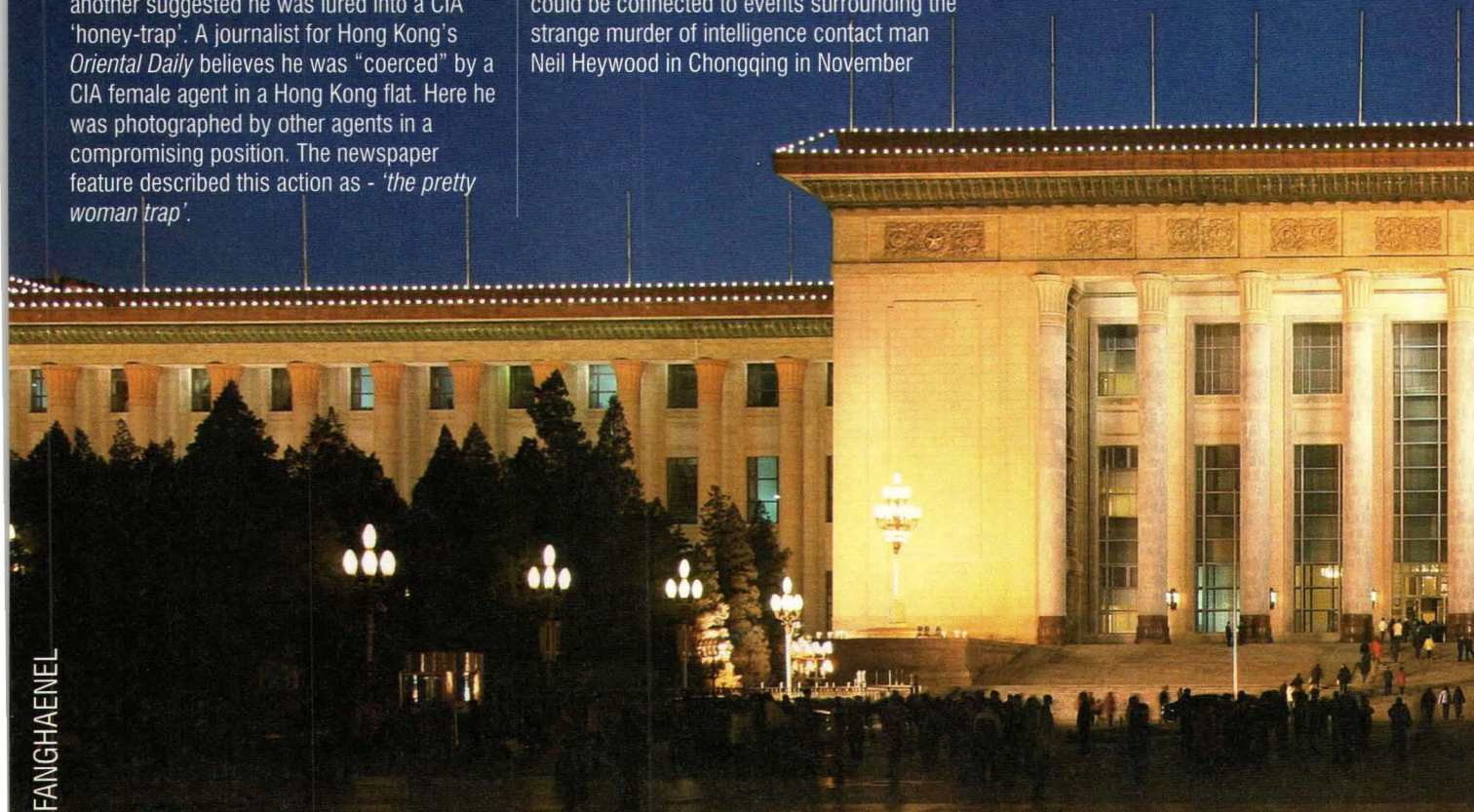


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Telephone lines in President Hu Jintao's office were tapped

Another question raised by journalists concerns just how long the agent had been in place. This could be partly answered by the fact he had reportedly been paid over half a million dollars - suggestive of a lengthy period. However, if the intelligence was of such high quality, the agent could in theory have received significant sums in a relatively short period of time. Eye Spy understands the agent may have been operational since early 2011.

Speculation abounds how he was first recruited. One official noted he may have been approached whilst in the USA as a student, another suggested he was lured into a CIA 'honey-trap'. A journalist for Hong Kong's *Oriental Daily* believes he was "coerced" by a CIA female agent in a Hong Kong flat. Here he was photographed by other agents in a compromising position. The newspaper feature described this action as - 'the pretty woman trap'.



The magnificent 'Great Hall of the People' in Tiananmen Square in the country's capital Beijing. The building hosts Parliament and the Communist Party of China

*Senior Politburo man Bo Xilai authorised wiretaps.
His wife, Gu KaiLai, is implicated in murder of
UK intelligence contact man Neil Heywood*

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Premier Wen Jiabao

2011 (see Eye Spy 79). Police official Wang Lijun investigated the Briton's death (poison was forced into his mouth) and it soon transpired that the affair also involved other very senior Chinese officials, including Politburo man Bo Xilai. Lijun sought asylum in the US Consulate after leaks emerged stating Xilai's wife, Gu KaiLai had allegedly ordered Heywood killed. The affair was further complicated because of Wang Lijun's involvement in the bugging of political rivals on behalf of Bo Xilai himself. Some of the wiretaps are said to have been used on telephones in party leader and President Hu Jintao's office and possibly those of Prime Minister Wen Jiabao. Eye Spy understands that the man who led the investigation into these extraordinary happenings was Qiu Jin.

Qiu convinced Wang to leave the US Consulate on his own accord, and flew back with him to Beijing in February this year.

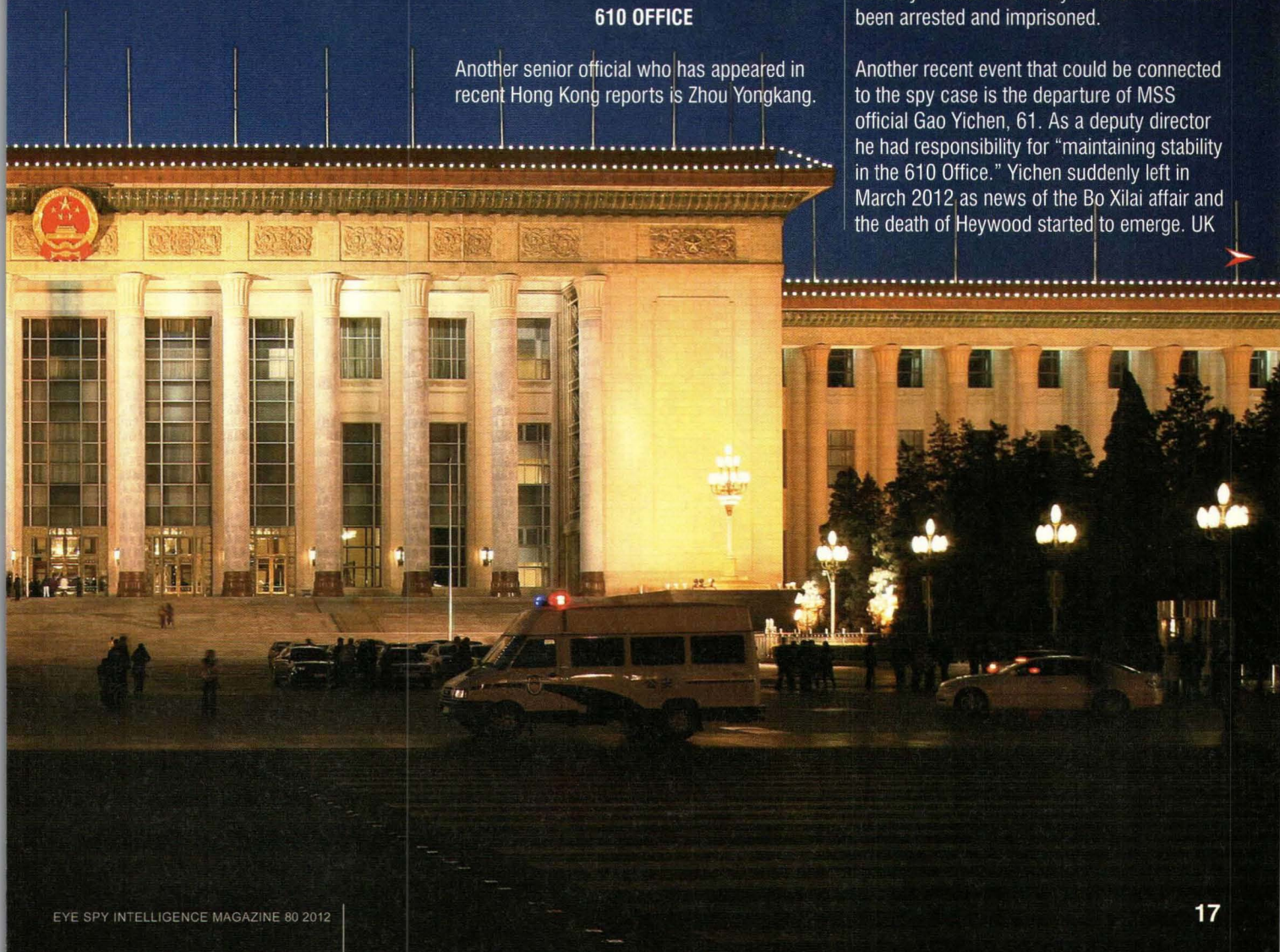
610 OFFICE

Another senior official who has appeared in recent Hong Kong reports is Zhou Yongkang.



A former chief of the Ministry of Public Security, he headed the ultra secretive and menacing outfit known as the 610 Office - a position he was stripped of in May. Described as China's most "powerful security official," Yongkang was under pressure after it was learned he had strong connections to Bo Xilai. 610 Office was established in 1999 to monitor the Falun Gong spiritual movement which is banned in China but has a global Chinese national following both inside and outside the country. The 610 Office has intelligence and security threads and many FG members have been arrested and imprisoned.

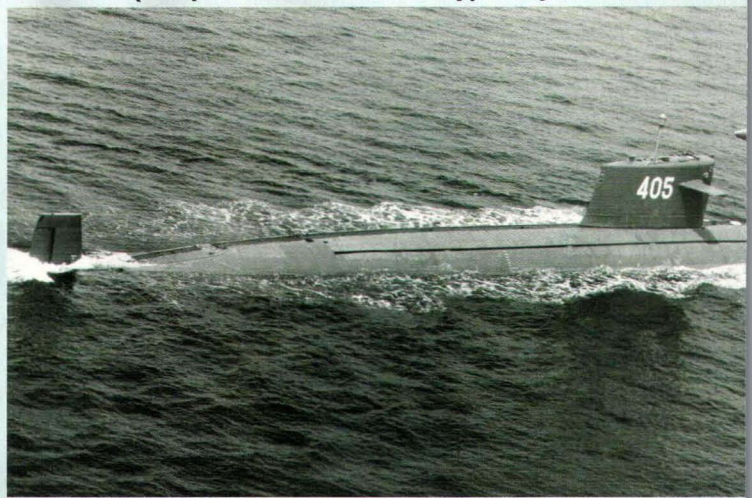
Another recent event that could be connected to the spy case is the departure of MSS official Gao Yichen, 61. As a deputy director he had responsibility for "maintaining stability in the 610 Office." Yichen suddenly left in March 2012 as news of the Bo Xilai affair and the death of Heywood started to emerge. UK





Falun Gong protesters in central New York

L-R. PLA (People's Liberation Army) Navy Han Class sub



Premier Wen Jiabao waves to students following a visit to Tsinghua University in 2009

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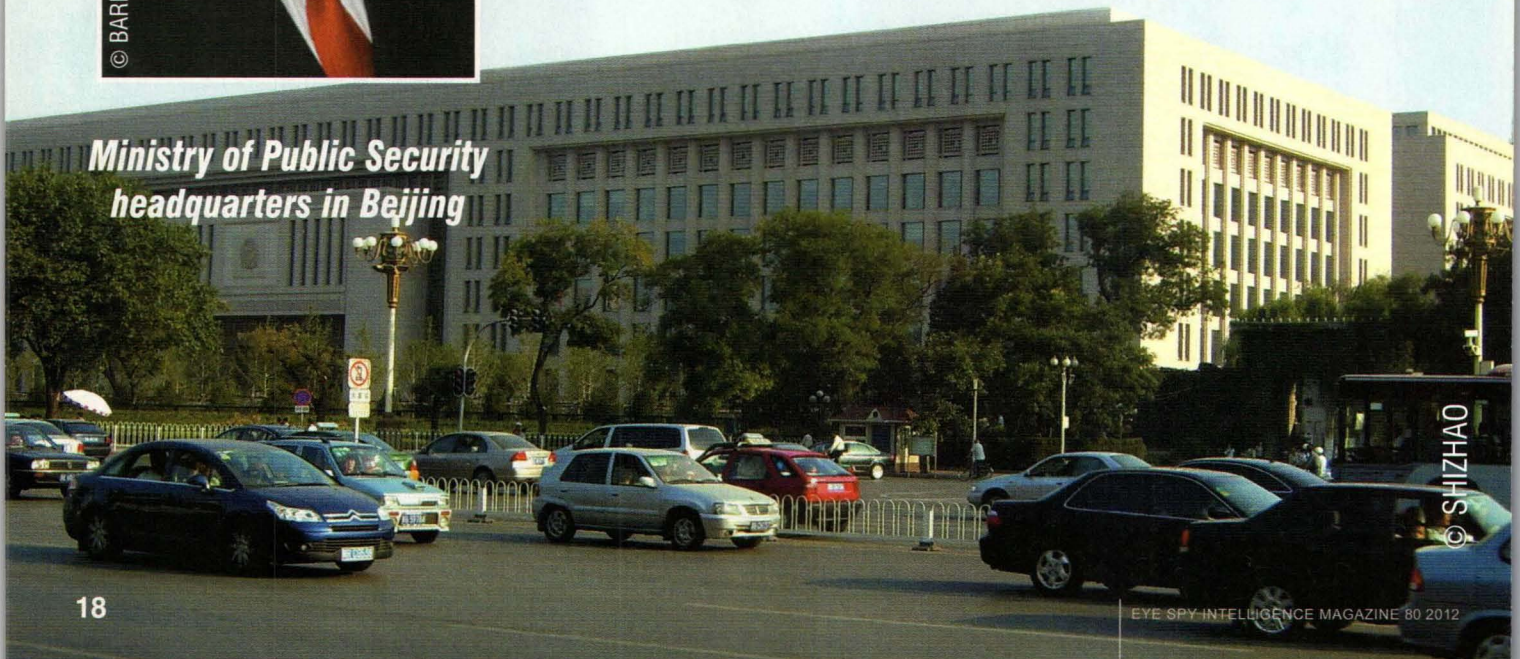
Zhou Yongkang (left) former chief of the Ministry of Public Security, he headed the ultra secretive and menacing outfit known as the 610 Office

press reports suggested Heywood had ties to former MI6 officers, but the Foreign Office issued a statement saying Heywood was not an MI6 employee.

News of the alleged spy's arrest first appeared in a number of 'front' magazines financed and backed by various political and intelligence officials in Hong Kong. Few intelligence

watchers doubt the authenticity of the case, but most analysts believe it is part of a huge political war being fought out by powerful figures backed by their own factions.

Since 2010, the CIA has stepped-up its espionage activities across the globe, and China was regarded as the 'number one' project. It is unlikely the outed spy is the only operative working for the CIA inside China. China's spy apparatus, officials, structure, manpower and elements are closely guarded secrets that even the CIA and MI6 have not been able to accurately determine - until now.



Ministry of Public Security headquarters in Beijing

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**For the best part of two decades
China's spies have stolen US and
Western military technology to help
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**The CIA may just have discovered how
they did it and in turn, secured vital
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intelligence structure**



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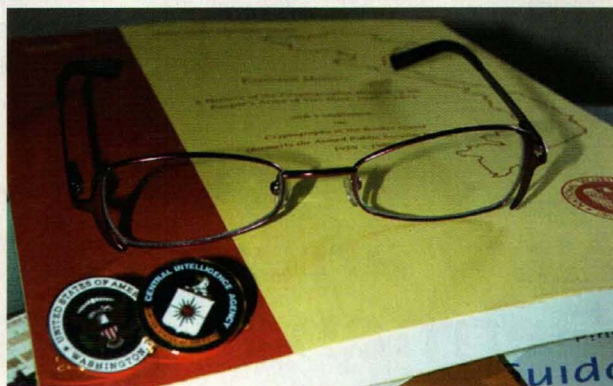


A HISTORY OF ESPIONAGE WARS

**MI6 and CIA have an
indifferent record
when it comes to
locking horns with
Chinese Intelligence**

In 1985, Chinese intelligence official Yu Qiangsheng defected to the United States and subsequently outed a double agent employed by the CIA. The agent, 41-year CIA staffer Larry Wu-Tai Chin had operated for the MSS for years. Chin, who worked in Langley's Foreign Broadcast Information Service as a Chinese translator, killed himself whilst awaiting sentencing for espionage.

MI6 too has 'engaged' Chinese Intelligence in recent times. In 2004, Cai Xiaohong, former Secretary General of China's Central Liaison Office was convicted of spying for the UK in the 1990s. Wei Pingyuan, part of the same alleged MI6 network was also found guilty.



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EDITOR'S NOTE:

It's been difficult to ascertain just which office the alleged spy worked in. Lu Zhongwei has been accused of "great naivety" so this might be a clue. Lu was a powerful figure in foreign politics and was president of China's Institutes of Contemporary International Relations. This organisation, the CIA suspects, is a front. Indeed, it is backed by the Ministry of State Security.

One source told Reuters: "Lu Zhongwei's problem was that he used a person (the alleged spy) without investigating [him] first. The central government does not want to create trouble in a politically sensitive year."

Several Chinese spies have been jailed in the past five years in the United States, and it will be interesting to see if a 'quiet deal' is struck between these two super powers over the possibility of a spy exchange. That Washington and Beijing have both agreed to play down the affair, suggests this could happen.



Xiaohong was spared the death penalty and sentenced to 15 years in prison - this after allegedly receiving intel payments of close to £400,000. Eye Spy understood he agreed to impart details of the MI6 operation in return for his life or a life in prison.

Penetration of Chinese Intelligence is a huge task, and reflectively noted by intel writer David Wise. In his book, *Tiger Trap: America's Secret War With China*, Wise describes Chinese Intelligence as a "very hard target."

As for the recent spy case, Wise states: "If the CIA had a mole inside the MSS, that would be a pretty big thing. It would open a window on Chinese intelligence operations worldwide, and first of all, on what they are doing against the USA." He went on to say the breach could expose Chinese agents and allow the NSA to



**Double agent -
Larry Wu-Tai Chin**

calculate China's burgeoning cyberwarfare role which todate, is only suspected and not proven.

- China's intelligence services are skilled at creating front companies across the world, and utilising the services of legitimate businesses which are often operated by Chinese exiles and nationals. Two decades ago the FBI estimated that the MSS had threads to an astonishing 3,000 foreign-based Chinese owned firms.

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Ripples of Russian Spy Ring

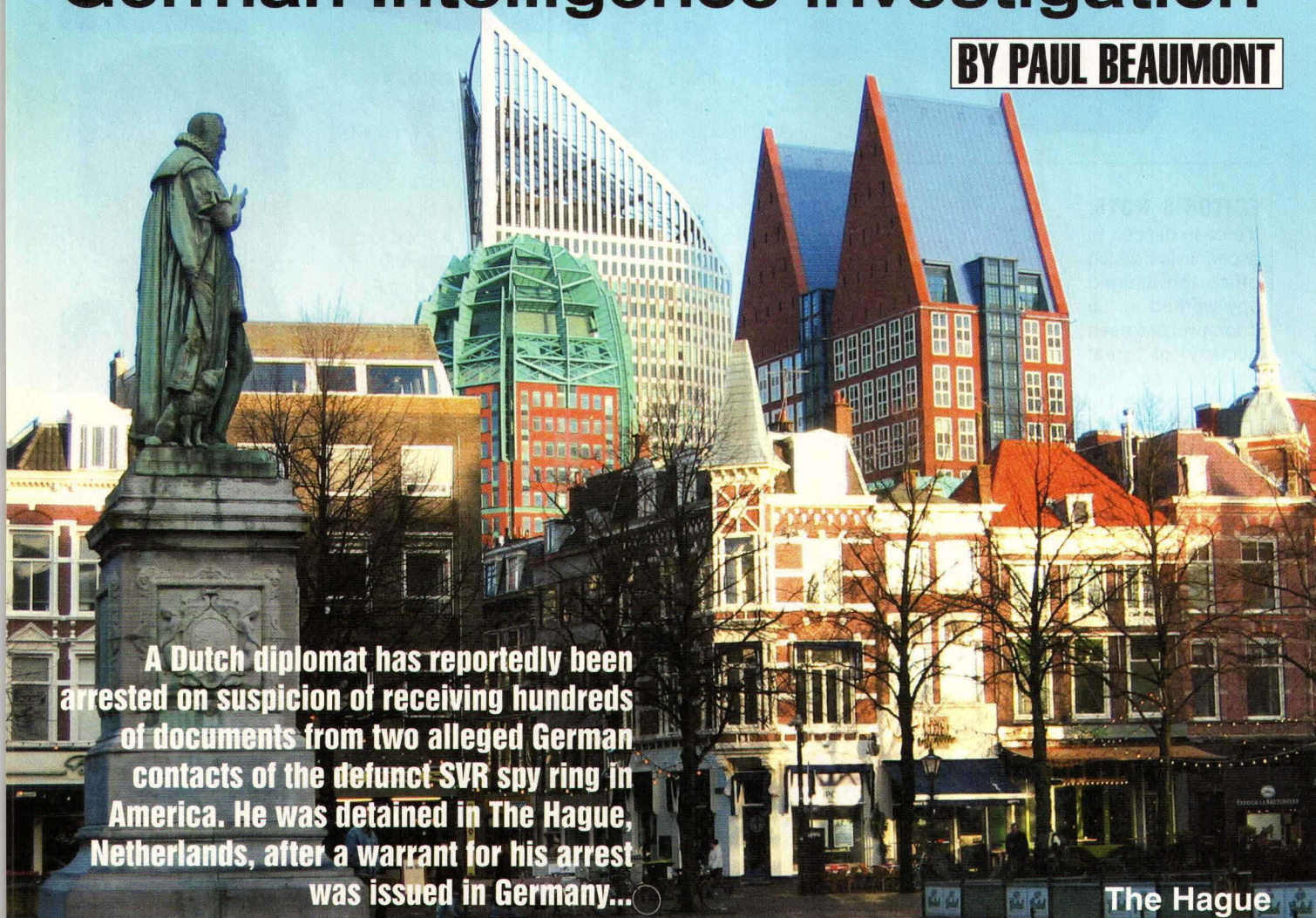
Two years have passed since Anna Chapman and nine other Russian SVR (Foreign Intelligence) spies were rounded up, charged and quickly swapped for US and British agents held in Russia. It's still not entirely clear what information the spy ring had gathered, or the purpose of some members, but their demise has led to some interesting developments in Germany and Holland.



The spies, some whom had lived in America for a decade or more, communicated with each other using steganography and miniature laptops with wifi capabilities. The agents received instructions from Moscow Centre by RG, or Radio Gram [also radiogramma] which uses fast tones to convey a numerical message that is decoded by a bespoke computer programme. Their message transmission schedule commenced every Tuesday and Friday at 2100UTC.

New arrest in Holland follows BKA German Intelligence investigation

BY PAUL BEAUMONT

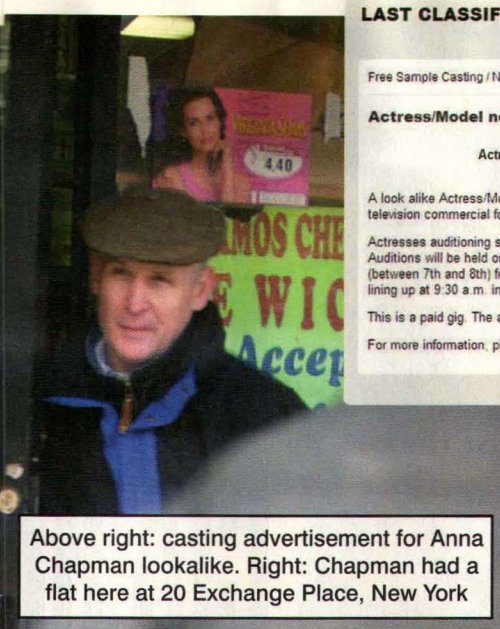


A Dutch diplomat has reportedly been arrested on suspicion of receiving hundreds of documents from two alleged German contacts of the defunct SVR spy ring in America. He was detained in The Hague, Netherlands, after a warrant for his arrest was issued in Germany...

The Hague
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FBI surveillance photo of SVR man Christopher Metsos



Above right: casting advertisement for Anna Chapman lookalike. Right: Chapman had a flat here at 20 Exchange Place, New York

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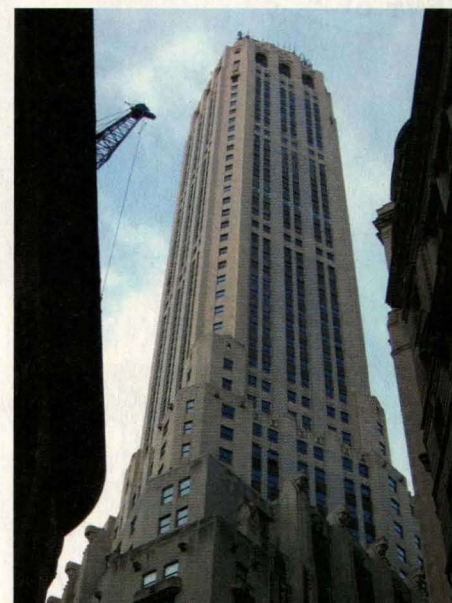
Actress/Model needed for upcoming Television Commercial for Discovery Times Square new Spy Exhibit

A look alike Actress/Model of infamous international Spy Anna Chapman is needed for an upcoming television commercial for Spy: The Secret World of Espionage exhibit at Discovery Times Square.

Actresses auditioning should come with hair and dress fashioned after the sexy intelligence gatherer. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, June 27th at Discovery Times Square, 226 West 44th Street (between 7th and 8th) from 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on a first come first serve basis. Actresses can begin lining up at 9:30 a.m. in front of the exhibit.

This is a paid gig. The actress chosen will be paid \$1000.

For more information, please contact Don Hoffman at 212-981-5118.



One agent in particular caught the imagination of the press - Anna Chapman. Her notoriety lives on, especially in America, and to coincide with the second anniversary of the collapse of the spy ring, an advertisement appeared in the US theatre oriented paper *Show Business The Performing Arts Magazine* since 1941. The advert headline read: 'Red-headed Spies Turn Times Square Into Red Square This Wednesday'. This was essentially a search for an Anna Chapman lookalike and those wishing to be chosen were invited to attend a casting in Times Square - with a \$1,000 prize and possible television exposure.

The casting coincided with another interesting event in the city's famous tourist hub - 'The Secret World of Espionage'. Here the implements of espionage could be examined, including the ice pick used to kill Leon Trotsky. Other items included a poisoned needle inside a hollowed-out coin as well as masonry taken from the bugged US Embassy in Moscow built in 1980.

Another feature focused on the Russian Cold War MI6 spy Oleg Penkovsky. Sadly he was caught and executed thanks to double agents in the West. Perhaps Penkovsky's greatest gift were documents illustrating to the JFK administration

that the Soviet Union was not prepared to go to war with the United States, allowing John F Kennedy to make his top game ultimatum in relation to Cuba.

FURTHER SPY ARRESTS

As for Chapman, she was feted in Russia on her return and had a personal meeting with Vladimir Putin. Job offers followed; a television host, a catwalk model and an appearance on the cover of Russia's *Maxim*. What happened to the other spies in her group is anyone's guess. However, on a more serious note, the ripples from the spy case continue apace and in October 2011, led to the discovery and arrest of two alleged Russian spies in Germany. Like Chapman, they too used Radio Gram; their transmission schedule commencing at 0540z. Evidence suggests it was their contact with members of Chapman's group which helped Germany's BKA (domestic security service) find them.

The couple have been named as Andreas and Heidrun Anschlag from Marburg. Intelligence sources believe the Anschlags, who are probably South African despite holding Austrian passports, were issued with false identities by the

SVR in Moscow. And since then other spying affairs linked to the spy ring have come to light. The couple's identity is further compounded because it is believed they moved to Germany from Mexico around 1990. Russian press reports suggest they had retired from SVR and were mostly operating as couriers. However, intelligence sources state one of their existing contacts was a Dutch diplomat, identified only as Raymond P, 60. He was recently arrested in The Hague, Holland, on suspicion of supplying 450 sensitive files to "existing members" of Chapman's group of illegals. The warrant for his arrest was issued in Germany. According to German sources, he refused to speak to police and was "not cooperating with the authorities."



BKA headquarters in Wiesbaden

At the time of Heidrun Anschlag's arrest, she was in the process of receiving a 777 group radiogramma message. The radiogramma schedule carried on sending null messages until its last 101 000 08692 00001 00000 10140 sent on 7 June 2012. Since then expected frequencies have been monitored but nothing has been heard.

There were, however, two other messages sent just forty-eight hours after the couple's arrest in Marburg.

Intelligence watchers are now asking if Raymond P was the recipient of one or both of those messages sent on 25 and 27 October 2011 - after an expected null message



**Former Russian military
man becomes third 'spy'
jailed in 2012 for passing
secrets to the CIA**

**US SM-3 missile heads towards space to intercept
USA-193 - an NRO spy satellite that malfunctioned
shortly after it was deployed in late 2006**

Mapping CIA HUNT FOR MIS

Retired Russian Army Colonel Vladimir Lazar, has been sentenced to 12 years in prison for espionage. Lazar was found guilty of passing half a dozen CDs containing over 7,000 classified topographical maps to an alleged CIA contact man in neighbouring Belarus. The maps, delivered in 2008, were originally in the possession of a 'collector' and Lazar purchased them in a transaction which Russian counter-espionage officers had been monitoring.

In a statement released by the FSB (Federal Security Service), "the maps would be of great use to an adversary" and were even "more relevant to the US and its Eastern European partners as they push ahead with plans to erect a missile defence shield (MDS)." Washington insists the MDS is a defensive measure against possible future attacks by unstable forces in the Middle East - a polite description of the regime in Iran.

It's highly unlikely Langley had any direct involvement in the initial securing of the maps, but according to FSB sources, a 'middle man',



Anatoly
Serdyukov

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Central to the spy stories are the US Missile Defence Shield in Europe and an advanced Russian ballistic missile that can reportedly defeat all counter-measures. Russian Defence Minister Anatoly Serdyukov warned that talks about the missile shield are "close to a dead end"

Russia ILE SECRETS



Head of the FSB
Alexander Bortnikov
and Dmitry Medvedev

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named as Alexander Lesment, allegedly passed them to an intelligence contact at the Pentagon. An FSB official said, "Lazar, acting on the orders of American spy Lesment, acquired and passed on a significant number of images deemed to be of a state secret nature." Moscow claims Lazar, who retired from military service in 2003, admitted he was paid \$800 for the maps.

Some of the maps, according to the FSB, were used by US forces in the second Iraq war, and by Georgian troops in the conflict with South Ossetia in 2008.

The FSB also insist both men were known to each other. As students in the 1970s, they allegedly studied together at a military topographic academy in Leningrad (St Petersburg). One intelligence source said Lazar had been working for the CIA since 1994.

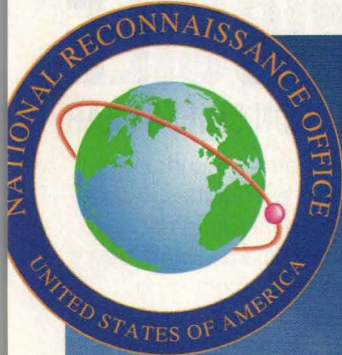
Lazar, who served with the Russian General Staff of the Armed Forces until 2000, was stripped of his military rank, and will serve his jail term in a high security prison.



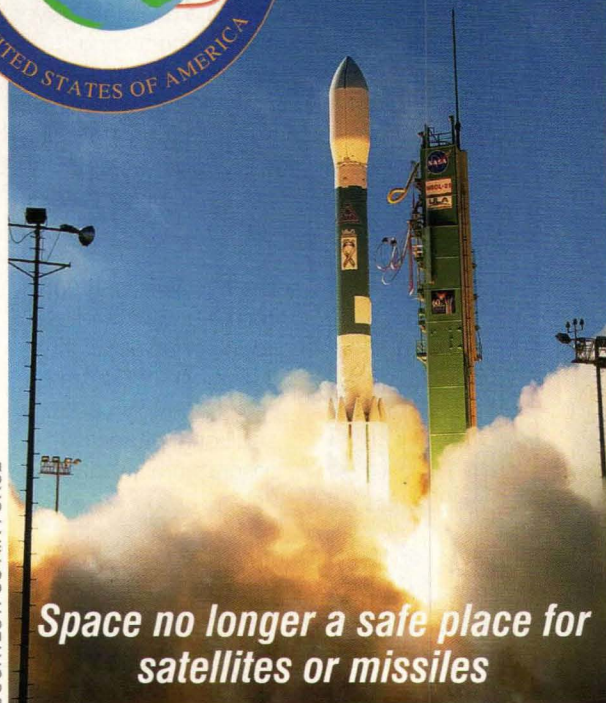
AMERICAN 'SPY GAMES'

Former Russian President and now Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said the FSB had uncovered 199 foreign spies and agents in 2011. "The results of the FSB's counter-intelligence work last year clearly demonstrates that foreign secret services are stepping up their activities in Russia," Medvedev said.

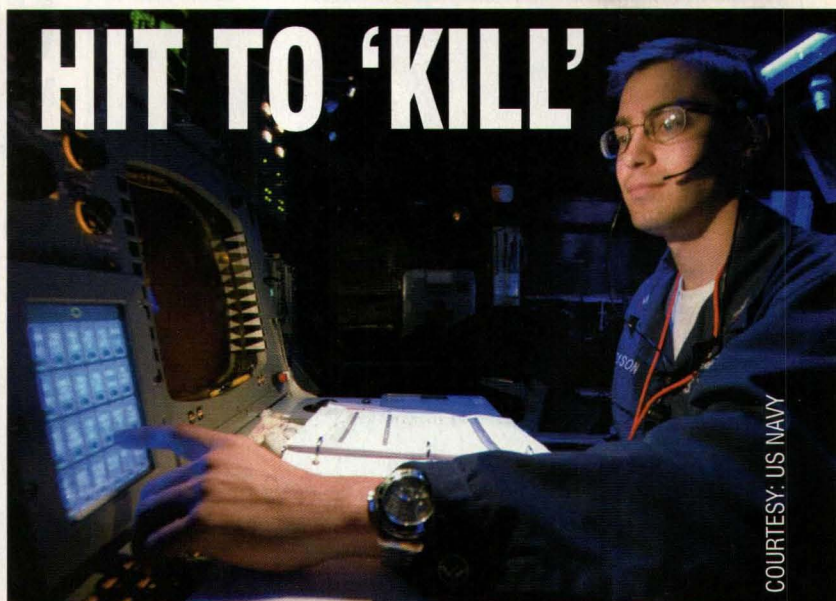
Several were Russian nationals allegedly "controlled by the CIA and MI6."



COURTESY: US AIR FORCE



**Space no longer a safe place for
satellites or missiles**



COURTESY: US NAVY

USA-193 (left) is launched by a Delta II rocket from Vandenberg Air Force Base in 2006. The highly classified satellite, which belonged to the secret National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), began malfunctioning shortly after it was deployed, thus it was destroyed by a modified SM-3 (Standard Missile) fired from the warship USS Lake Erie. The above photo shows the push-button launch of the missile which reached its target at a height of 133 miles impacting USA-193 as it travelled at 17,000mph. The event proved the US could successfully target space-borne objects, however, the Pentagon and CIA fear Russia has created a missile that can defeat shields and other counter-measures

PLESETSK COSMODROME



Close to the Arctic Circle, the Plesetsk Cosmodrome facility is one of Russia's most secret military sites used for launching military satellites and for testing missiles. It is here that much research is being conducted on the submarine-launched Bulava ballistic missile



A monument built in the nearby town of Mirny commemorating the launch of Kosmos-2000 from the Plesetsk Cosmodrome in 1989. Mirny is a closed town whose residents serve the secret military site

The K-535 Yuri Dolgorukiy nuclear submarine was the first such boat to successfully launch a Bulava ballistic missile



In May, Alexander Gniteyev, a Russian defence contractor was jailed for eight years for passing information to an unidentified third party on the country's top secret missile programme - Bulava (NATO reporting name - SS-NX-30). The FSB refused to name the country, but Eye Spy understands it is a Western country or China. The closed court heard Gniteyev, worked as a contractor for a secret Russian company on automated control systems - almost certainly relevant to Bulava.

The Bulava missile is being developed for use in Russia's next generation of nuclear submarines. However, one submarine known to have been refitted to carry Bulava is the K-535 Yuri Dolgorukiy (Borei class), named after the founder of Moscow. In August 2011, a Bulava missile was successfully launched from the Yuri Dolgorukiy.

A secret CIA assessment on Bulava prepared by analysts last year, noted research and testing was "slow" and that "failures were

BULAVA MISSILE

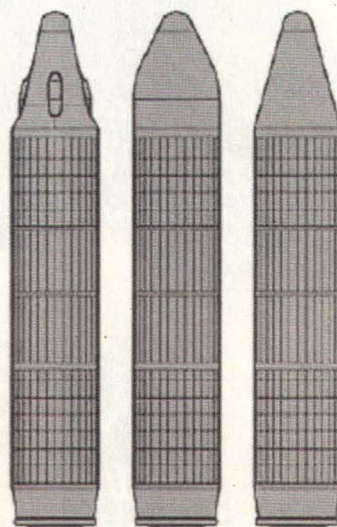
MENACE THAT CIA AND PENTAGON CHIEFS FEAR

Designed by the Moscow Institute of Thermal Technology, Bulava has suffered numerous test failures, but these seem to have been overcome by huge investment and a desire to combat NATO missile defence shields. It is a chillingly clever weapon that has a low trajectory, evasive manoeuvring capabilities and is packed with high-end counter-measures. The Pentagon and CIA fear that such technology may well

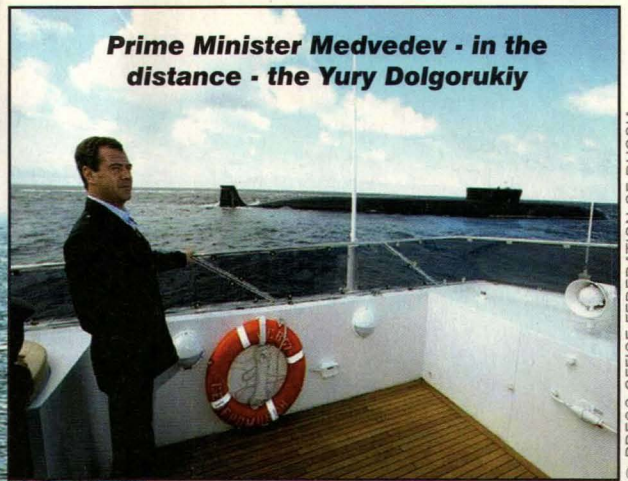
guard it against missile interceptor systems and electronic pulse damage.

The missile's warhead can also withstand a counter-nuclear blast at a distance of 500 yards, and reportedly supports additional protective programmes, including decoys.

Bulava will be assigned to various submarines in the next two years and has a projected life-span of 30 years.



Bulava-M, Bulava-30, Bulava-47



Prime Minister Medvedev - in the distance - the Yuri Dolgorukiy

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“Russia should toughen its sentencing for espionage, if they had given him 80 years, that would have reduced the number of those eager to pass state secrets”

Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin - now in overall charge of Russia's defence and space industry

common.” However, most anomalies have been overcome and the missile will undoubtedly be commissioned in the next two years after it was approved for service in December 2011. Interestingly, the same CIA analysts warned that the missile, if Russian assessments are correct, will prove a formidable weapon that would be able to breach current NATO missile defence systems.

The Bulava programme could threaten the US missile shield, thus any intelligence on its potential would be of great use to the West.

Interestingly, following the eight-year sentence given to Gnityev, Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin, said, “Russia should toughen its sentencing for espionage, if they had given him 80 years, that would have reduced the number of those eager to pass

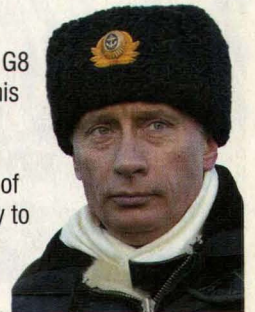


state secrets.” Rogozin has much to lose if such secrets are lost, for in 2011 he was appointed Russia's Special Representative on anti-missile defence and headed negotiations with NATO on its Europe-based missile shield.

The FSB has certainly been more aggressive in its surveillance of those with knowledge of the country's missile technology. In February, a court jailed a Russian military officer, for passing secrets to the CIA. Lt. Colonel

Vladimir Nesterets, a senior test engineer who commanded Bulava missile tests at the incredibly secret Plesetsk site in the north of the country, was given a 13-year sentence. Whilst the FSB said Nesterets had “admitted passing secrets on about the tests,” his wife Irina, denied he was a traitor, adding that her husband said in a letter he was innocent.

• President Putin refused to attend the G8 summit in Chicago this year, and analysts believe that the snub was partly the result of increased CIA activity to glean intelligence on Russia's burgeoning missile programmes. And in May 2012, Russian Defence Minister Anatoly Serdyukov warned that talks about the NATO missile shield are “close to a dead end.”



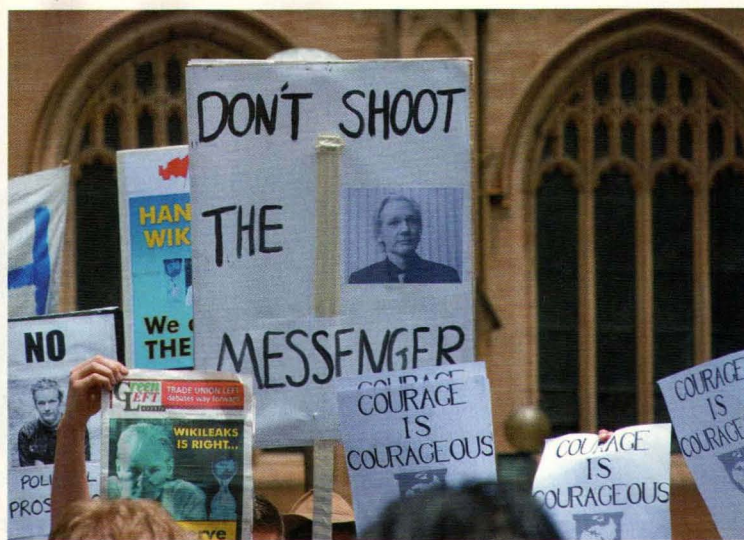
Reception door at the FSB's Moscow headquarters on Kuznetsky Most



Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin

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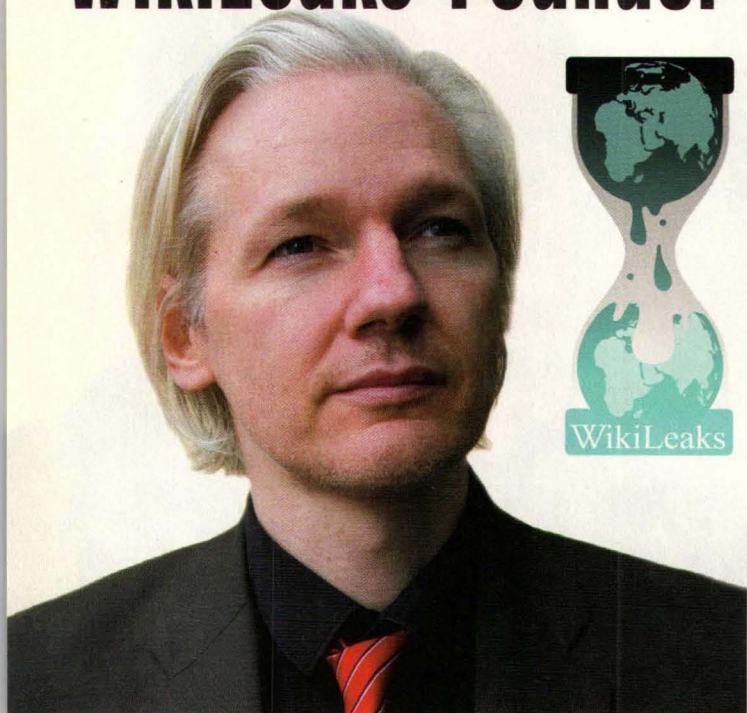
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Julian Paul Assange, 40, the founder of controversial whistle-blowing web site - WikiLeaks, has lost his appeal against extradition to Sweden. Police there want to question Assange about claims he sexually molested two women - both former ex-WikiLeaks workers. Assange claims the sex was consensual and the allegations politically inspired.

ASSANGE SEEKS UNLI

WikiLeaks Founder in Surprising Action



It's eighteen months since an international arrest warrant was issued for the Australian, and since then he has been on bail in the UK. Swedish Police want to question him following sexual incidents involving two women in Stockholm in August 2010. Following the allegations Assange's UK solicitor, Mark Stephens, said, "The honeytrap has been sprung... after what we've seen so far you can reasonably conclude this is part of a greater plan."

Assange's legal team have fought hard to avoid their client's deportation, and sought assistance through various legal channels and the courts. Less than three weeks after losing his latest appeal on 30 May 2012, Assange took the strange decision to breach the conditions of his bail and walked into Ecuador's London embassy. Within a few hours it was announced he had claimed political asylum. Many intelligence watchers, some of his supporters and even a few high-profile backers, believe he had made a grave error of judgement. New Scotland Yard say he is now subject to arrest. And for those high profile supporters who put up over £200,000 (\$370,000) for bail, they could end up losing all their money.

However, there are wider considerations here. Assange has angered the US intelligence services and many in America see WikiLeaks as

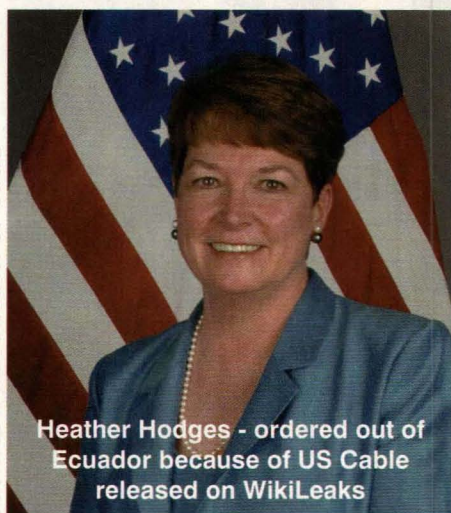


providing an outlet for still classified and secret material. The on-going case of US trooper Bradley Manning is part of the problem. For his part, Assange believes the move to Sweden could result in him being deported to the United States where he does not rule out charges of espionage. Speaking from inside the embassy, Assange said he "felt abandoned" by Australia. Responding to comments that Australia was giving consular assistance, he accused premier Julia Gillard of using "slimy rhetoric," an indication of the pressure he is feeling. Even his mother

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commented: "My government is not my government any more. It's just a subsidiary of the United States... they got together to send him back to the USA."

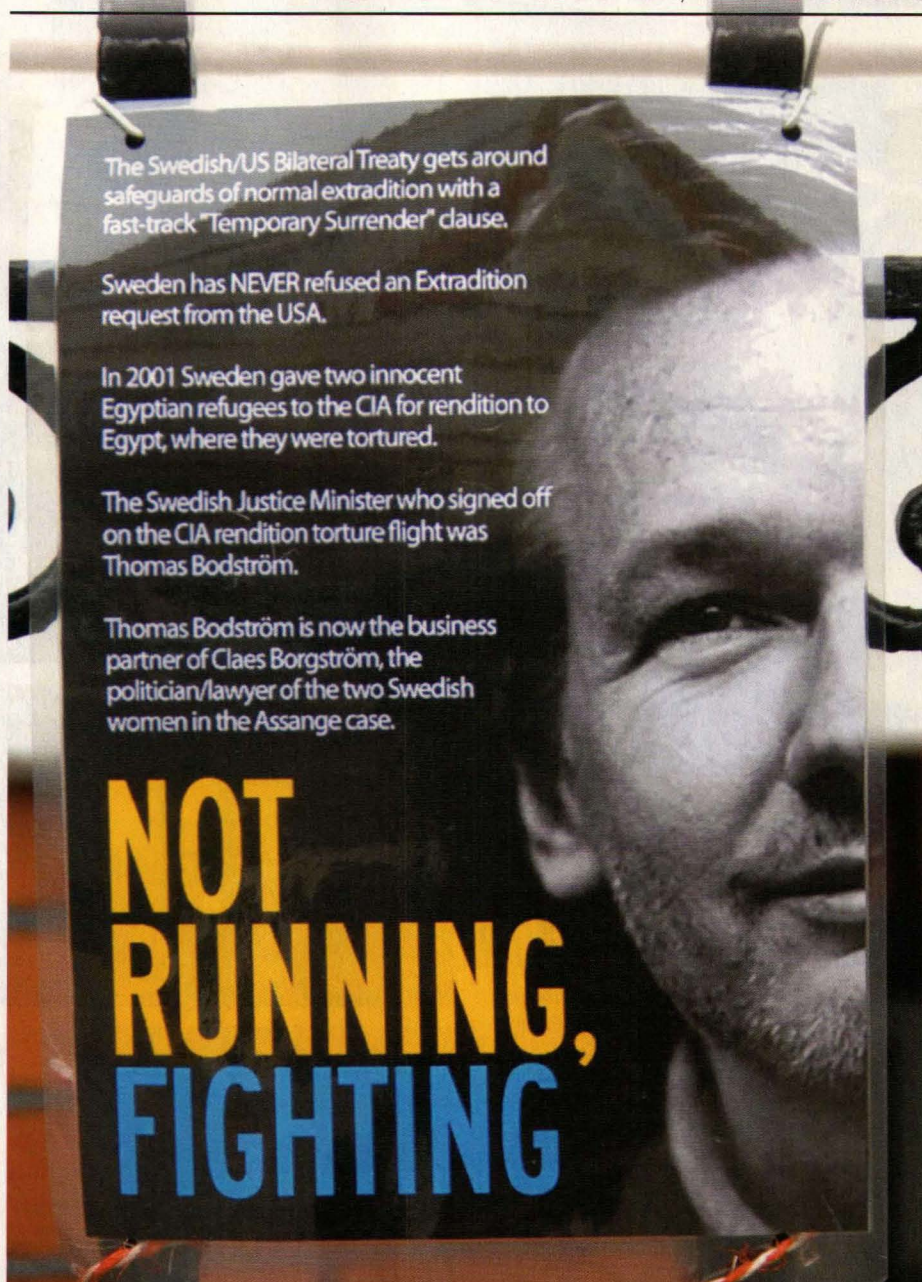
Assange's choice of seeking protection in the Ecuadorian embassy is quite deliberate. Ecuador as a nation state was angered by the



Heather Hodges - ordered out of Ecuador because of US Cable released on WikiLeaks

"The honeytrap has been sprung... after what we've seen so far you can reasonably conclude this is part of a greater plan."

ASSANGE'S UK SOLICITOR, MARK STEPHENS



When Assange fled to Ecuador's embassy, he was soon followed by his and Bradley Manning supporters. The railings outside the building were used to place a variety of posters and cards backing the men

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contents of some US Cables published by WikiLeaks. In April 2011, because of a released Cable dated 10 July 2009, Heather Hodges US Ambassador to Ecuador was expelled. In that file she stated the country's police force is beset by widespread corruption, and warned National Police Chief Jamie Aquilino Hurtado could be involved in illegal activity. Ms Hodges advised Washington to

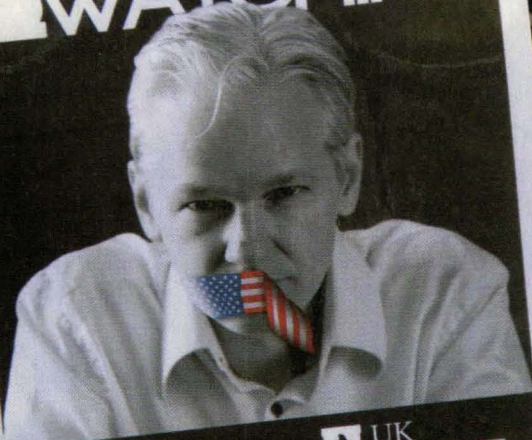
revoke Hurtado's American visa. A footnote to the document suggests Ecuador President Rafael Correa may have been aware of the affairs involving Hurtado. The United States responded by sending Ecuador's ambassador home. However, diplomatic relations have now been fully restored.



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Ecuador President Rafael Correa

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A SECRET AMERICAN AGENDA?



Australia's Foreign Minister Bob Carr, has said there is "no hint" of a secret US plan to extradite Assange should he be sent to Sweden. Assange's supporters believe that a clever intelligence-created plot has been put into place involving Britain, Sweden and the United States.

Bob Carr, whilst being careful not to commit to saying that this could not happen, did say he had held two meetings with US diplomatic personnel and raised the issue. "I've received no hint that they have got a plan to extradite him," Carr told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

He also noted that there is no *current* US indictment against him. This could change if the matter of WikiLeaks massive publication of US Government, armed forces and intelligence material, is brought before the Grand Jury.



The cases of Bradley Manning and Julian Assange seem inextricably linked - at least by their followers



Earlier this year, Assange interviewed President Correa on his television show - *Russia Today* (funded by the Russian Government). Correa said he was a "fan of WikiLeaks." Both men seemed very friendly and their 75 minute conversation was systematically interspersed with flattering comments towards each other. *El Telegrafo's* (Ecuador daily newspaper)

editor, Orlando Perez, commenting on the interview said, "empathy really appeared between them." At that moment, the thought of a way out for Assange allegedly came to mind. Ecuador's Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino said Assange had written to President Correa and explained he was being persecuted.

Still, intelligence watchers note Correa has often spoke out against free speech and the power of the press. In early 2012, he won a multi-million dollar lawsuit against journalists for libel. *El Universo* was fined £25 million (\$40m) and two journalists £10 million (\$6.5m) each for comments made in a book. However, in the last few months the president seems to have changed course, pardoned the media outfit and started to support the work of WikiLeaks.

An Ecuador official said Assange would be protected at the embassy under the United Nations Declaration for Human Rights, but the former computer programmer's position is grave. At time of publication, he remains in the building.

One person who backed Assange financially over his bail conditions, was Jemima Khan. On Twitter she wrote she was surprised he had sought protection: *'I had expected him to face the allegations. I am as surprised as anyone about this'*.

• *Eye Spy intelligence sources say that once the trial of Assange has been concluded in Sweden, it remains a real possibility that an angry US will want to question him over the publishing of the US Cables.*

US CABLES

Damage Analysis Granted

The solicitor of Bradley Manning, the US intel analyst charged with 22 counts connected to the huge unauthorised disclosure of US Cables, has been granted access to some 250,000 pages of documents. Described as relevant to Manning's defence, the files were used in an effort to assess damage to US interests across the world. According to David Coombs, head of Manning's defence team, reference to the files was supposedly made on a footnote to one "throwaway government document."



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When Coombs first requested the documents, he was allegedly told they did not exist. Thereafter a confusing situation arose, but after some discussion between a number of offices, Coombs was informed he should have asked for the "working papers." This annoyed the solicitor who said: "By morphing, distorting and constantly changing definitions, the government is trying to 'define' itself out of producing relevant discovery."

The judge presiding over the case at Fort Meade, Maryland, has now ordered the government to hand over the papers. Thus Coombs can read a damage assessment report prepared by investigators from the State Department.

In early 2011, following WikiLeaks publication of the material, the State Department issued internal warnings to many government employees overseas saying they were in danger. It has also transpired that some officials were transferred for their own safety. The overall impact of the leaks is still not fully understood, but they triggered massive concern within the intelligence and diplomatic community, and also damaged relations with some countries. Catherine Brown, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, warned the danger from the leaks will "continue for many years to come."

Manning, who stands accused of being behind the biggest security leak in American history, allegedly forwarded the material to WikiLeaks whilst serving in Iraq. He faces the most serious of charges, including 'aiding an enemy' and could face life in prison.

His defence team hope that analysis of the documents may show the leak was not as damaging as feared.

SMERSH



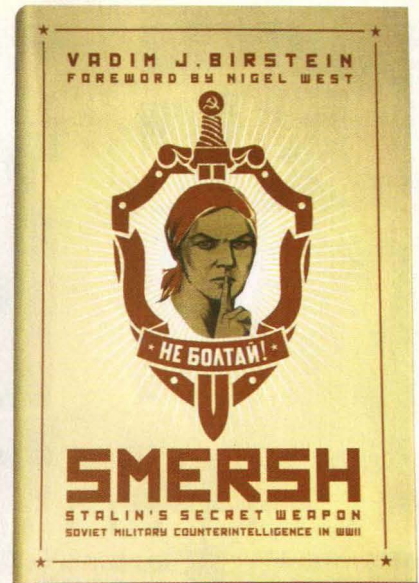
'Death to Spies' - wins spy hotel book award

The acclaimed book *SMERSH: Stalin's Secret Weapon: Soviet Military Counterintelligence* by Dr Vadim J. Birstein (Biteback Publishing), has been voted St Ermin's Hotel Intelligence Book of the Year, at a gathering of spy authors and intel watchers in London.

During World War Two, an entire floor of the hotel was occupied by MI6 staffers, the Special Operations Executive (SOE) and other intelligence elements. This historic hotel and its intelligence history therefore provided a fitting

venue for the inaugural book event. MI6's Section D (D for 'Destruction') actually moved into the hotel three years before the outbreak of war. It was formed as a covert unit which would operate underground in Europe in the event of Nazi occupation. When war did break out, Churchill authorised the creation of the SOE, and Section D was absorbed into this formidable organisation.

The hotel can also boast it was visited and used by some rather unsavoury spies. A number of the so-called Cambridge Spy Ring, including Guy



Burgess, Kim Philby and Donald Maclean all have connections to St Ermin's in one way or another!

Six books were nominated: John Cooper, *'The Queen's Agent'*; Gordon Corera, *'The Art of Betrayal'*; Peer Hansen, *'Second to None'*; Paul Pillar, *'Intelligence and US Foreign Policy'* and David Wise's *'Tiger Trap'*. However, it was Birstein's *SMERSH* which took the prize and along with it a £3,000 cash award.

The judges were all intelligence watchers, writers and broadcasters: Nigel West, Glenmore Trenear-Harvey, Michael Smith, Dan Mulvenna and Andrew Lownie.

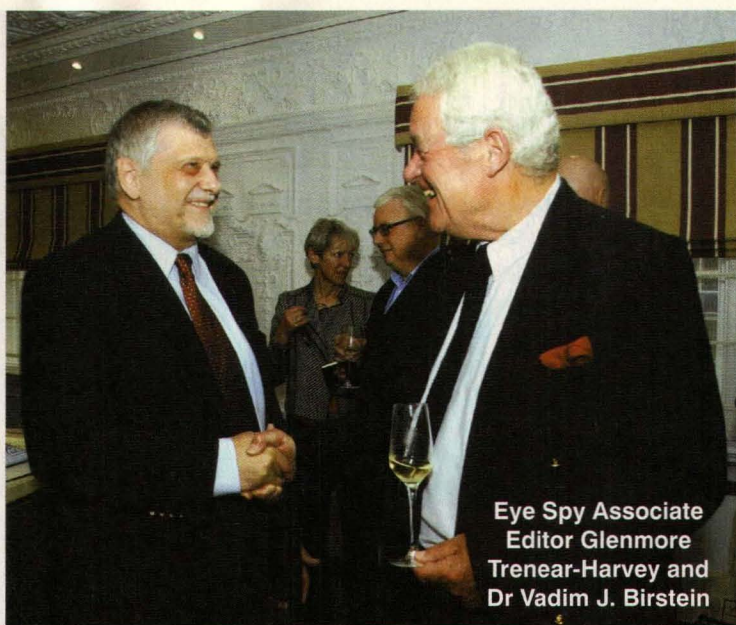
Dr Vadim J. Birstein holds aloft his most important book after winning the award



Nigel West announces the winner of St Ermin's Hotel Intelligence Book of the Year



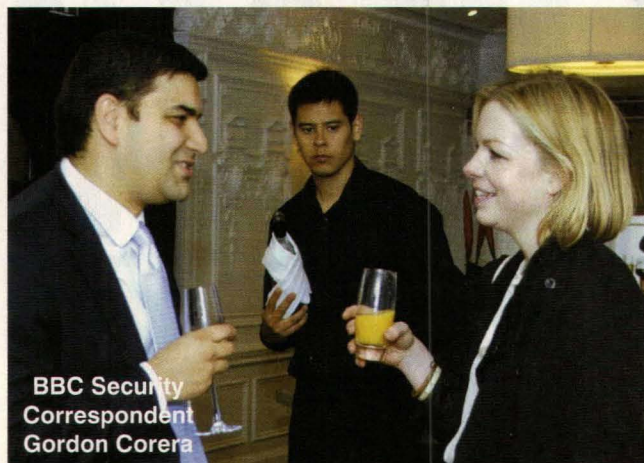
Nigel West presents the award to Dr Vadim J. Birstein



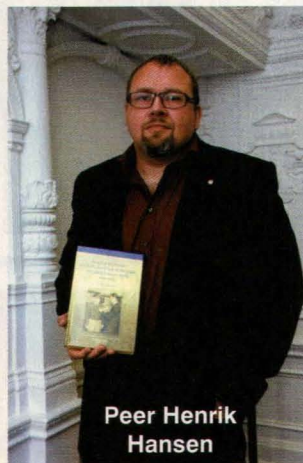
Eye Spy Associate Editor Glenmore Trenear-Harvey and Dr Vadim J. Birstein

They said of the book: "Unquestionably one of the most comprehensive, insightful contributions to intelligence literature, and undoubtedly now regarded as the standard work on what many of us would have considered an almost impossible subject to undertake. However, this is a very absorbing, thoroughly readable, extraordinarily detailed account of an organisation that many people thought was a figment of Ian Fleming's imagination. SMERSH had a terrible bloody history and the author tells us every compelling detail."

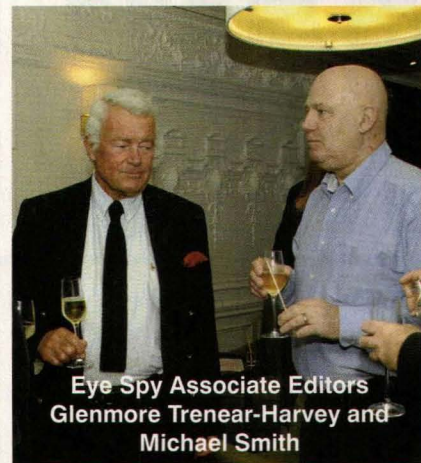
Nigel West, one of the world's greatest spy authors and an expert on British Intelligence said: "The spy genre is thriving in literary terms, and indeed instead of SMERSH, may I add - 'long live the spies.'"



BBC Security Correspondent Gordon Corera



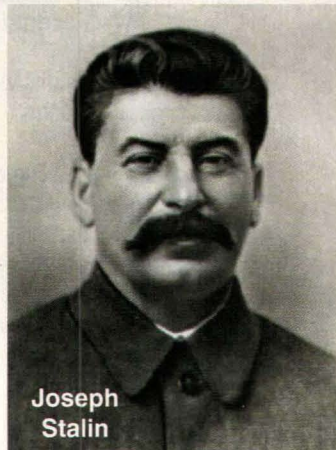
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SINISTER SMERSH

SMERSH, an acronym of the Russian phrase 'Death to Spies', is primarily known to readers in English as James Bond's sinister opponent in Ian Fleming's spy novels. Yet SMERSH was a real organisation and was just as diabolical as its fictional counterpart. No information was available on this super-secret organisation until the fall of the Soviet Union, and its importance to Second World War history is almost completely unknown to scholars and history readers alike. Ostensibly a military counterintelligence organisa-



Joseph Stalin

tion dedicated to fighting Nazis, SMERSH spent considerable time and effort terrifying its own servicemen, including author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who was arrested for writing a letter to a fellow officer. Its activities also often strayed into the political sphere, exemplified by the arrests of many political leaders and foreign diplomats in Eastern Europe, including the famous rescuer of Hungarian Jew, Raoul Wallenberg, at the end of the Second World War.

While it was formally part of the Defence Commissariat, SMERSH was not under the control of the military hierarchy. In reality it was a secret service independent of the other

Soviet security organisations, the NKVD and NKGB. Its head, Viktor Abakumov, a shadowy and powerful figure whose biography is revealed in Birstein's book for the first time, reported directly to the dictator Joseph Stalin on a daily basis.

Based on a huge number of documents and memoirs available only in Russian, the book details all the known activities of SMERSH. Now, after ten years of research, a critical missing piece of the history of WWII and the Soviet secret services is finally exposed to the light of day.

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CASE SHOULD BE "REOPENED" SAYS PATHOLOGIST

Shortly before his death, Gareth Williams allegedly attended two cyber events in Los Vegas, including the DEFCON conference - an annual computer hacking event. This photo shows various teams at DEFCON 17



MIG SPY DEATH

Dr Richard Shepherd, a pathologist who gave evidence at the inquest of Gareth Williams, a cyber intelligence officer from GCHQ who died whilst on secondment to MI6, has called for the case to be reopened.

Williams was discovered dead in a locked sports holdall in his government-leased apartment in Pimlico, London on 23 August 2010.

Shepherd says that in light of the fact that it has been proven it is possible to climb in such a bag and lock it, the officer's death "fits with sexual asphyxiation."

The request followed after former Army man Jim Fetherstonhaugh, showed how it could be done. In a demonstration, his daughter Izzy climbed into an identical bag and managed to fasten the lock. In another case, South West News journalist Claire Hayhurst also performed the trick. It should be noted both



Forensic specialists at Williams' flat

persons were of a smaller build to Mr Williams.

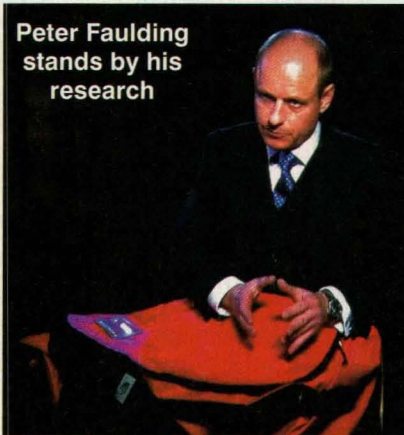
Speaking on BBC Radio 4, Dr Shepherd said: "I think it brings once again to the fore, the possibility that this was a solitary act by Gareth. From my point of view, as I look across the deaths associated with sexual asphyxiation, this is one that fits quite neatly into that group of practice, bizarre though it is.

"Certainly. I think this is a significant bit of evidence, which if shown to be correct does



Jim Fetherstonhaugh and his daughter Izzy who managed to enter the bag and then engage the lock

Peter Faulding stands by his research



need to be brought into consideration again."

At the inquest, two security experts tried unsuccessfully to perform the act despite attempting to do so 400 times. One of the men, Peter Faulding told the inquest: "I can't say it was impossible but I think even Harry Houdini would struggle with that one. My personal belief is that it could not be done."

Mr Fetherstonhaugh also said that the sides of the bath would have provided support allowing for Mr Williams to get in the bag more easily. However, there was absolutely no sign of a struggle, no scratches or marks left from the bag, and perhaps more relevant, no hand prints or DNA on the bath. A police source said that there would have been no reason whatsoever for Gareth not to have used the side of the bath when levering himself into the bag.

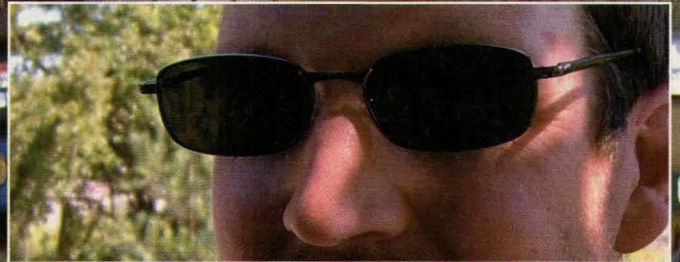
Mr Faulding said the fact that a young girl "zipping herself into a bag," does not discredit the inquiry, or that his conclusions were wrong. "We were fully aware of other methods of being able to lock the bag but she could or nobody could achieve it without leaving her DNA on the bath and that's the key to this."

Another point of note concerns the locking arrangement as performed by Claire Hayhurst. It has been reported she did not fasten the lock in the same manner as that which contained Mr Williams body.

At the inquest, coroner Dr Fiona Wilcox said she was satisfied a "third party" was involved in the incident.

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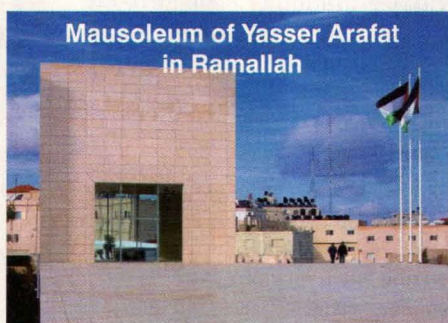
There have been calls for an international investigation into the 2004 death of former Palestinian chief Yasser Arafat. This follows a new nine-month forensic probe which discovered polonium-210 on pieces of his clothing which were retained. News of the discovery was broadcast by al-Jazeera television which had tracked the research of Swiss scientists.

At the time of his death, his widow, Suha, objected to a post-mortem, but because of the discovery, she now wants her husband's body exhumed.

There has always been suspicion amongst some Palestinians that Arafat was poisoned by dark forces in Israel who saw him as an obstacle to peace. This has been consistently denied by Tel Aviv.

In 1996, Arafat fell ill at his compound in the West Bank. Soon his health deteriorated further and he was flown to Paris for treatment. However, he died two weeks after arriving. Due to confidentiality laws, the French doctors who looked after him didn't reveal full details of his condition. Some records were secured that showed he died of a massive haemorrhagic stroke resulting from a bleeding disorder. This was caused by an unidentified infection. Other experts who saw the notes are unconvinced he died of poisoning. Yasser Arafat was 75.

Nevertheless, specialists at the Institute of Radiation Physics, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, state they found "significant traces of polonium-210 in personal items belonging to Arafat," including his keffiyeh. "I can confirm to you we have measured an unexpected, elevated



amount of unsupported polonium-210 in the belongings of Mr Arafat, that contained stains of biological fluids," said Dr Francois Bochud, the institute's director. They also ruled out the polonium was naturally occurring.

The hospital which treated Arafat in 1996, has remained coy, though the Swiss institute say the "clinical symptoms described in his medical records were not consistent with polonium-210 poisoning."

Experts say that to be 100% certain he died from polonium-210, Arafat must be exhumed. Suha Arafat told al-Jazeera that she supported the move. "We have to reveal the truth to the Muslim and Arab world," she said.

Arafat headed the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) for 35 years and came tantalisingly close to securing a lasting peace with Israel. In 1996, he was chosen as the first President of the new Palestinian Authority (PA).

- In 2006, Aleksander Litvinenko, a former Russian FSB officer died in London after he was poisoned with polonium-210.



Yasser Arafat shakes the hand of Israeli premier Yitzhak Rabin

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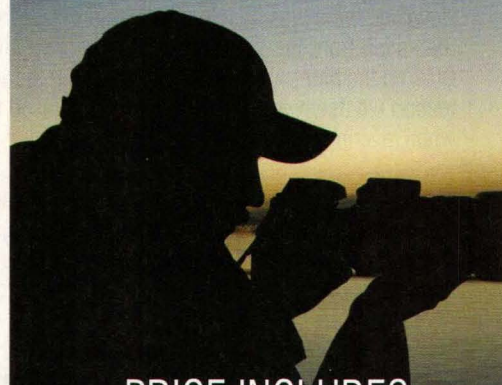
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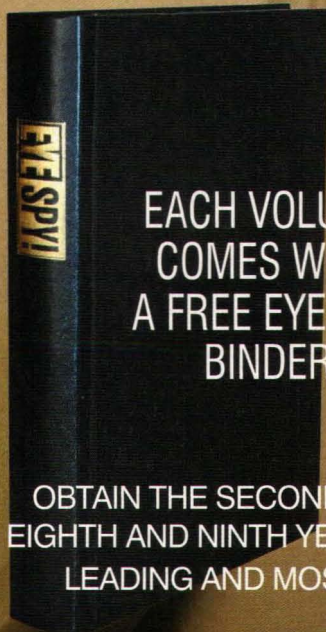
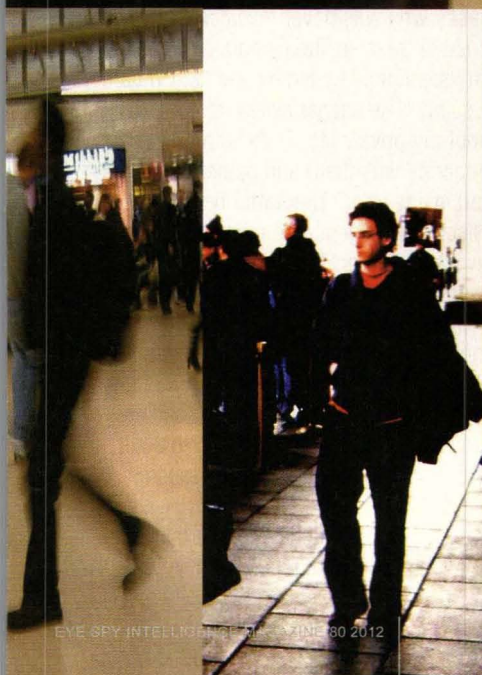
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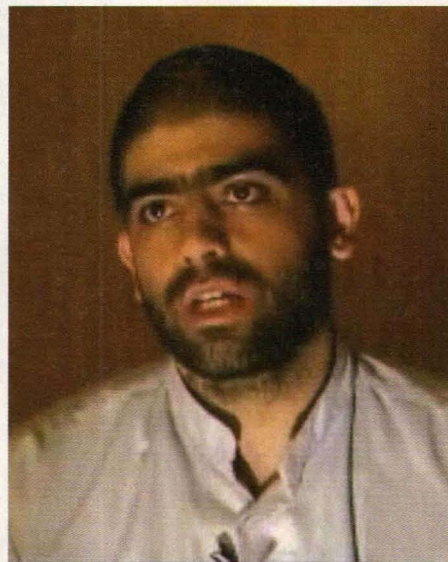
Intelligence watchers believe Iran has pulled off a most astonishing illusion as alleged Mossad agent is hanged...

THE PRESTIGE

Controversy continues to surround the fate of alleged Mossad agent Majid Jamali Fashi, 24, who was found guilty of the assassination of an Iranian nuclear scientist in Tehran in January 2010. Fashi is said to have detonated a bomb on a parked motorcycle next to the vehicle of Masoud Ali-Mohammadi, as the quantum field theorist left for work. Witnesses said the blast occurred as Mohammadi, 50, approached his car.

Iranian Intelligence predictably blamed the Mossad, who just as predictably refused to confirm or deny responsibility. Suspicion also fell on the CIA and MI6, however, the US State Department via its Swiss liaison in Tehran denied the United States was behind the assassination. Intelligence sources told Eye Spy Mohammadi was on the verge of "defecting to the West," thus at that time much focus was on Iran itself.

A number of people explained to police that they had seen a man "fiddling with the bike" at 7.00am - an hour or so before the incident, thus one can only assume Fashi's description fitted that provided by the witnesses.



Majid Jamali Fashi

At his trial, Fashi spoke of his training at a Mossad spy base some 18 miles outside of Tel Aviv, and receiving \$120,000 in cash. Weapons were also displayed that he claimed were given to him by his controllers. He was found guilty of the crime in August 2011, and sentenced to death by the Tehran Revolutionary Court. He was executed at Evin Prison on 15 May this year by hanging. The end game?

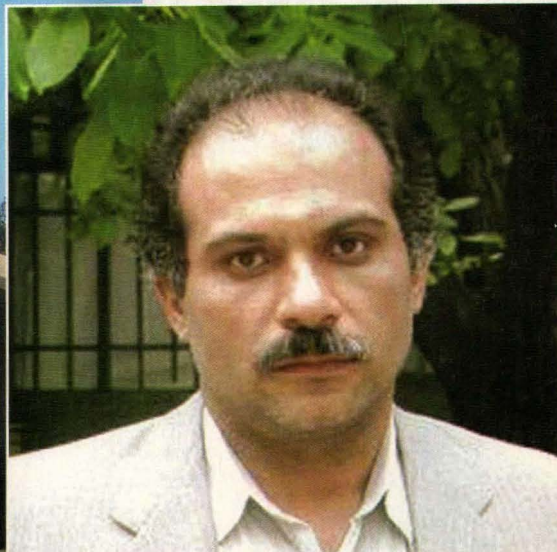
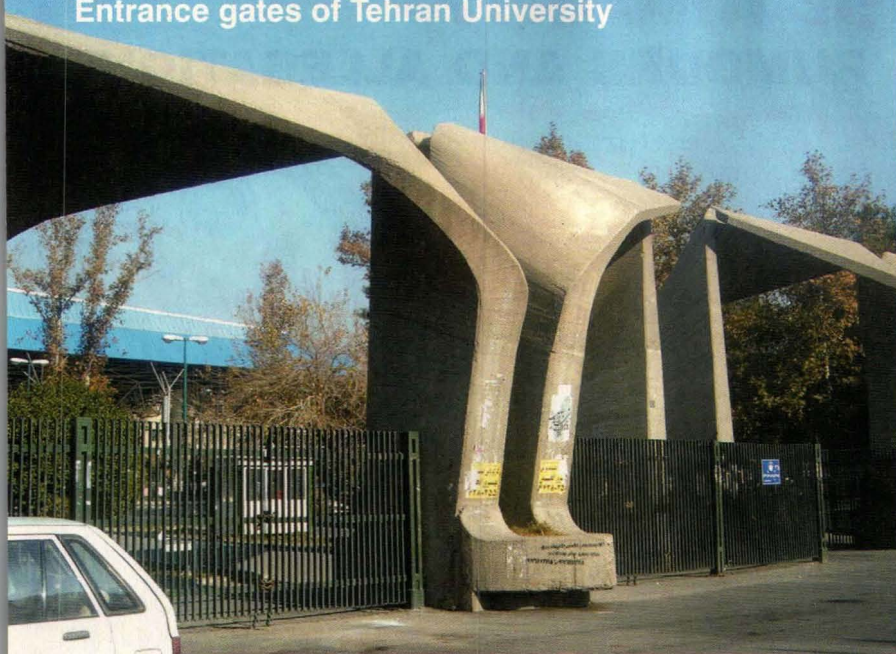
Not according to some intelligence watchers who believe Fashi is still alive.

RECRUITMENT

Fashi's story of how he was recruited by the Mossad is fragmented and lacks any sort of detail. Sometime in 2008 or 2009, Fashi says a 'contact' (he doesn't say who) suggested he visit the Israeli Consulate General in Istanbul. Exactly why was never revealed. However, he chose to travel to Turkey and at the consulate was questioned by Israeli agents. On camera he says: "The agents asked lots of details about my private life. They wanted me to cooperate with them and gather information from inside Iran." Thereafter he says he collected intelligence on military bases and travelled between Tehran and Istanbul to deliver the material. This too doesn't make any sense - the Mossad and IDF has voluminous amounts of intel of such sites. He then met his handlers in Bangkok and here he was given an IQ test. Thereafter Fashi was handed an encrypted laptop which he used to send secure (encoded) reports back to Israel.

A year or so later he flew to Azerbaijan and met with a Mossad officer. Here he was given

Entrance gates of Tehran University



Masoud Ali-Mohammadi was assassinated as he left for work at Tehran University

an Israeli passport which allowed him to enter Israel and receive training at a Mossad centre near Tel Aviv. Fashi claims he was given

INTEL INSIDE



Fashi explained a 'contact' told him to visit the Israeli Consulate General in Istanbul. Here he was reportedly assigned a Mossad handler and his spying career began in earnest.

However, some intelligence analysts believe Iran selected this destination as part of an elaborate plan because current Israel-Turkey relations are very strained. That the Mossad operation to kill Mohammadi essentially started here is not helpful...

firearms training and taught how to ride a motorbike. "They showed me how to chase cars and also how to counter cars," he explained. Guidance on gathering intelligence on locations and the best method of placing bombs on vehicles was also provided.

And then one morning he was given a target to eliminate - Massoud Ali Mohammadi. A small model of the scientist's home

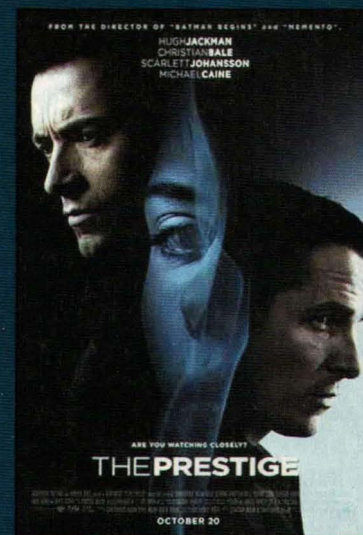
and area was shown to Fashi, who described it as an "exact copy... right down to the colouring and trees." Suddenly at his trial, there is reference to a Tehran-based spy network. Interestingly, the prosecution claim that Fashi's fellow Mossad associates in the city drove the motorcycle, with the bomb already deployed, to the scientist's home.

In Eye Spy 67, we reported that Mohammadi's name was on a list of 250 Iranian professionals that had fallen into the hands of the country's intelligence service - all were investigated. Dig a little deeper and you will find Mohammadi was also a fervent supporter of the opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi (Green Movement) and had ties to the Participation Front opposed to the current regime, this despite claims to the contrary. Mohammadi and a number of fellow nuclear scientists on the list also had excellent relations with the International Atomic Energy Agency. The IAEA continues to investigate Iran's nuclear programme.

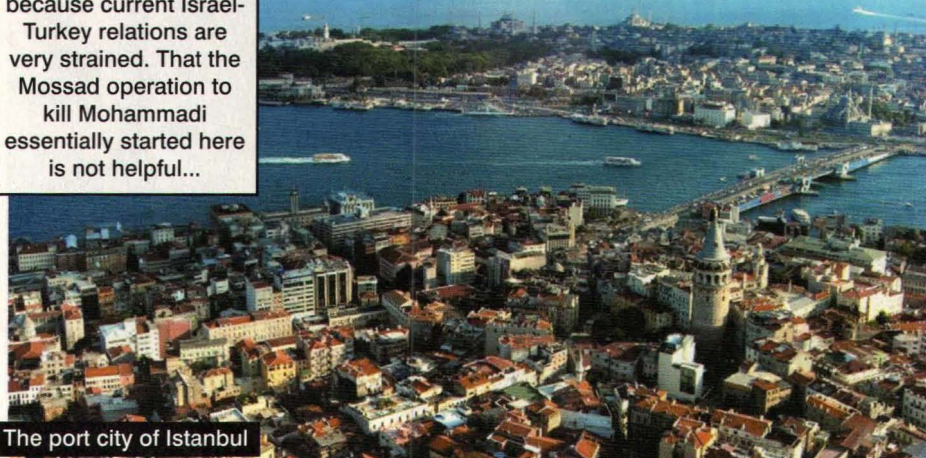
Following Fashi's execution in Evin Prison, reports started to appear in the Middle East

that seemed to correlate with intelligence analysts' observations over Fashi's body language. The suspicious information he imparted was also questioned, especially his Mossad encounters. He was simply "too relaxed and too articulate," said one observer. "His tales of Mossad and the training centre," were "impossible," according to another. Eye Spy never doubted the source who reported Mohammadi was about to defect to America,

THE PRESTIGE



'The Prestige' is a 1995 novel by British writer Christopher Priest. In 2006, a film adaptation by Christopher Nolan starring Michael Caine was produced. The title derives from the novel's fictional practice of stage illusions having three parts. THE PLEDGE (SET-UP), where the audience is shown something; THE TURN (PERFORMANCE), where an item disappears, for example, and then THE PRESTIGE (EFFECT) - the climax when it is brought back.



The port city of Istanbul

DOCUMENT 09BAKU687

WIKILEAKS, CABLES, RUMOURS AND ALLEGATIONS



The whistle-blowing website 'WikiLeaks' has rejected claims that Iran identified Fashi

through a US cable it had uploaded following a massive security breach which began in Iraq. This of course resulted in hundreds of thousands of files being made public.

Several media outlets followed the story which essentially noted Fashi, a martial arts expert, may have been exposed in US diplomatic cable 09BAKU687 sent from the US Embassy in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Part of the cable quotes an Iranian source who explained to his US intel contacts that Iran was "pressuring him" to train

soldiers and militia men in martial arts.

It is possible Fashi was in Baku for a martial arts competition just days before the cable was written.

Coincidence or not, Fashi was arrested by Iranian police a week after WikiLeaks uploaded this particular file. And Tehran has long criticised Azerbaijan for allegedly allowing the Mossad a platform to launch operations. Eye Spy further understands that Iran also believes Fashi received his travel documents at



Azerbaijan's Heydar Aliyev Airport near Baku allowing him to travel to Tel Aviv.

WikiLeaks said nothing in the file connected Israel and if read properly, the cable's content pointed to another man.

indeed, this was raised by a number of post-assassination reports in the Middle East. But besides these spurious facts, other more solid evidence exists that seems to cast doubt on Fashi's admission that he was a Mossad agent.

POOR TRADECRAFT

The respected Dubai-based *Al-Arabiya* picked up reports being published by Iranian opposition parties who were unconvinced Fashi was a spy. Much focus was drawn to an Israeli

passport held by 27-year-old Fashi. Though it was stamped 2003, experts who meticulously examined the document claim it was of the type first issued in the 1990s. The passport number was not in its correct position and Fashi's face was tilted to the side - his eyes looking upwards and not directly into the camera. Eye Spy asked a former Mossad officer about the document. She explained the Mossad would never send an operative into the field without first checking the accuracy of such documents - "parts of it appear tampered with," she said.

It's worth pointing out that the Israeli spy agency has the best 'creative arm' in the intelligence world when it comes to forgery. Indeed, just seven days after the death of Mohammadi, some 30 Mossad agents and officers were despatched to the UAE complete with incredibly good replica passports containing authentic foreign data. Their mission was to assassinate Hamas agent-runner Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai. The primary change to the documents was of course the photograph. The passports defeated UAE countermeasures, but they would have fooled any nation's border control. That Fashi carried such a poor passport is



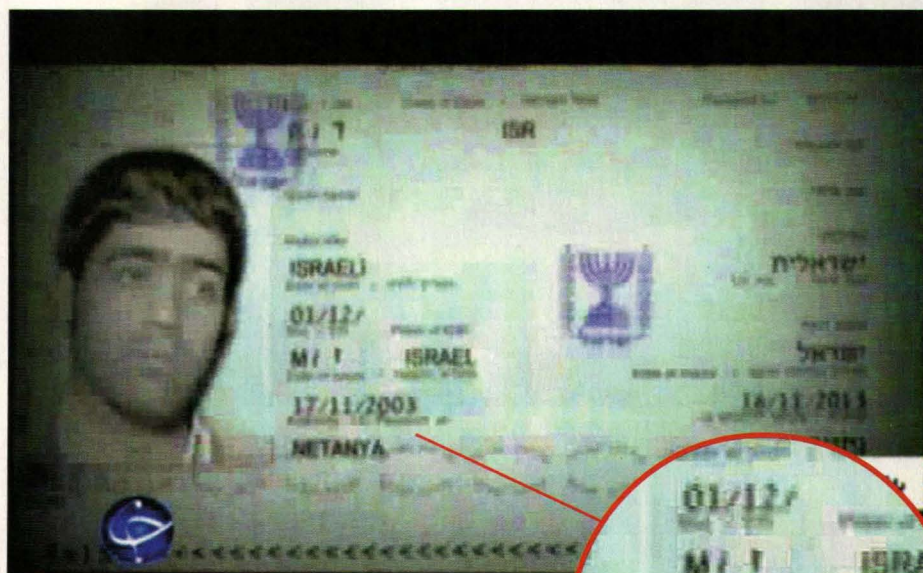
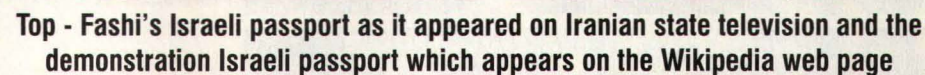
Mir Hossein Mousavi waves to his supporters in Tehran in 2009. Many academics and professionals support Mousavi



A REMARKABLE DOUBLE TAKE

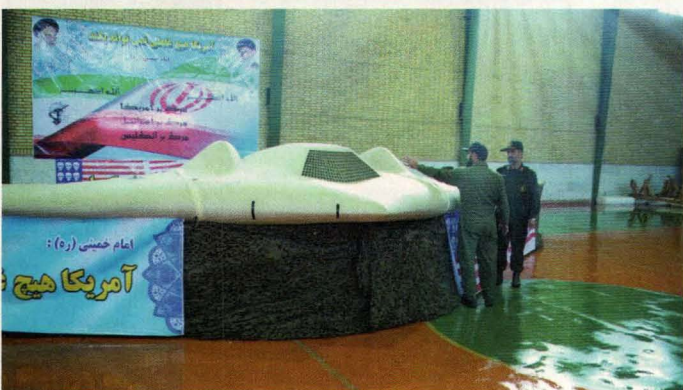
evidence enough something is not quite right here. And not to have concealed properly such a contentious document is simply not the action of a Mossad-trained operative. After all, carrying an Israeli passport in Tehran is not really recommended.

Perhaps more damning, an Iranian television station regarded by MI6 as a 'front company' for Iran's intelligence service, misguidedly showed a close-up of Fashi's Israeli passport. The date it was issued was 17 November 2003. Eye Spy examined a Wikipedia page carrying a photograph of an Israeli passport - astonishingly this passport was also issued on the same date - 17 November 2003. A closer examination of the document showed other data to be identical, including the expiry date - 16 November 2013. This is too much of a coincidence and clear evidence of poor tradecraft.



QUALITY PUBLICITY SHOTS

Iranian Revolutionary Guards pose alongside the recovered US RQ-170 Sentinel UAV. The event, like the launching of numerous missiles capable of travelling great distances, was regarded as an intelligence coup. It's difficult to understand, therefore, why imagery attached to the 'Mossad issued passport', and Fashi's execution for spying, assassination and treason, was so poor.



Iranian blogger Potkin Azarmehr questioned the document, he wrote:

'This has less to do with the fact that the name and ID number of the passport holder have been erased and more with obvious flaws: First of all, any passport issued since the mid-1990s by any country includes, at the bottom of its main page, a line with left-pointed arrows, much like in this picture. In an authentic passport, the line begins with the letter P followed by the three letter code of the country issuing the document (ISR for Israel), followed by the passport holder's full

name. In the snapshot, the line contains only arrows and no name - N.B. the name is not erased or blurred, it is simply not there'.

However, it's not the first time Iranian Intelligence has engaged in such trickery. Forgetting that any information broadcast is quickly circulated worldwide via the Internet, in the summer of 2008, photographs were proudly released of a Shahab 3 missile launch. Initially, a photo on Sepah News website, a media front operated by the Revolutionary Guards showed four rockets hurtling skywards. The next day the picture was gone and had been replaced



2008 desert launch of several Shahab 3 missiles

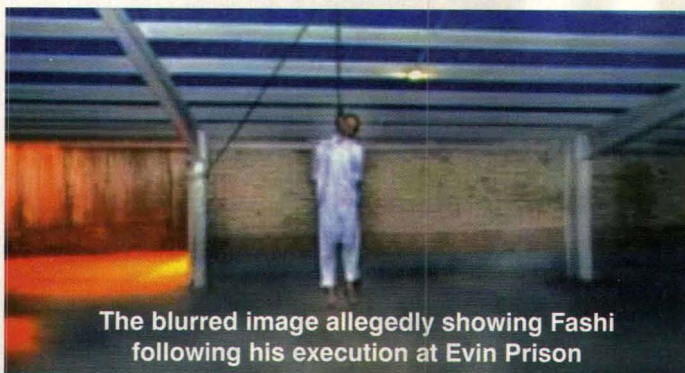
The top image was delivered to the media within hours of the impressive event and uploaded onto web sites controlled by Iranian Intelligence. However, Photoshop buffs soon noticed the smoke on missile three was identical to that left by the launch of missile four (circled). It had been cloned.

The following day the photo below was released. Note the missile launcher which had failed to work. Unfortunately for many newspapers and television channels, including the BBC, the change came too late and the original 'rogue' missile photo was published.



with an identical image showing just three projectiles! But it was too late - the retouched image had made the front pages of many newspapers and the news channels of most broadcasters - including the BBC. The incident was noticed by sharp-eyed Photoshop buffs and web bloggers etc., who commented the smoke on the ground had also been copied. The trickery was to mask the launch failure of one of the missiles.

And this leads us to an image which appeared for a second or two on Iranian state television supposedly showing the hanging dead corpse



The blurred image allegedly showing Fashi following his execution at Evin Prison



Evin Prison near Tehran

Below: A motorcycle lies shattered by the blast, and a frame showing some of the 'Mossad supplied' equipment allegedly used by Fashi



of Fashi at Evin Prison. In previous high-profile cases, whereby an execution has been performed, Iran has not hesitated to release clear imagery. However, what was broadcast cannot be defined and identification is impossible, despite our best efforts.

No material evidence was shown at the trial of Fashi, other than his admission to the crime which was video-taped. The weapons and computer may well have been real, but used in the guise of props. Quite simply, they could have been purchased anywhere and it's worth pointing out the lack of communication evidence presented at the trial between Fashi and his controllers. Such data would have represented a major intelligence coup for Iran and have been exploited - just like the US RQ-170 Sentinel UAV which was secured in December 2011 following a computer malfunction.

Shortly after Fashi's arrest Iran claimed to have detained nine fellow Israeli agents who belonged to his spy network. And yet not one of these spies has been named, identified or charged alongside Fashi. Absolutely bizarre... for such a trial would have been showcased by Iranian Intelligence.

Fashi, who was born in Western Iran, curiously admitted that whilst he was given the name and address of Mohammadi, he didn't have a clue his target was a nuclear scientist. This is impossible. Eye Spy decided to examine his commentary on the video again. In one sentence his claim to not knowing the target was a nuclear scientist was blown: **"Mossad said that by killing Iranian scientists I would save world."**

- Fashi's filmed interview session can be seen on the Internet.

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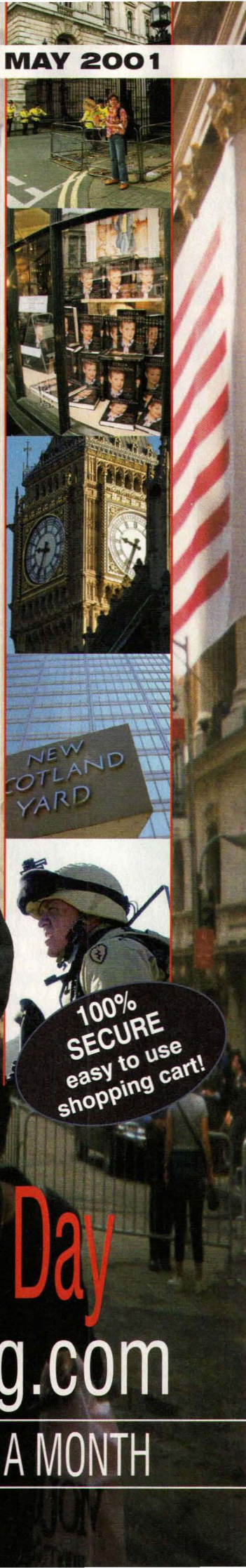
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PART 4

HUMAN INTELLIGENCE (HUMINT)

Nothing is considered more valuable in terms of its usefulness than good intelligence supplied by first-hand credible sources. Whether it's a domestic or overseas source, HUMINT (human intelligence) is often the trigger or gateway that leads to a wider investigation. A good case example of quality HUMINT can be found in the recent MI6-CIA operation in Yemen. Here an agent infiltrated an al-Qaida affiliate, passed on high grade intel about senior members, and even managed to secure a new type of bodyworn bomb. However, determining just how accurate such intelligence is can be problematic, especially if the source is based abroad and/or not known. In the Yemen case, these concerns did not apply.

Dependent on the nature of the intelligence provided, counter-terrorism officials will use all available resources to validate the source and what is being delivered. For example, if the host country has a security structure of its own, then investigations are often conducted in conjunction with such bodies or by proxy (on behalf of). Trust is of paramount importance, and in some cases the host

AGENT CONTROL A VITAL RELATIONSHIP

Agent control is highly important in respect of HUMINT, so too agent reliability. Building a relationship based on trust can be beneficial. One that depends solely on financial reward is difficult, perhaps even flawed as some operatives can impart information for the sake of it... and it is not always accurate or helpful.

Counter Terrorism and Intelligence

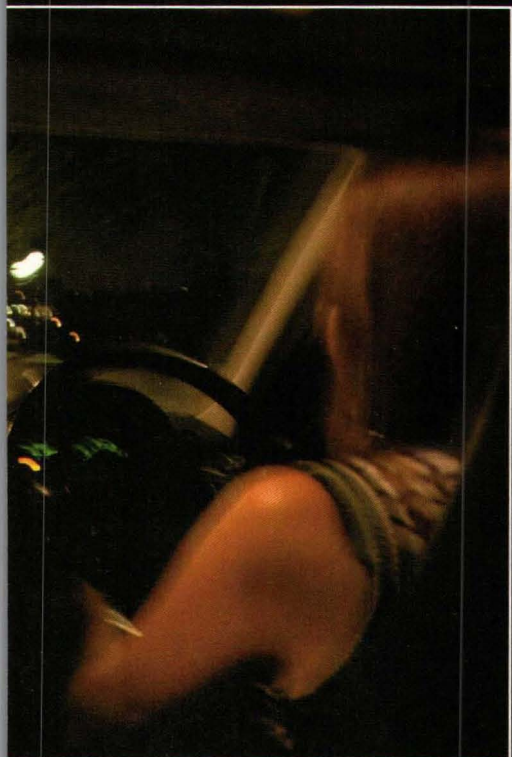


country will invite the target (threatened) country to send a liaison to observe the investigation. In many cases, for example in the UK and USA, 'envoys' are already in situ. This means that at the very least they can then submit on-going estimates and progress reports. The nature of a liaison between counter-terrorist services will change very quickly if an investigation takes on an international dimension involving people from both countries.

Once news of a potential threat has been delivered to a particular country, it is usual practise to alert senior intelligence, military

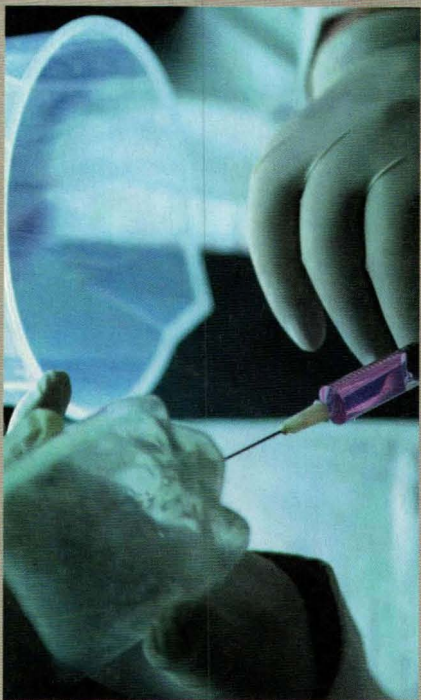
Informants, HUMINT, Liaison and Control

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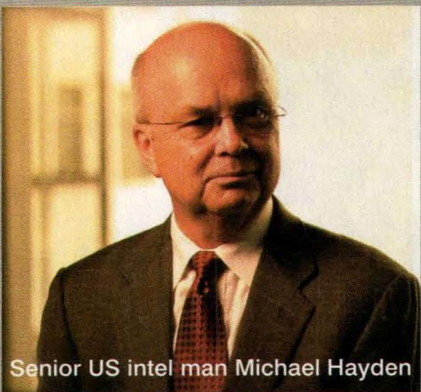


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DIFFERING OPINIONS AFFECT WORLDWIDE OPERATIONS



Though UK-US relations on counter-terrorism are excellent, there was a major clash of opinion regarding the 2006 trans-Atlantic bomb plot. MI5 wanted the investigation to continue for awhile before acting - this in an effort to glean more intelligence on the suspects. However, US intel figures such as Michael Hayden (former Director of NSA and CIA), stressed that because America was the intended target, the "end game" should be played out sooner rather than later. The USIC deliberately forced British Intelligence to act after setting in motion a plan that could have revealed the plot.



Senior US intel man Michael Hayden



THE DEFUNCT BIKINI SYSTEM

"A government system that offered more warning, guidance and knowledge to its own staff and armed forces than the public"



RED British Intelligence has received good intelligence about an attack on a specific target. A secondary description, if the UK was at war, could be Red Alert, this in the context of an incoming nuclear strike.



AMBER A credible threat has been received about an attack on a government facility, office or organisation. A secondary description is High Alert, an indicator the country is moving towards war.



BLACK SPECIAL An attack is likely, but there is insufficient intelligence to identify the target. This applies to both a military (nation) attack, and a possible terrorist attack.



BLACK Intelligence suggests an attack might be in the planning stage, but there is insufficient intelligence to identify the target. A secondary description notes possible public unrest and security cannot be guaranteed.



WHITE No intelligence on threats or situation deemed stable.

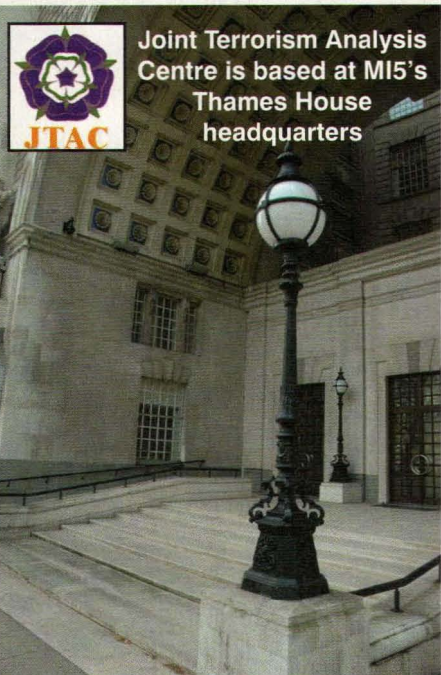
and security personnel, as well as ministers whose departments are in charge of national security. In the UK there exists a body which has been described as a "fusion centre of intelligence," this in the shape of JTAC - the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre. Created in 2003, and based at MI5's Thames House headquarters, JTAC receives and passes relevant intelligence to and from agencies such as MI5, MI6 and GCHQ and elsewhere. This alerts those with a need to know of the existence of a potential threat. Before the current set of colour coded threat levels created in 2006, which are now available to the public, the threat level indicator was known as BIKINI State. Similarly, and depending on the nature of the case, JTAC may secretly liaise with friendly foreign nations, both out of courtesy and professionalism; obviously if the developing case involves a friendly country, then out of necessity.

The 2006 trans-Atlantic aeroplane plot conceived by an al-Qaida gang in southern England had international dimensions, and involved Britain's closest ally - the United States. The implications for both countries - had anything gone wrong with the counter-terrorist and intelligence operation, should not be underestimated. Parts of the USIC were notified, but not all. And despite what some observers believe, the CIA and FBI wanted those planning to hijack a dozen or so airliners arrested before the plot ever left the drawing table. MI5 and New Scotland Yard, however, were confident they had the situation under control. Nevertheless, there was a great deal of tension between UK and US intelligence officials and ministers.

The threat to the United States was incoming and though spectacular, was typical of al-Qaida's grand planning. Its operatives in and around London wanted to perform a most spectacular event, one that would be difficult to investigate.

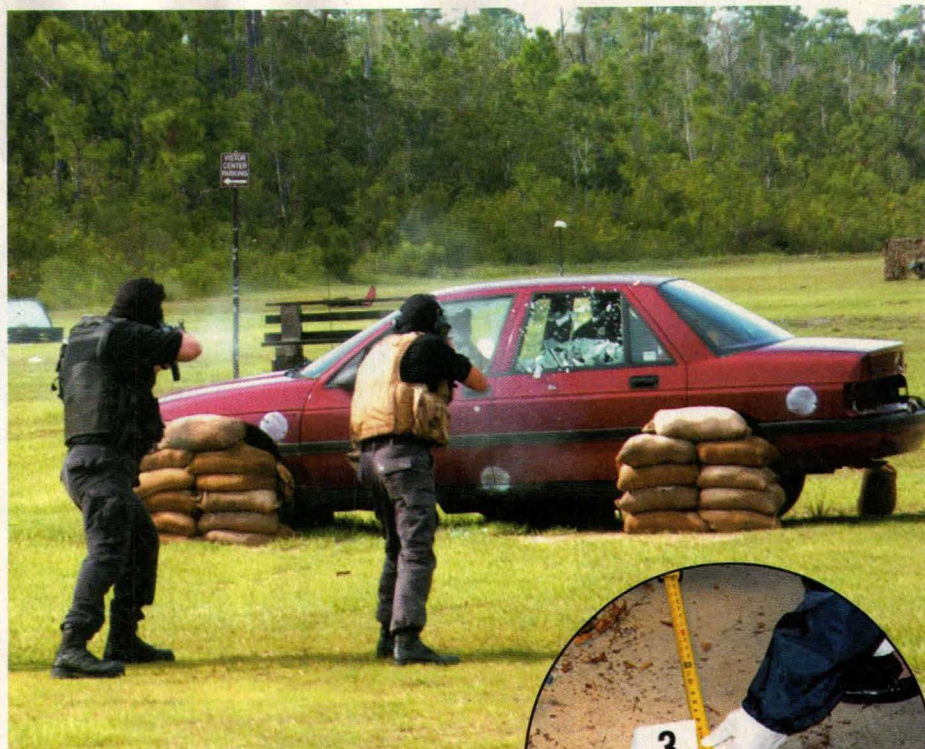
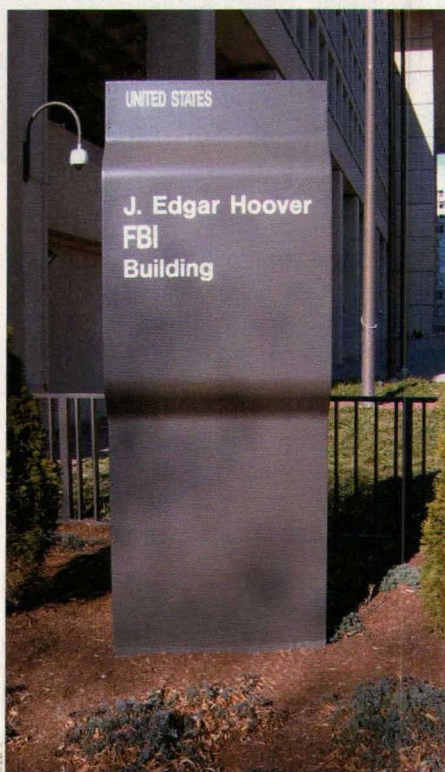
ORGANISATION AND CONTROL

Various counter-terrorist desks and divisions exist within the complex and enlarged USIC. CT experts in this field are attached to the FBI, CIA, DEA and dozens of other organisations. Similarly, many state police forces operate counter-terrorist units and collect localised intelligence. Some



intelligence watchers believe the 'American field' is therefore 'too busy' to be able to focus on developing situations and that complex cooperation may slow communication and response. It's a genuine concern, but the country in terms of its size, threat level and global political and military influence, does warrant an enlarged security organisation.

Following massive post 9/11 intelligence reorganisation, the US Government established the inter-agency National Joint Terrorism Task Force (NJTTF) based at the FBI's Washington DC headquarters. This major intel hub falls under the auspices of the FBI itself, though is fed intelligence from all over the world, including over 100 domestic Joint Terrorism Task Forces which are situated across the country. The JTTF has drawn together personnel from various agencies who have an expertise in counter-terrorism and are in a position to initiate investigations and physically confront threats should they occur.



The JTTF has drawn its forces from numerous organisations. As well as front-line armed personnel, it has an analysis and forensic unit, plus dozens of other divisions necessary to defeat and combat terrorism



The forces have a combined strength of nearly 4,500 personnel drawn from 600 regional agencies and over 50 federal offices/agencies including Homeland Security, US Immigration, Customs and Transport departments, and specialist US armed forces staff. It is a huge coordinating concern - a 'fortress America' approach that has the ability to cross reference intelligence and monitor emerging threats.

Another well established security concern within the FBI's Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIOC), is the Counter-Terrorism Watch (CT Watch). This special station and monitoring room supports Bureau

operations across the world and makes sure intelligence flows properly to hundreds of field stations and personnel. In the event of a terrorist attack, CT Watch becomes fully operational and has the capability to operate as a decision making command post. Its relevance to counter-terrorism duties should not be underestimated.

In the UK, the predominant CT organisation is New Scotland Yard's Counter Terrorism Command (CTC). It liaises fully with MI5, MI6 and other UK intelligence and security concerns, including regional police, border control and CT units. There may be some truth in the phrase 'overkill' when describing such

Armed New Scotland Yard Counter Terrorism Command (CTC) officers patrol the River Thames

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The FBI has been forced to react and reorganise because of the threat of another major terrorist atrocity in the country. Besides specialist CT officers, the Bureau now has at its disposal a variety of equipment, including anti-mine vehicles



work, but just like in America, UK counter-terrorist intelligence is drawn from hundreds of sources, and commentary from overseas HUMINT informants may well originate from MI6. Thus it makes sense that any part of the intelligence mechanism, including the armed forces be able to receive and supply data to the core CT agency.

Providing additional support for MI5 and CTC operations in the UK are regional outposts. These facilities, strategically placed, are used to collect intelligence and host localised operations when necessary.

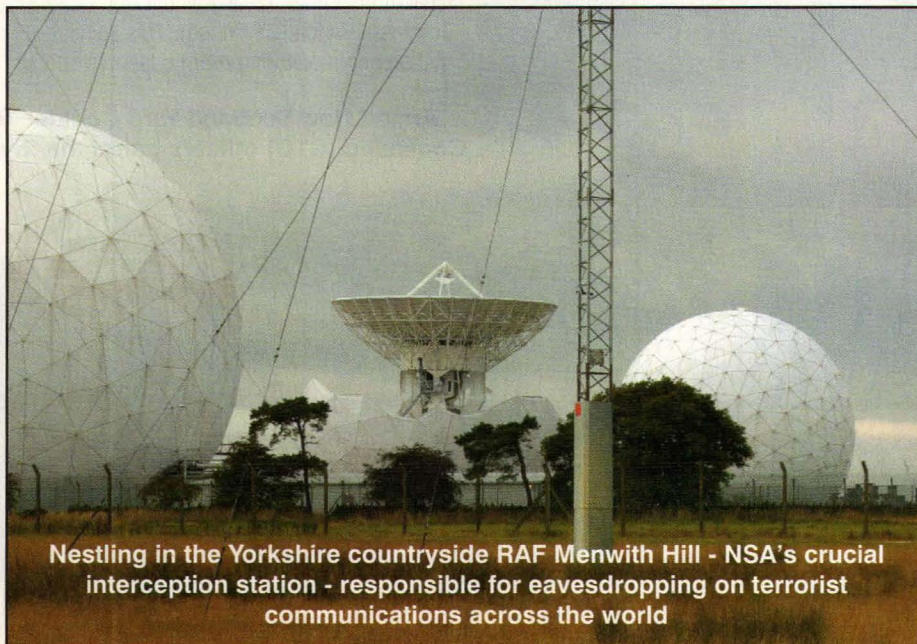
It's also important to note that with international terrorism a worldwide problem, many countries have enlarged or modernised or restructured their counter-terrorism organisations. Massive changes in Canada, Australia and many European countries have occurred, and unlike other types of intelligence, that related to terrorism is frequently pooled and shared, including feeds to Interpol and some United Nations offices. However, for obvious reasons some of the data remains secret and is compartmentalised even within single organisations for fear of internal or external security breaches. Confidentiality and legal issues also come into play. Intelligence is 'king' and any leak, deliberate or unintentional - the mentioning of a name for example by a third party, could have disastrous results for those engaged in an on-going operation.

ELINT - ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE

Another area, perhaps just as important as HUMINT and organisation and essential to the threat matrix, is electronic intelligence - ELINT.

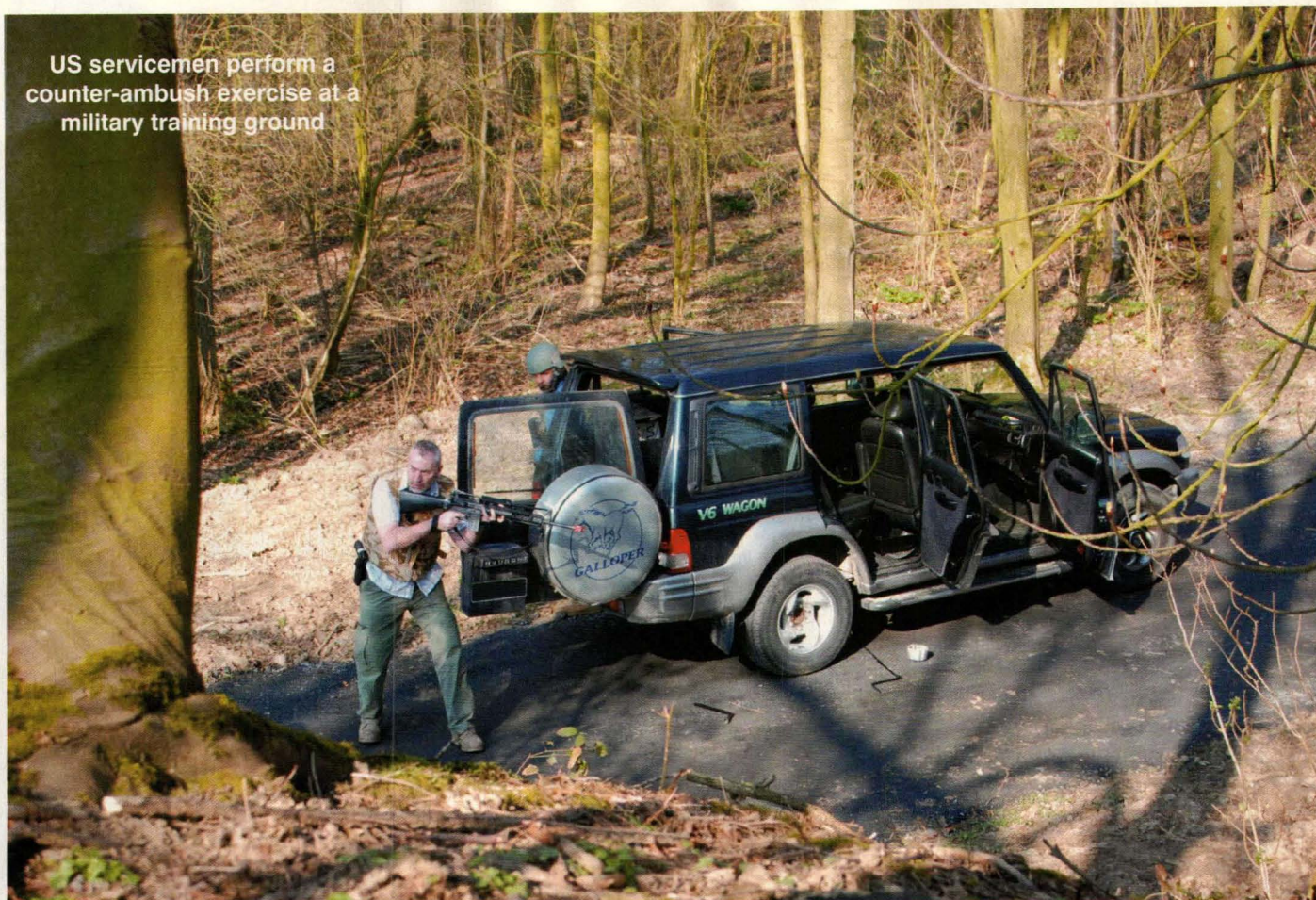
Over the last 20 years the possibility of a nuclear conflict between the West and Russia has diminished dramatically, this as the

likelihood of a devastating terrorist attack has risen. At the same time communication technology has allowed ordinary people access to systems once the 'private domain' of the electronic intelligence world. With the world shrinking, methods and speed of transporting information have evolved and increased; little wonder then that the counter-terrorist role of organisations such as GCHQ and the NSA have become even more

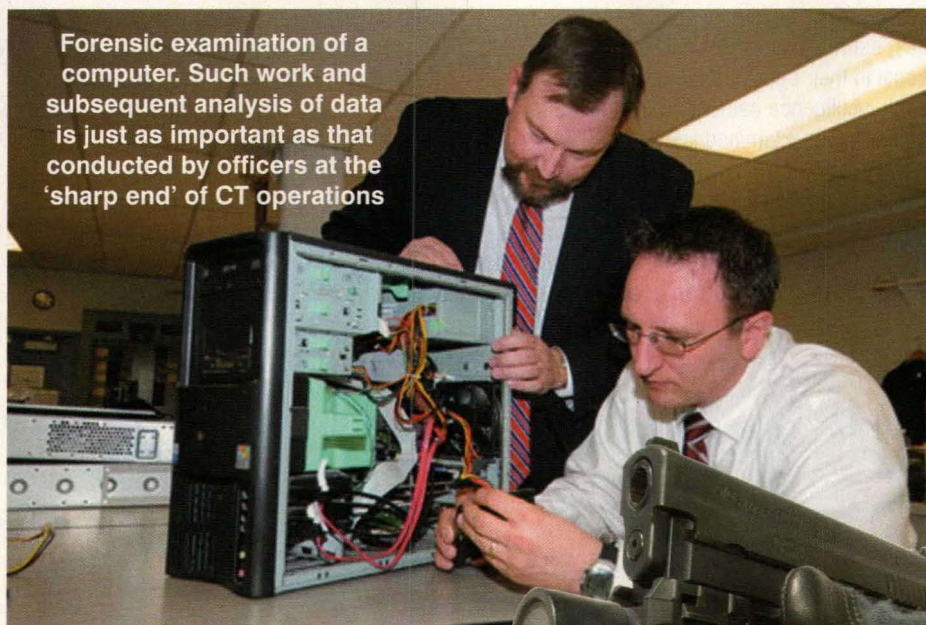


Nestling in the Yorkshire countryside RAF Menwith Hill - NSA's crucial interception station - responsible for eavesdropping on terrorist communications across the world

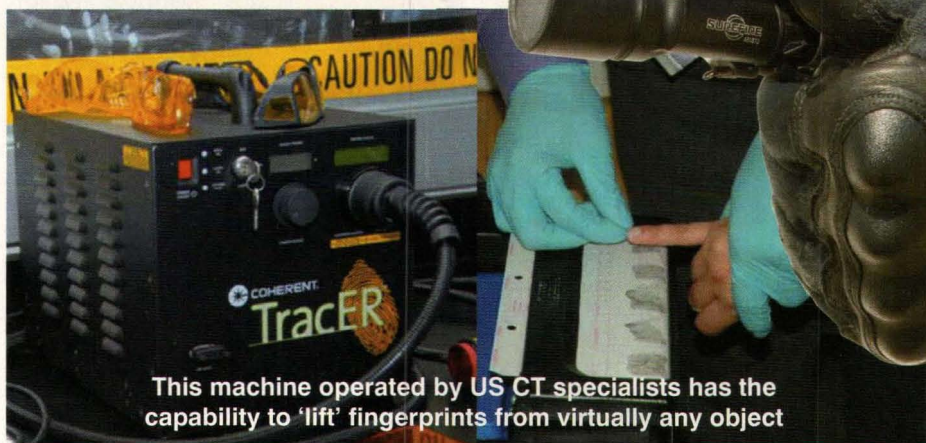
US servicemen perform a counter-ambush exercise at a military training ground



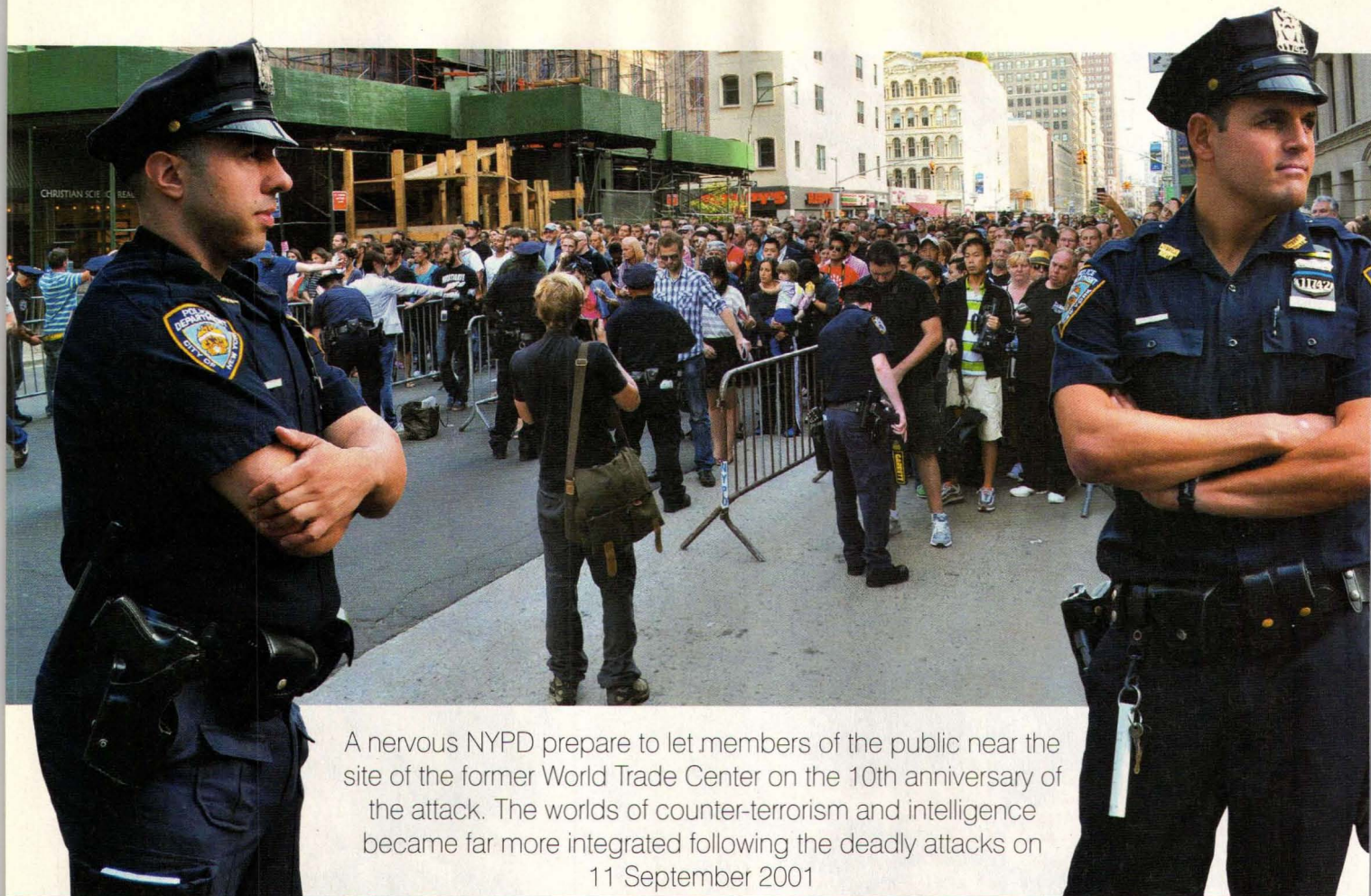
Forensic examination of a computer. Such work and subsequent analysis of data is just as important as that conducted by officers at the 'sharp end' of CT operations



US Maritime Security Response Team member - trained in advanced counter-terrorism tactics



This machine operated by US CT specialists has the capability to 'lift' fingerprints from virtually any object



A nervous NYPD prepare to let members of the public near the site of the former World Trade Center on the 10th anniversary of the attack. The worlds of counter-terrorism and intelligence became far more integrated following the deadly attacks on 11 September 2001

important. Indeed, much of the work of these sister agencies is exclusive to identifying terrorists and collecting valuable intelligence which has undoubtedly helped make the world a safer place. Certainly Eye Spy has counted a dozen or so occasions when intelligence collected by the NSA and GCHQ has saved lives... thousands of them. However, the methods employed by listening posts on land, sea, air and in space, remain closely guarded

secrets. On a legitimate point to such activities, some privacy and civil liberty groups are vocal in their opposition to many aspects of such intelligence gathering, and these concerns are examined later.

Other valuable intelligence is secured through open-source channels, often via Internet chat rooms or sites providing debating channels. The content or agenda can occasionally be

linked to terrorism, or supportive of attacks. Therefore it's not unusual to find agencies monitoring the content of such broadcasts or events; equally, special agents highly trained in such tradecraft may infiltrate a chat room and engage with users to draw intelligence from a specific person or group. Thereafter, a user, watcher or active participant will almost certainly be tracked and quietly investigated.





The emergence of a global terrorist threat has made it necessary to create very realistic training exercises



Nevertheless, not every country can boast an NSA or GCHQ, but increasingly, access to materials secured by these organisations is allowed. At the very least, relevant information is being provided to a host of nations through secret channels often managed and run by diplomats or senior counter-terrorist and military figures. If a threat is perceived by the NSA in a friendly country, it's almost certain a liaison will be informed. However, if a similar situation arises in a country like Iran, then it is highly unlikely government ministries in Tehran will be contacted. Instead a host of actions

will take place in an attempt to glean more intelligence, create opportunities for other agencies to investigate, and at the very least isolate and determine accurately the nature of the threat. This may involve widening the electronic investigation and probing elsewhere.

This leads us to the sponsors of terrorism. Certain nations have threads to terrorist outfits or manage their operations. Iran is a good example, though it is certainly not the only one. Some countries have weak governments

that are unable to guarantee adequate national security thus enabling terrorists to operate freely. Afghanistan and countries like the Somalia come to mind. And then there are ministries, or parts of the armed forces which are divided or contain elements supportive of some terrorist groups. And also drawn into this area are the money men - the financiers of terrorism.

In the next issue Eye Spy examines the dangerous underworld activities of the sponsors of terrorism, from nation states, to groups and even individuals...

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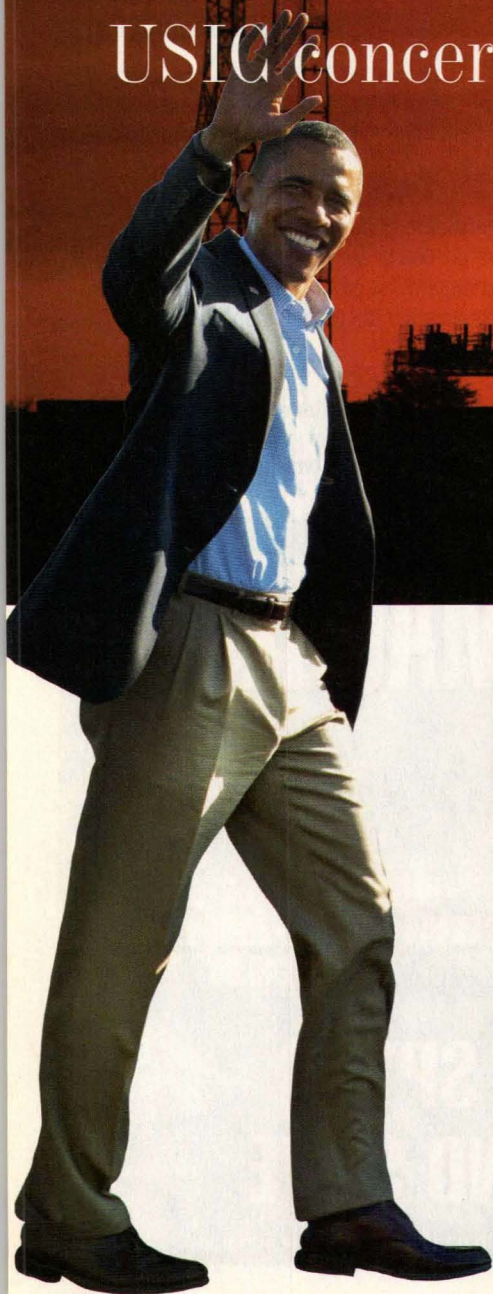
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INTEL LEAKS OR GOOD MEDIA

White House rejects accusations of using intel and media for political gain... but USIC concern forces major investigation



The White House, its Communication Room staff and the Justice Department are under pressure following allegations of deliberately “leaking intelligence” to selected US media outlets. This in turn has led to furious debate that President Obama’s team are circulating intelligence for “political gain.” Whilst the US Intelligence Community (USIC) and armed forces have thus far remained silent, privately senior officials in the services are aghast, especially those agencies who for years have developed some of the operations identified and revealed in the press. Furthermore, the affair has dragged in agencies from countries such as the UK and Israel.

Most intelligence and security organisations have dedicated media liaisons, and in America

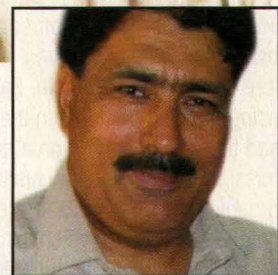
in particular, these offices often provide a deeper insight into operations than the UK, for example. But it is the context and timing of several published stories that some suspect could affect national security. Several case examples have been examined.

RAID ON ABBOTTABAD

Firstly the handling of sensitive details surrounding the US SEAL-CIA operation which resulted in the death of Osama bin-Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The skill, planning and actual operation to carry out the attack on 2 May 2011, was an immense undertaking, and whilst the media were given a fantastic insight into the plan, it has been alleged that additional material may well have been provided to a Hollywood producer. A Pentagon document dated December 2011 states: ‘...the inspector general’s office

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*Some politicians
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Shakil Afridi

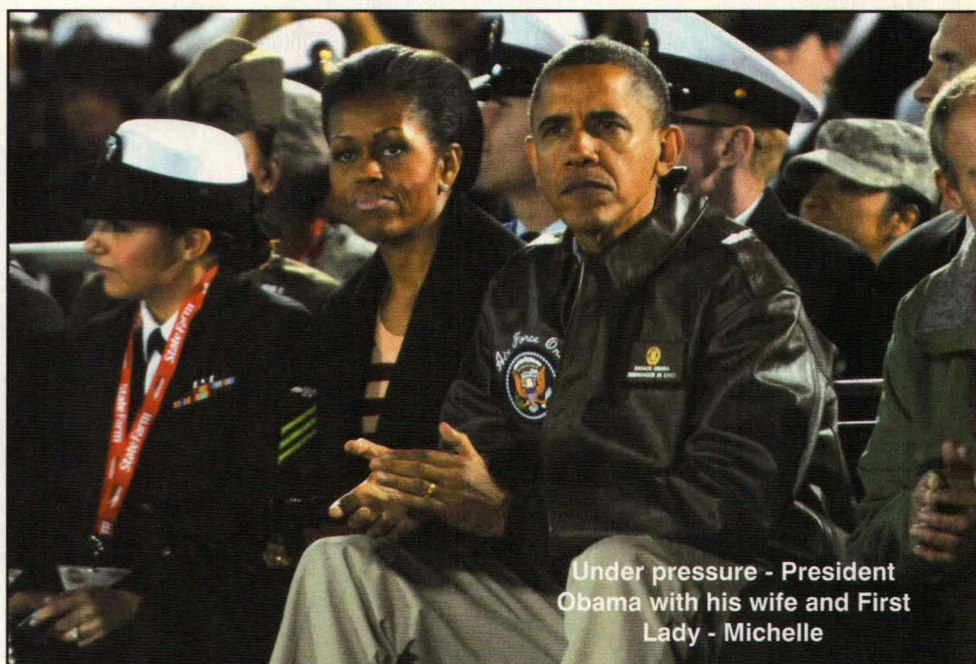
insight into who was inside the compound and how the SEALs should attack.

In Abbottabad itself, a covert effort to confirm bin-Laden's presence in the city was aided in no small measure by Pakistan doctor Shakil Afridi. Under CIA guidance Afridi ran a fake vaccination drive against hepatitis B in an effort to obtain DNA and other forensics. This incredible story should never have been made public. It was always likely, despite the killing of bin-Laden, that the Pakistan authorities would react with anger to such a raid on its sovereign territory. And then when it was

learned in the press that Langley had been running a parallel operation using a Pakistan doctor, this only added to the fury. Someone authorised that this crucial element in the operation could be given to the media. Afridi was duly arrested and quickly given a 33-year prison sentence. However, the Pakistan authorities now say he was jailed for having ties to a local Islamist warlord named Mangal Bagh and his group ➤

covering intelligence matters will address actions taken by DOD personal related to the release of information to filmmakers'. A film about the raid is being produced and a column in the *New York Times* quotes a source relevant to the backers and film's directors. "They have been given 'top level' access to the most classified mission in history." Defense Secretary and former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Leon Panetta responded: "I can assure you, I've asked the question... in this instance no one, nobody released information that was unauthorised." However, even the pro-Obama *Los Angeles Times* said the filmmakers were given, "unusual access to CIA officials."

Of course the operation was assisted by various US surveillance outfits, both military and civilian; NSA intercepts and space spy satellite imagery helped provide a further



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Obama with his wife and First
Lady - Michelle**

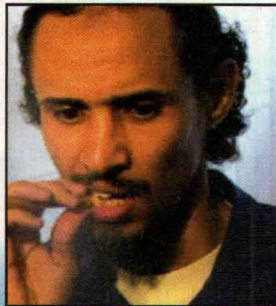
Lashkar-e-Islam. This seems contradictory; for one suspects the CIA would not have used him for fear of a breach and bin-Laden being warned.

MI6-CIA AL-QAIDA INFILTRATION OPERATION

Perhaps the most damaging story occurred in April 2012. Incredibly detailed information regarding an international UK-US and Saudi operation to penetrate al-Qaida was given to a media outlet, without it seems any deliberation with the participating intel agencies themselves.

In the last few years al-Qaida operations in northern Africa have escalated, probably as a result of its operatives being 'squeezed' in Afghanistan and Pakistan. However, the emergence of the terror group in the Arabian Peninsula has resulted in several disturbing attacks and close calls. Plots that have thus far failed include suicide bombers using adapted underwear, photocopy machines being filled with explosives, and the manufacture and transport of ricin. Earlier this year, using support contacts in the Middle East, MI6 and the CIA embarked on a dangerous mission to insert operatives into the highly organised AQAP. An elaborate plan was hatched in London which involved using a Saudi-born agent who was deliberately given British citizenship. A UK passport holder joining al-Qaida allows terror planners far more options, including sending its representatives to travel across the world.

Once inside the group, the agent started to deliver top grade information about a variety of planned operations and its wider ambitions. Intelligence on bomb expert and creator of the 'underpants bomb' and ink-jet bombs, Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri

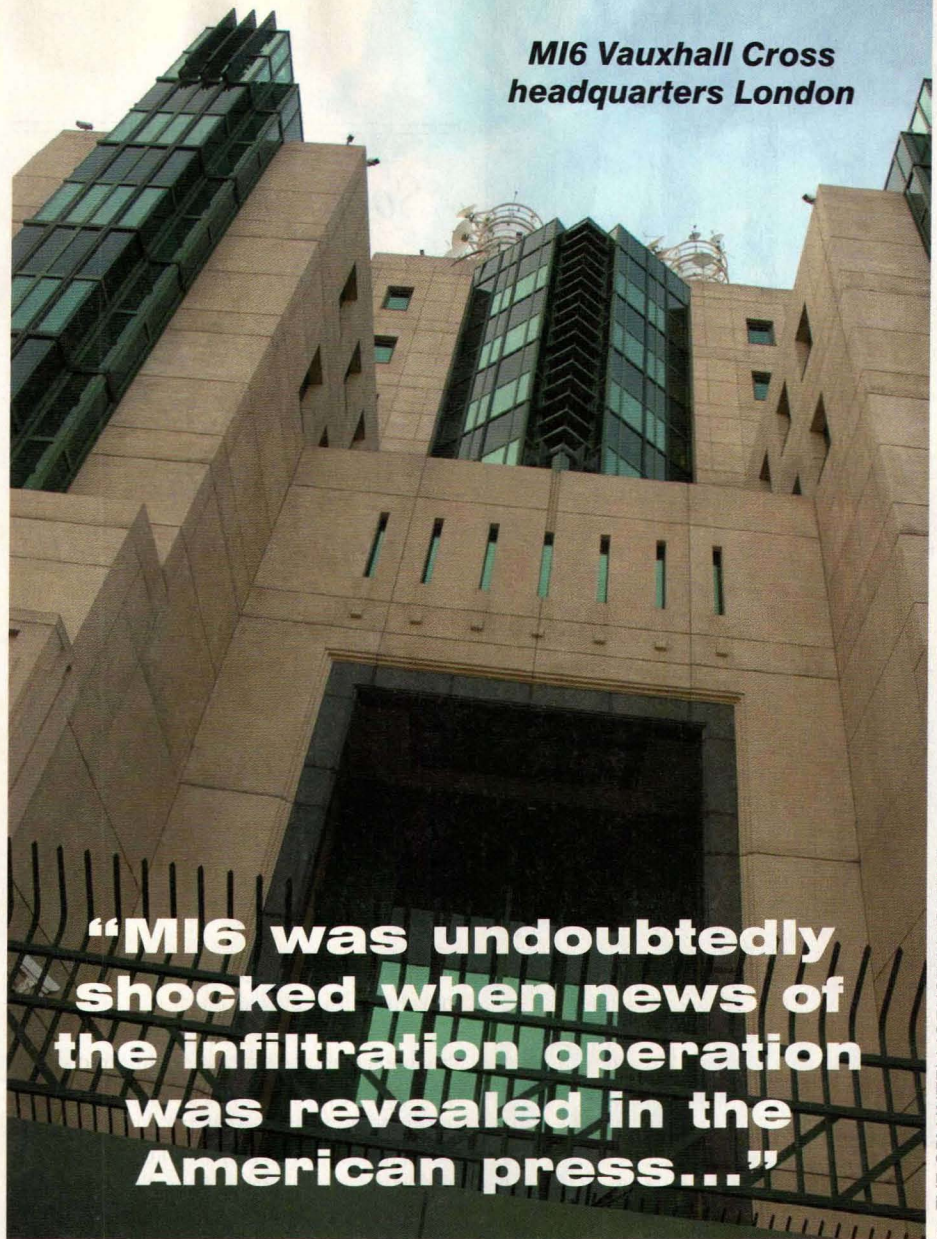


**Fahd al Quso - planned the
attack on the USS Cole**

was obtained. A little later, the agent identified the group's notorious leader Fahd al Quso. The agent learned that Al-Asiri was working on a new under-

wear bomb that he believed would defeat airport countermeasures and detonate, unlike the device carried by Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab on an aeroplane to Detroit in 2009. Al-Asiri's new device involved creating a chemical reaction which would act as a detonator. This intelligence was given to the White House in April.

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**"MI6 was undoubtedly
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the infiltration operation
was revealed in the
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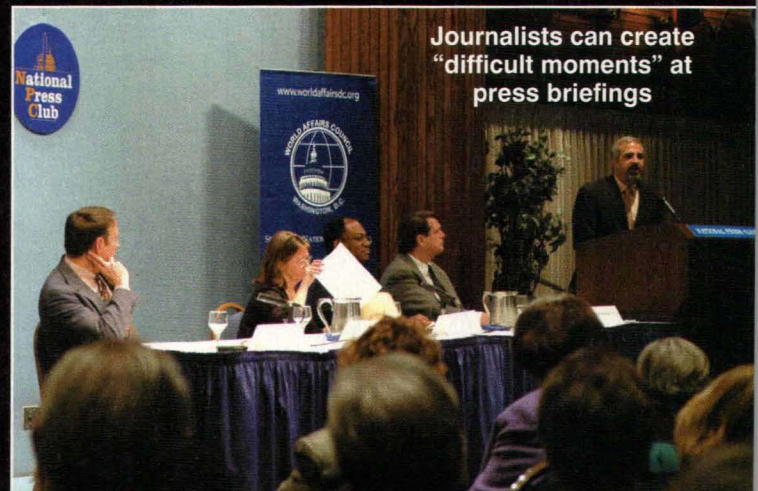


WHEN INFORMATION TURNS TO INTELLIGENCE

'Media agents' are commonplace, even today, and some journalists are viewed more favourably than others....

In America's vast intelligence system lies 16 or 17 agencies all responsible for different tasks, be they related to espionage, security, military, justice etc. Most have spokespersons and media offices. It is not unusual for press briefings to occur following an operation or incident, especially if the event is already in the public domain and has been reported upon by the media. Accredited news agencies and reporters can attend or are provided with a written statement. The United States has a very 'open society' and because of this, information is more readily available.

The information usually supplied concerns the subject matter and little else, however, journalists often 'prize' out additional facts if questions are allowed; and some experienced journalists can extract facts which really belong in the classified drawer. This is why on sensitive issues, the agency may request questions to be submitted in writing. Usually spokespersons are experienced and depending on the nature of the case, accompanied by senior agency or armed forces officials. Watch any such event and the 'eyes' reveal much - the spokesperson often seeks guidance from an associate or will 'forward' a difficult or tricky



Journalists can create "difficult moments" at press briefings

question. Similarly, they will ignore or rebuff a question or divert the conversation to other matters.

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In previous Eye Spy tradecraft features, we revealed the undercover relationship that some media contacts have with the intelligence world. Such arrangements have existed for over a century. Sometimes information is deliberately imparted for disinformation purposes, especially in times of conflict. Such channels can also be used to confuse or dissuade an adversary from hostility. 'Media agents' are commonplace, even today, and

Similar relations exist with those who work in politics. And this is why some officials are convinced a few 'favoured' media houses have been given 'choice information' - that many believe is not information at all - but intelligence. If leaks have occurred, it would be inconceivable that they are the result of intel people talking to journalists. And those 'foot soldiers' who operate in theUSIC have every reason to be suspicious about a number of strange goings on that have taken place in 2012.



Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano gives a press briefing

AL-QAIDA'S BOMBMAKING MENACE



Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri was identified by the CIA-MI6 agent. Al-Asiri is responsible for many 'creative' bombs, including the ink-jet device seized by UAE authorities. The agent tricked the bombmaker into giving him his latest invention - an underwear device that would explode after chemicals collided. It is believed the bomb could have defeated detectors

Al-Qaida was hoping to strike on 2 May - the first anniversary of the death of bin-Laden. The plan was for an operative to use the new underwear bomb on an aircraft bound for America. MI6 told its agent to volunteer for the task. He was duly ordered by al-Qaida to select a flight to the United States and purchase a ticket, but instead sought out his spy handler and handed over the bomb. Just as important, the agent also passed on accurate details pertaining to the whereabouts of Fahd al Quso in Yemen. A CIA Predator drone found his location, attacked, and killed the long-time terror leader. He was responsible for numerous operations including the 2000 attack on the USS Cole which killed 19 US military personnel.

This could have been the beginning of a major offensive against al-Qaida in the area. But planners obviously believed the agent was a spent force. Nevertheless, there was anger in Langley and Vauxhall Bridge - someone in President Obama's camp green-lighted the release of the counter-terrorist operation, and all its intricate detail. This major MI6 penetration operation, which also involved Saudi Intelligence and MI5 had been exposed, and

with it details of CIA objectives and the very real possibility of other agent exposure. More importantly, such a breach, which could only have started with a political official, now makes performing future infiltration operations more difficult. As for the incredibly brave infiltration agent, his role has ended.

FLAME AND STUXNET

What of the recent furore over the incredibly mischievous Flame virus that has been causing more havoc to Iran's nuclear programme? Publicity about Flame of course followed Stuxnet - the 2010 virus which confused hundreds, perhaps thousands of Iranian computers controlling nuclear centrifuges and rendering them useless. In June, White House officials gave

more than a hint who was behind Stuxnet, and this too annoyed opposition officials who perceived the subject was being used as a "political football." However, there is good information to suggest Stuxnet and Flame, which is now destroying itself and disappearing from computers, began life outside the United States. Indeed, intelligence watchers believe the viruses are probably the brainchild of Israel's Unit 8200 or the Mossad. Russia's top Kaspersky Lab which examined Flame and Stuxnet has confirmed they were developed by the same groups. Interestingly, the Flame virus preceded Stuxnet and its code platform shows work started in 2007 or 2008 at the very latest. However, there is evidence a branch of the USIC eventually joined the project at a later date.

THE CIA 'KILL LIST'

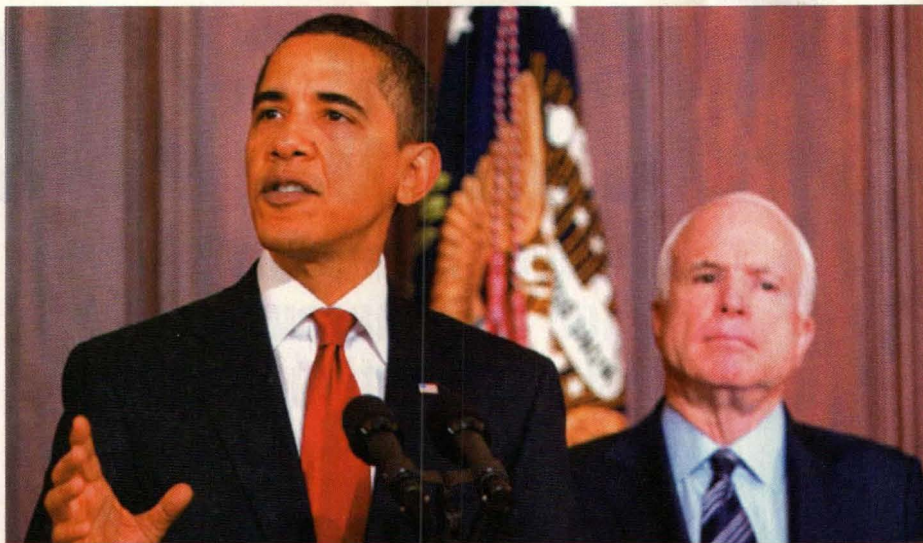
Another topic being discussed at every intelligence level is the so-call 'CIA Kill List'. Most people are familiar with the UAV raids that have wreaked havoc on al-Qaida and the Taliban in recent times, but someone informed a journalist that President Obama is at the helm of the programme. According to the *New York Times*, the president designates "terrorists for capture or kill." This does little to enhance the image of the White House or Langley, whose various overseas elements have had great success in recent times eliminating senior terrorists. White House critics say his advisors like the programme because it portrays the president

There is great concern within the USIC and the Pentagon that the prospect of further information manipulation may impact on future operations and relations with the media



TARGET: The computer programmes which control nuclear facilities such as Arak shown here





Intel clashes - President Obama and Senator John McCain

as a strong man opposed to terrorism. The latest high-profile terrorist killed in the programme was media savvy Abu Yahya al-Libi - al-Qaida's known second-in-command.

After escaping from a prison in Afghanistan in 2005, al-Libi sought to recruit fighters from across the world by producing dozens of lecture videos which then found their way onto the Internet. He died on 4 June 2012, after a UAV rocket struck in Khassu Kehl, a Pakistan village in the North Waziristan area. Regardless of this latest success, the CIA would probably have preferred that the 'Kill List' remained a secret.

Such alleged leaks to the press have been criticised by many politicians, and the powerful Senate Intelligence Committee. In June, leaders of the House met with National Intelligence Director James Clapper, and it doesn't stop there. Eye Spy understands the CIA and NSA are deeply concerned. 2008 Republican presidential nominee, Senator John McCain fanned the flames of controversy further by stating the leaks "are an attempt to further the president's political ambitions for the sake of his re-election at the expense of US national security." A charge rejected by the White House whose senior press officer said: "Any suggestion this administration has authorised intentional leaks of classified information for political gain is grossly irresponsible.

Despite such claims and counter-claims, there is no doubt an authorised person or office with access to intelligence matters is speaking to the media. President Obama has promised "zero tolerance" for those

CIA MEDIA LIAISONS

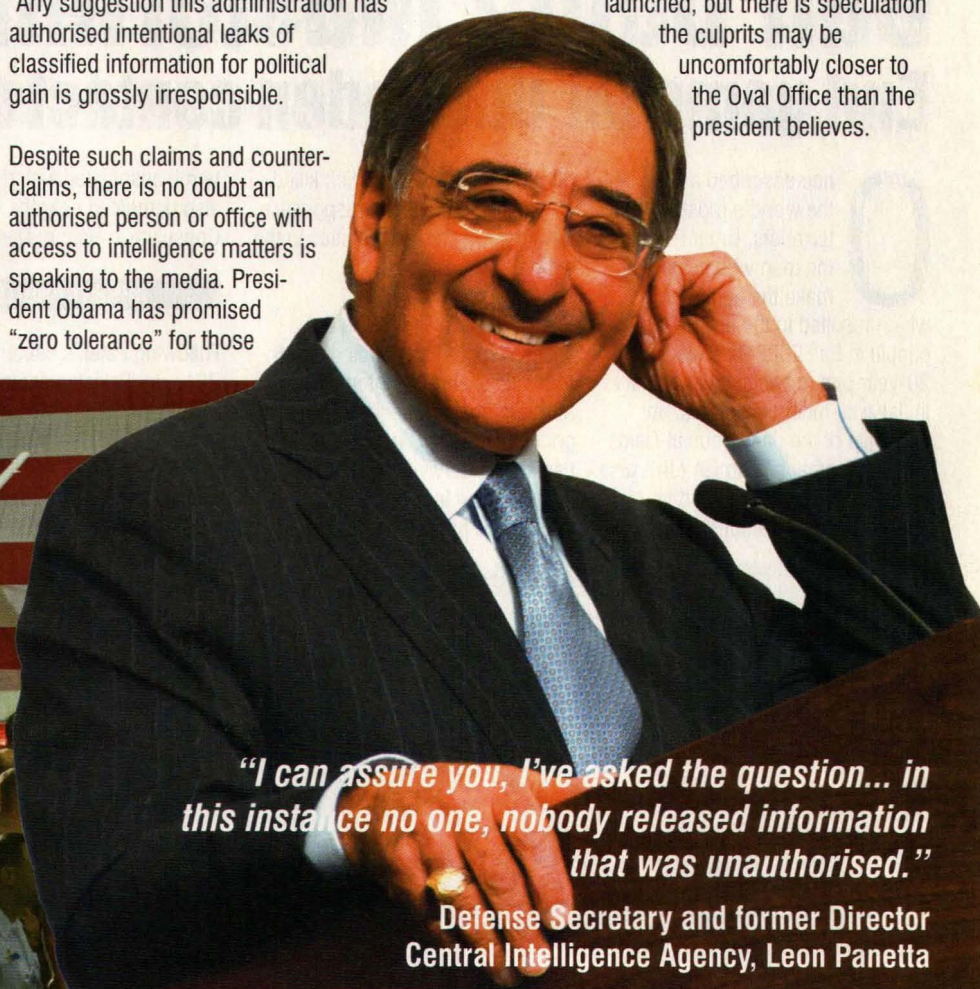
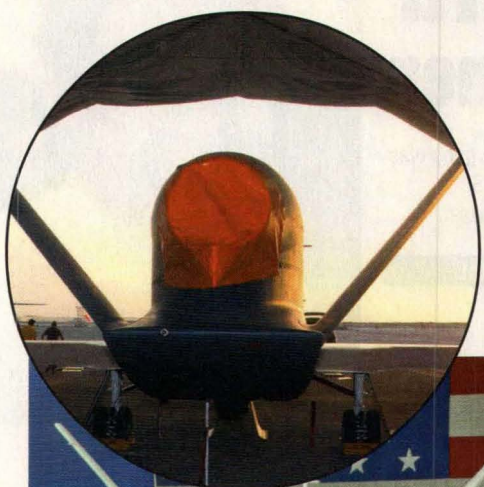
CIA spokeswoman, Jennifer Youngblood commenting on the Agency's relationship with the media said: "CIA has been open that as part of our public outreach, the Agency has over the years engaged with writers, documentary filmmakers, movie and TV producers, and others in the entertainment industry. Our goal is an accurate portrayal of the men and women of the CIA, their vital mission and the commitment to public service that defines them. And it is an absolute that the protection of national security equities is an integral part of our mission."

Abu Yahya al-Libi

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behind the leaks and has dismissed the notion that officers from the White House are responsible. An investigation has been launched, but there is speculation the culprits may be uncomfortably closer to the Oval Office than the president believes.



"I can assure you, I've asked the question... in this instance no one, nobody released information that was unauthorised."

Defense Secretary and former Director Central Intelligence Agency, Leon Panetta



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Intel News Roundup

Bali Bomb Mastermind End game for Bin-Laden contact men

Once described as one of the world's most wanted terrorists, Umar Patek, the man who helped make the huge bomb which resulted in the deaths of 202 people in Bali 2002, has received a 20-year prison sentence at a court in Jakarta, Indonesia. Patek, an operative of the dangerous al-Qaida affiliate - Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) - also created the explosives used in attacks on five churches on

Christmas Eve 2000, which killed 15 people. JI has been responsible for numerous terror atrocities in the region.

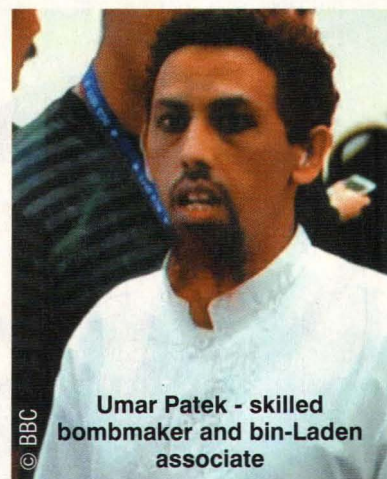
Most of those killed in the Bali attack were tourists, including 88 Australians and 28 Britons. The terrorists main target was the popular Paddy's Bar on Jalan Legian. As survivors fled, a second bomb hidden in a van exploded outside the packed Sari Club. A third

bomb associated with the gang was also detonated near the US Consulate in Renon, Denpasar.

ARREST AND TRIAL

Following Patek's capture in January 2011, by Pakistan security forces in Abbottabad (the same town where Osama bin-Laden was finally caught), Indonesia's Defence Minister Purnomo Yudiantoro said Patek was in the city to meet Osama bin-Laden. If true, it is evidence of his stature within al-Qaida. Also of relevance to the theory that Patek was closer to the terror leader than some believe, immediately following the Bali bombing, bin-Laden released an audio tape praising the attackers.

Patek claimed in court he was against the plot from the start, and for his show of remorse, probably avoided the death penalty. He said when he arrived in Bali nearly 2000lbs of explosives, which were to be used in the attack, had already



Umar Patek - skilled bombmaker and bin-Laden associate

been mixed in a house in Denpasar. He "reluctantly" agreed to mix a further 70lbs.

He has even apologised to the relatives of those who died. However, Eye Spy intelligence sources say Patek was "senior service" and a well known terrorist in the Far East. With a one million dollar bounty on his head, Patek had connections to numerous terrorist figures, and avoided detection for the best part of a decade. In February this year, FBI officer Frank Pellegrino, an experienced staffer, said Patek was "well known as a bombmaker to other terrorists."



One Bali bomb was concealed in a Mitsubishi van

HAMAS DEATH

Alleged Hamas gun-runner killed in Damascus - officials issue conflicting statements

A senior Hamas operative and close associate of Mahoud Abdel al-Mabhouh, who was assassinated by a Mossad unit in Dubai two years ago, has himself been found dead in a house in the Syrian capital of Damascus. Intelligence sources told Eye Spy the man, Kamel Hussein Ranaja, who also goes by the name Nizar Abu Mujhad, was an important Hamas logistics agent and like Al-Mabhouh, involved in the covert movement of weapons across the Middle East.

"A group of people entered the house of Ranaja in Qudsaya (a northern suburb of the city) where he was liquidated," a Hamas man said. "According to our information the Mossad was behind the assassination." That view was also held by Izzat al-Rashak, an official of Hamas' Political Bureau. He blamed "a treacherous party."

Syrian press reported a number of gunmen burst into his home and shot Ranaja dead at close range. The house was then set on fire. Forensic evidence "suggested" he may have been tortured before death.



Kamel Ranaja (left) was a close associate of Mahoud Abdel al-Mabhouh (right). Al-Mabhouh was allegedly assassinated by the Mossad in Dubai 2010

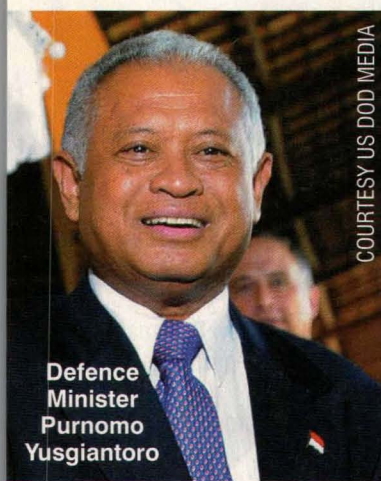
Syria's government is a financier of the Hamas political wing and provides training for its operatives. Some officials here also blamed Israel's secret service for Ranaja's murder. However, speaking on Armed Forces Radio, Israel Defence Minister Ehud Barak said this about the incident, which happened on 27 June: "He was not really personally familiar to me."

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Hamas supporters in Damascus. Due to the instability in Syria, the outfit has been looking for new headquarters elsewhere



COURTESY US DOD MEDIA

Indeed, the CIA learned Patek planned to kill US troops in AQ operations across the region.

Patek, who denies all the claims, was also instrumental in helping to establish a terror training camp in Aceh in 2010.

Indonesian counter-terrorist officials have long sought to conclude their investigation into Bali, seeking out all those involved in the attack. With assistance from US and Australian military advisors and operatives, several leading terrorists have also been killed or arrested, including Noordin Mohammed Top and

bombmaker Azahari Husin. Ali Imron, another member of the attack team, was given a life sentence.

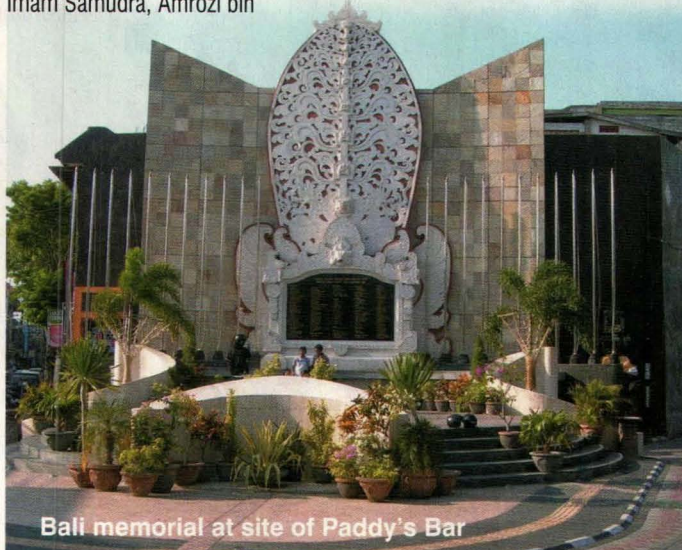
THE 'GENIUS'

In March 2010, the Bali terror planner Dulmatin, also known as 'The Genius', was trapped by Indonesia police and shot dead in Jakarta. It was Dulmatin who detonated the Bali bombs via his cell phone. Three other primary masterminds behind the operation, Imam Samudra, Amrozi bin

Nurhasyim and Ali Ghuffron were captured and executed in 2008.

The final terrorist involved in the Bali incident is Riduan Isamuddin. The FBI believe he was a key planner in the attack and has connections to al-Qaida. Isamuddin is being held at Guantanamo Bay prison

Patek's solicitor, Asludin Hatjani, said his client was "very disappointed with the verdict and may appeal to a higher court."



Bali memorial at site of Paddy's Bar

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ETA TERROR SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN LONDON



Antonio Arranz and Ignacio Sanchez

LONDON: New Scotland Yard Counter Terrorism Command (CTC) officers have arrested two high ranking operatives of the Basque terrorist group ETA.

Antonio Arranz and Ignacio Sanchez were detained at an address in Hounslow, London. Both men were wanted in Spain for various offences, including possession of high explosives.

Arranz was involved in the 1986 killing of a national guardsman.

The operation comes at a time when a senior ETA man lost an appeal on charges linked to a plot to assassinate the King of Spain.

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According to the background published, he was no saint and I don't want to add anything or comment further."

The Local Coordination Committee (LCC), a Syrian opposition group, blames rogue elements of the Syrian Army for the assassination, noting Hamas in recent times has distanced itself from the regime of President Assad. The LCC state no-one but the government knew Ranaja was in the country, and at the time of his murder, the district where he lived was in 'lock-down'. "This was a message to Hamas," according to an opposition activist.



Israel Defence Minister Ehud Barak

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Assassination - "not the MO of the Mossad"

DAMASCUS: Some intel watchers remain unconvinced the assassination of Ranaja is the work of the Mossad, and certainly the myriad of stories pertaining to how he was killed have only conspired to make a determination almost impossible. One report says he was tortured, shot and then burned to conceal evidence. Another suggests he simply died in a house fire. However, the most gruesome, and that seems to have some standing, at least with opposition forces, is that he was tortured, beheaded, and his body cut into pieces and placed in a cupboard and set on fire.



The latter is not a method used by the Mossad, nor would it attempt to conceal evidence by burning. Hamas officials are divided over who to apportion blame. However, they have been careful not to mention the Syrian Government, fearful of provoking a backlash from President Bashar Al-Assad supporters.

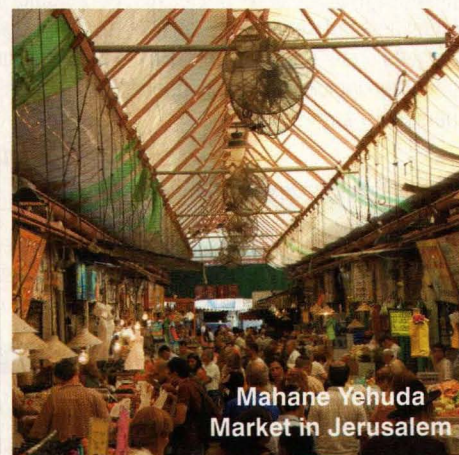
THE 1997 'POISON EAR DROP' ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

A long history of deadly operations exist between Hamas and the Mossad

Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh is seeking a way out of Syria where his headquarters are currently based, this because of the recent turmoil. Haniyeh himself was probably the victim of a most audacious Mossad assassination attempt in September 1997. This was in response to the Mahane Yehuda Market terrorist attack in Jerusalem a few months earlier which Israel blamed on Hamas. A huge bomb killed 16 people and injured hundreds more.

Two alleged undercover Mossad agents were despatched to Jordan and tracked Haniyeh down. They released a slow-acting poison into his ear as he entered the Hamas office in Amman. The men, who were carrying Canadian passports, were arrested and the incident led to a major diplomatic spat between Jordan and Israel.

As King Hussein of Jordan bartered with Israel, it is reported the US intervened. Some reports suggest it was the head of the Mossad



Mahane Yehuda Market in Jerusalem



Hamas Prime Minister Khaled Meshaal

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himself, Dani Yatom, who flew to Jordan to deliver the antidote and bring his men home.

This was reportedly in return for the release of 40 Hamas prisoners, including its founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin. His freedom was short-lived,

however. Yassin died in an Israeli Air Force attack in 2004. Later that year, his associate and Hamas co-founder Abdel Aziz Rantissi was also killed in another targeted air strike.

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Former Mossad Director - Dani Yatom

Operation COLD FEET

The Covert Soviet Ice Station Mission

As spy games return to the Arctic region, tensions between Russia and the West have increased considerably... intelligence collection too is rising. The importance of this huge area has always been recognised, and some of the most amazing operations conducted in an attempt to glean intelligence. One such endeavour backed by US Intelligence was code-named 'Coldfeet'...

CHRISTOPHER EGER examines the operation, provides additional background, and half a century after its success, speaks to a number of intel people who participated

In 1962, a disarmed B-17 bomber operated by a front company for the CIA, parachuted two military officers onto an abandoned Soviet ice station to plunder it for intelligence. Seven days later the same aircraft returned and picked up the frozen military spies and their harvest via an exotic surface-to-air recovery system known as a 'Fulton Skyhook'.

Operating since 1951, Project Magnet measures and maps the Earth's magnetic variation. It consists of many lonely, boring, flights around the world continuously collecting aeromagnetic survey data. One such flight was over the Arctic icepack in May 1961. Icebergs, polar bears and whales were the only thing that passed under a US Navy P-2V Neptune submarine hunter flying over the ice north of Alaska. That was, until a bit of lost Soviet real estate passed under the plane at 10,000 feet. It was a floating Soviet ice station, number NP-9 [NP - North Pole] to be exact.

In the Cold War, both the Soviet Union and NATO spent a lot of time in the frozen Arctic

region. Both sides had submarines under the ice, isolated stations atop the ice and patrol planes above. The research stations ranged from large permanent bases such as Thule Air Base in Greenland to small unmanned DEW stations and everything in between. NP-9 was a remote speck of civilization floating in different locations every day. The US Navy plane circled around, recorded the station's position for future reference, and resumed its mission.

SOVIET ICE STATIONS

On 21 May 1937, four polar explorers led by Ivan Papanin were airlifted from Siberia to a spot on drifting pack ice just 12 miles (20-km)

from the true North Pole. There, the men set up North Pole -1, commonly referred to as NP-1. For nine years, they sampled sea ice, took meteorological readings, and submitted radio reports as they drifted nearly 1800 miles (2900km) around the Arctic. Eventually picked up by icebreakers, the men returned home and were made Heroes of the Soviet Union just before World War II. Later, Papanin was awarded no less than nine Orders of Lenin and retired as a Rear Admiral. The Soviets took their polar operations very seriously.

NP-1's example was not repeated until NP-2 was set up in 1950. With the Cold War at its most bitter point, the Soviets began hastily



Hero of the Soviet Union Ivan Papanin at NP-1 in 1937

establishing more ice stations. By the mid-1950s as many as three would be in operation simultaneously. They would conduct daily rawinsonde measurements of wind direction and speed, atmospheric pressure, humidity, air temperature, and geopotential height as well as surface-based observation of cloud cover (amount, type and height) along with more important audio-metric under-ice acoustic propagation data of the seawater in each region as they drifted through it. Supplied by a huge fleet of icebreakers and aircraft some were in operation for as many as three years during which they drifted up to 5,000 miles. Typically, they would be abandoned when they became unstable. Over time the floating ice would be consumed by the warmer waters outside the Arctic Circle and eventually sink to the bottom of the sea. Barring this, they would be crushed and ground into nothingness by shifting pack ice with a similar result.

NP-9 was established on 26 April 1960 and abandoned in March 1961, this after the ice runway that resupplied the base developed cracks. It was widely thought at the time that the Soviets had planned the base and a series of others to track US submarines operating under the ice. The US Navy's Office of Naval Research (ONR) was very interested in comparing the Soviet ice stations technology and hatched a plan to investigate.

INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION PLAN

One ONR officer in particular was eager to see what intelligence information could be gleaned from the remnants of NP-9. That man was Lieutenant Leonard LeSchack, an Antarctic geophysicist and who had previously served on floating US stations in the Arctic. His experience on both US Arctic drifting stations T-3 and ARLIS II, and his knowledge of underwater acoustics



Operation Coldfeet map showing the original course of the unsuccessful C-130 mission (right), and the final B-17 mission from Alaska (left.)

was balanced with the fact that he was a HAM radio expert. He pitched his plan to parachute a team of intelligence collectors (of which he would be a part of) onto the station over a 'martini lunch' with Dr Maxwell Britton, head of the Arctic programme in the Geography Branch of ONR.

As LeSchack recalls, "So you want to become the American James Bond?" said Max, as he ordered yet another martini. This was essentially the same response LeSchack had to endure all the way up the Navy chain of command to, and including, the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air. However, LeSchack's plan slowly gained some small measure of support.

It was finally approved and soon became a joint services project. Major James Smith of the US Air Force was assigned to accompany LeSchack to NP-9. Smith was a Russian linguist, survival

expert and an intelligence officer. US Army doctor Captain Dan Walter of the 82nd Airborne Division rounded out the team. The operation was appropriately dubbed 'Project Coldfeet'.

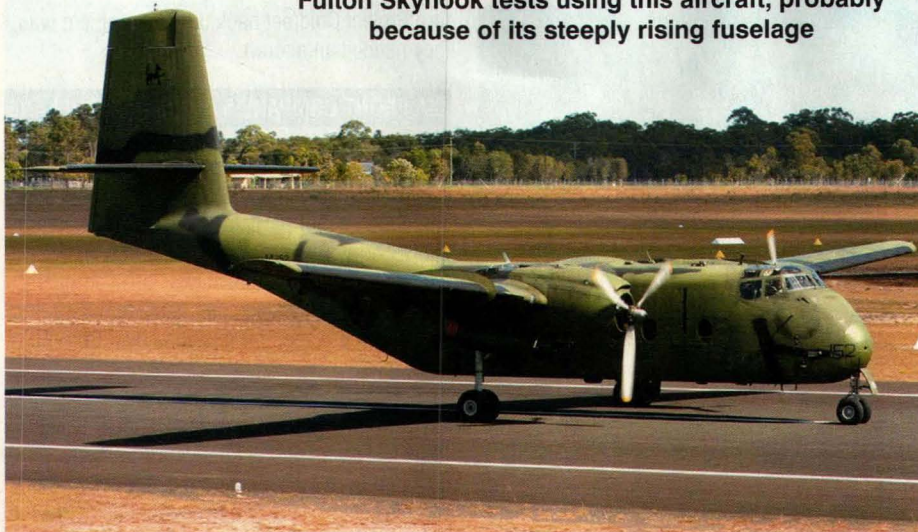
The team was to be parachuted onto NP-9 as it was unreachable by submarine or surface ship; the cracked runway made fixed wing landings impossible and it was too distant for any helicopter of the day. Smith and Walter were both experienced parachutists but LeSchack was not. A one-week crash course at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station (where the Hindenburg airship met its end) solved this problem and LeSchack earned his jump wings.

THE FULTON SKYHOOK

While the 'polar burglars' could be dropped on the abandoned ice station, there was no way to retrieve them. Planners then examined the Fulton



A CV-2 Caribou aircraft of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). The US Army first conducted Fulton Skyhook tests using this aircraft, probably because of its steeply rising fuselage



Skyhook, designed by Robert Fulton an adventurer first and inventor second.

The WWII concept allowed operatives to be picked up from behind enemy lines in areas too remote for even for STOL (short take off and landing) aircraft. Part of the system had two arms attached to the aircraft's nose and engaged a 500ft long rope held by a weather balloon. The four hundred pound pick-up package consisted of a helium tank, the balloon, the suit-harness, and the rope in a buoyant container that could be parachuted to a waiting person below. He would don the suit, inflate the balloon, attach one end of the line to the suit and the other to the balloon, and then wait for the aircraft to return. The recovery plane would approach as low and slow as possible; catching the rope floating below the balloon between. As the aircraft moved forward, the line would reel in the person or package through a cargo door.

Initial tests with live pigs were conducted, but it was found the animals (though alive) had rotated violently in flight. By 1958, with a US Marine guinea pig playing the role of Wile E Coyote in the test pickup, the problems had been overcome. The US Army experimented with the contraption on the CV-2 Caribou aircraft, and the US Navy tested the system on modified S-2A Tracker and P2V aircraft in the 1960's for use in pilot recovery at sea. It was stated by numerous users that the ride was enjoyable and the only

notable part was the initial "kick in the pants" upon lift off from the ground - due to the rapid acceleration from a sitting position.

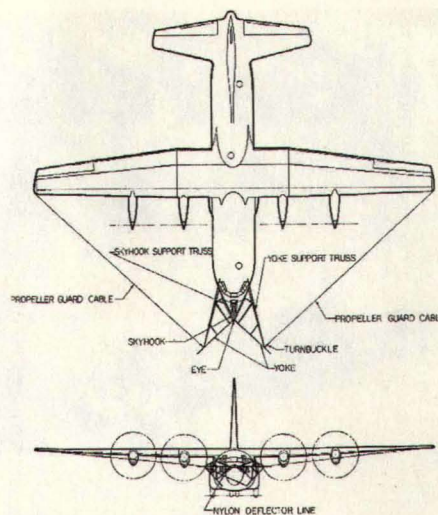
The US Government considered using the Skyhook to rescue the Dali Lama from Chinese occupied Tibet in 1959, but went with a yak-borne extraction instead. In 1961, a CIA-flown RB-66 was fitted with the Skyhook to rescue downed Air America pilot Allen Pope from Indonesia but the mission was dropped. Therefore, Project Coldfeet, would be the first use of it in a real operation.

Skyhook had been used for peaceful purposes. A Skyhook-equipped US Navy P-2V Neptune from Point Barrow, Alaska retrieved a set of mastodon tusks uncovered by archaeologists working in the inaccessible arctic tundra in 1960.

With the method of retrieval chosen, the US Navy P-2V from the previous year's mastodon tusk pickup was detailed and the Coldfeet team began training for it at Naval Air Station Patuxent River.



A US Navy Grumman S-2A Tracker on the deck of the USS Lexington. The navy selected this aircraft to test the Fulton Skyhook. Another reason which might have influenced their decision, was its anti-submarine capability



The Fulton Skyhook as rigged on a C-130. Note the propeller guard cables to stop the hook from being churned up accidentally

A CHANGE OF PLANS

By September 1961, NP-9 was within 600-miles of Thule Air Force base in Greenland and a PV-2 aircraft with a C-130 for support was scheduled to drop the team near the station, but the weather deteriorated meaning the team had to wait until spring of 1962.

In March 1962 when the weather broke, NP-8, a Soviet ice station that had been active since 1959, was also abandoned as it started to break up. NP-8 now became the target of choice. Recently evacuated, it potentially held more up-to-the-minute COMINT (communications intelligence).

Flying from a Royal Canadian Air Force base in the far north, the Coldfeet team searched for NP-8 no less than five times but could not find it. Out of money and budgeted hours for the navy planes, the mission returned empty handed. At this point, the team referred to their endeavour as "Project Rat *uck."

PLANS BACK ON

In May 1962, NP-8 was found again by a routine Project Birds Eye Ice reconnaissance patrol just established by the Navy's Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) at the beginning of the year. The aircraft, an EC-121 KIP Warning Star, found the wayward ice station purely by chance. This information was passed on to LeSchack who went back to the ONR for more funding. With the door closed for good by the Navy, the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) injected \$30,000 to



'Seven Days in the Arctic'



Artist portrayal of the CIA-owned, civilian-marked B-17 bomber snatching Navy Lieutenant Leonard LeSchack, from the abandoned Soviet Ice Station North Pole-8 on 2 June 1962 via the Fulton Skyhook system. Note USAF Major Jim Smith on the ground preparing his balloon for the next and last pass

OIL ON CANVAS, 2007 BY KEITH WOODCOCK FROM THE CIA'S INTELLIGENCE ART COLLECTION

turn Project Coldfeet back on. The problem was, they needed an aircraft.

CIA FRONT COMPANIES AND THE AEROPLANE

Completed in August 1945, the B-17G-95-DL Flying Fortress bomber serial number 44-83785 came too late for participation in WWII. Instead, the US Army Air Force used her for transport until it was sold to a CIA-backed shell company. Still in military markings, her serial numbers were often changed for missions over Communist China.

According to aviation historian Dr Joe F. Leeker: "This B-17 was one of the aircraft formerly operated by Western Enterprises Inc. of Taiwan. Western Enterprises had been founded by the CIA in 1951 to funnel covert American assistance to the Republic of China. Their activities included airborne intelligence flights over mainland China as well as dropping agents, using aircraft and crews of Civil Air Transport/Air America."

The B-17 in question later flew Black Ops' missions over Tibet with former Free-Polish Air crews at the wheel dropping agents in 1957. The 'dummy' company Atlantic General Enterprises operated from a PO Box in Washington DC in September 1960, brought her back home. There, to further muddy the waters, her serial number was changed to 44-83785 in May 1961. The B-17 was quietly shifted to Marana Air Park. Located outside of Tucson Arizona, the site, an old World War II Army Air Force training base in the desert, was infamous as being a hub for deniable aircraft flying for the CIA throughout the world. As late as the mid-1980s Marana was still in use running arms to the Nicaraguan Contras.

While there, the B-17 was 'sold' to Intermountain Aviation Inc. as the company's first aircraft. Intermountain, of course, was another front company. Most of its official flights were overnight charter trips and dropping US Forestry Service smokejumpers into forest fires. However, they moonlighted for their owner, the CIA, as a private and more importantly deniable airline. One of its board members was actually Robert 'Skyhook' Fulton.

Fulton, long familiar with LeSchack and his Coldfeet project, had the B-17 fitted with a Skyhook. The drop door for the parachutists would be the hole in the bomber's floor that formerly held the belly ball turret and the skyhook retrieval cable would feed in through an opening that was previously the tail gunner's position. Private pilots Doug Price and Connie Seigrist, long veterans of Air America, and before that the Flying Tigers, operated the converted bomber. Jack Wall, an experienced jumpmaster was detailed to help supervise the polar parachutists. Bill Jordan, a polar navigator who was on leave from Pan Am, was blessed into going along to help find their way through the ice.



Radar operators and intelligence personnel on a USAF Lockheed EC-121D Warning Star. 552nd Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing

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Fulton Skyhook test

THE DROP

Navy patrol squadrons tracked NP-8 and its course estimated while the hybrid military and civilian team was assembled to fly from Point Barrow Alaska, the northernmost city in the US. On 27 May 1962, LeSchack and Major Smith parachuted from 1200ft from the converted B-17 onto NP-8 as it drifted across the Arctic Ocean. Captain Walter, the Army parachutist and doctor, remained onboard as the two parachutists radioed that they had arrived safely. Eight loads of equipment were dropped to the two polar spies and the B-17 flew back to Alaska.

LeSchack remembers in an unpublished memoir made available to the author that: "The jump kit had been designed by one of Bob Fulton's riggers to hold all the 'must have with you immediately when you land' supplies. This included an emergency medical kit prepared by Dan (Captain Walter), that contained morphine syringes, should there be a bad injury upon jumping; a .44 Magnum Ruger, should they encounter polar bears; two Leica M-3 cameras and notebooks for intelligence-gathering; and... a 'mickey' of Canadian Club whiskey to chase away the ice gremlins." Indeed the high temperature that day was -15 degrees, well below zero.

Operation Coldfeet concludes in Eye Spy 81

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Intermountain's B-17 on the tarmac at Point Barrow May 1962. Note the civilian paint scheme and lack of 13-.50 calibre machineguns she carried while in military service



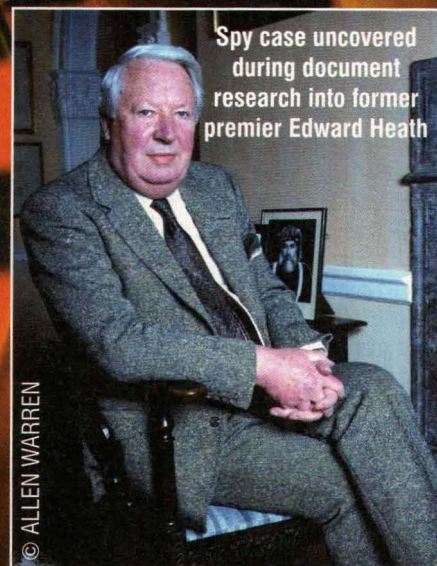
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The Skyhook was known for its 'kick in the pants' acceleration once the line had been captured



roulette to espionage

COLD WAR SPY STORY



Spy case uncovered during document research into former premier Edward Heath

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How investigation about alleged blackmailing of former British prime minister uncovered a Cold War spy

A BBC investigation headed by security correspondent Gordon Corera into the activities of a deceased British politician, has revealed a spy operated unhindered inside Parliament for a decade. The evidence was discovered in hundreds of documents archived by the Czech Security Information Service (BIS). Raymond Mawby, who died in 1993, was bribed to pass information about his colleagues and other government issues to his Czechoslovakian Intelligence handler in return for money.

Mawby had a drink and gambling habit and was "seduced" with the promise of financial loans. And whilst not having access to top secret information, he could provide useful background on ministerial affairs and gossip.

LAVEL AND RAYMOND MAWBY

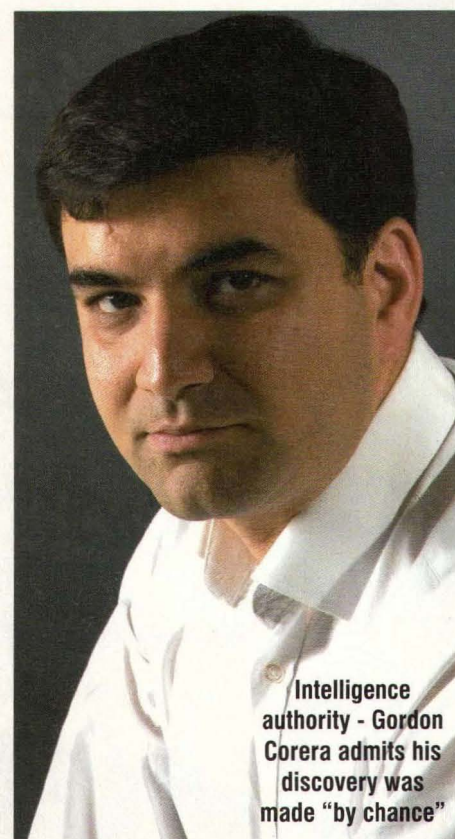
Mawby, a junior minister in Harold Macmillan's government, served as an MP (Member of Parliament) from 1955 until 1983. According to the documents, he supplied his agent handler with a floor plan of the prime

minister's House of Commons office; lists of parliamentary committees, and a detailed confidential report into an investigation of a peer. Code-named 'Lavel', the agent was handed £100 in cash payments in return for information.

The investigation shows Mawby, who has been described as a "working class trade unionist," was also quite willing to ask questions on behalf of the foreign intelligence service in Parliament.

Prague, and ultimately Moscow, thought he would stop the arrangement following his promotion as a junior minister, but the spying continued until 1971. Interestingly, just two months earlier, MI5 had identified over 100 Russian spies working from its London embassy, they were duly removed.

In 1963, he held the position of assistant paymaster general and would have had access to hundreds of sensitive files. However, the Czechs feared he could lose his position at the forthcoming 1964 election, and planned to pay him additional money to make



Intelligence authority - Gordon Corera admits his discovery was made "by chance"

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up for a loss in his salary. In November 1964, the arrangement was strengthened and Mawby would be handed extra money in a conspiring way, such as in a taxi.

Initial contact is said to have been made with Mawby at the Czechoslovakian Embassy in London. In November 1960, he attended a drinks party and the liaison began. Gordon Corera, author of the brilliant spy book, *'The Art of Betrayal'*, notes that in the beginning, meetings were just occasional, but by 1961 they had become more frequent - three, sometimes four times a month.

Corera points to a Czech intel document which detailed Mawby's weakness: 'His leisure time he spends in bars... and [he] also loves gambling'. Another document reveals: 'While playing roulette and other games he is willing to accept a monetary loan which was exploited twice'.

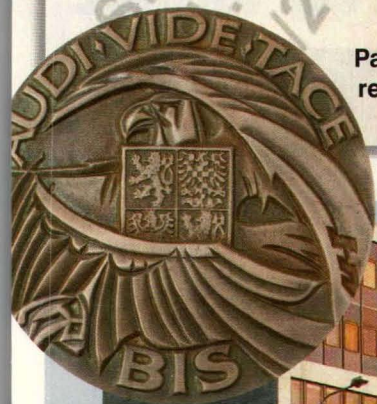


Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and President Kennedy at Key West Naval Station in 1961

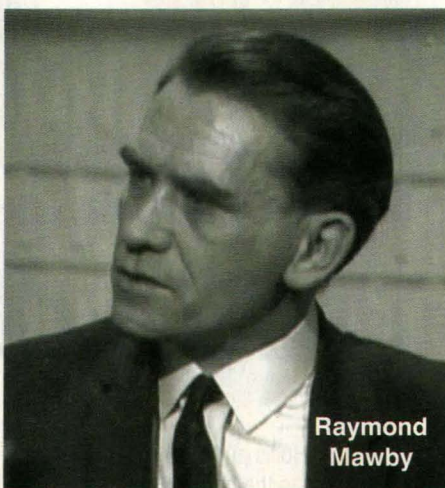
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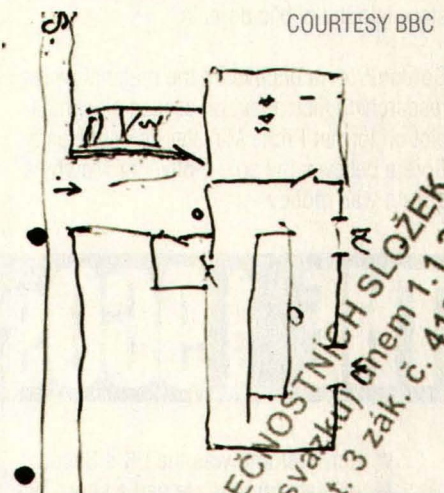


Pay day - a receipt for £100



Raymond Mawby

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Floor plan of PM office

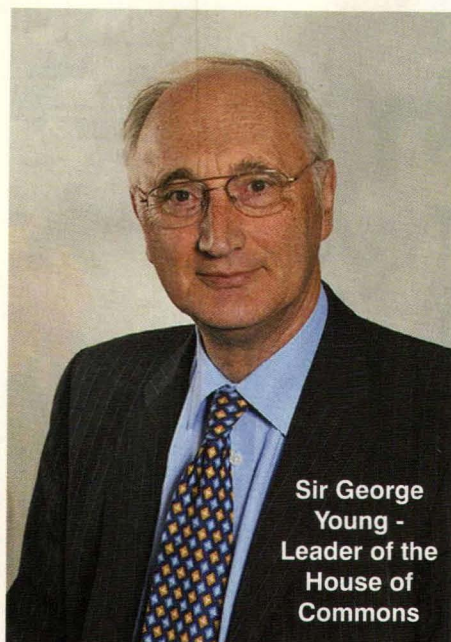
Headquarters of the Czech BIS in Prague



Initially the Czechs discussed union affairs, but gradually they wanted better information. Corera says the "Czechs played it slow."

In 1965, Mawby provided background on three new officials in the Conservative Party. The Czechs wanted more information and Mawby obliged. This is evidenced by a note from his handler which the BBC also recovered: 'Lavel fulfilled this task before our next meeting'. Prague then requested the floor plan of the prime minister's office. He duly drew the layout and passed it on.

What surprises many intelligence watchers is that MI5 seemed oblivious to his activities. Corera, reflecting on the contents of the book - *'The Defence of the Realm'* - MI5's authorised history, says he doubts that the Service knew about the spying.



Sir George Young -
Leader of the
House of
Commons

Following the BBC's research, it now seems certain the government will be forced into conducting a major investigation. Leader of the Commons, Sir George Young, says he intends to make inquiries, "to help get the full story into the public domain."

Gordon Corera uncovered the material whilst researching files about an alleged blackmail plot on former Prime Minister Edward Heath. Corera believes the sole motive for Mawby's spying was money.

THE 1960s - A DECADE OF INTENSE ESPIONAGE

John Profumo was the UK's Secretary of State for War. He had a short, but passionate affair with London society girl Christine Keeler. The pair had met in 1961. Unfortunately for him, in 1962 she started dating Yevgeny Ivanov, a senior naval attache at the Soviet Embassy in London who was also KGB.

Keeler had another good friend, Alan Ward, an osteopath. Ward possessed a lengthy list of celebrity clients; was an MI5 contact man, and

almost certainly operated on behalf of the Russians. He lived at Wimpole Mews and on one occasion when Keeler visited him, she said MI5 Director-



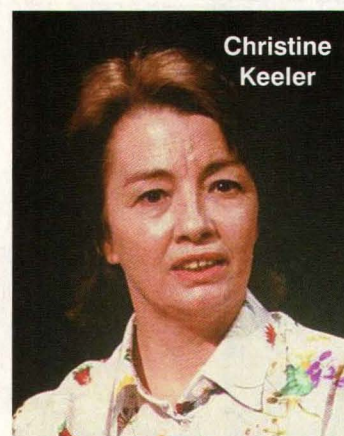
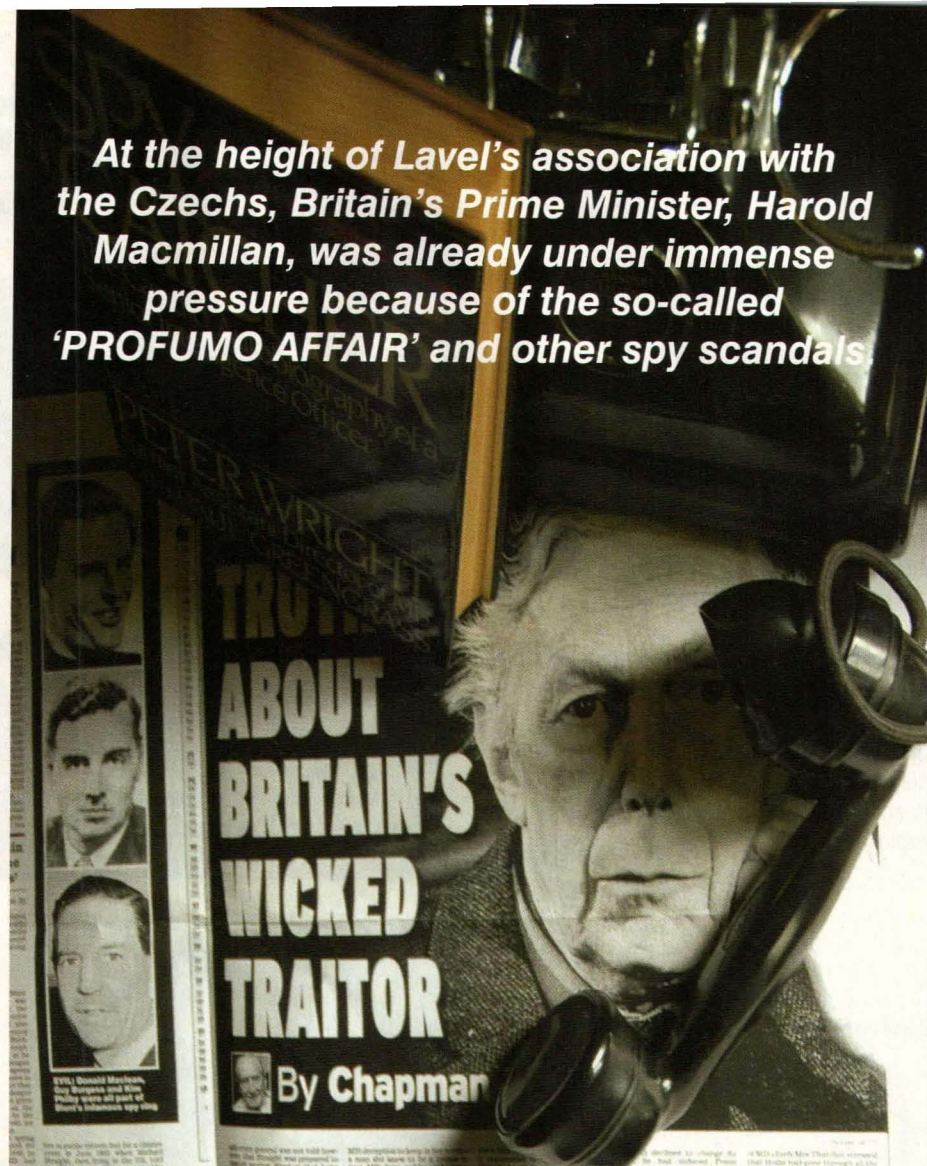
Sir Roger Hollis

General Roger Hollis and KGB spy Anthony Blunt were also in the house. Hollis was suspected by some intel watchers of being a double agent for the KGB. Keeler said at the heart of many "casual conversations" over drinks and sex, there was constant talk of when nuclear weapons would be installed in West Germany. Indeed, Peter Wright, the former MI5 man who wrote the incredible book, 'Spycatcher', notes that during interviews, Keeler, whom Wright described as "poorly educated," kept using the term "nuclear payload." Wright points out this description of a nuclear bomb was not known in the wider public at that time.

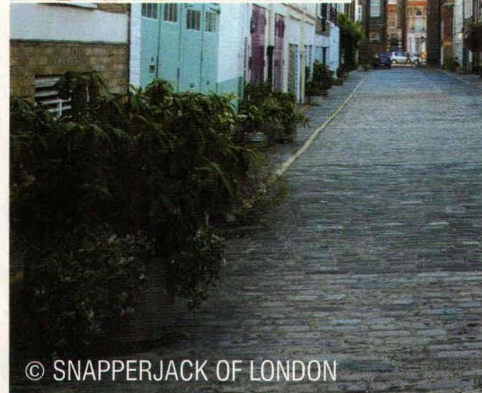
Wright believes that Yevgeny Ivanov used Ward to get to Keeler and then to Profumo - this in an attempt to secure information on the West's nuclear intentions.

Rumours began circulating about Profumo's affair with Keeler, but in Parliament he rebuffed his accusers and denied it. However, under increasing pressure he eventually admitted it

At the height of Lavel's association with the Czechs, Britain's Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, was already under immense pressure because of the so-called 'PROFUMO AFFAIR' and other spy scandals.



Christine Keeler



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was true and duly resigned. The incident caused massive damage to Macmillan's government and the prime minister resigned shortly thereafter.

As for Stephen Ward, he was prosecuted not for his underworld dealings with intelligence men, but for living off "immoral earnings" via his association with prostitutes. Keeler said this ruling was a blatant mistruth, indeed, few

intelligence watchers are convinced. Ward never did get to hear the court's sentence - on the very last day of his trial he committed suicide (3 August 1963). However, there are many researchers of this Cold War spy period who believe Ward was murdered in a move to silence him.

JOHN VASSALL

John Vassall (right) worked at the Admiralty. His spying days for the KGB have been well documented in Eye Spy. Vassall was blackmailed after being photographed in an uncompromising situation with a male



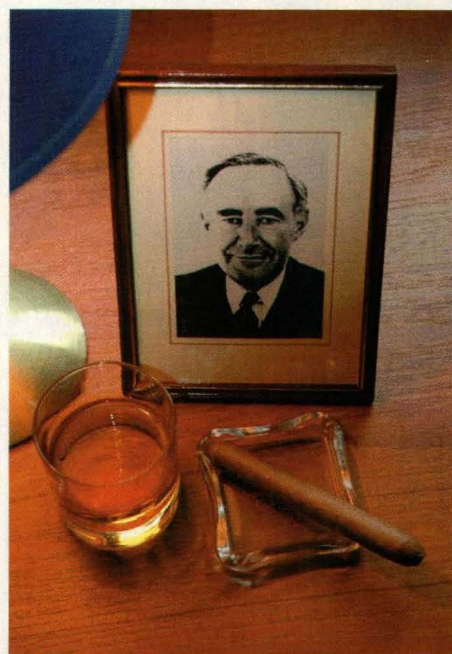
friend at a party organised by the KGB in Moscow. After being identified by Anatoliy Golitsyn - a Russian spy who had defected to the United States, Vassall was arrested in September 1962. Interestingly, Golitsyn went on to claim Prime Minister Harold Wilson was a "KGB informer and an agent of influence." Wilson assumed office in 1964.

JOHN STONEHOUSE

One of Wilson's junior ministers was Labour politician John Stonehouse. In 1969, allegations about his spying activities for the Soviets

were made, but he successfully defended himself in Parliament. Stonehouse became a notorious figure when he decided to fake his own death in 1974, only to be discovered hiding in Australia. He received a seven-year jail sentence. Fast forward to 2009 and the release of MI5's authorised history: editor and author Christopher Andrew had access to some of the Service's 'gems', and it was proven Stonehouse did spy on behalf of the Czechoslovakian spy service throughout much of the 1960s.

The case of Raymond Mawby can now be added to these intriguing events.



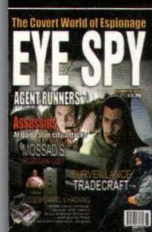
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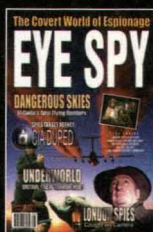
17 Wimpole Mews (right) - the former apartment of Stephen Ward



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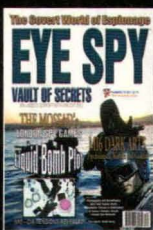
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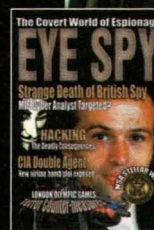
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Jon Augustine who served as an officer in the ultra secret American Military Intelligence unit called INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY presents a fascinating insight into the art of interrogation...

Stratagem of Interrogation

By
Jon Augustine

"the key to life is not to know all the answers but to understand the questions"

In the movies one spy or prisoner knows everything; if the interrogator breaks him/her, the critical intelligence and the truth all tumble out. That's show biz! In reality, real interrogation work means using multiple sources to produce tranches of information leading to actionable intelligence. The more you know, the better the questions you ask. The Buddhists say: "the key to life is not to know all the answers but to understand the questions."

Military Intelligence believes in interrogation using what they like to call "The Black Arts." 'Approaches' is the technical term used for the sixteen basic psychological ploys used to overcome the enemies' resistance to reveal all. These techniques are employed quite effectively and have no reliance upon torture. Military Intelligence interrogators do not believe in torture and take the view that all violence and threats simply make an enemy more talkative but historical experience has shown them that if you torture a prisoner, they will say anything to make it stop but you may not be any closer to the truth. Military Intelligence Interrogators are trained in 'Strategic Debriefing' at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. The focus of the course is role-play employing the Approaches techniques while always being in compliance with the Geneva Convention Mandate of 'No violence to life or cruel treatment'.

THE SIXTEEN APPROACHES



US servicemen participate in a training exercise at Fort Huachuca, Arizona

THE SIXTEEN APPROACHES

DIRECT APPROACH: Believe it or not, 90% of the time, if you ask a prisoner or a terrorist a question, they will answer. It may not be the truth but it is information that can be used later on for leverage.

ESTABLISH IDENTITY: This is a very effective technique. You start your interrogation by telling a terrorist he is a spy captured without a uniform therefore losing the protection of the Geneva Convention. The prisoner responds by refuting the charges therefore establishing his identity by a going on to explain that he is fighting as a soldier in a Holy War so telling you more than he had planned.

WE KNOW IT ALL: This technique is used to convince the prisoner that the interrogator knows everything, someone else has talked and the prisoner needs to answer the questions in their own self-interest. This works because the prisoner feels they are not betraying anything, as the interrogator knows it all already. The problem is you need vast knowledge of your enemy.

GOOD COP VERSUS BAD COP: A sympathetic interrogator versus a loud, aggressive interrogator. This needs sophisticated role play to work but can be very effective if the sympathetic interrogator builds a rapport with the prisoner.

SILENT TREATMENT: The interrogator says nothing in the interrogation room but just stares at the prisoner. This techniques usually only works with unstable or untrained prisoners.

LOVE OF FAMILY: An interrogator leverages the prisoner's feelings toward his loved ones and what might happen to them if he doesn't comply with the interrogator.

LOVE OF YOUR COUNTRY OR COMRADES: An interrogator convinces a prisoner to think of his comrades; he talks and therefore keeps them safe.

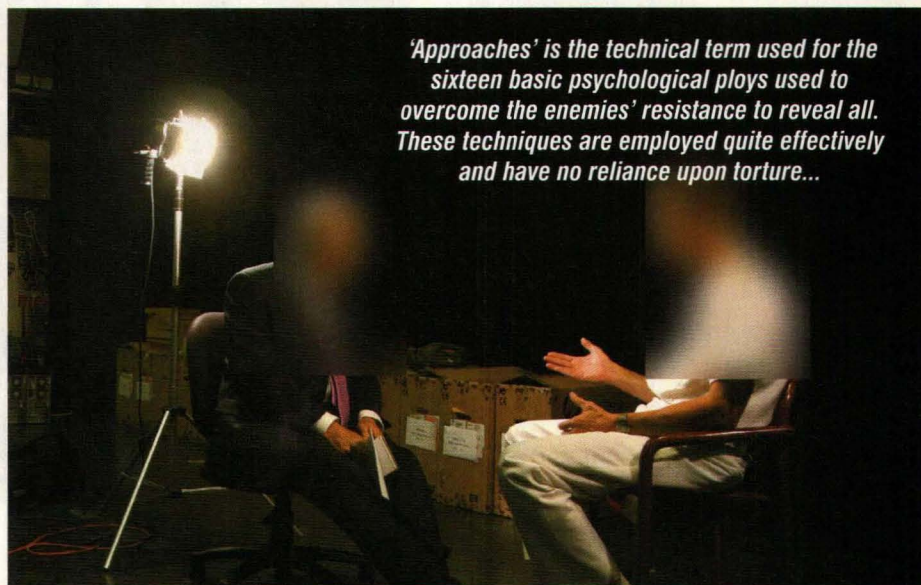
HATE OF COUNTRY OR COMRADES: An interrogator convinces the prisoner he has been abandoned and isolated. Revenge is the key to this technique.

INCOMPETENT INTERROGATOR: An interrogator convinces an arrogant prisoner with illusions of superiority that he, the interrogator, is incompetent. This is a very effective



Military Intelligence Corps insignia

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Securing good, accurate information may help prevent a terrorist act, or lead to a breakthrough in a related investigation. Some methods of interrogation (inset right) are not practised by Military Intelligence



technique in the Middle East when female interrogators are sent to interview high-ranking officials.

RAPID FIRE: An interrogator fires continuous questions while constantly interrupting the prisoner as they try to answer. The prisoner through exasperation may answer truthfully when finally given an opportunity to speak.

PRIDE AND EGO POSITIVE: An interrogator praises the prisoner as a warrior/soldier saying he fought well. The interrogator stresses comradeship, which can be a building block to getting the prisoner to talk soldier-to-soldier.

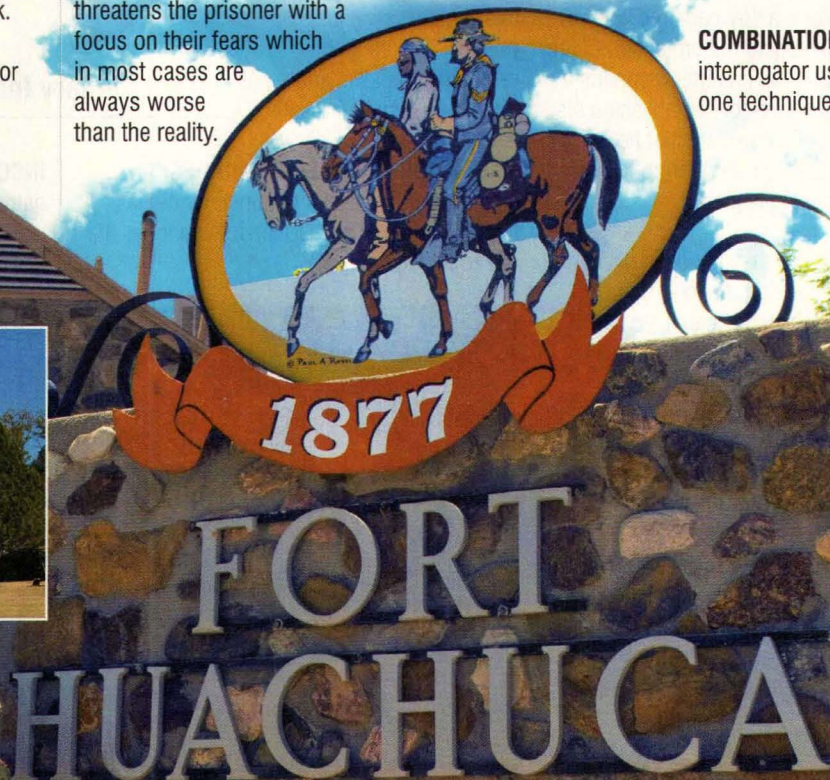
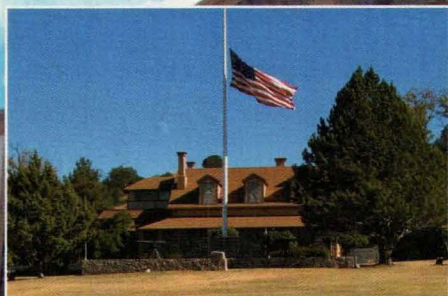
PRIDE AND EGO NEGATIVE: A most misused tactic by young interrogators who forget that their job is to get information not to judge the prisoner. The interrogator instead of building rapport focuses on being in charge berating the prisoner and his culture.

FEAR: An interrogator pounds the table, threatens the prisoner with a focus on their fears which in most cases are always worse than the reality.

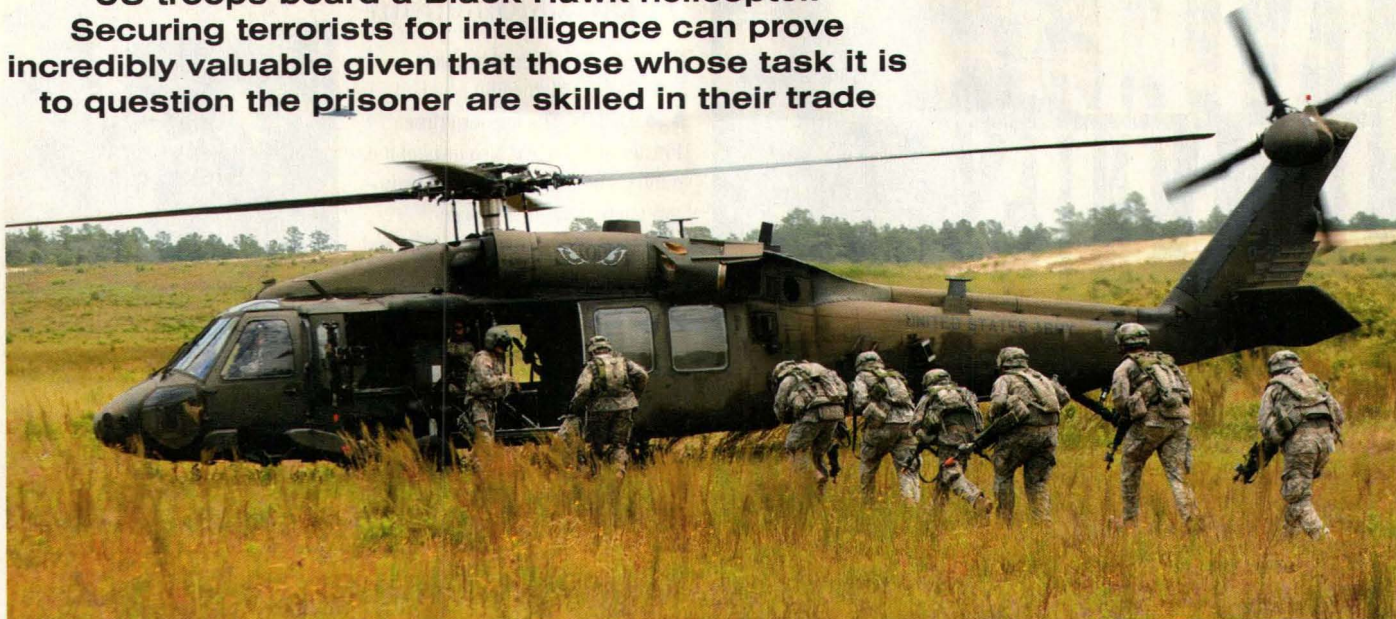
CALM: An interrogator shows compassion and the prisoner reciprocates and gives information. This technique works best on women.

TRAIN IS LEAVING: An interrogator convinces the prisoner that timing is a major factor. He needs to talk now or there is no deal for leniency.

COMBINATION PLAY: An interrogator uses more than one technique.



US troops board a Black Hawk helicopter. Securing terrorists for intelligence can prove incredibly valuable given that those whose task it is to question the prisoner are skilled in their trade



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The key to military interrogation success is to give perceived incentives to the prisoner using this as a building block in getting them to give up information.

ENHANCED INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

However, another government agency (OGA), non-military (feel free to think of James Bond but without the British accent! This should give you a clue as to the agency I refer to), believes in a more aggressive approach. The main tenet of the OGA in regard to interrogation is that they believe the key to breaking a prisoner is to induce regression, which destroys a prisoner's ability to employ deception and to lie. These interrogators are advocates of that political 'hot potato' known as *'Enhanced Interrogation Techniques'* which include sleep deprivation, stress positions, physical striking and degradation of the prisoner, exposure to extremes of temperature, removal of sensory stimuli, any and all disorienting techniques, identifying the specific fears of the prisoner, what they value or fear most and use of these to manipulate them, break down their defences and make them talk.

An additional important tenet adhered to by this group of patriots is 'kinesis' - the physical

manifestation a person exhibits when being deceptive or in more simple terms body language when lying. When a person attempts to deceive, the body manifests in some of the following ways; erratic eye movement, defensive body posture, pulse increase, sweating, twitching etc. For example, a person crossing the arms in front of the chest maybe a signal of a deceptive or defensive response to a question. The key to using this technique effectively is to establish a baseline of natural movements and actions when the person is telling the truth and anomalies will signify the possibility of deception.

TURNING THE ASSET

As we know from modern day debates, there are advocates and critics of both methods. All I would add is that the key to successful intelligence operations, military or not, is to turn enemy combatants into assets and put them back in the field on your side and any good interrogator will tell you that long-term incentives usually work better for building rapport than enhanced interrogation techniques which are focused on the short term goal of getting the prisoner to speak but leave little room for *'Turning the Asset'*.



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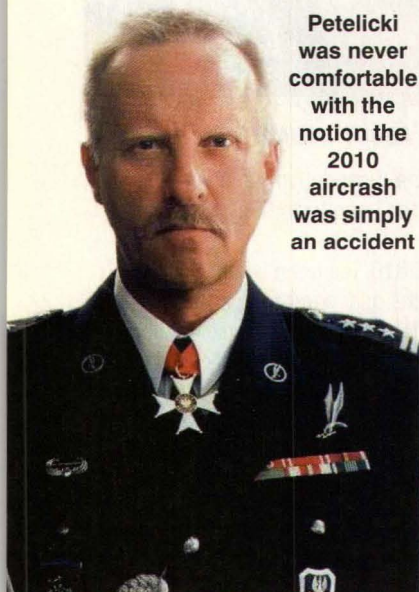
Brigadier General Sawomir Petelicki

Polish Special Forces and intelligence officer Brigadier General Sawomir Petelicki, has died aged 65. He was the creator and first commander of the Polish Special Forces unit GROM (Operational Mobile Reaction Group), which had been established from the remnants of the highly secret JW 2305 military unit. Today GROM is recognised as an elite unit. "He was a tough man, a brilliant soldier and commander," said Colonel Krzysztof Petelicki, head of the Foundation of Former GROM Special Forces.

Petelicki served overseas in many Polish embassies, but it was his intelligence background and knowledge of counter-terrorism operations that eventually saw him rise to become one of the country's most respected military intelligence figures. He was eventually assigned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the commanding officer of all the security services guarding Polish embassies and consulates.

In recent times, Petelicki had been vocal in his criticism of the way in which NATO reacted (or not in this case), to the controversial Smolensk, Russia air crash in 2010, which resulted in the deaths of Polish President Lech Kaczynski and 95 other

Petelicki was never comfortable with the notion the 2010 air crash was simply an accident



Smoke still lingers as crash investigators arrive at the scene of the Polish Air Force Tu-154 crash near Smolensk, Russia in 2010

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Zakaria Mohieddin

Egyptian intelligence chief Zakaria Mohieddin has died aged 94. The former Prime Minister of Egypt was also head of the country's first recognised intel body - Egyptian General Intelligence Directorate. Respected by political and military figures, his funeral took place in Nasr City near Cairo.



Zakaria Mohieddin pictured with famous Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin



Fritz Joseph Ursell

British mathematician Ursell, noted for his contributions to fluid mechanics, especially in the area of wave-structure interactions has died in Manchester aged 89. His connection to the world of intelligence can be found in the wartime research facilities of the Admiralty. Born in

Dusseldorf, Germany, Ursell came to the UK as a refugee in 1937. In 1943 he joined the Admiralty as a part of a team led by George Deacon. Their research focused on forecasting waves for the Allied landings in Japan. Indeed, Deacon's findings became the basis of modern wave-forecasting. Ursell stayed in the Admiralty until 1947.



Lech Kaczynski

delegates, including senior intel officials.

Informed sources say Petelicki was found dead in his garage with bullet wounds to his head.

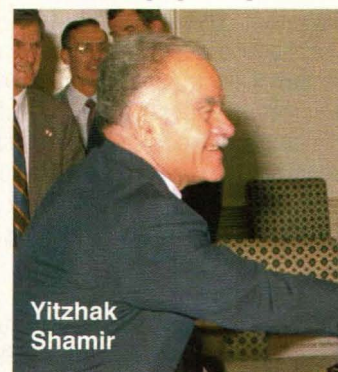
Yitzhak Shamir

Former Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, a political hardliner, has died at the age of 96. He served two terms as premier, 1983-1984 and 1986-1992.

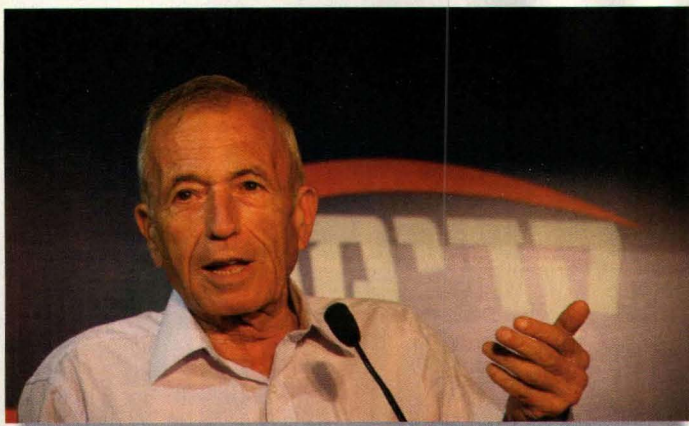
Born in Poland, Shamir moved to Palestine and fought for Israeli independence. He was a feared gunman who once belonged to a violent Zionist underground faction. In 1955 he joined the Mossad and helped the Service develop into a formidable spy agency.

In 1991, he green-light Operation Solomon, and rescued some 14,000 Jewish people who were airlifted to safety following regime change in Ethiopia.

Shamir didn't really believe peace with the Palestinian people was possible.



Yitzhak Shamir



Gideon Ezra

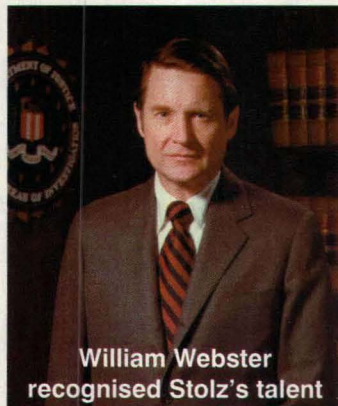
Former Shin Bet (Israeli Domestic Intelligence Service), military man and politician Gideon Ezra has died aged 75. Ezra led a colourful life and served as a member of the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) for Likud and Kadima between 1996 and 2012. He also held several ministerial portfolios.

However, it's his time spent in the Israeli Defense Force between 1955 and 1958 and his long association with Shin Bet from 1962 to 1995, that he will best be remembered in the world of intelligence. After leaving the Service, which saw him rise to the position of Deputy Director, he became an advisor to then Minister of Internal Security, Moshe Shahal.

Richard F. Stolz

Long time respected CIA officer, Richard F. Stolz, who found himself being recalled out of retirement in 1987, has died at the age of 86. Stolz was asked to help bolster Agency morale and image, this after the notorious Iran-Contra affair. However, Langley's hierarchy, recognising his vast experience soon had him working on other crucial issues. Stolz, a 30-year CIA staffer found himself heading up many spying operations and assisting counter-intelligence in an effort to 'out' any potential foreign spy. Stolz himself, as head of Moscow Station was declared a 'persona non grata' by the Russians in 1965, and thrown out of the country.

It was D/CIA William Webster, who had previously worked at the FBI, who persuaded Stolz to return after retiring in 1981. Interestingly, Thomas Twetten, Stolz's deputy and the man who replaced him in 1990 when he retired again, had this to say about Webster. "He had been head of the white hats, the good guys... and all of a sudden the White House assigns him



William Webster recognised Stolz's talent

to be in charge of the black hats, the dirty rotten spies."

A year after retiring a second time, Stolz was awarded the National Security Medal for distinguished achievement in the field of intelligence. Twetten said of his colleague: "Any officer who was taking risks, and something happened and went bad, he was always very understanding.

"What happens when you do that is, the word spreads within the officer cadres - 'Hey it's okay to take risks... the boss will support you as long as the potential gain is much greater than the risk of getting caught.'"

Joseph A. Lesniewski

One US trooper of note who recently died is Joseph A. Lesniewski. He was a soldier with Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, in the 101st Airborne Division during World War II. Lesniewski was portrayed in the acclaimed HBO series *Band of Brothers* by Simon Schatzberger. He was also one of 20 contributors to the 2009 book 'We Who Are Alive and Remain: untold stories from the Band of Brothers'. Lesniewski participated in three notable wartime battles: Normandy, Operation Market Garden and Battle of the Bulge.

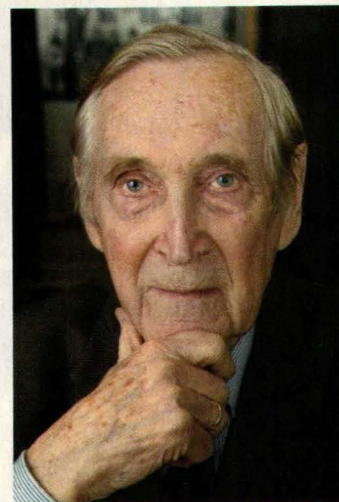


Agent 24 - Gunnar Fridtjof Thurmman Sønsteby

One of Norway's most decorated warriors and respected Special Operations Executive (SOE) operators - Gunnar Fridtjof Thurmman Sønsteby DSO, died in May.

Known as Agent 24, Sønsteby was a fearsome agent controller of Norway's resistance movement during German occupation in World War II.

After being trained in England, Sønsteby was despatched back to Norway as a contact man for SOE agents in the country. As head of the Norwegian Independent Company 1 Group in Oslo, his team performed numerous acts of sabotage and espionage. He was also behind the operation to smuggle printing plates for the Norwegian kroner out of the country; for bombing Norway's Central Bank and the office for Norwegian forced labour. This helped stop a Nazi plot to recruit young Norwegians who were destined for the Russian Front. Sønsteby's operators also destroyed sulphuric acid manufacturing facilities in Lysaker and sabotaged as many as 40 aircraft



which were being repaired at a tram company depot in Korsvoll. Attacks on railway, arms and oil factories were also performed.

Sønsteby was a master of disguise. He had an astonishing number of identities and was regarded as a menace by the Gestapo who never managed to capture him.

In 1998, Sønsteby recalled his activities: "Of course wrong decisions were made, also by the Resistance Movement. But one must remember that war was going on. It did happen that we had to kill without being sure that the person concerned was an informant. But the decisions were right... there and then."

Zvi Aharoni

Zvi Aharoni was a member of Mossad team that captured the notorious Nazi Adolf Eichmann in Argentina in 1960.

Born Hermann Arendt in Frankfurt, Germany, he immigrated to Palestine as a boy. Following service in the British Army, he joined the Mossad and spent the best part of two decades operating as a Nazi-hunter.

On 19 March 1960, Aharoni identified 'Ricardo Klement' as Eichmann. In his memoir of the operation, he wrote: "I saw him at two o'clock in the afternoon. I saw a man of medium size and build, about 50-years-old,



Adolf Eichmann

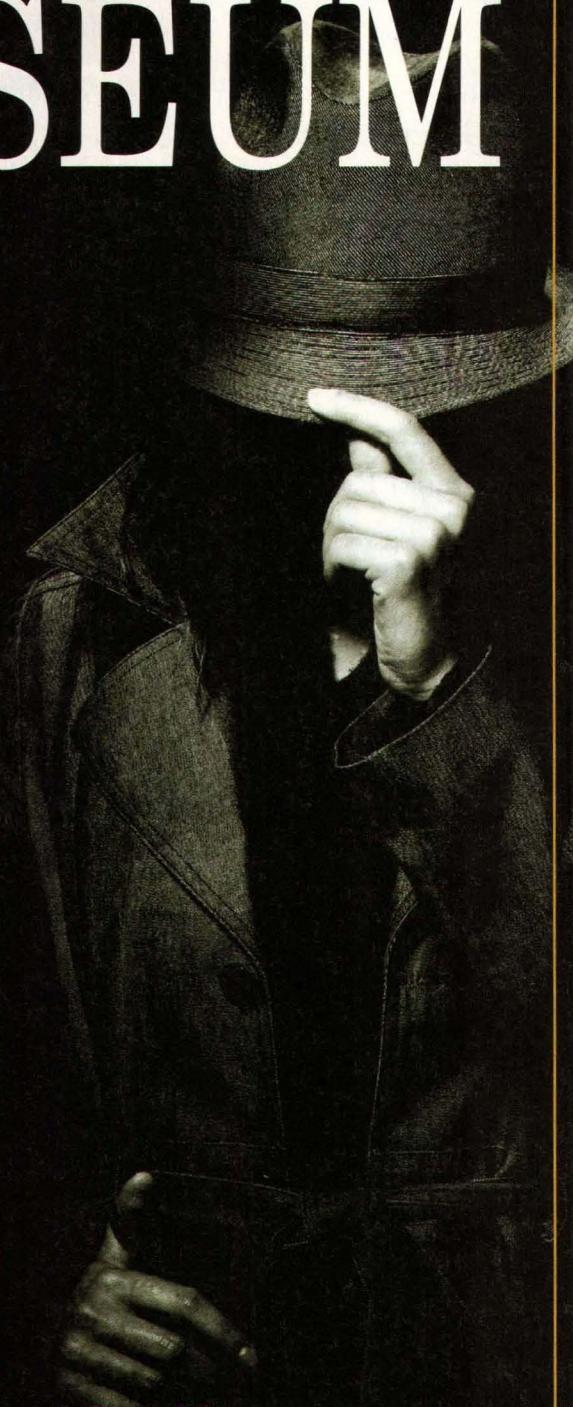
with a high forehead and partially bald collecting the washing." Aharoni managed to photograph his target with a concealed camera hidden in a bag.

Some intelligence watchers believe Aharoni did not receive sufficient praise for his surveillance work, but all those involved in Operation Eichmann now acknowledge it was he who made the vital breakthrough. Aharoni also came within touching distance and the capture of another leading Nazi, this in the person of Josef Mengele in Brazil.

Zvi Aharoni died in Jerusalem, aged 91.

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MYSTERY FLIGHT

What was Turkey's RF-4E Phantom doing when it was shot down?

At 0730GMT on 22 June 2012, a Turkish RF-4E Phantom, part of the 7th Air Wing of the 2nd Air Force Command, left its base at Erhac. Some 90 minutes later, the aircraft, flown by two aircrew, disappeared off Turkish radar apparently flying over international waters; Syria thinks differently. A Syrian spokesman from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, claimed that the aircraft was flying at a height of about 100 yards a mile from the Syrian coastal town of Latakia. It was struck with anti-aircraft fire

rather than a SAM (Surface to Air Missile). Before the recent troubles in Syria, both countries enjoyed good relations, yet despite the problems, the action by Damascus seems very aggressive.

Syria uses the Russian Pantsir-S1 system which is fitted with two dual 2A38M 30mm auto-cannons. It can fire 2,500 rounds per minute of a variety of ammunition types, fragmentation, HE and so on. It also carries twelve 57E6 missiles in two groups of six, which can be detonated either by contact or proximity. Target acquisition by radar can be at

a maximum range of 22 miles using a UHF phased array whilst tracking is carried out by an EHF phased array. Typically an aircraft can be downed within 4 to 6 seconds from acquisition. The system can engage three aircraft simultaneously or four when the optical system, utilising Infra Red in the 3 – 5 μ m range is used.

The Turkish Phantom was almost certainly brought down by a Pantsir-S1 system

ELINT OPERATION AND THE



Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc said the fighter had been shot down by a surface-to-air missile.



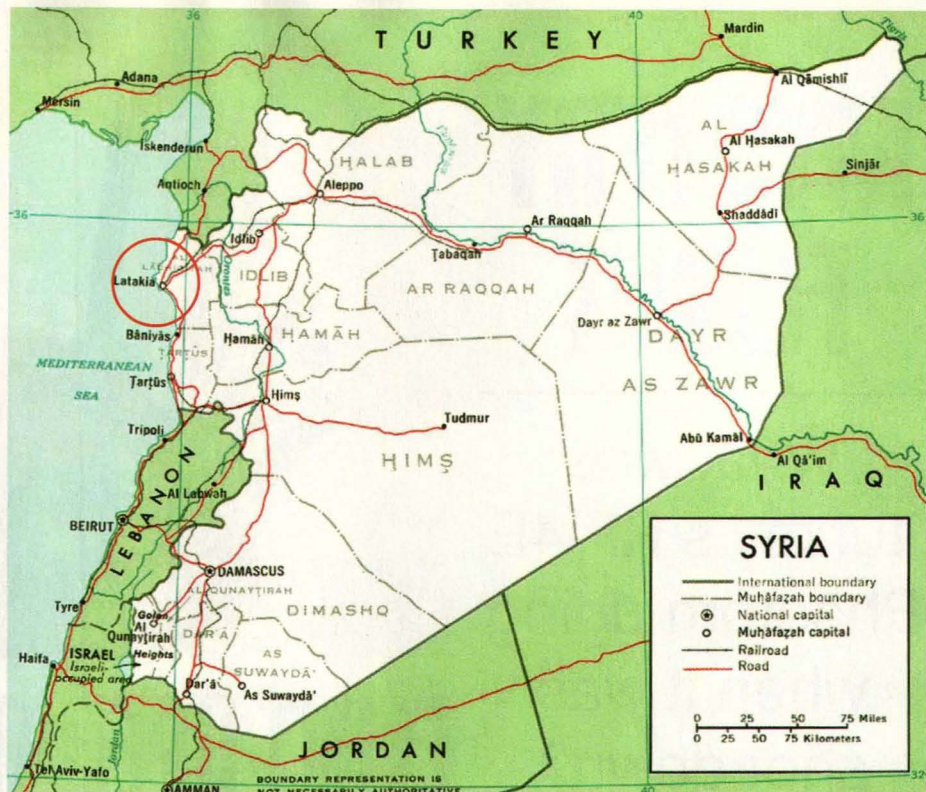
LATAKIA INCIDENT

also. It can also be used against heavy ground armour. Syria, which is backed strongly by Moscow, started taking delivery of this formidable anti-aircraft system in 2007. Even a three second radar guided burst would have been sufficient to destroy the Phantom. But it's worth remembering, the Pantsir-S1 is also fitted with IFF, 'identification friend or foe' a system originally used in WWII to prevent the accidental and unwanted destruction of an ally. Obviously it viewed the Turkish jet as an intruder.

ELINT OPERATIONS

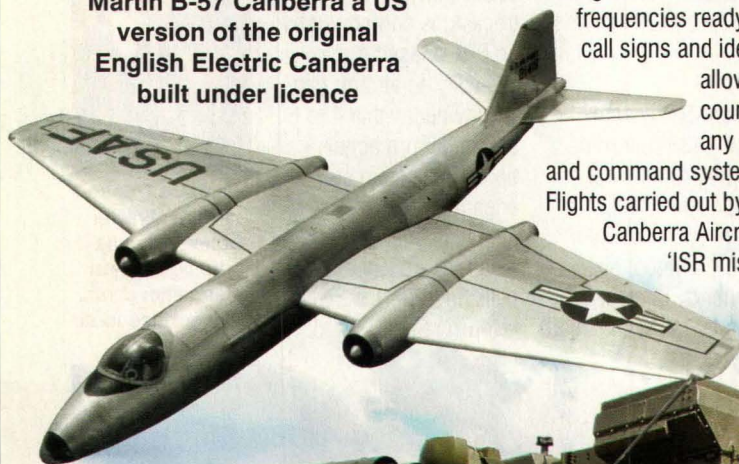
Beginning in the 1950's, NATO, of which Turkey is an important member, began gathering intelligence concerning the specifications of radar and missile defence systems. Much focus was on those operating behind the Iron Curtain.

One early participant of the Cold War surveillance of radar, or ELINT, was the Royal Air Force. It deliberately flew black-painted, livery



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free Canberra jets into Russian airspace to activate radar defences. Intercept operators sitting at receivers listened to specific frequencies ready to take down details of call signs and idents. Such ELINT is vital to allow the full use of electronic countermeasures and exploit any weakness in the control and command systems of an adversary. Flights carried out by the specialist black Canberra Aircraft were referred to as 'ISR missions' or Intelligence

Surveillance Reconnaissance. Intelligence gathering on such systems continues today, but on a much wider scale.

Intelligence watchers believe it is highly likely the fated Turkish RF-4E Phantom was flying such a mission, although Syria may not have been the initial or primary target. Eye Spy understands two RF-4Es were seen collecting intel on an ongoing Greek Cypriot Army exercise. Given the strong alliance between Cyprus, Israel and Greece this is probable.

Mobile Pantsir-S1 system - NATO reporting name - 'SA-22 GREYHOUND'. Besides its powerful guns, the system fires 57E6 radio-guided SAM missiles (right)



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A Turkish transport aircraft was reportedly shot at as it searched for the pilots. This photo shows a Spanish Air Force CASA CN-235M - the type involved in the incident

The aging Phantom fighter had been airborne for 90 minutes prior to it being destroyed, so where was it in the interim? After completing an electronic audit of Cypriot air movements, it is probable the aircraft (there were two) were tasked to perform a quick electronic audit on air defence systems being employed by Syria during these troubled times.

As for proof on the use of the auto-cannon of a Pantsir-S1, it is reported that a Turkish rescue aircraft (CASA CN-235M), was forced to return after being fired upon by Syrian forces.

ARTICLE 5

NATO condemned the attack but refused to embark upon a retaliatory strike. The alliance could have invoked Article 5 - this treats any attack against a member as 'An Act of War'. Only once has NATO invoked Article 5, this after the terrorist attacks against the United States in 2001.

A fuming Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan had asked for a "decisive response" from NATO, but seems to reject the notion the aircraft may have strayed into Syria airspace.



Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Shortly after the incident, Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc said, "The aircraft was hit by a heat-seeking, laser-guided missile." That seems unlikely.

In a further response to the attack, Turkey has moved an array of weaponry and troops next to its border with Syria.

A tail piece of the RF-4E has now been recovered and handed to Turkish authorities. Officials suggest it has damage typical of heavy calibre rounds.

INTELLIGENCE INSIDE: WEAPONS SHIP INTERCEPTION?

A Russian-operated cargo ship, the MV Alaed, changed course in mid-June, after reports started to emerge it was allegedly carrying military helicopters to Syria. Britain's Foreign Office acknowledged the manoeuvre and noted the ship had turned around and was last seen heading back to Murmansk, Russia. It was spotted about 50 miles north of the Outer Hebrides off the northwest of Scotland. Intelligence sources said it had been sailing towards Holland when it suddenly changed course, thus avoiding Dutch territorial waters.

COBRA, the UK's emergency security committee was assembled to discuss the situation, this as the vessel nudged passed British waters.

The ship's owners denied it was carrying a military cargo: "Reports about illegal actions of the Alaed's owners are inaccurate. The vessel is currently making a regular voyage in full accordance with international norms and rules."



ON FUTURE SHIP INTERCEPTS

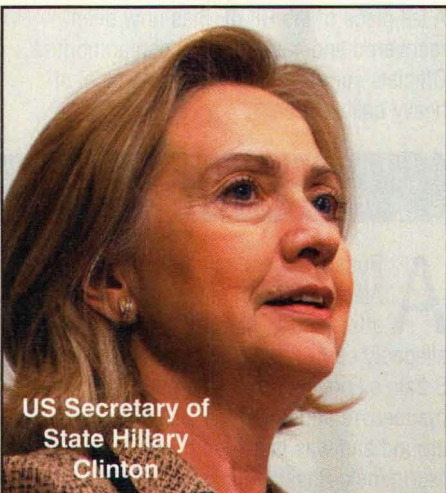
"...I hope NATO strategists are wise enough not to do that in order to avoid an encounter with [Russia's] Northern Fleet warships..." General Leonid Ivashov



It was reported UK premier David Cameron was prepared to send Special Forces to intercept the ship

The incident happened during a tough verbal exchange between Washington and Moscow. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton accused Russia of "escalating" the crisis in Syria by sending attack helicopters to the country. However, it soon transpired that the helicopters she referred to already belonged to Syria and had recently undergone refurbishment.

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US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

Adding fuel to the fire, reports in Russia said future missions involving cargo ship sailing to Syria, could involve Russian Navy escort ships. And on the possibility that NATO might be tempted to intercept ships such as the MV Alaed in neutral seas, General Leonid Ivashov (retired) said: "Yes it can be done, but I hope NATO strategists are wise enough not to do that in order to avoid an encounter with [Russia's] Northern Fleet warships which will protect the Alaed."

Ivashov, who is a vastly experienced authority on such matters, is a former chief of Russia's Department for General Affairs, and headed the country's Military Cooperation Department.

DEFECTION

A few days prior to the shooting down of the aircraft, a Syrian pilot flying a training mission defected to Jordan. Colonel Hassen Hammadeh flew his MiG-21 warplane to an air base north of Amman, he was immediately granted asylum. The incident was seen as a major blow to President Bashar Al-Assad whose government forces are trying to stop a massive public and armed forces rebellion. The Syrian Air Force has always been incredibly loyal to the president, indeed, his father Hafez was an air force pilot. A statement issued from Damascus, described the colonel as a "traitor to his country and his military honour." As for the £20m jet, Syria wants it back.

MiG-21 of the SAF (Serbian Air Force)



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Russian Navy destroyer RFS ADM Chabanenko fires a shell - the Syrian conflict continues to sour relations with the West



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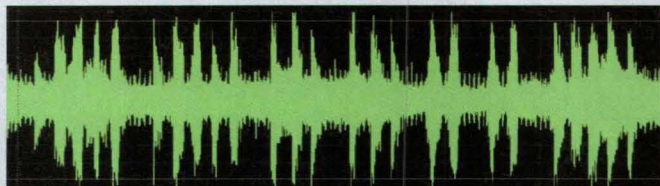
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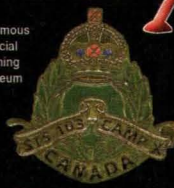


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to make contact with al-Qaida groups in places such as Syria, Egypt and Libya. Other Britons have travelled to locations in the Horn of Africa, where al-Qaida is strong. There have also been numerous attempts to place operatives on aircraft in the last two years, and this will continue, warned Mr Evans.

CYBER THREATS

As for events in the cyber world, Mr Evans said his organisation is trying to counter "astonishing levels" of cyber-attacks. He cited one UK company which had lost a staggering £800,000 (\$1.4m) in revenue because of a cyber attack. He did however state that MI5 would only "get involved" if national security was threatened. As for current cyber



investigations, the Service is engaged with over a dozen companies who have suffered cyber compromises. "We are working with many others of high economic value that are potential future targets of hostile state activity," he said. Some of these firms are most probably defence contractors and high technology providers.

Mr Evans left few in the audience in any doubt over the dangers of cyber - in all its areas. "Vulnerabilities in the Internet are being exploited aggressively, not just by criminals but also by states. And the extent of what is going on is astonishing, with



Aerial view of the huge Olympic complex

industrial scale processes involving many thousands of people lying behind state sponsored cyber espionage and organised cyber crime."

As for the potential that terrorists will soon embark upon or have already engaged with the world of

cyber, Mr Evans said they had "yet to pose a significant threat in this area." Nevertheless, he added a frightening caveat to his answer. "But they are aware of the potential to use cyber vulnerabilities to attack critical infrastructure and I would expect them to gain more capability in the future."

THE FINAL WORD

LONDON ANTI-TERROR ARRESTS - 'SIGNIFICANT'

On 5 July 2012, armed officers from New Scotland Yard's Counter Terrorism Command (CTC), carried out raids at eight addresses in the London districts of Ealing and Stratford. One property is less than a mile away from the Olympic stadium. Seven people, including a former community police officer and two females were arrested on charges of 'suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism'.

The arrests are linked to possible plots by Islamist extremists, though not necessarily in London. The action followed a lengthy investigation by MI5. Eye Spy sources say the operation and arrests are "extremely significant."

The following day, a further seven people were detained and charged on terrorism offences in South Yorkshire.

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A smashed door is visible following one CTC raid in Abbey Road, London

The timing of the London raids in particular are significant, and though police are playing down links to the Olympic Games, it seems clear MI5 decided it was in the best interests of the public to act.

MI5 and NSY are seeking to dismantle as many plots as possible before the Olympic Games begin.

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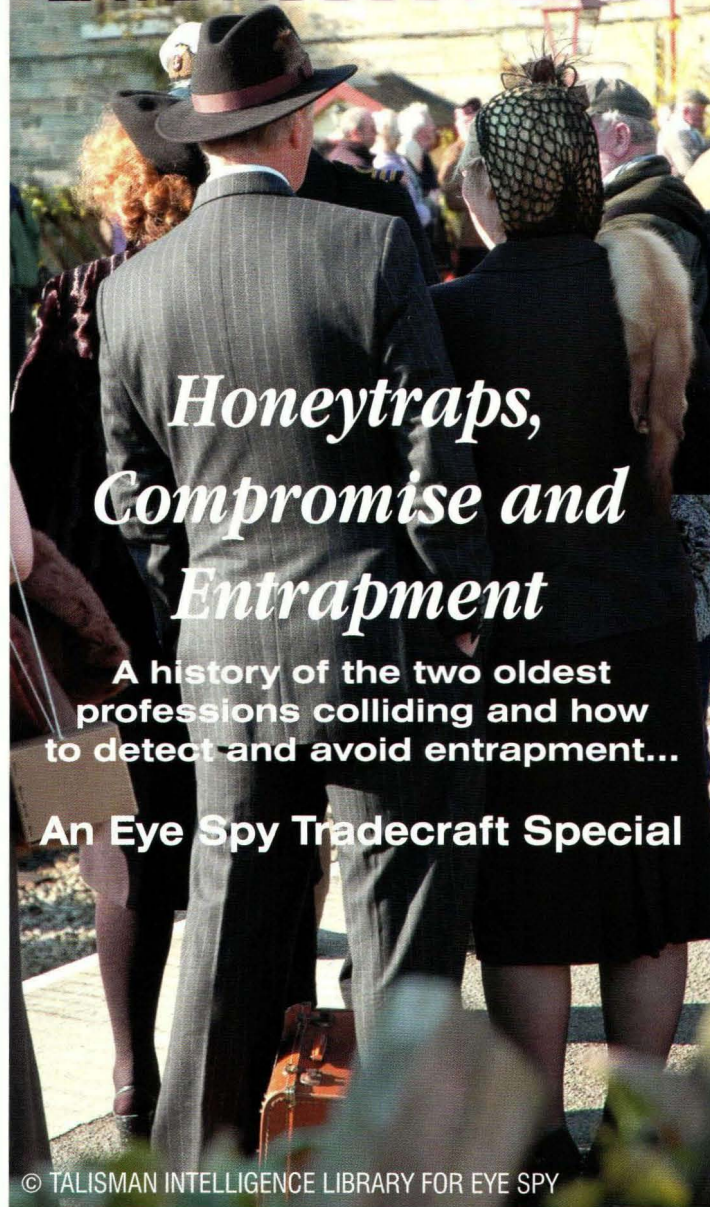
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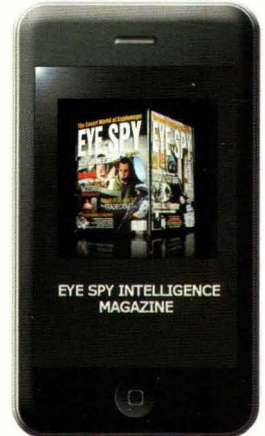
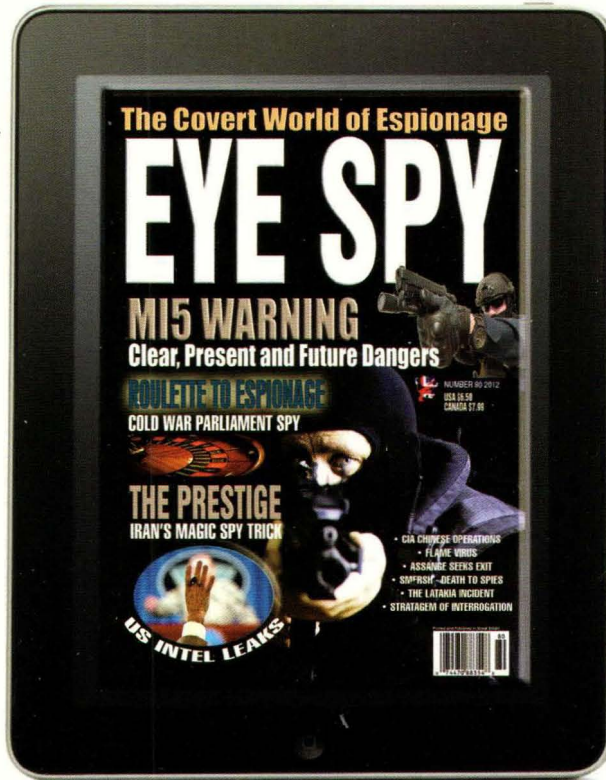
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