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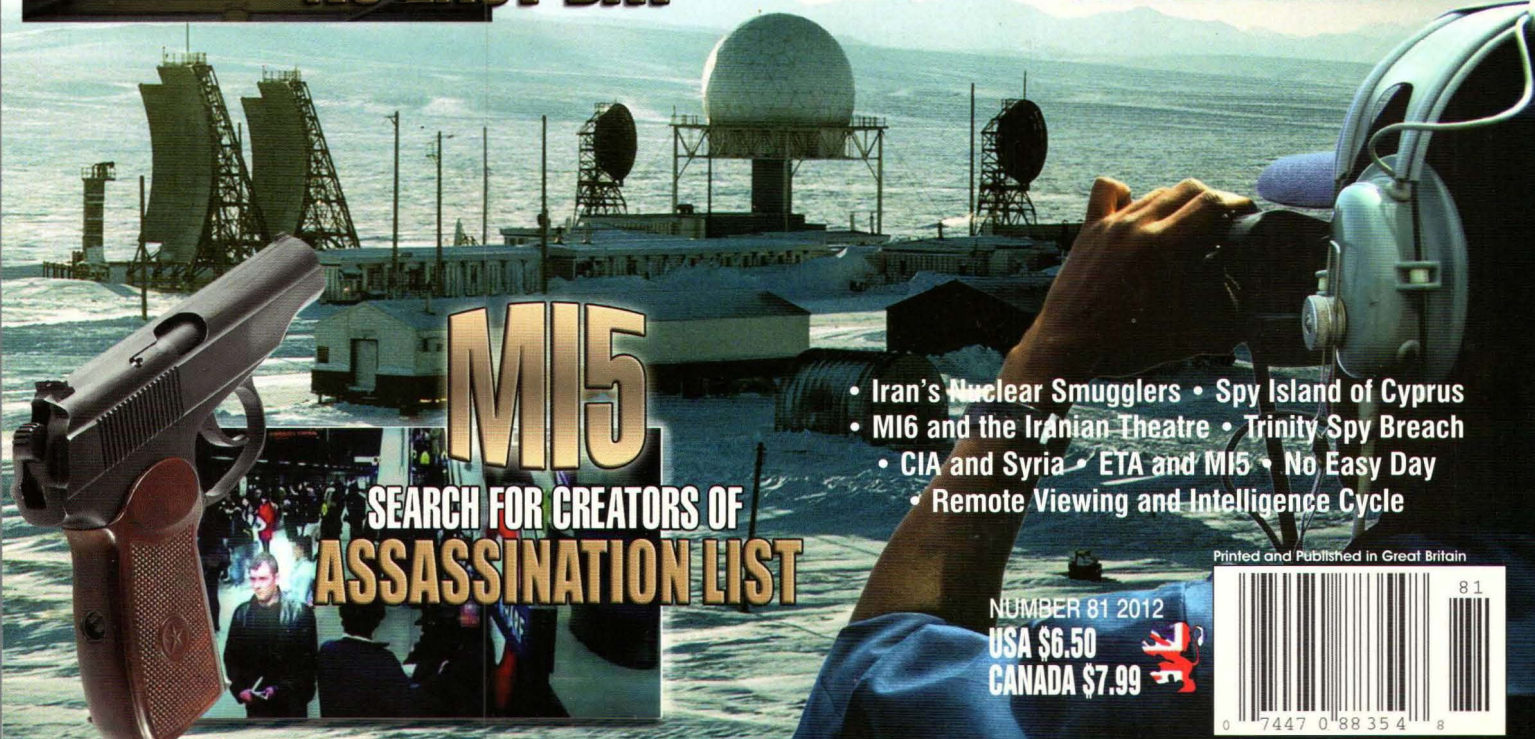
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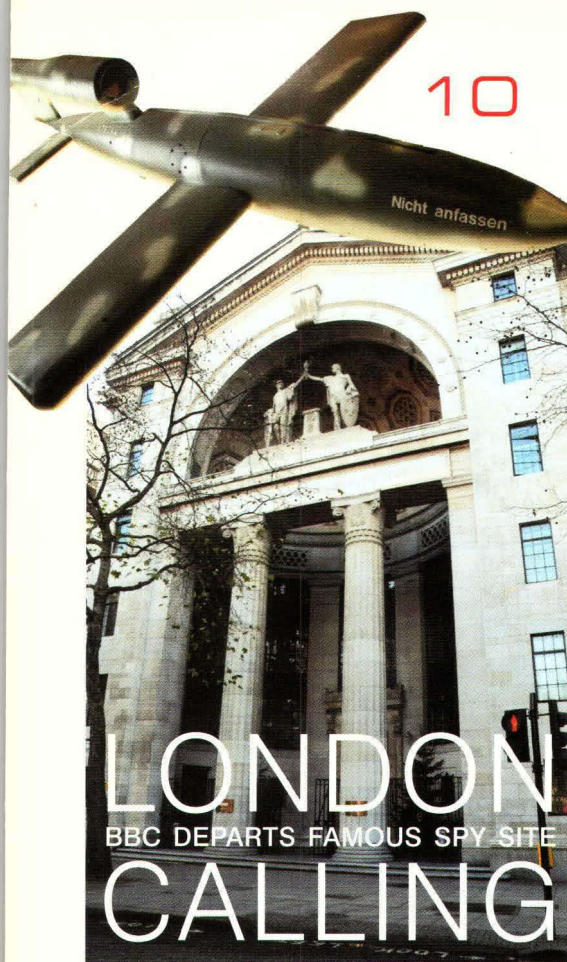
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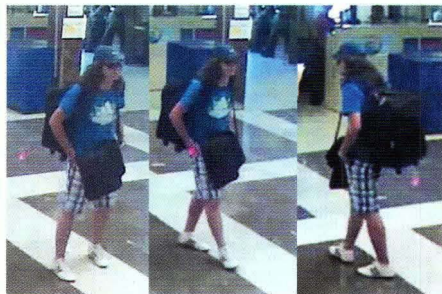


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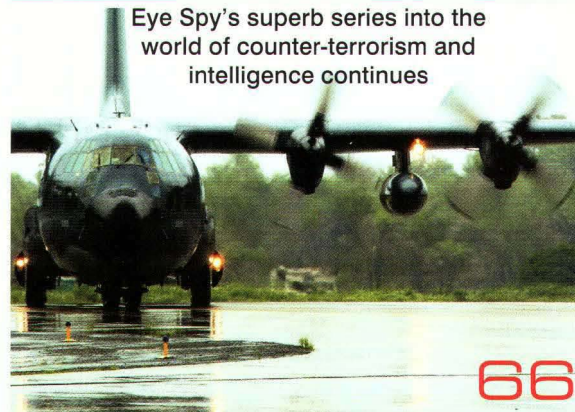


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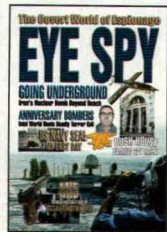
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"The Iranians are determinedly going down a path to master all aspects of nuclear weapons; all the technologies they need..."

Sir John Sawers
Chief of MI6



FIRST WORD

NO EASY DECISION FOR PENTAGON



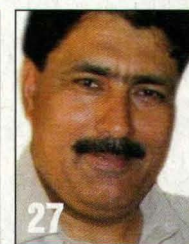
Pentagon officials may or may not take legal action against a former US Navy SEAL who participated in the raid that killed Osama bin-Laden. 'Mark Owen's' (pseudonym) book - No Easy Day tells the story of the operation from start to finish, and bits of it appear to be slightly out of sync with the official version of events. However, this is not what has upset the folks in Washington. Owen signed a couple of non-disclosure documents a few years ago, in effect, he can't disclose military secrets - something which Pentagon solicitors believe he has done.

The United States has a mechanism, a little like the UK, where on issues such as this, it's always advisable for military or intel authors to send manuscripts through to the relevant review office. Here the content can be examined. This is standard practise - just to make sure state secrets or operational tactics are not revealed. I'm not sure why Owen did not do this, but neither officials from the CIA, or US armed forces, had sight of the copy prior to publication.

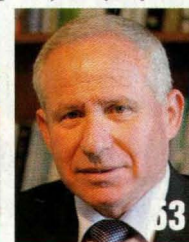
For the record, Owen says bin-Laden was shot dead the moment he opened his bedroom door. The official file states once aware of the raid, he moved quickly back into the bedroom, where SEALs believed he may have been reaching for a firearm. He was shot.

So is Owen in a spot of bother? I'm not sure, because even if the Pentagon carries out its threat to sue, this will only propel more attention on the book and inflame an already tense stand-off. No Easy Day itself surged to the top of America's best-seller list even before one copy had reached bookstores.

Mark Birdsall, Managing Editor



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THE IRANIAN QUESTION

Sir John Sawers Chief of MI6, said his Service had thwarted attempts by Iran to secure a nuclear bomb as early as 2008. He did not elaborate.

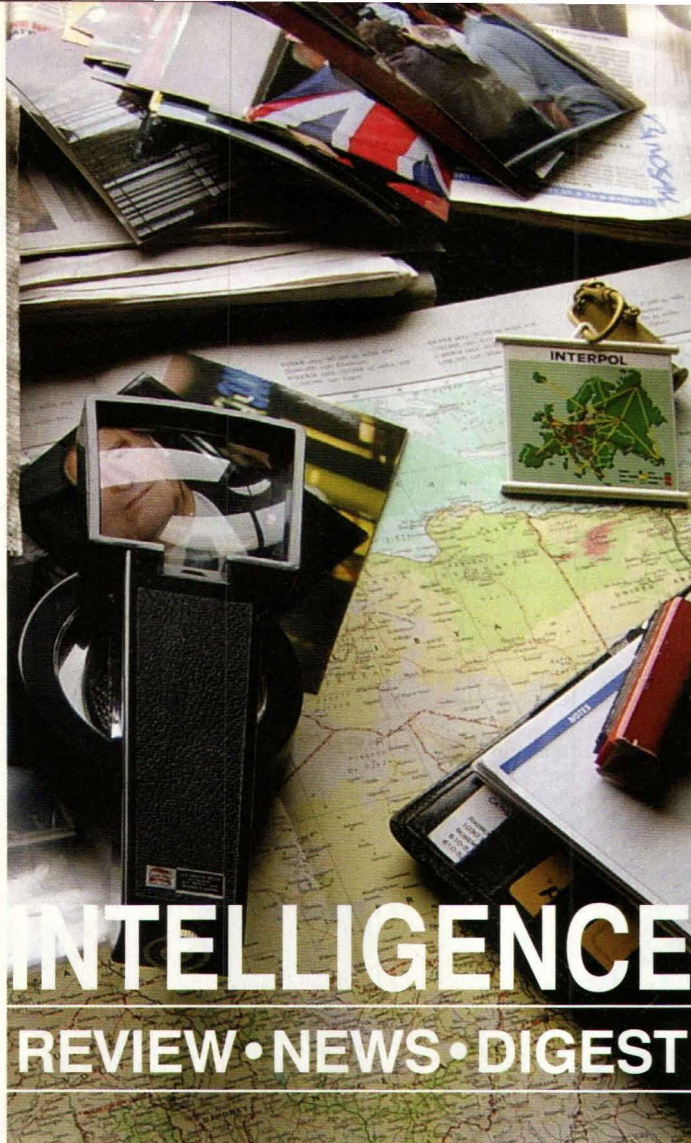
Besides the crisis in Syria, the Iran question is uppermost in the minds of intel thinkers across the world - can Tehran secure enough parts and materials to kick-start uranium enrichment? In this edition of Eye Spy we examine two front companies created by Iranian Intelligence to defeat sanctions and secure relevant technologies and equipment. And we also provide background on the MI6 operations which have helped stall Iran's quest for the bomb.

But what of Israel? In recent weeks four Mossad directors (past and present), have discussed the burning issue of a pre-emptive strike on Iran's nuclear sites. One suggested a 30-day war would ensue. Another warned if he were an Iranian, he would be fearful over the next few months. Of further relevance, Eye Spy learned Israel has also appointed a former Shin Bet chief to take over as head of Israel home defences. Several features in this edition on events associated with Iran.

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NORWAY INTEL

Attacks by Anders Breivik could

Norway's intelligence and security services have been criticised by officials examining the 22 July 2011 terrorist attacks. A special commission established to investigate many important aspects of the case, believe Anders Breivik could have been stopped before his bombing and shooting spree had even begun.

Important information gleaned by custom officers was passed to the PST, the country's primary intelligence and security organisation. This included reports which revealed Breivik had purchased a range of chemicals that ultimately were used in the bombs. Twice in December 2010, the terrorist visited a Polish website and made two orders. Such information, together with additional intelligence that he had secured assault weapons and ammunition, should have triggered a major investigation, but it was seemingly ignored.



Jens Stoltenberg

An inquiry into the Oslo bombings and the slaughter of students on Utoeya Island, said: *'The bombing could have been prevented'*. A 482-page report cited Norway's security services have for some years considered an attack in the government sector of the capital was a possibility. However, it also noted counter-terrorist exercises and threat assessments were part of an ongoing programme.

DANGEROUS SKIES

New Generation of Underwear and Implanted Bombs

Following the successful recovery of a new explosives' underwear device in Yemen, the CIA and other services are seeking to introduce new airport counter-measures which will detect such bombs. Al-Qaida bombmaker Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri, built the first underwear bomb worn by Nigerian suicide bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab. The operative almost succeeded in bringing down

a packed Northwest airliner enroute to Detroit in 2009. It has always been recognised that al-Asiri would try again, for his first bomb only failed because Abdulmutallab could not properly detonate the explosives.

Earlier this year MI6 and the CIA managed to infiltrate a group with threads to al-Asiri by placing a Saudi-born agent inside the terror cell. The agent offered his services as a suicide bomber, secured the

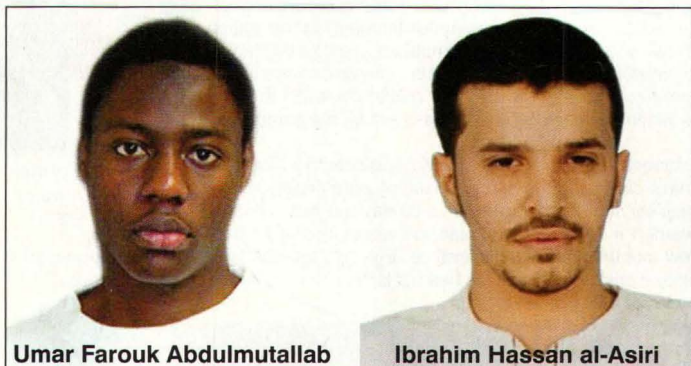


Muhammad bin Nayef

new device, and duly handed it to his grateful handlers. Now that partially finished bomb, which has been examined in meticulous detail by US forensic specialists, has been confirmed as an 'upgrade' of the first device. Transportation Security Administrator (TSA) and former Deputy Director of the FBI, John Pistole, said: "We found in the underwear plot - part 2 - that a different type of explosive had been used than the previous one. So we have gone back and recalibrated all the [security] equipment and we have been working with our canine [division] to detect this different type of explosive."

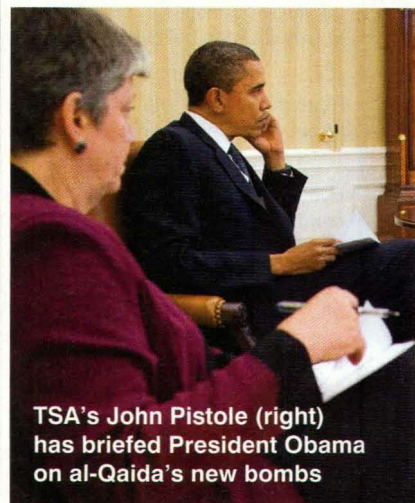
The main change to the second bomb was in its trigger mechanism,

though quite naturally details remain a closely guarded secret. Eye Spy was told both devices contained PETN and would have probably defeated metal detectors. However, a full body scan would have aroused the suspicion of monitors. The CIA remain convinced al-Asiri, who was also behind the construction of the ink-jet bombs will continue to seek, what Abdulmutallab called, "his blessed weapon." Al-Asiri operates on behalf of various terror outfits, but is considered to be a member of AQAP (Al-Qaida in the Arab



Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab

Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri

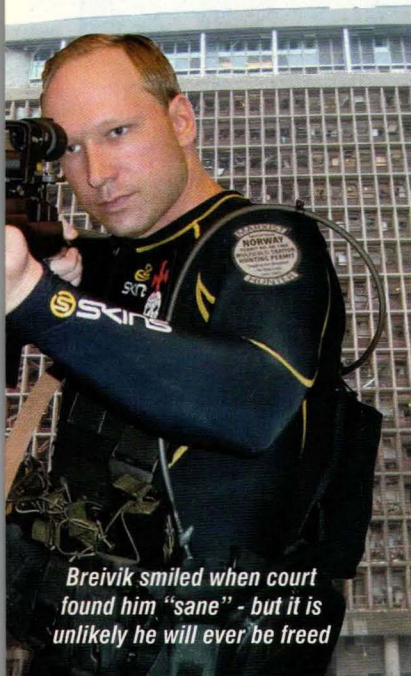


TSA's John Pistole (right) has briefed President Obama on al-Qaida's new bombs

FAILURES

have been prevented

A crucial eye-witness statement giving a description of Breivik was not actioned by police for 20 minutes. The commission also



Breivik smiled when court found him "sane" - but it is unlikely he will ever be freed



PST headquarters

found the police response was slowed by other factors; these included poor communications, a boat that carried anti-terrorist forces was overloaded, and that a police helicopter could not be flown to the scene because its crew was on holiday.

Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg said he felt responsibility for the intelligence failures. "It took too long to apprehend the perpetrator and the police should have been on Utoeya earlier," he said. As for Breivik, 33, he was surprised it took police three hours to find him. For the record, 77 people died and dozens more were injured.

- The court ruled Anders Breivik sane and sentenced him to just 21-years in prison.

Peninsula). In August 2008, he used his brother Abdullah al-Asiri as a suicide bomber in a operation that nearly resulted in the death of Saudi Arabia's Deputy Ministry of the Interior, Muhammad bin Nayef. That attack has never been forgotten by the Saudis who assisted MI6 and the CIA in infiltrating al-Asiri's group earlier this year

There's still confusion in the intelligence world concerning al-Asiri's whereabouts, or even if he is still alive. However, the CIA has a



number of papers secured from Yemen that reflect his desire to build the 'perfect bomb'. The documents reportedly reveal his research into improvised liquid explosive devices; these to be implanted within the body of a carrier. The bomb would not contain any metallic parts, thus making it invisible to various detectors.

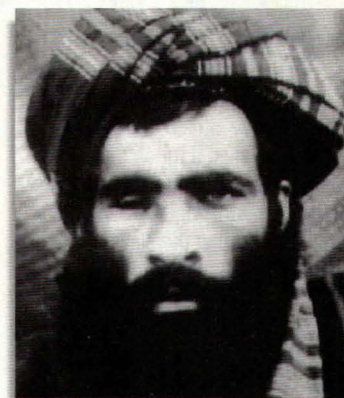
- The FBI continue to probe who "leaked" the intelligence on the new device to a US media contact. The security breach surrounding this important case has almost certainly deflected, or at best temporarily halted, future infiltration operations by MI6.



MULLAH OMAR

Taliban Leader Surfaces

The recognised figurehead of the Taliban has broken his silence after years in hiding. Mullah Omar, who was Osama bin-Laden's key ally, has issued a chilling warning to the USA and UK, claiming both countries are "fleeing Afghanistan," and that it will soon be free for his legions to take over again.



Dangerous - Mullah Omar

His words were followed by an appalling incident in Helmand Province. A group of Taliban terrorists raided a village and duly beheaded 17 people who were enjoying music and dancing. Hours later the Taliban shot dead a further 10 Afghan soldiers. President Karzai denounced the killings as "inhuman."

Intelligence analysts believe Omar, believed to be aged between 50 and 55, has announced himself again ahead of NATO troop withdrawals next year. "Omar is positioning himself to take total control of affairs once most of the NATO contingent has departed," a CIA source told Eye Spy. However, some commentators believe he is now exposed. A significant number of Special Forces and intelligence personnel from both the UK and US will remain in Afghanistan after the main military force departs.

CHINA'S 'RED QUEEN'

JAIL FOR KILLING INTEL CONTACT MAN

Gu Kailai, the wife of prominent Chinese politician, Bo Xilai, has been jailed after she admitted killing British businessman Neil Heywood last November in a hotel room. In a trial that lasted just a day or so, Kailai said she poisoned him because she "felt threatened."



Gu Kailai

At the centre of the Defence's case, an e-mail allegedly sent by Heywood. Presented as evidence several times, this purported to show the Briton was demanding a percentage of a £13 million property deal which involved

Kailai's son, Bo Guagua. This document has not been seen outside the court room, and allegedly ended with a threat to "destroy Bo Guagua."



Neil Heywood

At a hotel, Kailai, who was nicknamed the 'red queen' by colleagues, said she deliberately got him so drunk it was easy to pour cyanide down his throat. Heywood, a known intelligence contact man rarely drank.



Bo Xilai

RUSSIAN SPY RING

Keeping Espionage in the Family?

The dismantling of the SVR Russian spy ring based on the eastern seaboard of the United States, also foiled a much more dangerous and future horizon threat. Reports emanating from Washington, suggest that the sleeper agents, who had all but blended into American society, had started 'grooming' their children for future operations. Moscow hoped that once the children had passed through college, securing the necessary qualifications for work,

they could be placed in positions enabling them to acquire information of value.

Tracey Foley's (Yelena Vavilova) son, Tim, had just finished his second year at George Washington University. The *Wall Street Journal* report he had already agreed to travel to Russia and receive specialist training in intelligence work. Citing tape recordings made by the FBI, when asked by his parents to engage in espionage, Tim Foley 'saluted mother Russia'. At



the time of his parents arrest, Foley was 20-years-old. The report says other parents in the spy ring, who collectively had six children, would follow suit and discuss spying.

WSJ reporter Devlin Barrett wrote: 'His parents revealed their double life to him well before their arrest, according to current and former officials, whose knowledge of the discussion was based on surveillance by the FBI that included bugging suspects' homes'.

The report has been rejected in some quarters. For example, the solicitor who acted for spy 'Donald Heathfield' (Andrei Bezrukov - Tim Foley's father), called it "c**p." Intel



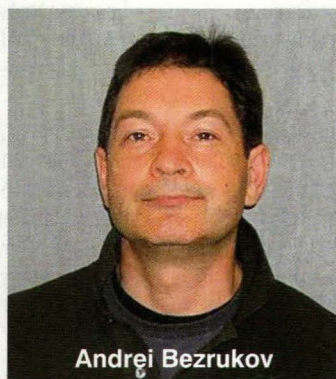
Richard DesLauriers

COURTESY: FBI

analyst Andrei Soldatov was a little more reflective. "I don't think they wanted their children in the family business per se," he said. However, he does believe the adults would



Yelena Vavilova



Andrei Bezrukov

COURTESY: FBI

IMPORTING NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

Iran secured valve technology through 'bogus front companies'

German police have arrested four people in connection with a suspected Iranian nuclear smuggling ring. The men, described as one German national and three German-Iranians, are said to have broken official rules relating to the

embargo that forbids delivery of nuclear components to Iran.

It is believed that a substantial number of valves were delivered via front companies to an Iranian nuclear plant. The consignments were forwarded in 2010 and 2011. Eye Spy understands that the

Right: Nearly 100% weapons grade pure electrorefined plutonium. The ring weighs 11.7lbs (5.3kg) and is sufficient to make one nuclear bomb



Heavy water produced by Norsk Hydro

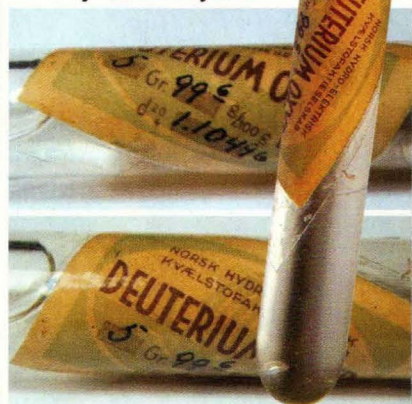


Arak heavy water production plant 2009

heavy water reactor at Arak, which has the capability to produce plutonium for use in nuclear weapons was the recipient.

Police say that in order to circumnavigate the export restrictions, the men created fictitious companies in Turkey and Azerbaijan. "The deliveries were part of an order worth several million euros which Iran was trying to use to secure the necessary valve technology to make a heavy water reactor," said a prosecutor.

US analysts believe Arak may be fully operational within eighteen months and could easily produce





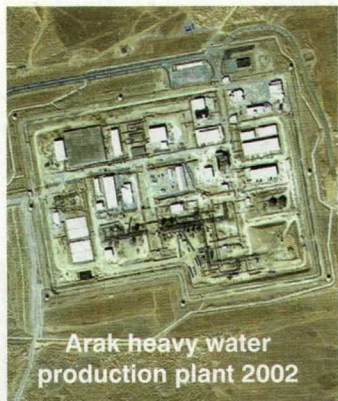
SVR headquarters

have used all the resources available to them to help in the children's future. "Call it perpetuating corruption if you like, but it has nothing to do with spying."



Andrei Soldatov

Boston's FBI head, Richard DesLauriers, believed Tim Foley was probably aware of his parents' double life, but had "no reason to believe," he knew what his parents were doing.



Arak heavy water production plant 2002

enough plutonium to manufacture two nuclear bombs a year.

Ninety security officers raided various addresses in Hamburg, Oldenberg, Halle and Weimer. The men were named only as: Kianzad Ka, Gholamali Ka, Hamid Kh and Rudolf M.

- US think-tank Science and International Security, believe the plant at Arak, which many feared could be operational by 2013, may still require additional components to complete its construction.

THE SECRET GUNMAN

Gaddafi supporter named as killer of British police officer Yvonne Fletcher

It remains one of New Scotland Yard's most sensitive open files - the murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan People's Bureau in London in April 1984. The 25-year-old was managing a peaceful protest outside the building when about a dozen shots were fired from within. One bullet struck the unarmed officer and proved fatal.

What followed was an 11-day armed siege, and with the killer still inside, NSY were determined to make an arrest. However, diplomatic talks resulted in 30 Libyans being deported, amongst them, the police believed, Fletcher's killer.

Since then there have been many attempts to identify the murderer and several names proposed. When relations between Britain and Gaddafi's Libya improved in the

early 2000s, it was hoped the man would be brought to book. However, this never happened, despite visits to the country by senior UK police.

Nevertheless, investigating officers have never given up hope of making an arrest, and following Gaddafi's fall, Libyan officials say they are determined to help solve the

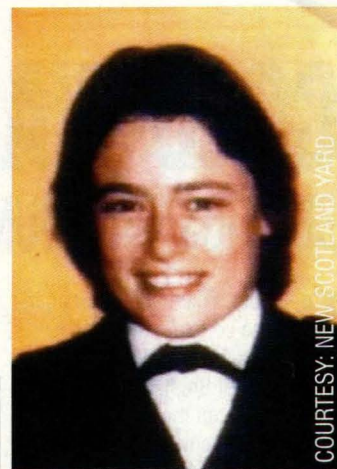


Memorial to WPC Fletcher

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Former Libyan People's Bureau, St James Square, London



COURTESY: NEW SCOTLAND YARD

mystery. And now it seems new evidence has emerged which may force researchers to rewrite at least part of the story.

At the 1984 demonstration was Londoner Ashur Shamis. He says the name of one person - Salah Eddin Khalifa, a student who belonged to the revolutionary committee, a pro-Gaddafi outfit, has been mentioned in connection with the shooting several times by officials of the new Libyan government. Khalifa was allegedly inside the embassy at the time. Interestingly, Shamis believes the student was secreted out of the back of the embassy shortly before armed police reinforcements arrived to secure the building. On Khalifa's return to Libya, he was awarded a lucrative post as head of the High Institute for Electronics.

Khalifa is believed to have exited Libya when it was clear Gaddafi's position as leader had become untenable. His destination was a neighbouring African country.

One of Shamis' sources is a former justice minister of the new Libyan government. He said Khalifa was in the 'operations room' of Gaddafi's regime.

Libya's current Justice Minister Mohammed al-Alaghi, said his country was willing to help provide "any assistance to Britain," over the murder of WPC Fletcher. This statement was quickly followed by an announcement from NSY, that on 17 July, two senior detectives had been despatched to Tripoli to meet Libyan officials.

The fate of a previous prime suspect, Abdulmagid Saleh Ameri, remains unknown, though sources say he is probably dead.

COLD WAR SPY GAMES

BELARUS KGB COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE ARRESTS

In August, Belarusia's KGB acting with the country's elite ALFA group, detained a 28-year-old resident of Brest, a city in the southwest of the country. An official statement read: "The resident was arrested and then jailed for establishing cooperation with a secret service, security agency or an intelligence service of a foreign government." According to the KGB, the national was charged

only with "attempted espionage," which carries a two-year prison sentence. It's not exactly clear which foreign agency or country allegedly is involved, though some sources believe it is American-based.

Of relevance, in July, Artur Strekh, a senior KGB official announced that his Service had "broken a Lithuanian spy ring," resulting in the arrest



President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko and Russia's Dmitry Medvedev

of several Belarusians. These unnamed 'spies' could receive 15-year sentences, according to press reports. A range of spying equipment was purportedly recovered, including various electronic devices.

Independent news analysis from within this secretive country is often difficult to assess. Eye Spy understands the alleged Lithuanian spies were involved in gathering intel on the country's military and its relations with Russia - at least that's the state's version.

However, Eye Spy researchers believe it's possible these incidents could have threads to the defunct SVR spy ring which was exposed in 2010 in America. And interestingly,

in Eye Spy 80, we presented a feature - 'Mapping Russia: CIA Hunt For Secret Missiles'. A CIA contact agent operating in Belarusia was given CDs containing over 7,000 topographical maps of Russia by a retired Russian Army Colonel



Lithuania Defence Minister Rasa Jukneviene



Government House in Belarusia's capital Minsk. Note the statue of Lenin

US NAVY IN GULF FIRING INCIDENT

Tensions High as Iran Threatens Strait of Homuz

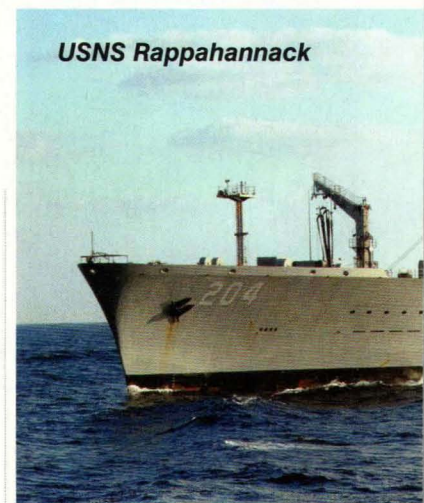
Controversy surrounds an incident involving the USNS Rappahannock, a refuelling and replenishment ship, and an Indian fishing boat near the port of Jebel Ali, Dubai, UAE. US defence officials said its vessel fired upon the boat after it ignored a warning not to get too close. However, Dubai's police chief said the fishermen did not receive a warning, and actually "attempted to avoid the

Rappahannock." One fisherman died and two others were injured, resulting in UAE General Dahi Khalfan ordering an investigation. The police chief also criticised the US ship after it sailed into international waters immediately following the encounter. Survivors on the fishing boat insisted they had been trying to sail around the warship when it was struck by a short burst of machinegun fire.

A US Navy statement read: *'The US crew repeatedly attempted to warn the vessel's operators to turn away from their deliberate approach. When those efforts failed to deter the approaching vessel, the security team on the Rappahannock fired rounds from a .50-caliber machinegun.'*

Tensions are running high in the area and the US Navy has long been fearful of attacks by small ships. In 2000, the USS Cole was struck by a fast boat laden with explosives off the coast of Yemen. "We've been very concerned about small ships," a US defence official said.

In recent months, Iran has threatened to block the strategically vital oil route - Strait of Homuz to foreign vessels. This in turn has resulted in



the US sending bigger and more powerful warships to the region, including the aircraft carriers USS Abraham Lincoln and USS Enterprise.

A UAE investigation has been launched into the incident, which happened on 16 July, and may yet result in charges after a file was handed to the Public Prosecutor's Office.



Port of Jebel Ali, UAE



KGB headquarters in Minsk

Vladimir Lazar. He was given a 12-year prison term by a Moscow judge. Some intel watchers insist other events in Germany (not yet declared), connects these case files with the SVR spies in America.

For its part, Lithuania dismissed the claim saying the "KGB did not reflect reality." Defence Minister Rasa Juknevičienė asked about the supposed spy ring simply said: "We never comment on what our

[intelligence] Service does or does not. However, the accusations do not constitute what we call neighbourly."

The tiny Baltic country pulled its ambassador out of Belarusia in June, this after many European countries did the same in March.

These happenings could still be a political ploy to deter what Belarusia claims is "outside inference" in its internal affairs.

Though the KGB announcement of the arrests were made in summer, the counter-espionage operations concluded in February or March.

MUNICH PAPERS 1972 OLYMPIC MASSACRE



TEL AVIV: Forty years after 11 Israeli athletes were murdered by terrorists at the Berlin Olympics, Israel's State Archive has released 45 official intelligence documents chronicling the incident.

The file is divided into nine sections, and examines the actual incident and the failed military operation to rescue abducted athletes. It also includes diplomatic cables, political happenings and relations between Germany and Israel.

One comment by then Mossad Director Zvi Zamir reveals huge tensions between the countries. 'German police didn't make even a minimal effort to save human lives'.

A number of the documents have been censored by the Mossad.

FRENCH LAUNCH ARAFAT INVESTIGATION

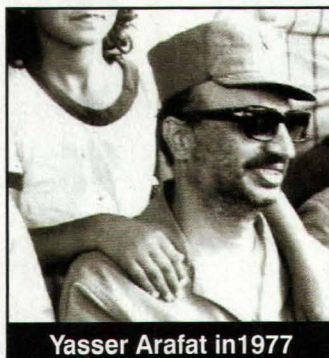
Confirming presence of Polonium-210 on Yasser Arafat's corpse - key to new inquiry

French authorities have opened an official investigation into the death of former Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. This follows a murder complaint lodged by his widow Suha and his daughter. Suha is a French national,

Arafat died aged 75 in a French military hospital in 2004, after suddenly falling ill. There were numerous rumours about his health, but new research performed in a Swiss research facility on behalf of media organisation, Al-Jazeera, revealed a possible assassination theory. Suha Arafat, had kept a number of items and clothing belonging to her husband. The Swiss research team claimed some of these contained high levels of Polonium-210, the substance used

to kill former KGB officer Aleksander Litvinenko in London in 2006.

Israel strenuously denies any involvement in Arafat's death and believes people close to Arafat actually covered up the real reason for his death. However, many people in the Arab world suspect he was assassinated by Israel. Some intelligence watchers claim a plot to kill Arafat did exist, and it was discussed at the highest levels during the second 'Intifada'. Then Prime Minister Ariel Sharon rejected the notion.



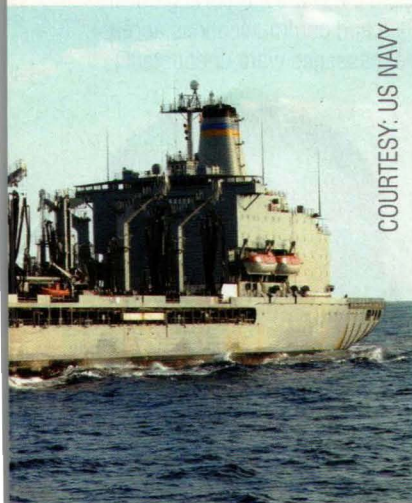
Yasser Arafat in 1977



Suha Arafat

Yasser Arafat tried for the best part of four decades to secure a permanent homeland for the Palestinian people. His efforts though unsuccessful, did earn him the Nobel Peace Prize.

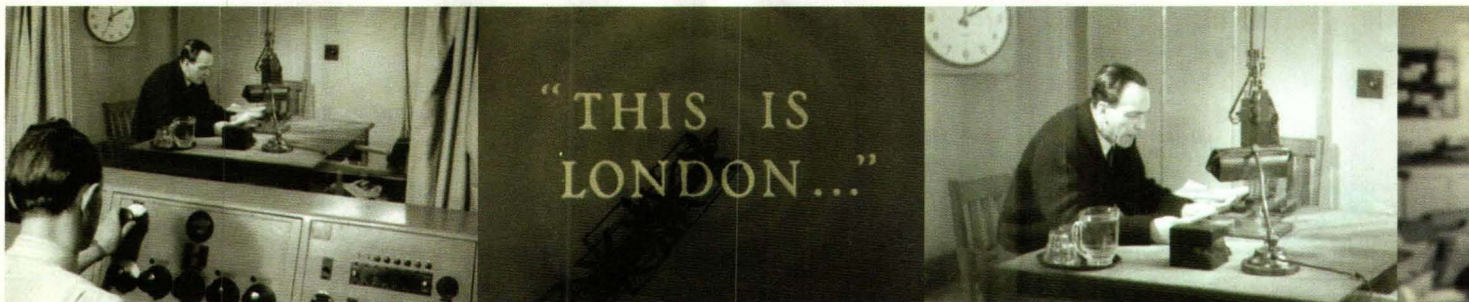
Eye Spy was informed that Polonium-210 breaks down very, very quickly and that it would be surprising if traces of the isotope were found on the remains of Yasser Arafat. Indeed, as for an independent and thorough inquiry, the only way this can proceed is to exhume Arafat's body - something which is deemed controversial.



COURTESY: US NAVY

Iran claims the presence of US warships in the Gulf threatens maritime safety, and has called on the international community to pressure Washington into withdrawing its fleet.

Meanwhile, the US has compensated the family of the dead fisherman and provided assistance to the injured survivors.



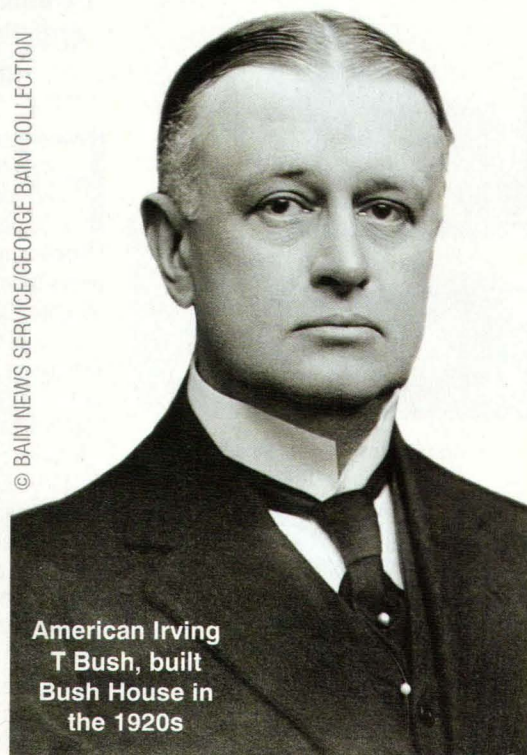
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BBC RADIO LEAVES FAMOUS SPY LOCATION AFTER 70 YEARS OF BROADCASTING ACROSS THE WORLD



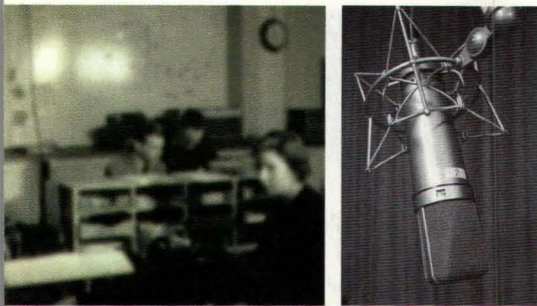
The BBC World Service has broadcast its last message from the iconic Bush House, Aldwych, London, home to this part of the global broadcaster for over 70 years. Twenty-seven overseas stations and various foreign language units have now been relocated to the corporation's Broadcasting House.

Besides its long association with the broadcaster, Bush House is synonymous with the intelligence world. During WWII, the building, fronted by two neo-classical style marble pillars, played host to some of MI6's most important front companies. The BBC too played its part in the war by imparting covert radio messages and communications across Europe. Some messages were undoubtedly



American Irving
T Bush, built
Bush House in
the 1920s

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General De Gaulle made famous broadcast from Bush House to his countrymen on 18 June 1940

deceptive and intended to confuse and spread disinformation to the Nazis.

BBC foreign language broadcasting began in 1938, and moved to Bush House in 1941, following the bombing of its headquarters in Portland Place. In that year the corporation established the European Service, this would evolve into the Overseas Service in 1958. Already there were the offices of MI6 man Claude Dansey, who ran the Service's Z

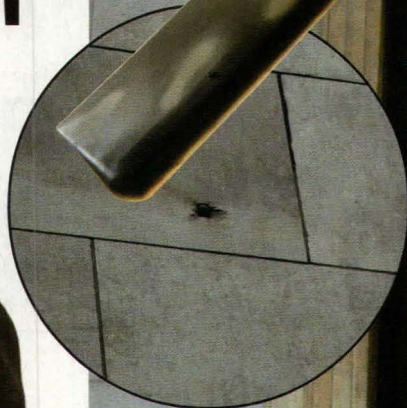


MI6's Z Organisation, headed by Claude Dansey, operated from Bush House under the cover name of export company Duveen

Organisation under the front of export firm Duveen and Company. Other intelligence elements also operated from Bush House.

FAMOUS BROADCASTS

Broadcasts have been made by a plethora of historic figures at BBC Bush House, including General De Gaulle. On 18 June 1940, the Frenchman inspired Resistance fighters to



On 21 June 1944, a German V1 cruise missile narrowly missed Bush House, but did damage parts of its facade. Shrapnel marks (see inset) can still be seen on the building and road

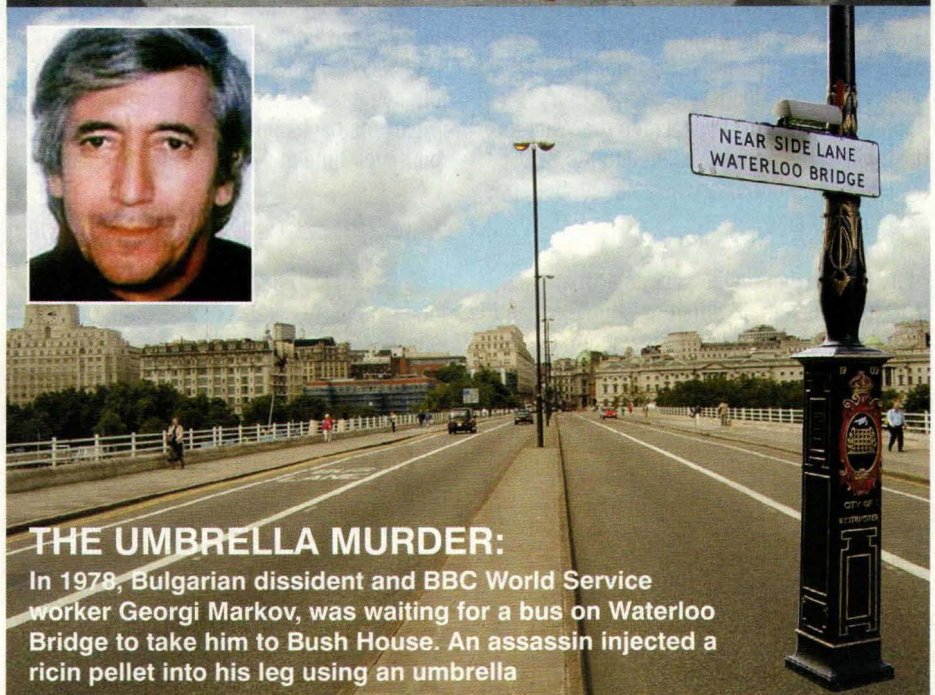


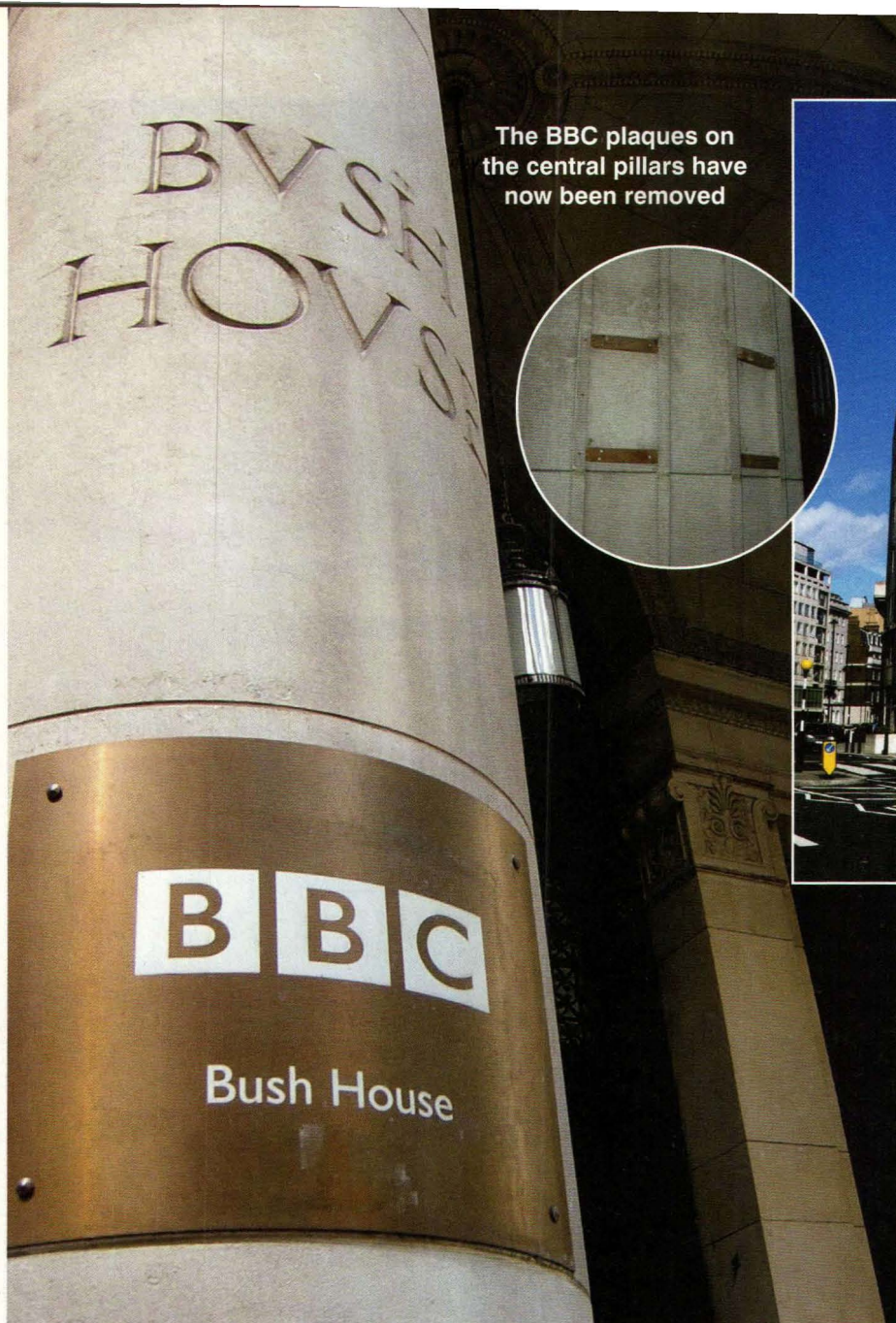
The sign declares the BBC's 70-year relationship with Bush House has ended



THE UMBRELLA MURDER:

In 1978, Bulgarian dissident and BBC World Service worker Georgi Markov, was waiting for a bus on Waterloo Bridge to take him to Bush House. An assassin injected a ricin pellet into his leg using an umbrella





The BBC plaques on the central pillars have now been removed



Broadcasting House



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continue fighting, this after Nazi occupation. Other important announcements and broadcasts include one from 1956, when Soviet tanks rolled into Hungary as that country sought freedom and appealed to the West for help. Many Hungarians listened to the BBC awaiting news of military assistance, but none was forthcoming.

At its height, the foreign service arm of the BBC broadcast in 45 different languages, and in one country in particular, the accuracy of its reporting was very welcome - Russia. Leonid Finkelstein told of his first encounter with the radio broadcaster in 1948, this as an inmate in one of Stalin's notorious labour camps. "It was here I learned about the 'Chelsea Flower Show'," he said. Another Russian, Yuri Gologorsky, explained that the BBC's 15 minute Russian broadcasts created "two hours of debate," when they had finished. Gologorsky went on to find employment at Bush House and in 1988, helped organise a

very special live talk-in broadcast to Russia. This featured Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. And since the corporation announced its departure, hundreds of former employees have come forward and spoken about their time at this very special location.

A MENACING VISITOR

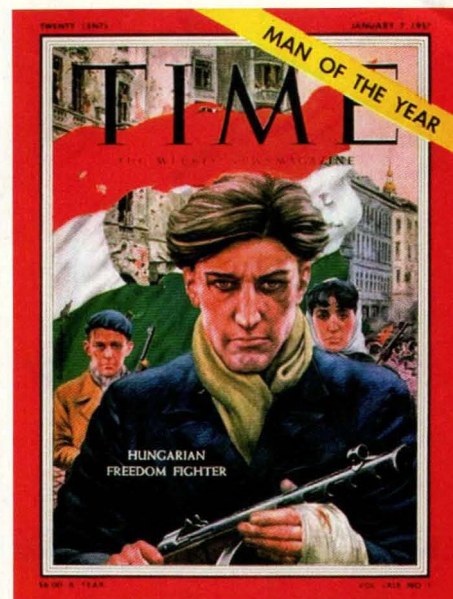
Bush House also had a few lucky escapes during WWII. At a little past 2.00pm, on 21 June 1944, a German V1 cruise missile struck Aldwych just yards away from the building peppering its exterior with shrapnel. Dozens of people died and hundreds more were injured. Had the building been destroyed, the BBC radio service would have fallen silent, thus providing Berlin with a very real propaganda coup. A BBC employee at Bush House described the scene: "It was as though a foggy November evening had materialised at the throw of a switch. Through the dust and smoke the casement of the bomb lay burning

During WWII, Eric Arthur Blair, better known as the author George Orwell, broadcast to listeners in Eastern Europe from Bush House. The news items were generally very accurate, though some were undoubtedly laced with disinformation to confuse German Intelligence and the Wehrmacht

at the corner of Kingsway. Three victims lay unmoving at the top of the steps only thirty yards from where we had crouched and huddled and figures were scattered all over the road." One of the statues perched over the building's pillars lost an arm, and it wasn't replaced for over 30 years - this after a visiting American saw the damage. He just happened to work for a limestone company in Indiana.



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During the 1950s Hungarian uprising, the people of this eastern-bloc country relied heavily on the BBC for news. Many Hungarians were confident that the United States and the West would intervene, but help never materialised. It is believed some broadcasts contained messages for MI6 and CIA intelligence agents who were in the country. MAIN PHOTO: This fascinating photograph shows the Hungarian Parliament building, and in the foreground, a 1956 national flag which one freedom fighter decided to remove the communist symbol. The flag flies in recognition of those who fought and died. Time's 1956 'Man of the Year Award' was the 'Hungarian Freedom Fighter'

Indeed, keen eyed visitors to the building can still see the damage on the outside walls of Bush House caused by the V1.

ROOM 101 AND ASSASSINATIONS

One famous worker at Bush House during the war (1941-43) was writer and journalist George Orwell (Eric Arthur Blair). It is believed the building gave him the inspiration for his works - '1984', the chilling 'Room 101' and 'Ministry of Truth'. Orwell broadcast news bulletins to Eastern European countries during WWII. This was an important endeavour in the propaganda war with the Nazis.

At the height of the Cold War several key BBC offices were contained within Bush House,

and the broadcaster helped deliver vital news to those behind the Iron Curtain. In 1978, the BBC was itself caught up in an assassination case involving one of its World Service workers. Bulgarian dissident Georgi Markov, had a ricin pellet injected into his leg via an umbrella. He was waiting for a bus to take him to Bush House. Another interesting tenant may not have been welcome by MI6 - the Russian Tass press agency also used the building for years!

- For the record, the final five minute BBC bulletin broadcast from Bush House was read by Iain Purdon at 12.00pm on 12 July 2012 - a date and time that all those involved with this famous building and the intelligence world will never forget!

BUSH HOUSE

BBC OCCUPATION 1941-2012

The name 'Bush House', derives from its American builder - industrialist and oil man Irving T Bush of the New York firm Bush Terminal House. In 1919, approval was given for its construction, and four years later work was completed. When it was officially opened in 1925, it was said to be the "most expensive building in the world."

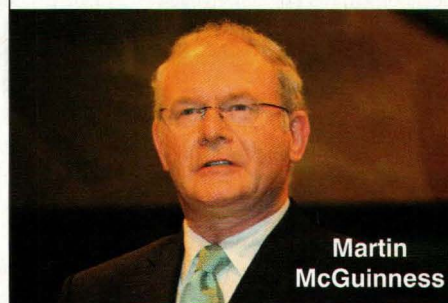
Today it remains one of the city's most impressive structures and is owned by a Japanese company.



STRANGE BUT TRUE



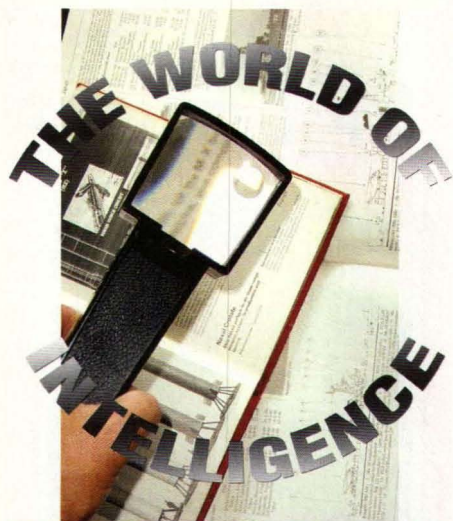
In August 1985, the BBC World Service fell silent for the first time since it was opened. This was not because of a technical interruption, but a protest strike. Workers were unhappy that the British Government had banned the BBC from broadcasting a documentary featuring Martin McGuinness of Sinn Féin - widely regarded then as the political wing of the IRA. Some people considered this ironic reflecting on the history of the Service and the many propaganda broadcasts once played from Bush House.



Martin McGuinness

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INTELLIGENCE EXTRA

NEIL ARMSTRONG

Hero whose Moon commentary warmed a Cold War climate

NASA's most famous astronaut Neil Armstrong has died aged 82. On 20 July 1969, Armstrong became the first ever person to walk on the Moon, followed a few minutes later by crewmate Buzz Aldrin. Overhead in the orbiting command ship Colombia, Michael Collins. America had won the 'Race to the Moon'.

Armstrong proclaimed to a watching audience of half a billion people (a fifth of the world's population): "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Many historians believe this sentence is the most famous ever spoken.



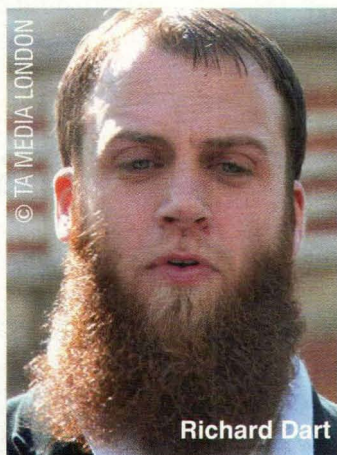
The Apollo 11 mission took place at the height of the Cold War. However, this was one fleeting moment in time when both the Soviets and the West became unified in the spirit of space travel. Messages of congratulations were sent by Moscow to Washington. Indeed, space exploration was an area both the United States and Russia shared some common ground in respect of cooperation.

MI5 COUNTER-MEASURES

Suspects arrested in pre-Olympic Games counter-terror raids

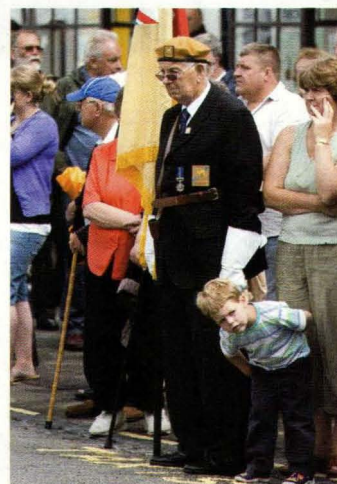
Former BBC security guard and Muslim convert, Richard Dart, who was arrested in early July along with four other people, allegedly discussed targeting a UK town synonymous with honouring British armed forces dead.

Westminster magistrates' court in London heard that Royal Wootton Bassett, whose town folk regularly lined its main street and saluted British war dead from 2007 until last year, had been identified by Dart and his associates. MI5 and MI6 officers were also "flagged up."



Richard Dart

Dart, 29, together with Jahanger Alom, 26 and Imran Mahmood, all from the London area, were arrested and charged with preparing acts of terrorism between July 2010 and 6 July this year. They are also accused of travelling to Pakistan to receive terrorist training, to have travelled abroad to commit acts of terrorism, and for providing information to others on how to do the same. Ruksana Begum, 22, was reportedly found in possession of a digital memory card containing documents likely to be of use to a terrorist. A fifth man, Khalid Baqa, 47, is charged with three counts of possessing terrorist material, including CDs on which a document - '39 Ways To Support And Participate in Jihad', was found.



The town of Wootton Bassett was awarded the pre-fix Royal because of its incredible support and respect for fallen troops returning to the UK

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INTERROGATION DEATHS - NO CHARGES

Department of Justice closes book on CIA interrogations of detainees

Officers and officials from the CIA who were caught up in the deaths of two detainees whilst in CIA custody, will not face charges. Attorney General Eric Holder was concerned that securing accurate information on the events, which happened years ago in Iraq and Afghanistan, was difficult. The decision closes the last investigative affair connected to the post 9/11 interrogation of suspected terrorists.

News of the verdict was greeted with some relief at Langley, for had the allegations been confirmed, a domino effect may have seen several dozen CIA staffers facing similar charges.

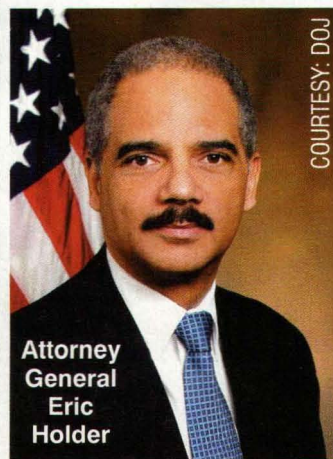


Gul Rahman

One of those who died was suspected al-Qaida man Gul Rahman. He was detained at a CIA site in Afghanistan dubbed the 'Salt Pit'. After being doused with cold water he was left outside in the cold night air. He was dead the next day.

Speaking earlier this year, Holder conceded: "There were things that

were done during the course of those interrogations that are antithetical to American values, that resulted in the deaths of certain people."



Attorney General Eric Holder

COURTESY: DOJ



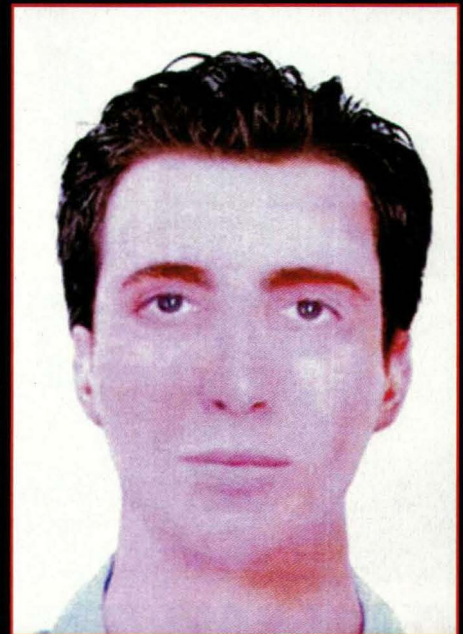
SWEDISH INTEL 007-THEMED PARTY

STOCKHOLM: Sweden's Security Service SAPO, is under fire after it emerged staffers were treated to an expensive moral-building 'James Bond' themed party in 2011. About 1,000 people enjoyed casino tables and music provided by a tuxedo-clad band.

SAPO Director Anders Thornberg, defended the evening, which cost about £500,000, saying his Service had been "under pressure." The spy agency has conducted a number of counter-terrorist operations in recent years. However, it emerged this year that the SAPO may have to lose about 10% of its staff due to financial cutbacks.

SUSPECTED IRANIAN AGENT BLOWS HIMSELF UP ON ISRAELI TOURIST BUS IN BULGARIA

In a carefully planned operation, a suicide bomber walked towards or gained access to a packed tourist double-decker coach at Burgas International Airport in Bulgaria. He subsequently detonated explosives contained in his backpack. Six people (including the bus driver) were killed and a further 32 injured, some seriously, in the Black Sea attack. The terrorist was killed instantly. Prime Minister Boyko Borisov confirmed Bulgarian Intelligence beliefs that the bomber was part of a large "sophisticated and exceptionally skilled terror cell," which had been in the country several weeks.



COURTESY: BULGARIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY

Computer generated composite image of the bus bomber

SELECTED TARGET AND DATE

Popular with Israeli high school graduates before they serve in the IDF (Israel Defence Force), Bulgaria's Black Sea resorts attract thousands of holidaymakers from Israel every year. Those who died were part of a 200-strong group, consisting mainly of younger people. Three coaches had been assigned to carry them to their hotels.

The date of this appalling incident is significant - 18 July 2012 - the 18th anniversary of the bombing of the AMIA (Argentine Israelite

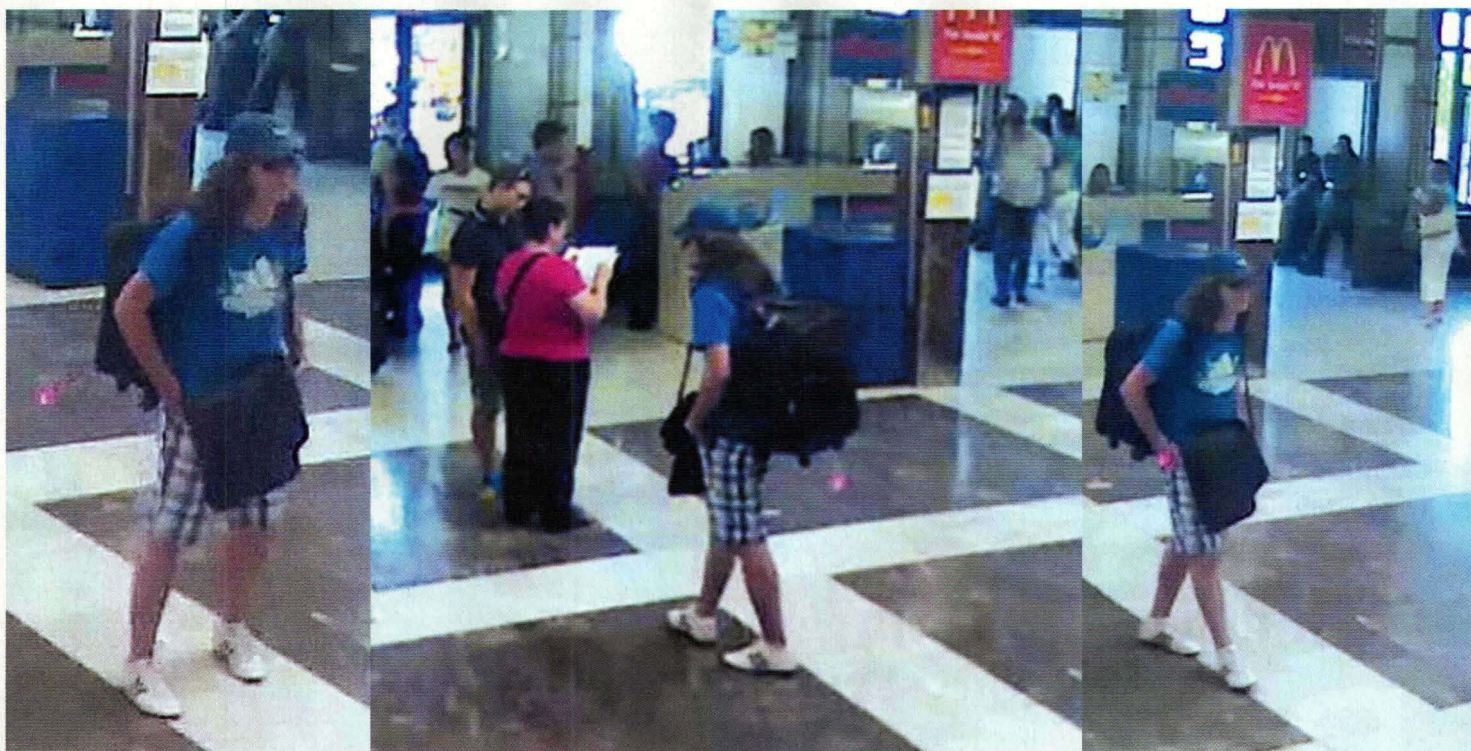
Mutual Association), in Buenos Aires, Argentina. That attack left 85 people dead and hundreds more injured. In 2006, Argentina formally blamed Tehran, claiming Hezbollah acted as a proxy for Iranian Intelligence. Some 200,000 Jewish people live in Argentina and the centre was a popular focal point for Israelis. A Renault Trafic van packed with over 600lbs of ammonium nitrate fertiliser and other materials, exploded and brought down the building, hence the number of casualties.

Israel's Mossad and domestic security Shin Beth are always fearful of this date - viewing it

as an opportunity for terrorists to make their mark. Security is increased and intelligence personnel search for 'chatter', but in the Burgas case, it appears the Mossad were

THE ANNIVERSARY BOMBER

The world has become a dangerous playground for the secret war being fought out between Iran and Israel...



ICE COLD AND MENACING:

CCTV stills taken from inside the airport terminal of the bomber. He spent about an hour waiting for the Israeli charter flight to arrive. The clip shows him casually walking towards the arrival/departure board, momentarily examining it, and then walking

away. By now the terror cell had already identified the parking zone where the tourist buses were to depart from. Note that despite the large backpack having wheels and pull capability, the man refused to part company with the bag. His folded overjacket/clothing appears to be atop a strapped occasional/laptop computer case.

It has still to be determined if he initiated the detonation sequence of the bomb itself, or if an accomplice at the airport triggered the explosives remotely by cell phone. Eye Spy was told that at least three other people at the airport are regarded as 'persons of interest'.



oblivious. However, Israeli civilians, especially tourists, have always been vulnerable when venturing abroad. And in recent months, the Mossad has been actively following several suspected terror cells who have been despatched overseas by Iran.

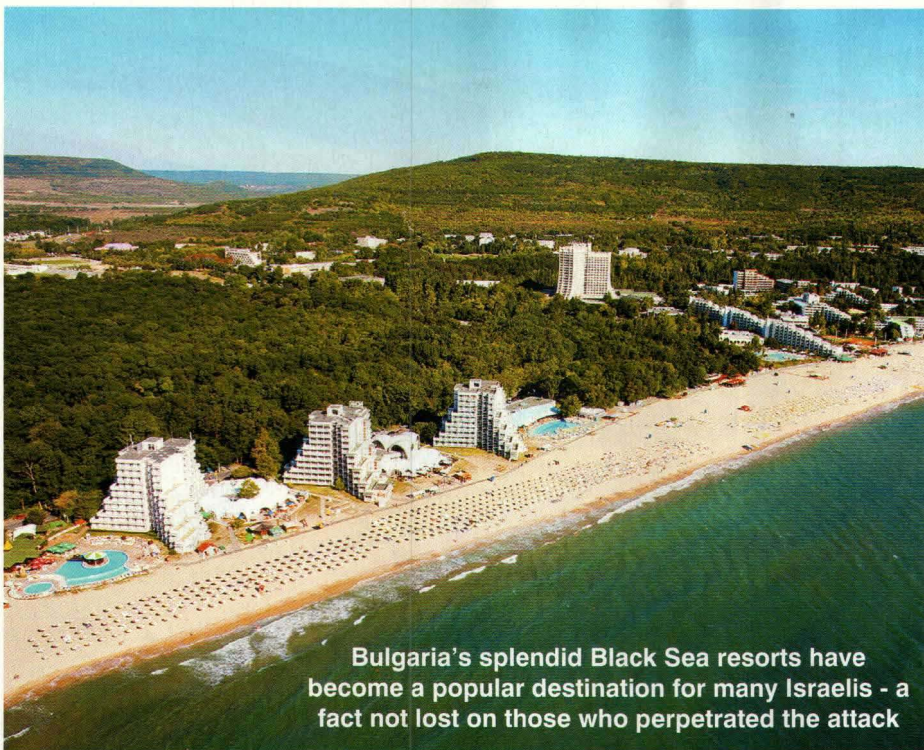
THE 'VENUE'

Intelligence officials said that on the morning of the Burgas attack, the terrorist had travelled to the airport by taxi to perform reconnaissance. After familiarising himself with the airport's arrival layout, coach park and flight times, he departed. He returned later by taxi in the afternoon to carry out the bombing.

The bomber had been waiting in the foyer of the airport for the best part of an hour. Dressed in casual clothing, sunglasses and carrying a large backpack, he blended in



Burgas International Airport

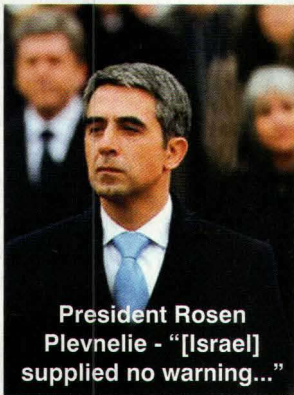


Bulgaria's splendid Black Sea resorts have become a popular destination for many Israelis - a fact not lost on those who perpetrated the attack

perfectly with other young people beginning or ending their holiday. Outside in the car park, coaches were lined up waiting to take people to their resorts. The terrorist had obviously targeted a charter flight arrival from Israel (Bulgaria Flight 392 from Ben-Gurion) and identified the passengers' buses.

IDENTITY

Bulgarian police said its investigation will be lengthy, and no doubt further clues to the identity of the bomber will be secured. They are being helped by US counter-intelligence officials who flew immediately to Bulgaria. It is believed the bomber and his support cell had been in the



President Rosen Plevneliev - "[Israel] supplied no warning..."

country for at least four weeks. Initially he was said to be 36-years-old, though this is speculation; so too reports he may have been travelling on a bogus US passport. His driving license, supposedly issued in Michigan, was recovered by investigators. The document showed the holder's name as Jacque Felipe Martin. Speculation also abounds regarding who he really was, but he spoke

English with an accent and police said he "looked European."

In the aftermath of the incident, some Bulgarian reports claimed the bomber was Mehdi Ghazali, a former Guantanamo Bay ➤

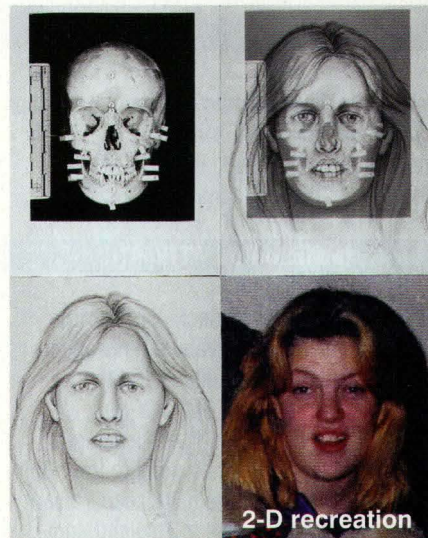
RECREATING THE BOMBER'S FACE



3-D recreation

DNA analysis and fingerprints taken at the scene have thus far not provided any clues to the terrorist's identity. The data was passed to Interpol and other organisations, but the bomber did not turn up in any record base.

One authoritative report suggested the bomber's long hair was a wig. This was all but confirmed on 1 August, following release by Bulgaria's Interior Ministry of a computerised image.

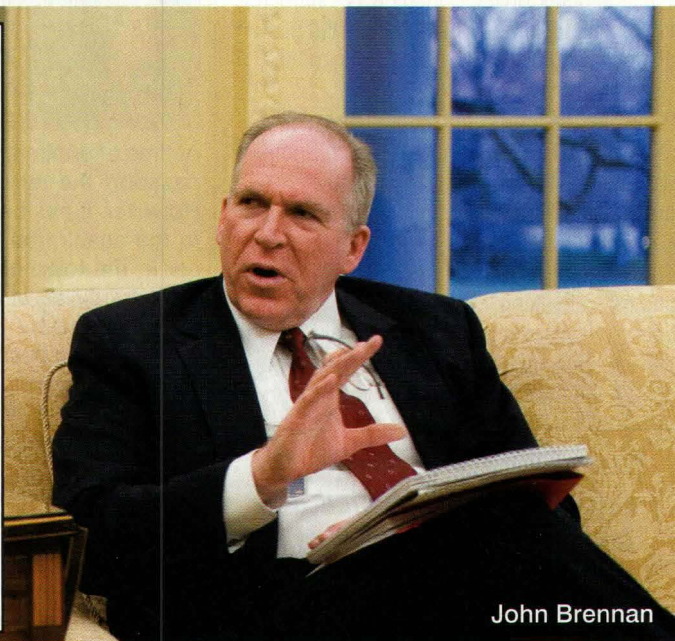


2-D recreation

After the blast, forensic specialists had little to go on, the bomber's head was decapitated and his injuries showed he was still carrying the bomb when it exploded. Fragments of his skull were carefully assembled to help recreate the bomber's head, thus enabling specialists to determine his facial features. Advances in forensic anthropology and technology using CT scans to give skeletal remains a face, and even reveal an identity, have become important tools in the world of counter-terrorism. A Bulgarian Police spokesman said the composite image is 95 per cent accurate.



Six days after the attack, John Brennan, America's most senior counter-terrorism official was despatched to Bulgaria. Various intelligence services are involved in the investigation, including the Mossad, CIA, MI6 and of course, Bulgaria's National Intelligence Service (NIS). Its Director, Dragomir Dimitrov, has already liaised with his peers in various countries.



John Brennan



Intelligence analysts remain unsure if the bomber's intention was to place his backpack bomb in the luggage section of the coach. However, if this was the plan, his option to escape was exhausted when the device exploded

prisoner and linked him to Sweden. Authorities in Stockholm deny this. However, Eye Spy is aware of an Iranian intelligence 'recruiting presence' in the Scandinavian country.

IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH

Within one hour of the attack, Israel Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu left no-one in doubt who he believed was behind the bombing. "The attack in Bulgaria was perpetrated by Hezbollah, Iran's leading terrorist proxy. All the signs point to Iran. Only in the last few months we have seen Iranian attempts to attack Israelis in Thailand, India,



Police sketch of another suspect wanted in connection with the bombing

Prime Minister Boyko Borisov was careful not to apportion blame or back Netanyahu's claim, saying his country was "vulnerable."

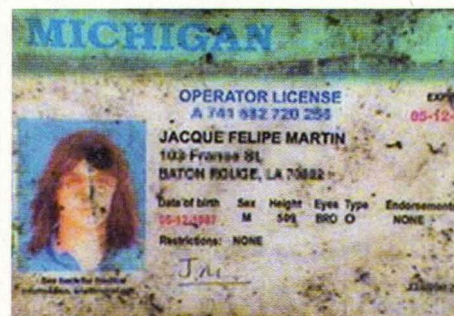
Following the attack, the authorities quickly released CCTV of the prime suspect. Some witnesses who were at the scene have presented different descriptions to that of the gangly, long-haired, casually-dressed man. This could of course be the result of confusion and mass hysteria immediately following the blast. Eye witness testimony is often problematic in cases such as this, but the police are certain the man in the airport is the bomber. A

Prime Minister Boyko Borisov said the NIS is satisfied the bomber was a member of a "large sophisticated and exceptionally skilled terror cell..."

Georgia, Kenya and other places." Netanyahu was backed by his foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, "The Revolutionary Guard are behind the attack. I don't want to say unequivocally, but they are behind it directly or indirectly." Bulgaria's

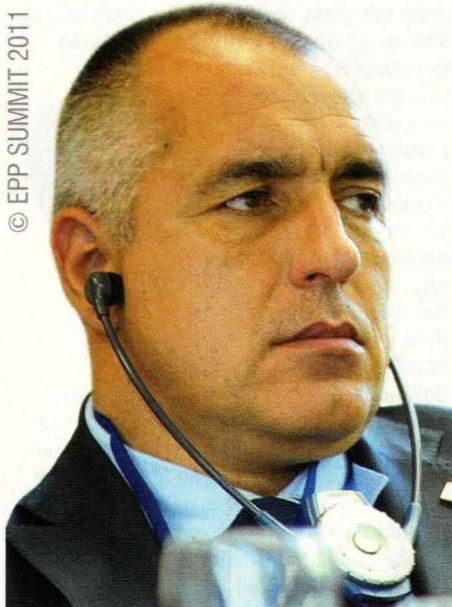
sketch of another suspect who is also being hunted was released by police. He fled the scene immediately after the bomb exploded, and reports in Bulgaria say he was carrying a US passport in the name of David Jefferson.

FAKE DOCUMENTS AND WIG



At time of publication, it's not known what passport the terrorist was travelling on. However, it has been disclosed that prior to the attack, the bomber tried to hire a car in the town of Pomorie, close to the airport. Officials at the renting agency were unconvinced by the documentation he provided, and became suspicious. He was refused a vehicle. The hire car manager also told police the customer appeared to be wearing a wig.

The terror cell used a bogus US driving license in the name of Jacques Felipe Martin. What is evident the photo shows a long-haired individual with a blue shirt. Evidence of careful preparation.

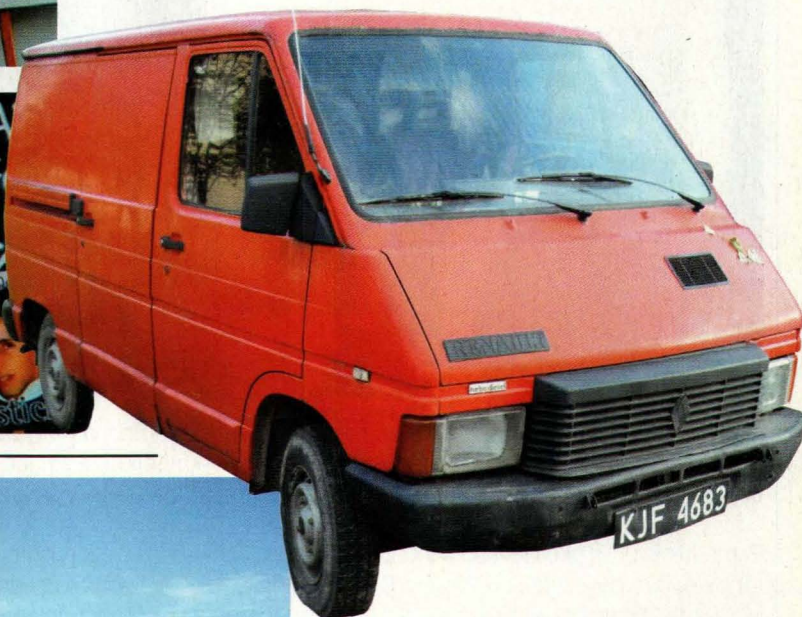


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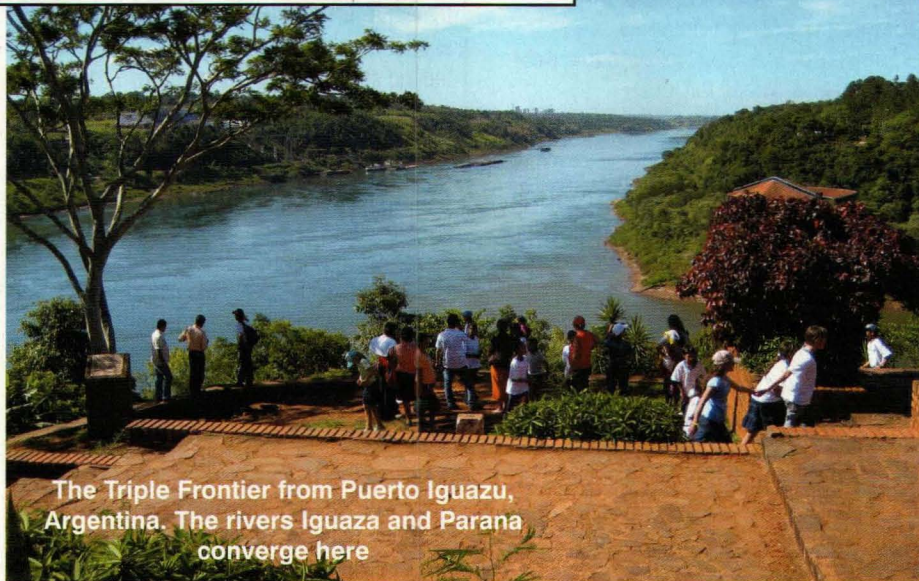


1994 AMIA BOMBING

The bombing of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires is still remembered in both countries. A Renault Trafic van like the one pictured here blew up killing 85 people. Few intel watchers doubt that the date of the attack - 18 July 1994, is not relevant to the Bulgarian bus incident



TRIPLE FRONTIER



The Triple Frontier from Puerto Iguazu, Argentina. The rivers Iguaza and Parana converge here

The terrorist gang who carried out the AMIA bombing are believed to have entered Argentina through an area called the Triple Frontier. This region is bordered by Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil and has a population of around 300,000.

In recent years the CIA believe it has become a productive area for money raising for groups such as al-Qaida and Hezbollah, especially in the Paraguay sector because the country has no proper anti-terrorism laws.

The TF now supports a multi-country counter-terrorist surveillance effort, which almost certainly includes the CIA.

Interestingly, the men in both pictures look fairly similar.

Eye Spy understands the CIA has discovered how the bomber entered Bulgaria. Early reports say he flew into the country, but there is much speculation he entered via road from one of five bordering countries. Some Mossad sources claim he passed through Turkey and was met by a local support group.

INTELLIGENCE THREADS

Bulgarian intelligence officials believe the terrorist must have used this support network in the country. "We cannot exclude the



NIS Director Dragomir Dmitrov (standing)

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SECRET DOSSIERS AND AGENDA



Prime Minister Boyko Borissov and John Brennan



COURTESY: BULGARIA INTERIOR MINISTRY

Bulgaria Interior Minister, Tsvetan Tsvetanov. His office has received help from the Mossad, CIA and MI6

John Brennan, America's top counter-terrorism (Homeland Security Council) official travelled to Bulgaria a few days after the bombing. At a meeting of senior officials in Sofia, he said Washington would help the country find those responsible.

Prime Minister Boyko Borissov and Brennan then answered questions from journalists (above). Two days later, on 26 July, Brennan flew to Tel Aviv and held secret talks with Mossad's hierarchy. Intelligence was exchanged and a document detailing over 15 related incidents that have occurred worldwide discussed. Eye Spy believes this file included a number of unreported attacks and plots against Israeli targets.

possibility that he [the bomber] had logistical support on Bulgarian territory," said the country's interior minister, Tsvetan Tsvetanov. President Rosen Plevneliev said Israel's intelligence services had not been in touch to warn of an impending attack. However, Eye Spy understands senior Mossad officials had met with their Bulgarian counterparts just weeks earlier. Earlier this year Bulgarian Intelligence thwarted a Hezbollah plot to attack Jewish citizens in the capital Sofia.

A SECOND PERSON OF INTEREST

On 16 August, the Bulgarian Interior Ministry released a composite image and photo of a driving license of one of the bomber's suspected accomplices. The man, who is aged between 25-30, used a bogus license again issued in the State of Michigan, in the name of Ralph William Rico. Police believe he is wearing a wig. An official made an appeal to the public: "There is evidence that the man in

the picture has been presenting himself as Rico. He may have also used other names."

The attack comes at a time of high tension between Iran and Israel, and this has only fuelled speculation Israel may strike. Netanyahu said, "Israel will react forcefully to Iran's terror." And in a further statement, he warned that those who planned and committed the attack will be "hunted down." He also described Hezbollah as the "long arm of Iran," a phrase often attached to the international work of the Mossad. Such an obvious reference undoubtedly means more work for the Mossad.

Intelligence analysts remain cautious in apportioning blame, but some believe the attack is in response to the killing of five Iranian nuclear scientists in recent years.

Other theories also remain. One report suggests the TNT bomb was already on the bus before passengers boarded; another says the bomber placed his rucksack in the baggage section of the bus from outside.

Iran rejects any involvement in the suicide bombing.



COURTESY: BULGARIA INTERIOR MINISTRY

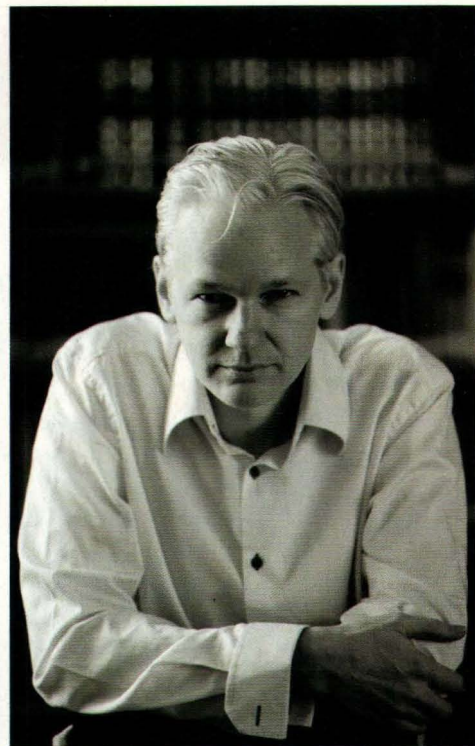


One of possibly four accomplices who assisted the suicide bomber. The license was photocopied by a company, probably as the suspect attempted to hire a vehicle

NO EXIT

All Roads Lead to Stockholm

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange continues to frustrate UK police • launches verbal attack on Washington's stance on intelligence leaks



Julian Assange, 41, the founder of WikiLeaks, has accused the United States of a "witch-hunt" from the protected balcony of Ecuador's embassy on Hans Crescent, Knightsbridge, London. Assange sought refuge in the building after he lost his case against extradition to Sweden in connection with rape allegations.

In a brief appearance, on 19 August, he thanked his supporters and the government of Ecuador, this after being granted political asylum by the South American country. Assange, told officials inside the embassy that his talk would not be political, but it most certainly was. After a wave to his followers, Assange launched into a blistering and bizarre tirade against Washington.

Much of what he said focused on him and the US trooper Bradley Manning, who is charged with supplying over 500,000 government papers to the whistleblowing web site. "If Bradley Manning really did as he is accused he is a hero an example to us all and one of the world's most foremost political prisoners... Manning must be released," said Assange. He went on to appeal directly to President Obama to end the FBI's investigation into WikiLeaks.

This probably resulted in a wry smile or two at the Pentagon, for Assange knows exactly what happened, the timeline and circumstances of the Manning business. He also referenced people like former CIA staffer John Kiriakou, whose book caused ripples in the intelligence community; former NSA man William Binney who has spoken publicly about the Agency's Stellar Wind programme and NSA analyst Thomas Drake. All have clashed with government over allegations of speaking on intelligence issues, or as Assange constantly likes to remind everyone - "whistleblowing."

The Australian discussed media oppression, but his rhetoric failed to impress. This is



Police outside the Ecuador Embassy. The operation is costing taxpayers £50,000 a day - and Assange says he will stay inside the embassy for a year



Various groups and protesters lined up alongside the world's press to listen to Julian Assange. The theme of his talk was press freedom, but this was superseded by his support for four men once attached to the US Intelligence Community (USIC)

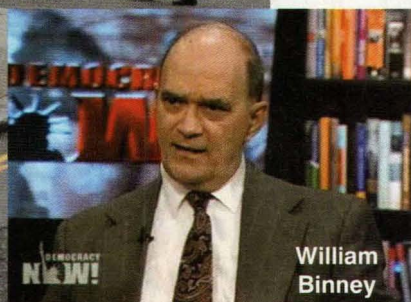


because he himself is seeking refuge in a country which has hefty restrictions on journalistic reporting.

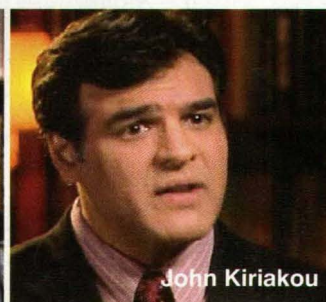
The real issue here was conveniently forgotten. Assange fled to the embassy because Swedish police want to question him about rape allegations. Britain agreed to his removal. But Assange and his supporters fear once in Sweden, Washington will act and request his extradition to the USA, perhaps on espionage-related charges.

Under international law, British police can enter the embassy and arrest Assange, though the UK is naturally reticent to pursue such a line, which might only inflame this sorry situation. But it could still happen. Ecuador's President Rafael Correa warned that the UK is playing with fire and entering the embassy would be "suicidal." Correa, who believes the issue should be looked at by the United Nations said: "If Britain entered the Ecuadorian embassy people could enter their diplomatic premises around the world and they wouldn't be able to say a thing. It would set a precedent that would result in their premises in other territories to be violated in every corner of the world." Correa is

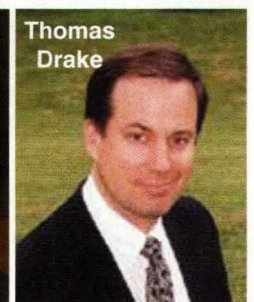
THE INTELLIGENCE MEN: Assange was clever to draw reference to incidents involving former US Government intelligence officers in the persons of John Kiriakou, William Binney and Thomas Drake. However, the cases are quite different and most complex



William Binney

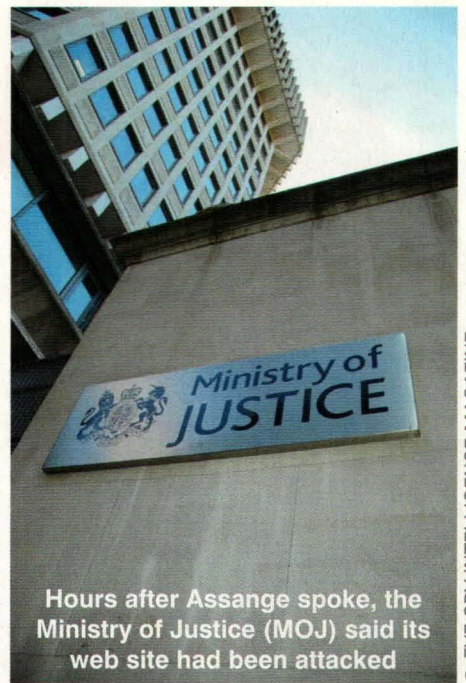


John Kiriakou



Thomas Drake

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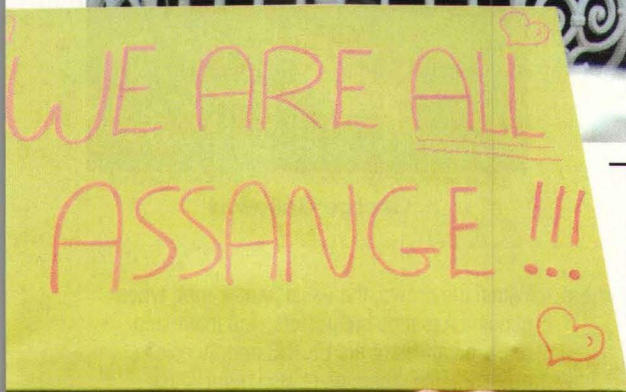
Hours after Assange spoke, the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) said its web site had been attacked

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wrong of course, for embassies cannot be used to harbour people alleged to have committed criminal acts. William Hague, Britain's Foreign Secretary believes diplomatic immunity (protection) should not be used in the case of Assange. Hague said, "under no circumstances will Assange be allowed safe passage out of the UK," and added there is no legal basis to do so. However, he told an Ecuador official that Assange's rights were "guaranteed," and this should be sufficient for them to hand him over to police.

Politically, Ecuador is dragging much of South American into the affair, thus the Assange business now affects several continents - and he is delighted. ➤

GOVERNMENT WEB SITES ATTACKED: Amongst Assange's supporters were people sporting items and waving banners associated with some well known hacking groups. Interestingly, the day after Assange's appearance on the balcony of the embassy, one such hacking group - Anonymous claimed credit for attacking the web sites of 10 Downing Street and the Justice Ministry. The latter reported the cyber attack had affected its web site.



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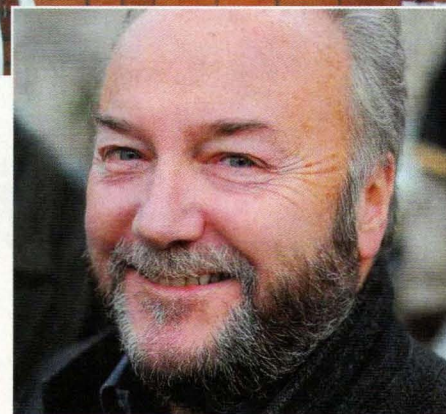
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Assange's appearance on the balcony was meant to be a defining moment, but his lecturing to the US and British governments on what they should or should not do, especially in the sensitive area of intelligence collection, secrets and international law, was a huge error of judgement. No doubt too was he delighted to hear the irrelevant British politician George Galloway enter the fray. Galloway ranted on a podcast that Assange's actions in Sweden did not constitute rape only bad "sexual etiquette." *Very nice George.* His controversial com-

ments were attacked by many women's groups and even his own political party - Respect. If a crime was committed, then this is for the Swedish courts to decide - not Galloway, Correa or even the UK Government. And this is why Stockholm has requested Julian Assange be returned to Sweden.

- For the record, the security around the embassy is costing the British taxpayer £50,000 every single day.



George Galloway

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STREET VIEW

Assange and Ecuador Embassy Lecture

When WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange emerged on the small balcony of the Ecuador Embassy cheers rang out. For eight or so minutes he delivered a message to his supporters and a large international media contingent. Police were in evidence and the mood of the crowd good, perhaps bolstered by the actions of a few heavy drinkers who had happened into the area from behind the prestigious premises of Harrods.

Paul Beaumont Reports

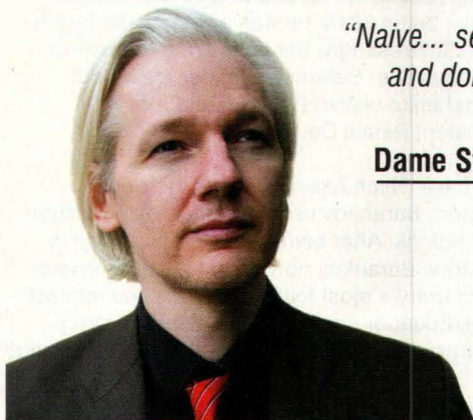


Within the crowd, the usual 'rent-a-mob types', genuine Assange supporters, and interested representatives of the UK, US and Swedish governments. There were also reports that prominent activist Tariq Ali was seen in Hans Crescent. After the speech had finished, I decided to take a look at the detritus left by the crowd before any clearing up occurred: I walked into Hans Crescent from Sloane Street. To my right an electronic news gathering van supporting a camera on a telescopic mast. Inside a nearby building, I noted reflective jackets over the backs of chairs and what appeared to be body armour.

Reflective 'tabards', 'lemons', 'yellows' or whatever you want to call them, are hardly *de rigueur* in an area where the apartments are priced in millions of pounds and weekly rents paid in thousands. The Ecuador Embassy sits directly opposite such residences, and this made them useful to police controllers monitoring

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Former MI5 D-G Rebukes Assange



*"Naive... self-publicising...
and doing a disservice
to his cause*

Dame Stella Rimington



Speaking in Australia, former MI5 Director-General, Dame Stella Rimington, criticised Julian Assange for "disservice" to his own cause, citing his naivety and a variety of reasons. The first ever female head of the Security Service and now a leading author, Rimington has written many a 'spy tale' in her books. However, she believes that Assange's (WikiLeaks) uploading of thousands of classified, government-owned intelligence documents, will probably result in an even tougher stance on security and the written word.

It will lead to, "less rather than more openness and less information than ever available for the public about what's being done in their name," said Rimington. She also said intelligence communications are being driven by text messages, e-mails and away from being recorded on paper. She also mentioned "unrecorded discussions."

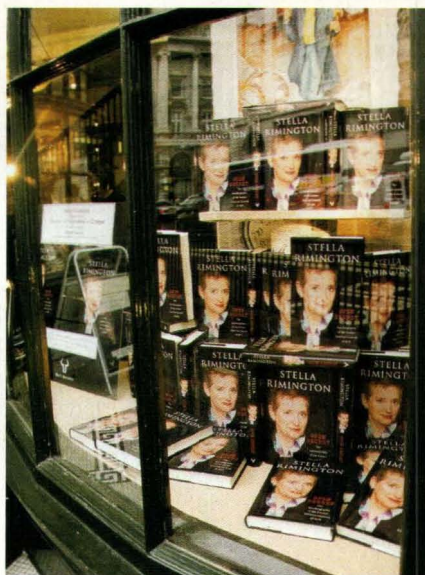
In a powerful lecture to archivists, Rimington had this to say about government discussions: "We had what's been called 'sofa government' of deciding upon significant matters of public policy, even matters of whether or not to go to war, between very few close advisors sitting on sofas with no formal minute taking, thus avoiding accountability.

"All of this is a very long way away from the beautifully written minute books recording the decisions of 19th and 20th century administrators."

Dame Stella then rebuked Assange, who she described as "self-publicising," for not considering the wider implications of his and

WikiLeaks actions, and noting that lives were put at risk. "What is not tolerated or healthy is the indiscriminate pouring out into the public domain of streams of leaked documents..."

The former intelligence woman did, however, say that it was the fault of the US Government that allowed much of the material to fall into the hands of WikiLeaks and its contributors.



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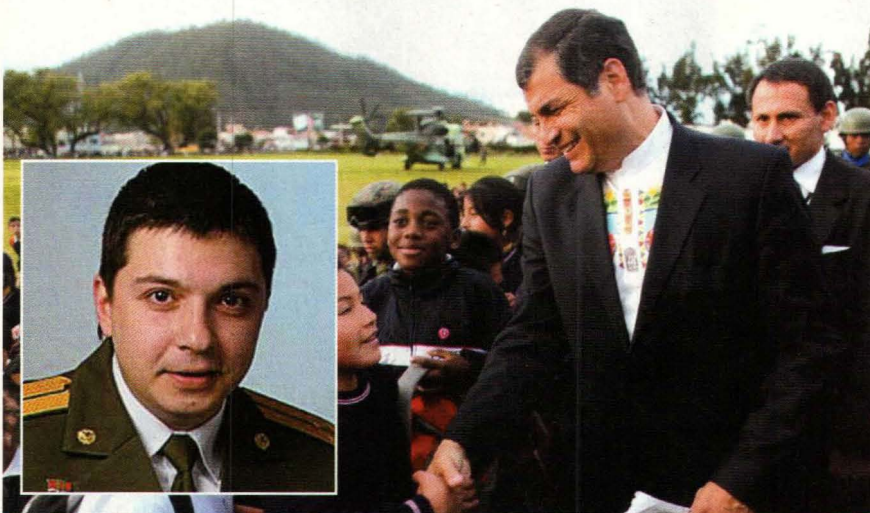
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ECUADOR IS "NOT A SAFE HAVEN"

Imprisoned Belarusian Military Investigator Warns Assange

Ecuador President Rafael Correa greets school children in Imbabura 2011. INSET: Alexander Barankov

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One man who believes Assange is making a grave error is Belarusian military investigator Alexander Barankov. He fled Belarusia after claiming to have uncovered corruption in the country. Ecuador agreed to give him refugee status, but in 2010, he was arrested and imprisoned. Interestingly, the police raid happened just days after Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko visited Ecuador and met with President Rafael Correa.

In a case which Assange would no doubt support, Barankov used the Internet to discuss his findings. After being arrested by police in Ecuador, Barankov now finds himself in one of the country's most feared prisons. And interestingly, Ecuador say the police acted because Belarusia submitted a request for his extradition!

Ecuador has removed Barankov's refugee status, and now his partner, Mabel Andrade, fears if he is sent back he could be shot. Andrade has accused Ecuador of "double standards," over the Assange affair.

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Assange when he appeared on the diplomatically protected balcony just 30 yards away.

Along the north kerb of Hans Crescent were the standard home office approved control barriers, double stacked, to ensure a safe and firm resilience against the restless movement of a crowd that may have become agitated. At the far end, by Basil Street, lay a pile of rubbish, doubtless left by those who had come to listen to Assange the previous day. Several people lay asleep, under covers, in no-man's land between the barriers. Three police officers stood on the steps leading to the main entrance to the building that houses the ten room

Ecuador Embassy. On one hand, this is the safe, diplomatic bolt-hole of Julian Assange; but it's also his detention cell with only a cot, sunlamp and Internet connection for comfort.

Not unexpectedly I found a media van parked near Basil Street. The lettering across the satellite link dish caught my eye, - 'Swedish'.

Just around the corner of Basil Street is the rear shop windows of Harrods; facing, is the service department which sits over an underground car park. You'd expect Harrods night staff to park there whilst they work through the night, but that is not the case. They park in Hans Place, also home to the Argentine Embassy.

Apart from other residents of Hans Crescent, the underground car park



New Scotland Yard Police have all embassy exits manned

is doubtless home to the diplomatic car for the Ecuador Ambassador - 1ECU and others used by the small number of staff in the embassy which will be under their diplomatic plate 144Dnnn. If Julian Assange is shuttled from Hans Crescent to either of two other diplomatic offices used by Ecuador, (Uganda House at Trafalgar Square) and another nearby, police will certainly detain him.

On leaving the area, I passed two police carriers 'on ground assigned' and near to the entrance to the underground garage. I noted the absence of police officers in a popular Starbucks Coffee shop a little further up the road, a sure sign they are poised. If a plan has been discussed to get Assange out by vehicle, it has already been uncovered.



Interested party - Swedish broadcasting



Bradley Manning

COURTESY: US ARMY/DOD

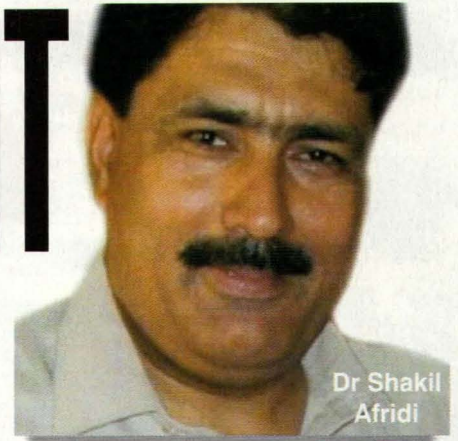


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'An exchange with a prisoner serving 86 years for involvement in a shooting is possible'

THE SECRET AGENT

Unidentified 'spy' with British accent in Osama bin-Laden hunt



Dr Shakil Afridi

An eight-page court document compiled by a Pakistan Joint Investigation Team, has been released involving the doctor who helped the CIA find Osama bin-Laden. The JIT report contains material provided by various police departments and representatives of the Inter-Services Intelligence Agency (ISI) and 306 Intelligence Battalion 11 Corp Peshawar. Some fascinating information within concerns the doctor's spy handlers, and how the operation was run. Dr Shakil Afridi is appealing the sentence, thus interesting bits of new information about his role are emerging.

Afridi was jailed for 33-years for his part in a bogus vaccination programme and for committing treason. The operation was enabled to try and match the terror leader's DNA, or family members living in, or close to his compound in Abbottabad. Bin-Laden's DNA was already held on file by Langley.

A section of the report throws light on how the vaccination programme was performed, but it

The CIA had an aeroplane ready to exfiltrate Afridi and all his family out of Pakistan. According to the JIT report, a British woman who was involved in the operation repeated Langley's offer just days after Osama bin-Laden was shot dead



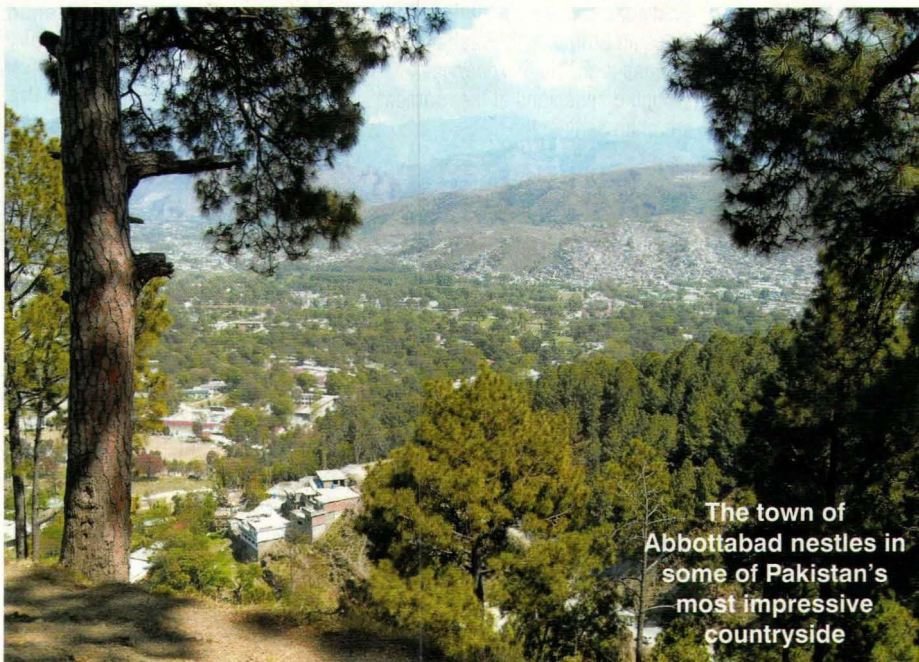
CIA EXFILTRATE OFFER REFUSED

has also exposed a Western agent, in the guise of a green-eyed blond woman. The operative, called 'Sue', spoke with a British accent. Prosecution documents note she would pick Dr Afridi up at a petrol station in

Islamabad, ask him to lie down in the car and cover him up with a blanket. Thereafter he was driven to covert meetings with intelligence figures, presumably from the CIA. Other locations in the city were also used by his handlers, including one near the popular Saeed Book Bank.

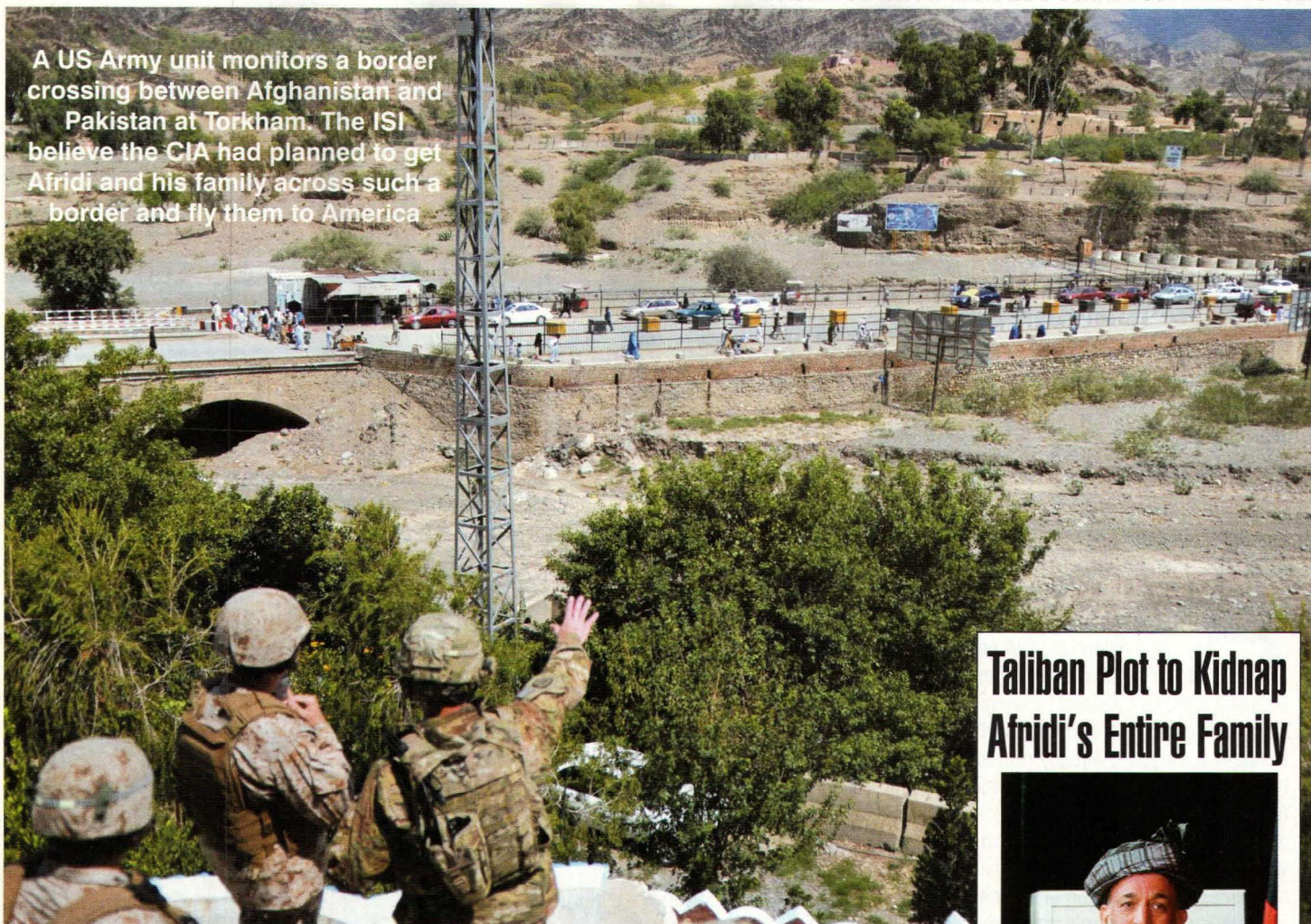
RADIOS, COMPUTERS AND CAR JOURNEYS

Dr Afridi, 48, allegedly met his intel contacts over 20 times. Besides 'Sue', he named three other people - 'Kate', 'Sarah' and 'Toni'. At these meetings he would receive instructions on how to pass information securely, and even though the vaccination programme provided little useful intelligence, he received around \$60,000. Sue said he was to bring back the DNA samples in veils to Islamabad after the vaccination programme was complete. Much focus was on Pathan Street where bin-Laden's compound was located. Meanwhile Sarah provided a radio and lap top computer which were to be used to communicate. A message was later sent telling him to destroy both devices.



The town of Abbottabad nestles in some of Pakistan's most impressive countryside

A US Army unit monitors a border crossing between Afghanistan and Pakistan at Torkham. The ISI believe the CIA had planned to get Afridi and his family across such a border and fly them to America



It is known he was offered a safe passage to the United States for him and his family on or around the same date bin-Laden was killed (1 May 2011). However, he did not believe his country would take such exception to the raid to kill the world's most notorious terrorist. Eye Spy understands that thereafter, he was contacted again by Sue four or five days later and made the same offer.

Some intelligence watchers believe Afridi may have helped identify the al-Qaida courier who was later surveilled by a CIA team close to the

compound. This in turn confirmed Langley's suspicions that a "high profile" figure was inside. He is also said to have made a telephone call to the compound where "useful information" was provided for by an unsuspecting resident.

Meanwhile Afridi's solicitor, Qamar Nadeen Afridi, says his client "never confessed" to helping the Americans find bin-Laden. In the JIT report it states he admitted his involvement and that a plan was hatched to get him across the border (Durand Line) to Afghanistan. However, his solicitor said:

"He had no idea what was going on until he was arrested."

Another possible exit route for Afridi from prison could come in the form of a prisoner exchange. This involves Dr Aafia Siddiqui who was sentenced to 86-years in prison for her involvement in a shooting incident at Bagram and other al-Qaida related incidents. Dr Siddiqui's solicitor has written to the Pakistan Embassy in Washington to discuss a possible exchange, though discussions at the moment are at an early stage.

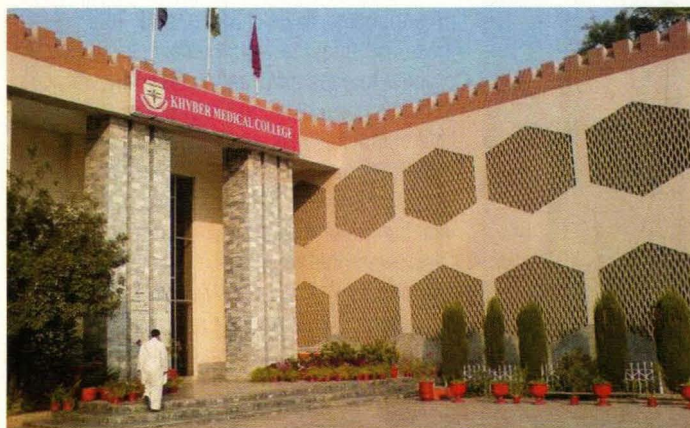
Taliban Plot to Kidnap Afridi's Entire Family



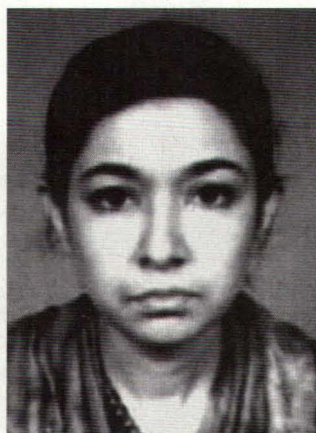
KABUL: A suspected Taliban agent tried to initiate an audacious plan to kidnap the brother of Dr Afridi and other relatives.

In mid-August a man posing as a solicitor and acting on behalf of Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, met with Afridi's family solicitor. At the meeting, which took place in Peshawar, the bogus legal man said Karzai had a vested interest in the affair, and was willing to offer financial and political support. Both Afridi's family and their solicitor were suspicious, because at no stage had the Afghan president showed any interest in the case.

A telephone call was then made to Kabul where it became clear no-one had heard of the man, and no official had been despatched. The CIA believes this was the beginning of a clever ruse to identify the relatives and abduct them. Had the plan been successful, this would have been another 'sensational' coup for the Taliban and al-Qaida.



Afridi graduated from the Kyber Medical College in Peshawar



Dr Aafia Siddiqui

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SIGNALS, MOSSAD, SPIES & MURDER

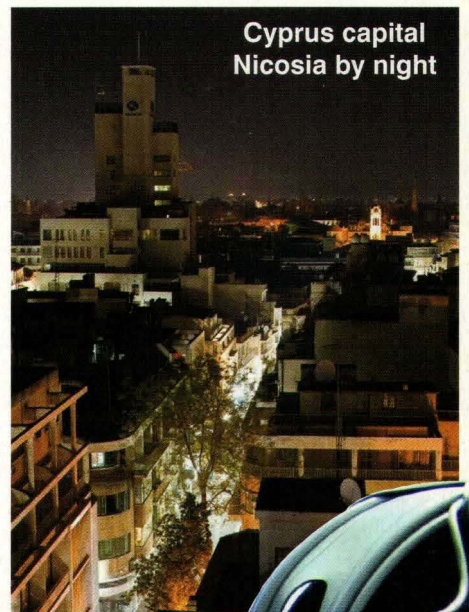
Paul Beaumont takes a look at recent espionage and intelligence happenings on the island of Cyprus, and why this top holiday destination has become an important battleground for spies...

Situated in the Mediterranean Sea, the island of Cyprus is a tempting holiday destination. However, the Cold War espionage games once played out on the streets of Berlin, Vienna and other great cities, can be likened to current espionage happenings on and around the island. The make-up of the agencies are a little different, instead of being just an East-West affair, they have been joined by near Middle East organisations, including of course, the Mossad.

Whilst Cyprus has become something of an espionage playground, Britain continues to maintain its sovereign base since colonial days when the country was part of the British

Empire. Prior to and following independence in 1960, two groups - the Turkish Resistance Organisation (TMT) and the National Organisation of Cypriot Fighters (EOKA), caused problems on the streets. Their activities were engaged by the British Army and uprisings suppressed by force. Rarely a day passed without international news making reference to EOKA, Archbishop Makarios and TMT.

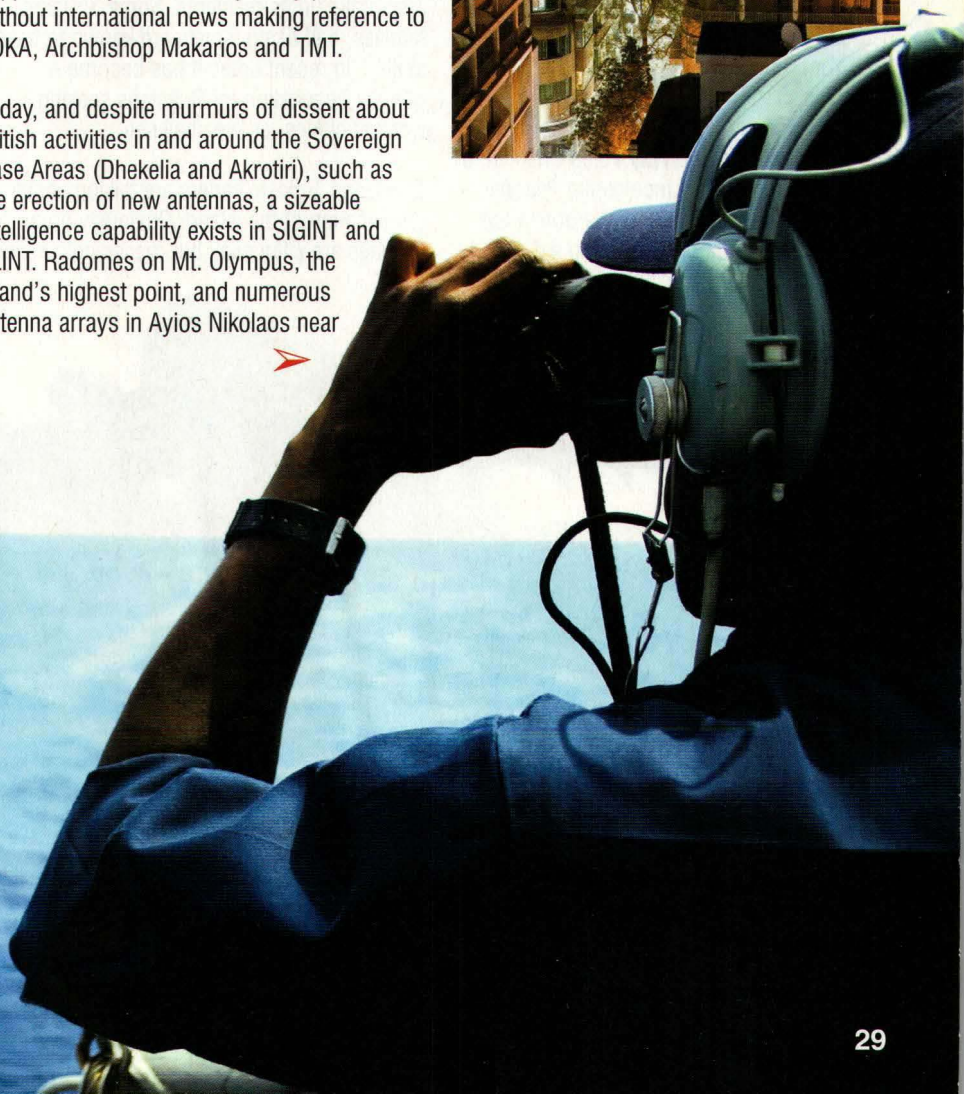
Today, and despite murmurs of dissent about British activities in and around the Sovereign Base Areas (Dhekelia and Akrotiri), such as the erection of new antennas, a sizeable intelligence capability exists in SIGINT and ELINT. Radomes on Mt. Olympus, the island's highest point, and numerous antenna arrays in Ayios Nikolaos near

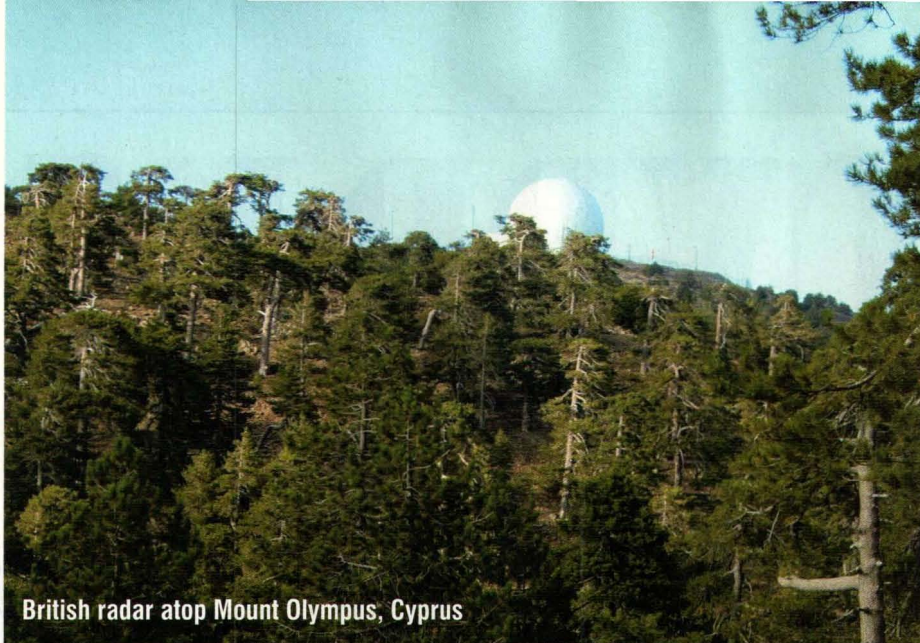


Cyprus capital
Nicosia by night



A US sailor monitors the progress of the amphibious command and control ship USS Mount Whitney as it sails off the coast of Cyprus. The island has become one of the most strategically important locations in the world, not least because of its close proximity to the Middle East





British radar atop Mount Olympus, Cyprus

Famagusta are very prominent and represent the visible component of these two important intelligence elements. Nearly 4,000 UK military personnel are based on Cyprus, and many employed in intelligence.

In these days of Middle East uncertainty, the facility has become even more valuable and strategically important. For example, RAF Akrotiri played a valuable role in the overthrow of Colonel Gaddafi, this by providing air support for Operation Ellamy. And from an historical prospective, ELINT and SIGINT was secured on some of the most famous near Cyprus conflicts; the Arab-Israel war of 1948; the Suez Crisis; the 1967 Six Day War and the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Cyprus is also known as the originator of MI6's now defunct One Way Voice Channel, or Number Station - 'The Lincolnshire Poacher' - so called because of the use of a British folk tune of the same name as a tuning aid.

Travelling by car along the Akrotiri to Limassol road, it's impossible not to notice the mass of specialist antenna and feeders used by the Signals Regiment (see right). Specialists here are charged with the interception of transmissions that interest GCHQ and other spy agencies. And undoubtedly much of the information secured will emanate from the Middle East.

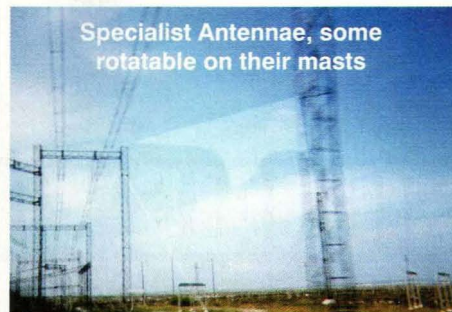
Cyprus is home to both Greek and Turkish Cypriots; following past problems an uneasy peace exists between the cultural adversaries. But a small enclave of other people, about 5%, also make up its residents. Some 350 Jewish families, half being Israeli, are known to have settled. In recent times it has become a popular destination for Russians seeking warmer climes, as we shall see.

Greek and Turkish leaders are talking about reunification of the island. Obviously press loyalties are influential, but menacingly, recent

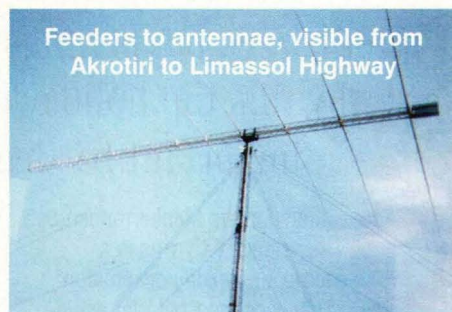
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Feeders to antennae, visible from Akrotiri to Limassol Highway



killings have occurred which many believe are designed to cause instability.

Such a murder occurred in January 2010, when a director of the Dias Media Group that controls a television and radio station as well as a daily newspaper, was shot dead one evening as he stepped from his car outside his home in Nicosia, the capital. Andy Hadjicostis, 41, was known to support newspapers that were anti-reunification. At the time of his

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A USAF C-17 Globemaster arrives at an air base on Cyprus. The island is used by various militaries, sometimes to help foreign nationals flee conflicts in neighbouring countries





'AIR ISRAEL' - AND ITS SECRET WAR

El Al and other Israeli commercial airlines are very security conscious. El Al was the first airline to carry onboard 'sky marshals' and many of its fleet aircraft support military-type countermeasures. Security, however, is not limited to the actual aircraft. Flyers are subject to additional airport checks and pre-flight background research is performed in some cases.

Because of the constant threat of attacks by al-Qaida and several other groups, including some organisations supported by nation states, security at international airports across the world involving El Al flights, is also strict. This image shows an armoured security vehicle waiting for the arrival of an El Al airliner at Frankfurt Airport.

THE MOMBASSA CASE

In 2002, a terror plot to shoot down an Arkia Israel Airlines 757 in Mombasa, Kenya, was thwarted. The aircraft was carrying Israeli tourists and almost certainly used military-type countermeasures to defeat two Strella missiles which had been fired just seconds after take-off. The firing piece was discovered about a mile away.

The attack coincided with a car bomb explosion at the Paradise Hotel popular with Israelis in which 13 people (ten Kenyans) died, including two Jewish youngsters. Over 50 others were injured. In this case a vehicle crashed through a barrier and exploded on impact with the hotel, just moments after 60 Israeli tourists had checked in.

It was later learned the hotel was owned by an Israeli company.



Russian-built SA-7
Grail - shoulder
launched missile



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1990 PROJECT BABYLON ASSASSINATION

Though Mossad blamed - some intel watchers point finger at Iran's VEVAK



Canadian-born Gerald Bull was a design engineer specialising in long-range artillery pieces. His work on Project Babylon and the Iraq supergun almost certainly cost him his life. He was assassinated on 20 March 1990, as he answered his door at his Brussels apartment. Most intel watchers favour the theory that the Mossad was behind

his assassination, though some authors believe Iran's VEVAK may have been responsible. Those who believe this version note the bitter eight-year long Iran-Iraq war had only recently ended.

Several sections of the gun (tube) were manufactured in Yorkshire, though other components were built across Europe.

Following Bull's murder, large tubes were seized by UK Customs in northeast England, disguised as 'petrochemical pressure vessels'.

Two of the tubes for the Babylon project have been assembled as part of an impressive display at the Royal Armouries, Fort Nelson, Portsmouth and the Royal Artillery Museum, Woolwich, London.



Tube sections from the supergun on display at the Royal Armouries, Fort Nelson, Portsmouth and Imperial War Museum, Duxford

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murder no spent cartridges were found, despite a number of rounds having been discharged. The crime scene was reminiscent of that involving Iraqi 'supergun' engineer, Gerald Bull in Belgium, 1990. Bull suffered several gun shots to his head as he answered the doorbell to his Brussels flat. Various intelligence services were suspected of the assassination, including Iran's VEVAK, but most intel watchers believed the clinical manner in which he was killed, had all the hallmarks and MO of the Mossad.



US Marine Corp Sikorsky CH-53 helicopter at RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus



Sovereign British base areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia on Cyprus

That Mossad has been active in Cyprus for years is well known. In 1991, four suspected agents were released after they were alleged to have been involved in an operation to bug the Iranian Embassy. In 1998, two operatives, Yigal Damari and Udi Argov were arrested for espionage close to a Cypriot military installation near to the fishing village of Zigi. In their home, police discovered illicit communications equipment, bugging devices, recording



Elyakim Rubinstein

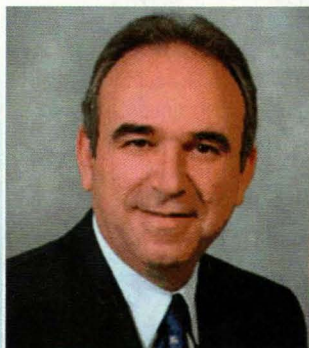
equipment, cellular telephones, a number of maps of Cyprus and a laptop computer. It was only through the intervention of Israel's Attorney General, Elyakim Rubinstein, who travelled to Cyprus and entered a plea bargain, that the

Mossad agents received three years imprisonment instead of ten.

The Mossad has again been active on Cypriot soil - connected to the recent arrest of an alleged member of Hezbollah, the Lebanese militant group. It is claimed, a 24-year-old Hezbollah 'agent', who travelled on a forged Swedish passport, entered Cyprus with the intention of blowing up an aircraft belonging to Israeli commercial airline El Al. Another target

was Israel's embassy in Nicosia, but the man changed his mind after a reconnaissance mission revealed tough security measures. The alleged plan here was to launch a missile attack on the building.

Interestingly, and perhaps very relevant to the recent bus bomb which killed five Israeli tourists in Bulgaria (see page 15), the operative planned to attack Israeli tourist buses. However, a tip-off from Mossad operatives who were surveilling the agent, led Cyprus Police to the man's hotel room. He was arrested on 7 July. Police discovered papers providing Israeli tourist bus routes, times and destinations. There was also a flight arrival and departure schedule of El Al, and just as menacing, several photographs of tourist resorts popular with travellers from Israel. It's likely the Mossad had the operative 'under control' before he even stepped onto the island. This was all but confirmed when Cyprus Justice Minister Loucas Louca said the arrest followed "information provided by a foreign intelligence service." Eye Spy under-



Loucas Louca

stands the arrested man may have arrived on Cyprus from Heathrow Airport, London.

There's no real clue as to whether the young man was operating alone or had any accomplices; however Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, suggested he was under the control of the Iranian Government. ➤

STOCKHOLM CONNECTION Documentation Threads

On 14 February 2012, three suspected Iranian agents were identified and tackled by counter-terrorist police in Thailand, this following the discovery of an arms cache. One of the suspects, Hussein Atris, was a Lebanese national, just like the man arrested in Cyprus who allegedly planned to strike Israeli targets. And just like this operative in Cyprus, Atris entered Thailand on a Swedish passport; had Israeli tourists in his sights, and has been linked to Hezbollah and Iran.



Various intelligence services are also examining evidence that could link the July Bulgarian bus bombing to Iran. That suicide attack killed five Israeli tourists and their driver (see page 15). Eye Spy understands that a Swedish connection could exist here also.

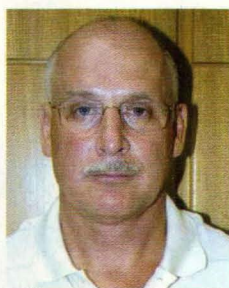




Greek-Cypriot President Demetris Christofias and Russia's Medvedev, pictured in 2010

But it is not only Israel, Iran, Lebanon and Syria that are players in the catchment area of Cyprus. The Turkish Air Force recently sent two Turkish RF-4 reconnaissance aircraft, a version of the McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II to participate in a Cypriot Armed Forces Exercise. One of the aircraft was shot down as it diverted to cover Northern Syria on its return to its Turkish Airbase (See Eye Spy 80 - The Latakia Incident).

The island, for reasons which are obvious, still attracts a plethora of spy agencies, and has become something of a magnet for spies. One recent visitor to its shores was Christopher Metsos (below right), the alleged SVR paymaster of the Russian spy ring - dismantled in 2010 by the FBI. Metsos managed to flee the United States before being detained, however, he was arrested by police on Cyprus in June of that year. Amazingly, he 'escaped' three days later, but intel sources say a "deal was struck" after pressure from Moscow that allowed him to simply disappear. Intel watchers note that at exactly the same time police on the island



searched for the spy, Greek-Cypriot President Demetris Christofias, was giving a reception to celebrate the arrival of one of Russia's biggest banks - Gazprombank. The event was a forerunner to the arrival of a much more important figure - then President Dmitry Medvedev.

A senior journalist working with Cyprus newspaper 'Politis', summed up the incident. "It's quite clear that the government did not want to 'rock the boat'. It was a calculated decision."

Russian money is vital to Cyprus, and with over 20,000 Russians now living and investing in the island, including many very, very rich business people, the prospect of a spy scandal involving one of Moscow's top operators, was simply too embarrassing.

Like Vienna and Berlin, with their notable tourist venues and past Cold War espionage history, it appears that Cyprus is very similar, even if the espionage activities are somewhat hotter nowadays.

1991 TELEPHONE TAP INCIDENT

Four Israeli nationals were detained by Cyprus police in April 1991, after they were discovered by a policeman in the basement of a building which housed Iran's diplomatic mission to the country in Nicosia. According to officials, they were "seen tampering" with the embassy's telephone lines for several minutes. The suspects said they were simply "looking for a toilet."



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The suspects were held for eight days and fined for trespassing before being released.



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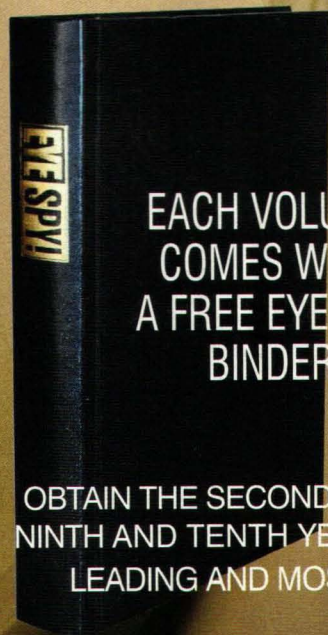
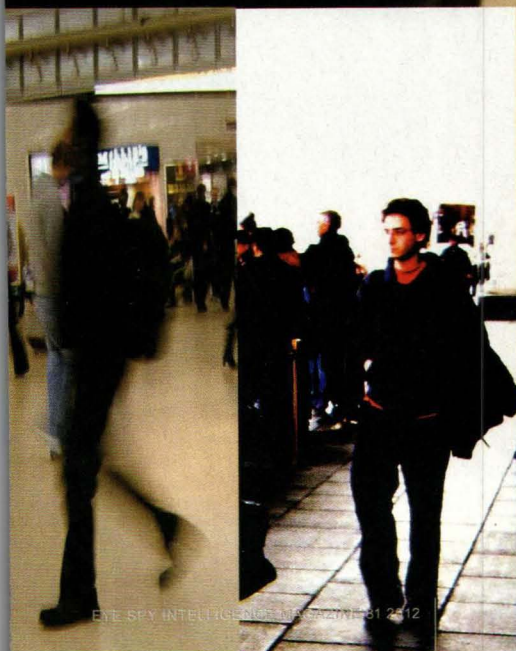
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TRINITY TOP SECRET

**Significant
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of 'Five Eyes'
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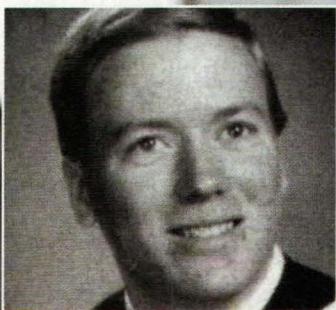
Crucial meetings between senior officials from a number of countries allied to Canada's intelligence system have taken place across the world. These relate directly to the security breach at one of the world's most important intel hubs in Halifax, Nova Scotia...

Following the arrest of Sub Lieutenant Jeffrey Delisle, a navy intelligence analyst who worked at the Royal Canadian Navy's Trinity base, it has since transpired that several high-level meetings involving senior officials have taken place. At the heart of the agenda, the implications for Western intelligence. One

such event earlier this year took place between Louise Hand, Australia's High Commissioner to Canada, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper's national security advisor, Stephen Rigby.

Eye Spy understands the meeting, which was hosted by New Zealand in January 2012, addressed Australian concerns relevant to its

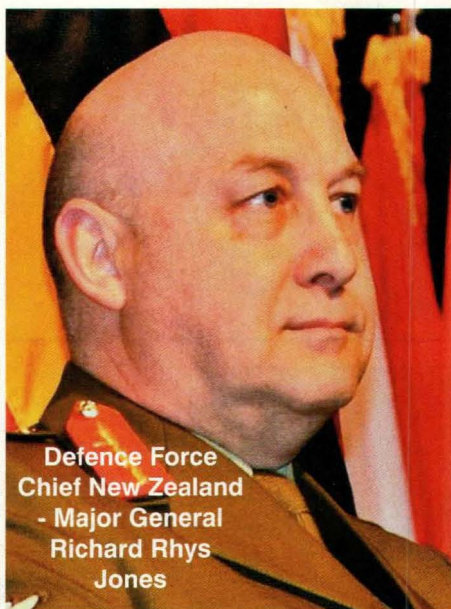
near-future intelligence programme and foreign activities. Hand's conclusion, classified 'Secret Sensitive' was submitted to Canberra for analysis, but its content remains beyond those using the country's Freedom of Information Act to hunt down clues. It is almost certain that other senior officials from the UK and USA and New Zealand were in attendance.



Jeffrey Delisle



COURTESY: US ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE



**Defence Force
Chief New Zealand
- Major General
Richard Rhys
Jones**



**Australian High
Commissioner
to Canada -
Louise Hand**



**Minister of National Defence
Canada - Peter MacKay**

“Such a flurry of meetings between leading government officials and military personnel, suggest the Trinity security breach is significant...”

New Zealand was also the venue for a secret discussion between ASIO (Australian Security Intelligence Organisation) and CSIS (Canadian Security Intelligence Service) officials a few weeks later in February. Central to this meeting was the Trinity case. Eye Spy further learned that Stephen Rigby and several very senior Canadian military officials, including Vice Admiral Bruce Donaldson, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, Canadian Forces, met with US General C. Robert Kehler, Commander US Strategic Command on 29 February to discuss “mutual topics of interest and operational cooperation with Canadian

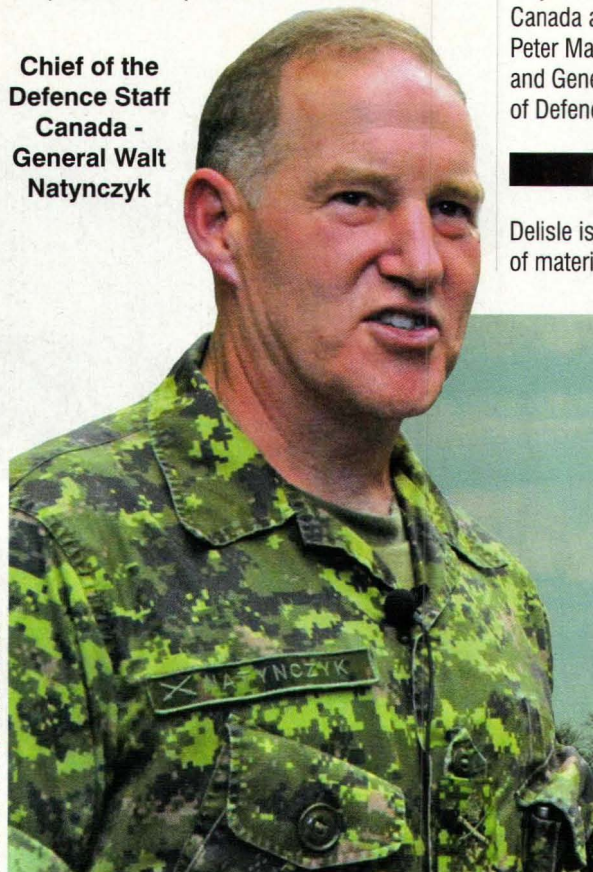
forces.” It seems certain the Trinity breach was on the agenda.

In March US Secretary of Defense and former Director CIA, Leon Panetta, flew to Ottawa to discuss the intelligence failure. One commentator with inside knowledge of the meeting said the US delegation politely asked their Canadian counterparts, “have proper procedures now been implemented to stop such breaches occurring again?”

In May, New Zealand’s Defence Force Chief, Major General Richard Rhys Jones, flew to Canada and held high-level meetings with Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence and General Walt Natynczyk, Canada’s Chief of Defence Staff.

much of it originating from Canada’s intelligence partners. Canada has thus far refused to identify the foreign receiving agency, though there is little doubt it is based in Russia. Following the incident, the Russian Ambassador to Canada told journalists “an

**Chief of the
Defence Staff
Canada -
General Walt
Natynczyk**



INTELLIGENCE TO MOSCOW

Delisle is alleged to have sold a huge quantity of materials to a foreign intelligence service:



**RAF Menwith Hill - an NSA listening post
and integral element of ECHELON**

COURTESY: NORAD MEDIA



General C. Robert Kehler, Commander, US Strategic Command, meets with Vice Adm. Bruce Donaldson, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, Canadian Forces; Stephen Rigby, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister, Canada; and Canadian Forces leaders (not pictured) during their visit to USSTRATCOM on 29 February 2012



Also affected are New Zealand's CSB (Communications Security Bureau) and Canada's CSE (Communications Security Establishment).

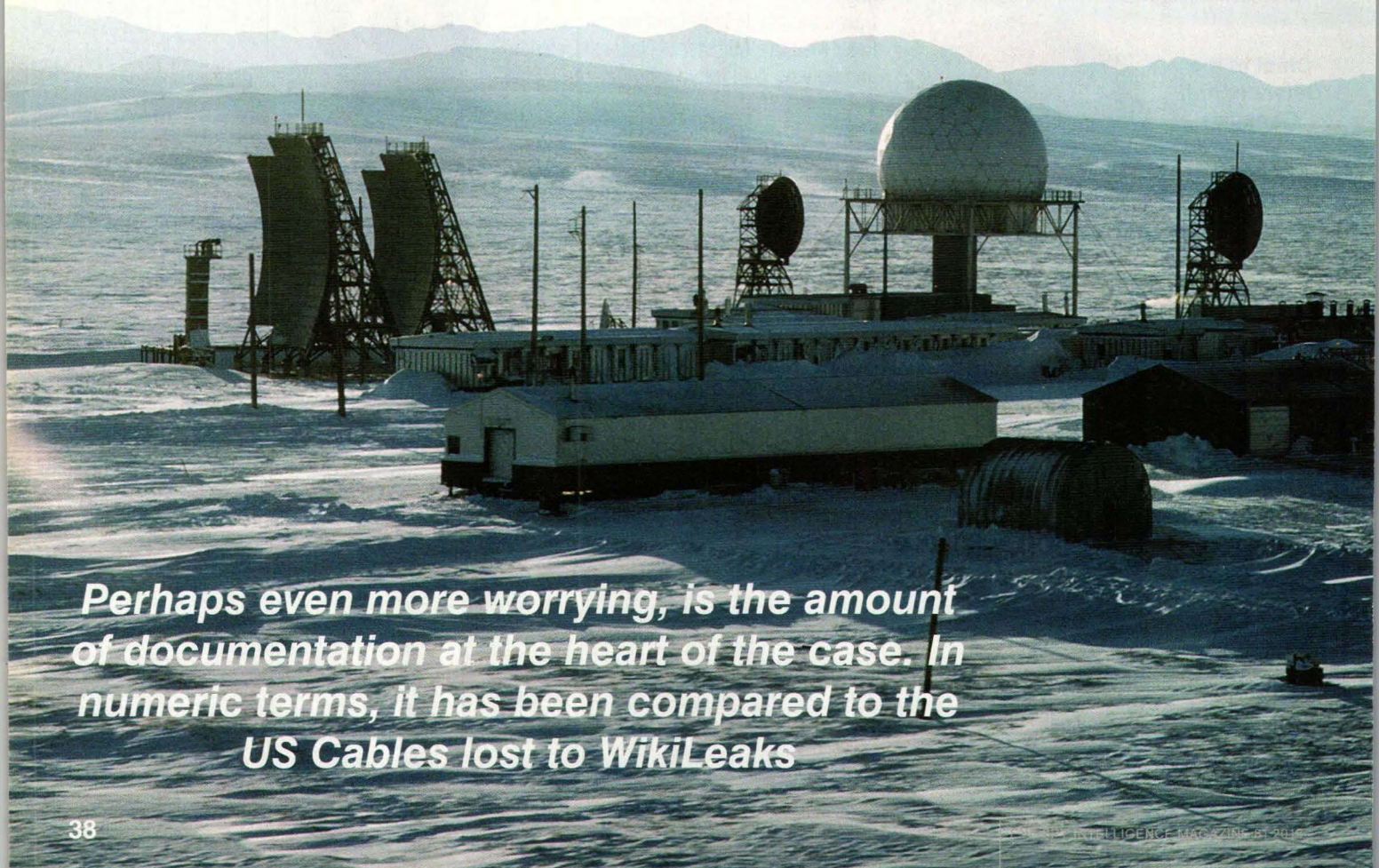
agreement" to keep the affair private has been reached. This coincided with the departure of a number of Russian diplomats back to Moscow.

FIVE EYES

Some UK intel watchers have suggested the security breach was at first played down by Ottawa, but information has since surfaced outside Canada, that seems to indicate the affair is critical. Though the 'lost' documents' content remain highly classified, there is a

belief that SIGINT (signals intelligence) shared between Canada, USA, Britain, Australia and New Zealand is at the centre of the alleged espionage. If this is true, then it brings into play NSA, GCHQ and the ECHELON programme. Australia is a crucial component of this intelligence collection endeavour, sometimes referred to collectively as AUSCANNZUKUS or 'Five Eyes', and its Defence Signals Directorate (DSD) has a major eavesdropping base at Kojarena near Geraldton in Western Australia (Australian Defence Satellite Communication Station).

Perhaps even more worrying, is the amount of documentation at the heart of the case. In numeric terms, it has been compared to the US Cables lost to WikiLeaks (hundreds of thousands of pages). Intelligence sources in Australia also believe the information contained within some of the documents, is far superior and much more important. Some of the papers may also fall out of the 'miscellaneous category', that secured indiscriminately, and into the 'direct request' section. The same source also claims files attributed to US and UK intelligence have been compromised.



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Thus, what was once described as a "localised security breach," suddenly takes on an international dimension, and one of epic proportions.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police state the espionage began in 2007, and took place at or near facilities in Ottawa, Kingston, Ontario, Halifax, Bedford, Nova Scotia and elsewhere. These link to Delisle's service. During the Service's early investigation, the extent of the espionage was not really known, and naturally attracted interest from organisations, including NATO which supply and receive information from Trinity, an intelligence fusion site.

BIGGER THAN US CABLES AFFAIR

Intelligence watchers note Canada is regarded as a "receiver of more intelligence than it supplies," and this has caused senior officials concern about future relations with its partners. Despite comments to the contrary, there is tension. In one US State Department document discovered on the WikiLeaks web site), a commentator notes: *'The [Canadian] Government has expressed concern at multiple levels that their exclusion from a traditional 'four eyes' construct is 'punishment' for Canada's non-participation in Iraq. And they fear that Iraq-related channel may evolve into a more permanent 'three eyes' only structure'.* It is the same sort of concern that was raised by the USIC (US Intelligence



Community) a number of years ago when European countries discussed the possibility of a combined intelligence service. Brussels believes Britain receives far more US intelligence than other countries, and considered such a venture would force agencies like GCHQ and MI6 to impart and share "privileged US intelligence." However, with the UK reluctant to go down this path, Washington's fears all but evaporated.

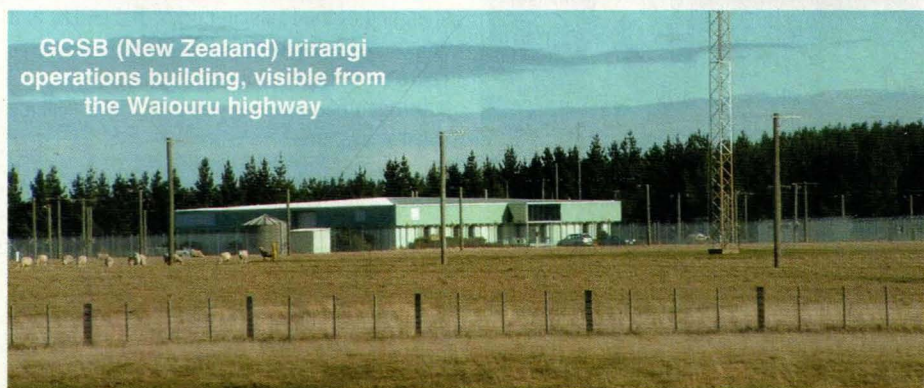
As for Delisle, court documentation in the public domain reveals the father of four

declared bankruptcy in 1998, and a decade later went through a "painful separation." These events have been described as "life altering" and may be an indication of where this case may be going.

Delisle is the first person criminally charged with violating Canada's Security of Information Act, and stands accused of "multiple counts of leaking secrets to a foreign entity." He will appear in court again in October.

IMPACT ON THE UKUSA PACT BY SPIES

GCSB (New Zealand) Iirangi operations building, visible from the Waiouru highway

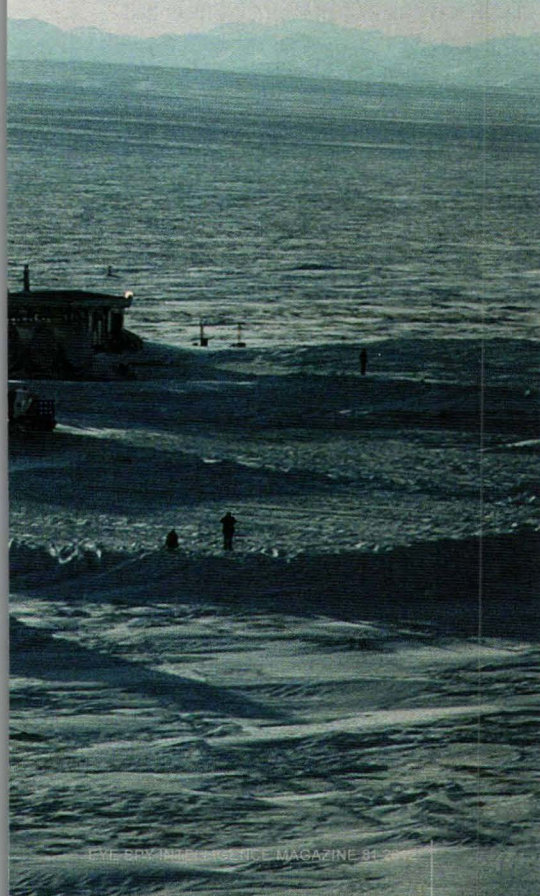


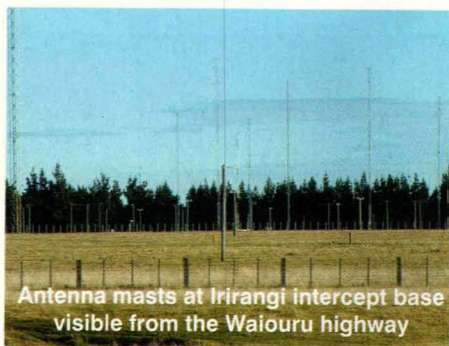
Many Britons and Americans are at large familiar with the phrase 'Special Relationship' in a political and military context. However, the special relationship really does exist in the form of the 1948 UKUSA Security Agreement. As well as the UK and the USA, the pact also includes Australia, New Zealand and Canada. The Act not only provides for the division, collection and sharing of intelligence, but also its accurate classification through the use of common guidelines. There is a need to protect this intelligence product and, by

necessity, manage and analyse the security backgrounds of those personnel involved with its distribution and collection. Obviously espionage directed against any of these nations causes problems for all members.

ECHELON STATIONS

Worldwide intercept stations necessary for SIGINT (Signals Intelligence) collection for each of the participants exist. For example Britain has a site in Cyprus (Ayios Nikolaos); the US operates in several countries, but its





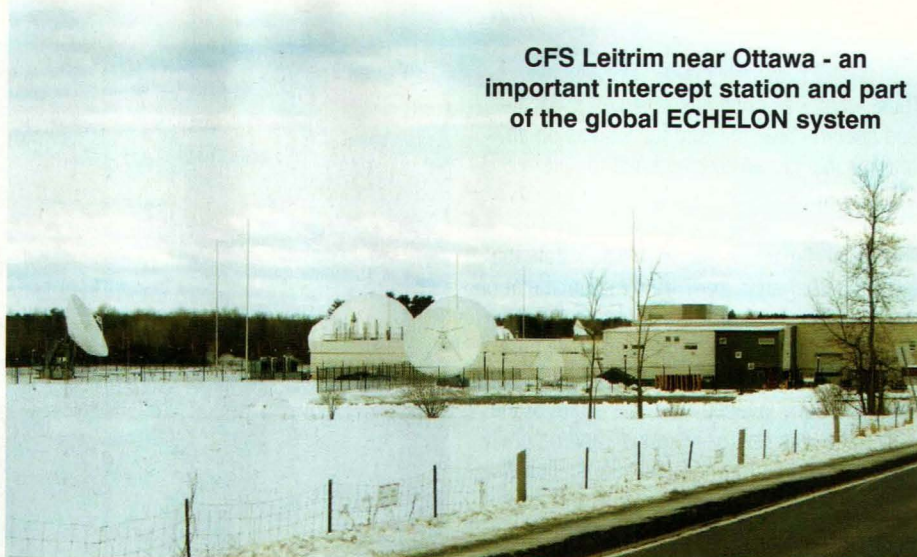
Antenna masts at Irirangi intercept base visible from the Waiouru highway

primary station is RAF Menwith Hill in the UK. New Zealand operates Irirangi (North Island), the Canadians - CFS Leitrim near Ottawa and Australia at Geraldton. There are many other bases worldwide, but one can see the interdependency for global coverage and intercepted communications. This data is thereafter processed, classified and used within an even larger intelligence network.

IMPLICATIONS

The versatility and importance of such stations is evident; Irirangi was used by the British to intercept and listen to Argentine signals during the 1982 Falklands War. Rumour has it that General Galtieri's personal phone conversations were recorded, sent to the UK and played out loud for the entertainment of the intercept officers who were working very long hours.

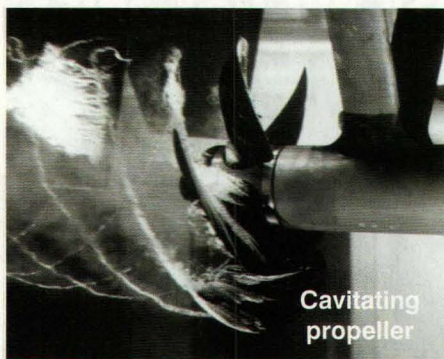
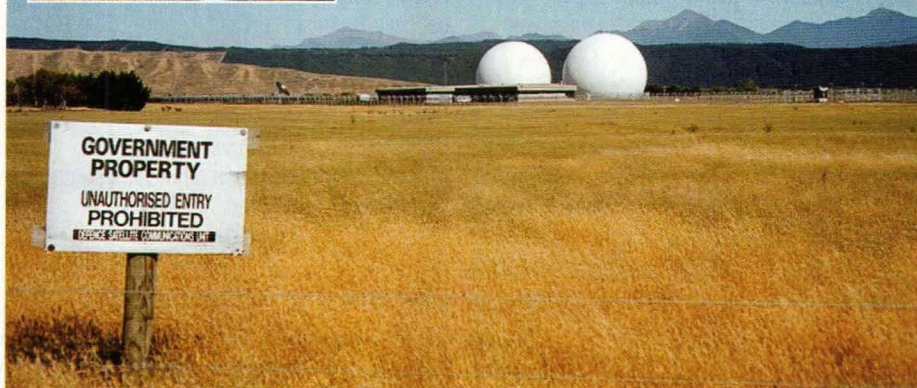
Geoffrey Prime's espionage: as a GCHQ linguist he betrayed his employer and country to the Russians. The immediate effect was the



CFS Leitrim near Ottawa - an important intercept station and part of the global ECHELON system



New Zealand Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) facility - Waihopai - an ECHELON element



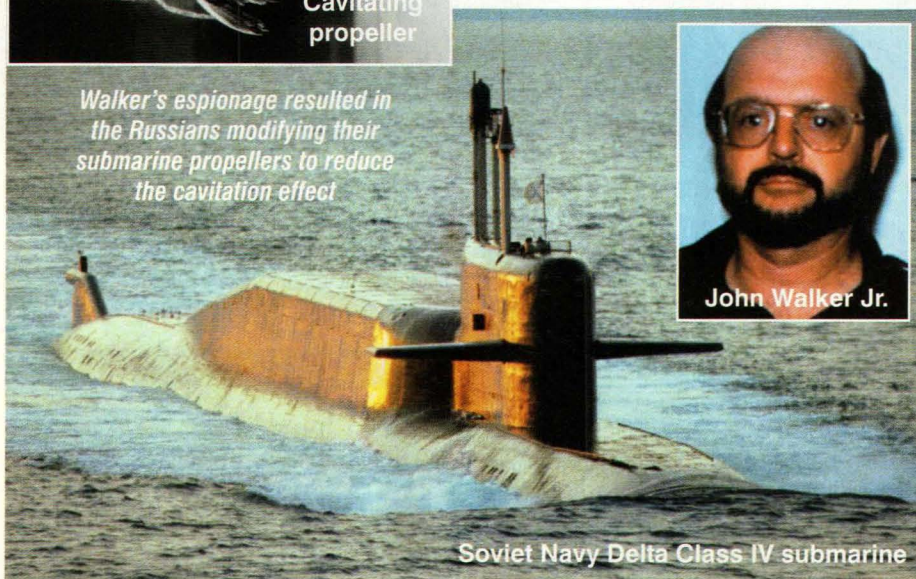
Cavitating propeller

Walker's espionage resulted in the Russians modifying their submarine propellers to reduce the cavitation effect

changing of the Russian codes that GCHQ and others had worked on for 27 years to break. There was also the release of classified information concerning America's surveillance satellite systems.

America too has had its fair share of traitors; John Walker Jr. being but one. He betrayed his

country to the Russians using his position in the US Navy as a Chief Warrant Officer and communications specialist. Walker's espionage resulted in the Russians modifying their submarine propellers to reduce the cavitation effect. The United States and other allies had cleverly used the effect to detect and identify Russian craft using Sonar.



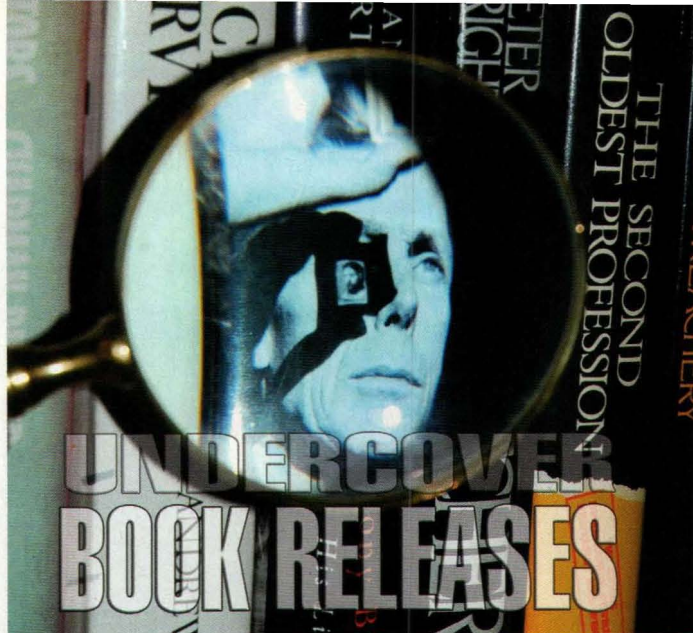
Soviet Navy Delta Class IV submarine



John Walker Jr.

HMCS Trinity, the facility at the centre of the Delisle affair, processes tactical assessments for Canadian warships and aircraft, not only in Canada but on a global scale. There is a likelihood that code words, security files and sensitive intelligence of the other party nations has also been compromised. A spy working in HMCS Trinity represents a gold rush of data to the recipient of the spy's efforts. Russia has an embassy situated in nearby Ottawa.

What effect the Trinity breach will have on the other partners in the UKUSA pact is really unknown. However, Eye Spy understands that a rift between US and Canada's intelligence agencies initially occurred. The resultant meetings and a change of security procedures has healed this.

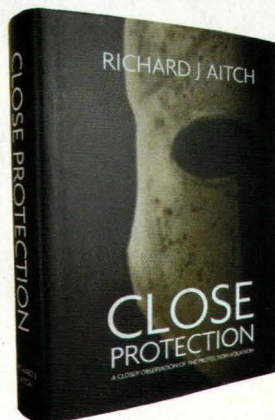


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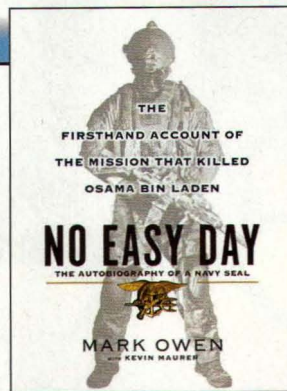
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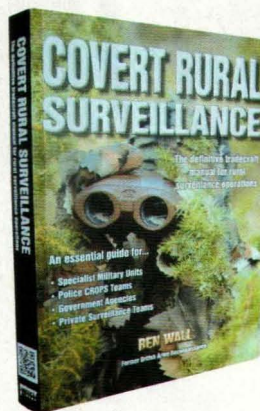
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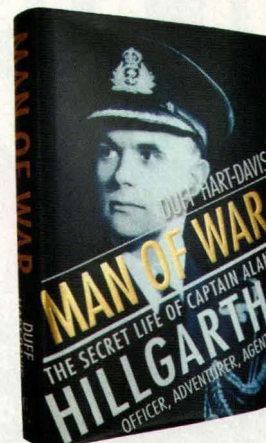
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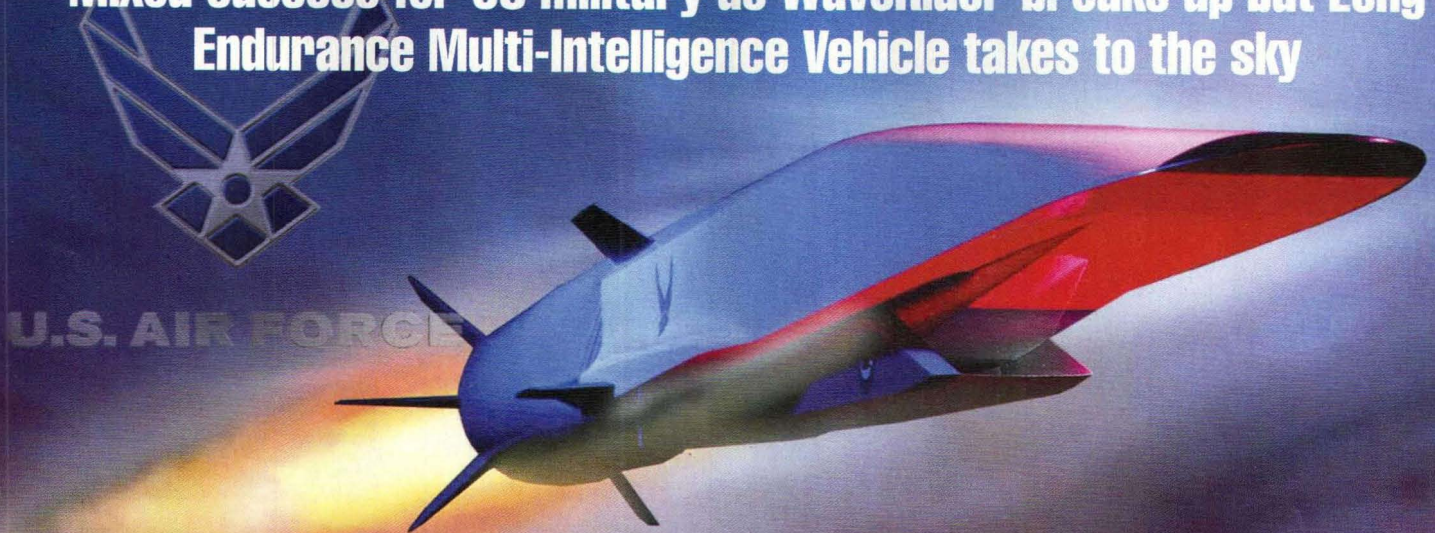
Captain Alan Hillgarth was just 15 years old when he found himself aboard the HMS Bacchante when World War One broke out. Within months he'd fought at Gallipoli, bayoneted an attacking Turkish soldier, and been shot in the head and leg.



After the war, Hillgarth became an author of thrillers, a gold-hunter in South America, a diplomat and a spy-master. As British Consul in Majorca during the Spanish Civil War, from 1936 to 1939, he saved countless lives acting as mediator between the two sides. From 1940 to 1943 he was Britain's most important intelligence officer in Spain, a key player in the successful Allied subterfuge Operation Mincemeat. Later he became Chief of Intelligence for the Eastern Fleet, in Ceylon, and a key advisor to Churchill, during and after the war. *'A lot of people know me', wrote Alan Hillgarth in a letter, 'but I'm very much an enigma to most of them and regarded with suspicion because I don't fit into any category... I'm a trouble-maker. I ride the storm'.*

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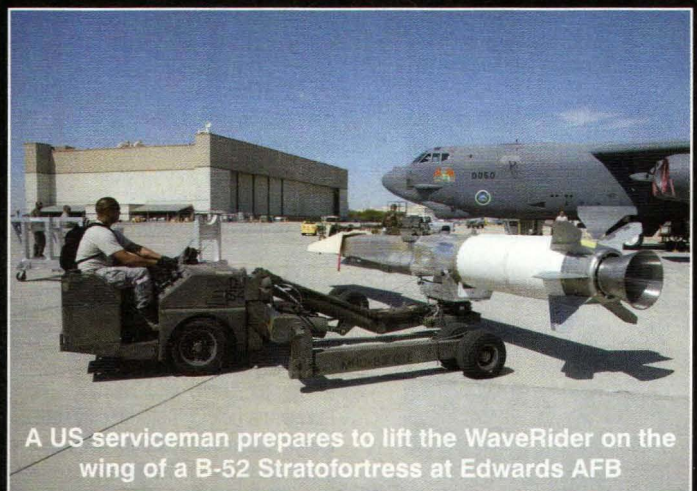
One of the USAF's most remarkable projects - the X-51A WaveRider recently failed in a flight test. The hypersonic aircraft, designed to fly at speeds of at least Mach 6 (3,600) was lost over the Pacific Ocean following its launch from a B52 Stratofortress. The WaveRider is called as such because it 'rides' on its own shockwave as it accelerates. A previous flight in 2010 saw the aircraft fly successfully at Mach 5 for three minutes before it was intentionally directed towards the ocean.

The latest test over the Point Mugu Naval Air Test Range, near Los Angeles seemed to go wrong after just 15 seconds. A primary piece of equipment that controls the WaveRider's control fins malfunctioned and the aircraft became uncontrollable. "It is unfortunate that a problem with this subsystem caused a termination before we could light the Scramjet engine," programme manager Charlie Brink said. "All our data showed we had created the right conditions for engine ignition and we were very hopeful to meet our test objectives."

The WaveRider programme maintains one last aircraft, though officials remain coy over when the next test flight will take place. A press release read: 'Programme officials will now begin the process of working through a rigorous evaluation to determine the exact cause of all factors at play'.



Ready to go - the WaveRider in place



A US serviceman prepares to lift the WaveRider on the wing of a B-52 Stratofortress at Edwards AFB

JUNE 2011: Ground crew make final preparations for the test flight - which was successful



Given research continues and the programme eventually succeeds, some analysts say flying passengers in hypersonic aircraft would be possible. A journey from New York to London taking about 55 minutes. The technology behind WaveRider has huge implications for military aviation and space research - a fact already noted by many NASA officials. US specialists are also hoping to adapt parts of the technology in a covert effort to build super-fast cruise missiles.

As for the costs of the programme, this remains a carefully guarded secret, and will remain that way because of the classified nature of the research. Eye Spy believes, however, that each experimental WaveRider costs in the order of about \$150 million (£100 million). Many aviation writers agree that the programme, because of its very public exposure, is already being overtaken by other more secret endeavours... which is usually the case.

DECEMBER 2009: Technicians examine WaveRider before a 'captive carry' mission



EDITORIAL NOTE: The X-51 programme is a consortium between Boeing and Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne. Its primary customers are USAF and DARPA. Additional support is provided by USAF.



Long Endurance Multi-Intelligence Vehicle

US Army successfully tests an important airborne intelligence collection platform

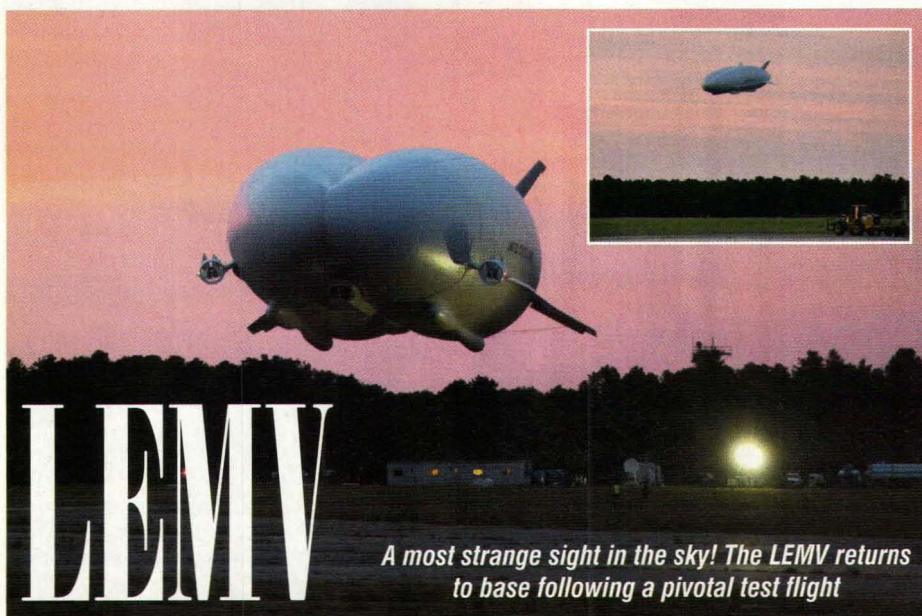


On 7 August 2012, the US Army tested a new Northrop Grumman blimp which will carry some of the world's most sophisticated intelligence collection technology.

Dubbed the LEMV (Long Endurance Multi-Intelligence Vehicle), the blimp-like vehicle has the capability to perform intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations for up to 21 days without needing to be maintained. The LEMV flight was conducted by personnel from the US Army Space and Missile Command and Army Forces Strategic Command at McGuire-Dix Joint Base, Lakehurst.

Flying at 22,000ft, the LEMV has an operational radius of about 2,400 miles, and is independent of runway support and reusable. Costing in excess of \$500 million, the 'spy blimp', as it has been dubbed by some US commentators, has a top speed of 30mph and is approximately 300ft in length. The device at Lakehurst flew unmanned, though it will almost certainly be manned for some operations.

• Lakehurst, New Jersey, is of course the location where in 1937, the great German airship 'Hindenburg' floundered and burst into flames whilst trying to port.



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A most strange sight in the sky! The LEMV returns to base following a pivotal test flight

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Britain's Secret Intelligence Service is an essential security arm of the country. Its ability to gather information from across the world, provides planners in Whitehall with much needed data to create policy and address horizon threats. One such threat that has implications for everyone, is the prospect of a nuclear armed Iran. Three years ago, CIA analysts concluded Iran was a decade away from being able to build a bomb. That estimate of the situation was quickly despatched to the bin within a few months of it being drafted, but Langley declined to provide any insight into its u-turn. Obviously something had been learned to change the mind of senior officials. A possible reason could have been information provided for by a number of Iranian scientists. In 2009, the intel 'rumour



MI6's 'C' - Sir John Sawers exits an aircraft



In a surprising move, Chief of MI6 - Sir John Sawers announced his Service had helped thwart Iran building a nuclear bomb as early as 2008. Many commentators, especially in Iran, understood this to mean MI6 involvement in the assassination of five of its nuclear scientists. However, this is certainly not the case.

Eye Spy examines the operations and key moments involving MI6 which 'C' is almost certainly referring to...

IN THEATRE

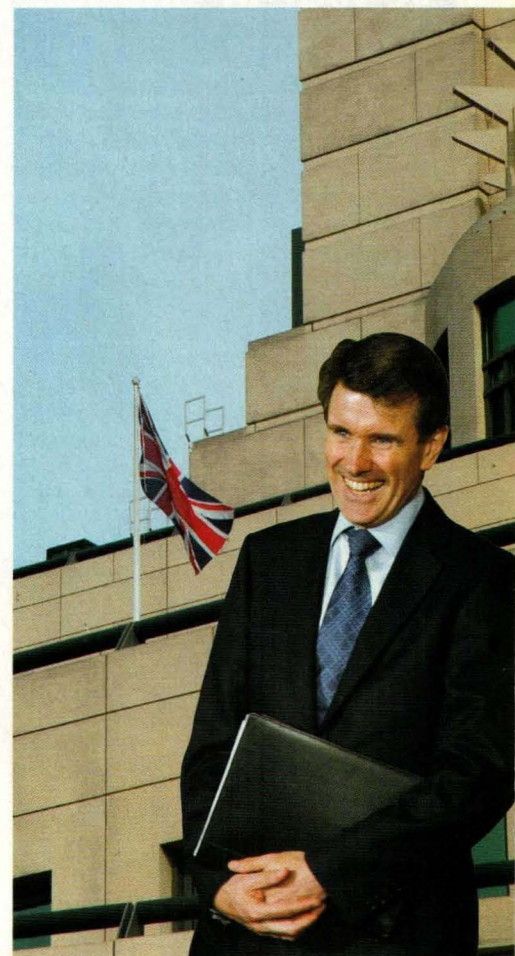
mill' was abuzz with stories the CIA had managed to secure the services of at least three people with a deep insight into Iran's nuclear programme. However, what Langley wanted was not just the current position of the industry, but intentions... ambitions. That information was seemingly secured, and what followed was a spate of counter-measures to slow at least part of the programme down.

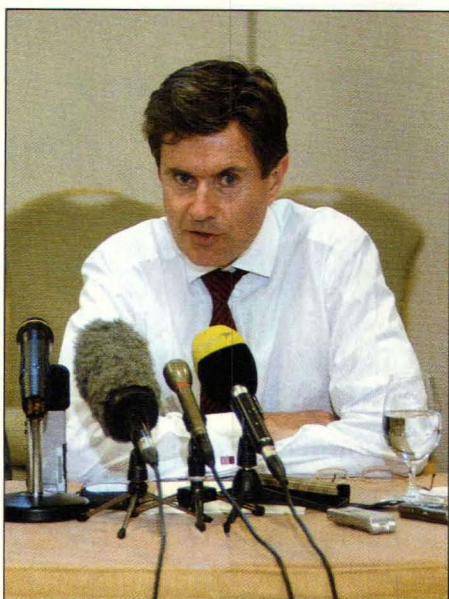
Stuxnet cyber virus was launched, and some senior military figures involved with missile and rocket building died in 'accidents'. Tough sanctions followed after UN inspectors, suspicious of a number of research facilities, were not allowed access to places the CIA were convinced clues could be found. And there then followed the deaths of at least five scientists involved with parts of the nuclear programme relevant to the weapons industry.

All the while, of course, Iran was digging, digging deep underground facilities in mountainous areas that were immune to NSA and NRO spy satellites. These could avoid strikes by aircraft using the most powerful 'bunker busting' bombs.

UNCLASSIFIED CHAT

The CIA's main intel partner MI6 has no official spokesperson, no ability or remit to comment. It relies mostly on the Foreign Office to project bits of information to a fascinated public. On the topic of Iran's nuclear bomb, the FO has at times said it is "deeply concerned." That the Service has agents in Iran is undisputed. And together with Israel's Mossad, the CIA and friendly Gulf countries, has secured sufficient intelligence to answer questions over Iran's intentions and ambitions.





Sir John Sawers

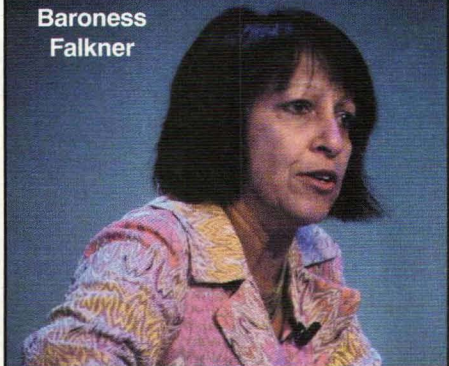
Iran has managed to stall diplomatic projects intended to find peaceful solutions acceptable to the international community. Suspicious nations believe this has given Tehran valuable time to move to the next stage - the building and announcement of a nuclear bomb. Thus in an unprecedented move, MI6's Chief - Sir John Sawers, has issued a series of chilling forecasts and assessments that must have been backed by the government. More importantly, they could have only been generated by high-end accurate intelligence from incredibly reliable agents, sources, operations and analysis.

Veneer of Silence

A British politician suggested Sir John Sawers had demonstrated a "lack of judgement" for "bragging" about his Service's operation to slow down Iran's nuclear programme. Baroness Falkner of Margravine further criticised Sir John, by intimating his action was that of someone appearing in an episode of 'Spooks', and it would be best if a "veneer of silence descended on MI6."

Falkner told peers: "Sir John's comments could almost be construed as bragging - there is such a thing as too much information. It would behave our senior civil servants to express a clearer concern about the UK engaging in unlawful activities rather than indulging in 'unclassified chats' which give a contrary impression... this is not the TV programme 'Spooks'."

Baroness Falkner



"The Iranians are determinedly going down a path to master all aspects of nuclear weapons; all the technologies they need. It's equally clear that Israel and the United States would face huge dangers if Iran were to become a nuclear weapon state." MI6 Chief - Sir John Sawers

Much has been said and written about Sir John's speech titled 'Unclassified Chat' to around 100 civil servants, but it is the timing of his comments that are important. Just as intriguing, MI6 is said to have stopped Iran developing a bomb as early as 2008. This was probably achieved by a mixture of covert operations, influence of political figures (Middle East, Moscow and Beijing), and in actions taken in conjunction with other key intelligence services. His comments made headlines across every media in Iran, who roundly declared MI6 was supporting the Mossad in the killing of its scientists. This is hardly likely, but the Service may have had a role in gathering intelligence from opposition elements and from scientific quarters.

Sir John's comments could relate to nuclear weapons programmes elsewhere, in Syria, and in particularly Libya. The Service also deflected the nuclear trafficking network of rogue trader Abdul Qadeer Khan, who journeyed across continents providing nuclear weapons guidance and the means to secure relevant materials. Libya, China, North Korea, Syria, Iraq and Iran all benefited. However, MI6 were watching. Had Khan's operation not been shut down in 2004, Iran may well have had the bomb by 2008.

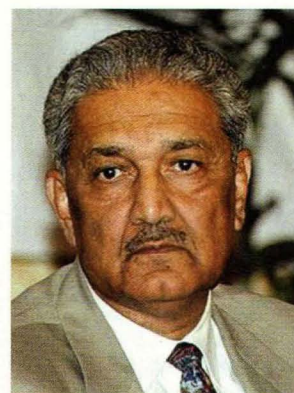


In 2009, Sergei Kiriyenko, head of Russia's state nuclear power corporation Rosatom, announced that they had completed building the Bushehr plant



Main: A scale model of Iran's Bushehr nuclear plant. Above: German companies began construction in the early 1970s

MI6 also played a key role in the interception of a vessel containing equipment and material bound for Colonel Gaddafi's nuclear project. The Service created back-channels to Libyan Intelligence



Abdul Qadeer Khan

once Gaddafi decided to drop his nuclear ambition. Libya was not the only country embarking on such an endeavour. Syria too had forged nuclear links with Tehran and begun work on a secret facility. This was identified and bombed by Israel in 2008. What role MI6 played probably won't ever be known, but Sir John's comments should not be taken in the context of direct operations inside Iran. Striking external projects, causing confusion and placing doubt in the minds of Tehran's nuclear planners, may have created an atmosphere of apprehension and hesitancy. In relation to the last decade when all these events occurred, Sir John said: "I take great pride in the fact that, in the last 10 years, over a number of jobs, I've been involved in [on] an issue of global concern [Iran's bomb quest], and I feel that I as an individual [have made] an impact in the outcome of events." He also said MI6 has run a series of operations ensuring that "sanctions introduced internationally against Tehran are implemented."

Now of course, Sir John believes the world is facing a dilemma. If it chooses, Iran could have an operational nuclear bomb as early as 2014. This therefore brings into play not just Israel and America, but Saudi Arabia and other Gulf States who fear such a weapon. It also increases the





William Hague and Hillary Clinton

likelihood of some form of military action being taken to slow the programme down further. Some analysts fear it is already too late. Eye Spy was told that Israel had plans to strike certain targets last Autumn, but Tel Aviv and Washington considered it too dangerous amidst the changing landscape of the Middle East. There was also a fierce row amongst senior Israeli intel, military and political people about the repercussions if an attack took place.

Dismissing Tehran's rhetoric about its programme being simply one of energy, Sir John said: "The Iranians are determinedly going down a path to master all aspects of nuclear weapons; all the technologies they need. It's equally clear that Israel and the United States would face huge dangers if Iran were to become a nuclear weapon state."

Sir John said it was the duty of his Service to provide the government with information. "[MI6] must delay that awful moment when the politicians may have to take a decision between accepting a nuclear-armed Iran or launching a military strike against Iran." These were powerful words which have reverberated across the world. He also noted it would be "tough" for any Israeli or US president to accept a nuclear-armed Iran.

Sir John is said to have given a similar talk to a top flight team of politicians in Downing Street earlier this year.

Foreign Secretary William Hague also commented on the Iranian situation. "It is a crisis coming down the tracks... because they are clearly continuing their nuclear weapons programme." *The stakes could not be higher.*

"It is a crisis coming down the tracks... because they are clearly continuing their nuclear weapons programme"

Foreign Secretary William Hague

FBI STING OPERATION

Rogue Traders and Front Companies

USA TO HONG KONG TO CHINA TO IRAN

With sanctions in place, and many intelligence services monitoring supplies going into Iran, Iranian Intelligence has created all manner of front companies to secure valuable equipment and raw material for its nuclear programme. MI6 and the CIA both have dedicated desks watching supply ships, air cargo and ground transport embarking for Iran.

And as part of that endeavour, the US has indicted two men suspected of securing sensitive equipment and materials used to build uranium enrichment centrifuges. Parviz Khaki, 43, an Iranian, and Zongcheng Yi, resident in China, are said to have created fronts to send the material to Iran via Hong Kong and China, thus defeating sanctions. The CIA believes some products did get to Iran, though is unsure just how much.

A US Justice of Department official said Khaki and Yi tried to buy specialised equipment and raw materials used to build the type of centrifuges Iran is currently using to enrich uranium.

These centrifuges can be used to enrich uranium isotopes to weapons grade.

A list of items was also identified for export. This included 20 tons of maraging steel, 40 tons of aluminium alloys, mass spectrometers and vacuum pumps. In relation to the steel, an e-mail intercepted by the NSA between the men, notes a disagreement over its quality. 'Must be American... not Chinese'.

An undercover FBI operation started in 2009 to watch the men's transactions and purchases. Khaki, unbeknown to him, sent e-mails to an agent stating he had tried to acquire radioactive source material. An official said: "The indictment sheds light on the reach of Iran's illegal procurement networks and the importance of keeping US technology from being exploited by Iran. Networks continue to target America... acquisition by fraud, front companies and middlemen in nations around the globe.

Khaki was arrested in May in the Philippines, Yi remains at large.

Amongst items the men are alleged to have tried to secure and export - gas centrifuges used for the enrichment of uranium



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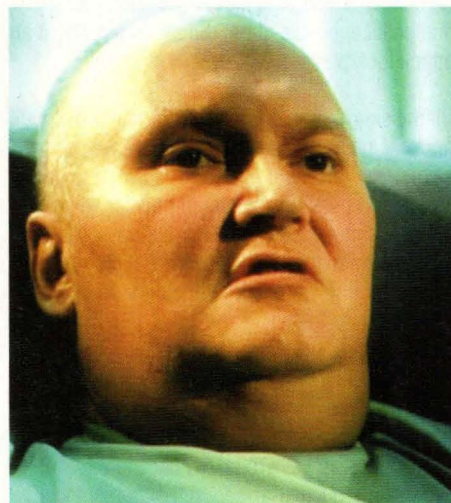
THE ASSASSINATION LIST

Underworld

New Scotland Yard and MI5 close in on European assassins with links to intelligence world and crime

The attempted assassination of Russian banker German Gorbuntsov in London in March 2012, is but part of a shadowy war being fought out by a number of organisations, some with links to foreign security services. New Scotland Yard has released new information and imagery of the Gorbuntsov incident, including details of

the weapon, a Makarov 9mm Soviet-issue gun. In Eye Spy 79 we revealed that MI5 is in possession of an 'Assassination List' that contains the names of many high-profile figures, some with links to intelligence and the underworld. German Gorbuntsov was on that list, though his shooting seems inextricably connected to affairs in Moscow and beyond.



German Gorbuntsov - shot by crime gang with probable links to officials in Chechnya and Russia



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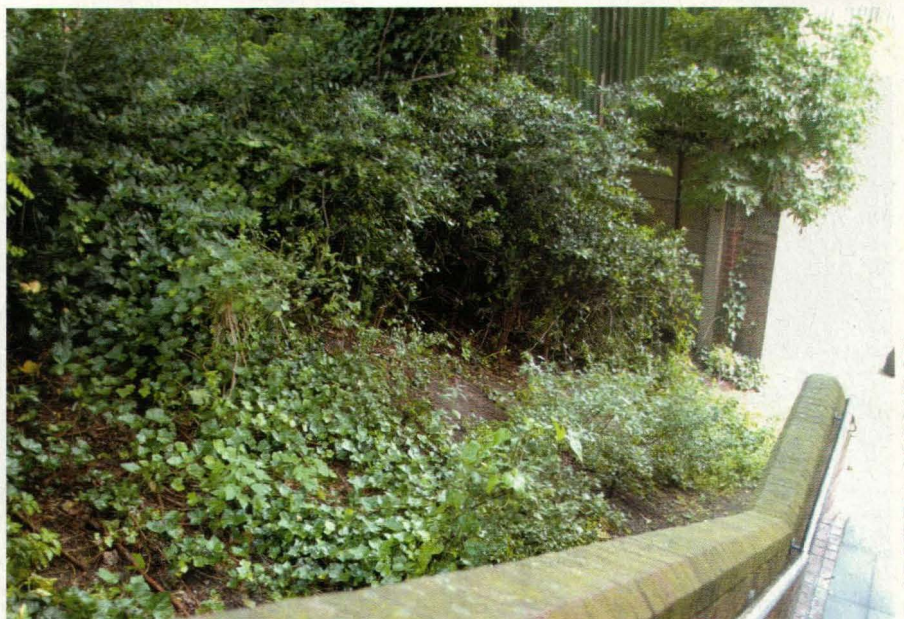
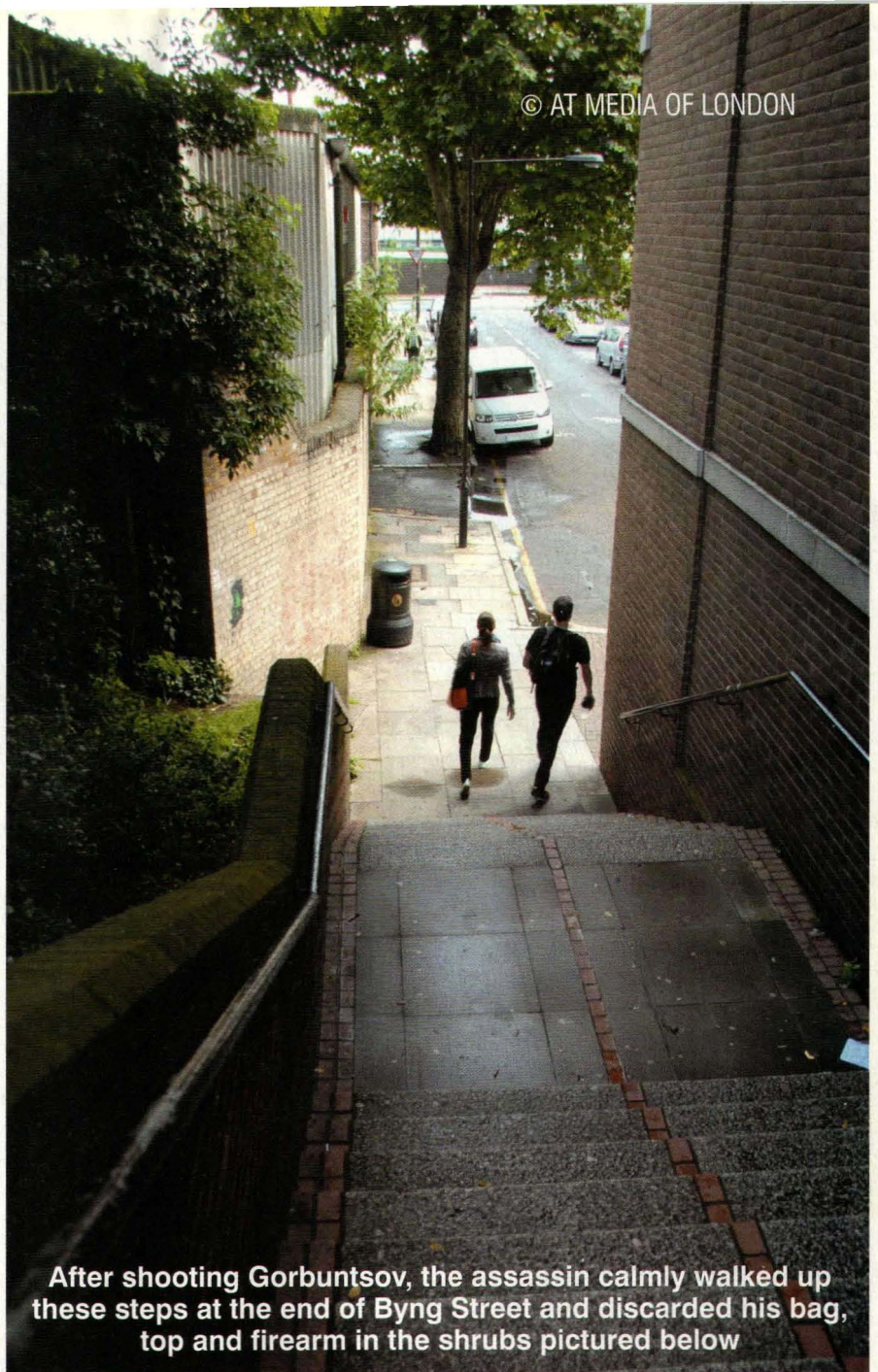
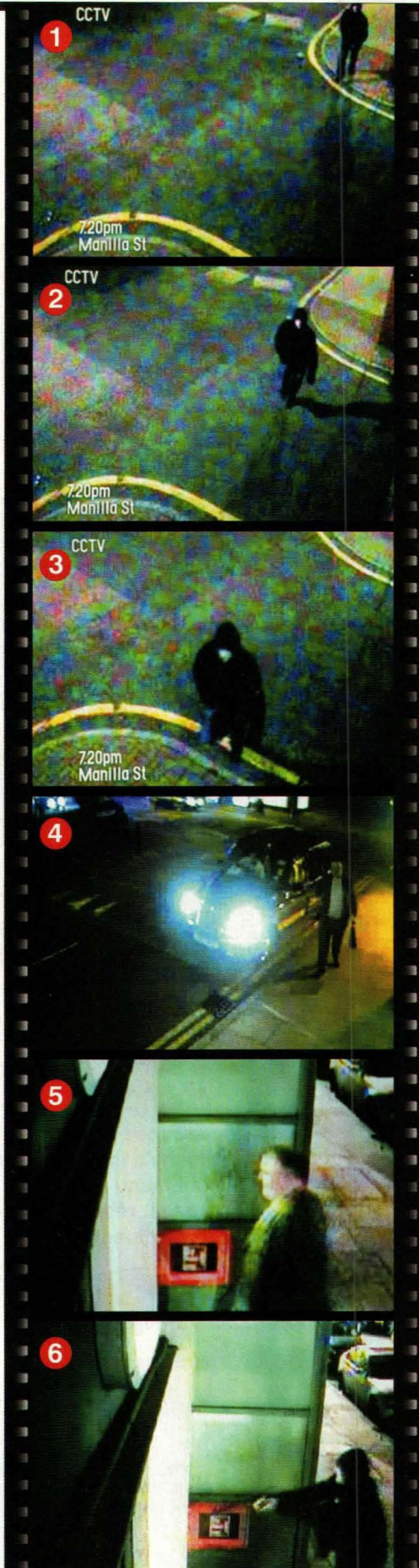


The assassin's weapon and other items were discovered by detectives behind the North Pole public house on Manilla Street

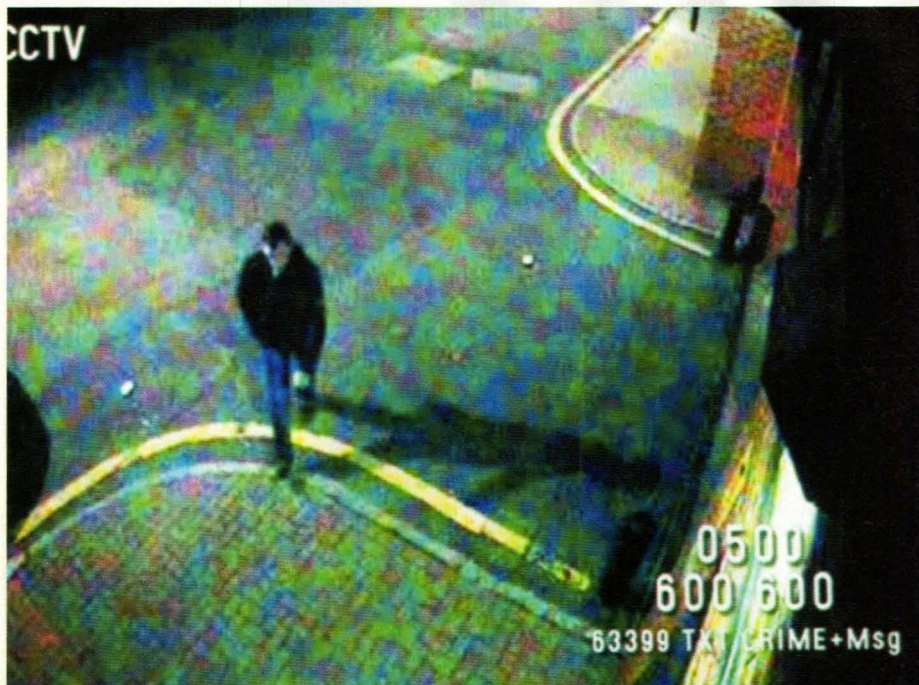
Gorbuntsov had almost certainly been surveilled a week before the shooting at his home. He had discussed with friends a dark Audi vehicle on Byng Street whose occupant or occupants made him feel uncomfortable. And just one day before the shooting, he said he "feared for his life." An associate of the banker said Gorbuntsov had also received threats via e-mail and on the telephone.

NEW SCOTLAND YARD IMAGERY

Of much interest are photo stills and CCTV showing two persons of interest. One film features a man walking towards Gorbuntsov's apartment block on Byng Street in the upmarket area of the city, the day before the shooting which happened on 20 March 2012. Intelligence sources told Eye Spy that investigators believe this could have been a timed 'trial run'. Another man (perhaps the same), was photographed shortly before and after the shooting walking through nearby Canary Wharf Tube Station. What's interested NSY detectives and analysts from MI5, is that on the first occasion he was filmed (a few



TIMELINE: 7.20pm - 20 March 2012 - Byng Street, Isle of Dogs, east London. Figs. 1-3 Hooded gunman walks towards entrance to Gorbuntsov's apartment block as the banker arrives by taxi. Fig. 4 Gorbuntsov exits taxi. Fig. 5 Enters code on keypad to open door. Fig. 6 Gunman opens fire at point-blank range hitting Gorbuntsov six times.



minutes prior to the shooting), he was carrying a bag; after the attack, he walked back through the station without the bag.

Detectives discovered three items connected to the shooting on a grassy area close to the North Pole public house which is but a short distance from German Gorbuntsov's flat in Byng Street, east London. A black hooded top, black bag and the Makarov were found. The top has distinct blue edging - identical to that worn by the suspected gunman.

Though NSY stress the men in the videos are simply wanted for questioning, MI5 are linking the incident to other shootings and murders in several countries, and the assassination list containing the names of businessmen, government officials and security figures.

Detective Chief Inspector Russel Taylor, said the weapon was an unusual find in Britain, and urged anyone with information to call police on **020 8721 4868**. Strangely, the police have yet to trace the driver of the black taxi who drove Gorbuntsov home on the night of the shooting.

The brave banker appeared on BBC television and fears he will be an invalid for the rest of his life. "I have not seen a single doctor who can convince me I will be absolutely fine," he said. "They found six bullets in me... I am badly affected." German Gorbuntsov was lucky in a sense, for not one of the bullets struck a vital organ.

Mr Gorbuntsov moved to London in 2010, believing it was the safest place in the world.

New Scotland Yard released this CCTV clip showing a suspect walking towards the apartment block just 24-hours before the shooting. Analysts believe this is probably the gunman making a trial run.

NSY CRIME SCENE IMAGERY



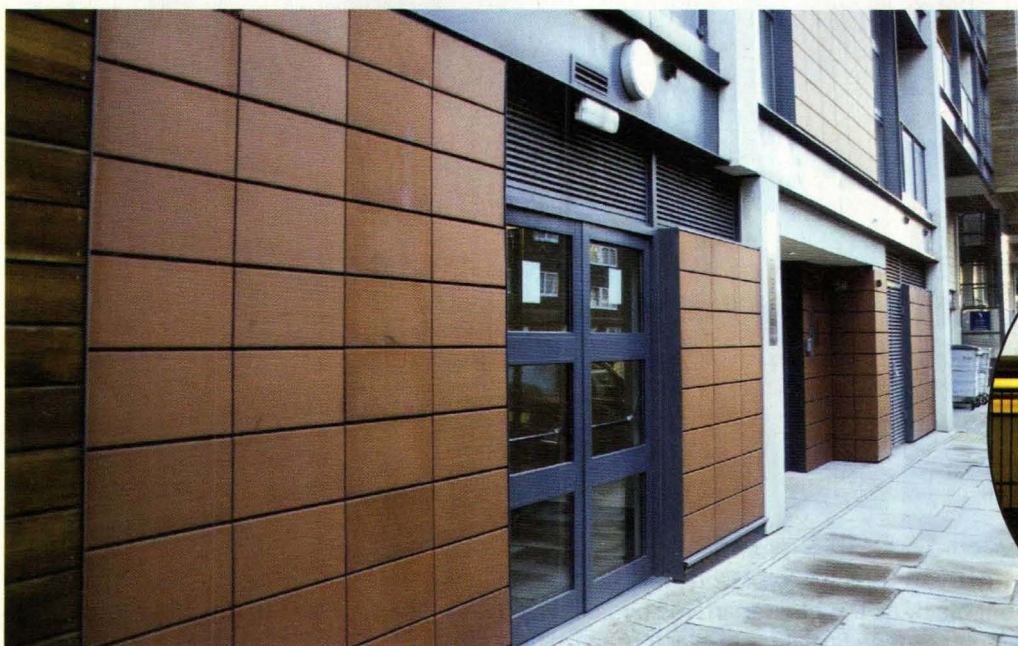
The Makarov 9mm weapon - not a common weapon in UK



Bag presumably carried by gunman containing weapon



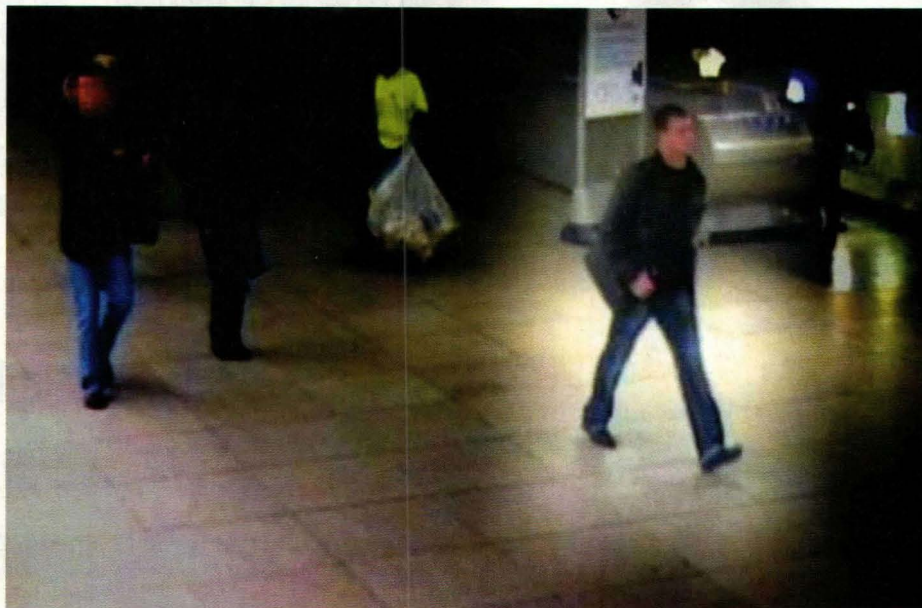
Top or jumper with distinct blue edging worn by suspect and identified by analysts in CCTV footage



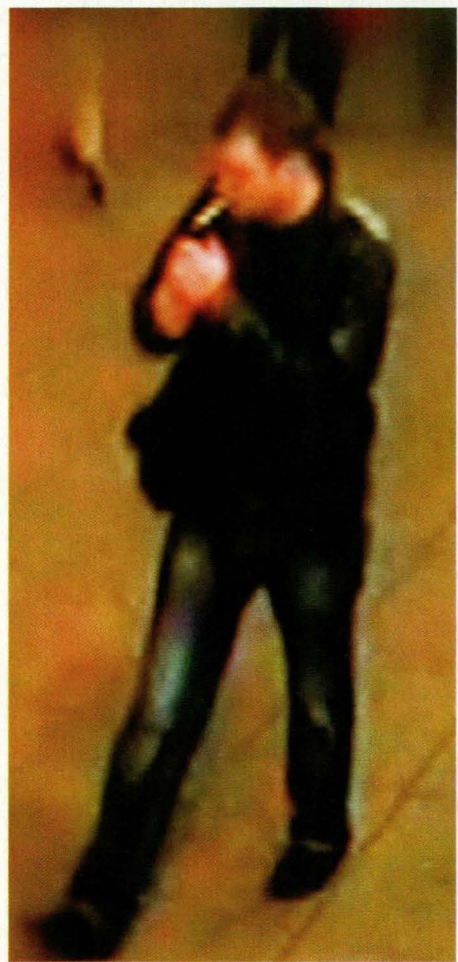
The entrance to German Gorbuntsov's flat where he was shot, and the CCTV camera that recorded the incident



A PERSON OF 'GREAT INTEREST'



New Scotland Yard want to trace this man recorded on CCTV at Canary Wharf Tube Station, prior to and after the shooting. Photo analysts noted that on his arrival at the station, the man was carrying a dark bag. Minutes later on his departure and after the shooting, he casually catches a train minus the bag.



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**Soviet-era Makarov
9mm semi-automatic
pistol**

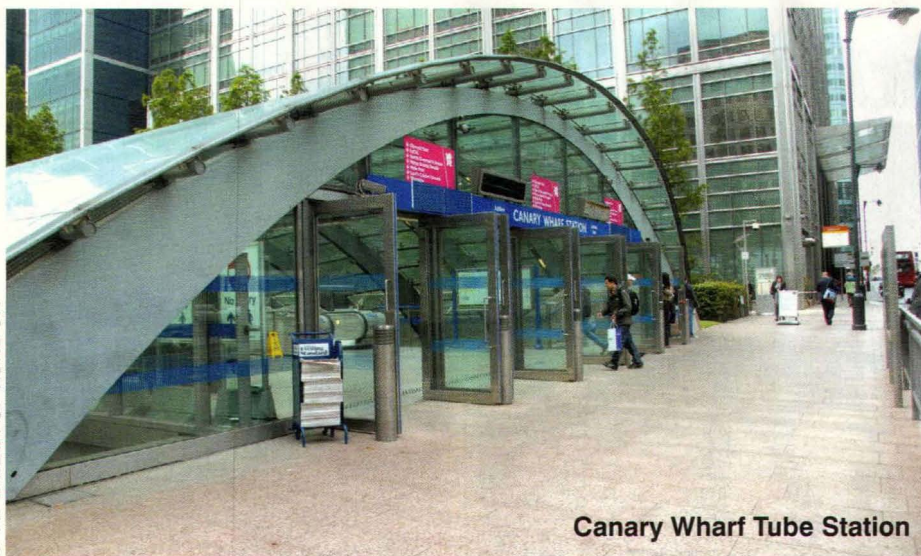


The Makarov semi-automatic pistol was designed by Nikolay Makarov in the 1950s, and became a standard issue sidearm for Soviet military personnel. Easy to assemble, reload and use, the weapon can still be found in many countries, though in the UK it is somewhat of a rarity.

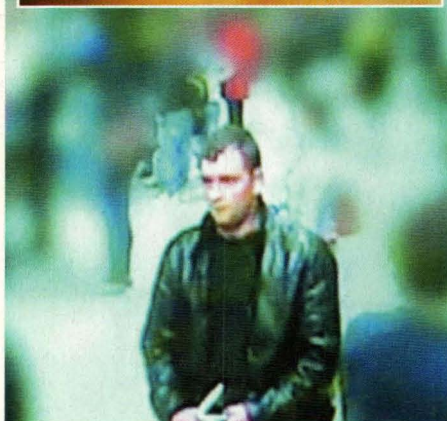
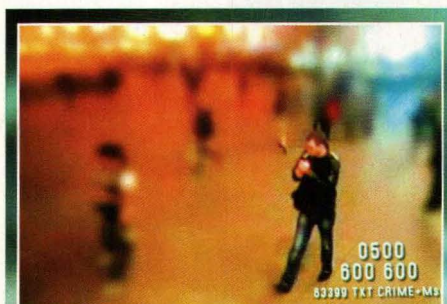
Inset lower left: This is the actual weapon used by the assassin, complete with silencer attached



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Canary Wharf Tube Station



He believes the assassination attempt is linked to a Moscow court case involving the embezzlement of huge sums of money from Russia's state railway. Gorbuntsov intended to provide evidence against former associates allegedly involved in the affair. He is now seeking political asylum in the UK and for his family, believing it is simply too dangerous for them in Russia.

A PROFESSIONAL HIT?

Eye Spy believes central to the assassination list, are underworld figures in Chechnya, Moscow, London, the Middle East and financial happenings. As for the shooting, though the operation at first seemed meticulously planned, experienced security officials are puzzled by the manner in which the shots were fired. "A professional hitman would have fired but two shots to the head - long before he entered the building... even body shots to disable a person are usually followed by this sanction," we were told.

Similar concerns have been raised about the *blase* manner of the gunman, who must have



been unconcerned about being recorded on CCTV at Canary Wharf Tube Station. This indicates he was almost certainly foreign and on a one-time assignment in London. A security source told Eye Spy: "A professional would probably have used a motorbike to leave the area. And it's puzzling why he should leave the gun, clothing and bag so close to the murder scene. However, the grassy area near the public house was perhaps the last point where the items could be hidden from view. He appeared oblivious or unconcerned about being identified, suggesting a plan was already in place for him to escape from the country."

LONDON: In August, Russia's President Putin made his first visit to the UK in seven years, this after relations between the two countries deteriorated following the assassination of former KGB man, Aleksander Litvinenko in London. Eye Spy understands that this case, and the shooting of German Gorbuntsov were discussed by Prime Minister



David Cameron and President Putin. Other press sources have said Moscow detectives have liaised with their counterparts at New Scotland Yard regarding the Gorbuntsov case.

Quiet Be

Senior US intel men try to playdown Iran strike threat, but in Israel warning signs are numerous

Former Director of the CIA, Leon Panetta, held top secret meetings with senior Israeli and Mossad officials in late July. Top of the agenda was Iran's nuclear weapons programme, and the very real possibility that Israel will strike several prominent targets in Iran. Panetta returned to the United States maintaining that Tel Aviv remains "undecided" on whether or not to attack. He also said that it was "still possible" for sanctions to work. General Martin Dempsey, current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff believes any form of physical action will only "delay the programme" not destroy it.

Washington has told Israel, it does have the technology and military capability to effectively destroy the "relevant parts of Iran's nuclear programme." This, along with comments from the White House that the US will not allow Iran to



Leon Panetta and Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

ore the Storm?



AUGUST 2012: Secretary of State for Defense and former D/CIA Leon Panetta with Israel's Minister of Defence, Ehud Barak following the talks. The officials are flanked by US Secret Service men and Israeli diplomatic security officers

secure nuclear weapons, has to some extent reassured Israel.

Standing next to Panetta at a press conference, Israel's premier, Binyamin Netanyahu said: "Neither sanctions nor diplomacy have yet had any impact on Iran's nuclear weapons programme." He then had a word or two for the listening American delegation. "America and Israel have also made clear that all options are on the table. You [a reference to Panetta] yourself said a few months ago that when all

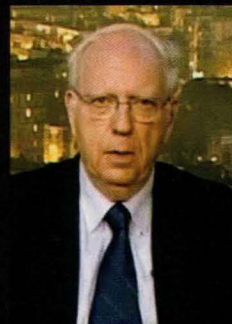
else fails, America will act. But these declarations have also not convinced the Iranians to stop their programme."

Israel's Defence Minister Ehud Barak was also beginning to sense time is running out. At one meeting with Panetta, he explained that he sees little evidence that the sanctions will compel Iran to give up its nuclear activities.

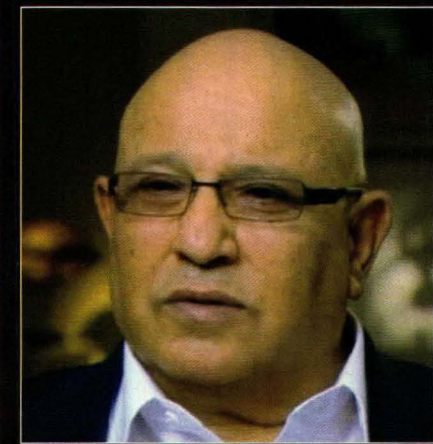
Iran's Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi, commenting on the recent rhetoric, said, "Israel is

A FEARFUL 12 WEEKS

Speaking just hours after Leon Panetta left Israel for Washington, former Mossad Director Ephraim Halevy issued a chilling warning to Iran. He said that if he were Iranian, then he "would be very fearful over the next 12 weeks."



Halevy, said that Iran seemed oblivious to Israel's resolve and insisted Tehran "had immunity" whilst talks were on-going. However, another ex-Mossad Director, Meir Dagan (below) seems uncertain if action will succeed.



showing weakness by brainless leaders." A senior intelligence analyst told Eye Spy that a strike is very much on the cards, and will "probably come out of the blue."

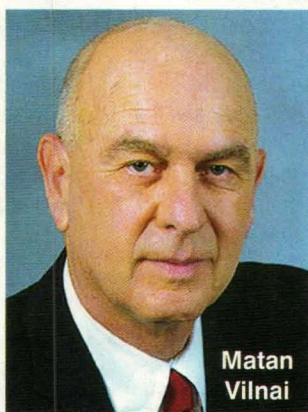
In May, former Mossad Director Meir Dagan spoke out publicly about the possibility of a pre-emptive strike against Iran. The man who headed the organisation for over a decade until 2011, said Iran won't have the bomb for three years.

30 DAY WAR

Minister says conflict would last for a month

The official who has been at the heart of preparing Israel's defences against a military response by Iran (should Tel Aviv attack), has issued a chilling warning for the world.

Matan Vilnai, who has headed the Ministry for Home Front Defence since January 2011, departed Israel in mid-August, this after being

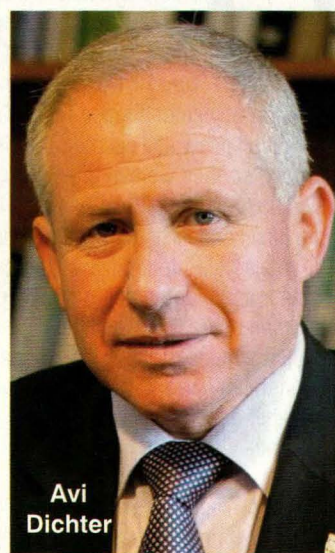


appointed Ambassador to China. He believes that hundreds of missiles would be fired by Iran and its allies, and that casualties would be heavy.

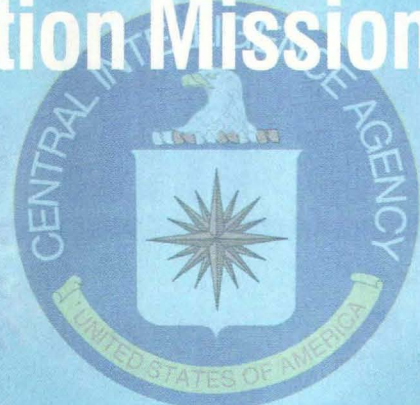
Vilnai, using analysis provided for by his special assessment unit, also predicted that the conflict would rumble on for 30 days on several fronts.

Vilnai said that Israel was as "best prepared" as it has ever been, and was almost dismissive of the need for personal equipment such as gas masks. He said drills and exercises to test home defences had been successful.

Interestingly, Vilnai is being replaced by Avi Dichter, former Director of the country's domestic intelligence service - Shin Bet and Minister for Internal Security.



The Covert Soviet Ice Station Mission



PART II
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Operation

COLD FEET

The early 1960s combined services mission code-named Coldfeet, was enabled to secure valuable intelligence from an abandoned Russian Arctic research centre. Whilst deploying operatives near the station was relatively simple, recovering the men was not and involved a device called a Fulton Skyhook. Carried by a converted B-17, this 'caught' the men and via a lengthy cable, and slowly reeled them onboard. Christopher Eger concludes his fascinating look at one of the most daring operations ever undertaken during the Cold War.

On 27 May 1961, after successful parachute deployment on the floating ice island, US Navy Lieutenant Leonard LeSchack and USAF Major John Smith, spent the next seven days, and every waking hour methodically exploring Soviet Ice Station North Pole 8. International law still deemed the site Soviet territory, so they were in effect, illegally invading. The station had been left in disarray by a hastily departing 15-man Soviet team. The researchers found filthy mattresses, food in pans, and bloody meat remains on the chopping board in the kitchen. The Soviets also left negatives and rolls of undeveloped film in the darkroom, notebooks, radio logs, and other extremely valuable items that LeSchack and Smith collected.

Using a civilian Ham radio that LeSchack had brought with him for communication with

Point Barrow, and a US Forestry Service radio beacon that the Intermountain B-17 pilots had from their 'day-job' dropping smokejumpers, the aircraft returned on 2 June and pulled the two spies from their Soviet outpost. In three pickups with the Fulton Skyhook, the first for the priceless intelligence booty packed in a duffle bag, the second for LeSchack and the third for Smith, the B-17 flew to Alaska. At Point Barrow, the most northern point of all territory in the United States, the team celebrated with a round of Soviet cigarettes, retrieved from NP-8.

INTELLIGENCE PAYOFF

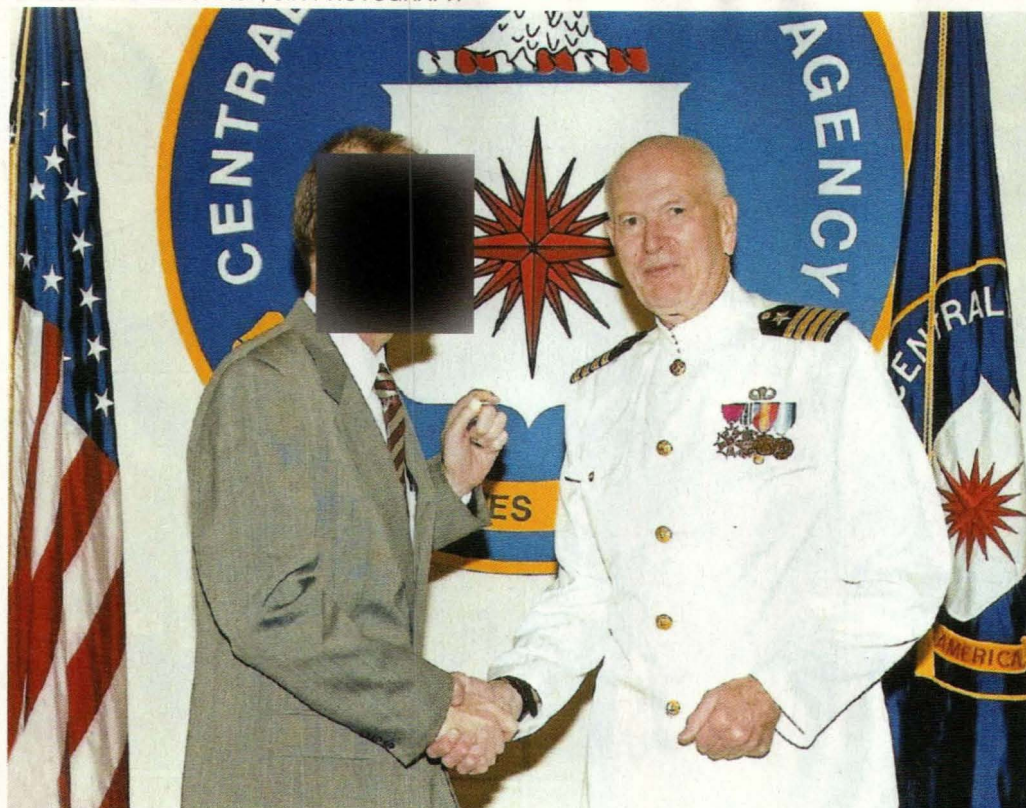
The CIA's public report on Project Coldfeet, published in 1994, revealed: *'Project Coldfeet produced intelligence of very great value. ONR learned that the Soviet station was configured to permit extended periods of silent operation, confirming the importance*

that the Soviets attached to acoustical work. In addition, equipment and documents obtained from NP 8 showed that Soviet research in polar meteorology and oceanography was superior to US efforts'.

Coldfeet could rightly claim a number of firsts. It was the first time a Soviet ice station had been inspected. It was the first time that Skyhook had been used operationally. It was the first time the Defense Intelligence Agency



Fulton Skyhook in operation



Leonard LeSchack receives his Special Operations Group Challenge Coin in a ceremony at the Central Intelligence Agency in 2008



Special Operations Group Challenge Coin



(DIA) had funded a covert mission. It was one of the first joint Army-Navy-Air Force-DIA-CIA missions. It was also believed to be the last time that a B-17 was used on a military mission.

EPILOGUE

The Fulton Skyhook's greatest known achievement was Operation Coldfeet. The device was used by the USAF on at least forty modified HC/MC-130 Combat Talon aircraft from 1965 until it was phased out in 1996. The air force conducted no less than 75

demonstrations using the Skyhook with live training subjects 1966-1982, but no deployments were disclosed. While in USAF service, it was referred to as the 'STAR' (Surface to Air Recovery) system. Though available during the Vietnam War, it was never successfully used to recover downed pilots.

The device was declassified in 1963 (Project Coldfeet 1970s), and became the subject of various articles in *Popular Mechanics*, *Time* and other magazines. A set of public demonstrations took place at Fort Bragg in 1964. Here, no less than 35 soldiers were carried

aloft over the span of a day, including at least two generals. This led to supporting roles in movies such as the *Green Berets* (with John Wayne) and the James Bond film *Thunderball*. In the film *Batman: Dark Knight* the caped-crusader also used a Skyhook to grab a villain by surprise!

According to Lt. Colonel Bernie Moore, USAF (Ret.), former commander of 8th SOS, the Air Forces Special Operations Squadron in comments to the author on the system: "Live



Lt. Colonel Bernie Moore

pickups were performed from 1958 to 1982 with one fatality in 1964 due to the person falling out of the aircraft after he was successfully picked up. The second in 1982 when the 'Skyanchor' was unable to fully lock in the 'lifeline' for reasons never absolutely determined, but probably because of a small gap in the yokes. In my view, not a bad safety record over 25 years. After the fatal accident in April 1982, there were no more live pickups authorised, just 'sandbag' practice pickups until 1996 when the system was retired. It was, however, 'man-rated' until it was retired." Sadly Colonel Moore passed away last year.

Major Smith sampling 'medicinal' scotch after being pulled up from NP-8 at the end of the 7-day mission. LeSchack is also pictured - lower right corner



PHOTO BY ROBERT FULTON. COURTESY CIA



The B-17G 'Shady Lady' 44-83785 (44-85531), N809Z, N207EV as she appears today in Evergreen Aerospace Museum, with her Skyhook gone and her machine guns back. The aircraft has been restored to its World War II condition and is displayed in the markings of the 490th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force, while based at Eye Air Base, Suffolk, England

PERSONA NON GRATA

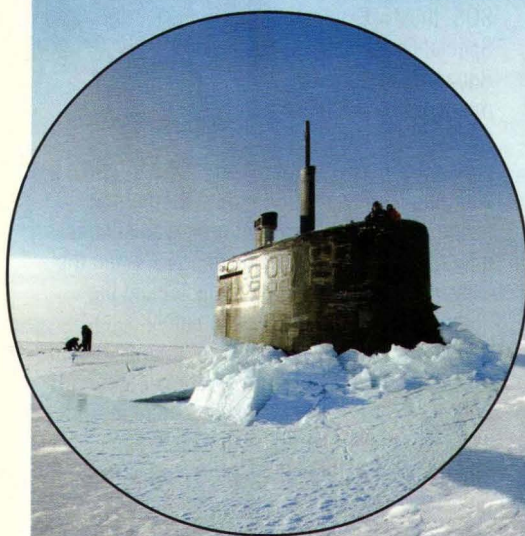
Major Jim Smith, the Russian linguist and survival expert who spent his spare time at NP-8 cleaning, had more adventures to come after penetrating the Soviet ice station. According to LeSchack: "Jim and I maintained contact until his death in 2004. I can tell you that shortly after Coldfeet; Jim became the Assistant Air Attaché at the US Embassy in Moscow. By 1964, however, after only a year

in the Soviet Union, he was kicked out, 'persona non grata', for reasons not entirely clear. In 1969 and 1970 he had attained the rank of full colonel and was J-2 of MACSOG-V."

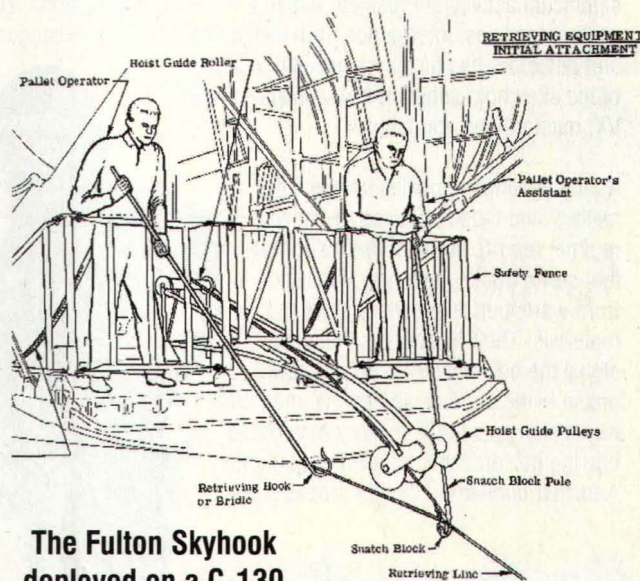
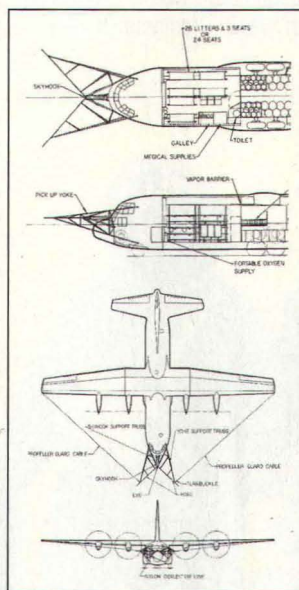
Lieutenant Leonard LeSchack was awarded the Legion of Merit for Coldfeet. LeSchack recalled his post-NP-8 experience: "I, too, had sojourns into the Soviet Union shortly after Coldfeet, once in 1965 and again in 1973.

Both of these trips were without the diplomatic immunity that Jim, as an attaché, had. I can tell you both trips were scary in the extreme for me, since I was under cover. By the mid-1970s the Navy was preparing me to be the US Naval Attaché in Moscow, but I never did get to go."

LeSchack retired from the United States Navy as a Captain in 1989. An expert in political terrorism he alternated between his naval job



Today operations and excursions to the polar regions, though still quite a challenge, are much easier due to technological advances



The Fulton Skyhook deployed on a C-130

In 2008, the CIA awarded him the Special Operations Group Challenge Coin, since in

The Soviets remained in the floating weather station business long after NP-8 was ransacked. The last one flying a red banner was NP-31 - abandoned in 1991. However, Russia

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

CIA, SYRIA & WMD

Agency Reports Chemical Weapons' Stockpiles

Langley's spies secure credible intelligence that Syrian forces are moving huge stockpiles of WMD to various parts of the country, this as CIA agree to provide weaponry to Free Syrian Army

One of the most chilling scenarios concerning events in Syria is hurriedly being examined by the CIA. Langley's Middle East Desk fear that stockpiles of chemical weapons may fall into the hands of terrorists or be used against civilians. In the past few months, analysts have monitored significant activity at President Assad's military facilities. Intelligence from dissidents and defectors has further revealed that some of the sites hold substantial quantities of sarin, VX, mustard gas and tabun.

As the fighting intensifies between the military and those opposed to Assad's regime, reports in the country suggest that some trucks have now departed from warehouses known to store the materials. The CIA believes this could signal the beginning of a deadly new phase in the conflict, and has warned that rogue elements in the military may opt to use the poisons against rebel strongholds. A further concern is that the trucks and their

contents may fall into the hands of al-Qaida terrorists who are converging on the country in ever-growing numbers.

Responding to international criticism, a spokesman from Syria's Foreign Ministry said: "No chemical or biological weapons will ever be used... unless Syria is exposed to external aggression." The statement was an admission of the existence of WMD. President Obama



Operation Desert Shield - a Syrian soldier wears a Soviet-era nuclear biological and chemical warfare mask. Circa. 1991



Demonstrators opposed to President Al Assad congregate in the centre of Homs. The CIA believe it is likely some form of chemical attack will occur if the regime nears its end



Israel Defense Force troopers participate in a chemical weapons exercise in 2010

WMD

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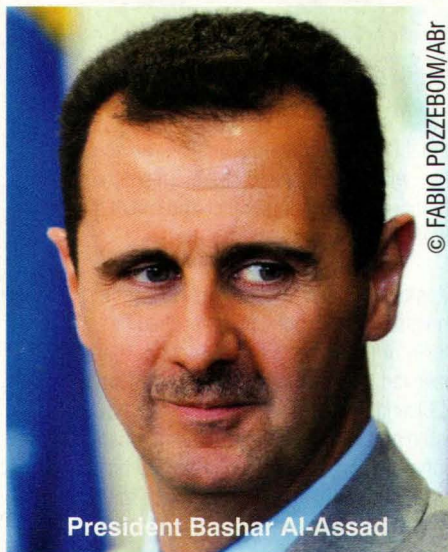
Crest of the Free Syrian Army

called the threat a "tragic mistake," while the UK said it was "unacceptable." German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle described it as "monstrous."

The problem is complicated by the fact that intelligence sources believe, some of the WMD, which can be fired using conventional



Director Central Intelligence Agency General David Petraeus and President Obama. The CIA has a presence in Syria liaising with senior FSA fighters



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President Bashar Al-Assad

WMD IN IRAQ

A selection of chemical weapons recovered by allied forces in the second Iraq conflict - but large quantities were never discovered



This chilling image shows artillery shells containing mustard gas at the Pueblo chemical weapons storage facility in Colorado. America has been engaged in a 'safe chemical destruction programme' that will only conclude when every last chemical weapon is either destroyed or made safe.



A surreal sight: USAF warplanes fly over the burning oil fields of Kuwait in the first Iraq war. If Syria does use chemical weapons, then there is a real possibility America may act militarily

missiles, may also end up in the hands of the Syrian-Iranian backed group - Hezbollah. Hezbollah has stockpiles of around 50,000 missiles, most intended for use against Israel. In its bitter 2006 conflict with Israel, over 4,000 such projectiles were fired at predominantly civilian targets in Israel. Tel Aviv responded by returning fire at the launch sites of such missiles. Civilians were killed. With the prospect of WMD falling into the hands of Israel's enemies, senior

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle criticised comments from Damascus in respect of the possible use of chemical weapons



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Israel Defence Force (IDF) chiefs have warned they will not hesitate to strike. This could draw the country into the conflict and move the region closer to all out war.

Mossad, the CIA and MI6 are now monitoring the movements of trucks from fortified bases in the north of the country where most of the WMD is believed to be stored. Organisations such as the NSA and GCHQ are engaged in a massive listening programme to try and intercept communications that could identify holding bases, though Langley fears much of the WMD is already mobile or has been relocated to unidentified sites.

WHITE HOUSE ON WMD

So concerned is Washington and its Middle East partners about Syria's WMD, that the White House has now issued two grave warnings. The latest came on 20 August, when President Obama said that the use of chemical weapons would be a "red line too far." Previously, the United States has stated it had no intention of getting involved militarily, but that will change if evidence emerges menacing chemicals, gases and substances have been used. Mr Obama said: "There would be enormous consequences if we start seeing movement on the chemical weapons front or the use of chemical weapons." He also noted the wider concerns of regional allies. "If we see a whole bunch of chemical weapons moving around or being utilised, that would change my calculus," said the president.

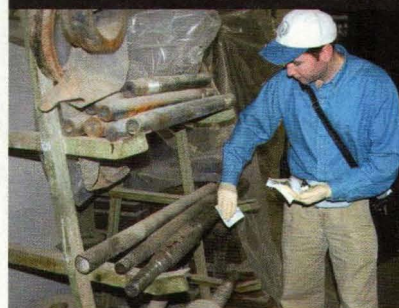
- A recent UN estimate says 20,000 people have already died in the battle for Damascus; 200,000 have fled the country, and nearly three million are in need of aid.



Presidents Al-Assad and Medvedev

Whilst ever Syria enjoys the support of countries such as Russia and China, it is unlikely the West would intervene militarily. However, a chemical attack could change the dynamics of the conflict

INTEL INSIDE The Secret Convoy



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During the early stages of the second Iraq war, a large column of civilian trucks was tracked crossing into Syrian from Iraq. Though unconfirmed, the CIA believed the vehicles may have been carrying the last remaining stockpiles of Saddam Hussein's WMD. The war was largely fought on the premiss that Iraq did have WMD. The convoy was never satisfactorily explained, nor were any substantial WMD finds recorded. Syria holds the world's fourth largest stockpile of chemical and biological weapons.

THE LESSONS NEVER LEARNED

CHEMICALS AND WMD - A BRIEF OVERVIEW

Chemicals have been used as weapons of war for thousands of years, however, 'modern' chemical weapons can trace their genesis to World War One. Chlorine and phosgene gases were released and mustard gas soon followed. It is estimated that over 90,000 troops from both sides died as a result of the use of such poisons.

In WWII, though both the Nazis and Allies had built-up huge stockpiles of such weapons, neither side wanted to be the first to use them.

As the Cold War ensued, countries in the West and East manufactured massive quantities of chemical and biological weapons - enough to destroy humanity.

Iraq, under Saddam Hussein, dropped chemical weapons on Iranian troops. He also chose to use them on Iraqi Kurds in the north of the country. Thousands died.

For further information, please visit the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons -

LINKS: www.opcw.org/



British troops blinded by a German tear gas attack in Flanders. Inset: A British gas bomb

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British gas attack launched against German troops in the Somme. Circa. 1916



WWI - A Canadian soldier suffering from the effects of mustard gas

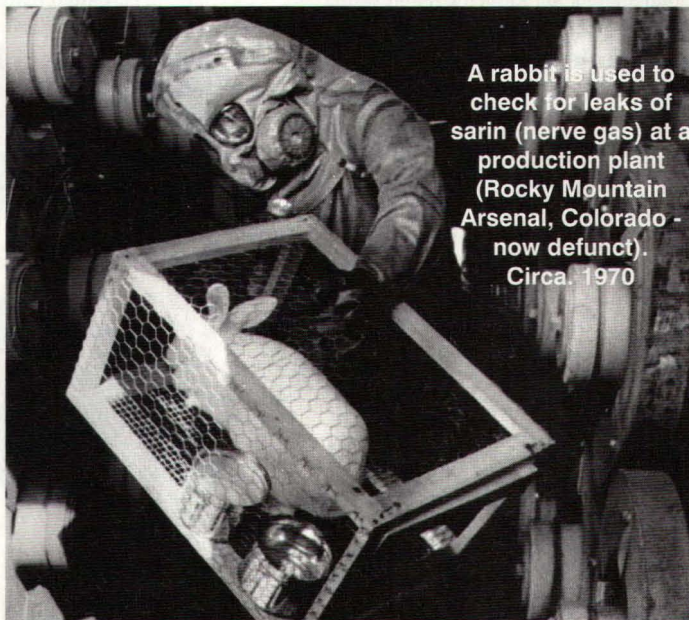
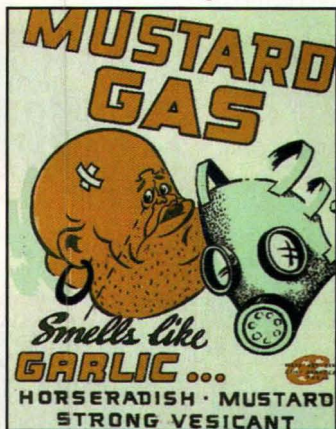


British troops lay dead after a gas attack. Circa. 1917

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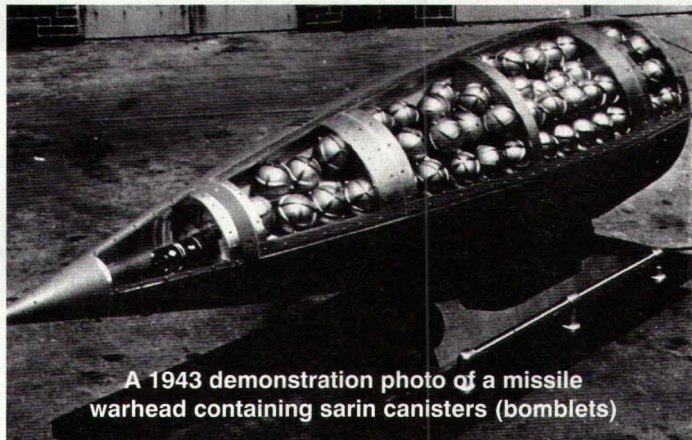


Left: Iranian child after an Iraq chemical attack. Right: US WWII poster warns of mustard gas menace



A rabbit is used to check for leaks of sarin (nerve gas) at a production plant (Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colorado - now defunct). Circa. 1970

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A 1943 demonstration photo of a missile warhead containing sarin canisters (bombelets)

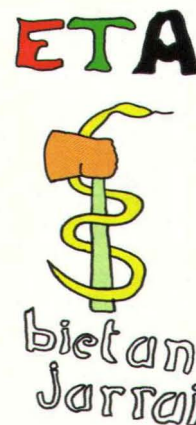


Chlorine being used on the battlefields of WWI

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ETA OPERATIVES EXPOSED BY INFORMANT FALLING DOWN?



MI5 intelligence leads to arrests of more ETA operatives in Britain

Following the arrest of two senior ETA operatives in London in June, two more suspected members of the Basque separatist group have been detained in London and Edinburgh. In Scotland, Benat Atorrasagasti Ordenez, 36, who has been on the run for over a decade after escaping police, was identified by MI5 and arrested by counter-terrorism police in July. In 2008, Ordenez was tried in his absence and handed a five-year prison term by a French court.

Spanish national Kemen Uranga Artola, 43, who was arrested by police in London in early August, once featured on the FBI's most

wanted list. Spanish police want to question him about various terrorist offences in the country. It's believed he had been living in the city for a decade on false documentation. Eye Spy understands Artola provided safe houses for ETA members and has been described as a "logistics man."

Artola's stature within ETA is well known. He was an associate of two of the terror group's most powerful operatives - Asier Arenzana and Igor Martinez de Osaba. Arenzana received a 100-year jail term for shooting dead Basque PSE-EE Socialist Party Secretary General Fernando Blanco in February 2000.

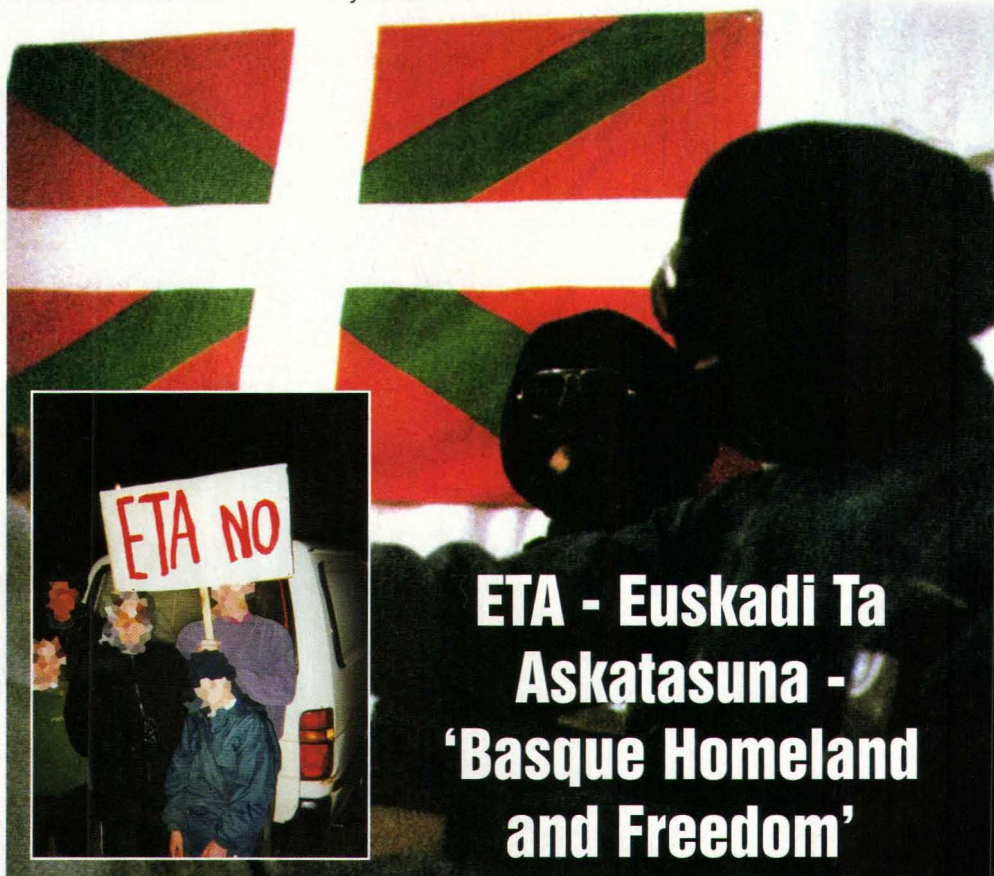
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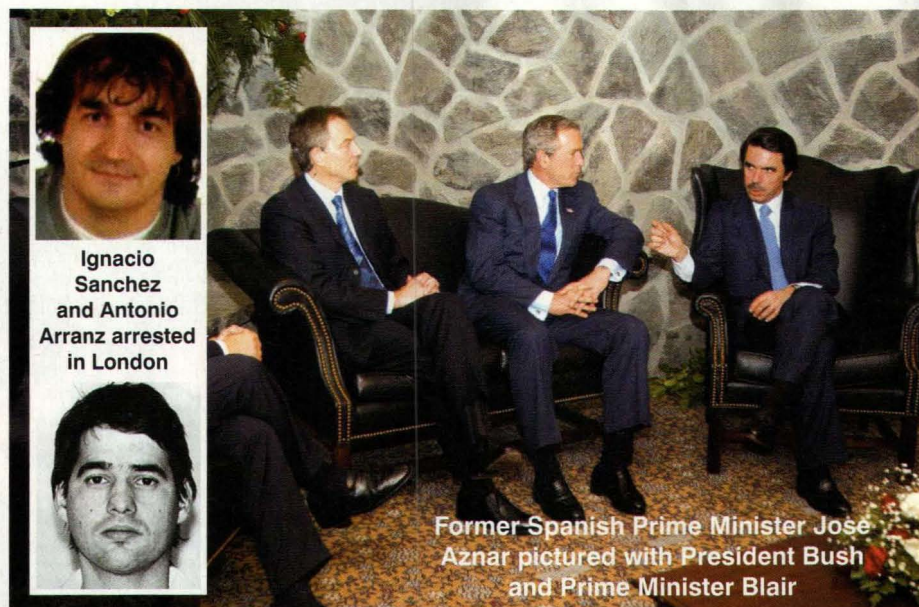
Kemen Uranga Artola (left) and Benat Atorrasagasti Ordenez, were arrested within a couple of weeks of each other. Intel sources believe they were exposed by an informant



ETA has been responsible for hundreds of deaths in Spain and France, this as it seeks to create an independent nation for seven regions which it claims belong only to Basque people. Though many Basques support independence, the vast majority are opposed to the violence



**ETA - Euskadi Ta
Askatasuna -
'Basque Homeland
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Ignacio Sanchez and Antonio Arranz arrested in London

Former Spanish Prime Minister José Aznar pictured with President Bush and Prime Minister Blair

De Osaba is also serving a hefty sentence - 29-years for killing Civil Guard officer Alfonso Parada in May 1998.

Spanish security services called Ordonez a "carrier," saying he is wanted for transporting gunmen across the border of France and Spain. The Basque region straddles the border area.

Ordonez has been living in Scotland for a number of years, but his whereabouts became known to MI5 who placed him under surveillance. Once he was properly identified by Spanish police, a request from Madrid was made to arrest him. A spokesman for Spain's Interior Ministry said: "Everything suggests he was part of ETA's reserve apparatus - groups formed by fugitives who are prepared to form active cells when the terror leadership decides.

"He joined ETA in 1996 as a member of their transport command. This group was dismantled in 2001, but he managed to flee and joined the clandestine ETA terrorist structures in France. Ordonez's fingerprints had been found on recovered material, and because of that he received a prison sentence."

Ordonez was living under an assumed name in the Scottish capital with his wife and child. He is wanted by both French and Spanish police, thus it's unclear which country he will be extradited to.

In October 2011, ETA called an end to its 43-year terrorist campaign, but arrests continue apace. In early July 2012, Juan Maria Mugica Dorronsoro, a senior ETA man, was arrested near the French city of Pau. He was wanted for involvement in a deadly 2001 plot to assassinate then Spanish Prime Minister Jose Aznar. In that year Mugica was suspected of driving weaponry, including a missile, from France to the Spanish town of Hernani in readiness for the attack. The plot never materialised.

Since 2011, 20 fugitive ETA members have been arrested across Europe, including several senior operatives. In June, two suspected ETA men were detained in France. One is Ugaiz Errazquin Telleria, wanted in connection with the 2008 assassination of a local Basque politician. In the same month, New Scotland Yard raided addresses in London and arrested wanted ETA operatives Antonio Arranz and Ignacio Sanchez.

ETA'S DEADLY SENIOR SERVICE



100-YEARS
Asier Arenzana



ARRESTED
Juan Maria Dorronsoro



29-YEARS
Igor Martinez de Osaba

850 DEATHS IN FIVE DECADES OF VIOLENCE

Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (ETA), which translates in English to 'Basque Homeland and Freedom', was formed in 1959. It was not always a violent group and its original concept was one of promoting independence by dialogue.



Jose Francisco Querol

A decade or so later the group began killing and kidnapping officials, and despite several ceasefires ETA continue to operate dual initiatives. Many deaths have been attributed to its ruthless gunmen, including:



Jose Luiz Ruiz

Judge Jose Francisco Querol killed by an ETA bomb in Madrid in October 2000. He was president of the military section of Spain's Supreme Court and held rank of General.



Luis Carrero Blanco

Jose Luiz Ruiz, a local council official was murdered by an ETA gunman in San Adrian de Besos, near Barcelona in 2000.

In December 1973, ETA struck a devastating blow against Madrid, by assassinating Prime Minister Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco.



Alfonso Parada

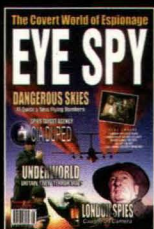
Civil Guard officer Alfonso Parada was shot dead in May 1998.

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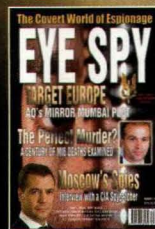
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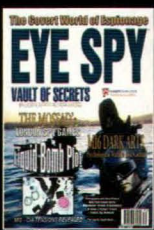
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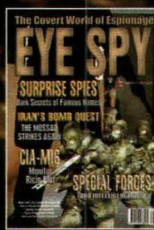
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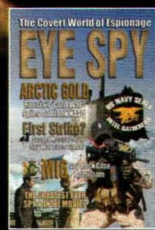
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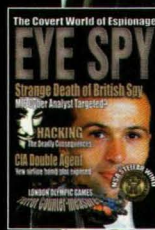
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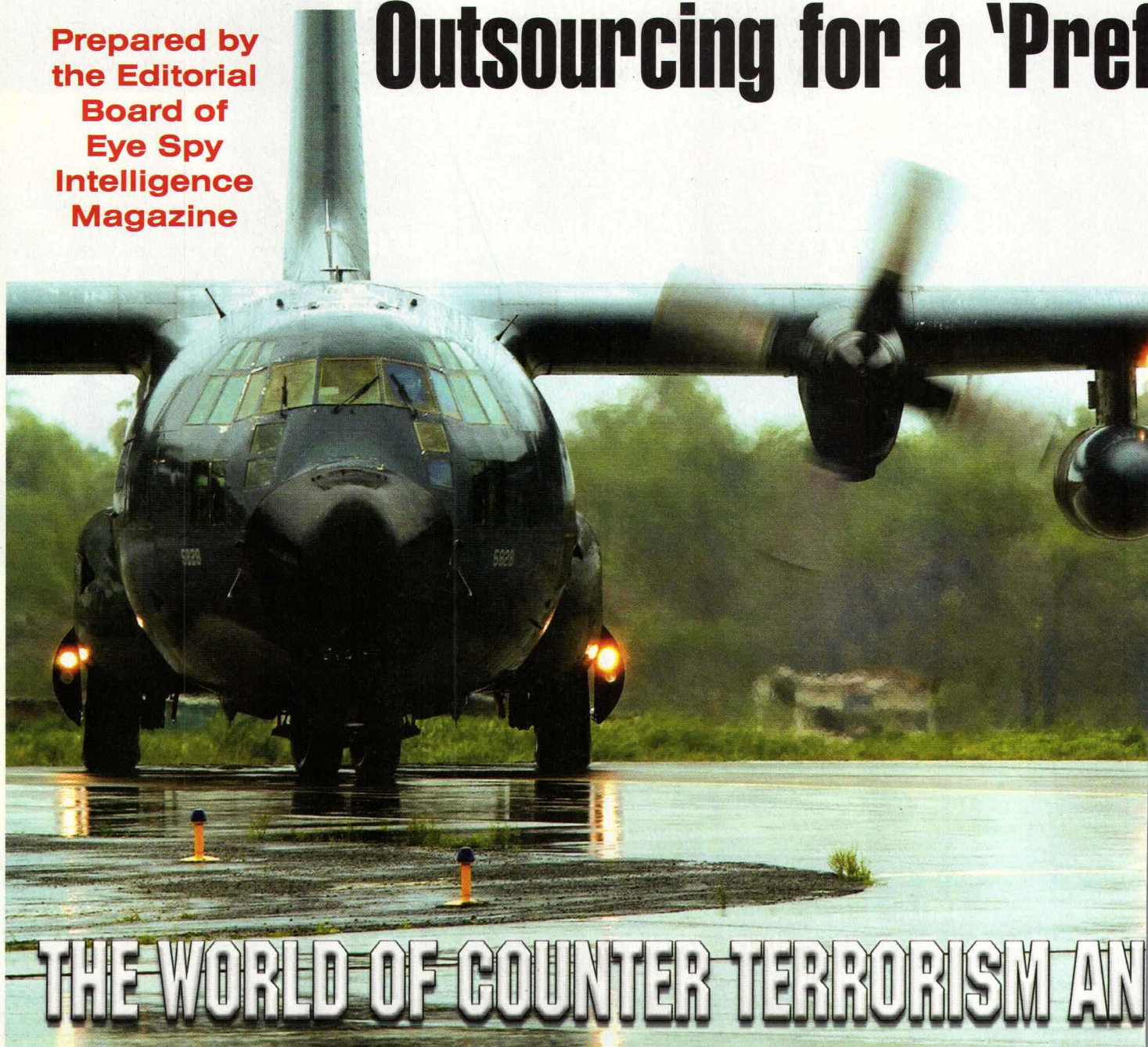
This is an element of counter-terrorism that is as complex as it is emotive, and can be applied to nation states, organisations, and even individuals. It is also inextricably linked to finance, political and military objectives, border disputes, revenge, security and even organised criminality. To provide a proper insight one must analyse each aspect individually, and try to focus on cause as well as the actual incident, motive or objective.

What happened on 11 September 2001 in the United States is a good case example that reflects not single state terrorism, but hate for one nation. As much analysis to

THE SPONSORS OF TERROR

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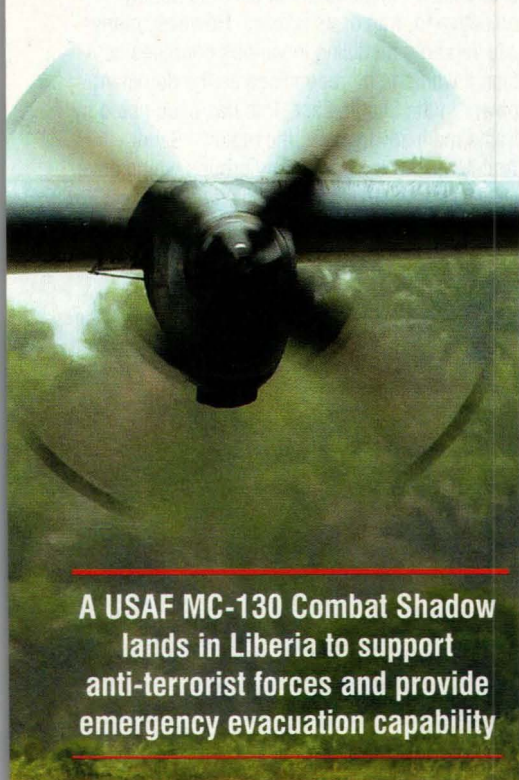
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THE WORLD OF COUNTER TERRORISM AND

discover why the attack was launched, equals that to who performed it. There are some commentators and observers who used the very tired explanation of "American foreign policy," but this was never mentioned by those who chose to murder 3,000 people. When one investigates further, it soon becomes apparent that Osama bin-Laden may have been ultimately responsible for authorising the attack, but there are many people connected to the event who have not been traced: rich financiers, business people and officials who helped fund and plan the operation. The CIA is fully aware that the hijackers had

TERRORISM 'able Result'



A USAF MC-130 Combat Shadow lands in Liberia to support anti-terrorist forces and provide emergency evacuation capability

PART 5 INTELLIGENCE



Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld addresses the world's press just hours after terrorists attacked America on 11 September 2001. US counter-terrorist officials had already begun the country's biggest ever investigation, which would ultimately conclude no single state could be blamed

logistical support, intelligence insight and unqualified assistance. This could be viewed as sponsorship, and without it, Mohammed Atta and his group would probably have failed. Some backers worked in government in the Middle East and beyond. It does not mean, of course, that you can hold a country responsible for the illegal covert and unauthorised actions of but a few of its nationals. But one does expect investigative support and cooperation to find all those behind the network, at the very least.

SUPPORT OR INFLUENCE?

Following the deaths of five Iranian nuclear scientists in recent years, the Iranian government and press placed the finger of blame at Israel, the UK and USA for "sponsoring terrorist acts." This from a country which is itself included in a small grouping that the United States Department of State defines as 'State Sponsors of Terrorism'. The other countries are Syria, Cuba and Sudan. Washington says these nations have "repeatedly provided support for international acts of terrorism." It's ironic that the government of Syria, which today finds itself involved in a bitter civil war, says it is fighting a terrorist opposition. And to make matters worse, there are indeed al-Qaida elements inside the country challenging government forces. The West may be helping the Free Syria Army by providing millions of pounds for humanitarian aid, trauma kits, medical supplies, radio equipment, water purification etc., but it is obvious some funds will probably end up in the hands of al-Qaida. Indeed, a few days after the UK said it was donating £5 million to the FSA, a

US DEPARTMENT OF STATE List of State Sponsors of Terrorism

Country	Designated Date
CUBA	1 March 1982
IRAN	19 January 1984
SUDAN	12 August 1993
SYRIA	29 December 1979

senior commander demanded more assistance, threatening to forge an alliance with al-Qaida to topple President Bashar Assad. If a merger took place, how would the FSA then be viewed? And already, small splinter groups are beginning to emerge. The fighting in Syria highlights the difficulty of building a standard response to such events; counter-terrorist analysts must view all incidents as unique. Analysts predict the fall of Assad, but what of the aftermath? And who will be in charge?

POLITICAL GAMES

Many intelligence watchers see Cuba's inclusion on the terror list as surprising, especially as North Korea has been removed. Even Washington believes the communist outpost does not pose a genuine threat to America. Some analysts find the listing unhelpful because terror events are taking place across the world, which many governments claim are state sponsored. Officials in India have petitioned that Pakistan be added, noting a



Fidel Castro with Brazil's President Lula da Silva in 2006. Though Washington no longer perceives Cuba as a direct threat, it remains on its list of sponsors of state terrorism

number of terrorist groups have been active on its soil for years. Officially, Pakistan opposes the groups, but they often seem to operate with impunity. There has been persistent claims rogue officials in the ISI (Inter-Services-Intelligence Agency) have provided protection and support. After 9/11, many terror groups changed names, this to avoid being prescribed by Washington. The situation in countries such as Pakistan and Afghanistan is complicated because support is often given by non-state players, and this makes identifying individuals and their possible links with government even more difficult. Local tribes

and sectarian groups have many affiliates and traditional threads to even more enthusiastic followers. Rhetoric and hatred of foreigners can spawn

terror groups willing to be sponsored from far away lands.

Pakistan is a unique and stand-alone case and the stakes could not be higher. In mid-August a large joint al-Qaida-Taliban group attacked a Pakistan air base (Minhas) at Kamra. The base is but 45 miles away from the country's capital - Islamabad. Using rocket-propelled grenades and other powerful weaponry, security was breached before reinforcements helped repulse the attack. MI6 sources say the terrorists may have believed the facility housed nuclear weapons and this was

The Berlin building which once hosted the nightclub La Bella. In 1986, it was targeted by agents sponsored by Libya because of its popularity with US servicemen. An explosion killed two US troopers and a Turkish civilian. 230 people were also injured, including 79 American troops.

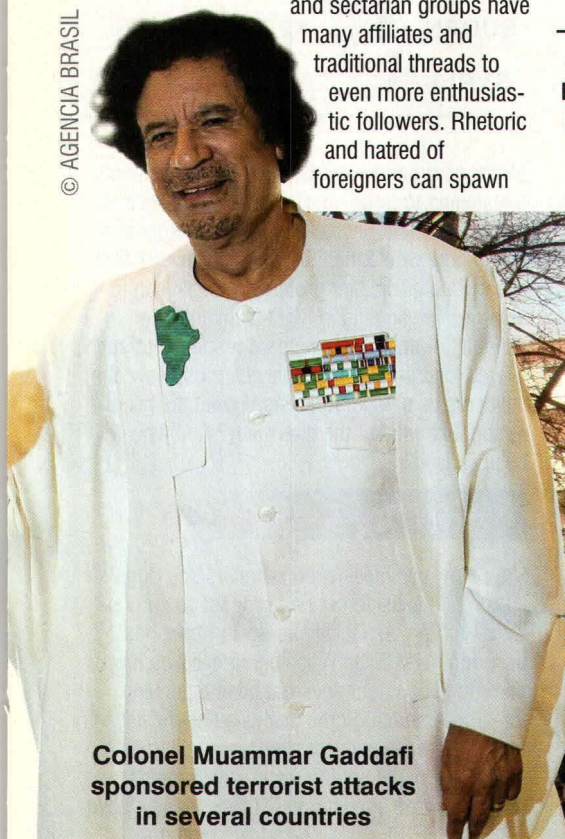
their objective. It's difficult to believe that elements in Pakistan's government would support such an attack, but someone provided intelligence.

ACTIVE STATE SPONSORSHIP

This involves country's which provide finance, weapons, logistics and on occasions propaganda and protection to a terrorist organisation. It could be for a variety of reasons; political, security or even to fight a proxy war. But is there ever a legitimate objective?

Some countries allow terror groups and individuals the luxury of a safe haven within their borders. An existing example of state sponsorship of terrorism can be found in Iran, which provides training grounds and material support for Hezbollah, and possibly the Taliban. The country's Revolutionary Guard and main intelligence service have ties to various groups and individuals in the Middle East. Some of these, according to CIA estimates, are active in Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan and Somalia. Targets are often government or foreign offices. On initial examination, there does not seem to be any objective for Iran or its proxies. However, many see Tehran's meddling in various countries as a sign it wants to be recognised as the dominant power in the Middle East. This has been noted by Iran's main adversary in the region - Saudi Arabia. But worryingly, many groups which have links to Iran's proxies, have now attracted al-Qaida. "Tehran seems to be projecting its power," according to one CT researcher, by "influencing events

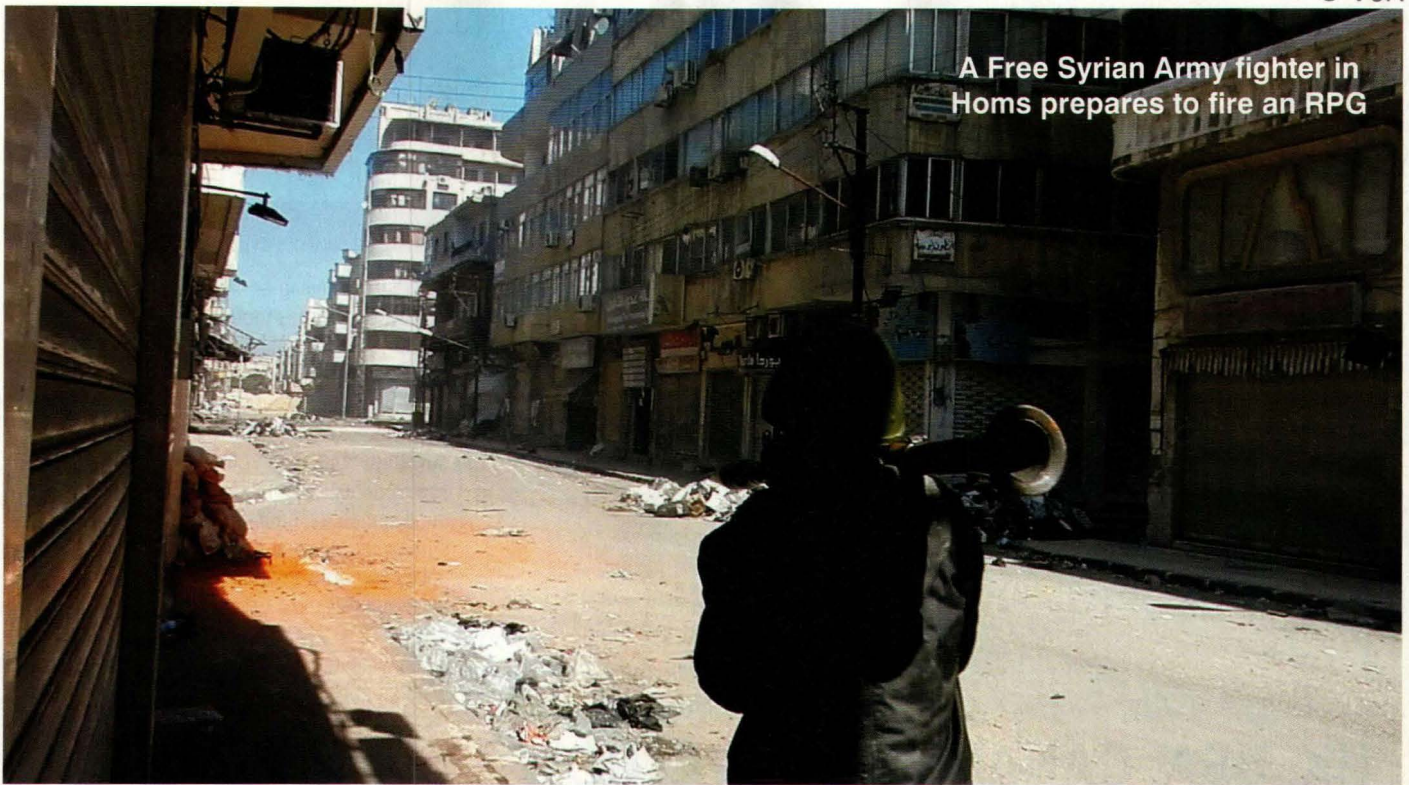
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Colonel Muammar Gaddafi sponsored terrorist attacks in several countries



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A Free Syrian Army fighter in Homs prepares to fire an RPG

By engaging or controlling a group, sometimes thousands of miles away, some nation states are happy in the knowledge that they are causing trouble for an adversary...

abroad." In reality, it has drawn too much attention to itself, and the press is unforgiving. Sanctions and other restrictions may cause concern to the government of Iran, but it is the Iranian people themselves who are taking most of the hurt. But a greater danger exists: by attracting al-Qaida affiliates, this has left Iran in somewhat of a dilemma with its closest ally - Syria. Syria has been described as "Iran's Achilles heel" and should it fall, one CIA estimate predicts Iran may go the same way. That has massive implications for everyone, considering its advanced nuclear programme.

HATRED AND IDEALS

For decades Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's Libya was one of the leading state sponsors of global terrorism. Across Europe his spy agency encouraged other groups to attack Western targets; from bombings in nightclubs and businesses, to hijacking airliners, hundreds of people died. Gaddafi also supported groups such as the IRA, and moved arms and weapons to Ireland and beyond. His actions were probably born from his hatred of the West, in particular the United States. Washington and Tripoli had had many fierce encounters. In 1986, in response to a terror attack in Berlin, over 60 USAF warplanes struck Tripoli and Benghazi. Many civilians died including Gaddafi's adopted daughter, Hanna (see sidebar). The attack was launched from Britain. To compound matters, those living in the country had been 'fed' constant propaganda about how bad the West is - the 1986 events only conspired to make matters worse. Propaganda often works, and many people were instilled with the belief that



countries such as America, Britain and Israel constituted a legitimate enemy. It was probably at this point, Gaddafi chose to start his plan to build a nuclear bomb and accelerated and increased assistance to terror groups opposed to Western ideals.

SECRET SPONSORS

European-based terror group Red Brigades received no state backing. However, there was undoubtedly general support from some communist countries and interestingly, an intelligence service. It is almost certain that the RB received weaponry and monies from the powerful Czech State Security Service (StB) and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO). Why such organisations would support a group conducting assassinations, bombings and extortion is unclear, but whilst ever the Red Brigades were operational,

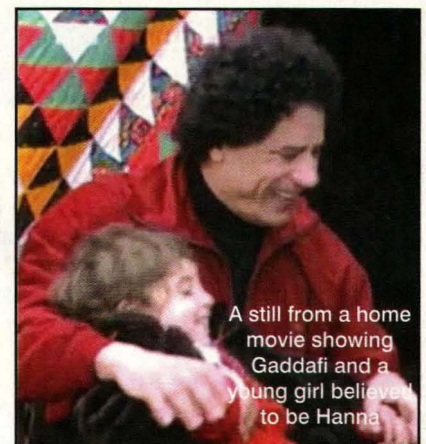
MYSTERY OF HANNA GADDAFI

A 25-YEAR PROPAGANDA SECRET

The death of Colonel Gaddafi's adopted daughter Hanna in 1986, following a USAF bomb strike, made headlines across the world. Libya used the incident as a propaganda tool and for weeks Washington faced much international criticism.

Twenty-five years later, when Libyan rebel fighters searched Gaddafi's Bab al-Aziz compound, they discovered a room which contained items suggesting it belonged to a young female medical student... her name was Hanna Gaddafi.

Documents, a passport and photographs were also found in her name. Also included in the material was a certificate showing she had secured a Grade A after attending an English course run by the British Council. A spokesperson for the BC said it was under the impression this woman was adopted by Gaddafi and named after the youngster killed in 1986. However, that seems unlikely.



A still from a home movie showing Gaddafi and a young girl believed to be Hanna

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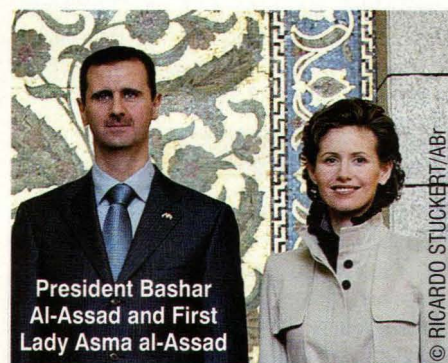
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huge resources were needed to counter such activities. This brings us to strategy and motivation.

STRATEGY AND MOTIVATION

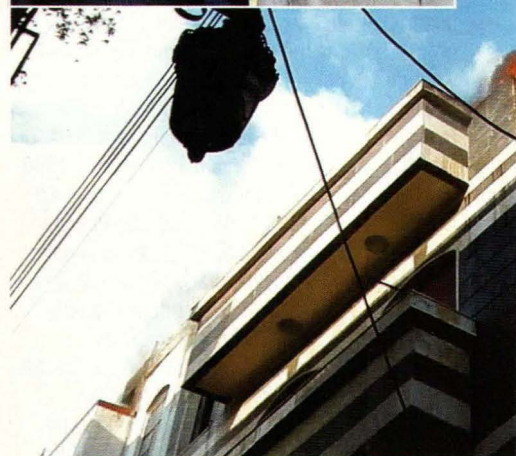
By engaging or controlling a group, sometimes thousands of miles away, some nation states are happy in the knowledge that they are causing trouble for an adversary. This ensures that finance and resources are being drawn away from central government to counter the threat. India has accused Pakistan of supporting terror outfits in the disputed Kashmir, this in an effort to tie down thousands of Indian troops. The effect of such a policy can draw countries to the negotiating table; but there is a very real chance it could inflame opinion and only worsen relations. But by denying such accusations, and without proof, a status quo is created, and the games continue.

Occasionally, major countries who operate proxies or support foreign terror groups, do so to influence and change the political landscape of a target country. Sponsorship could also be afforded in respect of a retaliatory strike. Smaller nation states with weak armies can and have backed terror groups to strike back at vastly superior nations in terms of their political and military strength. And sometimes it is not necessary to back a group or organisation to perform such a task. There are many cases littered in history, some dating back thousands of years, where a single sponsored assassin can bring down a nation, cause civil war, or even pit two friendly states against each other. Suspicion and fear often collide when a country's leader or

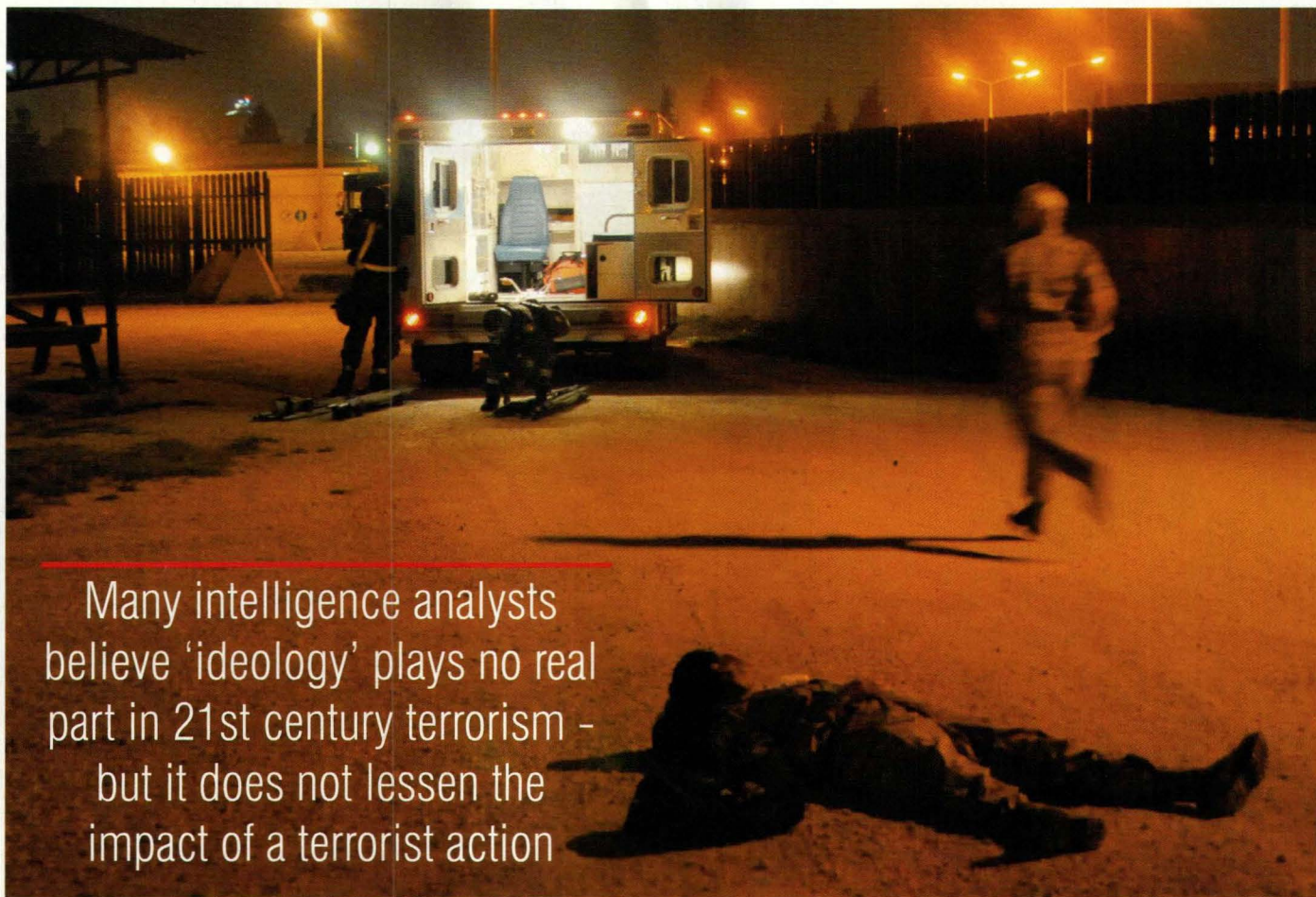


President Bashar
Al-Assad and First
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Many intelligence analysts believe 'ideology' plays no real part in 21st century terrorism - but it does not lessen the impact of a terrorist action

high-profile figure is suddenly killed. This inevitably leads to more finger pointing and disputes.

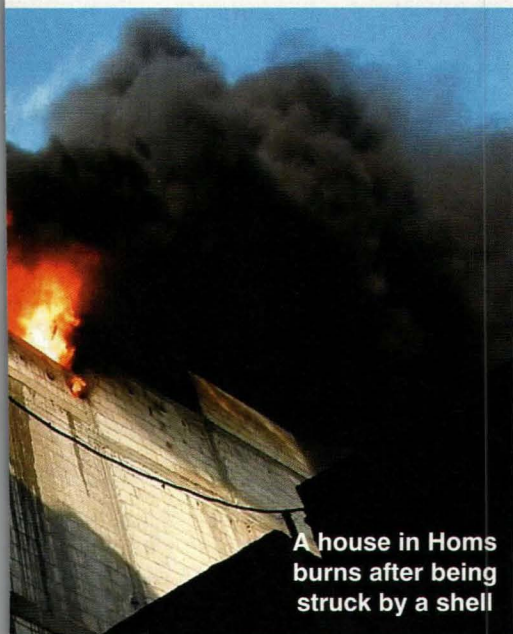
REGIME CHANGE

For years the CIA plotted to assassinate Castro and backed the country's rebels. And the Agency has covertly supported opposition groups across the globe, the Contras of Nicaragua is another example. However, these actions fall into a category known as 'Regime Change'. One suspects Fidel Castro may describe them differently. The CIA is but one

organisation amongst hundreds that for decades has secretly provided funding and weaponry in an effort to topple a dictator or unfriendly government. Such actions have occurred several times in the Middle East of late and one is still in progress - Syria. In this case however, the opposition is receiving support from more than one country.

IDEOLOGY

In years goneby, ideology may have been the motivation for some groups which turned to terrorism to achieve their goal. However, many intelligence analysts believe this 'reason' now plays no real part in 21st century terrorism. Revolution can spawn terror groups, and separatist movements, as evidenced in the shambles of Syria. But al-Qaida and those who support its NAME, have no idea what its objective is. Even bin-Laden admits in letters recovered from his compound (Letters From Abbottabad), that in the end, he wasn't really



A house in Homs burns after being struck by a shell



Former President Mubarak and Russia Prime Minister Medvedev



Protesters in Cairo show their support for the opposition in Syria by unfolding a giant flag used by the FSA

sure what he was fighting for. Of course, some terrorists fight simply out of hatred of another people and country; Israel as a target comes to mind here. People are often drawn into foreign lands believing they must support a cause. However, circumstances, both political and militarily can change in moments. For many young men who have ventured into Syria to fight with the FSA, they have suddenly found themselves fighting alongside al-Qaida. And for



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ordinary confused Syrians, many can't understand why so much external support was provided to topple Gaddafi in Libya and Mubarak in Egypt. Analysts would argue that each situation is unique, and as such, must be viewed independently from each other.

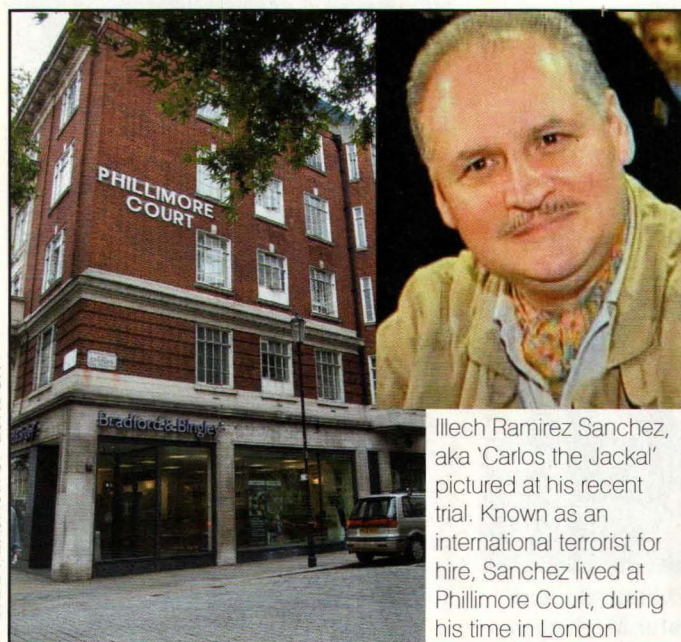
CLOSED BORDERS

State sponsors of terrorism can be identified, but intelligence is often difficult to secure. This is because the country is often 'closed' or run by a dictator or regime. The major fear of counter-intelligence officials is that by providing support to terror groups, which is often tied with reward (finance, land, housing etc.), it enables them to recruit,

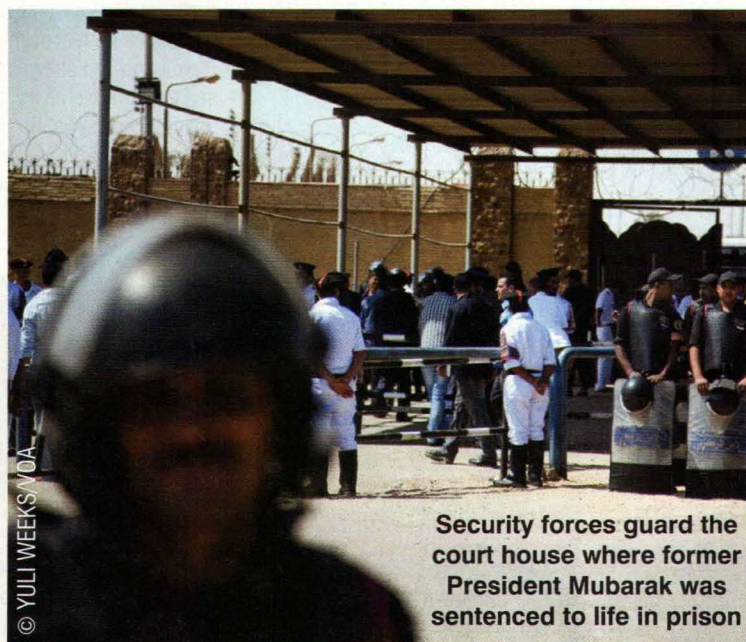
spread and function with more mobility. It also allows groups access to credible documentation, passports, transport and logistics. Once armed with such items, a terrorist becomes even more of a formidable opponent - and in essence so too does his sponsor - who now controls him. Illech Ramirez Sanchez, aka 'Carlos the Jackal', was one individual who had support from several countries and groups. He was sponsored to assassinate, bomb and communicate with fellow terrorists for years. Without such support, he would probably have been caught much sooner. And worryingly for some counter-terrorist services in Europe and the Middle East, there has been a steady rise in the number of direct-targeted assassinations which have undoubtedly been sponsored by foreign concerns.

FRONTS AND INDIVIDUALS

MI5 and the FBI now have dedicated desks to identify individuals and front companies which are essentially barriers to the state sponsors. By using foreign nationals and 'legitimate' businesses, recruitment and operations can be performed with near impunity. And even if exposed, "plausible deniability" is a phrase which comes to mind here. The skill needed to create such screens is immense, but the results can be devastating; 9/11 and all that planning can be referenced here. Ten years and counting after the eastern US seaboard was attacked, better counter-terrorist organisations exist, linked by a global



Illech Ramirez Sanchez, aka 'Carlos the Jackal' pictured at his recent trial. Known as an international terrorist for hire, Sanchez lived at Phillimore Court, during his time in London



Security forces guard the court house where former President Mubarak was sentenced to life in prison

NATO personnel and Afghan Army and Police officers train together at a firing range outside Kabul. As NATO prepares to leave Afghanistan, 'blue on green' attacks have increased alarmingly



network of liaisons and thousands of government offices in hundreds of countries. However, it's what takes place behind the doors of those offices which can't be accessed that counts.

Is the US Department of State list which identifies but four 'State Sponsors of Terrorism' optimistic, or just a stage-managed sidebar, and one that is politically inspired? It's a difficult question to answer, but whilst most countries try and resolve their differences around a table, history tells us that there will always be a rogue country, group or individual intent on using skulduggery and violence to achieve a 'preferable result'.

BLUE ON GREEN ATTACKS

An increase in deaths reveals an external influence

One increasing problem in Afghanistan which has a terrorist dimension, is the rise in the number of so-called 'blue on green' (or visa versa) shootings. In August, three incidents cost the lives of several US Marines and trainers. Since January, NATO data reveals 34 personnel have been killed, this compared to 21 in 2011. The incidents usually involve Afghan police, troops or base workers. Without notice, they simply turn their weapons on colleagues. Other shootings involve terror operatives who have managed to secure uniforms and accredited documentation. This allows them access to restricted areas or to mingle with genuine troops.

The CIA and Pentagon believe most of these incidents have been inspired or organised by external forces, including Iranian Intelligence via Taliban contacts. Many of the operatives have been coerced and turned, though it is suspected threats against family members and financial reward also plays a part. Some, however, have offered their services to the Taliban and its associates in al-Qaida.

Since hundreds of foreign contractors are involved with training, terror groups have additional targets, indeed, dozens of non-military personnel, including truck drivers transporting cargo, have also been killed by rogue police officers or troops.

• In September, Pentagon officials issued instructions that training of police, Afghan troops and militias be halted for a month.



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HIGH STAKES FOR IRAN

IRAN SUPPORT BUT NO MILITARY INTERVENTION

Counter-intelligence analysts, indeed a variety of specialists examine political, media, military and a range of other happenings when considering events such as those taking place in Syria. Iran's role is seen as crucial to those whose task it is to predict an outcome.

Though Tehran has issued vocal support and sent officials to Damascus, organisations like the CIA note it has not offered to support Syria by sending troops or using aircraft in the region. This may of course happen, but is deemed unlikely. As such, President Assad's armed forces are fighting more intensely, and the war has become much more brutal, though atrocities are definitely being committed by both sides.

Iranian Air Force MiG 29



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CIA and MI6 analysts have already identified a possible clue why Tehran has not yet come to the aid of its closest ally; President Ahmadinejad recognises his country may soon be dealing with a new government...

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REMOTE VIEWING

IN THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE

AN OBJECTIVE OVERVIEW

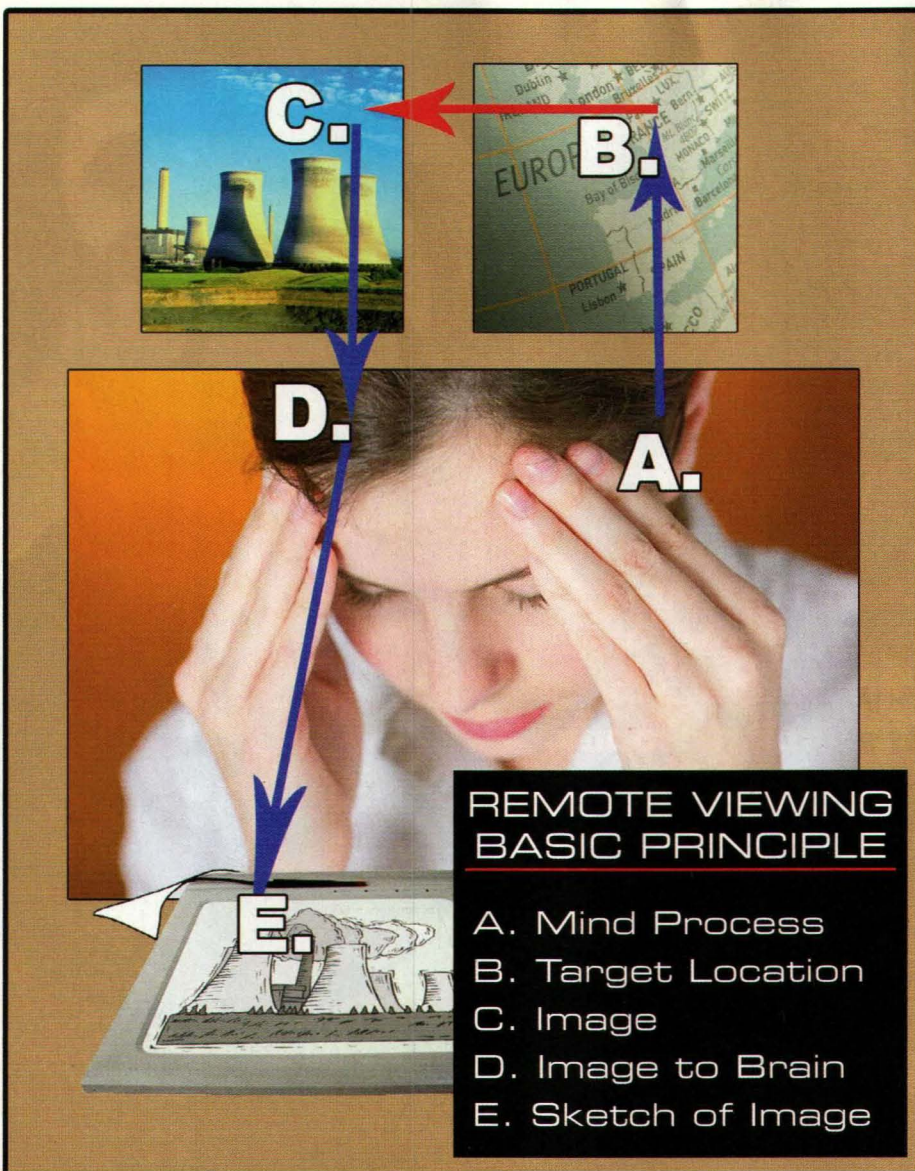
Former British police officer
MIKE FINN begins a new series
examining the controversial subject
known as 'Remote Viewing'. In this
feature he explains that far from
being dismissed as an irrelevance,
some of the world's leading intel
services have conducted lengthy
research projects, including
America's CIA and DIA

At first sight the subject of remote viewing would appear to have no logical connection with an intelligence magazine. However, since the last world war many a country's intelligence service has devoted considerable time and money, not only researching this subject, but using trained operatives in this field. In essence remote viewing relates to an individual who can use enhanced perception to communicate with reasonable accuracy, over a distance, linking to places and people to obtain information. These abilities are further enhanced and evaluated by scientific process. The advantages of reaching remote and inaccessible locations of a rival nation's classified areas, without conventional intelligence risk, are immense.

Remote viewing is regarded as controversial; some commentators are full of ridicule, while on the other side of the coin there are those who simply believe everything they read or hear about it. In this series I am going to take an objective look at this subject, bearing in mind, that occasionally it gravitates between the scientific and the esoteric. To understand the nature of remote viewing we will need to review aspects of quantum physics, the occult, parapsychology and study the forerunners of this theme through the pages of history. In the final analysis however, the pieces will fit together with a much clearer perspective. Our first task is to look at the projects that have brought the skill of remote viewing firmly into the intelligence world's domain.

• Intelligence
• Interest
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PART ONE



THE HUNT FOR BIN-LADEN



Even as far back as pre-war Russia, experiments into remote viewing and telepathy were being conducted at the Leningrad Institute For Brain Research. By the 1960s Russian Intelligence had consolidated the studies into what was referred to as 'psychotronic' research. The funding was colossal, by the late 1970s over 250 million Roubles had gone towards these studies. It is little wonder that America entered this field in the 1970s, especially as China was also involved in similar investigations.

CIA AND DIA STUDIES

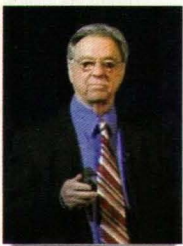
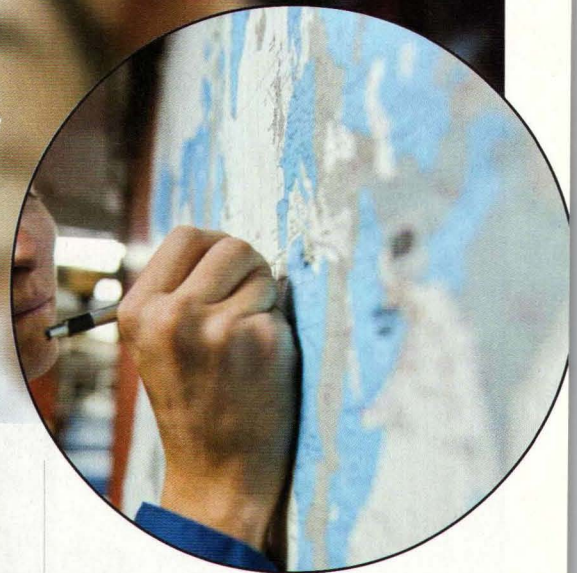
It was in the early 1970s at the Stanford Research Institute, where Harold Puthoff and Russell Targ began experiments into remote viewing. One of the early experiments in 1973 came under the name SCANATE and involved a remote viewer called Ingo Swann. The results were so impressive that they peaked the interest of the CIA, who co-funded the project. The names given to various studies were, to say the least exotic, they included

NSA and CIA analysts who studied this single frame from footage taken by a Predator spy drone in the early 2000s, were convinced the figure in white was Osama bin-Laden. He appears to be addressing members of an al-Qaida terror cell at a training camp. When the search for the terror leader seemed to be heading nowhere, rumours surfaced Langley was seeking intelligence from a variety of unconventional sources and methods, including remote viewing.



Stanford University, California

Beyond speculation about the viability of remote viewing one fact is clear, world powers believed enough in the subject to have invested vast sums of money, not only on research but on the actual use of remote viewing



Dr Harold Puthoff

project GONDOLA WISH (1977-79), GRILLFLAME (1979-83), CENTER LANE (1983-85), DRAGON ABSORB (1985-86), SUNSTREAK (1986-90), and the better known STARGATE project (1990-95), which came under the auspices of the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA).

Each of these initiatives were funded by various government departments over the years. However, overall some \$20 million was allocated to this collective research, plus another \$11 million in the 1980s. With this kind of budget and that of the Russia's research mentioned earlier, it is clear that this was no frivolous venture. It was one that officials perceived and perhaps believed,

had considerable intelligence value. This view was consolidated by early positive research results that were sufficient to warrant both funding and government support.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE INTEREST

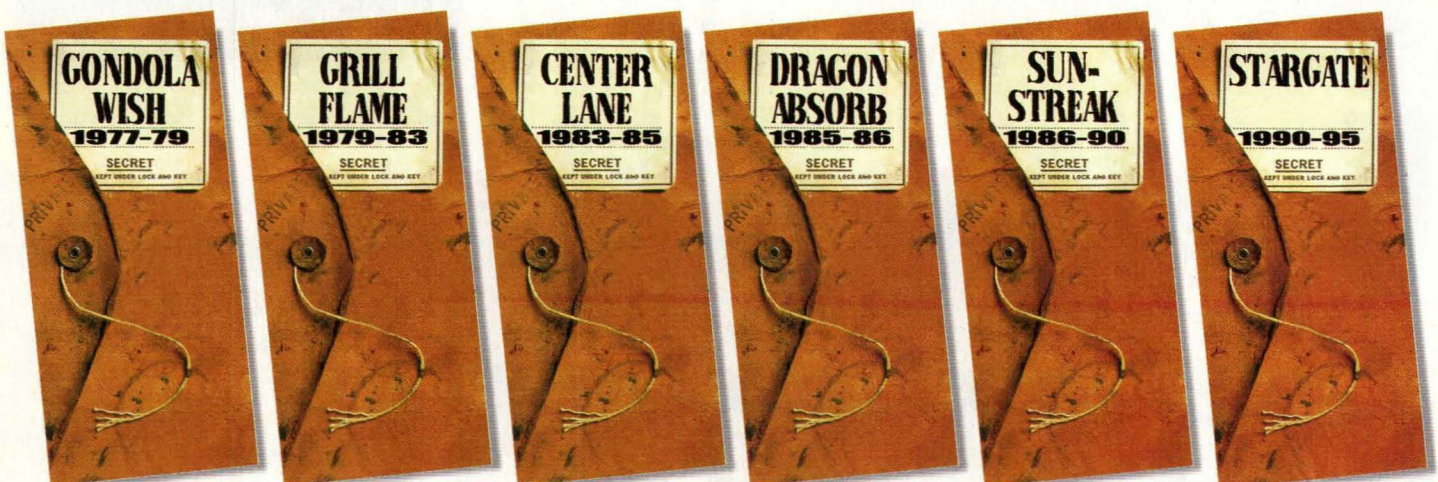
Besides America, Russia and China, Britain also had a vested interest in remote viewing. Under the Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA), a document was released by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in 2007. This related to remote viewing research that was undertaken as late as 2001, at which time various remote viewing experiments were carried out and documented.

Remote viewing is not an exact science and results vary. However, some operatives selected for the tests had a very high accuracy rate,

which lends itself to validating the potential. The main problems relate to innumerable variables which can affect the remote viewer, other associated variables include the ability of the remote viewer to 'tune-in' to the target. This is why a scientific approach is used, to control and minimise variable factors, allowing for more accurate results.

One tricky question relates to why some people can remote view and others can't. In fact we all have inherent potential for many amazing things, alas our genealogy, physiology, and life conditioning limit the range of these achievements. There are also factors that govern the balance between our intellectual and intuitive mind, these often interact and place inhibitors on more

THE OFFICIAL PROJECTS



STARGATE PROJECT

US Government funded research into remote viewing spanned three decades. The programmes featured on page 76, represent some of the more well known endeavours, the most famous being the Stargate Project - 1990-1995

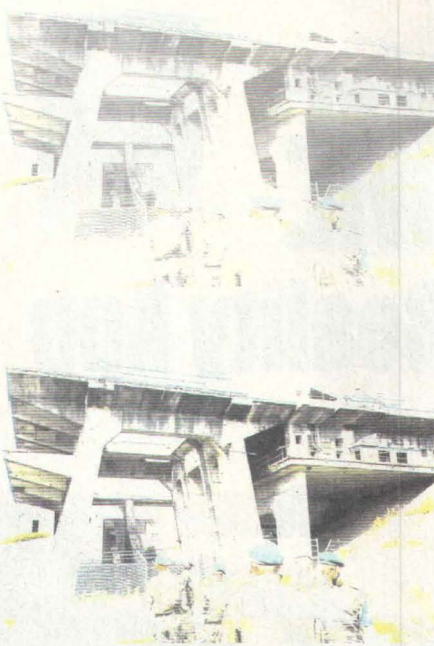


In 1995, the Stargate Project officially ended following an independent review. A scientific research panel concluded:

The foregoing observations provide a compelling argument against continuation of the programme within the intelligence community. Even though a statistically significant effect has been observed in the laboratory, it remains unclear whether the existence of a paranormal phenomenon, remote viewing, has been demonstrated. The laboratory studies do not provide evidence regarding the origins or nature of the phenomenon, assuming it exists, nor do they address an important methodological issue of inter-judge reliability.

Further, even if it could be demonstrated unequivocally that a paranormal phenomenon occurs under the conditions present in the laboratory paradigm, these conditions have limited applicability and utility for intelligence gathering operations. For example, the nature of the remote viewing targets are vastly dissimilar, as are the specific tasks required of the remote viewers. Most importantly, the information provided by remote viewing is vague and ambiguous, making it difficult, if not impossible, for the technique to yield information of sufficient quality and accuracy of information for actionable intelligence. Thus, we conclude that continued use of remote viewing in intelligence gathering operations is not warranted.

- Executive summary, 'An Evaluation of Remote Viewing: Research and Applications', American Institutes for Research, 29 September 1995



Intelligence and military officials were hopeful remote viewers could locate and accurately describe all manner of buildings, secret structures and other selected targets. Just how successful the projects were is a matter of great debate

instinctive exploration. Our mental state develops much like our physical bodies, a weight lifter builds bulk muscle, while a runner's muscle is slender for mobility and speed; if they exchanged roles the muscle development would change accordingly. In the same light, the academic mind of the intellectual and the creative mind of the artist are reflected in the career path and mind state of the individual (Ingo Swann mentioned above, was in fact an artist). Some people naturally tend towards the intuitive while others gravitate in a materialistic direction. For example, compare two people who are house or flat hunting. One of them may instantly pick up on the 'vibes' of a house, believing it to be 'friendly' or 'sinister', the other person will be totally indifferent, to them it's just a house.



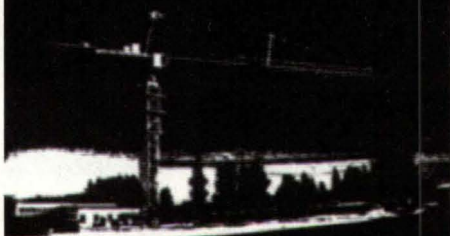
Intelligence officials hoped that if remote viewing was possible, it could negate the need (in some cases) for despatching agents

Beyond speculation about the viability of remote viewing one fact is clear, world powers believed enough in the subject to have invested vast sums of money, not only on research but on the actual use of remote viewing. This is compounded by the number of world intelligence agencies that have used, and interestingly, *still* use remote viewing in their various intelligence activities.

Having shown the role that remote viewing has in the intelligence cycle, the next task is to look at the logical evaluation of remote viewing itself. For someone to use the mind to instantly access a place or person on the other side of the world seems, on the face of it, improbable. What scientific evidence could possibly substantiate the viability of such a claim? And yet various governments results have a proven track record.

- In the next article Mike Finn looks at some quite remarkable evidence that he believes opens a new perspective into understanding how the information can reportedly be transmitted from target to viewer, then visualised and actually recorded by the remote viewer.

SOVIET CRANE SPARKED EARLY CIA INTEREST



CIA contracted remote viewer Pat Price reportedly had some success in providing information on a "large crane at a Soviet nuclear facility." His research would be overshadowed after his claims and 'observations' became more and more sensational

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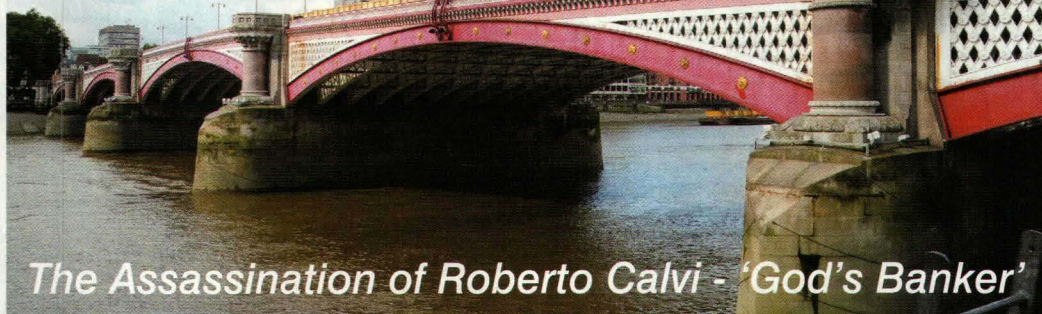
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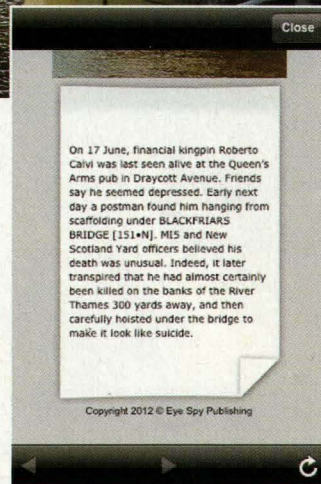
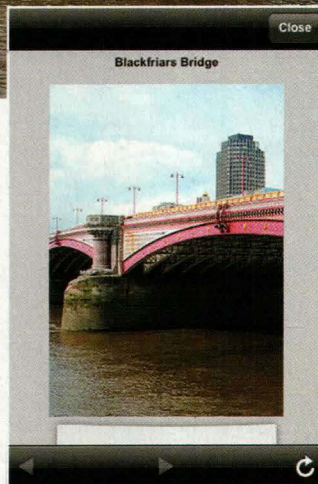
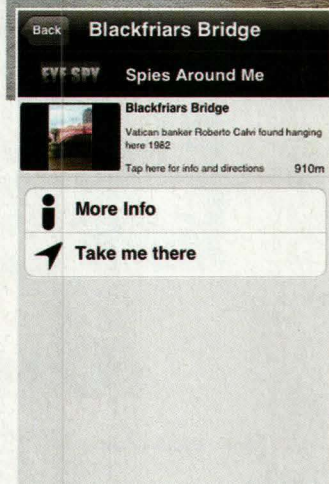


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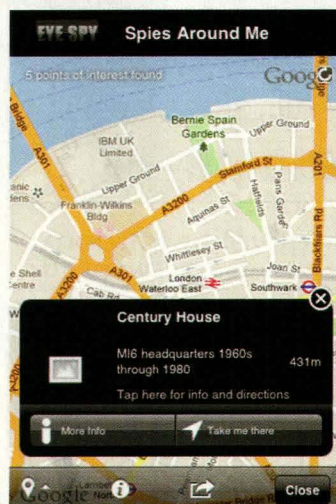
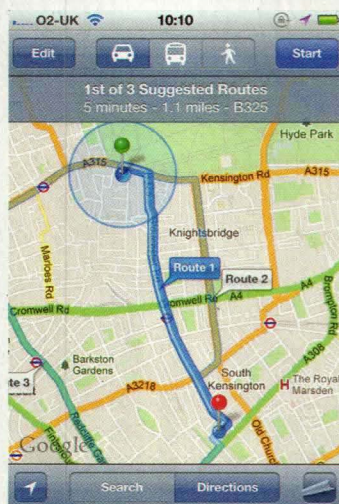
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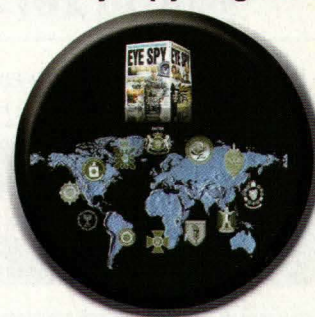


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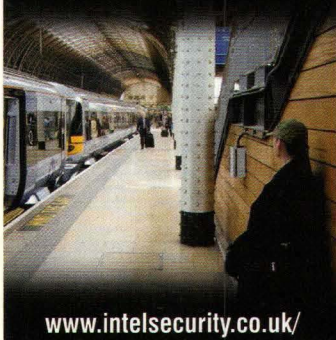
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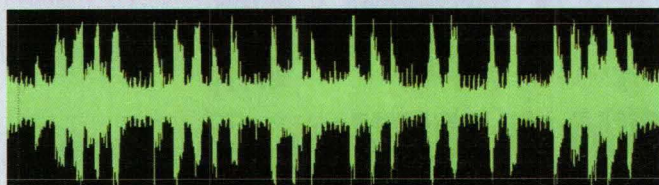
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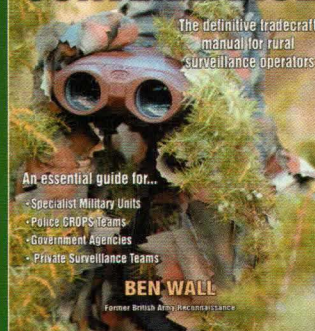
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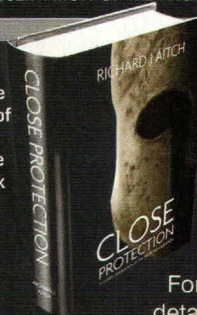
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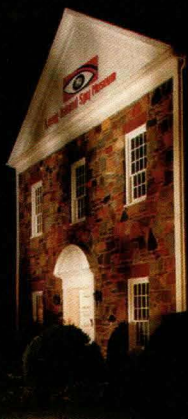


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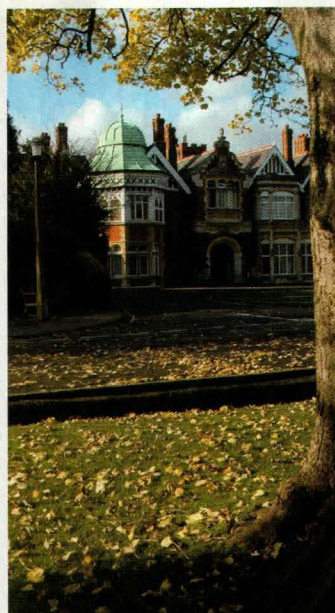
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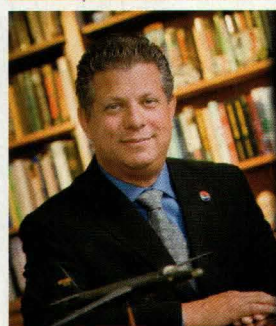
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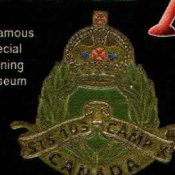
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Russian IT Firm Denies Web Spy Allegations

For some time rumours have circulated about US military software which automatically creates and controls hundreds (perhaps thousands) of accounts on Twitter, Facebook and other social networking sites. They are held by mythical on-line people, or 'sock puppets' used to shape public opinion. Though it's difficult to gauge if the practise is effective, it is possible that a similar Cold War-style race in 'useless technology' is once again rearing its head. A report published in the Russia newspaper



Kommersant, alleges the country's Foreign Intelligence Service - SVR, has ordered monitoring software to the sum of \$1 million.

Perhaps more odd, the Service has chosen to use a name which some intel watchers claim can be traced to its infrastructure, namely the secret Military Unit 54939. Separate tenders were reportedly raised for three systems; Dispute, Monitor-3 and Storm-12.

Dispute monitors social networks, or the 'blogosphere'. It discovers where the information originates and the manner in which it is dissipated through the virtual society, as well as the popularity of differing reports amongst Internet users. Monitor-3 is involved with organisation, management and the setting of tasks, work control and issuing reports. It will act as a virtual

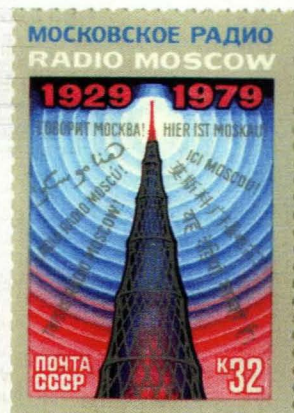
community of attracted experts. Finally, Storm-12 undertakes information support of operations with prepared scenarios of influence on a mass audience in social networks.

If that final task raises questions, then its prime function - 'to automatically dissipate necessary information through the blogosphere' just makes *Kommersant's* report very worrying.

The winner of the tender was allegedly Iteranet Ltd based in Moscow. The company is headed by Igor Matskevich, a previous deputy head of the Russian Cryptography Institute. He rejects the report and said: "We are not involved in developing systems to monitor blogs or to post information in the 'blogosphere.'" He also said there were "no such contracts and we do not engage in such activity."

Intelligence sources believe that if the software is going to be effective, then it must be used outside the boundaries of legality to achieve anything like the underlying effects.

Propaganda and the Internet



The *Kommersant* feature is reminiscent of the grey age of Cold War activities, when propaganda from one side was met with counter-propaganda from the other. This was achieved via short wave transmissions made by the BBC World Service, Voice of America, Radio Moscow, Radio Tirana and so on. Perhaps the propaganda war has arrived on the World Wide Web?

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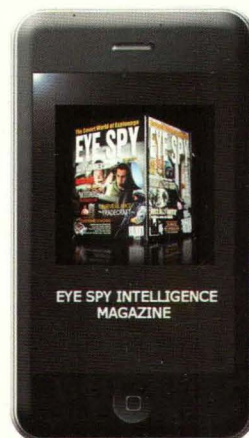
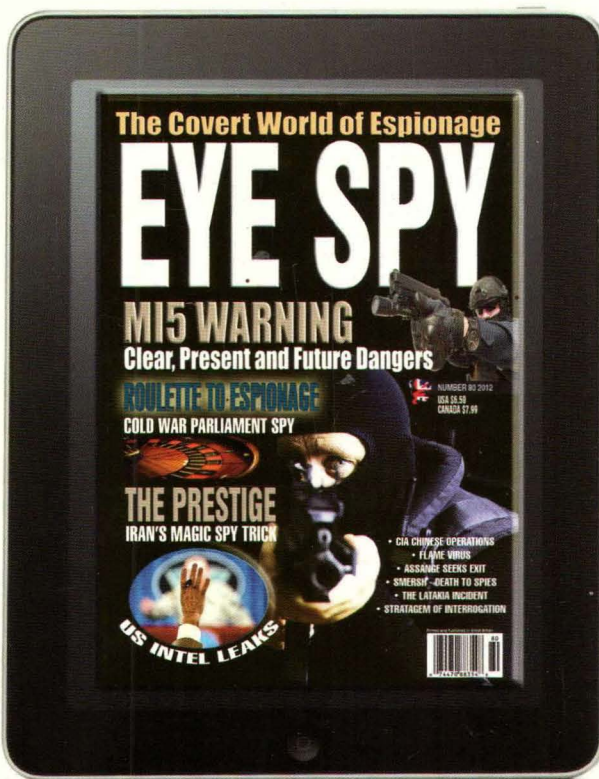


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