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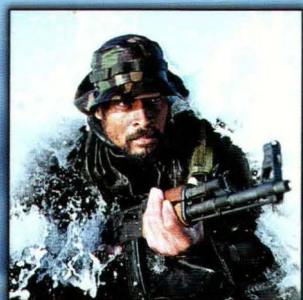
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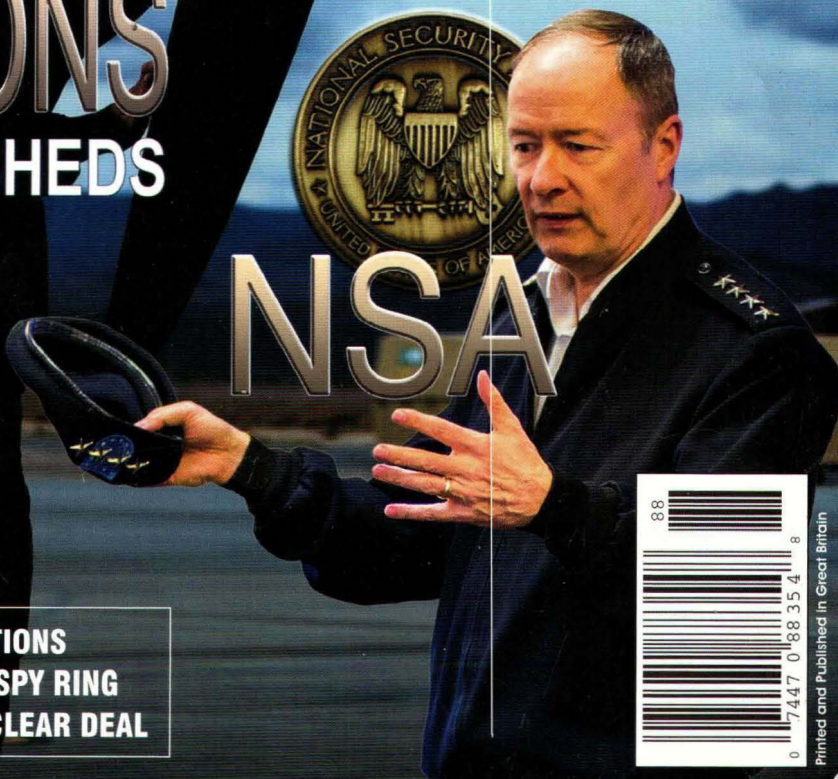
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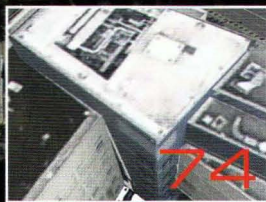
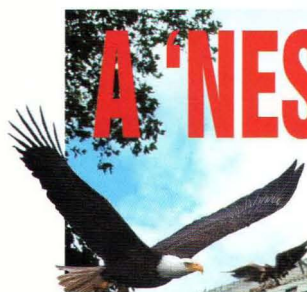
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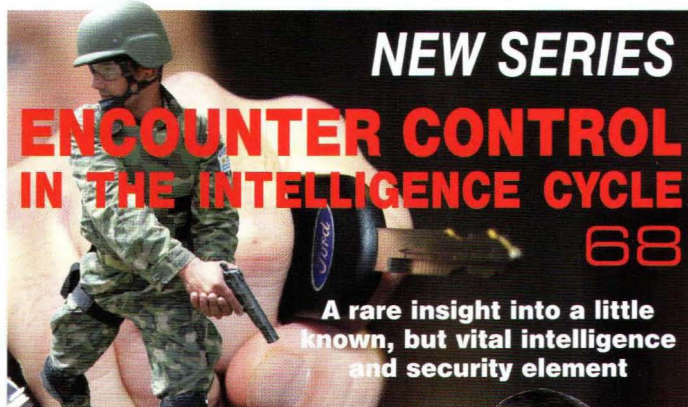
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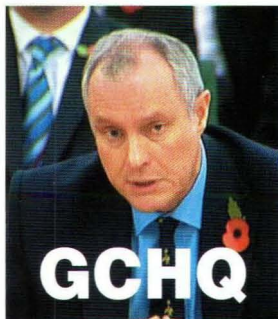
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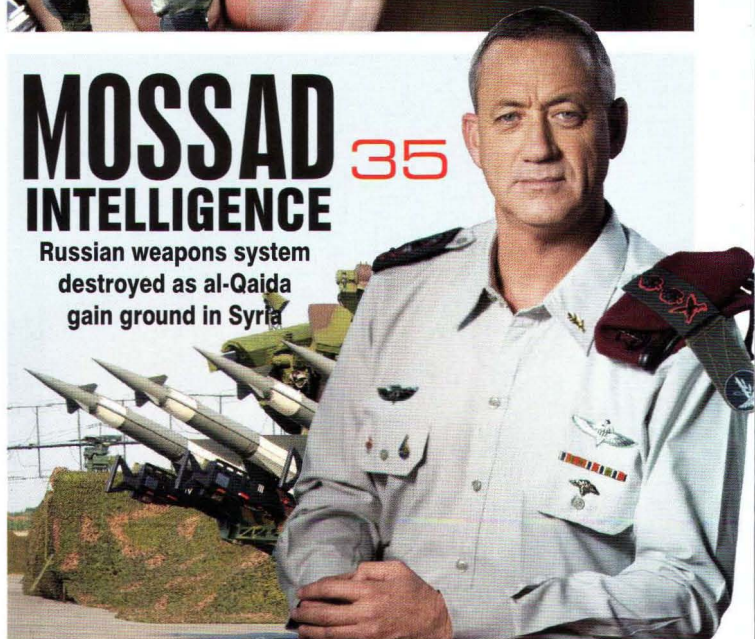


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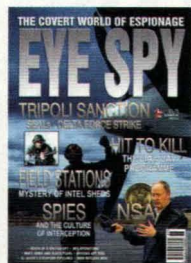
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"Most catastrophic loss to British Intelligence ever..."
- Edward Snowden's leak of British and US Intelligence material

Sir Iain Lobban - Director of Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ)



FIRST WORD



SURVEILLANCE - AN INTELLIGENCE ELEMENT

It is now believed former NSA contractor Edward Snowden stole around 200,000 intelligence files from a variety of US Intelligence computer systems. Since then, his 'selected' media friends have begun publishing material which gives the impression the United States and its allies in the 'Five Eyes' community are rogue surveillance operators, engaged in a global public watch programme. Far from opening a debate, which Snowden claims he wanted to start, there has been fallout and accusations aplenty. But let's be clear, most nations which operate an electronic communications agency, and there are many, also have programmes which systematically collect information passing over telephone lines and through the World Wide Web. Similarly, they target other agencies and political leaders, and I have no doubt the NSA and GCHQ have been selected for 'special attention'. I wonder if Snowden will reveal anything on those countries who have offered him political asylum?

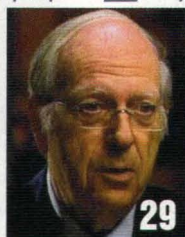
As for the suggestion Snowden just downloaded heaps of data in a random fashion - and in a short space of time - absolute rubbish! His actions were both selective and calculated. His movement between contract firms also showed intent. Little wonder the US has charged him with espionage.

Eye Spy has received mail that is supportive of Snowden, many readers referring to him as a whistleblower and comparing him to a hospital worker who informs on an incompetent doctor or a social worker ignoring persons who abuse children. To draw such comparisons is wrong. When Snowden entered the complex world of intelligence he knew full well that the industry relies on utter secrecy and that there will be occasions his work may be disagreeable. If he had any objections, he should simply have opted for a different vocation. Surveillance in all its forms is an integral element in the world of intelligence - yet it is a security measure intended to protect a nation's secrets - and more importantly, its people. The US and Britain have tough legal frameworks where permission must be sought to perform surveillance - a fact seemingly lost on Snowden.

MARK BIRDSALL, MANAGING EDITOR



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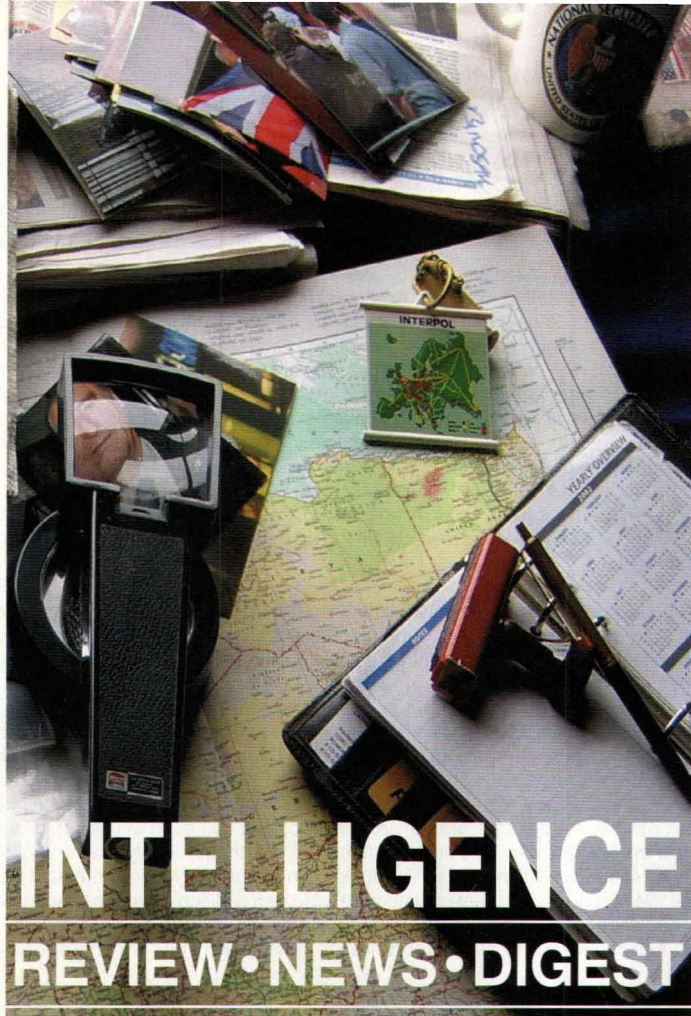
INTELLIGENCE CHOICE

AL-QAIDA'S GATEWAY

A few short years ago even the mention of MI6 in Whitehall or beyond the door of a Parliament office, would have drawn more than a frown. Indeed, 20-years ago the Service did not 'officially' exist. How times have changed. In November, Sir John Sawers together with his counterparts in GCHQ, Sir Iain Lobban, and in MI5, Andrew Parker, were called upon to discuss various intelligence matters in an open evidence session of Parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee. Amongst various issues discussed, was the huge damage caused to British Intelligence by NSA contractor Edward Snowden.



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ANNECY ASSASSIN? POLICE RELEASE PHOTO-FIT

French police hunting the killers of a British-Iraqi family and a French cyclist near Lake Annecy in southern France, on 5 September 2012, have released a photo-fit of a motorcyclist whom they wish to trace.

Saad al-Hilli, a computer engineer who worked for Surrey Satellite Technology, was gunned down in what appears to have been a

targeted attack by a professional assassin on a remote road in Chevaline. The cyclist,



Sylvain Mollier was probably killed because he witnessed the shooting.

Details of the motorcyclist were known at the very early stages of the investigation, but police did not reveal they had his description - fearful he would disappear. Of particular note is his helmet; only 8,000 of this type, believed to be an



Eric Maillaud

YASSER ARAFAT

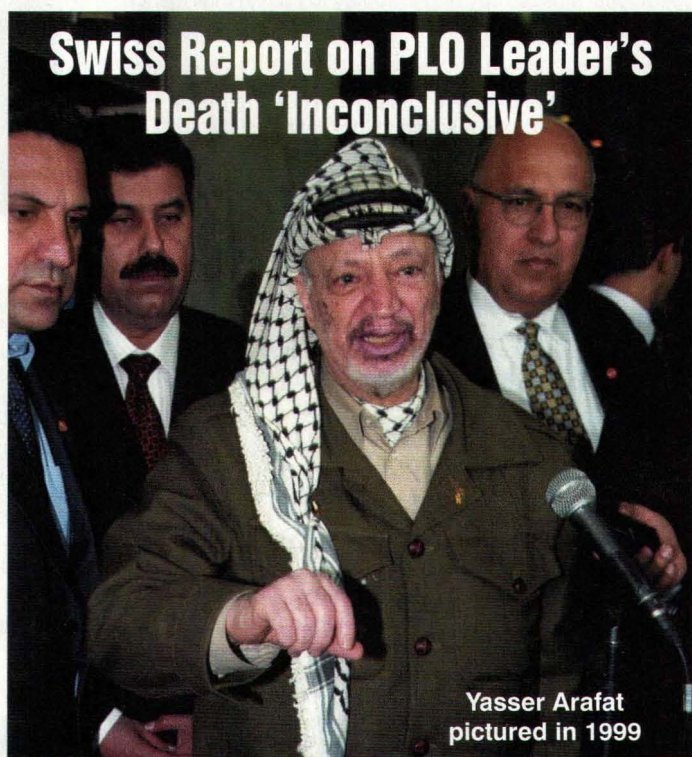
POLONIUM-210 IDENTIFIED

Scientists from the Swiss Vaudois University Hospital Centre in Lausanne, who examined the remains of former Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, believe he may have been poisoned with the radioactive isotope Polonium-210. The conclusions of a report secured by Middle East journalists, suggests Arafat, who died in a French hospital in 2004, 'moderately supports the proposition that death was the

consequence of poisoning with Polonium-210'. Officially, his death had been attributed to a heart attack.

Scientists at the research centre were unable to reach a more definitive conclusion because samples had deteriorated through time. The report effectively states that the evidence does not disprove the use of Polonium-210, which is deadly if ingested, but falls short of

Vaudois University Hospital Centre



Yasser Arafat pictured in 1999

stating he was assassinated. Nevertheless, many Palestinians believe its conclusions are evidence enough that Arafat was deliberately targeted by Israeli agents.

Israel has consistently rejected reports it was behind Arafat's death, and continues to do so. Foreign Ministry official Yigal Palmor

dismissed the report saying "it is more soap opera than science," noting the "negotiations had been commissioned by interested parties."

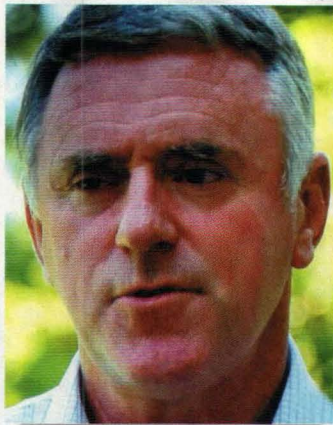
Arafat's widow, Suha, is adamant that the report is evidence of a political assassination: "This has confirmed all our doubts. It is



Zaid al-Hill - "cover-up"

ISR-type GRA, were manufactured. Relevant to this is Briton Brett Martin. He came across the shooting, in which 25 shots were fired - and observed a motorcyclist departing the scene. "He was going at a very slow... abnormally slow speed and at the time it seemed odd," said Martin.

French Police, who believe a "secret service connection" exists, also want to trace a BMW X5 4x4 vehicle that was also seen close to the area. As for other witnesses, French



Brett Martin

prosecutor Eric Maillaud said al-Hilli's youngest daughter who survived the attack, told officers there was "only one bad man."

In another development, al-Hilli's brother, Zaid, told the BBC he believes the police are fully aware of the circumstances and are "covering up" the incident. "They know who killed Saad," said Zaid al-Hilli. He was initially arrested by British Police in June on suspicion of planning the assassination, but has denied any involvement.



Jibril Rajoub

scientifically proven that he didn't die a natural death and [now] we have scientific proof that this man was killed."

For 35 years Arafat headed the Palestinian Liberation Organisation

(PLO) in its bitter struggle with Israel. In October 2004, he became ill and was flown to a military hospital on the outskirts of Paris. He died on 11 November, aged 75. Some medical records remain classified.

In November 2013, Jibril Rajoub, a senior Palestinian official and former head of the Preventive Security Force in the West Bank, accused the United States of collusion in Arafat's death. "America was there... that foolish [President George] Bush lifted the protection from Yasser Arafat and gave a green light to [Ariel] Sharon to assassinate him.

THE ABBOTTABAD DOCTOR CIA 'ASSET' ACCUSED OF MURDER

ISLAMABAD: Shakil Afridi, the Pakistan doctor who ran a bogus vaccination programme to collect DNA in Abbottabad, thus enabling the CIA to identify the location of Osama bin-Laden, has been charged with murder. Hailed as a hero in the United States, Afridi was sentenced to 33 years in prison for membership of Lashkar-e-Islam, an accusation he denied. The new charge is unrelated to both his liaison with the CIA and his supposed links to the terrorist group: Afridi allegedly operated on a young person in 2005 who subsequently died. The mother of the child has accused him of "not having the proper credentials to perform operations."



SOLDIER LEE RIGBY ALLEGED ATTACKERS TRIAL OPENS

The trial of two al-Qaida suspects accused of killing British soldier Lee Rigby, 25, in London last May, has begun at the Old Bailey Court.

Blooded and screaming obscenities, Michael Adebolajo and Michael Adebowale were arrested at the scene of the trooper's despicable murder. Numerous eye-witnesses had watched in horror as the men repeatedly stabbed Rigby and then attempted to decapitate him in broad daylight just yards from a primary school.

More details of the attack have been heard: Rigby it is alleged, was deliberately knocked down as he walked towards the Woolwich Barracks - this by a vehicle travelling at between 30-40mph. Perhaps mercifully, he was said to be unconscious thereafter. Adebolajo and Adebowale, the occupants of the vehicle, then exited carrying multiple weapons including a meat cleaver, firearm (9.4mm KNIL) and a variety of knives. For a prolonged period they then proceeded to repeatedly stab the helpless soldier. Thereafter Adebolajo almost succeeded in beheading Rigby.

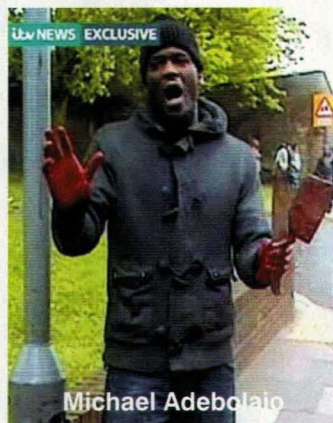


Lee Rigby

Prosecutor Richard Whittam QC said at one point Adebolajo was confronted by a member of the public but used the firearm to keep the person at bay.

The horrific and cowardly act was recounted in court to a clearly shaken jury - which earlier had been advised by Judge Justice Sweeney to deliver a verdict based only on the evidence.

Despite numerous witnesses, an incredible amount of evidence and even a confession of carrying a firearm with intent to harm, the two suspects deny murder.



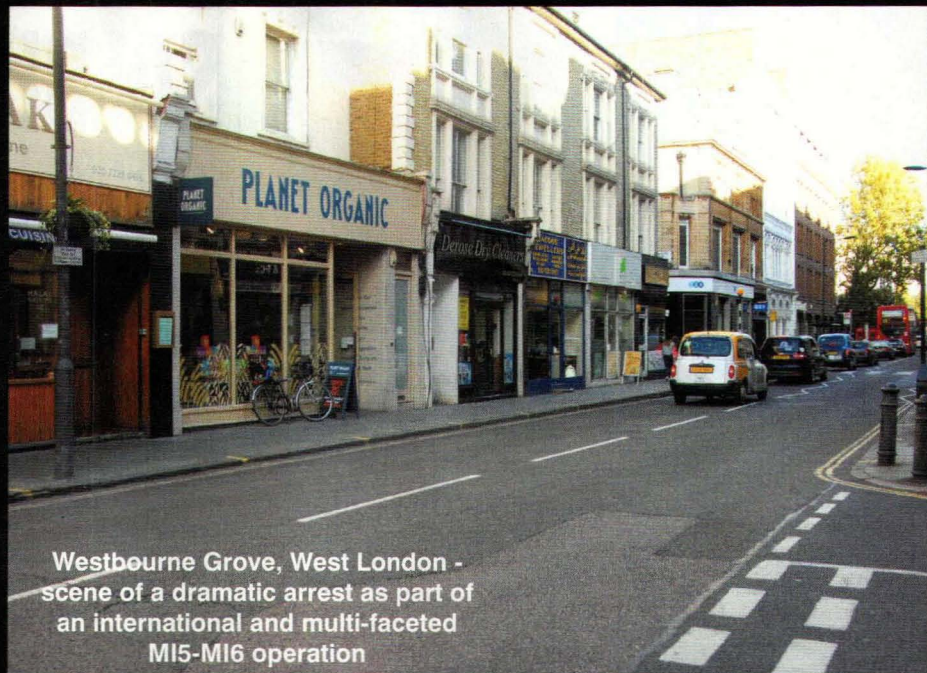
Michael Adebolajo



Michael Adebowale



MI5 REACT



Westbourne Grove, West London - scene of a dramatic arrest as part of an international and multi-faceted MI5-MI6 operation

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LONDON TERROR ARRESTS

A most complex and secret MI5 surveillance operation resulted in the arrest of four men in London on 13 October 2013. Two of whom have since been charged with the commission, preparation or instigation of terrorism. Officers from New Scotland Yard's Counter Terrorism Command's C019 unit, made the arrests in various parts of the city in simultaneous raids. In one incident, described as a 'hard stop', a car in Mansell Street near the Tower of London, was

surrounded by four police vehicles. Armed officers then fired 'Hatton' bullets - designed specifically to deflate tyres instantly.

Eye Spy has learned the case is extremely sensitive and few details have surfaced. Indeed, it's possible the resultant court trial could be heard behind closed doors. However, we understand MI5, which had surveilled the men, decided to act after officials considered it simply "too unsafe" to allow the operation to develop. "An attack was being planned," one source said, but he refused to give further details.

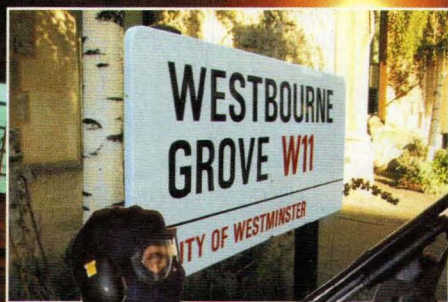
The event comes amidst growing intelligence concern across Europe and North America, that al-Qaida has advanced plans to attack a shopping centre.

One of the suspects, a 28-year-old man UK national of Azerbaijani origin was caught on CCTV leaving a Persian restaurant. Seconds later undercover C019 officers arrested him. He has since been released. The other freed man is Naveed Baluch, a UK national of Pakistani origin.

Eye Spy understands both released men have not been charged. Two other men, however, both aged 25, have already appeared in court, but for legal reasons cannot be named. However, Eye Spy believes an intercept relating to a search request on 'bomb making', which was subsequently traced to a computer, is central to the investigation. The suspect in this case is known only as 'AB'. An associate - 'CD' was detained on identity charges.

Various computers and electronic media were recovered at six addresses raided following the initial arrests.

**Nationwide
arrests as
Security Service
initiates 'end
game' of
multiple and
critical on-going
operations**



Thames House - MI5 headquarters

Left: A UK police officer trains with a Hatton-firing weapon

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The charged men are both British nationals of Turkish and Algerian origin.

The case is being closely followed by intelligence watchers and civil liberty groups because of secrecy surrounding the actual resultant trial. Whilst the defendants have already appeared in court, their identities are being closely guarded and reporters have gleaned little background information. Eye Spy believes this is because British Intelligence wants to protect other critical on-going operations from being exposed. If the men are identified, associates may opt to flee.

A judge adjourned the trial which prosecutors have requested journalists and the public should be barred. However, a secret source is giving evidence from 'behind closed doors' and the protection of his identity is critical. This particular level of secrecy in Britain is almost unheard of, thus giving rise to much speculation as to the nature of the case, and what is assumed, a major MI5-MI6 event.

MI5 NATIONWIDE

BRADFORD, WEST YORKSHIRE

Two brothers from Bradford, Yorkshire, have appeared at the Old Bailey Court in London, charged with collecting information likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism, and of conspiracy to attend a place used for terrorist training. Extremist material was also discovered on a computer hard drive. The men have been identified as Muhammed Saeed, 21, and Muhammed Naeem Ahmed, 20. Both individuals were detained following intelligence gleaned by MI5 and almost certainly an overseas intelligence element.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

In another MI5-led operation, five people were arrested in Scotland and Northern Ireland in connection with dissident Republicanism, though not to any specific group. Four men and a woman were detained in October 2013, and charged with various terrorist offences including conspiracy to murder.

Prosecutors allege the group tried to secure firearms and explosives with a "view to damage property and murder civilians."

LONDON

On 2 November, MI5 surveillance officers tracked Mashudur Rahman Choudhury, 30, from his residence in Hampshire to Gatwick Airport in London. He was duly arrested and charged with the commission, preparation and instigation of acts of terrorism. Eye Spy understands this case relates to an event overseas.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

Three men, Eugene McClone, Daniel Doyle and Eamon Cassidy who were surveilled by MI5 transporting a pipe bomb through Londonderry/Derry in 2011, have been jailed.

The IED was discovered in a vehicle wrapped in a blue tracksuit top. Initially one of the men said he had found the device and was intending to hand it in to the authorities. However, forensic research matched DNA from Cassidy to a bomb discovered six months earlier. On this occasion a phone call warning that a device had been placed in a vehicle outside a court house in Derry had been made.

CCTV stills of the moment CO19 officers arrest a suspect in the London operations



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GARETH WILLIAMS NO CLOSURE



DEATH OF MI6 SPY 'AN A

New Scotland Yard has been criticised after releasing a statement concerning the death of MI6-GCHQ officer Gareth Williams, 31, in August 2010: that in "all probability he died as a result of an accident." Deputy Assistant Commissioner Martin Hewitt said that "on balance there was no other person present when Gareth died." If that's true, officially this all but ends a swathe of conspiracy stories surrounding foreign agents and assassination.

Williams' naked decomposing body was discovered in his London apartment after his family had become concerned about his lack of contact. It later transpired that the code analyst, who was on secondment from GCHQ to MI6, had not turned up for work for seven days. However, it was the circumstances of

his death that led to much speculation he had been murdered.

His body was found in a large North Face sports bag which had been placed in the bath. The zip assembly had been closed and locked, initially giving rise to suspicion that another person had been present. Indeed, last year coroner Fiona Wilcox ruled: "The cause of his death was unnatural and likely to have been criminally meditated. I am therefore satisfied that on the balance of probabilities Gareth was killed unlawfully." This prompted NSY to look again at the case, resulting in the new statement.

CONTINUED SUSPICION

Speculation abounds concerning numerous aspects of the case, many of which have been covered extensively in Eye Spy. And even though the police investigation

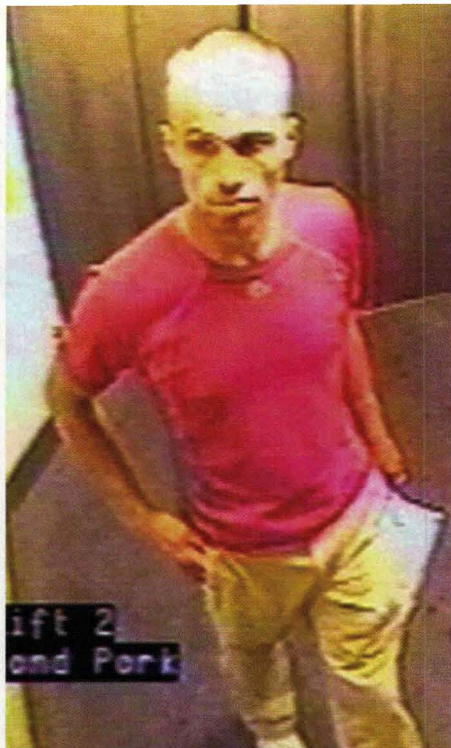
failed to secure evidence of wrong doing, officers still insist the case may never be solved. Nevertheless, the family of Gareth Williams have been angered by the statement and a lack of progress in certain investigative areas, not least the possibility that his death was associated with his work.

Central to the case is the bag; had Williams been involved in a bizarre experiment which



Coroner Fiona Wilcox suspects murder

'NOT SO' - INTELLIGENCE V



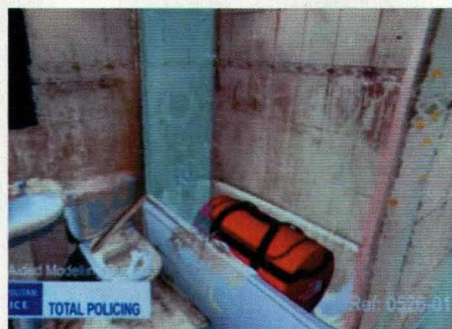
CCTV captures Gareth Williams as he walks in London - the last known pictures of him alive

“on balance there was no other person present when Gareth died”

New Scotland Yard Deputy Assistant Commissioner Martin Hewitt



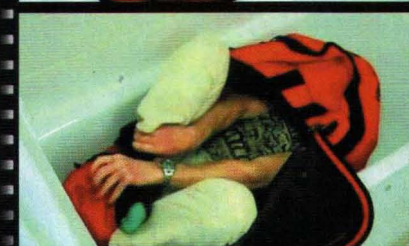
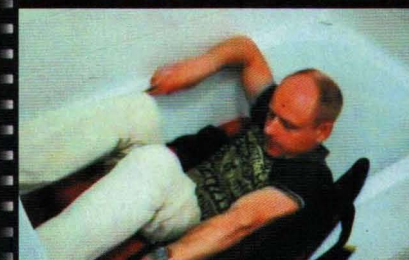
difference in that the Velcro flap on the bag Williams' was found in was also tightly closed. Like the lock, this too was 'clean' of any DNA or fingerprint evidence. For the record, Williams body lay in the foetal position; there was no evidence he had struggled to get out of the bag - no scratches inside - nor in the actual bath itself. ➤



Below: NSY photo of bath after bag was removed. Above: Computer simulation of bag in bath



Security expert Peter Faulding worked closely with New Scotland Yard to consider if Gareth Williams could climb into the sports bag and fasten the locking mechanism from inside. Despite NSY's statement, Faulding remains convinced Williams was placed in the bag after his death



had gone dreadfully wrong? And could he really have fastened the it from inside? At the inquest, security expert Peter Faulding declared he had tried several hundred times to repeat the feat, but failed. He believed then - and still does now - that Williams had help in getting in the bag. And his view is shared by many on the Eye Spy UK editorial board and the magazine's external contacts. Following news of the latest police statement, Faulding said: "If he had closed the lock, there would have been DNA and/or fingerprints... it is simply impossible to do." Faulding's view is supported by other experts involved in 'confined space' incidents.

What therefore of the incident also featured in Eye Spy when the daughter of a former British soldier managed to climb into an identical bag and, from within, managed to close the lock? This aspect has baffled many investigators, but we believe there may have been a

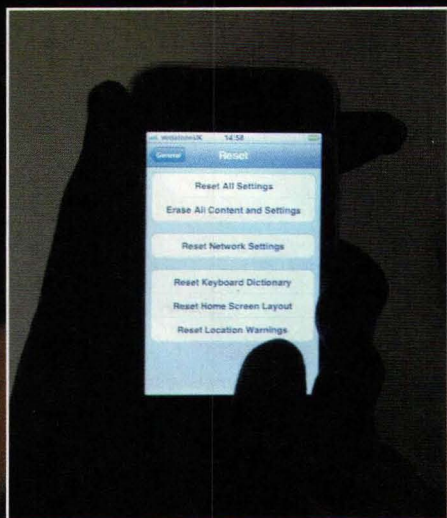
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Faulding believes Williams was already dead before he was placed in the bag. And one former MI5 agent told Eye Spy the fact that the bag was inside the bath indicates one of two things. That this was a deliberate action thus enabling any leaking body fluids to drain - and/or readying the bag for collection and removal by a third party.

There were other unusual and significant clues. For example, the central heating was on full at the height of summer. A forensic expert told Eye Spy that this would have significantly increased the rate of body decomposition, thus helping to negate any possible drug traces in the body. A cell phone used by Gareth had been reset just hours before he was last seen to the manufacturers code thus removing all recent cell phone activity.

Despite NSY's comment, many in the intelligence world are not convinced, and numerous aspects of the case remain unexplained. It has also been suggested that a covert attempt to damage his reputation was initiated by 'dark players' in the intelligence world. Undoubtedly many private issues were highlighted during early stages of the investigation, and although these were considered by coroner Wilcox, they ultimately did not effect her judgement that he was probably murdered.



One of Gareth William's cell phone's had its 'factory settings' restored just before he died

The Williams family who have remained respectfully silent in the most, did react following NSY's latest statement. A family spokesperson said they are far from happy with the latest police investigative findings and maintain the conclusions reached at the inquest are correct.

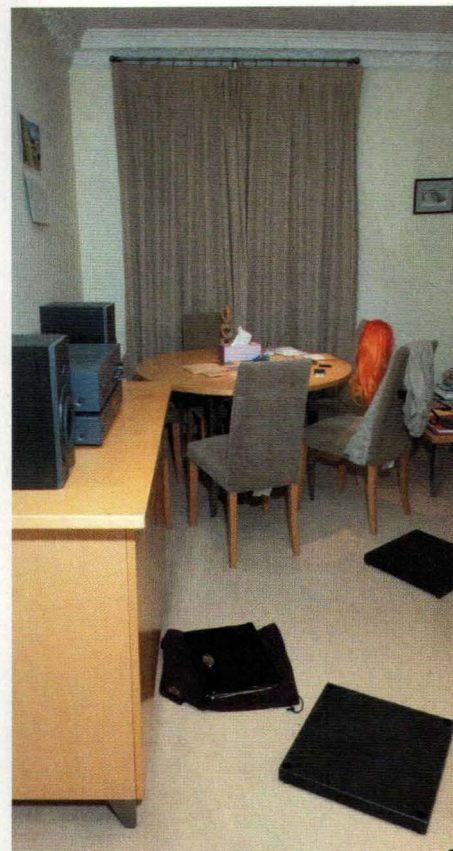
RUSSIAN INFILTRATION

As for those with threads to the intelligence world and the media, some believe there has definitely been an attempt to conceal certain aspects of the case in order to safeguard Williams' operational duties, and perhaps a specific task he was given. That of course remains secret, though speculation that he was involved in an infiltration operation rumbles on.

Former KGB agent - Latvian born Boris Karpichkov - has no confidence in the NSY statement. He considers it a possibility that Williams was tasked with an operation targeting Russian Intelligence. Something happened during the case which Karpichkov believes was significant. He said Williams may have uncovered a Russian mole within MI6.

The Russians then may have tried to recruit him, but once this failed, he became a threat. Though Eye Spy has heard this allegation before, it remains but one theory amongst dozens more.

That MI6 appear not to have been concerned about Williams disappearance for a week is a contentious matter. Indeed, it prompted one intelligence watcher in the person of Dr Stephen Dorril, to be "very sceptical about the official version of events." Dorril, who wrote the brilliant book *'MI6: 50 Years of Special*



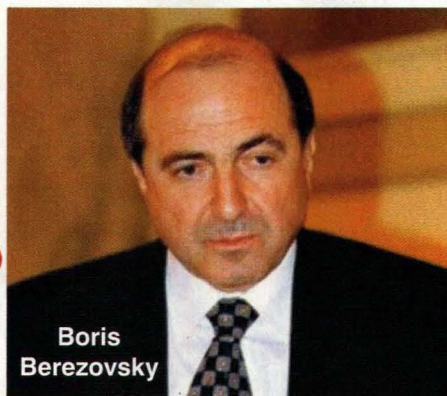
NSY photo of Gareth Williams living room - note the red wig. Some analysts believe scenes like this reveal 'stage management' in order to add suspicion about his personal life and discredit the analyst



Peter Faulding is not alone in his thinking that Williams was placed in the bag in a foetal position after he died - though this in itself does not mean he was murdered



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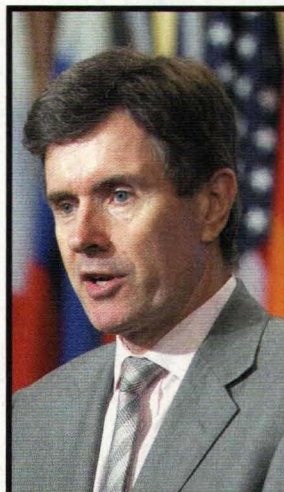
Boris Berezovsky

Operations', believes even if the Service played no part in Gareth Williams death, "it would have had an interest in concealing certain circumstances." These we believe relate to his work and associates.

MI6-RUSSIAN INTEL

The police findings come at a particularly sensitive time in MI6-Russian Intelligence relations. For the best part of a decade much suspicion on both sides has led to an impasse in cooperation. However, in the last year or so relations have been improving - prompted by secret political communications and back-channel negotiations. There are happenings central to this, one being that the British Government has rejected a Public Inquiry into the death of former FSB officer and MI6 agent, Aleksander Litvinenko. He of course was assassinated in 2006 by ingesting a tiny drop of military-grade Polonium-210. Despite New Scotland Yard having a great deal of evidence that points to Russian involvement, be it a renegade intel element or other, the investigation seems to have stalled. It will ultimately be quietly filed away.

Many Eye Spy readers have also questioned the circumstances surrounding the death of Russian billionaire Boris Berezovsky - Litvinenko's former employer; and it should be acknowledged, our lack of coverage. Berezovsky, a fierce and vocal opponent of



MI6 Chief Sir John Sawers attended Gareth Williams' funeral together with colleagues from both his Service and GCHQ

President Vladimir Putin was found dead in his bath at his mansion in Ascot near London in March 2013. Around his neck a ligature - "consistent with hanging," according to forensics. An inquest was briefly opened but adjourned



Results of toxicology tests have delayed Berezovsky inquest

and has yet to reopen. One reason for the delay surrounds the result of toxicology tests, though many experts are puzzled as these should by now have been readied. Indeed, some could have been conducted in a few days. Associates close to Berezovsky suspect he was strangled.

As for Gareth Williams, it is interesting to note that New Scotland Yard's report did contain a caveat, in that the police admit they will probably never truly understand or determine the exact circumstances of his death. That's hardly of comfort to the Williams family.

Readers are urged to examine Eye Spy's reporting, NSY's files and the inquest data.

GCHQ communication reflecting family concern of Gareth Williams' whereabouts and well-being

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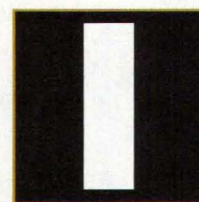
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Pentagon rejects criticism of audacious raid resulting in capture of notorious terrorist



It was not the first time a story emerged from North Africa that one of America's most wanted - Abu Anas al-Liby - had been captured or killed.

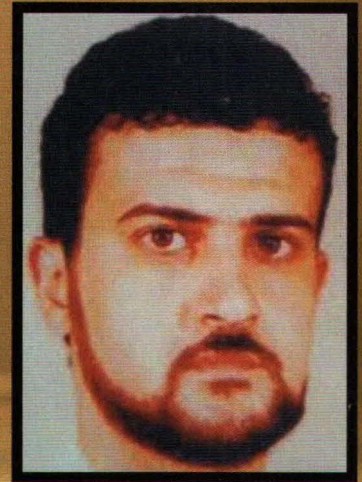
However, when news wires reported a small unit of US Special Forces had captured al-Liby, 49, in Tripoli on 5 October, it seemed this time it was authentic.

The raid coincided with another covert US Navy SEAL operation in Somalia, in this case leading members of the al-Qaida franchise al-Shabaab were targeted.

TRIPOLI SANCTION

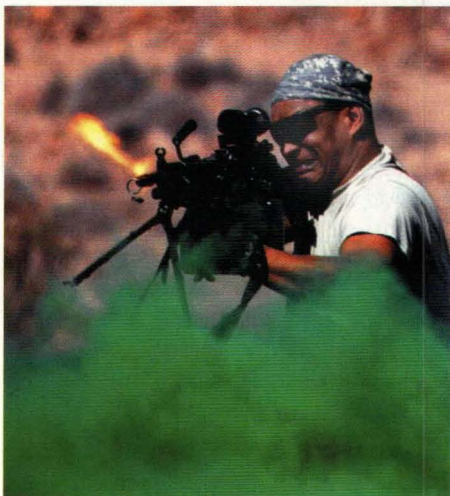
CIA Detain Bin-Laden 'Reconnaissance Man'

US Special Forces seize Abu Anas al-Liby - wanted in connection with the 1998 US Embassy attacks - this as a simultaneous Navy SEAL raid targeted al-Shabaab commanders



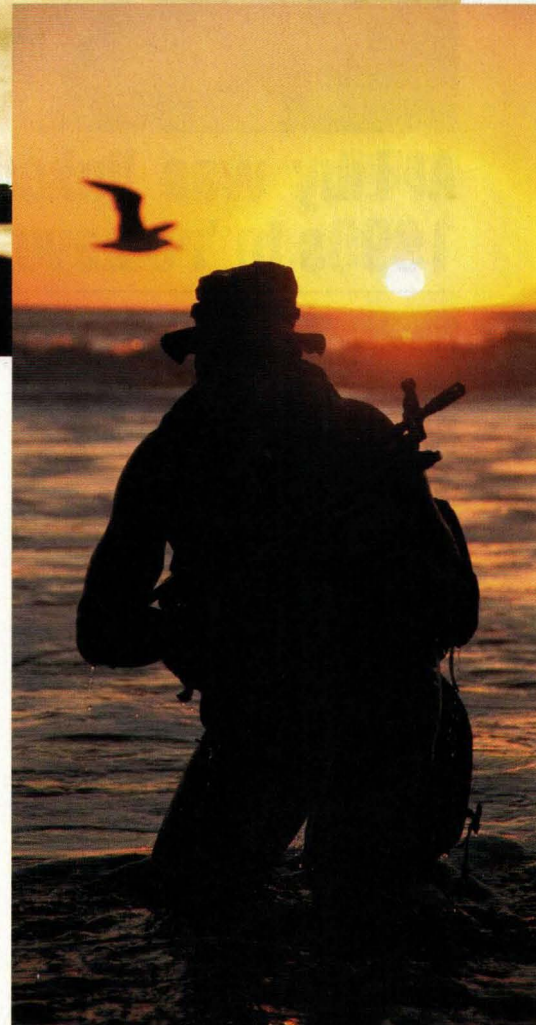
A LEGITIMATE 'ACT OF WAR'

The Tripoli raid was a very clever and calculated operation enabled to avoid political fallout and legal implications in that a military force was used. The order to capture al-Liby,



was sanctioned amidst the continued turmoil and controversy surrounding another 'snatch' operation - that of Abu Omar (see Eye Spy 87) in Milan in 2003. This operation still haunts the CIA, but the latest incident has not divided opinion in the United States, nor has it seen anything like the negative press coverage as that surrounding Omar's abduction. Analysts also note the language of the Pentagon - it is adamant the operation was "lawful" in a time of "war." Quite extraordinary. Besides Special Forces, planners of the 'Tripoli Sanction' also used a pseudo intel-military force containing CIA elements from SAD (Special Activities Division).

In a country besieged by terrorist groups, this was an astonishing operation, but undoubtedly the Pentagon used intelligence gleaned by the CIA and FBI. It also had the support of Libya's fledgling government. ➤





Al-Liby was linked to an alleged MI6 operation in the 1990s to 'remove' Colonel Gaddafi in return for asylum...

BACKGROUND

Libyan-born Abu Anas al-Liby is a known senior al-Qaida commander whose ties to the terror group date back over 15 years. He remained the highest-profile suspect at large wanted in connection with the 1998 US Embassy bombings in Tanzania and Kenya. Osama bin-Laden had asked him to reconnoitre and photograph the embassies as part of the terror group's preliminary ground research on how best to attack the sites. Over 200 people died in the bombings and several thousands were injured. The FBI soon placed a \$5 million bounty on al-Liby's head.

Ironically, it has emerged that British police detained the suspect a year later but he was released. He had been granted asylum in 1995. There then appeared exaggerated stories that MI6 had secretly organised the asylum deal - this in exchange for his help in

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Arabic language 'Rewards for Justice' poster of al-Liby

organising the assassination of Colonel Gaddafi. Sources contend New Scotland Yard counter-terrorist officers found no incriminating evidence against him, this after al-Liby, a computer specialist, had wiped his computer hard drive clean. Nevertheless, MI5 still believed he was connected to terrorism and in 2000 asked police to arrest him again. When officers raided his apartment they discovered an al-Qaida training book called the '*Manchester Manual*'. Within, a set of instructions on how to perform various terrorist actions. However, al-Liby had already fled Britain, perhaps sensing the net was closing in.

Unconfirmed reports suggest the CIA had been tipped-off about his location by Libyan Intelligence. Indeed, it is believed that US Delta Forces which led the operation, were assisted by Libyan security personnel. Al-Liby, whose real name is Nazih Abdul-Hamed al-Ruqal, was parking his car at his home when three

2002 PENTAGON SNATCH SQUAD

TRIPOLI OPERATION REPLICATED DECADE OLD ENDEAVOUR

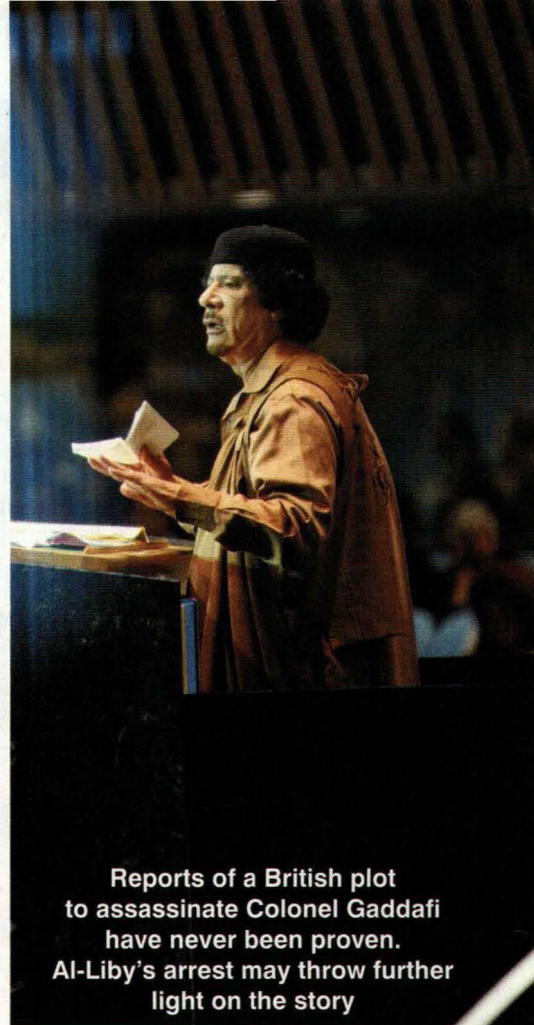
FAZUL ABDULLAH MOHAMMED was the mastermind behind the 1998 embassy bombings. He also organised the 2002 attacks on the Paradise Hotel in Mombasa, Kenya, and an audacious ground-to-air missile strike against an Israeli airliner. It is known US military intelligence officials authorised a 'snatch' squad to detain Mohammed, but the operation stalled because he could not



be properly identified. Like al-Liby, he too had a \$5 million bounty on his head.

Using several identities and disguises, Mohammed operated in various countries

including Somalia and Kenya. He remained at large until he was stopped at a checkpoint north of Mogadishu, the Somali capital just six weeks after the death of Osama bin-Laden. Following an altercation he was shot dead by security forces along with another leading terrorist. On his person was \$40,000 in cash, a false South African passport, laptops, cell phones and various documents. Mohammed had ironically taken a wrong turn which took him straight towards the checkpoint.



Reports of a British plot to assassinate Colonel Gaddafi have never been proven. Al-Liby's arrest may throw further light on the story

vehicles blocked his access. Though armed, he realised resistance was futile and he was driven away by the snatch team. His son, Abdullah al-Ruqai, 21, said three masked and armed men leapt from a white Mercedes van and grabbed him. The military unit carried small hand guns fitted with what looked like silencers. A conversation between al-Liby and

his captives then ensued, both English and Arabic was heard.

Al-Ruqai, who watched the encounter from his family's four-storey house believes Libyan forces were involved. He said the masked operatives acted like professionals, but a further seven participants who spoke with

Libyan accents seemed like "amateurs." Though al-Liby had installed a CCTV camera, it is not known at present if this was active or had been disengaged.

Al-Liby was driven to a coastal location near the capital and from there to a waiting US Navy warship, believed to have been the USS Carl Vinson or the USS San Antonio.



US Special Forces encountered fierce resistance as troops attempted to capture a senior al-Shabaab terrorist

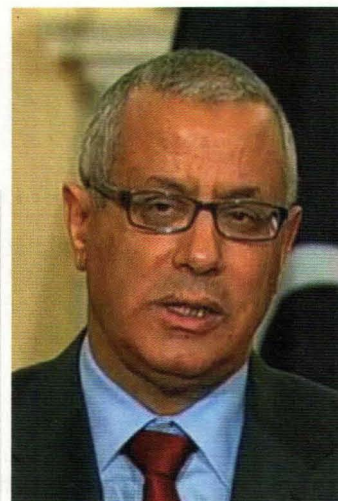
LIBYA GAVE TACIT SUPPORT FOR RAID

WARNING ISSUED AS COUNTRY SLIDES INTO ABYSS

On 10 October, just a few days after al-Liby was seized, Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zeidan was abducted at dawn from the luxury Corinthia Hotel in Tripoli which he is currently using as a home. In excess of 100 gunmen simply entered the hotel, scuffled briefly with a

small security detail and detained Mr Zeidan, who was then driven to a site known to be frequented and used by an al-Qaida franchise. However, he was released unharmed a few hours later when another local militia called the 'Reinforcement' attacked his kidnappers.

Analysts note his abduction closely followed remarks by US Secretary of State John Kerry, who confirmed Libyan assistance in the capture of Abu Anas al-Liby. Interestingly, the prime minister had met with members of al-Liby's family just hours earlier and denied any government involvement.



Prime Minister Ali Zeidan says country's militias want Libya to become a hot bed of terrorism just like Afghanistan and Somalia



US Secretary of State John Kerry - "Libya knew of operation..."

The event reflects Libya's continuous spiral into chaos and lawlessness since Colonel Gaddafi was deposed two years ago. The CIA has warned that Libya has become a prime recruiting location for al-Qaida.

Mr Zeidan, 62, who is backed by the West, believes the event was intended to provoke a coup in his country. He blamed Islamist extremists

who wanted to "slaughter the state before it is established."

For its part, al-Qaida posted several warnings on the Internet announcing that it intends to 'strike back' and 'avenge' the kidnapping of al-Liby.

There were immediate calls America had acted illegally, but a Pentagon spokesman said al-Liby was "lawfully detained under the law of war." State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf, whilst referring to the obvious intelligence benefits al-Liby's capture present, warned other fugitives wanted for terrorist acts. "America does not forget when its citizens are killed, injured or targeted by terrorists, even sometimes when it takes a while because these are tough targets to find."

RAID ON AL-SHABAAB

While the US raid in Tripoli was successful, a similar US Navy SEAL operation in Somalia may not have achieved its primary

objective - that of the capture of Abdulkadir Mohamed Abdulkadir aka 'Ikrima', a Kenyan of Somali origin who is a leading member of al-Shabaab. He had been tracked to a small compound in the port town of Barawa, south of Mogadishu. Some intel watchers believe the raid was in response to events in September in Nairobi where al-Shabaab terrorists caused havoc in the Westgate Shopping Centre.

Sources say the operation took place at midnight and involved an amphibious assault on the compound. SEAL Team Six, like their counterparts in the Delta Force operation in Tripoli, had been ordered to try and capture their primary target alive. Around 12 troops attacked the location, but they were surprised by the terrorists' resistance. However, they did



US Navy SEALs pictured during an amphibious assault exercise



The US, UK and other nations have found it increasingly difficult to operate a diplomatic presence in Libya since the attack on America's US consulate last year. Four US diplomatic and security staff were killed. Photo shows President Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and US Army chaplain Colonel Wesley Smith at the transfer of remains ceremony Joint Base Andrews September 2012



Libyan rebels with a captured tank during the bitter fighting that resulted in the overthrow of Colonel Gadaffi. Many weapons, including surface-to-air missiles are now in the hands of militias and al-Qaida

access the building in which the NSA and CIA had confirmed was occupied by Ikrima. Disturbed by the number of civilian women and children inside, and after killing a number of the terrorists, the troops departed in haste - this after the arrival of a large number of al-Shabaab operatives. No SEALs were killed.

Pentagon spokesman George Little confirmed an operation to capture Abdulkadir had been performed, but that the SEALs were forced to withdraw before members of the unit could ascertain if he was amongst those terrorists killed.

Interestingly, Little issued a warning to the terror group. "The United States military conducted the operation with unparalleled precision and demonstrated that the United States can put direct pressure on al-Shabaab's leadership at any time of our choosing." He also warned terrorist planning would be disrupted.

Though Abdulkadir has not thus far been linked to the Westgate incident, Eye Spy understands a number of related communica-



tions linked to him have been intercepted by the NSA. These suggest he was in the process of formulating a plan in which shopping centres in the West had been discussed. Perhaps relevant to this, the MI5-New Scotland Yard operation on 13 October in London, which resulted in the arrest of several people - two of whom have since been charged with terrorism offences.

AL-LIBY TRIAL BEGINS

In what will undoubtedly be a high-profile court case, al-Liby arrived in New York (Stewart AFB) on 14 October for criminal prosecution. Though suffering from hepatitis, sources say he provided useful intelligence during seven days of questioning aboard the USS San Antonio. Interestingly, the San Antonio, an amphibious assault vessel, was part of a fleet that had been readied in the event of a strike on Syria (see Eye Spy 87).



On 15 October 2013, al-Liby pleaded not guilty in respect of the terrorism charges at a New York court. Journalist inside the court room said the suspect was "unrecognisable" from his photo featured on the FBI's web site.

Al-Shabaab claim British SAS and Turkish Special Forces assisted in the raid, however, there is absolutely no evidence that this is true, despite earlier claims from the terrorist group they had killed an SAS officer. Another unconfirmed statement from the group said Ikrima's bodyguard had been killed.

- A UN official did state a number of purported al-Shabaab 'figures' had been killed, including a man of Swedish origin.



US Delta Force unit in Afghanistan



Al-Liby was questioned by officials aboard the USS San Antonio for seven days



The main building of the highly important WWII GPO Research Station Dollis Hill which also housed MI5 and MI6 elements is now apartments

TOMMY FLOWERS

BT Honours Unsung Hero of Bletchley Park and 'Father' of the Computer

Thomas 'Tommy' Flowers does not have the same high profile as that of codebreaking genius Alan Turing. However, the part played by Tommy Flowers during his time at Bletchley Park was so important that historians have argued that his work shortened the war by two years, thus saving tens of thousands of lives.

Tommy Flowers, MBE, was born in December 1905. An electrical engineer, he joined the telecommunications branch of the General Post Office where he explored the use of electronics for telephone exchanges working from the GPO research station at Dollis Hill.

In 1941, Flowers began working alongside Alan Turing at the government's code-breaking centre at Bletchley Park. Here he was tasked with countering the German Lorenz cipher, an encryption system more complex than the Enigma code that was used by the Nazi High Command. (See also TICOM - page 64)

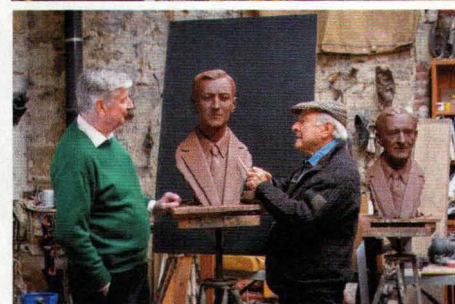
Flower's proposal for an electronic system based around the thermionic valves already in use in British telephone networks, was initially met with scepticism. However, he and his dedicated team persevered and produced a prototype in 11 months. The world's first programmable computer, comprising 1500 valves and dubbed 'Colossus' by the staff at



Kenneth Flowers, Tommy's son, pictured with artist James Butler MBE RA FRBS, one of the UK's foremost sculptors



US troops, Omaha Beach 6 June 1944



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Artist James Butler's clay bust of Tommy Flowers is readied for the actual bronze cast

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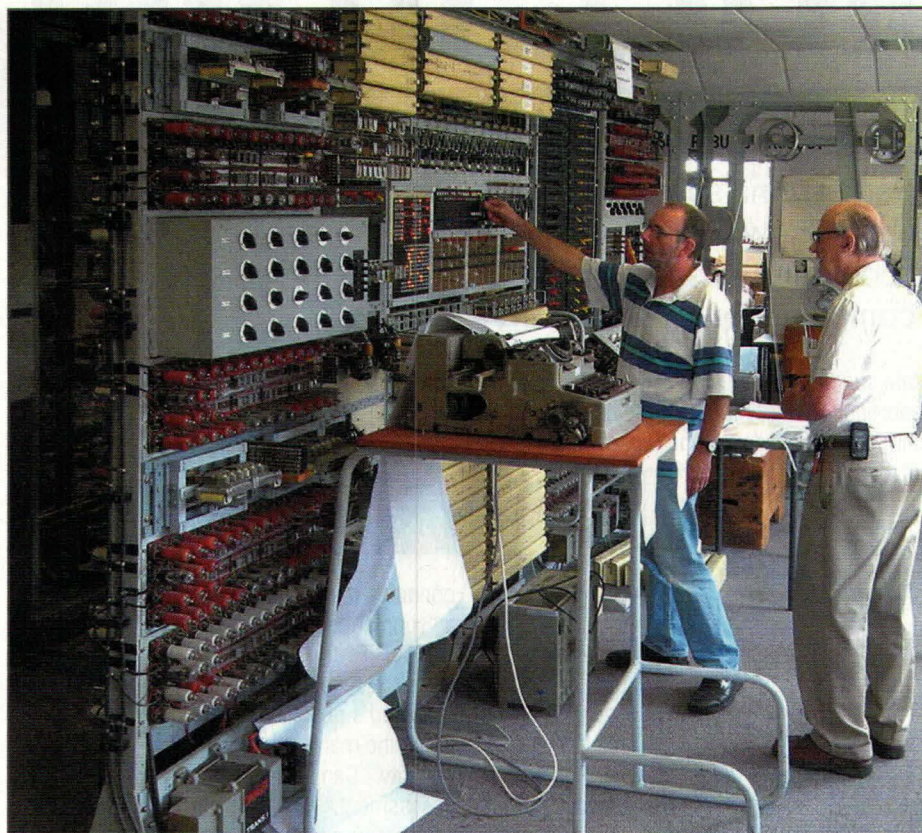


Bletchley Park due to its immense size, went into service in November 1943, and immediately began providing vital military intelligence, including information that proved crucial to the preparations for the Normandy landings. In total, 10 Colossus machines were created by Flowers and his team, remaining in service throughout World War Two and going on to play a significant role in the code-breaking operations of the Cold War. Constrained by the Official Secrets Act, Flowers was never able to discuss his wartime work and all of the Colossus machines were ultimately decommissioned and destroyed.

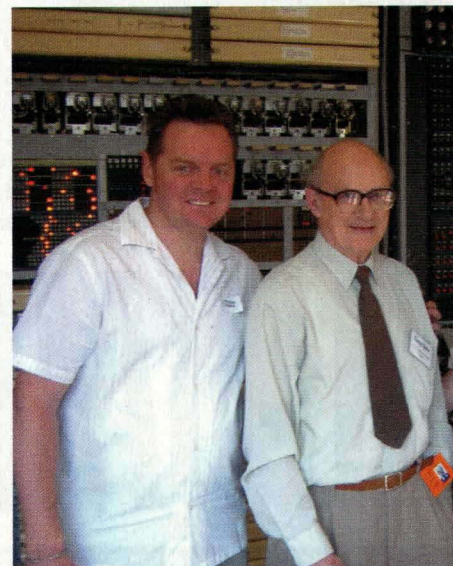
After the war, Flowers returned to the Post Office to continue his work on electronic telephone systems; he also received a £1,000 award for his research which he shared with his team. An amount barely sufficient to pay off the debts that he had run up while developing Colossus. His role in the breaking of the Nazi codes and the development of the modern computer remained a secret, even to his family, for many years.

In recognition of his wartime work and remarkable achievements, BT has commissioned a bronze memorial sculpture.

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Colossus rebuilt! Tony Sale breaks an enciphered communication in 2006



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Tony Sale and his team who painstakingly rebuilt Colossus pictured with Eye Spy US associate editor Danny King at Bletchley Park. Sadly, Tony died in August 2011

The unveiling ceremony of the bronze bust in December 2013, marked the 70th anniversary of Flowers' development of 'Colossus', and was officially unveiled at Adastral Park in Suffolk, BT's global research and development headquarters.

The sculpture was created by James Butler MBE, RA, FRBS, a member of the Royal Academy, Fellow of the Royal Society of British Sculptors - one of the UK's foremost figurative sculptors.

In addition, BT is launching a Tommy Flowers Scholarship and Tommy Flowers Award for Commitment to Computing for students in Suffolk.

LINKS: www.btplc.com/innovation/innovationnews/tommyflowers/index.htm



Glenn Greenwald (right) and his partner David Miranda

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Greenwald has threatened to reveal more UK secrets after MI5 stopped Miranda at Heathrow Airport and seized from his person 58,000 top secret, and various classified British Intelligence documents

AL-QAIDA'S GATEWAY

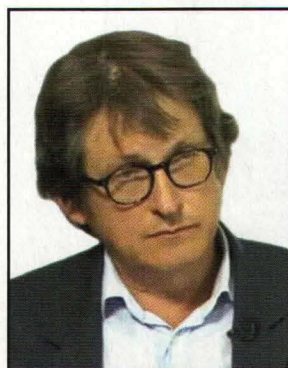
SNOWDEN'S ACTIONS OPEN CRUCIAL SECURITY LOCKS INTO CYBER SPACE

MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker joins senior figures who believe NSA contractor Edward Snowden's espionage has damaged counter-terrorist counter-measures significantly. Guardian's role in affair comes under great scrutiny

Britain's Security Service Director-General Andrew Parker, has joined a growing number of intelligence, military and senior political figures to criticise both Edward Snowden, and a 'select' number of media houses chosen to output NSA, GCHQ and other intelligence collection methods. Describing the reporting as "dangerous," Mr Parker said that by exposing the "reach and limits" of GCHQ, it has handed the terrorists an "advantage."

One newspaper at the centre of the affair is the *Guardian*, whose editor Alan Rusbridger said his organisation wanted to start a debate on

state surveillance and vowed to continue reporting. Though Mr Parker did not specifically name Snowden or the *Guardian*, British



Alan Rusbridger

Intelligence believes that the papers stolen by Snowden, and the exact number and topics enclosed therein remain unclear, are evidence of a calculated and lengthy

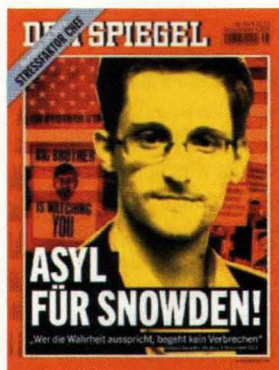


operation that belies supportive statements of a "spontaneous act" and that of "creating debate." Former UK Defence Secretary Dr Liam Fox requested an investigation into the *Guardian's* position to examine if the publishing of the material had damaged national security. "Can we have a full and transparent assessment," he asked. He also questioned the primary motivation - that of a debate. "Leaving the British people and the security

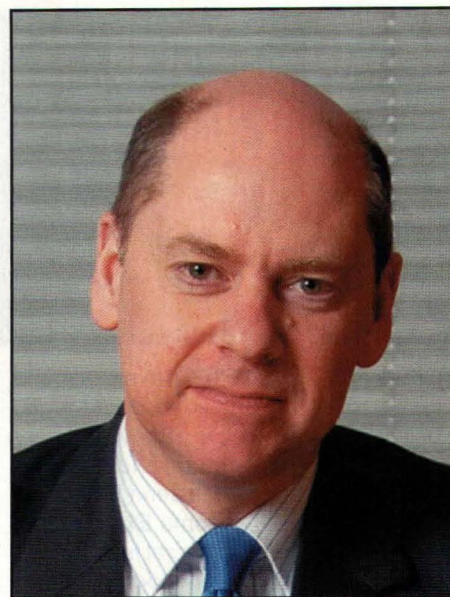
Just weeks before the NSA-GCHQ leaks, Mr Parker's predecessor at MI5, Sir Jonathan Evans, said his Service was finding it increasingly difficult to monitor al-Qaida's electronic communications



Al-Qaida has already changed some of its communication methods



'Asylum For Snowden! He Who Commits No Crime Pronounces The Truth'
Der Spiegel



Sir Jonathan Evans - warning

personnel more vulnerable is *opening* [our emphasis] a debate?" Within hours of the request, Prime Minister David Cameron backed the move, suggesting politicians on select committees could investigate to determine if any laws had been broken. Home Affairs Committee Chair Keith Vaz immediately responded by agreeing to examine the newspaper's role. However, it is entirely possible other committees, including the

Intelligence and Security Select Committee (ISC), could examine the affair.

Of additional interest, politician Julian Smith was granted a Parliamentary debate on the publishing of top secret British Intelligence documents. He wanted New Scotland Yard to launch an inquiry into the *Guardian's* role. "I look forward to laying out the reasons why I believe that the *Guardian* had crossed the line between responsible journalism and seriously risking our national security and the lives of those who seek to protect us," he said.

**"By exposing the
"reach and limits" of
GCHQ, it has handed
the terrorists an
"advantage"**

Director-General Andrew Parker



**Former UK Defence Secretary
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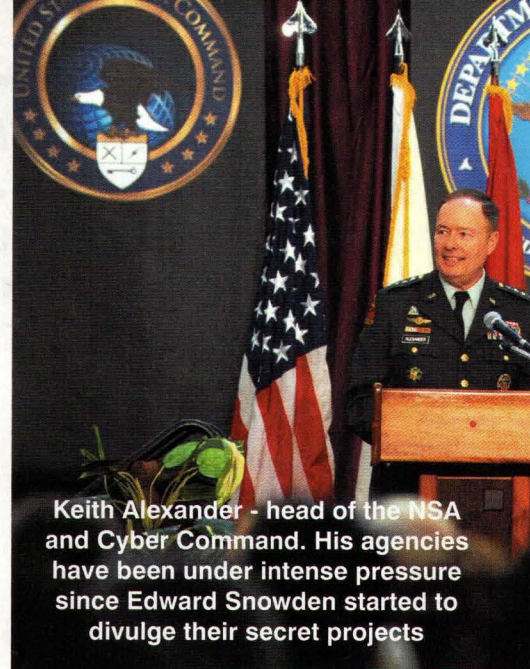
ILL-CHOICE OF CODE-NAMES?

Critics of GCHQ's TEMPORA programme revealed in the Snowden documents, believe the code-names of its two primary elements are evidence enough of a 'snooping charter' - 'Mastering the Internet' and Global Telecoms Exploitation'. Though these are top secret endeavours and the names never intended for public consumption, even some intelligence watchers believe they could and should have been labelled differently.

citizens as "legitimate targets." This comment underlines numerous statements made by his predecessor, Sir Jonathan Evans, who months before the leaks had warned MI5 was finding it increasingly difficult to access ever more cunning "electronic avoidance measures" used by al-Qaida.

MI5 is currently working harder than ever to thwart or identify plots evolving on the British mainland and some that are being planned from distant shores. This was noted by Mr Parker who admitted the country will face one major terrorist attempt each year for the foreseeable future. Of relevance to the Snowden affair, he acknowledged many of the plots had been uncovered by intelligence gleaned by GCHQ, and was annoyed terrorists and those who might engage in such acts, are now wise to some counter-measures. "It is the gift they need to evade us," he said. A few months ago, NSA Director and head of US Cyber Command Keith Alexander announced his organisation - through the tracking of communications - had stopped and uncovered "50 viable terrorist plots."

The Director-General received support from Prime Minister David Cameron and his deputy, Nick Clegg. Mr Cameron, who has thus far avoided entanglement in the spy affair, said the leaks and media involvement were a "danger to the UK." He noted that the *Guardian* had destroyed a hard drive containing secrets - this he believes is seen as acknowledging the material was of paramount importance to Britain. "The plain fact is that what has happened has damaged national security," he said. Mr Clegg said the leaks had "gifted terrorists the ability to attack the UK." In response to Mr Cameron, a *Guardian* spokesman said: "The prime minister is wrong to say



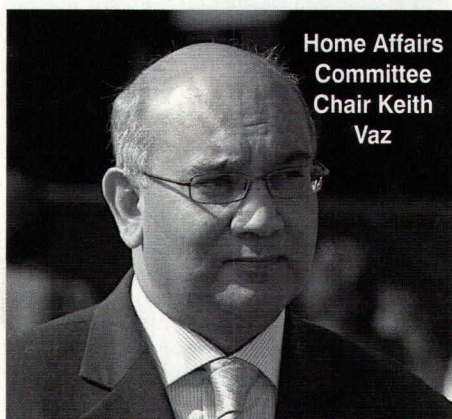
Keith Alexander - head of the NSA and Cyber Command. His agencies have been under intense pressure since Edward Snowden started to divulge their secret projects

the *Guardian* destroyed computer files because we agreed our reporting was damaging. We destroyed the computers because the government said it would use the full force of the law to prevent a newspaper from publishing anything about the NSA or GCHQ."

CENTRAL TO THE AFFAIR

No one doubts the capacity of communication services such as NSA and GCHQ to monitor electronic traffic - verbal, radio, satellite and of course, via the Internet. However, the methods used by the US and UK were ultra secret, and here lies the problem. Snowden and his chosen newspapers have revealed how most of this is achieved. Besides allowing terrorists to actively revert to other methods to conceal their activities, spy agencies elsewhere can now examine 'Five Eyes' intelligence collection procedures. This must be of equal concern to services such as MI5, MI6 and GCHQ. Undoubtedly the programmes will be dissected and replicated. This will allow adversaries to

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Home Affairs Committee Chair Keith Vaz

GUIDE BOOK FOR TERRORISTS

In his first public speech delivered at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) in London, Mr Parker said that there are several thousand extremists living in the UK who see British



Prime Minister David Cameron and his deputy Nick Clegg

COVERT SUPPORT?

Without referring to Edward Snowden, former US President Jimmy Carter criticised America's culture of surveillance saying the NSA's spying programmes were "damaging to the core of the nation's principles." He said the leaks had been "beneficial," but did acknowledge Snowden had "violated the laws of America for which he is responsible."

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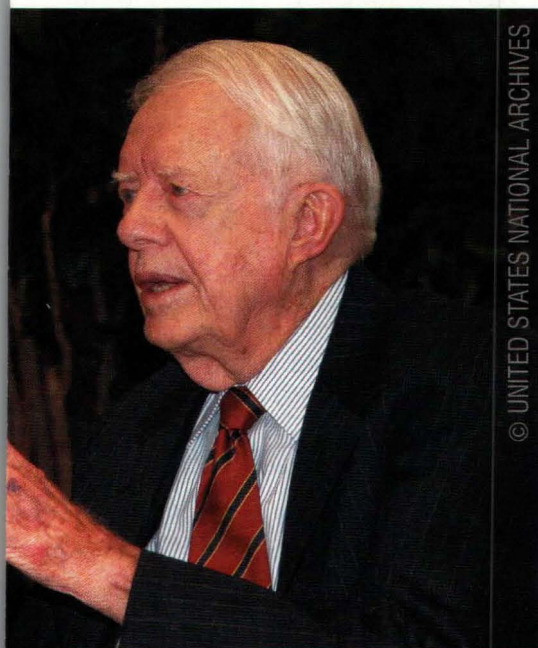


Nigel Inkster

create even more effective counter-measures.

Surprising, but thoughtful comments were made by Nigel Inkster, the former Deputy Chief of MI6. Whilst acknowledging the leaks were "embarrassing, uncomfortable and unfortunate," Mr

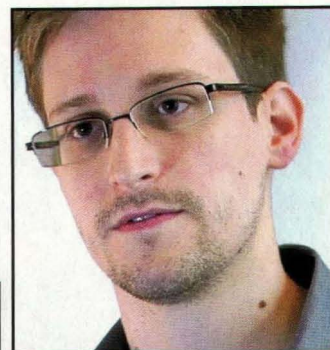
Inkster pointed out that terrorists in Afghanistan and the tribal regions of Pakistan had for some time opted not to use any "form of electronic media that would illuminate their position." A reference to counter-measures, according to the *Guardian*. He also noted that other "serious actors" were aware of the capabilities of GCHQ and NSA, and the risks associated with using electronic



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SNOWDEN DENIES RUSSIAN INTEL HAS US-UK FILES

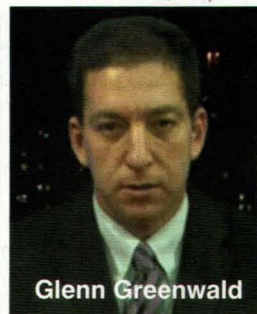
"Zero Per Cent Chance" - Snowden



Speaking from his Moscow base, Edward Snowden denied he took his intelligence bounty to Russia, claiming he gave all the documents to journalists (presumably Glenn Greenwald) whilst in Hong Kong - and before he fled in June.

The renegade contractor said: "It would not serve the public interest... what would be the unique value of personally carrying another copy of the materials onward?"

He also maintains that whilst in Hong Kong, he was able to shield the material from Chinese spies, this because of his knowledge of Chinese counter-intelligence.



Glenn Greenwald

"There's a zero percent chance the Russians or Chinese have received any documents," Snowden claimed.

Asked why he had not spoken on this issue before, Snowden said he did not want to expose journalistic colleagues to "greater scrutiny."

These latest assertions are not how many intelligence watchers see the situation, pointing out that at any time the material could have been removed and copied. One cyber source told Eye Spy: "Even if Snowden had no material on his person when he fled to Russia, this does not negate the fact that China's brilliant cyber experts could not have requested he or Greenwald or others to hand the material over for 'inspection'. Even if the files were encrypted, eventually in time they will be broken. And perhaps more relevant, the fact that interception methods and the manner in which files are examined has been so widely publicised, makes his comments even more futile. Back-engineering NSA and GCHQ procedures is a root to exposure and ultimately the material will continue to be pored over by adversaries for years - both in intelligence circles and those who seek anonymity."

TOP SECRET FEDEX

LONDON: A number of media houses have reported on a feature which appeared in *The New Yorker* concerning the despatch of a USB stick in June 2013, containing the Snowden material from Britain to the United States. According to the American newspaper, the *Guardian* used a FedEx courier to transport the material - this after fears British Intelligence may seize the files to stop publication.

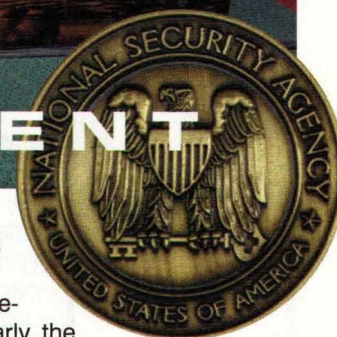
The move was criticised as a security breach in that it could have been secured by a third party. Alex Carlile QC, the former British reviewer of anti-terrorist law said: "I think it is astonishing that top secret material has been placed in a public parcel delivery system."



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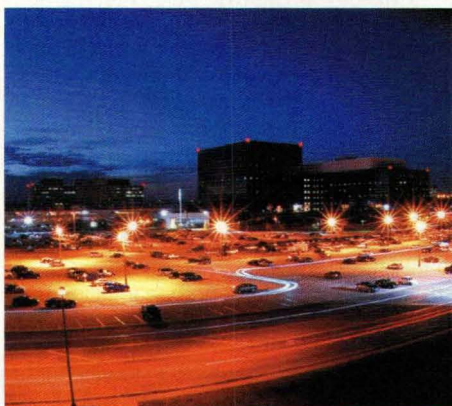


NSA - ENLARGEMENT



The National Security Agency is America's fastest growing intelligence service. New facilities in Utah and Georgia, plus expansion and redevelopment at its Fort George Meade headquarters in Maryland, have provided significant improvements in the way information is collected and shared. Similarly, the NSA hosts US Cyber Command which is also expanding. This NSA element will become a stand-alone intelligence service within the United States Intelligence Community in the next two years.

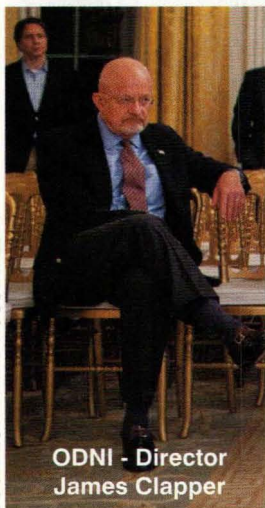
Photo shows the ground-breaking ceremony held earlier this year for a new computer centre at Fort Meade. It is part of the Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (CNCI) launched by the White House in 2008, intended to provide a unified approach to secure America's digital infrastructure. Amongst the dignitaries - Director General Keith Alexander and Deputy Director John Inglis



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communications. Mr Inkster failed to note that an interception of a cell phone call led the CIA to Hassan Ghul, a senior al-Qaida commander who was tracked and killed in October 2012.

The *Guardian*, *Washington Post*, *New York Times* and other newspapers have focused on



ODNI - Director
James Clapper

the amount of personal data secured by the agencies via the Internet, describing this as wrong. Undoubtedly such information is being collected but most is quickly catapulted out of the system. To examine the quantity of information that has been quoted

Loss of intelligence inflicted on UK and USA "worse than that suffered at the hands of the Cambridge Spy Ring"



Anthony Blunt, Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean, Kim Philby and John Cairncross

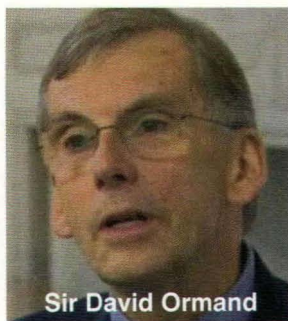
by Snowden is simply not possible. Nor should anyone not engaged in terrorism, criminality or other illegal acts be too concerned. Headlines such as 'How GCHQ watches your every move' are hardly helpful. In its defence, the *Guardian* said people like President Obama and ODN I James Clapper 'conceded the material have prompted a debate'. However, it failed to add a caveat in that intel chief Clapper warned the leaks had

already "damaged national security" and were "aiding US and Allied adversaries."

AN INCALCULABLE LOSS

Cyber analysts who have examined NSA and GCHQ programmes such as PRISM and TEMPORA released into the public domain, believe that the damage caused is "incalculable." Such terminology has been used by a

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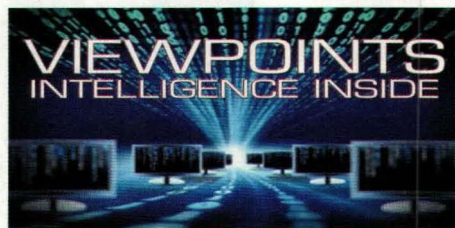


Sir David Ormand

plethora of intelligence figures. Former Downing Street advisor and ex-head of GCHQ Sir David Ormand, went

further. "It is the most catastrophic loss to British Intelligence ever, much worse than Burgess and Maclean." The latter of course were members of the infamous 1950s Cambridge spy ring which also included Kim Philby, Anthony Blunt and John Cairncross. Speaking to *The Times*, Sir David said: "You have to distinguish between the original whistleblowing intent to get a debate going, which is a responsible thing to do, and the stealing of 58,000 top secret British security documents and who knows how many American documents which is seriously damaging." He also suggested that one had to assume the material is now in the hands of Russian and Chinese Intelligence.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Edward Snowden said "there is a zero percent chance the Russians or Chinese have received any documents." I'm sorry, but in the game of espionage never say never...



Internal Langley Affairs

CIA Concern over Contractor Snowden?

Intelligence sources told Eye Spy that long before Edward Snowden joined the NSA as a contractor, some of his actions as a CIA IT operator should have sparked concern...

In 2006, Snowden found work with the CIA - two years later he had sufficiently impressed and was prescribed top secret security clearance. However, according to the *New York Times*, a colleague warned of his increasingly odd behaviour at work and demeanour.

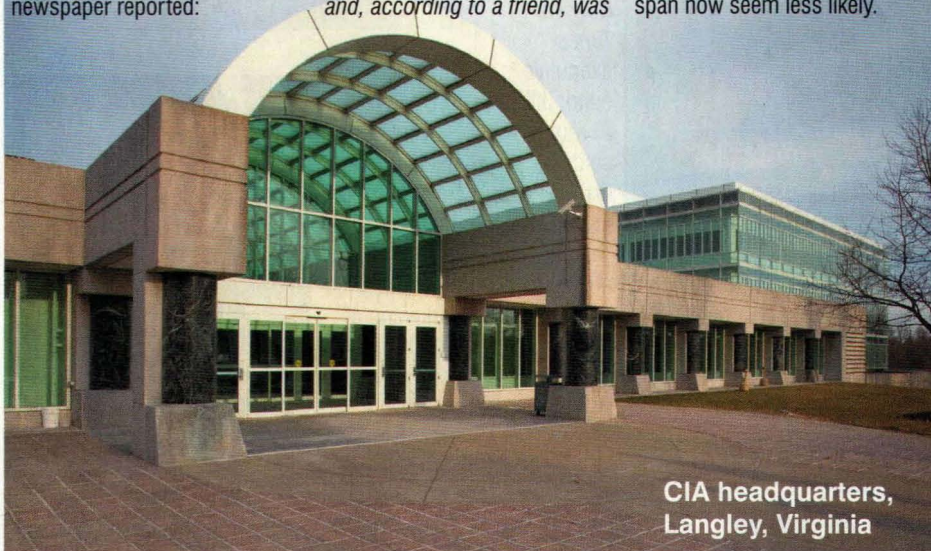
Referring to what appears to be an internal note, presumably provided for by Snowden, the newspaper reported:

'In 2009, his supervisor wrote a derogatory report in his personal file, noting a distinct change in the young man's behaviour and work habits...

'While it is unclear what exactly the supervisor's negative report said, it coincides with a period of Mr Snowden's life in 2009 when he was a prolific online commentator on government and security issues, complained about civil surveillance and, according to a friend, was

suffering from a crisis of conscience'.

Whether or not the CIA's historical records of Snowden's time at the Agency ever reached the NSA is debatable. However, for the next few years he was deployed at various NSA centres around the world and had access to archives and operations of the highest importance. Earlier reports that indicated he secured material in a short time span now seem less likely.



CIA headquarters, Langley, Virginia

COURTESY: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Edward Snowden's actions and those of the newspapers which opted to publish the intelligence files, have divided both public and official opinion. However, in intelligence circles the leaks have been widely condemned. Eye Spy presents a few relevant comments published in the media...



US AMBASSADOR TO UK - MATTHEW BARZUN

America's ambassador to the United Kingdom, Matthew Barzun responding to questions over the leaks, sought to differentiate between the actions of a whistleblower and what Edward Snowden had done.



Matthew Barzun

"The focus should be on the importance of

having a debate what the trade-offs are between security and privacy, between transparency and secrecy... and to do so in a way that protects whistleblowers - which is different from wholesale releasing of information - hundreds of thousands of documents." Ambassador's Barzun's comment might be an indication of the number of documents in the possession of civilian organisations and individuals - some known for their hard left-wing anti-government policies.

GLENN GREENWALD - JOURNALIST

Glenn Greenwald the journalist who met with Edward Snowden in Hong Kong and distributed the intelligence files, believes Snowden's



Glenn Greenwald

actions have exposed a massive 'snooping' operation that affects hundreds of millions of people.

Greenwald questioned the UK's assertion that 58,000 British intelligence

documents had been stolen, saying "this is not tantamount to the truth." He also said that not one document or even one line of information published by the media "could not possibly damage national security."



MI5 headquarters

British Intelligence tracked Greenwald's partner to Germany and were waiting for him when he returned to the UK. On his person were over 50,000 UK intelligence documents

Greenwald was responding to a BBC journalist's comment that terrorists would now change their tactics, calling the assertion "absolutely ludicrous and laughable."

JILL ABRAMSON - EXECUTIVE EDITOR NEW YORK TIMES



New York Times executive editor Jill Abramson said experienced journalists "had the ability to balance the need to

inform the public against possible harm to national security."

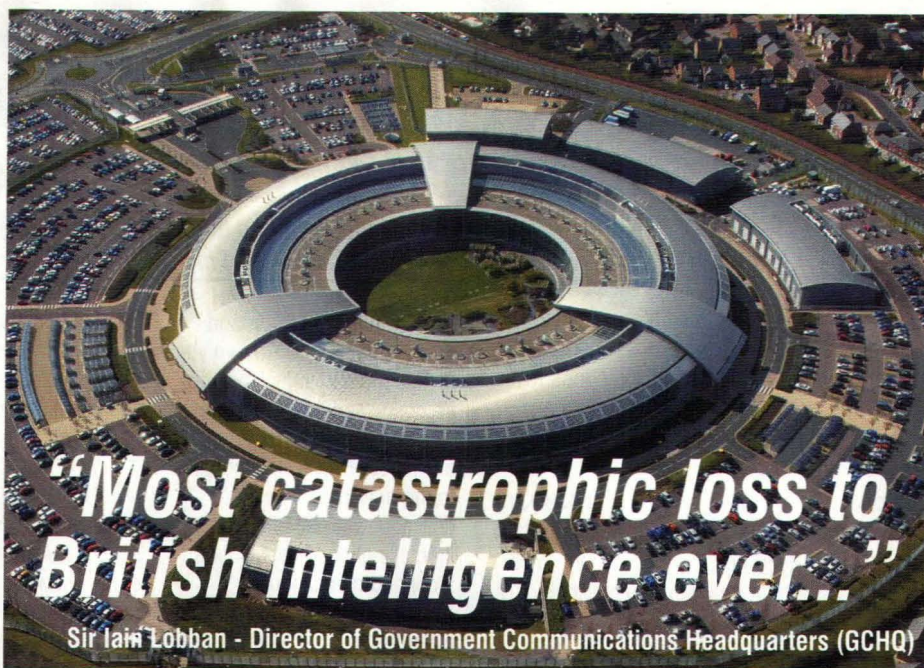
SIR JOHN SAWERS - CHIEF OF MI6



Sir John Sawers

Speaking at an unprecedented televised meeting of Britain's Intelligence and Security Committee, MI6 Chief, Sir John Sawers, launched a furious attack on Snowden. "There is no doubt that the leaks from Edward Snowden are extremely damaging. They have put our operations at risk." He added that al-Qaida is "rubbing its hands with glee."

His counterpart in GCHQ, Sir Iain Lobban, who also appeared at the event alongside MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker,



"Most catastrophic loss to British Intelligence ever..."

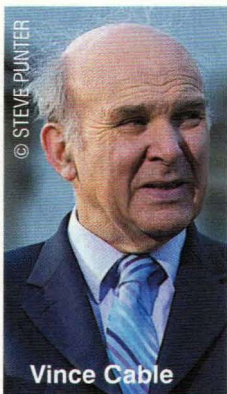
Sir Iain Lobban - Director of Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ)

SIR IAIN LOBBAN - HEAD OF GCHQ

added context to Sir John Sawers al-Qaida remark. He said that there was a danger of gradual darkening of worldwide sources and that [electronic] surveillance had "picked up conversations involving terror targets in the Middle East and Afghanistan who have now discussed how they needed to move to more secure methods of communication." Sir Iain also rejected the notion that his Service intercepts and reads all e-mails and phone calls, adding only material relevant to national security is targeted.

He previously said the leaks by Snowden represented the "most catastrophic loss to British Intelligence ever."

VINCE CABLE - UK BUSINESS SECRETARY



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Vince Cable

Vince Cable, a leading UK politician and current British Business Secretary is supportive of the *Guardian's* reporting stance, announcing it had performed a "very considerable public service." As for Snowden, Cable said he was a "different kettle of fish."

JACK STRAW - FORMER HOME SECRETARY

Former Home Secretary Jack Straw said the *Guardian's* stance was tantamount to "indulgent irresponsibility" and did not protect the British people. He added that the newspaper had showed "arrogance and naivety" in its selected release of NSA and GCHQ documents.

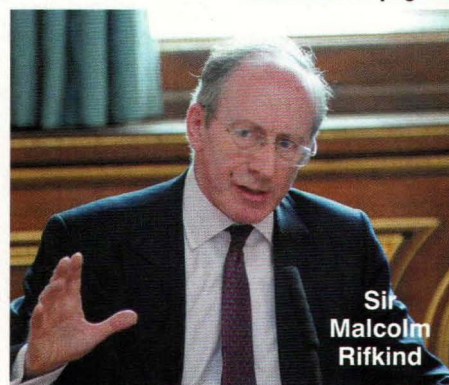


Jack Straw

SIR MALCOLM RIFKIND - INTEL & SECURITY COMMITTEE

Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Chairman of the Intelligence and Security Committee. Sir Malcolm said Edward Snowden and newspaper editors who are currently leaking security documents "are not qualified to judge which ones are safe to release." His comments were seen as a rebuke of *New York Times* editor Jill Abramson and are supported by the vast majority of intelligence officials affected by the Prism and Tempora affair.

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Sir Malcolm Rifkind

REWARDS And Awards

Snowden and The Guardian Receive Support from Whistleblowing Groups

In October, Edward Snowden was joined by his father in Moscow to receive the annual 'Sam Adams Award' - named as such after Samuel Adams a CIA analyst who uncovered incorrect estimates of Vietcong and North Vietnamese Army fighter strength during the Vietnam War.

It is presented to intelligence professionals (not necessarily

employed by government) by the Sam Adams Association for Integrity in Intelligence, a group run by former CIA officers who 'stand for integrity and ethics'. Amongst its previous winners are former GCHQ whistleblower Katherine Gun and Julian Assange.

One of those who presented the award was Jesselyn Radack, a former FBI employee and ethics advisor to the US Department of Justice. Today she is National Security and Human Rights Director of the 'Government Accountability



CIA officer Johnny Spann and his memorial in Afghanistan



American Taliban John Walker Lindh is detained

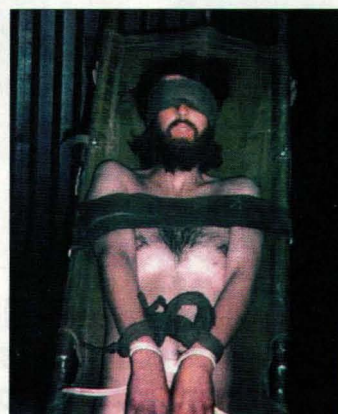


Edward Snowden receives the Sam Adams Award in Moscow



"60 per cent of the United States supports Edward Snowden, including thousands in the national security and intelligence agencies where he used to work..."

Former FBI employee
Jesselyn Radack



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MOST DANGEROUS:

2001. John Walker Lindh in custody and awaiting his return to America

was voted Voice of the Year by the civil rights group Liberty at its annual awards ceremony in London.

Project'. For the record, in 2002, Radack clashed with Bureau officials over what she believed was an "ethics violation" in respect of the interrogation of American-born terrorist John Walker Lindh, during the 2001 US-led invasion of Afghanistan. Dubbed the 'American Taliban', Lindh was the first significant individual to be prosecuted after 9/11. Detained following the major Battle of Qala-i-Jangi, he had participated in a violent uprising of fellow Taliban prisoners which resulted in the death of CIA officer (Special Activities Division) Johnny Spann.

Earlier in August, Snowden had been awarded (in absentia) the biennial German 'Whistleblower Prize'. Established in 1999, the award, which comes with a three thousand Euro cheque, is sponsored by the German branch of International Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms and Association of German Scientists.

The *Guardian* meanwhile, which now has a working partnership with the *New York Times* and ProPublica concerning the NSA leaks, won two on-line journalism awards for its reporting of the Snowden affair. In October, US *Guardian* editor-in-chief Janine Gibson, accepted the Gannett Foundation Award for Investigative Journalism and the Gannett Foundation Watch Journalism Award. In November, the newspaper

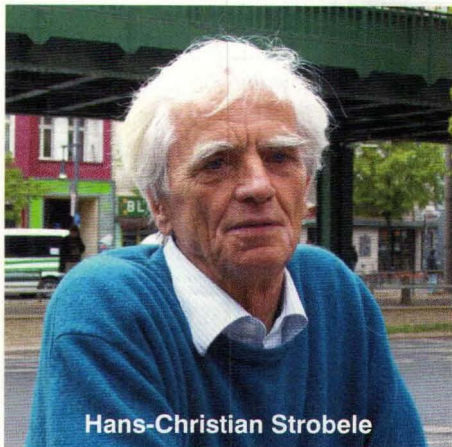


Jesselyn Radack

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**HANS-CHRISTIAN STROBELE -
GERMAN POLITICIAN**

German politician Hans-Christian Strobele met with Edward Snowden in Moscow to explore the possibility of the former NSA contractor testifying before a German parliamentary committee to investigate claims of US spying on and in Germany. He also hoped that Germany can negotiate an agreement that will provide Snowden protection. However, Washington has ruled out clemency.

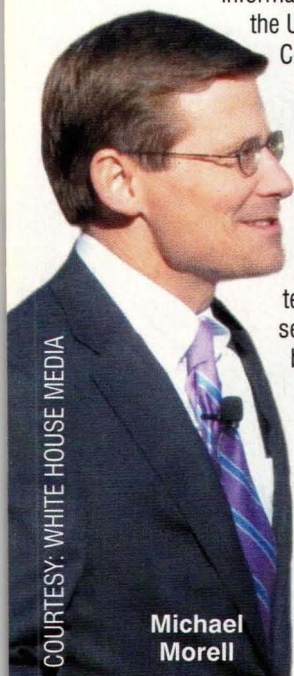


Hans-Christian Strobele

**MICHAEL MORELL - FORMER
DEPUTY CIA DIRECTOR**

“Edward Snowden is a traitor... leaks are the most serious compromise of classified information in US history...”

Michael Morell, former Deputy Director CIA, said Snowden had initiated the biggest leak of information in the history of the US Intelligence Community (USIC).



Michael Morell

Describing the ex-contractor as the “greatest traitor,” Morell warned he had placed Americans at greater risk from terrorists and said securing intelligence has been made more difficult.

Speaking on *60 Minutes*, Mr Morell said: “I do not believe he is a whistleblower, I do not believe he is a hero. I believe he has betrayed his country.”

CSE GIVEN PRIOR NOTICE

Greenwald departs Guardian but warns Canadian surveillance is next for worldwide examination

Glenn Greenwald, the *Guardian* journalist who met with Snowden in Hong Kong and

secured the files, has announced he is leaving the newspaper to help establish a new media house, describing the opportunity as a “dream project.” Billionaire Pierre Omidyar, the founder of eBay has committed \$250m to the venture, and said his decision was “fuelled by rising concern about press freedoms in the United States and elsewhere.”

The company hopes to utilise independent journalists and use the Internet to build an on-line

only organisation, the proceeds of which will be reinvested in journalism.

However, Greenwald’s departure from the newspaper has not stopped him orchestrating the careful release of Edward Snowden’s many files. And in a side-swipe at Canadian Intelligence, the journalist hinted the North American country may be next on his agenda. Speaking to CBC he said the stories are coming: “The documents are quite complex. There are a lot of them. There is enormous amounts of reporting to do in Canada, one of the most active surveillance countries in the



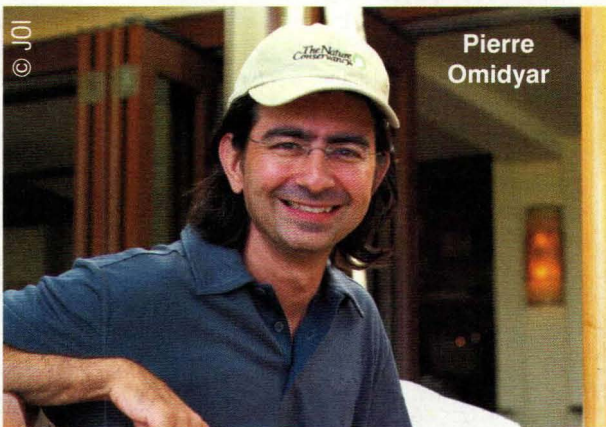
Glenn Greenwald

world, because of how closely they work with the NSA.”

That material relevant to Canada’s Communication Security Establishment (CSE) will be published seems extremely likely. It is a major player in the ‘Five Eyes’ pact and the country’s primary electronic intelligence collection agency.



Crest of CSE



Pierre Omidyar

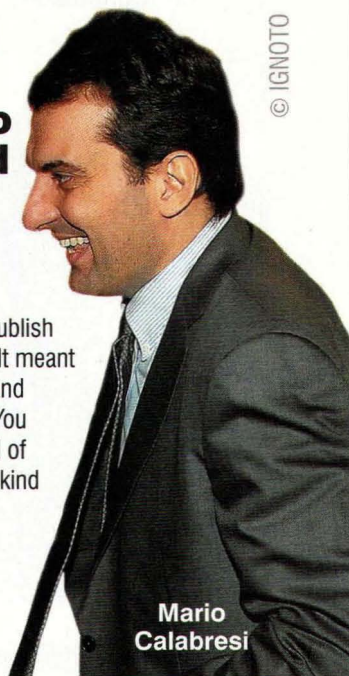
**MARIO CALABRESI -
EDITOR LA STAMPA (ITALY)**

Mario Calabresi, editor of Italy’s *La Stampa*, agrees with Jill Abramson, editor of the *New York Times*, in respect of a journalist having the ability to understand the sensitivity, content and impact on national security should an intelligence document be published. *It is not the opinion of Eye Spy editor Mark Birdsall.*

Calabresi said: “The freedom of the press is so precious that it cannot be restricted or compromised by the accusation of complicity with ‘the enemies’. This does not, of course, mean that newspapers can say whatever they want without any kind of control or any kind of responsibility. But from what I understand, the *Guardian* has carefully scrutinised the documents they received. This is important. In Italy we were very impressed with the time the

“You decided what was fit to print and what wasn’t”

Guardian took to publish these documents. It meant that you checked and scrutinised them. You cannot be accused of acting simply as a kind of post box. You received a lot of material and then you decided what was fit to print and what wasn’t.



Mario Calabresi

IRAN'S N-BOMB QUEST

GENEVA DEAL STALLS TEHRAN'S AMBITION

Analysts Divided Over Uranium Enrichment Agreement

President Obama has hailed a controversial deal between the West and Iran that in effect stalls Tehran's nuclear ambitions for six months - this in return for the lifting of some sanctions. However, whilst some countries have hailed the Geneva deal, there is deep suspicion in others, including the Middle East's other primary powers - Saudi Arabia and Israel. Indeed, Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu called the agreement a "historic mistake" that "turns the world into a much scarier place." However, former Mossad Director Efraim Halevy believes that his country's talk that Iran poses an "existential threat" is merely "hot air," arguing that a peaceful resolution is possible.

Iranian officials and negotiators from the West assembled with a group called P5+1 (member states of the permanent UN Security Council plus Germany) in Switzerland. Here they reached an agreement whereby Iranian enrichment that has been produced will be diluted to 20%. Uranium for a bomb needs enriching to 90%. Thereafter, future enrichment - until



US Secretary of State John Kerry met with Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal in Riyadh shortly before the Iranian deal. It seems incomprehensible that the Iran proposal was not discussed

Spring 2014 - must not be above 5%. This will allow Tehran to generate electricity.

Saudi Arabian officials have long argued that a more direct approach should be taken to ending Iran's chase for a nuclear weapon. Yet following the election of a new Iranian president in the person of Hassan Rouhani, intelligence analysts supported a different approach that would essentially examine and test Rouhani's policy towards the West. Not all intelligence watchers are convinced, noting that Iran will still have the ability to continue much of its nuclear research and enrich uranium.

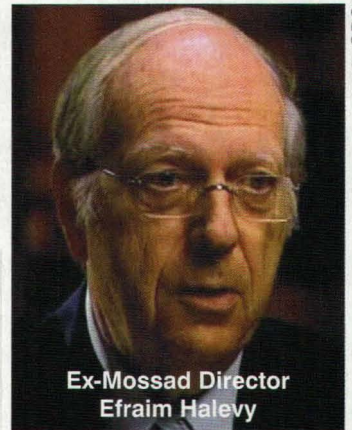
Perhaps not all the facts surrounding this controversial deal have been heard. Eye Spy understands that the Americans have been secretly discussing the issue with Iranian officials for the best part of six months. These negotiations were discovered by Saudi Intelligence which in turn sought clarification. Intelligence officials in the Kingdom are then thought to have met with their counterparts in Mossad advising them of the covert US-Saudi liaisons.

Amidst the rising tensions, Saudi Arabia have intimated that it retains the option to secure a nuclear weapon via Pakistan. Israel has publicly announced it is not bound by the deal and analysts fear that without a concrete agreement with Iran within the six-month time frame, there is a real possibility that Tel Aviv will launch a military strike.

Eye Spy sources believe the CIA issued a new Estimate of the Situation on Iran's nuclear missile, rocket and space programme in 2012. The report predicted Tehran could, if research continued, have a viable nuclear bomb within two years. Much of the intelligence used to generate the report was provided by Israel's spy agencies. That the Geneva agreement is the first, and probably last chance to reverse this part of Iran's nuclear programme, will be watched with interest in several Middle East countries, including the influential United Arab



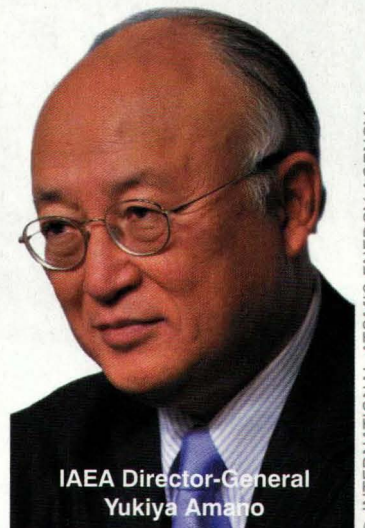
Israeli premier Benjamin Netanyahu at the UN discusses Iran's nuclear bomb programme



Ex-Mossad Director Efraim Halevy

Emirates, which said it could "support stability in the region."

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director-General Yukiya Amano released a statement following the negotiations: "The IAEA welcomes the agreement... which is another important step forward." US Secretary of State John Kerry said: "With this first step, we have created the time and space in order to be able to pursue a comprehensive agreement to ensure Iran does not obtain a nuclear weapon."



IAEA Director-General Yukiya Amano



Iran's President Hassan Rouhani with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

B R O K E N

Mossad Spy Network

EXPOSED BY TURKISH INTEL?

NATO concern as intelligence protocol breached - this as allegations abound that Turkey's MIT has reached a secret agreement with MOIS - the Iranian intelligence service

Until recently, Turkey's National Intelligence Organisation, MIT (Milli Istihbarat Teskilati), had an excellent relationship with Israeli Intelligence. That all changed following two pivotal happenings. Firstly, many political commentators believe Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's drive towards creating a more Islamist country is problematic, and secondly, when Israeli Special Forces killed nine Turkish activists aboard the MV Mavi Marmara on 30 May 2010. The ship was part of a flotilla attempting

to break Israel's naval blockade of the Gaza Strip. The deaths occurred when IDF commandoes were dropped by helicopter onto the vessel and fighting broke out. At the time, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu refused to apologise and Erdogan called Zionism a "crime against humanity."

Even before the flotilla incident, relations appeared to be faltering. In 2009, Mr Erdogan and Israel's President Shimon Peres were involved in a bitter row at the World Economic Forum Conference over Israeli rocket launches into Gaza. The Turkish premier walked out



A video frame taken aboard the MV Mavi Marmara which the IDF says shows protesters arming themselves with knives and other weapons

vowing never to return. And just last year Turkish and Israeli officials clashed again, this after Erdogan told Israel it must "stop its massacre of Palestinians in Gaza," calling Tel Aviv's action a "campaign of genocide."

29 May 2010. IDF troops assemble on the INS Nitzachon in Haifa as they prepare to intercept and search the MV Mavi Marmara and other vessels attempting to breach an Israeli blockade around the Gaza Strip



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Crest, shield and logo of MOIS, MIT and the Mossad. It would be inconceivable for the Israeli spy agency to operate in a tri-service arrangement that could result in intelligence reaching Tehran via Turkey

Some political analysts believe Erdogan is edging Turkey closer to the Middle East and away from Europe in an attempt to dominate the region.

HISTORICAL SPY LINKS - BACKGROUND

More recently, and relevant to the world of intelligence, it has been alleged Mr Erdogan green-lighted an MIT operation which exposed and subsequently destroyed one of the Mossad's most important spy rings. Eye Spy

understands this happened shortly after the MV Mavi Marmara incident.

For the best part of 25 years, due to the unusual but unique intelligence liaison between Israel and Turkey, the latter has allowed Tel Aviv access to its air space, and perhaps more controversially, provided a safe and neutral environment where the Mossad can meet with its Middle East and European agents. Other intelligence sources also believe the Mossad has been allowed permission to launch operations from Turkey - some via its southern border with northern Iran.

Now reports emanating from a number of leading sources claim Turkey provided Iranian intelligence contacts in Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and National Security (MOIS), with the identity of at least ten Mossad agents operating inside Iran. Another report suggests at least one CIA contact agent was also identified. The men apparently used locations in Turkey to meet their handlers and receive instructions. This had led many intelligence watchers to speculate the agents played some part in the assassination of several Iranian scientists and officials linked to Tehran's nuclear programme.

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Earlier this year Tehran announced it had broken a major Israeli spy ring and detained

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Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Zeev Elkin

several Iranian nationals who were operating as Mossad agents. Few details emerged and despite there being scant evidence to support the claim, in October, three men accused of being Mossad spies went on trial for allegedly recruiting 60 Iranians to act as a "destabilising element." How the agents were uncovered continues to generate much debate. However, a cryptic comment by Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister Zeev Elkin, seems to add substance to the claim over MIT involvement and the collapse of the Turkish-based Mossad spy operation. Admitting Israel's relations with Turkey are "very complex," Elkin added: "The



Israel's President Shimon Peres



Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan walks out of the 2009 World Economic Forum Conference following a bitter debate with Israeli officials



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Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan . Inset: MIT chief Hakan Fidan

Turks made a strategic decision - to seek the leadership of our region in the Middle East - and they chose the convenient anti-Israeli card in order to build-up leadership."

Following the 2010 maritime incident which caused such a furore in Turkey and elsewhere, then Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak feared Turkey would respond by providing its primary adversary - Iran - with details of its secret intelligence relationship with Israel. "There are quite a few secrets [given to Turkey] and the thought that they could become open to the Iranians over the next

several months is quite disturbing," said Barak.

Another incident that Eye Spy sources believe is connected to the exposure of the Mossad cell, is the cancellation of a contract involving the delivery of ten Predator drones to Turkey. Indeed, even sources inside Turkey claim this was a deliberate act by Washington over what the US sees as a drive by Hakan Fidan to form better MIT-MOIS relations.

The last contact of note between Israel and Turkey was in March 2013, this following attempts by President Obama to help patch up relations with two of America's most important intelligence associates. And though Prime Minister Netanyahu apologised for the deaths of the Turks on the Mavi Marmara, negotiations failed.

TURKEY REJECTS SPY CLAIMS

For its part, Turkey has denied providing any Israeli intelligence material to Iran. "Hakan Fidan and other security agents report only to the Turkish government and the parliament," said Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu. He described reports of cooperation as "slandorous black propaganda" and "groundless."



Seyed Alavi - Iran's intel chief

However, Eye Spy understands a secret meeting has already taken place between senior Turkish intelligence officials and Iran's Deputy Intelligence Minister Khosrow Hosseini and Iran Revolutionary Guard intelligence chief Brigadier-General Hossein Salami. Though details are sketchy, it is believed an agreement was reached in respect of intelligence gathering. This would almost



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MAIN: MV Mavi Marmara pictured in May 2010 as it prepares to set sail for Gaza. **INSET:** The MV Mavi Marmara returns to Istanbul in December 2010 after the ship was released by Israel. On its side a large banner displaying the images of nine Turkish nationals who were killed after Israeli troops boarded the vessel and fighting broke out. The incident proved the catalyst for the breakdown in relations between Israel and Turkey

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Just days prior to his first visit to the UN, new Iranian President Hassan Rohani attended a military parade which included long-range missile-carrying vehicles draped with banners calling for 'the end of Israel's existence'

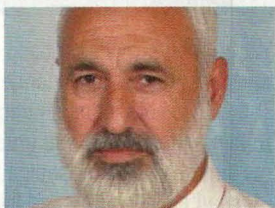


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31 May 2010. There was international condemnation of the IDF raid and protests took place in several countries. Above: Demonstrators re-enact the deaths of the nine Turks in Gothenburg, Sweden. Below: Protesters in Istanbul

CONSPIRACY THEORY MOSSAD INTEL ON 'WRONG SUSPECT'

Turkish politician and activist Ibrahim Bilgen, 61, was amongst those who died on the MV Mavi Mamara. He was struck by four bullets.

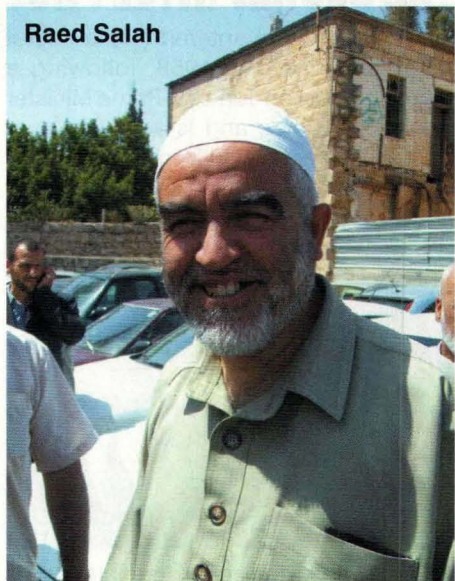


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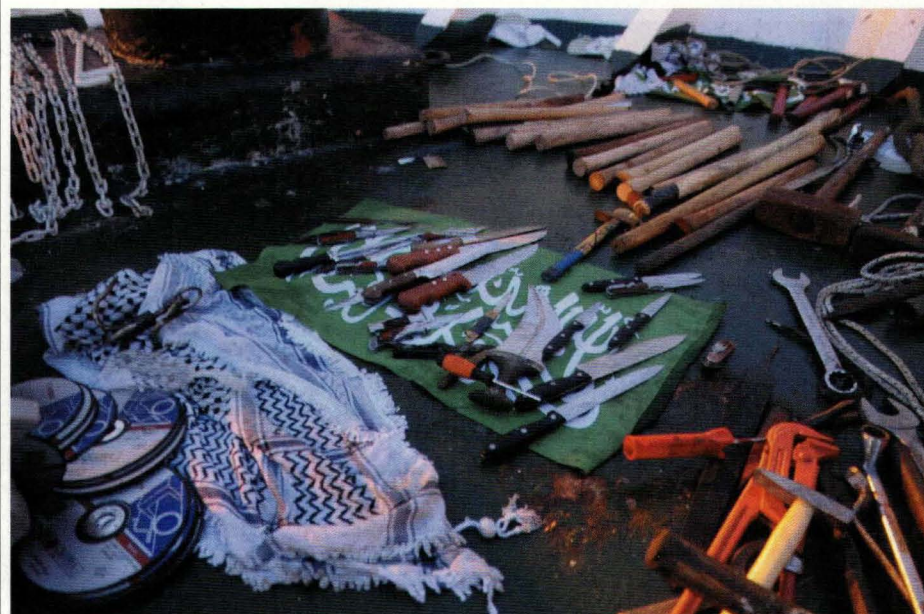
A conspiracy theory surrounding Bilgen exists in that it has been alleged Israeli Intelligence mistook the Turk for Raed Salah - the leader of the northern element of the Islamic Movement in Israel.

The Mossad claim Salah had contact with an Iranian MOIS agent and was once convicted of raising funds for Hamas. The activist was arrested in the UK in 2011 but released.

Raed Salah



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A variety of weapons found on the MV Mavi Marmara after it was boarded by IDF troops. Israel contends its troops were attacked first - a claim disputed by the protesters



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Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak - 2010

certainly end Mossad operations launched from Turkey into Iran and damage further a withering intelligence relationship. Hosseini, for the record, allegedly operates in great secrecy and this may not be his real name.

If such a meeting took place, it would almost certainly have involved MIT chief Hakan Fidan. And for the record, David Ignatius writing in the *Washington Post*, recently commented that the spy chief is regarded by some Mossad officials as the 'MOIS Station Chief in Ankara'. He did add a caveat in that the CIA still liaise with Fidan on sensitive matters.

INTELLIGENCE GAMES

Events in the region were made even more complex when Turkey was recently accused of supplying intelligence to the Mossad of a vessel allegedly delivering a Russian anti-aircraft system to Syria.

Mossad believes the weapons consignment was destined for fighters belonging to Israel's arch enemy - Hezbollah. The Lebanese-based group are currently engaged in fierce fighting against opponents of President Assad. In response to the allegations, Turkey's Davutoglu said: "There is an attempt to give the impression that Turkey has coordinated with Israel. We have issues with Syria based on a principle. But let me say clearly, the Turkish government has never cooperated with Israel against any Muslim country and never will."



Danny Yatom

MIT. However, comments made from within Israel's intelligence community suggest a major shift in policy and attitude. Danny Yatom, former head of Mossad believes Turkey did expose its Iranian spy ring and even questioned if the country was still a reliable military partner: "Who is going to trust or cooperate with them? This is something that is unheard of. Turkey breached all the rules of cooperation between intelligence organisations today. Due to the rise in global terrorism, friendly intelligence cooperation is rising and sharing intelligence is no longer unusual."

Thus questions remain on the exact nature of Mossad's current relationship with the



Washington Post columnist David Ignatius said MIT intelligence chief Hakan Fidan is viewed with suspicion in Israel: 'Several years ago, Israeli intelligence officers are said to have described him facetiously to CIA officials as the MOIS Station Chief in Ankara', wrote Ignatius

Yatom then provided a deep clue as to the current status of intelligence relations with Turkey. He said Israel shares intelligence with Britain and America and until recently... "with the Turks." This is an indication that the Mossad believes MIT and Iranian Intelligence have liaised.

Perhaps the most crucial appraisal of Turkish-Iran intel relations was made by Iran's ambassador to Turkey, Alireza Bigdeli. He said intelligence cooperation between the two countries was in a "very, very good state." Speaking to journalists in Istanbul, Mr Bigdeli



Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu insists his government did not supply Israel with details of a secret consignment of weapons intended for Hezbollah

THE SECRET INTEL PACT

Turkey and Israel entered into a secret intelligence pact in 1958, following a meeting between Turkey's Prime Minister Adnan Menderes and Israel's first ever Prime Minister - David Ben-Gurion - who was fluent in the Turkish language.



David Ben-Gurion and Adnan Menderes

said: "Why do [Western] countries not like it when Iranian and Turkish intelligence agencies cooperate? Turkish and Iranian agencies always cooperate." As for questions about MIT's perceived role in the outing of the Mossad spy ring, Bigdeli said the claims go back a year and he has "no information" to add.

Meanwhile in Turkey, reports have emerged of another Mossad operation that some journalists believe was an attempt to target and discredit MIT chief Hakan Fidan. Media houses named a powerful foundation established shortly after 9/11 as being behind the campaign. Abdulkadir Selvi, a Turkish journalist with excellent ties to the government, believes recent 'black propaganda' attacks were initiated by the Mossad after attempts by the intelligence service to recruit Turkish nationals were exposed.



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9K33 Osa (Wasp) - NATO SA-8 Gecko



Israel Front Defence Minister Gilad Erdan

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NEW LATAKIA STRIKE

RUSSIAN MISSILE SYSTEM TARGETED

According to US government sources, on 30 October, Israeli warplanes attacked a major Syrian weapons storage facility near the port of Latakia destroying a newly delivered consignment of Russian-built SA-125 surface-to-surface missile systems. Other reports say Russian 9K33 Osa short-range tactical surface-to-surface missile systems were also targeted. It was the third time this year the Israeli Air Force has struck targets in Syria. In January, a vessel carrying a high-end anti-aircraft weapons system intended for Hezbollah fighters was destroyed; and in May, a shipment of Iranian-built surface-to-surface Fateh-110 missiles was targeted at Damascus Airport.

Mossad agents had tracked the recent delivery - made by an unidentified cargo vessel for several weeks. Within hours of it being off-loaded into a military air force facility, locals reported major explosions from within.

Interestingly, news of the latest operation emanated from the United States and caused much anger in Israel. Following the leak,

and with little room to politically manoeuvre, Israel Front Defence Minister Gilad Erdan said: "We have said many times that we will not allow the transfer of advanced weapons to Hezbollah. We are sticking with this policy and I say so without denying or confirming this report."

Israel's top-selling newspaper - *Yedioth Ahronoth* - accused

Washington of 'selling our secrets on the cheap'.

Afaq Ahmad, a former Syrian intelligence officer who has 'switched sides' and resides in Paris, said the base that was attacked was used as a storage facility for Russian-made ballistic missiles.

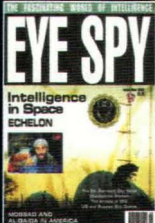
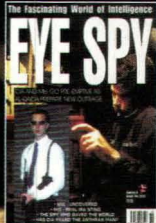
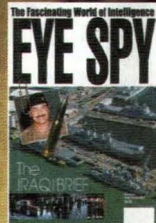
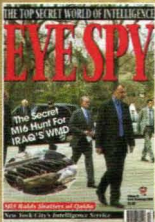
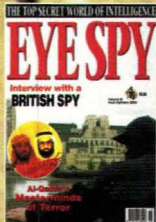
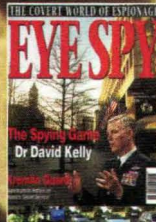
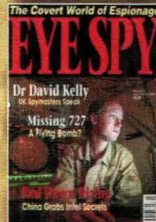
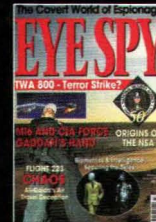
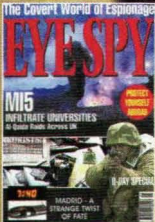
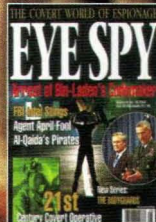
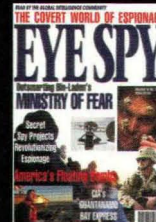
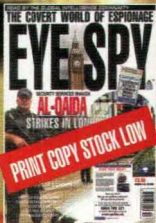
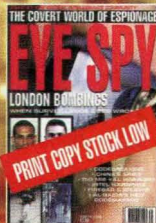
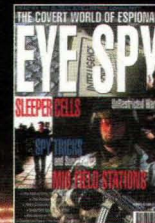
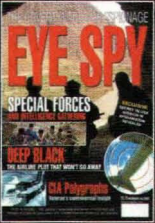
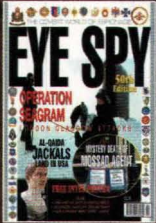
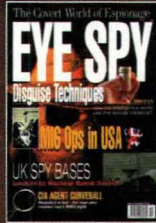
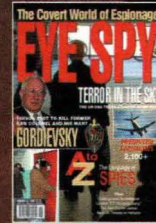
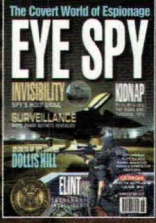
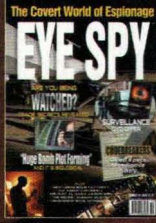
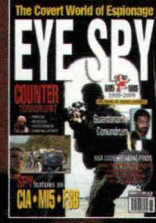
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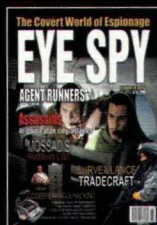


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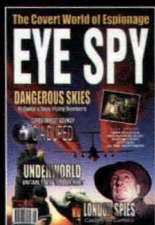
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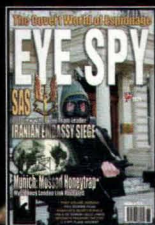
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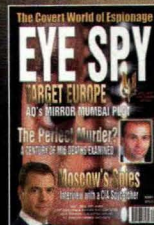
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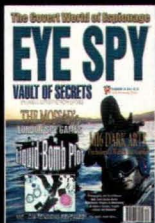
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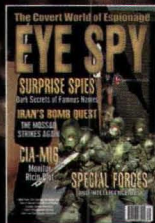
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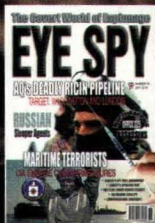
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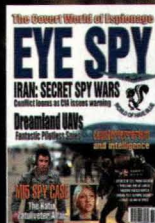
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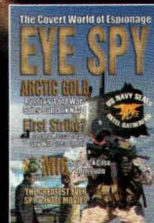
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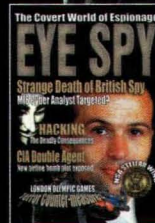
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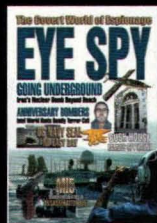
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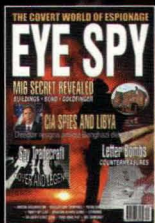
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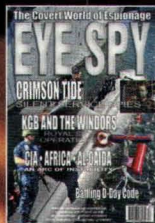
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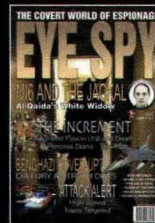
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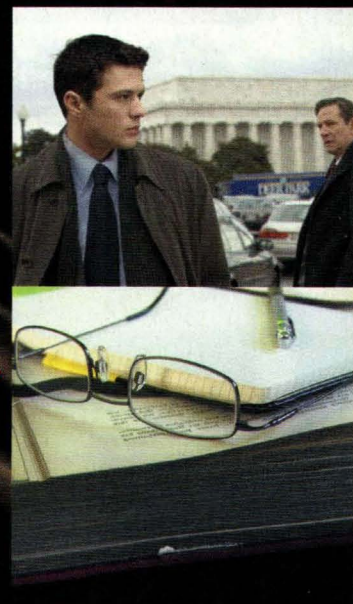


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TERROR PIPELINE

As investigators continue to hunt for Samantha Lewthwaite and probe the September Westgate Shopping Mall attack in Kenya, evidence begins to emerge that the attack gang had 'international dimensions'



It has emerged that one of four terrorists recorded on CCTV in the mall, had been placed under surveillance in 2007, by the Norwegian Police Security Service - PST (intelligence). Somali-born Hassan Abdi Dhuhulow, 23, was identified by friends in Norway who watched newly released film footage of the attack. They show him casually walking through shops pointing an AK-47. The brutality of the al-Shabaab group is reflected in the imagery, which captured the moment civilians who had tried to hide after becoming trapped, were executed at point-blank range.

Dhuhulow's father had fled Somalia in 1999, along with his five children after his wife was

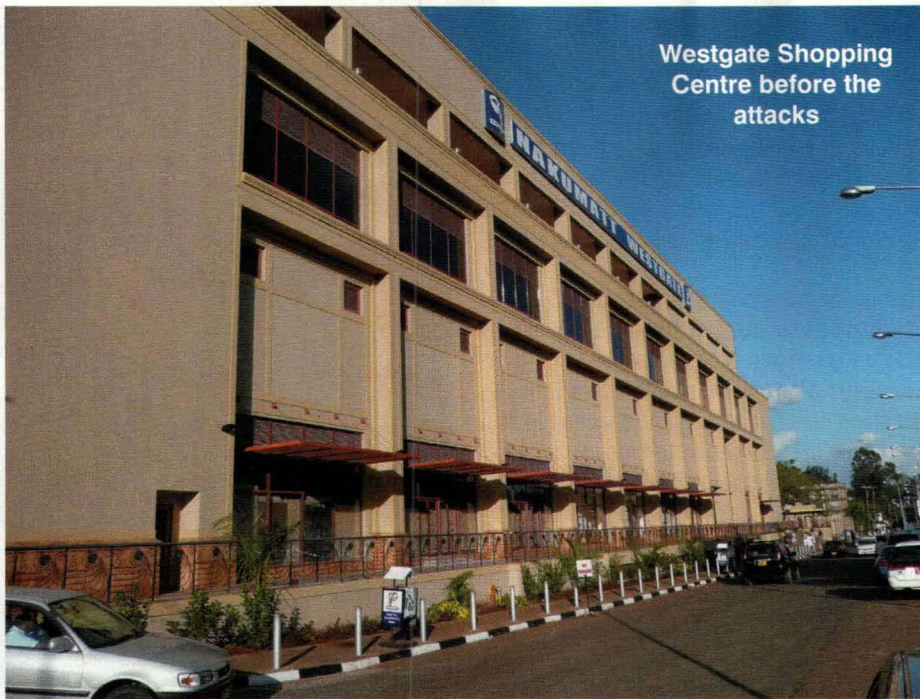
killed in the country's long on-going internal conflict. All were given leave to stay in Norway. However, by 2006 and aged just 16, Hassan Dhuhulow became disillusioned with the West and began visiting extremist web sites and posting radical messages in chat rooms. This brought him to the attention of the PST which started to monitor his activities. In 2009 he returned to Somalia.

In 2012, he was arrested on suspicion of the murder of radio journalist Hassan Yusuf Absuge in Somalia. Absuge's reporting of a suicide attack was not to al-Shabaab's liking and he was attacked by several gunmen. One man was convicted but police failed to secure sufficient evidence against Dhuhulow and he

was freed. Thereafter he disappeared in the port city of Kismayo and authorities lost track of him.

The PST believe between 50-100 Norwegian-based Somalis have returned to North Africa to fight with al-Qaida, this from a total of 23,000 Somalis who live in the country. And, like other security organisations, officials here fear they may carry out terrorist atrocities when they return. Al-Shabaab's Norwegian pipeline is extensive and complex; fighters use refugee camps in Kenya to come and go, declaring they are visiting relatives and friends. One such camp in Dadaab is enormous and hosts hundreds of thousands of refugees, many from neighbouring Somalia.





Westgate Shopping Centre before the attacks



The four gunmen walk through a storage room seeking victims



THE RECRUITER

It has also emerged that the primary target for the recent US Navy SEAL operation in Barawa, Somalia, Abdulkadir Mohamed Abdulkadir (see page 14), a senior commander in the group, travelled to Norway in 2004 and like the Dhuhulows, applied for asylum. After waiting four years for a decision, he opted to leave the country. Eye Spy understands he is carrying Norwegian travel documents, though not necessarily in his name.

The PST is now investigating the possibility that al-Shabaab has a recruiter or coordinator based in Norway. Eye Spy understands one suspect is being monitored after targeting young adult men of Somali origin who were

born in Africa but moved to Europe as children.

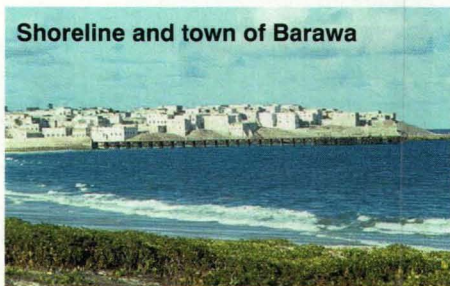
Vital intelligence that may lead PST investigators to the recruiter is currently being examined; for it has emerged that several cell phone calls made by the Westgate attackers have been traced to numbers not only in Somalia, but also Norway. Our sources state Dhuhulow may not have been the only Norwegian involved in the attack. Indeed, it is almost certain that some aspects of the attack were

not only planned in Norway, but controlled as the operation developed.

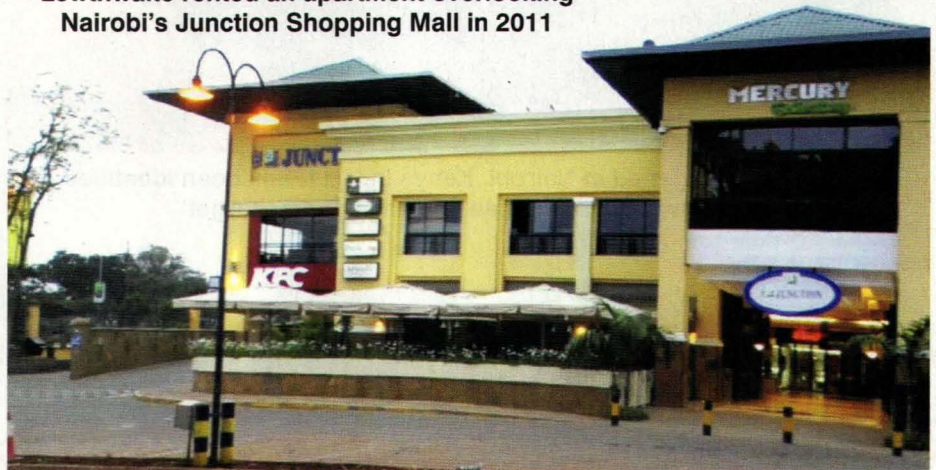
Confusion still surrounds the fate of the attackers. Some reports say three suspected terrorists were arrested and a further eight are believed to have escaped. Two more bodies discovered in rubble in a part of the mall that collapsed are believed to be gunmen. Alongside their bodies were AK-47 firearms - a weapon not carried by Kenyan security services or its armed forces. Kenyan



Shoreline and town of Barawa



Lewthwaite rented an apartment overlooking Nairobi's Junction Shopping Mall in 2011



KILLING FOR AL-SHABAAB

Hassan Abdi Dhuhulow is caught on CCTV roaming through the Westgate Shopping Mall seeking targets



officials are uncertain if Dhuhulow was killed or managed to escape. A PST team is in Nairobi and believed to be carrying DNA samples which might identify Dhuhulow. Intelligence officials from the UK, USA, Israel and Germany are also assisting Kenyan investigators still trying to identify victims and terrorists alike.

SAMANTHA LEWTHWAITE

MI5 and New Scotland Yard meanwhile, continue to gather intelligence that is beginning to suggest Briton Samantha Lewthwaite, 29, did play a role in the attack. Lewthwaite, the former wife of London 7/7 bomber Germain Lindsey, is wanted in connection with a number of attacks in Kenya and elsewhere. Indeed, she may have been involved with at least seven assassinations, including two

Christian clergymen. Dubbed the 'White Widow', new information has surfaced on the al-Qaida operative, including the discovery of a diary in which she reveals her hopes that her two young sons will become suicide bombers.

Terrorist paraphernalia and other useful information was discovered on a computer hard drive she had used at a house in Mombasa. This led investigators to another flat she rented overlooking the Junction Mall in Nairobi in 2011. Lewthwaite lived in this apartment with her four children for seven months under her assumed South African name of Natalie Faye Webb. Despite having no obvious income, she paid nearly £500 a month (\$800) rent. Detectives are considering this shopping centre, frequented by wealthy Kenyans and Westerners, like Westgate, may have been a terrorist target.

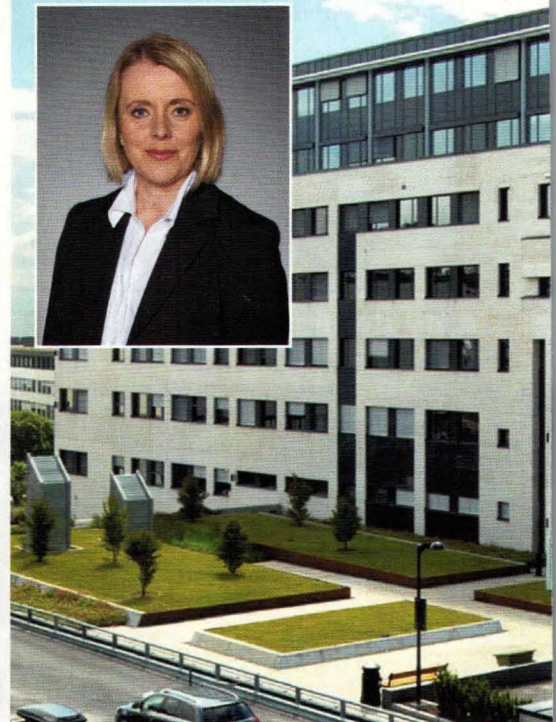
UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon at the huge Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya. Al-Shabaab and other al-Qaida franchises use the camps as an excuse to travel, meet associates and recruit members



Also on the computer, a 'poem' written by Lewthwaite where she pledges her life to the cause of al-Qaida and praises Osama bin-Laden. Of additional note, an al-Qaida manual called *Mujahideen Explosive Handbook* had been downloaded. A flash drive was also secured that showed for eight years she had collected and researched information on chemicals, and the ingredients for bomb-making.

INTELLIGENCE THREADS

Much of the information on Lewthwaite's role with al-Shabaab is contained in a 35-page Kenyan National Intelligence Service (NIS) document. Part of its summary showed in 2012 analysts had feared a 'Mumbai-type attack was being planned'. There are a



The UN complex opened in Nairobi, Kenya in 2011, has been identified by Lewthwaite's al-Shabaab cell as a 'prime target'



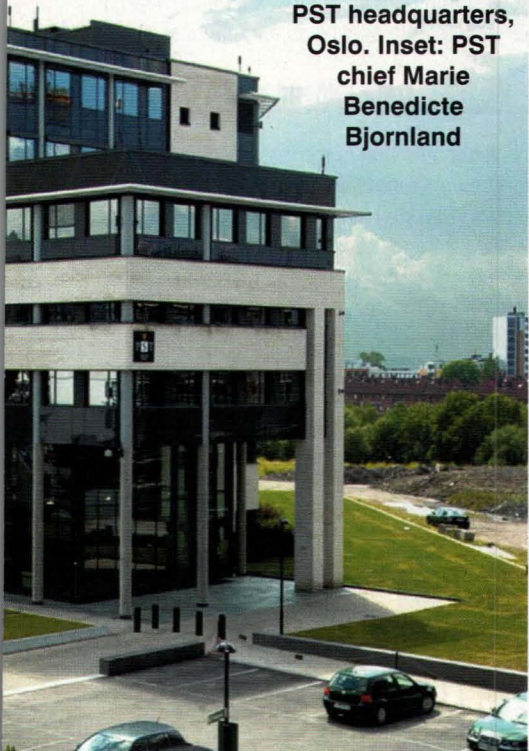


number of fascinating notes on how this franchise is linked and cooperates with similar groups in various African, Middle East and Asian nations.

Perhaps more relevant and a reason which explains the US Navy SEAL operation in Barawa, Somalia, Lewthwaite was part of a small terror cell coordinated by Abdulkadir Mohamed Abdulkadir (also known as Ikrima) - the SEALs primary target. Head of the cell - Fahmi Jamal Salim - is believed to be Lewthwaite's current husband.

The report shows the terror cell was planning to attack various targets, including a UN building opened in Nairobi in 2011 and leading political figures.

PST headquarters, Oslo. Inset: PST chief Marie Benedicte Bjornland



PST Chief Marie Benedicte Bjornland is fearful of returning citizens trained by terrorists, experienced in weapons and explosives and armed with a radical and extremist agenda



SCANDINAVIA INTEL FEARS Northern Europe not Immune to Al-Qaida

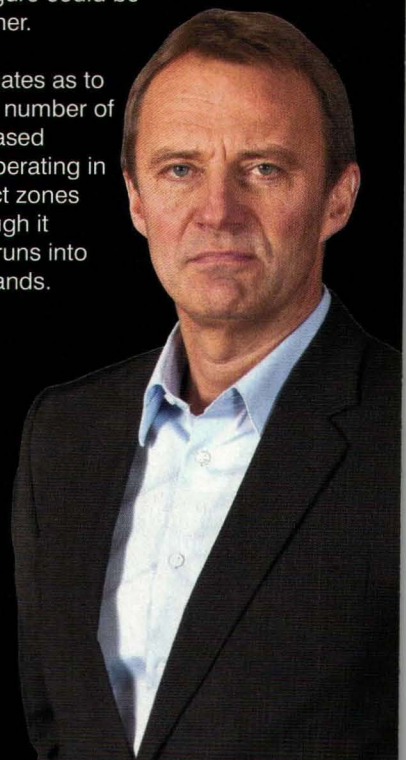
Norway's PST chief Marie Benedicte Bjornland has called upon the country's African and Middle Eastern communities to help stop young men travelling to conflict areas and joining al-Qaida.

In October, a Somali family in Norway reported their two sons who had travelled to Syria were missing. The PST say up to 40 people from Norway are now fighting in Syria alone. Intelligence sources in the country believe that many others have joined al-Qaida groups elsewhere, including in Turkey and Lebanon.

Bjornland fears that armed with terrorist experience and trained in explosives, when these men return they will pose a danger to Norway and Europe as a whole. It is believed four Norwegians who joined the Al-Nusra Front in Syria have been killed.

Other Scandinavian countries have also reported young men - originating from North Africa and the Middle East - have left to join al-Qaida. The Swedish intelligence agency SAPO say as many as 40 people departed this year for destinations such as Syria and Kenya. Denmark's Police Intelligence Service, PET, believes 45 Danes travelled to Syria to join anti-Assad forces, though the real figure could be much higher.

Few estimates as to the actual number of Europe-based fighters operating in the conflict zones exist, though it probably runs into the thousands.



FLIGHTS TO TERROR CAMPS

OSLO: PST - Head of Analysis - Jon Fitje Hoffman, admitted that in summer his officers talked to a number of young men at an airport in the eastern part of Norway. They were about to fly to North Africa and the Middle East. Hoffman said:

"We chatted to some people that we assume were on their way to a conflict zone.

"These trips are probably our biggest concern at the moment. The main reason being that people who travel to conflict areas receive both training and experience. They could quite possibly return traumatised and in a far better position to commit violence."

Hoffman said there is little the PST or the government can do to stop people leaving the country and travelling abroad.

"There is little the PST can do to stop people leaving the country and travelling abroad..."

HUMAN RIGHTS' GROUPS RELEASE REPORTS ON CIVILIAN CASUALTIES OF TARGETED STRIKES

UAV ON-LINE

CIA STATION CHIEF OUTED OVER UAV PROGRAMME

As the US continues to deploy more armed Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) to eliminate terrorist targets in several international theatres, controversy as to their use rumbles on. The latest high-profile terrorist killed by a CIA-controlled UAV was Hakimullah Mehsud - leader of Pakistan's Taliban. His death near the village of Dande Darpa Khel in North Waziristan caused controversy, resulting in claims that the US had derailed any chance of a political settlement with the group in Pakistan.

Politician Imran Khan believes the timing of the strike (1 November 2013) was "not a coincidence" in that peace talks were about to start. His Tehreek-e-Insaf Party (PTI), has urged the government to block vital NATO supply routes into Afghanistan as a response.



Hakimullah Mehsud



Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan called for US-Pakistan cooperation to be "reviewed."

Perhaps the most damaging repercussion came on 26 November, when the PTI publicly named the CIA Station Chief in Islamabad - blaming his Agency for civilian deaths. A similar

situation occurred in 2011, when the station chief was identified by a Pakistan official. This resulted in the officer's departure and damaged relations for a time.

TACIT COVERT SUPPORT

Shortly before the operation to kill Mehsud, Amnesty International (AI) released a report claiming CIA operations in Pakistan - which result in the deaths of civilians - 'could amount to war crimes'.

The report comes at a particularly sensitive time in respect of relations between the United States and Pakistan. Publicly Pakistan is against the strikes, as evidenced by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif who said: "I emphasised the need for an end to drone strikes." However, it has emerged that cooperation on UAV operations between the CIA and Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Agency (ISI) is at an all time high. Indeed, top secret CIA and diplomatic documents have surfaced that show Islamabad 'endorsed US drone strikes' against known terrorist leaders and cells. The papers also reveal that prior to and after missions, routine classified briefings take place. Similarly, President Obama and Mr Sharif have already discussed the issue.

In 2010, the WikiLeaks web site published various classified papers on UAV attacks which analysts said showed various arms of Pakistan's military and government had "quietly acquiesced" with the operations, whilst publicly denouncing them. A satellite image taken of Shamsi Air Base in Pakistan in 2008, actually showed three Predator UAVs on



Imran Khan's PTI Party is against war and objects to UAV overflights

the tarmac. In respect of the leaked document showing tacit support, Mr Sharif said: "Whatever understandings there may have been in the past, the present government has been very clear regarding its policy on the issue. We regard such strikes as a violation of our sovereignty as well as international law."

DATA EXAMINATION

It is estimated that in the last three years, one hundred operations involving UAVs have taken place in Pakistan air space alone. Several high profile terrorists have been killed and at least ten training camps attacked. However, proper data concerning casualties is difficult to secure. Amnesty's report contains a line which notes burials take place in a very short space of time, thus hindering investigators. A UN report on UAV strikes in the North Waziristan region, home to many terrorist cells

Targeted Assassination or Legitimate CIA Terrorist Counter-measures?

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A UAV is readied for flight. Right: A mission intelligence operator at Creech AFB monitors a live feed from an MQ-1 Predator - this as the 432nd Expeditionary Wing passed the two million hours flying time mark on 22 October 2013



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and Taliban associates, says as many as 400 civilians have died in recent times. The Bureau of Investigative Journalism (BIJ) believes the figure could be as high as 900.

UAV strikes are not limited to Afghanistan or Pakistan. For example, in Yemen, al-Qaida is routinely targeted and many senior commanders have been killed and operations disrupted. Perhaps the first UAV targeted killing in Yemen occurred in November 2002, when a Predator fired a Hellfire missile at a vehicle carrying Qaed Salim Sinah. He was killed instantly. The CIA justified that operation by describing al-Hareti as the mastermind behind the bombing of the USS Cole in 2000. A decade on, another significant CIA UAV attack in September 2011, eliminated Americans Anwar al-Awlaki (terror planner) and Samir Khan, editor of al-Qaida's *Inspire* magazine.

More recently a significant operation took place in Yemen on 8 November 2013. This resulted in the deaths of five leading AQAP (Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula) terrorists.

Interestingly, following this strike, an official report released to the media spoke only of an 'aerial attack' which left journalists in the dark on whether or not a UAV was used. However, just like in Pakistan, the CIA has been criticised because of civilian deaths associated with the missions. Human Rights Watch researchers published a report covering six operations between the period 2009-2013, noting that two attacks killed only civilians. The New American Foundation claim around 600 people have died in Yemen as a result of UAVs, noting that this total includes 'militants'.

DOUBLE TAP OPERATIONS - FICTION?

Equally as controversial is Amnesty International's reference to deliberate 'double tap' operations. The group claims in June 2012, a UAV fired a missile near the village in Zowi Sidgi, North Waziristan, killing civilians. As family members and friends went to assist, a second missile struck killing several of the helpers. Mustafa Qadri of AI believes this was a deliberate action.

Year	Number of Attacks	Casualties			
		Militants	Civilians	Unknown	Total
2004	1	3	2	2	7
2005	3	5	6	4	15
2006	2	1	93	0	94
2007	4	51	0	12	63
2008	36	223	28	47	298
2009	54	387	70	92	549
2010	122	788	16	45	849
2011	73	420	62	35	517
2012	48	268	5	33	306
2013	21	128	4	0	132
Total	364	2,274	286	270	2,830

New American Foundation Chart

The New American Foundation said that since 2003, over 2000 people in Pakistan alone have been killed by UAVs. The organisation has produced a statistical charge showing attacks and casualties, these figures have been disputed by intelligence officials.

Some intelligence watchers believe that whilst many operations are performed remotely by controllers at a CIA station based at Creech Air Base, using satellites to engage with the UAVs, other facilities in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Middle East and at sea are also used.

For his part, President Obama defended the aerial attacks noting that before any operation begins, civilians are removed from the equation. "There must be near certainty that no civilians will be killed or injured," he said.

Qaed Salim Sinah and Anwar al-Awlaki - two high profile terrorists eliminated by the CIA



US Secretary of State John Kerry meets with Pakistan premier Nawaz Sharif in August 2013

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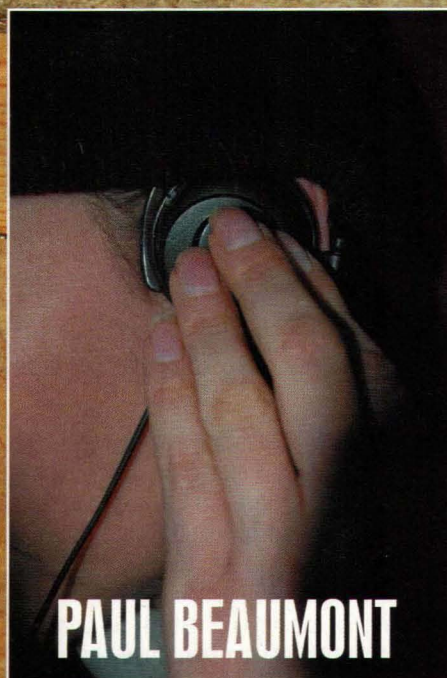
If British Telecom's unique 1970s System 4 car phone service was easy to intercept, then the emergent analogue cell phone system of the 1980s was even easier. The method of call transmission was referred to as 'duplex' - basically communications are received on one frequency and transmitted on another. By the end of the decade, the analogue system was running and operating between 870 and 905MHz transmit and 915 to 950MHz for base receive - still quite easy for rogue operators to intercept.

Today's offering of 2G, 3G and 4G will remain the intercept preserve of professionals with exceptional 'healthy' bank accounts. Facilities to intercept specific cell phone numbers requires cooperation with cell providers or the utilisation of costly equipment or complex technology. However, interception is not beyond the means of a determined operator and rogue computer software allows for an alternative method to manual 'interference'.

ROBERT MAXWELL

One person who allegedly made use of specialist bugging equipment was the late British media and business tycoon, Robert Maxwell (born Ludvik Hoch). Since his mysterious death in May 1991, many books have been published about his threads to the Israeli spy agency the Mossad. Indeed, numerous stories abound that allege it was the Mossad who assassinated him as he sailed on his yacht the *Lady Ghislaine* off the Canary Islands. Other reports of note link him to the hunt for whistleblowing nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu.

Whatever the truth concerning Maxwell's complex life and alleged association with the Mossad, he was a very dark horse concerning loose lips around his offices. The investigation into Maxwell's business empire turned up peculiarities with the Mirror Group pension fund; it also exposed other controversial happenings. Maxwell's own flagship newspa-



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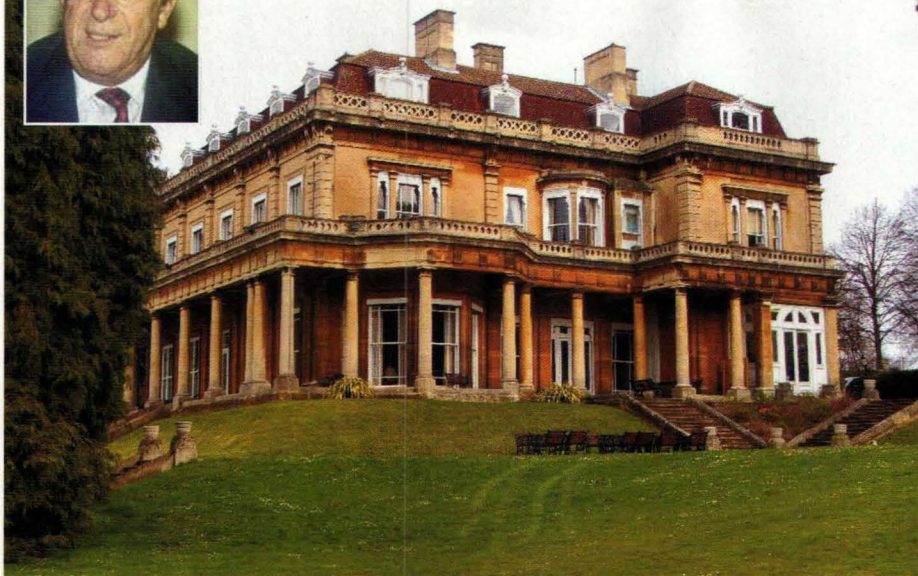
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Headington Hill Hall in Oxfordshire was the home of Robert Maxwell (inset) for 32 years



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MAXWELL: FBI 'KGB CONCERN' RELEASED FILES REVEAL WASHINGTON FEARS

Whilst many intelligence watchers believe Robert Maxwell had threads to the Mossad, US Intelligence were more concerned about his links to the KGB.

In April 2013, the FBI released dozens of intelligence files from the late 1950s and early 1960s relating to Maxwell and his publishing firms. They show American academic fears regarding his publishing of scientific papers in the Soviet Union through his organisation's Pergamon Press arm.

The FBI launched an extensive investigation but concluded there was no real evidence to support allegations he was a spy. This followed a similar investigation in the UK fronted by MI6.

Despite several investigations into Maxwell's business and private activities, his links to intelligence remain something of a mystery.



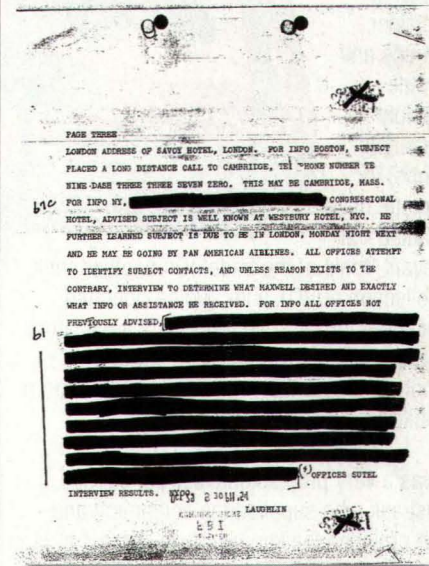
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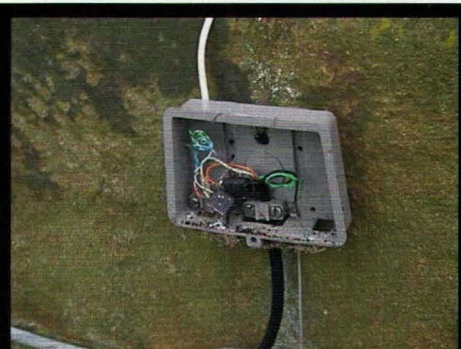
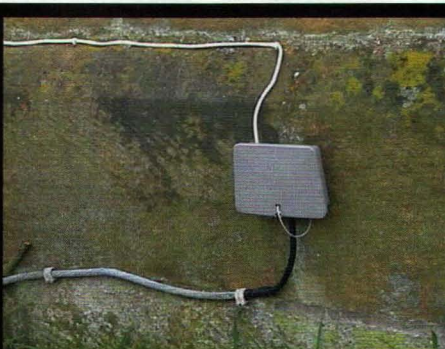
PHOTO EXAMINATION

Some of the more sophisticated equipment had the functionality to tap telephones, bug rooms and intercept nearby cellular phone conversations. At least one receiver capable of this cellular intercept was found along with sound processing and video recorders. Several voice activated recorders were also discovered along with monitors and six audio cassette recorders.

The audio cassette recorders were known in the intelligence world as COTS units [Commercial off the Shelf] and fitted into an



A heavily redacted document released by the FBI in April 2013



An external telephone box provides a professional buggist with easy access to a landline

industry standard 19-inch rack. Above the three double units were bespoke sound processors in one rack and a sound routing console for the six cassette decks.

Other equipment seen on a shelf unit include a TEAC Double Auto Reverse Cassette Deck and a single cassette deck along with sound processing and high speed amp unit. Above this - an oscilloscope adaptor and a two channel oscilloscope. The adaptor appears to be a spectrum analyser to allow voice recognition from the cassette recorders presumably to identify anyone whose voice passes through the equipment.

Whilst the *Daily Mirror* reporter at the time took some lengths to identify the equipment, he neglected to note certain other items in the room where the equipment operated, probably manned by more than one person. Items such as drill bits, pressure tape, a 35mm film container, earbuds and a bottle possibly containing alcohol for cassette head cleaning - all relevant 'tools of the trade'. On another shelf, a collection of VOX units (Voice Operated Switches) for cassette recorders, a miniature recorder and below that a section of telephones, presumably modified to allow room monitoring and call intercept.

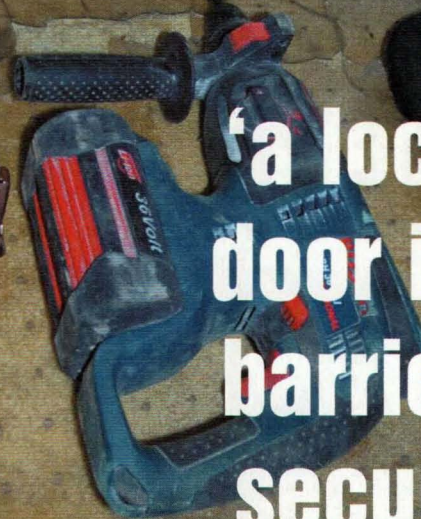
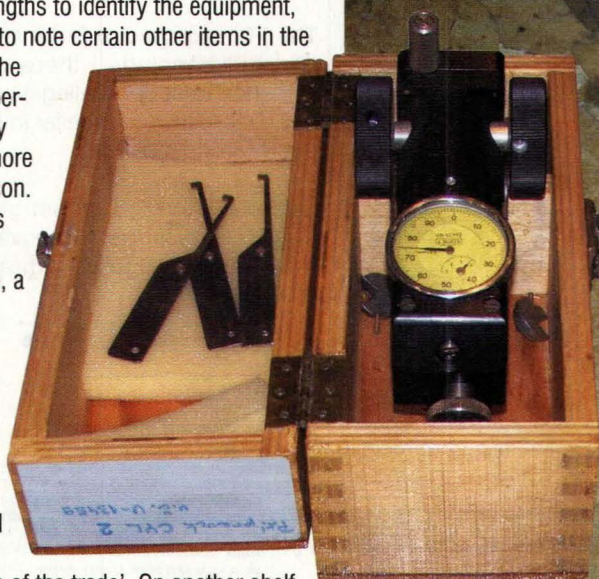
It was a very professional set-up, but one must ask who supplied the equipment and who provided the knowledge in respect of how to install the machinery and ultimately operate and maintain it?

THE BUGGIST

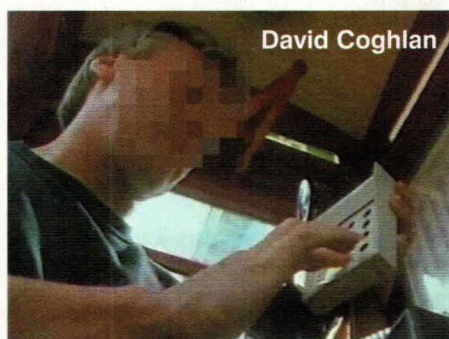
On 4 April 1989, ITV screened a documentary as part of its 'First Tuesday' series entitled, 'The Buggist'. The subject focused on David Coghlan, an British Army ex-soldier whose skill with electronics did not go unnoticed, so too his maxim - 'a locked door is no barrier to security'.

The programme began by showing techniques on how to bug landline telephones; oscillator fitment and picking the signal up with a probe and ending with a tapped phone plus a bug

Main: Tools of the trade include all manner of instruments and devices. Many buggists are accomplished in the art of room entry and key duplication. Below left: A lock picking and duplicate key making set used by the Cold War Czech intelligence service - StB



'a locked door is no barrier to security'



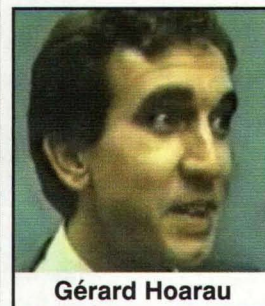
David Coghlan

placed in the house behind a bookshelf. It was a very interesting broadcast and one that to Eye Spy's knowledge has never been repeated, though it is available through ITN Source (see Links).

ASSASSINATION OF GÉRARD HOARAU

The documentary also examined activities in 'embassy land' as well as a surveillance operation linked to the death of exiled Sey-

chelles leader, activist and dissident Gérard Hoarau. He was assassinated on the doorstep of his home in Edgware, London in November 1985, by an unknown assailant. New Scotland Yard later identified the weapon used in the attack as a Sterling machinegun - the type as issued to the Seychelles Police. Interestingly, the same model was used in the murder of police constable Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan Embassy a year earlier. That event, of course, triggered the siege of the building and a major international dispute between the UK and Libya which still rumbles on today.



Gérard Hoarau

The Seychelles are subject to a one man rule, the political party then being the Seychelles People's United Party [SPUP], today - the Seychelles

Swallow International
Hotel, Cromwell
Road, Kensington



Sterling machinegun - type used to kill police
constable Yvonne Fletcher (right) and Gérard Hoarau
on London's streets in 1984 and 1985

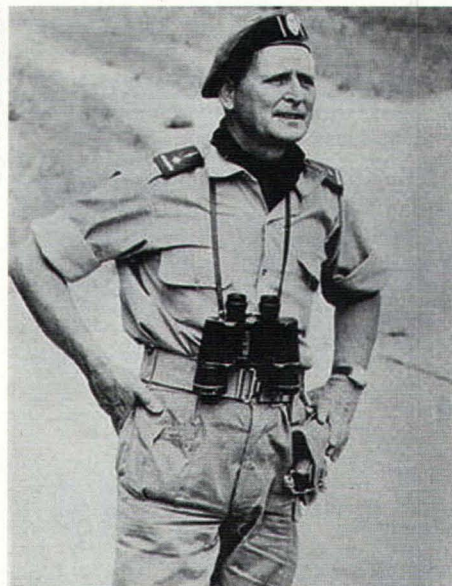


Hoarau was shot dead outside this
house in Greencourt Road

Apart from Hoarau, another Seychellios - Edmund Camille lived nearby and his house telephone was similarly tapped and connected to a transmitter. However, Camille was a very cautious individual who used a nearby public coin box instead of his house phone. Nevertheless, that call box was also bugged. The operation involved a transmitter fixed atop a telegraph pole which beamed the signal to the recently purchased property. What frequencies were used are unknown, but we suspect lo-UHF. If this was the case it meant that any protruding antennae would need to be short to avoid suspicion.

People's Progressive Front. The SPUP having risen to prominence in 1977 after an armed coup.

With the unpopularity of the Marxist-aligned SPUP, there was an attempted coup d'état in 1981, by 43 mercenaries who entered the country under the guise of being members of a drinking club - 'Ye Ancient Order of Froth Blowers', led by the well-known and charismatic Major Mike Hoare which failed for a number of reasons. This attempt generated future Seychelles government suspicion of a second armed coup and one which eventually led to the bugging of Gérard Hoarau.



Major Mike Hoare pictured in the
Congo in 1964

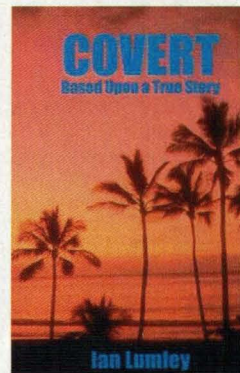
Although the murder of Hoarau has never been solved, two people responsible for the electronic surveillance employed against him, did appear in court where it was ruled they played no part in his death. Those persons were 'The Buggist' - Coghlan and his assistant who climbed telegraph poles for him - David Richards.

Technical details surrounding the bugging operation on London's streets was staggering. First a dissidents' meeting hosted at the Swallow International Hotel on Cromwell Road, Kensington. Here an attractive woman arranged flowers which impressed and distracted a hotel porter as bugs were planted in the hotel's rooms. Even Mr Hoarau's meetings over a meal were not immune from such practice. As Coghlan stated: "No one's going to notice an extra waiter who changes an ashtray or a pepper pot."

Hoarau lived in a corner property in Greencourt Road. It was decided to place a tap on his telephone line only, due to the risks associated with entering the house.

The telephone was served by a landline whose pair [wires] were traced to a green pavement cabinet where interception could be made. To pass the signal to a specially purchased house (courtesy of the Seychelles Government) just over half a mile away, a spare pair was located in the cabinet and the intercept piped along to a transmitter mounted at the top of the nearby telegraph pole. All very intricate and utterly functional.

The size of the surveillance mounted against Hoarau and his friend Camille were of such proportion that they later prompted a literary work of fiction - 'Covert' - based on a true story - by author Ian Lumley. An interesting read the book features the assassination, Mr Coghlan and the specially purchased house. The book's description asks: 'Who issued the contract? The CIA? The Mafia? The South African Secret Police?' The dedication inside read 'To Susan and Simon and of course David...'

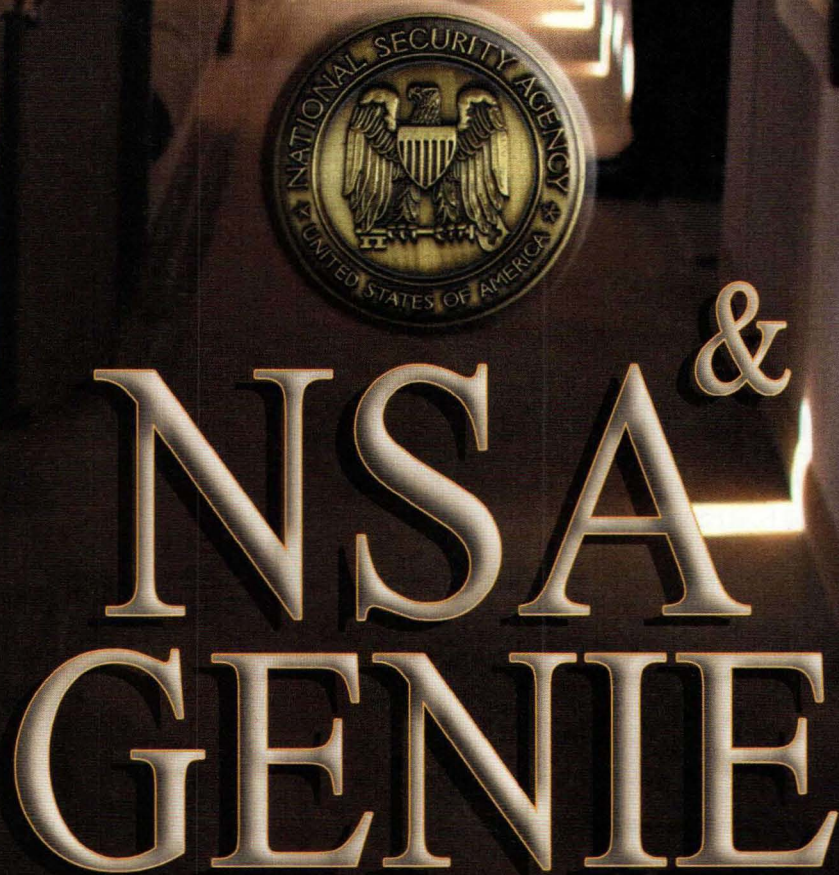


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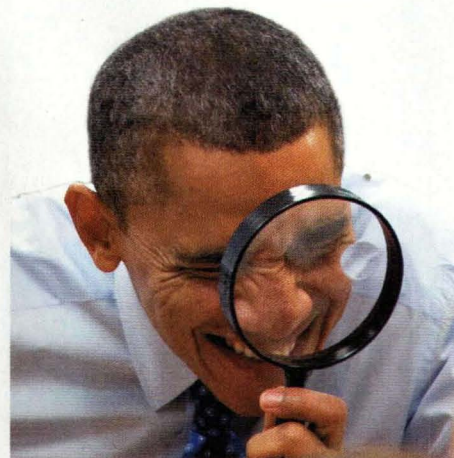
- Next issue: Despite the often perceived complex nature of bugging, many are not 'high tech' and 'high expense' as an incident in 1971 will illustrate.

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NSA & GENIE

Europe warns on intel relations as Washington plays down new allegations of widespread phone tapping and e-mail interception



On 22 October, France summoned US Ambassador Charles Rivkin to respond to allegations that the NSA intercepted over 70 million phone calls made in the country between 10 December 2012 and 8 January 2013. The claims were made by the French newspaper *Le Monde*, which had in turn received the information from Edward Snowden. Interestingly, the report appeared on the same day as Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Paris. Some suspect Snowden, his supporters and media associates involved

US AMBASSADOR

with the intelligence leaks, timed publication to embarrass Kerry and the United States.

The documents allegedly reveal that the recordings were both automatic and triggered by key words. Though some numbers were specifically targeted, suspected terrorists, for example, France believes that other important phone lines belonging to politicians, embas-





Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault

sies, business and tech companies were also intercepted. French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault, said he was deeply disappointed and wanted the US to provide "clear answers justifying the reasons these practices were used."

France's EU Commissioner Michel Barnier said "enough is enough" warning that confidence in the US-EU relationship had "been shaken." ➤



France's President Francois Hollande spoke with President Obama saying he "deeply disapproves" of alleged NSA tracking of French phone calls. The intercepts were apparently triggered by the use of key words which some intel watchers have likened to the NSA's long-running ECHELON programme. Begun decades ago, the programme is operated at various sites including Menwith Hill (below) in Yorkshire, England



S SUMMONED TO EXPLAIN SPY ALLEGATIONS



US Ambassador Charles Rivkin greets Secretary of State John Kerry at Paris Airport on 22 October 2013. Hours later he was summoned to explain the spying allegations

Caitlin Hayden, White House security spokeswoman responded by saying like all nations, the US gathers foreign intelligence. However, she also said the US has begun reviewing the way in which it collects information - balancing this with public privacy. However, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius believes the United States has gone too far, and warned: "This sort of practice between partners that invades privacy is totally unacceptable and we have to make sure, very quickly, this no longer happens."

Le Monde appear to have been given fairly recent NSA material on the intercepts. One document dated April 2013, focuses on e-mail addresses linked to Wanadoo, formerly a part of France Telecom. Another telecoms company that was targeted is Alcatel-Lucent, a French-American organisation. With a work force of 70,000, the firm is involved with the sale of sensitive equipment to communication networks.

A further file reportedly shows that between 8 February and 13 March this year, the 'NSA collected a staggering 124.8 billion telephone data items' and '97 billion computer data items', according to the newspaper.

CODE-NAME GENIE

The surveillance programme is code-named GENIE and essentially relies on the Internet to introduce spy software into computer systems. Once implanted, gateways can be remotely accessed and data collected or viewed. *Le Monde* says France's Washington Embassy was targeted via an operation code-named WABASH (see Eye Spy 86). Computers within the Permanent Mission of France UN office in New York were also 'infected' (operation BLACKFOOT). The UN endeavour allowed the US to understand more fully the position of the French delegation on Iran which sits on the UN Security Council. A document dated August 2010, shows Washington was fearful France was edging towards a Brazilian motion that was against imposing more sanctions on Iran.

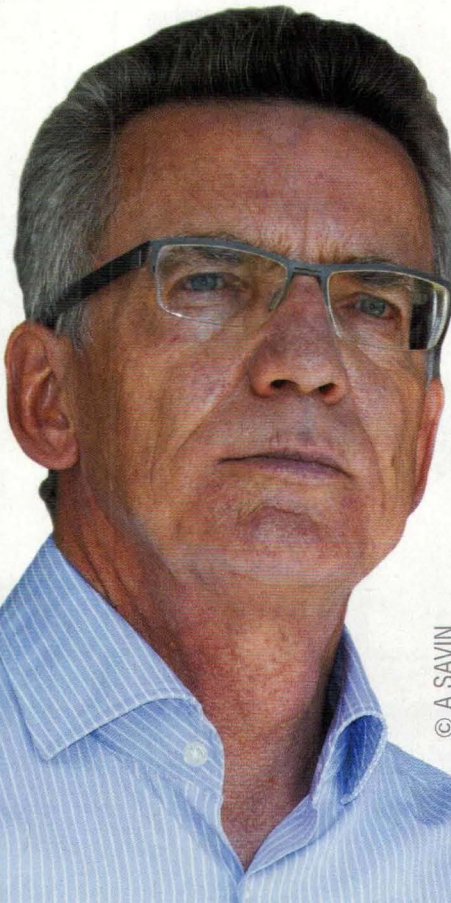
Other documents provided by Glenn Greenwald via Snowden allegedly showed similar operations were activated against



President Obama on Air Force One - note the holster carrying his BlackBerry

China, Russia, Brazil and various European Union countries.

Though critical of the NSA and US, officials in France have been reluctant to discuss its own electronic interception programme run by the DGSE intelligence service. Likened to the PRISM programme, the French effort monitors Internet activity, intercepts phone calls and stores vast amounts of data which can be examined.



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German Defence Minister Thomas de Maiziere said if the allegations are proven "we can't simply return to business as usual."

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ODNI - 'FALSE REPORTS'

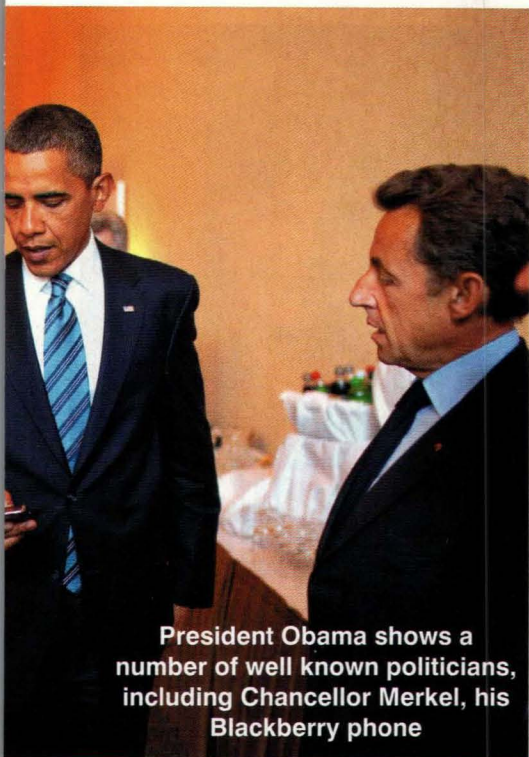
James Clapper head of the Office of the Director National Intelligence (ODNI), rejected *Le Monde's* account saying the report contained "misleading information." Both the UN and France Embassy stories relied heavily on data listed on files describing parts of the PRISM programme, but were "false," according to Mr Clapper. And whilst he would not be drawn into the specific NSA operations identified by the newspaper, he did acknowledge that "the United States gathers intelligence of the type gathered by all nations."

Just what Clapper meant by "misleading information" may be a hint that a 'third party' was involved. In 2012, similar intercept allegations against the NSA were made. A report suggested telephone lines and comput-



AN ISRAELI CYBER CONNECTION?

Left: President Obama shows Angela Merkel and other world leaders his Blackberry phone. It is believed only ten people in the world are privy to the number of his super-encrypted phone. Also pictured are Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and Nicolas Sarkozy (right). In 2010, French Intelligence blamed the US for hacking into the Frenchman's cell phone, but US officials are said to have "hinted" it was Israel

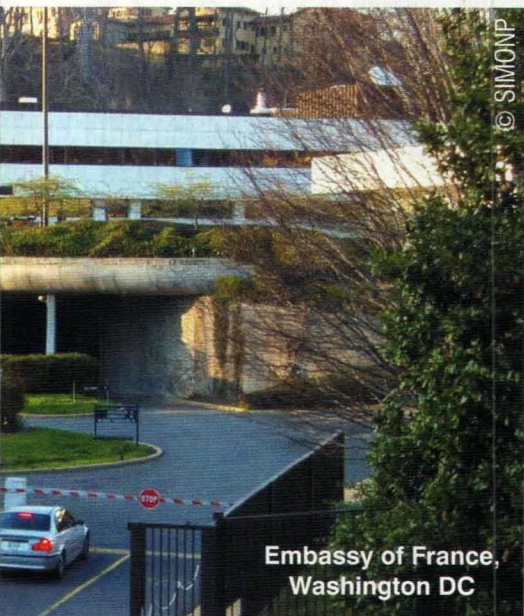


President Obama shows a number of well known politicians, including Chancellor Merkel, his Blackberry phone

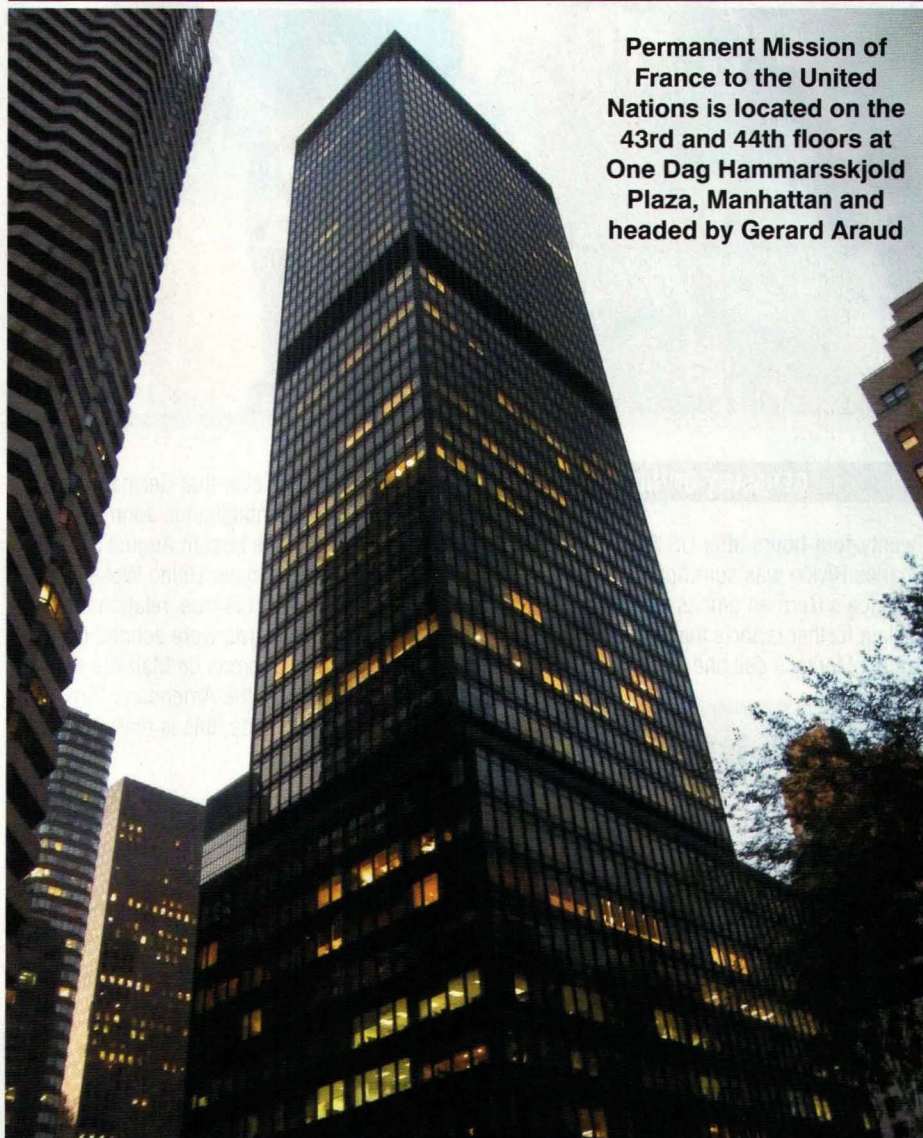


Logos of DGSE and ANSSI

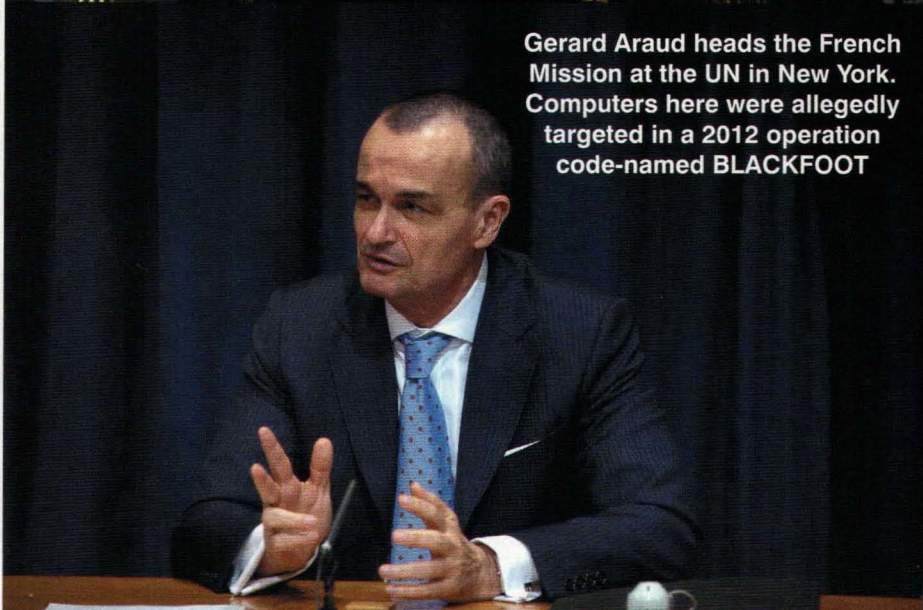
ers at the Elysee were bugged and President Nicolas Sarkozy's cell phone hacked - this during his quest for re-election. The claims resulted in French intelligence officials, including Bernard Barbier, technical director of the DGSE and Patrick Pailloux of ANSSI - France's National Security Agency for the Security of Information travelling to Washington to discuss the matter. Intelligence sources then hinted it was a cyber unit in Israel who performed the hacking. ➤



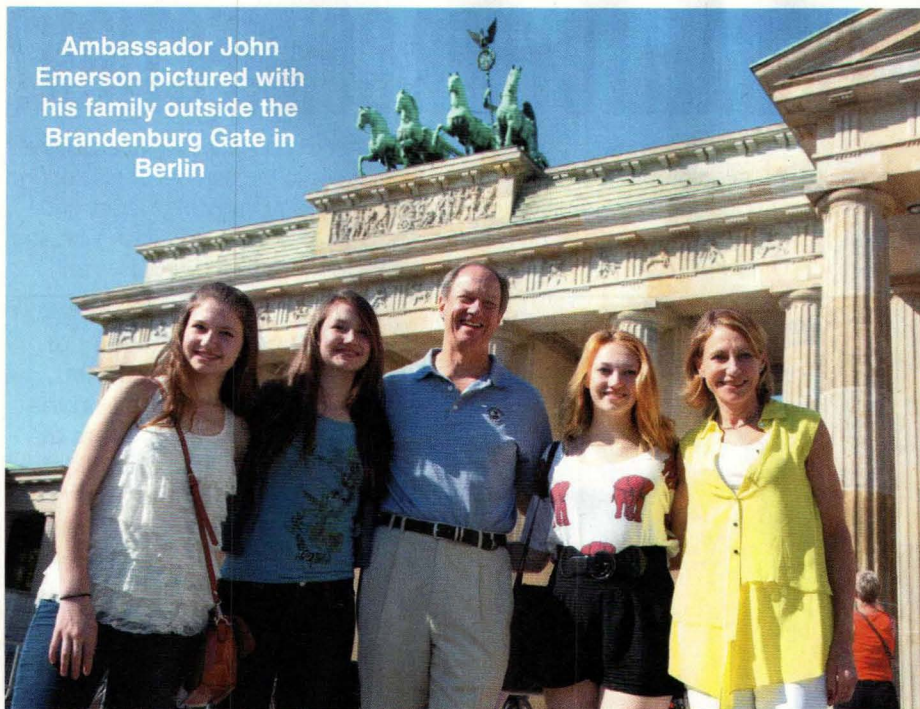
Embassy of France, Washington DC



Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations is located on the 43rd and 44th floors at One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, Manhattan and headed by Gerard Araud



Gerard Araud heads the French Mission at the UN in New York. Computers here were allegedly targeted in a 2012 operation code-named BLACKFOOT



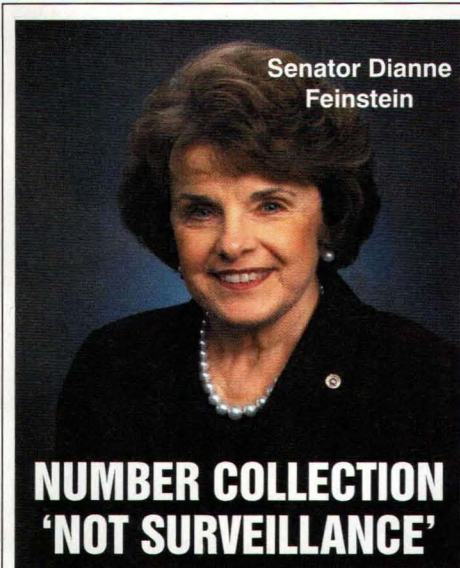
Ambassador John Emerson pictured with his family outside the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin

GERMANY UNHAPPY

Twenty-four-hours after US Ambassador Charles Rivkin was summoned in Paris, America's German ambassador was asked to explain further reports that German Chancellor Angela Merkel's cell phone had been targeted.

It was the first time ever that Germany had summoned a US ambassador. John Emerson, who only took up his post in August 2013, met with Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle who said if the report is true, relations could be damaged. His words were echoed by Defence Minister Thomas de Maiziere who explained that whilst the Americans "are and remain our best friends, this is really bad and cannot be right."

Numerous stories abound that the chancellor's cell phone had been hacked since 2002 - three years before she became leader. Now in office, Eye Spy understands that Merkel has a number of cell phones, but only one is encrypted. However, according to German



NUMBER COLLECTION 'NOT SURVEILLANCE'

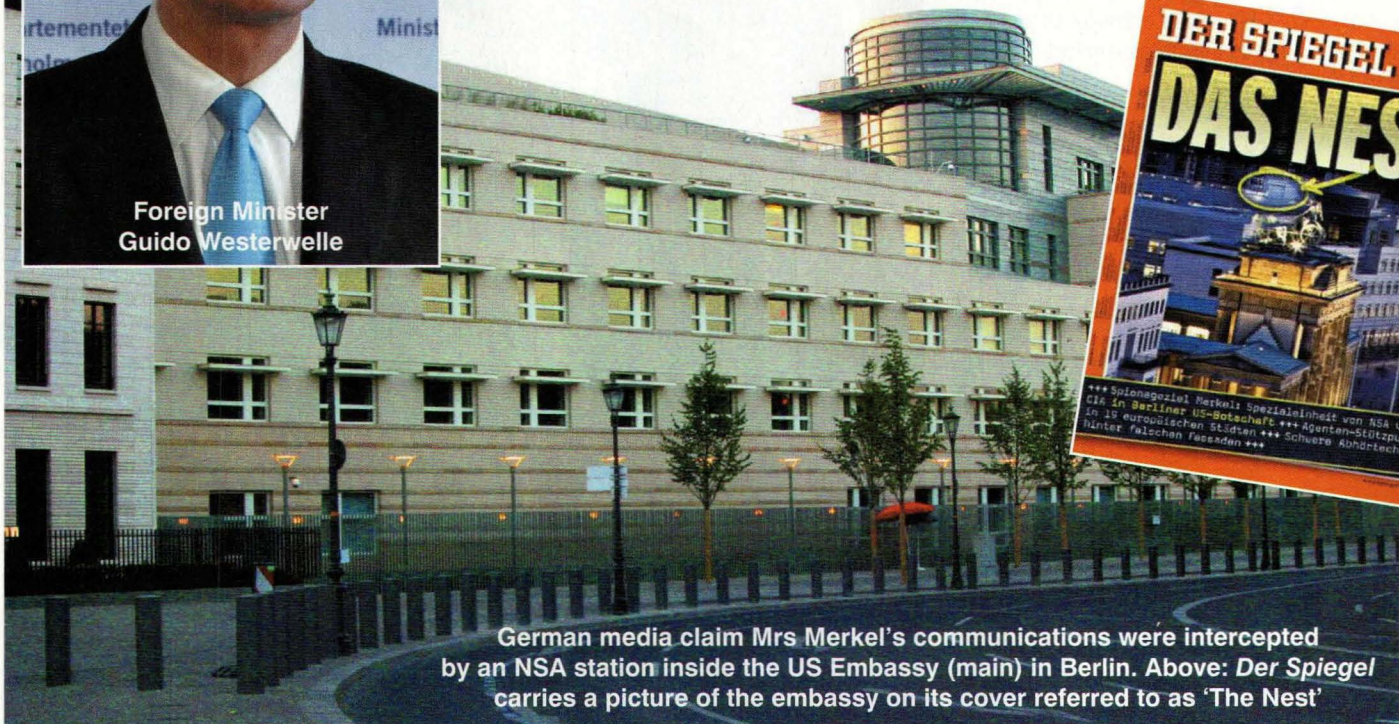
Dianne Feinstein, Chair of the US Senate Intelligence Committee, has again defended the NSA saying collecting numbers is not surveillance. Maintaining the counter-terrorism theme as a reason for number collection, Feinstein said:

"To be effective, the NSA must be able to conduct queries quickly, without regard to which phone carrier a terrorist or conspirator uses. And the records must be available for a few years longer than phone companies need them for billing purposes."

media sources, President Obama was told of the operation in 2010. Germany's *Der Spiegel* claimed the operation was maintained by an NSA facility at the US Embassy in Berlin, 'one of eighty electronic listening posts operated by the organisation'. The data was then transcribed and forwarded to Washington for analysis. *Der Bild Magazine* contends Merkel's predecessor, Chancellor Gerhard



Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle



German media claim Mrs Merkel's communications were intercepted by an NSA station inside the US Embassy (main) in Berlin. Above: *Der Spiegel* carries a picture of the embassy on its cover referred to as 'The Nest'





Gerhard Schroeder

Schroeder was also monitored - this because of his 'opposition for invading Iraq'. The information for such claims, of course, is said to have been drawn from intelligence files delivered by Snowden. Merkel's cell phone number is apparently contained on a document listing various targeted numbers.

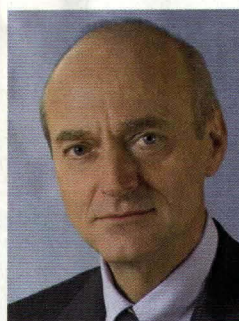
What still isn't clear is if the numbers were simply being tracked - caller to receiver - or vice versa, or if actual conversations were recorded.

For her part, Merkel said the United States and Europe face common challenges adding "trust has to be restored." Washington's defensive position was weakened by a rather cryptic comment issued from the White House which said Merkel's phone was not being tapped and would not be in the future. There was no reference to previous events.

A German Government spokesman announced that senior intelligence figures, including Gerhard Schindler, head of the BND (Bundesnachrichtendienst - foreign intelligence) were travelling to Washington to meet with US officials over the allegations.

Both France and Germany want an agreement with the United

States that will make monitoring, interception and espionage illegal. Mrs Merkel also noted Britain's unique intelligence relationship with America, and even mentioned the English-speaking participants of the 'Five Eyes' partnership. Germany, according to some intelligence sources, has long tried to join the pact, but this has been rebuffed by America. However, France remains suspicious and officials in Paris maintain its intelligence arms will continue to operate independent organs.



Gerhard Schindler

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

Dutch premier Mark Rutte called the allegation "serious" and added: "I will support her completely in her complaint and say this is not acceptable... we first need all the facts on the



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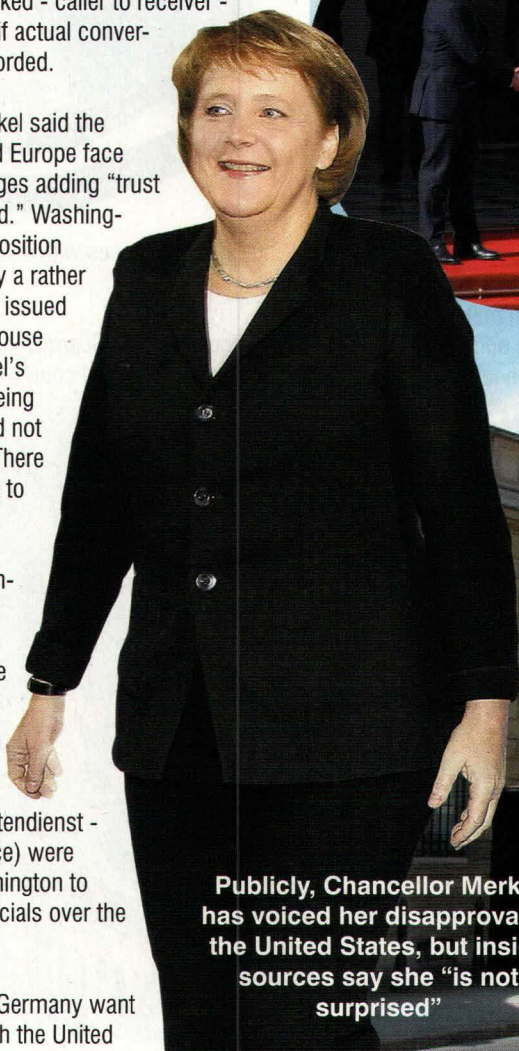
Martin Schulz, President of the European Union

table. Finland's Prime Minister Jyrki Katainen said the US should issue a guarantee that this will "never happen again... if it has happened." Martin Schulz, President of the European Union went further and said the "American intelligence agencies were out of control."



Prime Minister of Finland Jyrki Katainen

Nikolas Sarkozy and Francois Hollande at the 2012 presidential inauguration ceremony at the Elysee Palace. Media outlets in France claim telephones and computers were bugged at the palace



Publicly, Chancellor Merkel has voiced her disapproval at the United States, but inside sources say she "is not surprised"





President Obama pictured with French President Francois Hollande, Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti and German Chancellor Angela Merkel at the G8 Summit in Camp David 2012. Already by this time, according to leaked NSA documents, intercept operations were in motion to collect data in the respective leaders' countries

OTHER INTERCEPTS

The *Guardian* published a document in which an unnamed NSA staffer 'encouraged US officials to share their Rolodexes with the Agency'. Some 200 cell phone numbers of foreign government officials, including 35 heads of state were subsequently passed to the Agency. However, in this case the memo stated the numbers had provided 'little reportable intelligence'.

SNOWDEN'S PIPELINE

Edward Snowden, who recently found employment as a technical support employee

The Italian media claimed NSA targeted government offices and 'probably' Vatican communications as officials discussed Pope Benedict XVI's (pictured) successor



Unnamed NSA staffer 'encouraged US officials to share their Rolodexes with the Agency'

with one of Russia's largest web sites, (unidentified though believed to be with Russia's equivalent of Facebook) has created a formidable pipeline in which each new leak exposes America's electronic intelligence collection systems to the full. However, it is blatantly clear that he intends to damage the NSA's sister organisation GCHQ as much as possible. This of course brings into play Britain's D-Notice system and Downing Street.

Prime Minister David Cameron issued his strongest rebuke yet of Edward Snowden and the 'selected media' chosen to publish the material. Speaking in Brussels, Mr Cameron said Snowden had made it more difficult to protect the public from those wanting to blow them up. He said far from making the world safer, "it's going to make our world more dangerous," and urged people to view the



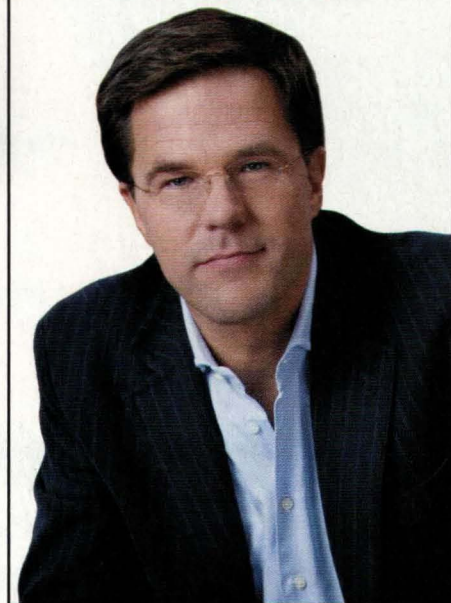
intelligence services with a "cold-hearted view."

He also urged the *Guardian* and international newspapers to avoid court injunctions and



US Secretary of State John Kerry with French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius. Mr Kerry has admitted some US surveillance activities had taken place without the knowledge of senior Washington officials - an unconvincing statement which might come back to haunt the Obama administration

Dutch Intelligence is investigating if the cell phone of Prime Minister Mark Rutte was amongst 35 world leaders allegedly targeted



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NUMBER CORRELATION



What is the NSA looking for?

Telephone number collection and correlation as well as Internet activity are the primary focus of most of the programmes leaked by Edward Snowden and reportedly initiated by the NSA. Initial call maker and receiver data affords counter-intelligence and counter-terrorist offices an opportunity to explore other

connections. A reason perhaps why such huge numbers are spoken of in terms of number collection.

Once a number of interest has been identified (operated by a terrorist suspect - for example), its activity can be monitored. Calls could in theory be listened-in to and any Internet usage (e-mails, downloads

etc.) tracked. All second party connections associated with the target number, be they cell or land line or connections to Internet, satellite or Skype may also be investigated if officials deem this is necessary to widen the investigation. Legally, authority must be sought, though the Agency already has broad permission.

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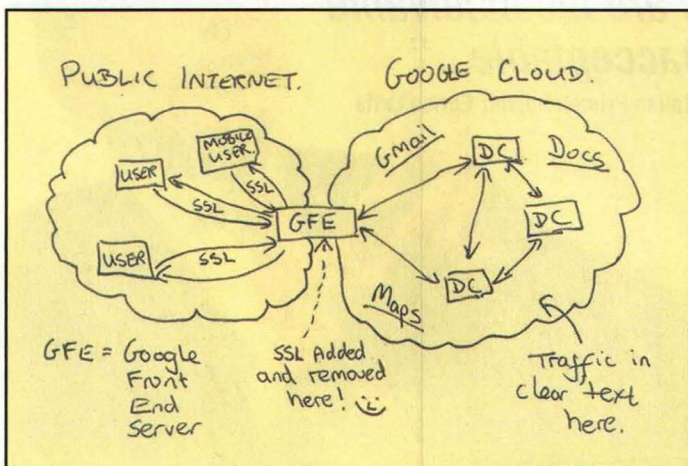
Besides general telephone lines and connections, huge international data collection centres have also allegedly been targeted, including sites operated by Google and Yahoo. Despite the claim being vehemently rejected by the NSA's Director Keith Alexander, who said the Agency had to go through a court process to obtain data, Google's chief legal official David Drummond, said the company was "outraged at the lengths to which

government seems to have gone to intercept data from our private fibre networks." A leaked document from an NSA presentation on 'Google Cloud Exploitation' reveals how this is allegedly achieved and how the data is subsequently 'sifted' using a programme code-named MUSCULAR. It is an additional, though covert programme supportive of PRISM which has 'front door access' to Google and Yahoo user accounts through a legally approved process.

Little wonder such revelations are a primary reason why US Intelligence believes Snowden has gifted terrorist operators an opportunity to avoid detection, as well as cause huge embarrassment. However, the allegation is of equal concern to Washington in that if proven, MUSCULAR is being applied to giant American-based companies.



COURTESY: NSA



Prime Minister
David Cameron

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engage the D-Notice Office. Mr Cameron warned that the British Government was quite prepared to act to stop publication if national security was threatened. "I don't want to have to use injunctions or D-Notices or the other tougher measures," he said. "I think it is much better to appeal to newspapers' sense of social responsibility. But if they don't demonstrate some social responsibility, it would be very difficult for government to stand back and not to act."

Though the D-Notice system is a voluntary liaison with the government and media, a Notice can be issued to stop 'inadvertent public disclosure of information that would compromise UK military and intelligence operations and methods'. Some may argue Snowden's espionage has already compromised part of GCHQ's surveillance operations,

and with his selected media and clever trans-Atlantic manoeuvres, plus the global reach of the Internet, it seems unlikely any blocking tactic to stop reporting would work. "The genie is out of the lamp now and impossible to put back," an Eye Spy intelligence cyber source said.

As for the 35 world leaders who were reportedly targeted, former UK Security Minister Lord West said: "It's extremely embarrassing when something is written down on paper which shows that they [NSA] were trying to collect information on the phones of those particular people. I've always worked on the assumption that people were listening to my phone calls and trying to get information from me... it's a reality of the nasty world we live in."

BLACKPEARL

The list of countries reportedly targeted by the NSA grows with every document leaked by

"Intercepts are inconceivable and unacceptable..."

Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta



Mexico President Enrique Nieto

Snowden. In Italy, Prime Minister Enrico Letta said it was "inconceivable and unacceptable," after reports emerged in *L'Espresso* that NSA and GCHQ had 'targeted government offices, companies and suspected terrorists'. The magazine claimed the UK intelligence service tapped into cables in Sicily intercepting Internet traffic and telephone communications.

Journalists from Italy's *Panorama* also claimed the NSA had 'eaves-dropped on Vatican communications' and possibly when Pope Benedict XVI's successor was being chosen. The claims were rejected by the NSA.

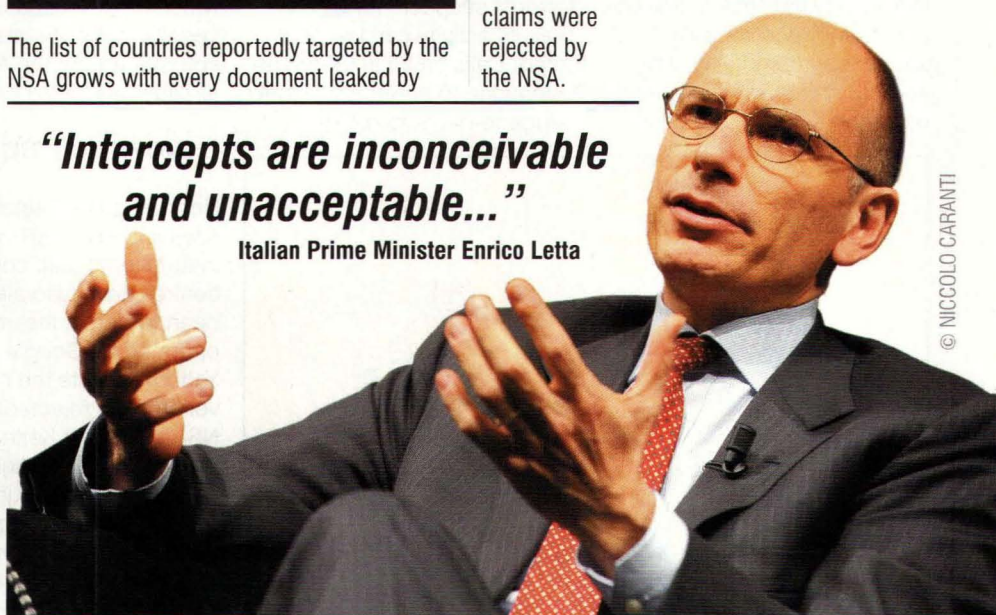


Brazil President Dilma Rousseff

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Lord West



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FIELD STATIONS

INTELLIGENCE COLLECTORS

Almost all major nations use their overseas diplomatic missions to host intelligence posts or 'field stations'. In the case of allied nations, an intelligence chief will be identified to the host nation, though lower ranking staffers connected to intelligence will often be concealed by a diplomatic rank.

All are collectors of information - open source and otherwise. Edward Snowden is wrong to give the impression that the US posts alone are entities intent on using their unique position to attack electronic platforms and communications.

Most major (and some smaller) international intelligence

collectors have dedicated electronic communications agencies. These operate in a similar fashion to the NSA or GCHQ, for example. All have a 'home post' (headquarters) but some do have overseas units within diplomatic and military stations.

Outside of the 'Five Eyes' collaboration (USA, UK, Australia, Canada and New Zealand), China, Russia, Israel, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Finland, Holland, Sweden, Norway and many other countries operate SIGINT/COMINT/ELINT agencies. It is inconceivable to believe that at some point they have not launched operations to collect communications. And here lies



the problem, for many of the agencies cooperate on a scale which is not really known.

Diplomatically, and as is to be expected, foreign ministers and governments must object to the NSA's operations that have been exposed by Snowden's espionage, but behind closed doors the atmosphere is far less confrontational.

• For Eye Spy's superb tradecraft overview of Field Stations see issue 40

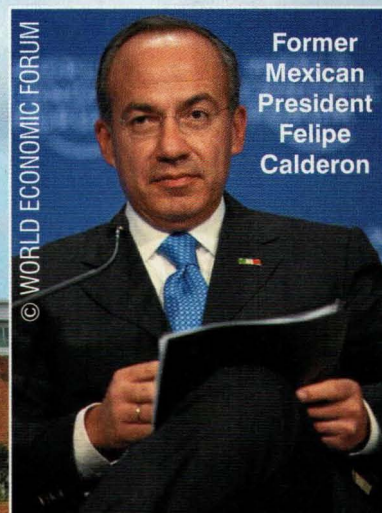
FIELD STATIONS



In Brazil, the home location of Glenn Greenwald and his partner David Miranda, a leaked document under the code-name of BLACKPEARL, alleges to show the country's largest oil firm - Petrobras, was the target of surveillance. ODNI Director James Clapper responded by saying it wasn't a secret the US Intelligence Community "collects information

about economic and financial matters and terrorist financing." A few days earlier current affairs programme *Fantastico* broadcast files allegedly indicating the NSA had monitored e-mails and phone calls of Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff and Mexico's President Enrique Nieto. This followed a report in *Der Spiegel* that a secret and previously unknown

NSA element called the Tailored Access Operation, had hacked the e-mail account of former Mexican President Felipe Calderon in 2010. The result was a 'lucrative source of information'.



US Embassy Kuala Lumpur. Snowden leaked an NSA document purporting to show the location of 80 listening and interception posts hosted by diplomatic missions



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Another report emanating from Madrid alleges the NSA monitored as many as 60 million phone calls made in Spain in just one month. However, the call content was not intercepted

but only the number of the caller and recipient, as well as locations.

ALL SPIES SPY

Besides Britain, other 'Five Eyes' countries have been dragged into the affair. The heads of both the US and Australian diplomatic missions in Malaysia were summoned to explain reports that the Embassy of Australia was being used as an 'interception post' to monitor telephone lines. Malaysia's Foreign Minister Anifah Aman said "such activities are not done amongst close friends."

Brazil, meanwhile, demanded clarification from Canada over claims its powerful Communication Security Establishment (CSE), which employs 2,000 intel staffers, secured information from the Brazilian Mines and Energy Ministry.

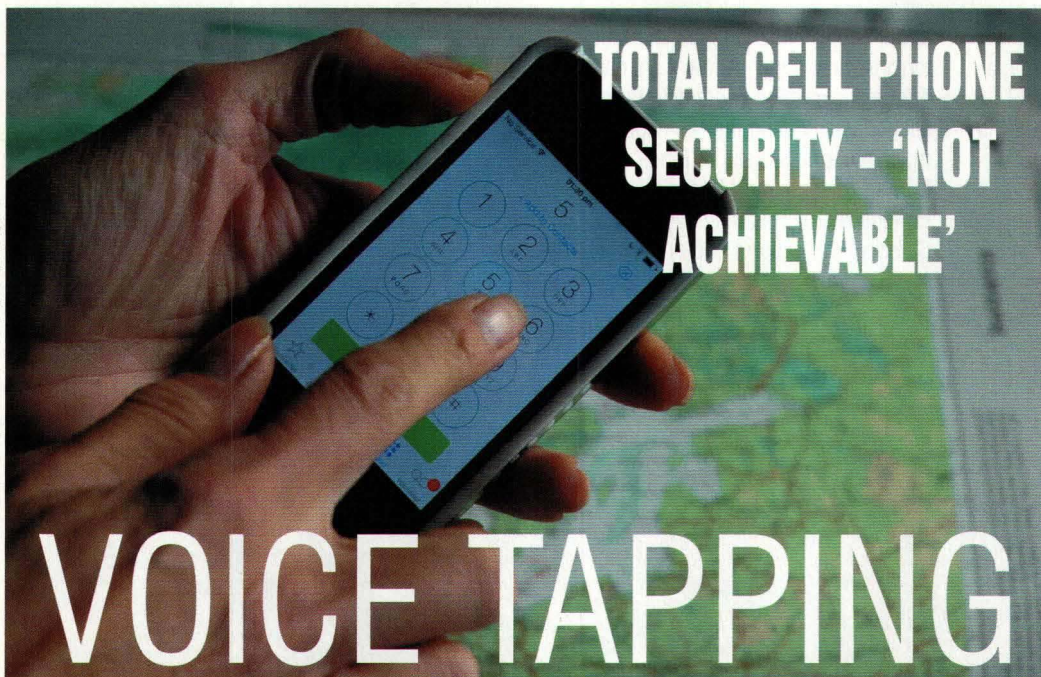


John Forster Chief of Canada's powerful CSE intelligence service

Indonesia was identified as another NSA target, this after Snowden leaked a document identifying as many as 80 'listening posts', many of which are based at US embassies and consulates. "Indonesia cannot accept and protests strongly over reports about wiretapping facilities at the US Embassy in Jakarta," said Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa.

Similar operations were also allegedly hosted at various other far eastern embassies, including Kuala Lumpur. Intelligence watchers agree that China was the primary target.

Perhaps more significant, in Japan, *Kyodo News* alleges the Agency requested Japan's Intelligence service help in an operation to collect information passing through cables in the Asia-Pacific region. It is believed the



Cell phone development continues apace. However, with ever more improvements and software applications being created, the danger of interception and hacking has also increased

Cell phone builders and network providers have been accused of overlooking security provided to end users: devices can be easily accessed, monitored and even controlled - that's the verdict of numerous Eye Spy editors familiar with most methods of this burgeoning spy technology. This makes many platforms vulnerable to outside parties (interception).

Besides implanting spy software physically, it's interesting to note that in Germany, software has been created that allows a third party (spy) to upload via a single call or text, an implant which in effect means all communications made or received by a targeted cell phone are available for real-time interception and/or retrieval at any time. Worryingly, all the user requires is the number of the cell phone. The rogue

technology is contained within a text message and costs about £600. It is uploaded in seconds and attacks the actual phone, thus even if the SIM card (number) is changed, the 'bug' continues to operate. The text message can also be forwarded without the user even knowing it has been 'delivered'.

Such spyware is known to those who operate in the world of

intelligence and counter-measures are difficult to enact. Little wonder then that officials are often coy in giving private numbers to all and sundry. Only ten people have President Obama's cell phone number.

It is not unusual to find intel staffers and officers using as many as four cell phones. A good example of this can be found in the case of GCHQ-MI6

primary target in this case were Chinese communications. Reporters here say Tokyo refused on legal grounds.

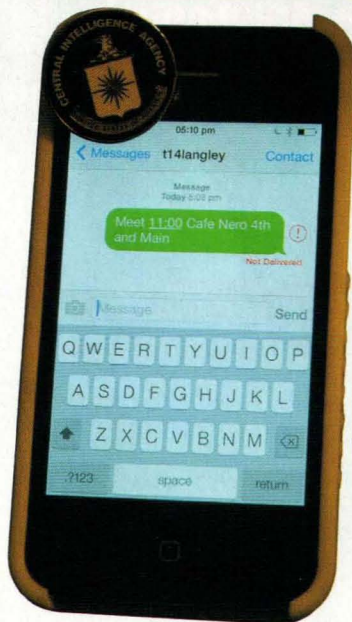
INTELLIGENCE RELATIONS

In respect of wider on-going intelligence relations, little will change, but European lawmakers have called for the suspension of an agreement which allows the CIA, FBI and other US intelligence agencies access to bank data of suspected terrorists. Similarly, a free-trade agreement currently under negotiation may stall unless new regulations on personal data security are introduced. France and Germany have also called for new surveillance rules between the United States and Europe, which will in effect restrict, or even make it illegal to access without agreement, foreign electronic media.

Britain's GCHQ, may also be involved in the Europe surveillance affair; this according to some intelligence and media officials. Edward Snowden has already accused the UK agency of being a "bigger menace than the NSA."

analyst Gareth Williams who died in unusual circumstances at his flat in 2010. He of course was found suffocated in a sports bag in Pimlico, London. When detectives entered his apartment, they discovered several cell phones lined-up neatly on a table. Each device would have been used for a specific task - general work, associates, friends and family and operations. The

Meet 11:00 Cafe Nero 4th and Main



SCALE OF ESPIONAGE UNKNOWN SNOWDEN STOLE UPTO 200,000 DOCUMENTS

NSA Director General Keith Alexander has revealed that Edward Snowden may have stolen and shared with media contacts as many as 200,000 documents.

In a blistering attack on Snowden, Alexander warned that the former contractor was releasing documents in a fashion to cause "maximum damage to the United States," and admitted that the US was powerless to stop the leaks.

He also noted that whilst the WikiLeaks web site obtained about 400,000 Pentagon reports on Afghanistan and 250,000 State Department cables, none were classified higher than 'Secret'; many of the files Snowden secured were 'Top Secret'. The Agency has identified which files were accessed, but is unable to determine if they were downloaded.



number of each phone would generally be kept confidential within the restraints of users and colleagues in each specific field.

Essentially therefore, privacy is paramount and just as important, the content of any conversation kept to a minimum, especially when discussing matters of importance.

Forensically, spy software within a cell phone can now be identified, thus those delivering the implant are also vulnerable to 'back-engineering' - identifying where the call or text is also being received. However, many operations are time-sensitive and in most cases by the time it is proven a cell phone has been targeted, it is already too late and key information may have been imparted.

COMPUTERS - LANDLINES

Despite excellent computer defensive software such as that created by the Russian manufacturer Kaspersky Security, most computers are vulnerable to cyber hackers. And this has



A basic 2001 ENIGMA cell phone listening device with extended microphone. This type of bug, though still very effective and practical in many cases, has been overtaken by a plethora of new cell phone and software spy technology

been proven by the antics of traitor Edward Snowden, even government systems are not foolproof.

Virtually any telephone landline can be accessed externally, especially if a number has been cleared for official interception following the issuing of a warrant. There also exists numerous methods for spy agencies, rogue elements and the criminal community to

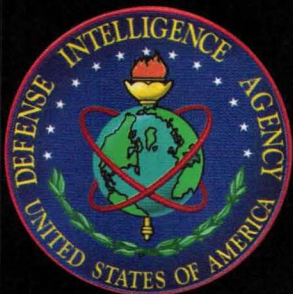
physically bug land lines. Counter-measures can be effective.

The world has become ever more reliant on instant communication and the Internet. This in itself has created a plethora of problems for those whose task it is to provide security.



A simulated text message sent to a CIA officer at Langley. Even this simple instruction, should it be intercepted, could be disastrous for the Agency

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INTELLIGENCE

AND A 'DOOMSDAY CASHE' OF INTELLIGENCE FILES

Foreign operations threatened as it is revealed Snowden has stolen as many as 40,000 US armed forces intelligence documents - Pentagon fears contractor is holding a series of 'utterly damaging files' as his 'insurance policy'

Despite the seriousness of the NSA's alleged intercept operations theUSIC (United States Intelligence Community) continues to monitor and examine the extent of Edward Snowden's espionage and its impact on foreign intelligence partners.

US officials have been advising several intelligence services in Europe and elsewhere, that documents in the possession of Snowden contain operational details of their cooperation with theUSIC. This incredibly sensitive

information reportedly includes top secret missions and programmes targeting Iran, China, Russia and other adversaries. Any release of this information by the rogue contractor would compromise operations and almost certainly threaten intel personnel.

One file known to be in Snowden's possession relates to a northern European country and NATO. Whilst its content remains secret, that country supported an operation targeting Russia and provided valuable intelligence to the US armed forces. If Moscow learns of the identity of the nation, it will inevitably be of much concern.



Eye Spy understands that Snowden's treachery towards the US armed forces is being examined in great detail. We also understand he stole between 30-40,000 documents relating to the intelligence arms of the US Air Force, Navy and Army - this via America's Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communications System (JWICS), which stores and migrates various classified intelligence, included that flagged 'Top Secret' (see diagram opposite). This data has no NSA or surveillance relevance and deals only with military operations, but crucially details weapons' systems capabilities and provides an inventory of missiles and other weapons carried on ships and aircraft.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND STAFF AT RISK OF EXPOSURE



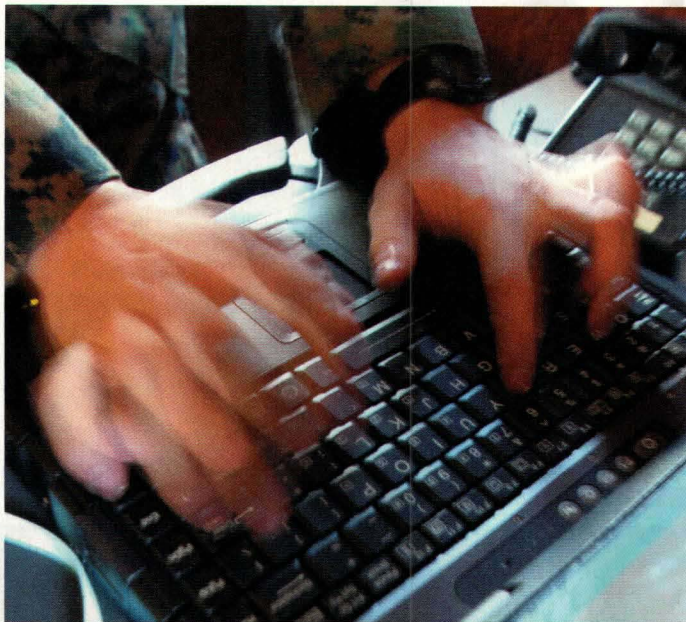
LAND OPERATIONS



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services including MI6. Though the data is encrypted, it is not beyond the scope of Russian and Chinese codebreakers to unlock the material.

Other files within the cache are believed to relate to on-going US military operations, current projects and financial projections which includes both the military and intelligence 'product'.

Fearful of arrest or worse - intelligence watchers believe Edward Snowden is using the secret cache as an 'insurance

policy'. One US source told Eye Spy: "At any stage Russia could revoke his visa and deport him back to America. Indeed, secret negotiations continue that may ultimately result in his detention. How many spies he could betray is unknown, but by creating fear the USA is caught in a dilemma."

Whilst US officials acknowledge that Snowden has already caused enormous damage, the "worst is yet to come," said one NSA staffer.



If this information has been secured by Chinese or Russian Intelligence, it would represent another damaging chapter for US security.

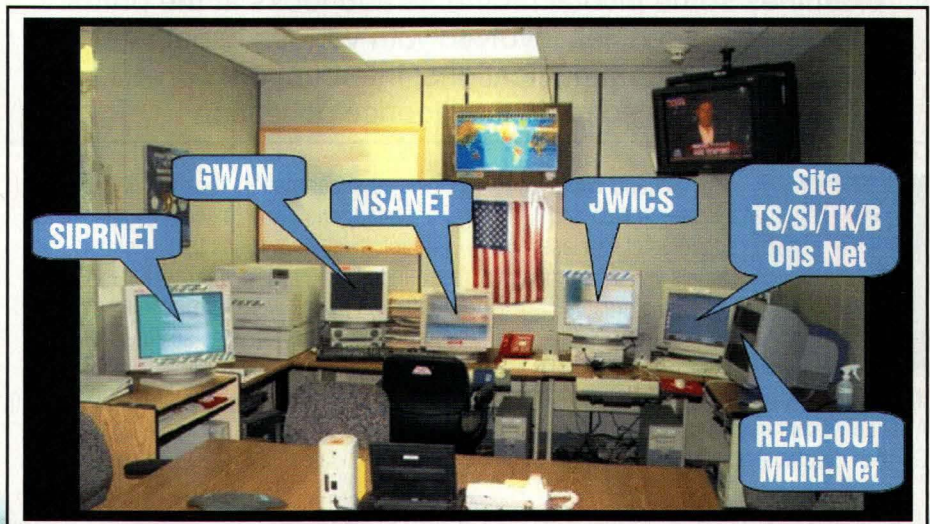
Sources close to Snowden say he has not delivered these to media outlets and wants "no harm to come from them." This view was supported by Thomas Drake (above), a former NSA staffer and whistleblower who has made contact with Snowden in Moscow. "He has made it clear that he was not going to compromise legitimate national intelligence and security operations," said Drake.

That is not how senior US intelligence officials view the situation, who believe there may have been "selective patterns" to his espionage, suggesting he did not simply "grab material at random," including DIA files.

Snowden has asked his media friends to publish files which he says he has "personally judged" and will not harm. He told the *Guardian*: "I carefully evaluated every single document I disclosed to ensure that each was legitimately in the public interest." That comment too is hardly likely to impress legal officials who believe he cannot possibly know the full and wider impact of the disclosures.

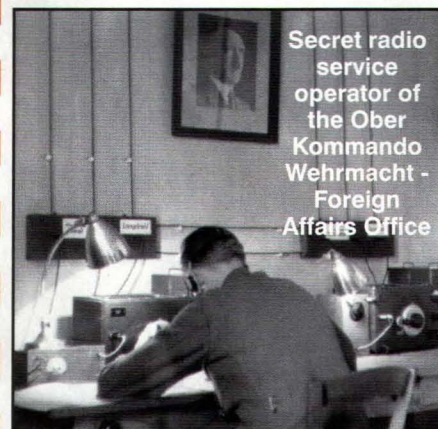
THE DOOMSDAY CASHE

US intelligence sources close to the PRISM affair are satisfied Snowden has in his possession hundreds, perhaps thousands of specially encrypted files stored on a data cloud. Dubbed the 'doomsday cache', it is believed the material includes the names and cover identities of several intelligence officials, some attached to overseas



Many intelligence and military officials believe the actions of Snowden have put the lives of US armed forces personnel at risk

TICOM



Secret radio service operator of the Ober Kommando Wehrmacht - Foreign Affairs Office

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TARGET INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

THE SECRET UK-US OPERATIONS TO SECURE THE 'GEMS' OF GERMANY'S WARTIME SIGINT

PETER MATTHEWS, author of the important new book - SIGINT - was involved in the tale end of the little known TICOM operations in Berlin in the late 1940s and witnessed the analysis of German signals intelligence operations - both their successes and failures. In this exclusive feature, Peter examines some pivotal moments and looks at the primary German agencies involved with various aspects of codebreaking, communications, interception, surveillance and electronic intelligence collection

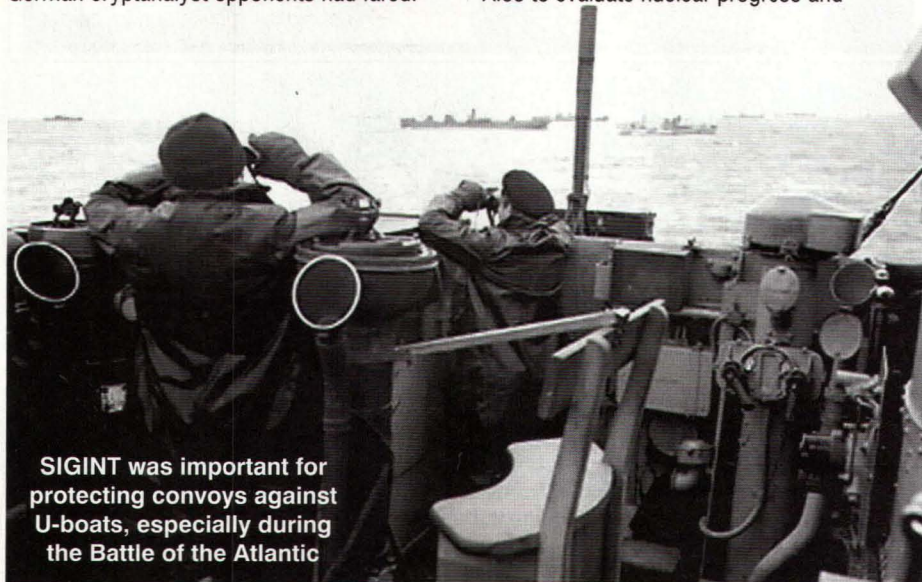


In the Second World War the interception and decoding of wireless signals was and probably still is, the greatest source of military intelligence. Naturally as the conflict ended, the Anglo-American Alliance was interested to learn how their German cryptanalyst opponents had fared.

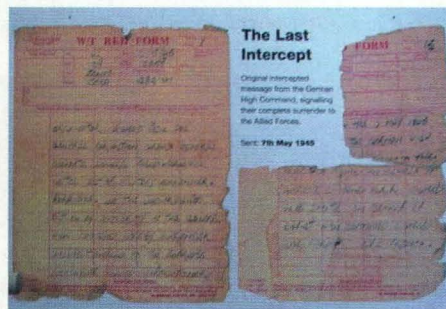
However, other matters took priority as the war ended, one being to seek out specific technological innovations that scientists had developed for the Nazi war machine. A number of teams were formed to inspect (and often appropriate) German scientific and technological innovations. Investigations into areas of interest were made through Operation Paperclip to investigate rocketry, Operation Alos to evaluate nuclear progress and

Operation Surgeon to examine avionic developments.

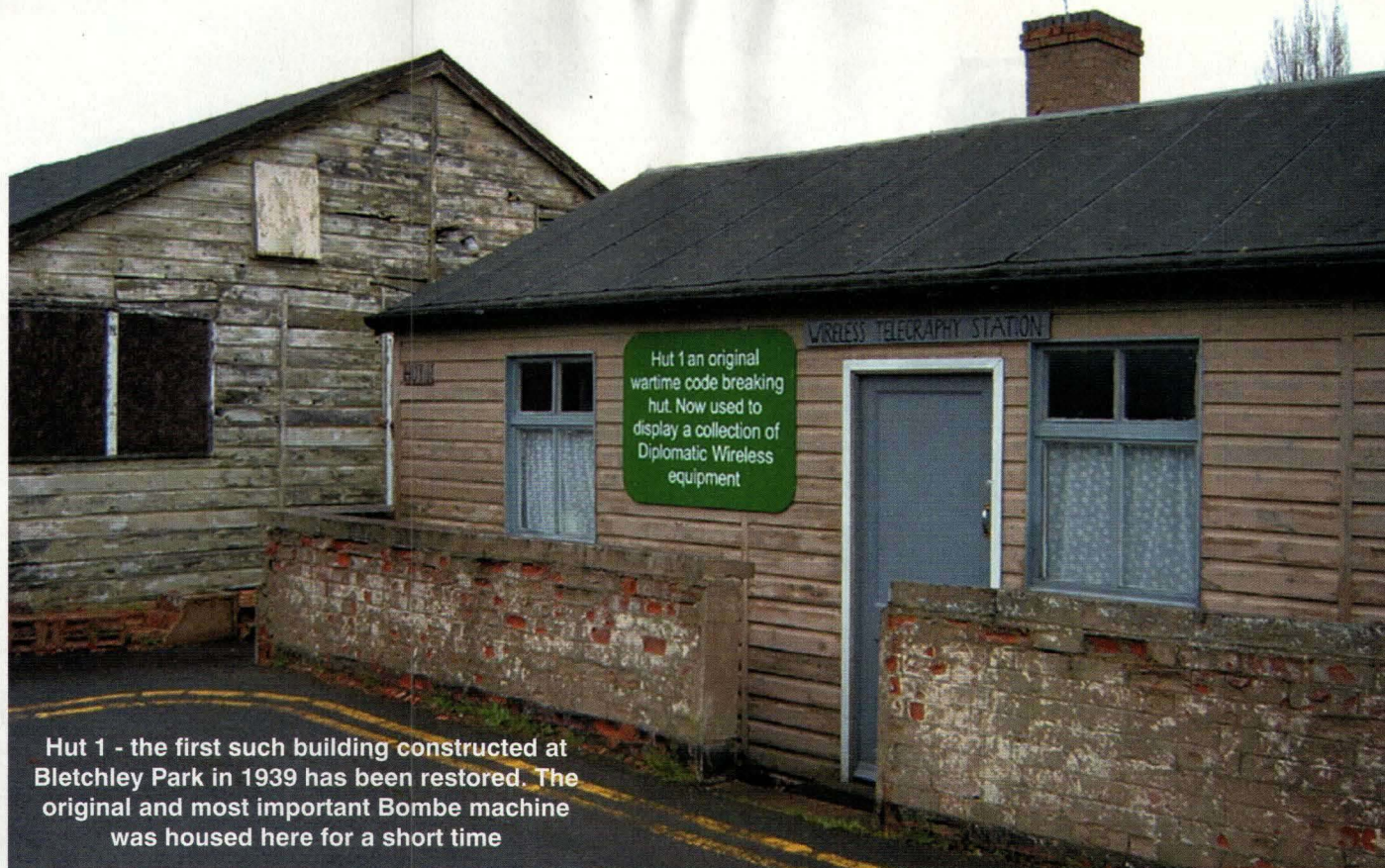
British and American agendas differed when picking over German scientific remains: Britain wanted to rebuild its wrecked economy and took machine tools etc. to rebuild factories. The Americans secured high tech projects such as rocketry from which they created the space programme. Although some quite effective military operations had been mounted to capture German signals equipment and codes during the war, it declined when Germany surrendered. Consequently it



SIGINT was important for protecting convoys against U-boats, especially during the Battle of the Atlantic



A slightly out-of-focus photo showing the last interception made by Bletchley Park which signalled Germany's unconditional surrender in WWII

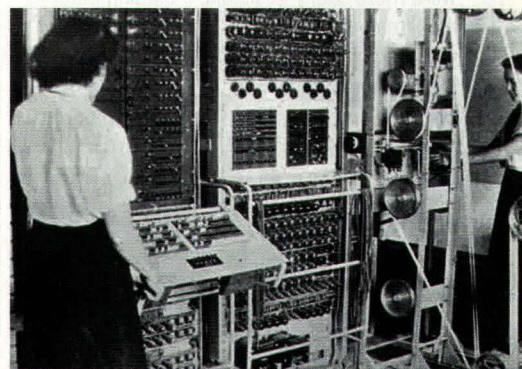


Hut 1 - the first such building constructed at Bletchley Park in 1939 has been restored. The original and most important Bombe machine was housed here for a short time

was quite late in the process of assessing Germany's war economy that an interest in German signals intelligence and cryptography emerged. Who initiated the interest in the subject is uncertain, the British claimed that it was based on their experience gained at the codebreaking centre Bletchley Park (BP). Whoever it was, once TICOM began to investigate German intelligence assets they formed a joint operation which quickly became important to both countries.

OBER KOMMANDO WEHRMACHT CRYPTANALYSTS - CHI

The TICOM Operation became an increasingly urgent priority as it was obvious the Russians were even more interested in Germany's intelligence equipment and codes than the Allies. The main object of interest for both sides was to find the equipment and operators of the OKW (Ober Kommando Wehrmacht) cryptanalysts



A Colossus Mk II computer

branch known as Chi (shortened form for Chiffre or cipher) sections and interrogate them. The race to find the most sophisticated pieces of German enciphering kit and their signals operators was on.

One TICOM operation focused on an on-line ciphering machine with a prohibitive form of packet switching used in telecommunications today which Bletchley Park had christened 'Tunny' with transmissions called 'Fish'. BP had built the Colossus machine to decipher Fish but they wanted an original machine to study its workings.

The Russians entered Berlin in May 1945 and were the first to find the Tunny machines in the cellars of the Wehrmacht offices. Allied wireless operators soon intercepted Fish transmissions by the Red Army but they had changed the code settings of the machine, making them impossible to decrypt. TICOM teams did however, find some German prisoners of war in Allied hands who had

Peter Matthew's father (left) on the bridge of his ship HMS Wolf acting as escort to a convoy in the Atlantic Western approaches in 1942. Although he spent much time escorting convoys, he never saw a gun fired in anger due to the guidance of intelligence from Bletchley Park



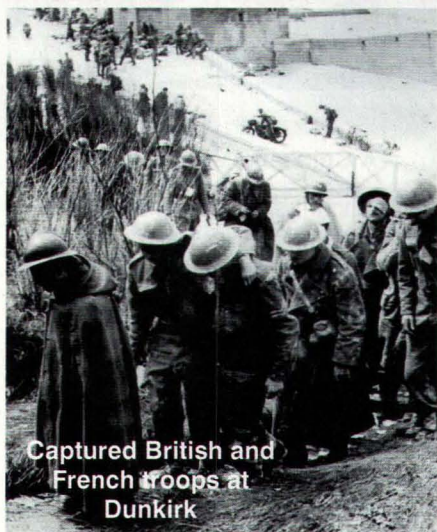


King Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson are greeted by Adolf Hitler in 1937

buried their sophisticated coding machine in the face of the Soviet advances. They volunteered to dig it up and immediately set it to work decrypting Russian transmissions. Other less sophisticated encrypting machines were more easily available, including Enigma machines of which over 100,000 had been manufactured by the Germans. I myself was offered one but the value of an Enigma machine was not evident as the secrets of

Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz relied heavily on SIGINT generated by Enigma to conduct U-boat operations in the crucial Battle of the Atlantic

SIGNALS WAR 1940



Captured British and French troops at Dunkirk

Right: German Army cryptographers at the horchstelle (listening post) at Lauf, near Nuremberg, in the summer of 1940. In the centre (wearing glasses) is Regierungsrat Wilhelm Flicke, head of this group and responsible for intelligence evaluations.

Wilhelm Flicke's successor was Oberwachtmeister Suenkel, who is second on the left. They were all probably recovering from the immense signals activity generated during the battle for France and British evacuation of Dunkirk.

Bletchley Park had not then been published, so the offer was refused!

TICOM investigators had begun to realise that German cryptanalysts believed that the coding system in the Enigma machine could be broken. What they could not believe was the amount of effort that the British and later the Americans were able to put into BP in the signals intelligence war.

HITLER'S IGNORANCE OF INTELLIGENCE

TICOM defined the structure, personnel and technology of German Abwehr military intelligence as it emerged in documents and interrogation, much of which would be of great use in the emerging Cold War. It became obvious that its leadership and make up of the German



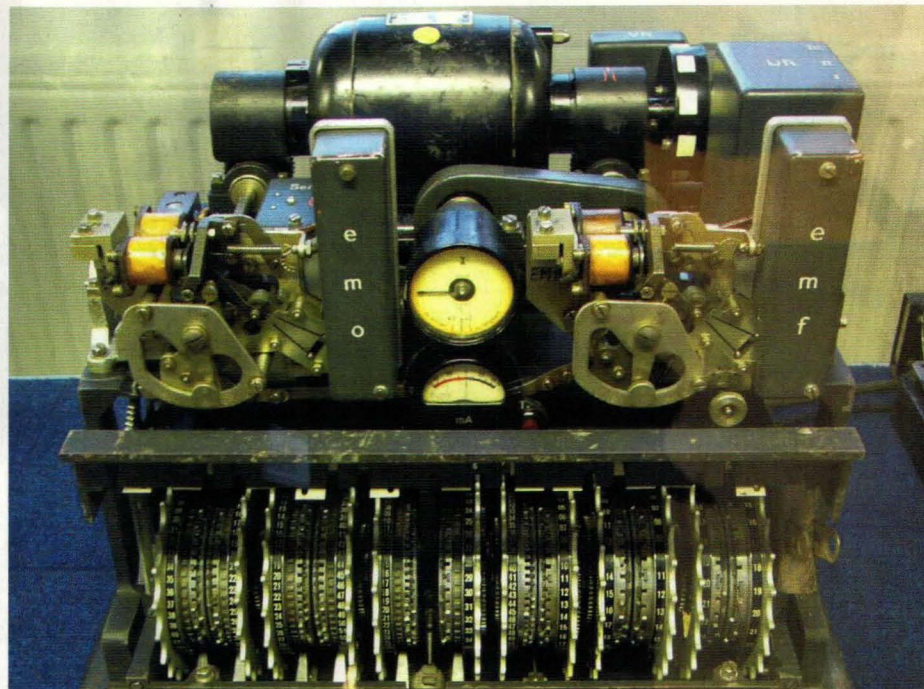


intelligence community was its main undoing. Hitler had little interest in any intelligence that would disagree with his view of the war's progress. When he came to power in 1933, Admiral Canaris, head of the Abwehr gave him a run down of how his agency operated and how useful intelligence could be. At that time, Hitler's main interest was what information they had on the affair of England's King Edward VIII with Mrs Simpson.

The Fuhrer's management approach did nothing for the well being of German Intelligence either, his paranoia about conspiracies demanded that there be at least seven major intelligence agencies operating in Nazi Germany all working against each other. They did not centralise their signals intelligence operations as did the British whose inspiration was to amalgamate control of their operations into one centre at Bletchley Park. The triumph of the British and later the Anglo American intelligence evaluations was not so much the effectiveness of code and cipher breaking (the Germans were pretty good at code breaking talents as well) but the management structure of the information usage.

THE ABWEHR - GESTAPO WARS

Investigators from TICOM only researched the five main German intelligence agencies which were: The OKW (Obercommando der Wehrmacht) military high command's central intelligence agency



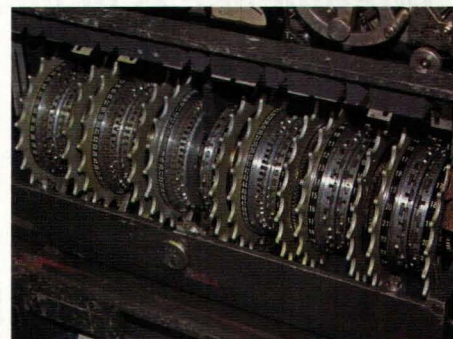
German WWII Lorenz SZ42 cipher machine. Bletchley Park cryptographers referred to the communications traffic generated by the machine (dubbed 'Tunny') as 'Fish'. Each machine had 12 rotor wheels all with a different number



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Heinrich Himmler

was the Abwehr formed in 1921 to provide an intelligence service for the German armed forces. It was headed by Admiral Wilhelm Canaris who had been involved in intelligence in the First World War and knew his trade well. The Abwehr was a fairly efficient service for counter-espionage and military purposes but did not perform so well on the international theatre. Sabotage efforts aimed at America's industrial potential were abysmal as was the attempted infiltration of German agents into Britain. Due to Abwehr incompetence, the spies were often 'turned' to Allied advantage by the British Secret Service. The real enemy of the Abwehr however, was the German Secret police - the Gestapo. They wanted to take over the intelligence function for themselves and often used brutal methods to do it. The two organisations fought each other tooth and nail right up to the end of the war. Within two weeks of Germany's surrender, Heinrich Himmler's men had murdered Admiral Canaris.



Admiral Canaris - head of the Abwehr. Shortly before the end of the war, Heinrich Himmler ordered his execution



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Left: German Abwehr Intelligence Evaluation Centre, Lauf, June 1940, which monitored the despairing radio signals of the French Army in full retreat. The masts seem to have been of a fairly primitive design and were improved later

'Intelligence is of no use unless you have the force to follow it up'

CHI STEELE AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

The Chi Steele Air Intelligence Service reported to the OKL (Oberkommando der Luftwaffe) and was not heavily involved in cryptanalysis. It was more concerned with ELINT (Electronic Intelligence) that included radar and navigation aids of enemy aircraft and the spoken commands of ground control to aircraft.

The Luftwaffe signals war was very different to the Heere (German Army) or Kriegsmarine in that they often had days to evaluate a situation whereas air operations generally only had hours. As a result of that lack of cryptographic involvement, the weakest link of German signals ciphers were the Luftwaffe codes. The GAF Red Key (German Air Force General Key) code was first broken by BP as the British Expeditionary Force was being lifted off the beaches of Dunkirk. Luftwaffe expertise in voice interception enabled them to identify

the size of a bomber attack, the type of aircraft taking part and tracking them to their target by listening to the voices of aircrew. German operators were able to intercept the conversations between crews on the aircraft intercoms even before they took off from British airfields.

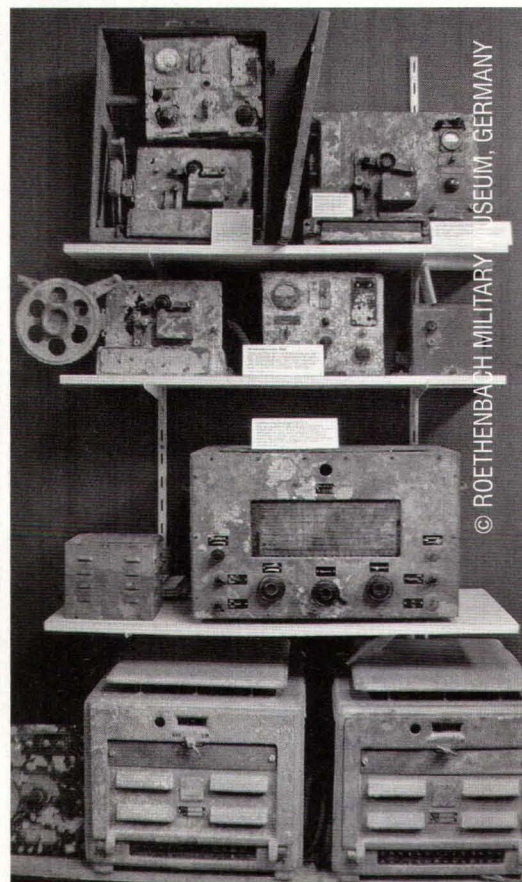
✕ Chi Steele listening stations provided the main air raid warning system to their towns and cities as Anglo American raids got bigger and heavier. Unfortunately for those cities there seemed to be too few anti-aircraft guns or fighters to combat the incoming raids: thus illustrating the maxim - *'intelligence is of no use unless you have the force to follow it up'*.

BEOBACHTUNGSDIENST - INTERCEPT SERVICE

Beobachtungsdienst or B-Dienst was the intercept service for the German Kriegsmarine formed in 1934 and reported to OKM (Oberkommando der Marine). It was the most successful of the German signals intelligence agencies during the Second World War and a worthy opponent for BP. The cryptographic team cracked the Royal Navy code in 1935 and on the first day of the war knew the position of every ship in the British navy. It went on to break the Royal Navy Administrative Code in 1940 and BAMS - the British merchant navy code in 1942 allowing U-Boats to track convoys until the British changed their codes in 1943. BAMS decryption was a major contribution to the Battle of the Atlantic which threatened Britain's survival during the war.

Left: Coldstream Guards arrive in France in 1939 as part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF)

A major target for the TICOM teams was also the 'Kurier' device which could condense a U-Boat's signals into a few microseconds in time. This would have been a major blow for the Allies if it had become operational as U-Boats were located by direction-finding methods that were crucial in their battle with the German submarine fleet. The Kurier technology reappeared later in the Cold War when Soviet submarines developed a short burst encoding system in their radio transmissions.





Wilhelm Flicke, working at his desk after the war in 1950 at Lauf listening post. He was financed by the CIA under the command of Gehlen Organisation. The post worked under the cover name of Bundesstelle für Fernmeldestatistik (Federal Bureau of Telecommunications Statistics) until the office closed down after Flicke's mysterious death



Command flag of the Chief of the Ober Kommando Wehrmacht (rank of General Field Marshal)

not know the FA existed. Their huge intelligence organisation had created a massive data base of 'people and publications of interest' in Europe but particularly Germany. It monitored the telephone calls of many people, friend and foe, in the Nazi Party, the Wehrmacht, all government employees above a certain level as well as church and trade unionist men and women. It was a major surveillance instrument for state and political repression and even foreign intervention. The FA was widely used in the German take-over of Austria and played a major part in the subjugation of the institutions and people of Germany. The Gestapo burnt all documentation relating to this instrument of repression as the war ended.

I spent much time sifting through burnt documents in the headquarters of the FA in Berlin's Charlottenburg district but failed to find anything that was meaningful. Had the material survived, it would have provided for many fascinating stories.

German Intelligence documentation generated by its various agencies was immense; it took fleets of trucks to ship collected files and documents to the ports of Europe much of which was shipped to the United States. Here they were analysed and are still held in the archives of the United States National Security Agency (NSA).

An exception is a badly typed document which outlines the German Abwehr's role in signals intelligence in two wars. It was originally entitled 'Kriegsgeheimnisse im Aether' but translates to 'War Secrets in the Ether'. I lodged it in the rare books section of the library of the Imperial War Museum. And for the record, it became the principle information source for my book: *SIGINT The Secrets of Signals Intelligence 1914 to 1945*

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PER ZS - FOREIGN OFFICE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

Per ZS was the German Foreign Office Intelligence Bureau that had a small team of cryptographers who, according to the TICOM team investigating it, showed extraordinary competence. They intercepted diplomatic transmissions to and from embassies of over fifty countries. They also had the ability to crack the diplomatic codes of the British and American embassies and the transmissions of their own allies, Italy and Japan. Like military communications, diplomatic radio traffic was often a useful source in intelligence evaluations.

FA - FORSCHUNGSAMT DES REICHLUFTFAHRTMINISTERIUM AGENCY

The Forschungsamt des Reichsluftfahrtministerium Agency (FA) was a complete surprise to TICOM. They thought they were familiar with the whole of the Nazi intelligence network from the work done at Bletchley Park. but they did



Field Marshal Erwin Rommel

THE TRUE VALUE OF SIGINT

Left: Radio equipment thrown into Lake Schliersee used at Lauf, as the Americans advanced in 1945. The sets were fished out again in 1950, which accounts for their poor condition. Historic interceptions received on this equipment would have included Colonel Bonner Feller's reports to Washington and forwarded to Hitler. Rommel also intercepted them, enabling him to know the detailed plans of the British Army and earning him the title of the 'Desert Fox'



Bonner Feller

ENCOUNTER CONTROL

MIKE FINN

Eye Spy Security Editor - Mike Finn begins his new series on the complex, but often necessary discipline of Encounter Control in the Intelligence Cycle. Although most intelligence agencies teach some form of defence skills and personal security awareness to their field operatives during initiation, Encounter Control differs considerably from agency to agency and does include being aware of one's personal surroundings, understanding developing situations and analysis of body language

In this feature the author provides an introductory explanation of the term

Harvey Point and Operation Neptune Spear

Training centres and systems for self defence tuition in the intelligence cycle vary from those of similar military units. Occasionally they combine forces, for example the training facility in North Carolina known as Harvey Point reputedly created Osama bin-Laden's complex at Abbottabad in Pakistan, prior to the operation code-named Neptune Spear. This was a joint project between the CIA and American Navy SEALs (team six), culminating in bin-Laden's death, at which time the training centre was dismantled. On this occasion the Navy Seals used the Heckler & Koch MP7 assault rifles and Sig Sauer P226 hand guns.

The CIA conversely are not issued with firearms as a matter of course but are supplied on special occasions, such as this type of combat situation. In the past the Agency



CIA's weapon of choice - Browning

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have used the FN-Browning HP-35 pistol, Winchester rifle and 1200 Defender pump action shot gun. Apart from different firearm policies, military and intelligence defence training is quite different, however, media smoke screens over time have merged these concepts into one image in the eyes of the general public. We will take a realistic look at this misnomer.

On a universal scale encounter control has been short changed at administration level. One problem is cutting corners when tying to

fit training into an already full syllabus, another is the allocation of costs, not to mention the usual conflicts over the actual choice of system. Sadly this tuition often does not rate highly on the list of subjects taught, nevertheless it's an important one that's often overlooked or underrated. One further tuition problem is that the decision makers frequently have no reference point for making a choice, few would spot any subtle mechanics or professionally executed technique, over and above the standard pugilism.

Encounter Control training varies from one agency or security concern to another. However, applied or used properly it can be a life-saving measure

Intelligence Syllabus

A major problem with encounter control in the intelligence cycle is the fact that it is one of the most misunderstood subjects in the intelligence syllabus. Apart from that the public perception of what is practical is invariably based on the 'James Bond' type of movies, which is far removed from the reality. Let us begin by looking at fundamentals, self defence and unarmed combat have very different perspectives. The former refers to skills employed within the confines of a society and is bound by the laws and customs of that society. The latter relates to encounters outside of these cultural restrictions, the rule of survival being the key ingredient.

As an expert witness I have dealt with innumerable cases where courts have decided the force used was not reasonable under the circumstances, this has resulted from the wrong interpretation of unarmed combat, culminating in the arrested person receiving a custodial sentence.

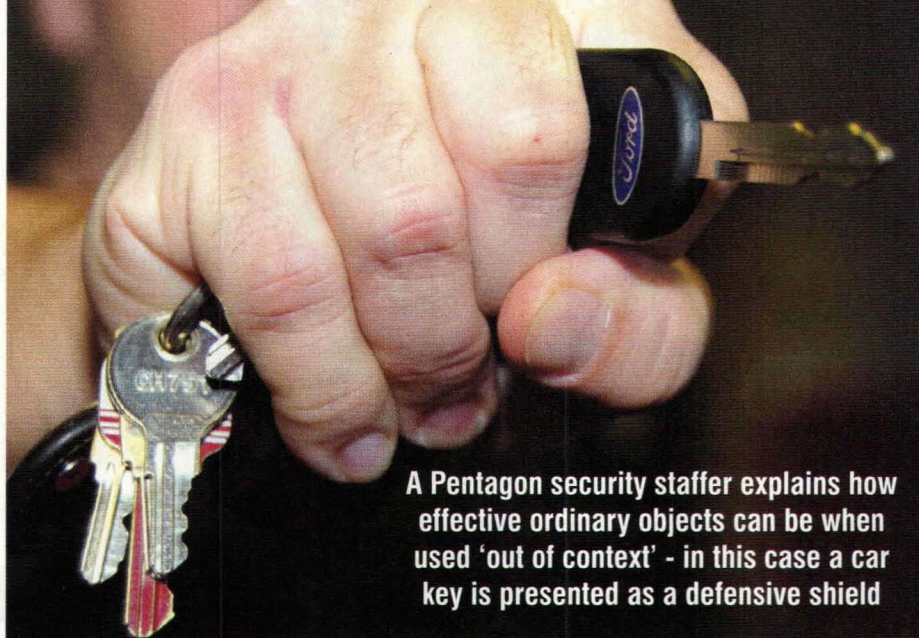
Another misconception is the role that martial skills play in the tuition of encounter control.



Whilst the SEAL team and CIA unit which descended into Osama bin-Laden's compound in Abbottabad relied heavily on intelligence, operatives were also fully aware they may encounter force. Inset: A still from a video recording made by bin-Laden at the compound in 2010



'The tuition of intelligence personnel in encounter control is far removed from the expectation of the average member of the public...'



A Pentagon security staffer explains how effective ordinary objects can be when used 'out of context' - in this case a car key is presented as a defensive shield

There are a plethora of different martial skills, for example; martial arts itself often refers to classical skills from the feudal era; martial sports refers to competitive activities; martial ways are skills practised for self development. In the UK, use unarmed combat principles in modern society and you will have time to consider the differences from a prison cell. Understanding these differences is the first step to avoiding such a scenario.

Agency Requirements

Let us consider the intelligence agency personnel and their needs. Organisations such as MI5 and the FBI are more in the public eye when it comes to encounter control than for example the CIA or MI6. This is because the former deal with matters within their country and the latter focused on external affairs abroad (I think the nuance here is obvious). Intelligence agencies often choose hybrid systems that suit their specific needs, the training is intense and demanding, but in reality has to fit into a syllabus that encompasses many other subjects in the curriculum. In contrast the martial arts exponent trains in the one subject and it is a continuous process involving many more hours (years) of study and practice to reach a high level of competence, but in their own domain. In the initial stages of intelligence training, fitness plays an important role, however, the reality is that case load and work pressures usually diminish that standard to a minuscule level once the operative has been in the field for some time. Sustained refresher courses are sadly few and far between.

Within the plethora of possible techniques the operative only needs those relative to their specific occupation. In reality the human body is a multi-faceted and complex organism, but sadly easy to kill with the appropriate skill and technique. The more difficult and demanding task is to control and restrain an aggressor (or target person) without causing injury or death. Apart from specific circumstances, the more prevalent task for many intelligence agencies is to control and restrain. For specialist groups there is a need for education in improvisation, in fact the likelihood of having your favourite weapon with you when you most need it is pretty remote, taking into account 'Murphy's Law' - *if anything can go wrong - it will*. There are many possibilities when it comes to improvisation, but without training and skill they will be of no avail.



New Scotland Yard security detail

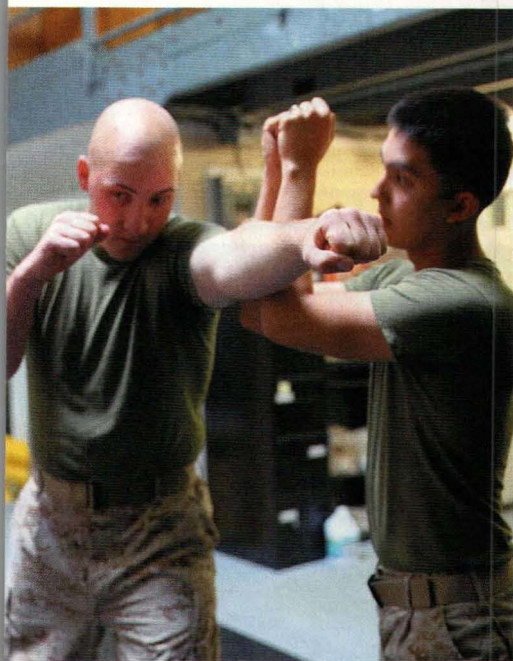


Personnel from the Ministry of Defence Police engage in a ship-search (CT) exercise

Major factors in pre-encounter control are an understating of human nature, related physiology, a good understanding of grounded psychology, and right timing in taking the initiative, but the actual encounter presents its own problems. In the 1960s and 1970s I had many violent encounters both in uniform and under cover, there are two things that stick in my mind from those days. The first is that my martial arts training was predictable, I knew



US Secret Service agents await the arrival of President Obama. The agency's personnel are trained in Encounter Control



that afterwards I would be going home. On my first real encounter, disarming someone with a Bowie knife, I had to control my experience of real fear, together with the unpredictability of my opponent that could lead to anything from serious injury to death (that means no going home). The second thing I took on board was peoples response to injury, this is not relative to size or attitude. I remember taking a statement from a victim with a shocking facial injury, he calmly sat down and gave me a coherent statement. One of the golden rules to remember is that in extreme pain endorphins pump into the body and kill that pain. One reason to ensure we don't take the target over that threshold so we can use their pain to our advantage. My experience of nerve point control is that each persons nerve points are never exactly the same and the responses vary considerably. There are many unpredictables that the average person would not factor in, this is why encounter control is a serious science in itself. There is a grave responsibility in teaching within the intelligence cycle because the wrong advice can be the cause of serious injury or death to the operative.

The tuition of intelligence personnel in encounter control is far removed from the expectation of the average member of the public, so many variables have to be factored in. In this article I have tried to give a brief overview of oft forgotten aspects. In future articles we will view the real problems and resolves of encounter control in the intelligence cycle.

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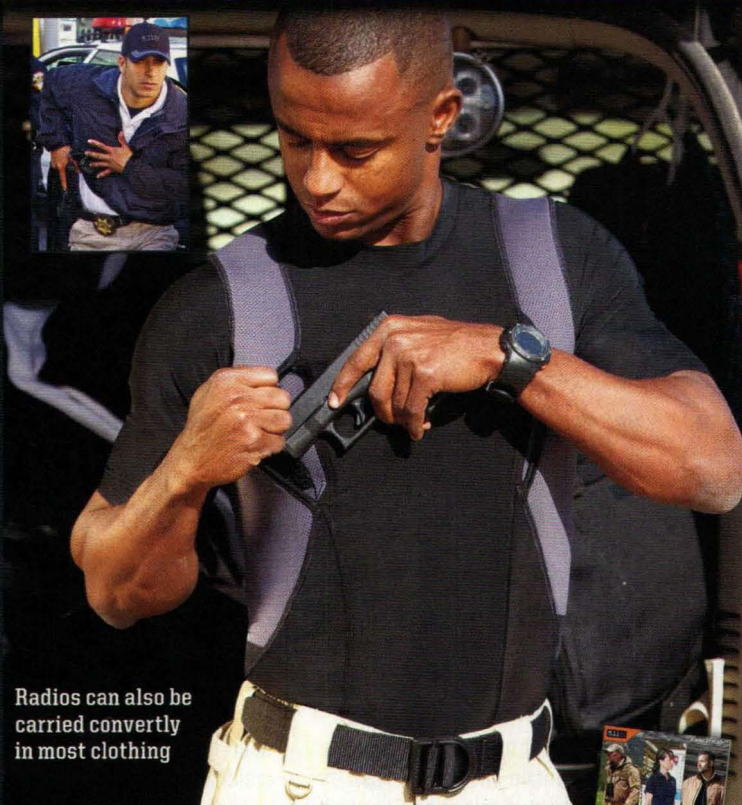
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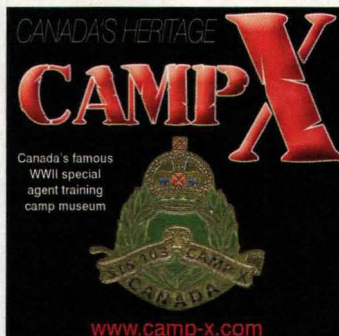
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SECRET DIPLOMATIC INTELLIGENCE COLLECTORS

SHEDS

A NEST OF SPIES

Eye Spy Communications Editor Paul Beaumont provides a fascinating insight into the collection and submission of intelligence via the strange buildings often seen atop embassies

Walk through any suburb in Britain and look across the back gardens and you'll see an amazing variation in the style of sheds. They perform a variety of tasks; storage of garden tools, plant pots, bicycles, motorcycles and even amateur radio stations are secreted away, betrayed only by antennae strung from support posts.

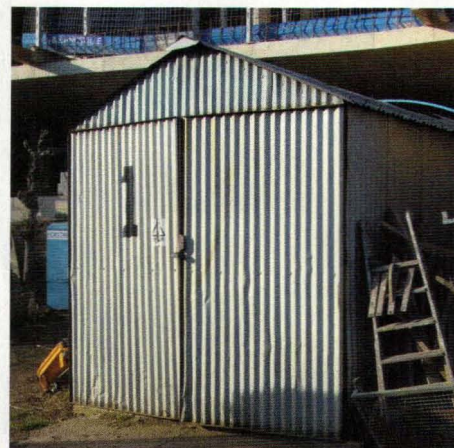
Look across the roofs of international embassies and you'll also see a like variation of shed-like structures adorning the hard to see areas of the building. However, unlike typical wood sheds these constructions are in the main high tech, most manufactured of fibreglass, specialist plastic sheet and modified Kevlar. There are no plant pots to be

seen here, for their purpose is much more insidious - signal interception.

MYSTERY OF THE CAPENHURST TOWER

That the precise purpose of [some] operations performed within these sheds (and now known to the public) is down to the antics of Edward Snowden. However, their construction, content and primary objective has been known to Eye Spy for some years - this because British Intelligence allegedly operated a most interesting programme in Capenhurst, Cheshire, northern England from 1990 to 1998.

Imagine a white tower a little over 50 yards high amounting to around 13 storeys. The top three floors having only dielectric windows



US Embassy, Warsaw

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which are opaque to light and admit only radio signals to the high gain specialist antennae behind. The target viewed by these 'windows' was some distance away - Gwaenysgor, North Wales in one direction and Pale Heights, Cheshire in the opposite. Spaced equally there were twelve dielectric windows, four to each of the top three storeys and spaced 90 degrees apart. Six of these windows existed only to preserve the tower's visual amenity, the rest hiding antennae targeting BT communications towers elsewhere.



Left: Construction begins on the new US Embassy in Berlin in 2005. The building, together with the UK's diplomatic mission is at the centre of another row involving intelligence collection by the NSA and GCHQ in Germany. Indeed, a common phrase used by the German media of late to describe the area is a 'nest of spies'



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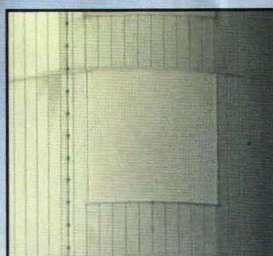
Examination of an Ordnance Survey Map reveals the Capenhurst facility located within the British Nuclear Fuels boundary. It stood in the middle of the beamwidth of the targets, in one case a 'footprint' approximately 670 yards wide.

The state-of-the-art equipment specially installed within the tower to process the information was cared for by just two or three personnel who worked a continual shift system. The requirements of heat removal from the panels, chassis and power units was through 32 grilles set within the walls of the eight equipment carrying floors. The tower was apparently linked to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) via optical cables, although it has been suggested that its roof was also constructed of like-dielectric material to permit upload of raw and processed intelligence product via SATCOM. Trials for this intercept facility were run from a temporary installation built on the roof of British Nuclear Fuels (BNF) building and not without apparent cause.

Whilst the IRA pursued its mandate in Northern Ireland, in the south of Ireland, GCHQ specialists realised that a new undersea cable - designated UK-Ireland 1 and designed to carry a majority of Irish communications - would have its landfall and radio relay towers placed in such a way that the radio link would pass over the roof of BNF.

Information gleaned from the World Wide Web suggests that during the 1989 consultation, prior to the actual building of the tower, Capenhurst's residents were told to say nothing. It's also been alleged that to secure their support and cooperation, they received double glazing and/or fencing ex gratia.

When news of this most clandestine interception facility broke there was immediate media coverage. One fascinating report of note aired on Channel Four in July 1999. [See Links] For



Dielectric window

THE MYSTERIOUS CAPENHURST TOWER



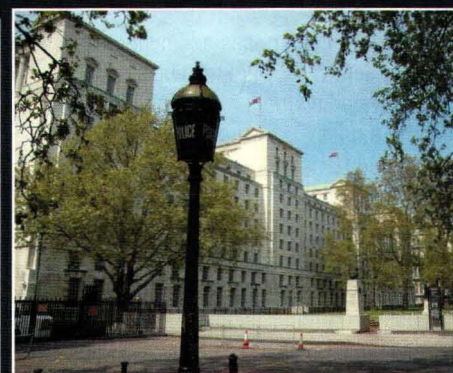
Stills from Channel 4's expose of the Capenhurst Tower. Some residents believed the structure was used to store grain. Its true purpose was identified by several journalists, including investigative author Duncan Campbell (inset)

the record, the Capenhurst tower was demolished in 2004.

EMBASSY SIGINT COLLECTION

The process of SIGINT (signals intelligence) collection from embassies is not a recent development, nor should it be seen as 'surprising'. During WWII specialist radio operators were posted to embassies in neutral countries under the guise of registered embassy staff. Here they established clandestine facilities and generally intercepted enemy diplomatic and military transmissions - these were passed to controllers and ultimately the intel forwarded back home. The UK, via the Foreign Office, continued this endeavour even at the end of the war using operators of the Diplomatic Wireless Service or DWS as it was known. The DWS operation was born from the Special Communications Units (SCU) which handled MI6 'traffic' in the war.

DWS operators were skilled in their trade and were required to handle and decode/encrypt messages. If such a person were to fall into



Ministry of Defence headquarters

enemy hands, or be turned by an enemy intelligence agency, then entire operations and the radio identities of those participating would be at risk. Talent spotting activities by adversaries were well known to the point that embassy staff were issued with a small book published in 1964 called *Their Trade is Treachery* - this in an attempt to dissuade those at risk from making rash decisions. One case example within called *'Dot-Dash-Dot Men'*, focused on the plight of a DWS radio operator who was in the process of being

Germany's Reichstag building



'groomed' by the KGB, but sensibly explained his situation to the embassy which quickly arranged for his return to England. Another case tells a very different story. This involved DWS radio operator William Marshall who supplied a variety of DWS information, including call signs and frequencies to the KGB. He subsequently received a four year jail sentence for his treachery.

However, the 'turning' of radio embassy staffers is now a different matter. Automation and technology have taken care of the need for such communications officers. Today, there is a requirement for more IT (information technology) specialists who have replaced radio-operators tapping at a Morse key or loaders of RY teleprinter test tapes (known as 'call loops' or 'slips' in the intelligence trade).

The importance of codes and cyphers and the level of secrecy they are held under, can be demonstrated by the forcible entry into the British Embassy in Peking in August 1967. Amongst dozens of Mao Tse-tung's self-appointed Red Guards who entered the building, ranks of cypher specialists. Afterwards MI6 discovered that a RockeX encryption machine had been taken from the Embassy Communications Office (ECO). The machine used a 'one time tape' that like its

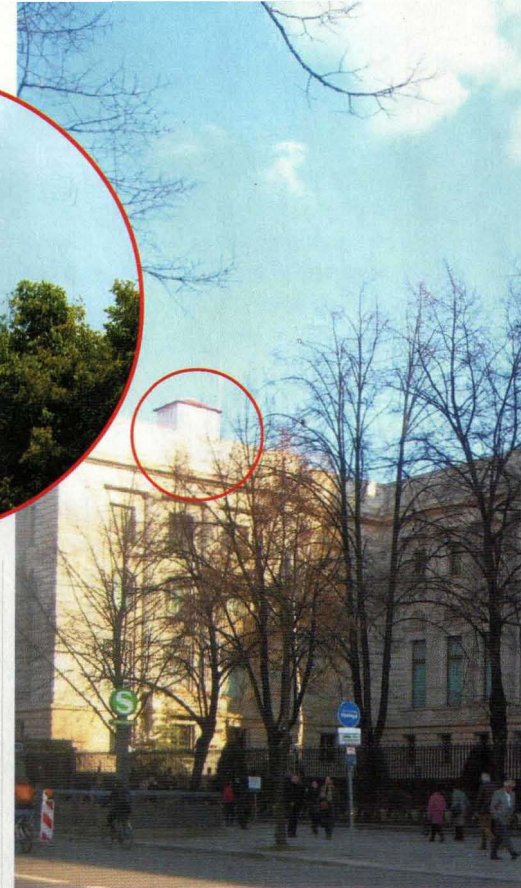
more famous 'espionage one time pad' was impenetrable if used properly.

The removal of UK cipher equipment can be compared to a very similar event at the US Embassy in Taiwan in 1957. Here a large number of rotors and other cryptographic materials were removed by a sledge hammer wielding mob.

SPECIAL COLLECTION SERVICE SITES

Amongst many secrets exposed by Edward Snowden, he has made known details of a data capture system now being employed at a number of embassies around the world. The embassies where this top secret COMINT [COMMUNICATION INTelligence] intercepts are being pursued are known as SCS Sites - 'SCS' being the acronym for Special Collection Service.

The capture system is code-named - 'STATE-ROOM'.



A release of information into the media caused some furore when details of an installation as seen atop the UK Embassy in Berlin were published. Then it transpired there was another facility at the US Embassy, complete with dielectric windows visible in the published images as well as from Google Earth.

BRITISH EMBASSY 'SPY ROLE' QUESTIONED

BERLIN: Thomas Oppermann, head of the German Parliament's Intelligence Committee, has asked that an investigation be launched into the alleged spying activities of the British Embassy in Berlin. Britain's ambassador to the country, Simon MacDonald, was asked by Interior Minister Klaus-Dieter Fritzsche to explain "why the embassy [allegedly] possessed eavesdropping equipment and if it had targeted the German Government." At the centre of the row, one particular structure (shed) atop the embassy building. Nevertheless, a vast amount of material exists that proves many countries operate similar intelligence collection operations from diplomatic buildings.



Interior Minister
Klaus-Dieter
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Ambassador Simon
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British Embassy, Berlin



Thomas Oppermann -
"Britain has allegations
to answer"

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Russian Embassy, Berlin. Verticals, discone and wideband VGDSH cage dipole



Left: RockeX encryption on display at Bletchley Park codebreaking museum

Apart from the German site, the SCIF or Secure Compartmented Intelligence Facilities ('sheds' or 'nests') can be seen elsewhere. In talking with the author of *Spies and Cables*, [See Eye Spy 87] I discovered that it was inordinately difficult to find any imagery of the US Embassy in Cyprus, even Google Earth is denied a view from above. Yet claims of similar technically enhanced spying abound. The concealed antenna are code-named 'EINSTEIN', the amplifiers that follow 'CASTANET'. The Capenhurst equipment operated on frequencies around 6.5GHz but what the frequency of operation of this equipment actually is will be dictated by the target equipment.

However, other sites shown in a leaked NSA slide entitled, 'SCS Global Presence', suggests a number of EU and non-EU sites are subject

to this interception, despite no 'Five Eye' member states (UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand and Australia) apparently hosting such collections. On the slide Five Eyes is shown as abbreviated to 'FVEY'.

Whilst the media coverage concerns the shed-like structures atop the US and UK Berlin embassies, examination of the leaked slide draws attention to US embassies and consulates worldwide where these 'sheds' exist. Most US embassy sites viewed via Google Earth have shed-like structures.

IRAN RECONNAISSANCE OF US EMBASSY

On 29 September 2013, the *Times of Israel* lead story read: 'Iranian arrested in Israel on suspicion of espionage'. Reporter Gavriel Fiske outlined the reasons for

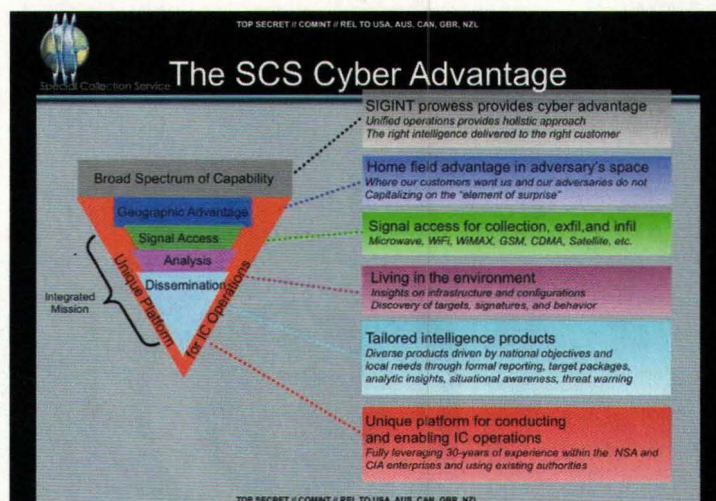
the arrest and detention of Ali Mansouri, an alleged agent of Iran's Revolutionary Guard's elite Quds element who took eleven photographs of the US Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Mansouri (an Iranian-Belgian national) was arrested by Shin Bet on suspicion of espionage as he attempted to leave the country on 11 September 2013, via Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. He had entered Israel with a Belgium passport under the name of Alex Mans. Shortly after, he booked into a hotel overlooking the US Embassy. Eye Spy sources state this afforded him an excellent overview of the security arrangements around three sides of the building. Shin Bet believe Mansouri agreed to the operation, said to be one of 'exploration' and 'recruitment', for a sum of \$1 million.

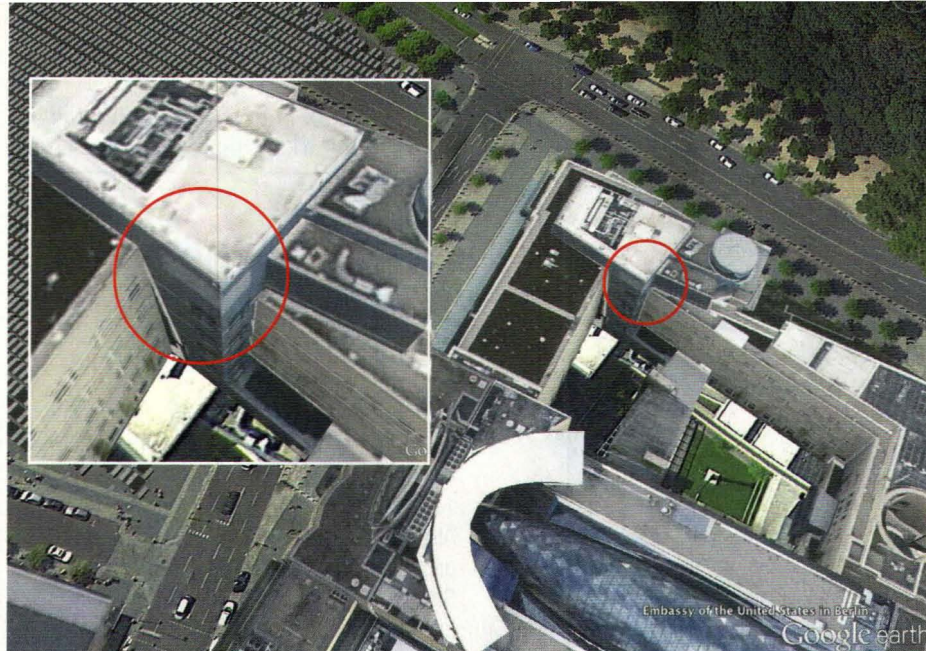
An image featured by Fiske and secured by Shin Bet had been taken by Mansouri from a high-rise building alongside the front entrance to the US Embassy in Tel Aviv. Viewed casually in the paper it is not an overly remarkable image but on closer inspection and expanded, it actually shows a great deal more than seen in its latent form.

To the right, and directly above the entrance to the embassy, a 'shed' used to house interception apparatus for the SCS. That Israel does not appear on the slide 'SCS Global Presence' (see below) is surprising given the obvious structure in the image that appeared courtesy of the Israeli spy agency.

As for Mansouri, he alleges Shin Bet tied him to a chair and deprived him of sleep during his interrogation. Research into his supposed business ventures links him to a company called the European Folded Glass System.



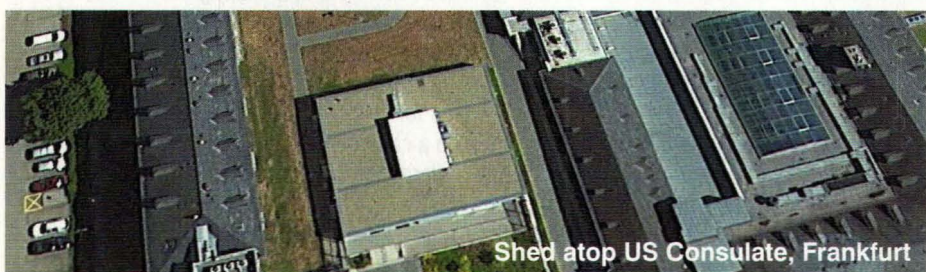
Edward Snowden has released slides of top secret material on SCS and its international prowess



US Embassy, Berlin. Circled is a dielectric window similar to those once installed in the Capenhurst Tower, England



US Embassy, Mexico City. This overhead shot from Google earth reveals the intercept sheds



Shed atop US Consulate, Frankfurt



At the centre of a political spy 'drama' - the US Embassy, Berlin

Described as a 'big company in Europe' on its website, analysts note the site is littered with grammatical spelling mistakes. Mansouri is featured as the company's manager. Shin Bet maintain he was working to create a front operation in Israel for Iran's Revolutionary Guards. Eye Spy sources say he had visited the country on a number of occasions and had already been surveilled by Shin Bet.

THE CAFE COINCIDENCE

Mansouri "presented himself" as a businessman whose firm sells windows and roofing to stores and cafes. Interestingly, one image released by Shin Bet shows him outside a restaurant. Eye Spy was told this image was of particular interest to Shin Bet and the CIA. In April 2003, a British-born suicide bomber blew himself up outside 'Mike's Place', a cafe next to the US Embassy. The bomber killed three civilians and injured 50 others. A similar blast in 2005, on the Tel Aviv Promenade killed five civilians. On closer inspection of Mansouri's photo, Eye Spy can confirm this shows Mike's Cafe next to the US Embassy.

Of additional relevance to counter-terrorism officials, Iran agents are suspected of planning recent attacks on Israel's embassy in New Delhi, India 2013 and the derailed plots against its embassies in Bangkok and Tbilisi. Other failed attacks include Kenya and Nigeria.

Iran rejects the spy allegations stating Tel Aviv has gone into "defence mode" since negotiations about Tehran's nuclear industry have developed.

- Located around the Brandenburg Gate are many other embassies - including the Russian Embassy. For the record, this building bristles with antennae also.



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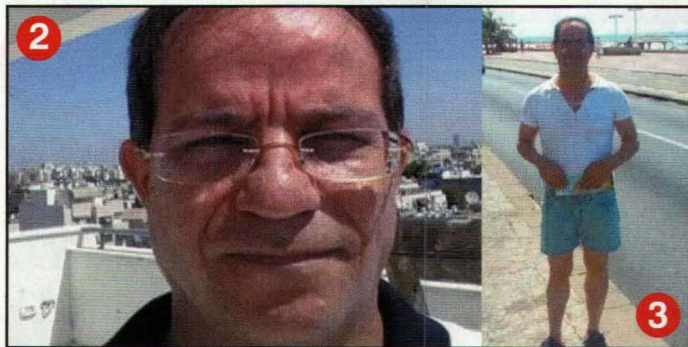
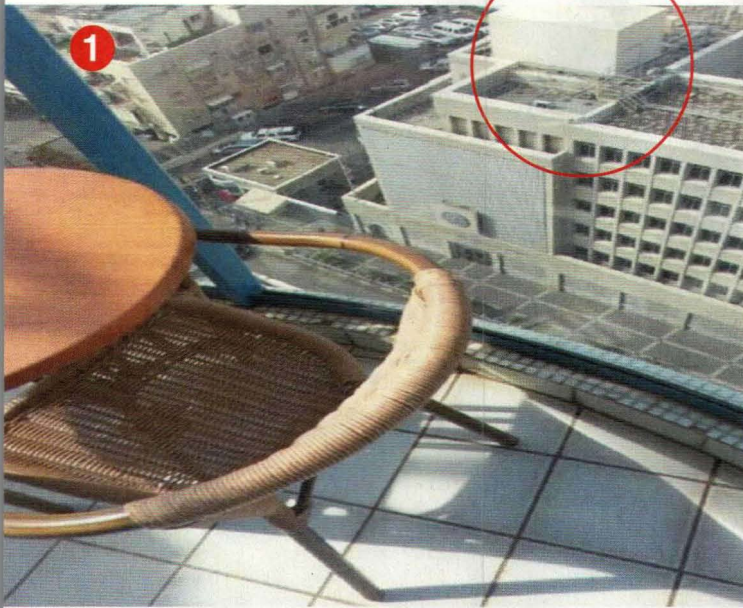
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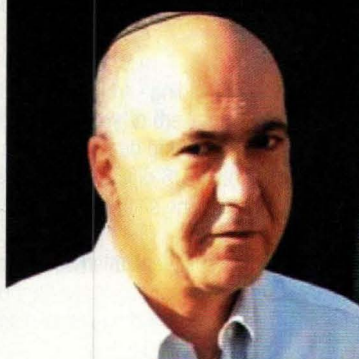
Shin Bet released these images (Figs 1, 2 and 3) found on the person of Ali Mansouri. Eleven in particular are of interest to the CIA, including one taken from his hotel overlooking the US Embassy. Note the large shed on the roof of the building. Mansouri holding a tourist guide in Fig. 3

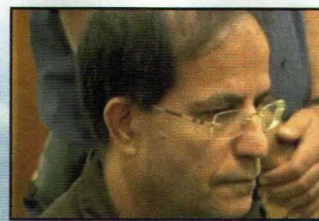
SHIN BET

Shin Bet is the domestic intelligence agency of Israel - the country's equivalent of MI5. The Service is headed by Yoram Cohen who was appointed chief in May 2011

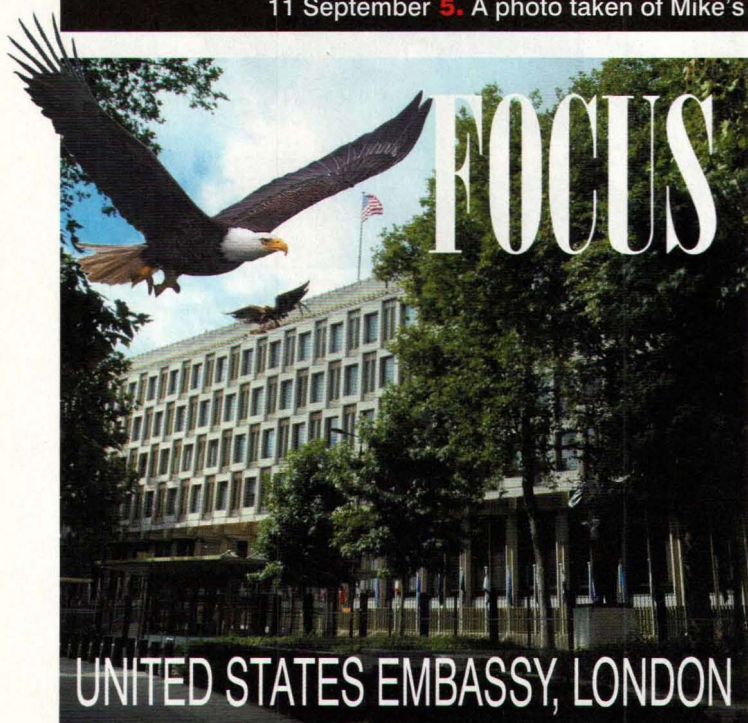


US Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel. The shed is clearly visible even from street level





1. Mike's Place as it appears today 2. Memorial plaque to three people killed in the 2003 blast 3. Mike's Place pictured a few days after the suicide bomber struck 4. Tel Aviv Airport where Mansouri was arrested on 11 September 5. A photo taken of Mike's Place by Mansouri and released by Shin Bet



The United States Embassy in London is Washington's biggest such facility in the Western hemisphere, yet it boasts no obvious signs of the infamous sheds...

The United States' Embassy in Britain is an impressive building that dominates the west side of Grosvenor Square, a select area of Mayfair that runs parallel to Park Lane. It is America's biggest embassy in the Western hemisphere and its iconic and symbolic bald eagle stares across Grosvenor Square, an area that has seen many demonstrations supportive, or otherwise, of the activities of the United States.

The front of the building - from one end to the other - runs approximately north to south, the kerb offset from north by -13° meaning that any heading would be at 347° . There does not appear to be a SCIF [shed/nest] as seen on numerous other US diplomatic embassies throughout the globe. However, what can be seen promotes some thought.

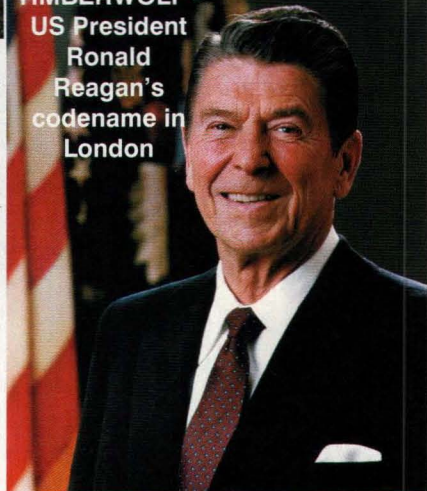
Apart from the usual ventilation and air conditioning equipment, the antennae are interesting, as is the flagpole. Many embassies, consulates and other diplomatic buildings have disguised antennae or in today's parlance, 'stealth antennas'.

COURTESY: SHIN BET



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TIMBERWOLF -
US President
Ronald
Reagan's
codename in
London



COURTESY: EXECUTIVE OFFICE/WHITE HOUSE

To the left of the Bald Eagle can be seen a vertical antenna - some two yards high, meaning that it could feasibly be used on VHF or UHF with colinear elements or it could feasibly be an active antenna and there's another by the left wing. Whatever the use the roof appears to be made from metal sheet, providing a groundplane. At the top right corner there appears to be a mast with typical stacked UHF folded dipoles.

The 'cross' assemblies, of which there are five in view, appear to be SATCOM antennas allowing satellite links through a system of military satellites that cover the globe and which

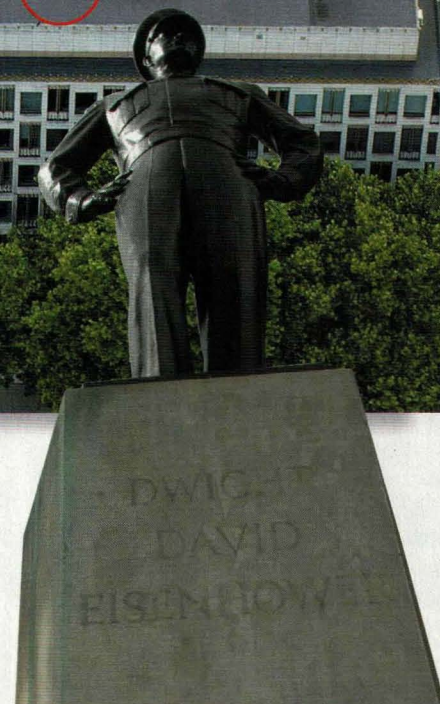
effectively cross-strap for multi-channel message data transfer within the 225-380 MHz frequency range. The system is efficient and is sometimes pirated by Brazilian radio enthusiasts.

The two satellite dishes point roughly south on an apparent heading - 163° and may well be using Inmarsat's L-TAC mobile tactical Beyond-Line-of-Sight (BLOS) system which is a modern and most favourable system for US Government users.

If a true stealth antenna is desired then it's more than feasible the flagstaff would provide a suitable disguise, with any tuning network hidden in the space underneath.

Whilst there are no 'sheds' to be seen there is a windowless area set back on the roof and with ventilation fans prominent. It has been conjectured intercepts are possible. The embassy is within range of government buildings in Whitehall and elsewhere. Buildings elsewhere in the world with 'sheds' sport this windowless area too - and that includes the one in Cyprus (see Eye Spy 87).

The call-sign KRH51 was once a prominent teletype signal sent on five different frequencies.



The message was a repetitive RYRYRYRYRY KRH51 KRH51 KRH51 7, 10, 11MHz which would only stop if the embassy was taken over by hostile forces; after all you can't interfere with silence.

KRH51, is now defunct, but was credited as being transmitted by the US Embassy, probably from an American base elsewhere on British soil. Other US embassies used this system: Athens, Greece running KWS78 in Morse and teletype.

The stacked dipoles on the London embassy are probably used for communicating with embassy cars; one such known call sign intercepted by monitors was 'Stage Coach' and apparently assigned to a vehicle carrying 'TIMBERWOLF, otherwise US President Ronald Reagan.

Whilst other US diplomatic buildings blatantly sport antennae and 'sheds' atop their roofs, and the Liberian US diplomatic facility is a very good example, one cannot be sure as to exactly what is occurring atop the Grosvenor Square building!

However, the building is now old and the US have bid for land in Battersea - with planning permission granted to build a new embassy; development has been delayed due to a US request to create a 100 yard perimeter to give a sterile area for protection against vehicular bombs.



STAGE COACH - codename of
vehicle carrying US President
Ronald Reagan in London

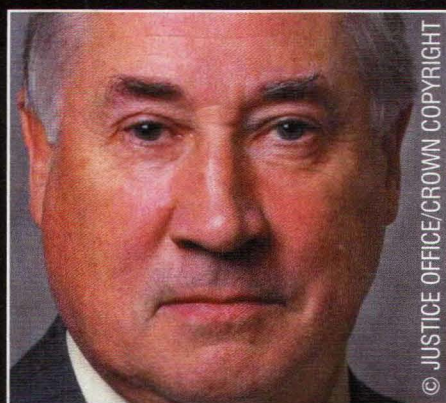
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LAST WORD

CONTROVERSY AHEAD OF LITVINENKO INQUEST

The High Court in Britain has banned the release of British Intelligence documents that might have shed some light on the death of former KGB officer and MI6 agent, Aleksander Litvinenko in 2006. Sir Robert Owen, the coroner at the head of the investigation into the spy's death from ingestion of Polonium-210, was due to release the material, but the government has successfully won a judicial review blocking their disclosure on the grounds of national security.

Interestingly, the decision was followed by distribution of a four-page Foreign Office diplomatic telegraph (papers also received by Eye Spy), which add substance to the fact that Litvinenko was in some capacity liaising with MI6 - a scenario not surprising. The papers, known in intel circles as a 'DipTel' (diplomatic telegraph) were presented by Litvinenko's friend, Yuri Felshtinsky, co-author of their 2002 book - *'Blowing Up Russia'*, which was highly critical of the Kremlin and President Putin. Headed 'Russian Visit by Sergei Ivanov -



Sir Robert Owen

Overview' - they reveal that MI6 asked Litvinenko to comment on the 2000 visit of FSB General Sergei Ivanov's visit to London. He was regarded at that time as one of the most powerful and influential men in Russia and the meeting was described as a 'pivotal moment'.

Effectively, British Intelligence believed that future Russian policy on a wide-range of subjects, from Chechnya to NATO, could be explored, examined and determined, if Ivanov could be targeted by subtle questions. Felshtinsky received the papers from Litvinenko in 2002, and has decided to release them to coincide with the publication of an updated version of the authors original book.

Felshtinsky's colleagues in the USA contacted Eye Spy in connection with the material, noting that it showed just how close he had become to MI6. However, that he was an agent, or at the very least a contact man, has been known by this magazine for some time. Indeed, Felshtinsky said he too was surprised at the conspiracy of silence, and said "everyone knew Litvinenko worked for MI6." He also said that whilst in London he met with the agent's MI6 handler in Piccadilly, describing him as a "very tall man."

In 2012, at the inquest into Litvinenko's death, information was imparted that Litvinenko was about to embark on a research trip to Spain on

behalf of MI6. Relevant here is the fact that New Scotland Yard's prime suspect in his death was to accompany him.



Yuri Felshtinsky

Ivanov is of course Putin's former KGB associate, and in 2006, dismissed the importance of Litvinenko following his assassination. "He was nothing," said Ivanov. "We did not care what he said or wrote."

Whilst the Foreign Office papers are of interest, they throw no new light on the actual killing. They do, however, reveal MI6 valued Litvinenko's opinion on some Russian security issues. Following publication of the Ivanov papers, Sir Robert Owen requested a set for examination prior to the inquest.

- The inquest proper into the spy's death will begin in May 2014. Intelligence material that could have been made available for public and media scrutiny, and possibly explain why the spy was killed, has been restricted by a High Court ruling and must remain secret.



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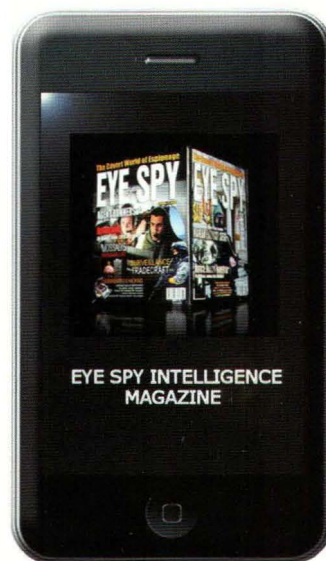
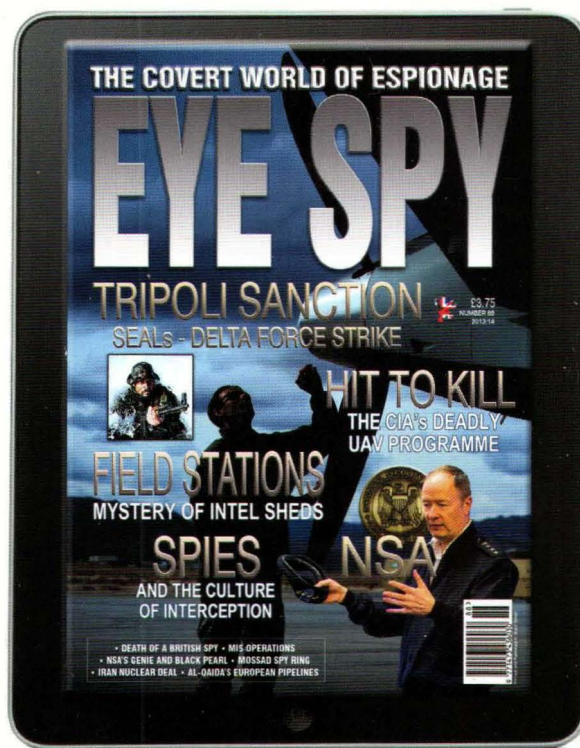
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