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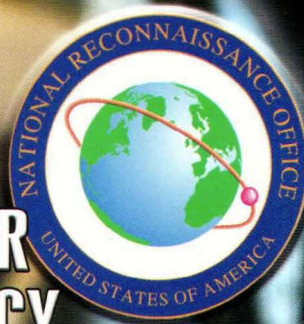
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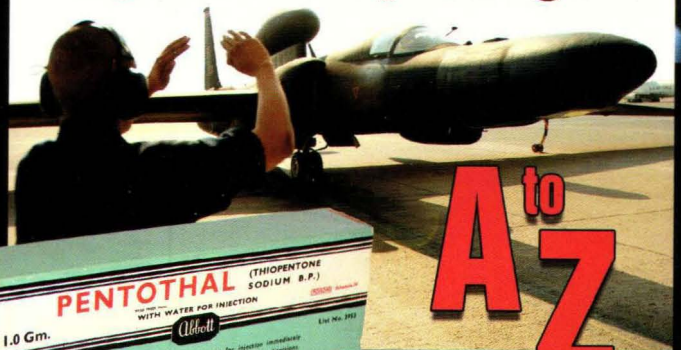
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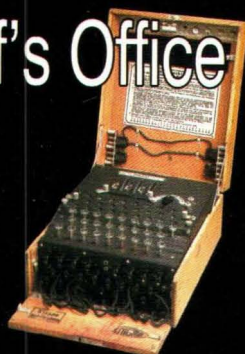


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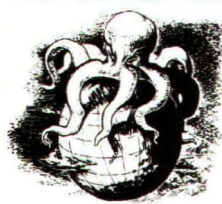
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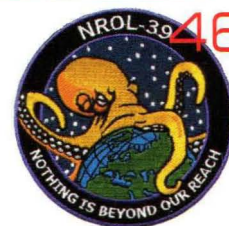


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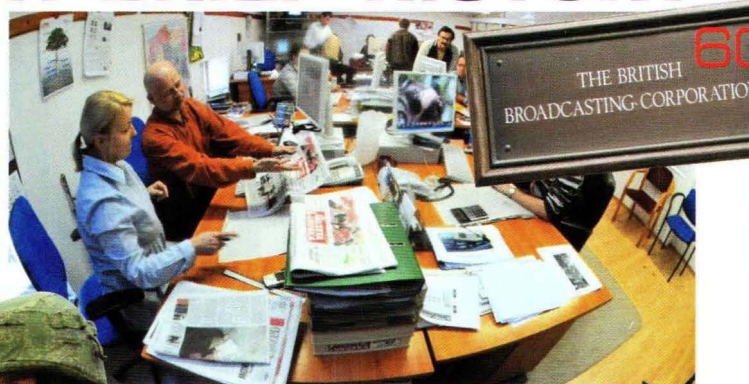
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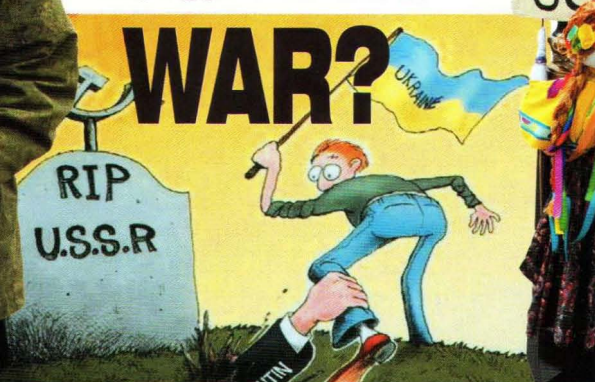
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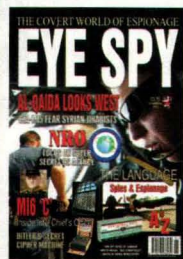
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"A patriot would not run away... if he wants to come back we will arrange a flight. Edward Snowden should 'man up' and come back to the United States

US Secretary of State
John Kerry



FIRST WORD

AL-QAIDA IN SYRIA CREATING A FIRESTORM



Sweden's most senior spy, SAPO chief Anders Thornberg, has joined a growing list of intelligence officials who have issued warnings about hundreds of its citizens returning from the fighting in Syria and elsewhere. Thornberg said SAPO has intelligence on 200-Swedish based terrorists who are "willing to carry out attacks in the country and elsewhere." MI5 has recently issued a similar statement, noting that around 500 Britons have secured weapons and explosives experience that could be used against the country in future months. In America, the FBI are monitoring residents who are making their way to the troubled lands of Syria, Libya and north Africa. And like colleagues in Europe, the Bureau is fearful that the young men (and a number of women), may one day test their training, which includes suicide bomb missions, on United States soil.

There is no doubt many of those joining opposition forces trying to oust President Assad are being groomed by al-Qaida. Whilst programmes are being initiated to help change the minds of people seeking to travel to these conflict areas, hundreds are simply 'disappearing'. On their return, the suspects respond in kind - "visiting friends abroad" or "long holiday."

It is a most disturbing chain of events and the intelligence officials charged with counter-measures have little option but to watch and prepare. Al-Qaida likes to mark anniversaries with attacks. And with this in mind, MI5 is already preparing for the 10th anniversary of the 7 July 2005 London bombings next year. Little wonder that the Desk created for the event is drawing on the experience and skill of numerous security elements, including Special Forces. Thornberg's warning was not an 'off the cuff' remark, but based on high-grade intelligence.

MARK BIRDSALL, MANAGING EDITOR



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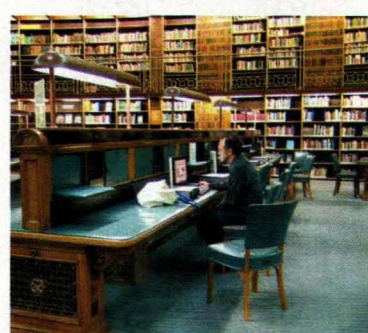


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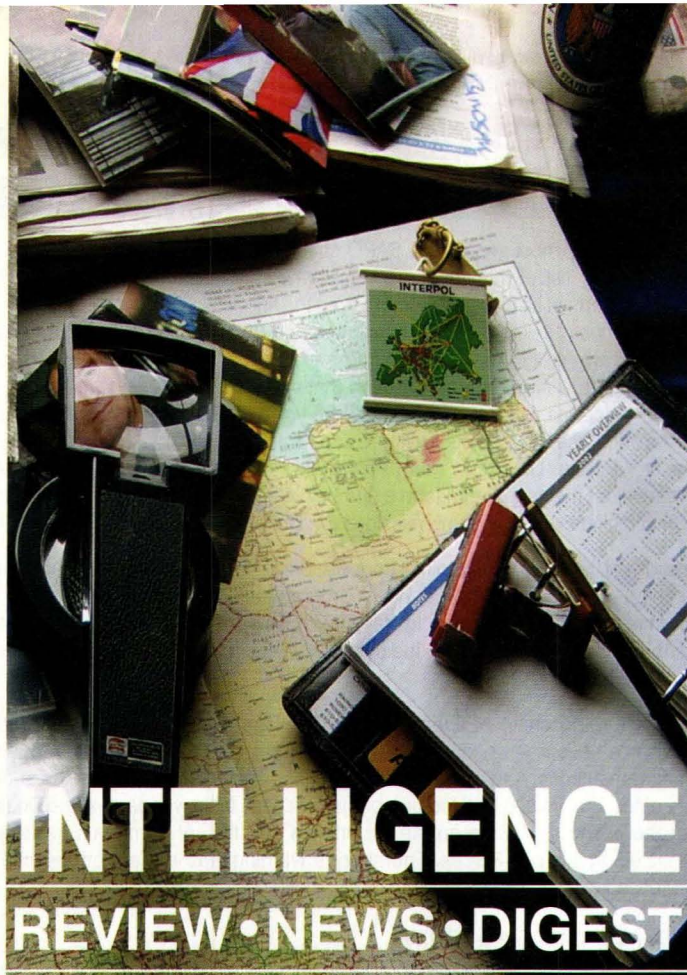
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OSINT: OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE

It is the world's greatest source of intelligence, and relied upon by every service and agency charged with securing information. Intelligence specialist Peter Matthews charts the history of OSINT from its early beginnings as an intelligence source, and provides case examples that reflect its growing importance. He also identifies the major media houses that have been used by organisations such as MI5 and MI6, and those under direct or indirect control from services like Russia's KGB (FSB). A fascinating insight...



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MI5 LONDON TASK FORCE

Planning Begins for 10th Anniversary of Bombings

As the tenth anniversary of the 7 July 2005 London bombings nears, MI5 has created a special task force to help detect and thwart any attempt by al-Qaida to mark the event. Aided by GCHQ, the Security Service is aware that al-Qaida 'chatter' has increased and invariably this has led analysts to warn of a 'repeat event'.

Surveillance of a number of suspects has been increased, though the task has been made even more difficult by the antics of NSA contractor Edward Snowden, responsible for leaking GCHQ interception methods and programmes. Senior officers have already warned that 'targets' have changed their communication methods.



MI5 recovered these assembled bombs built by the 7/7 terrorists in Leeds but not used

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A FAMILY OF ASSASSINS

NO CLOSURE FOR RELATIVES OF MURDERED JOURNALIST

Five men have been convicted of the 2006 murder of Anna Politkovskaya, 48, the investigative reporter and friend of former KGB officer Alexander Litvinenko. He was assassinated just weeks after the death of Politkovskaya, who was gunned down in a lift outside her Moscow apartment.

Three of the suspects (brothers from Chechnya), were acquitted in

2009, but a judge ordered a retrial. And it was one of these men, Rustan Makhmudov, who is said to have been the actual gunman. Another former policeman, Dmitry Pavlyuchenkov, was jailed in 2013 for supplying the weapon. He struck a deal that meant he did not have to answer any crucial questions in court. The others were found guilty of planning the attack and organising their subsequent escape. The Russian court found Makhmudovs uncle, a former policeman, guilty of

masterminding Politkovskaya's death.

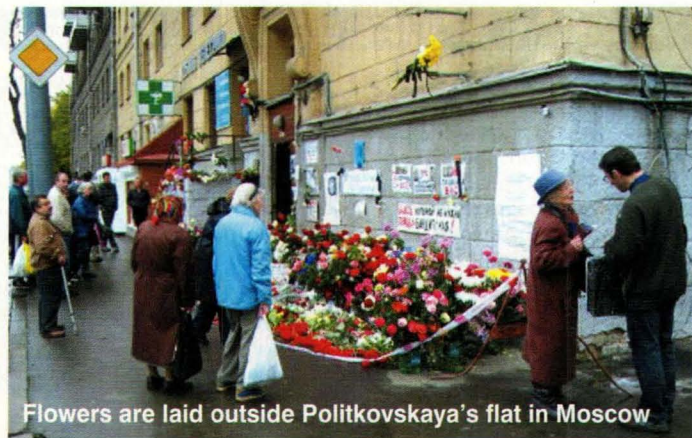
Anna Politkovskaya reported for the *Novaya Gazeta* newspaper, and her features were often critical of Russia's involvement in Chechnya and President Putin. This in turn led to deep suspicion that the Kremlin had played a pivotal and instructive role in her assassination.

As for the verdict, though welcomed by the Politkovskaya family, it fell

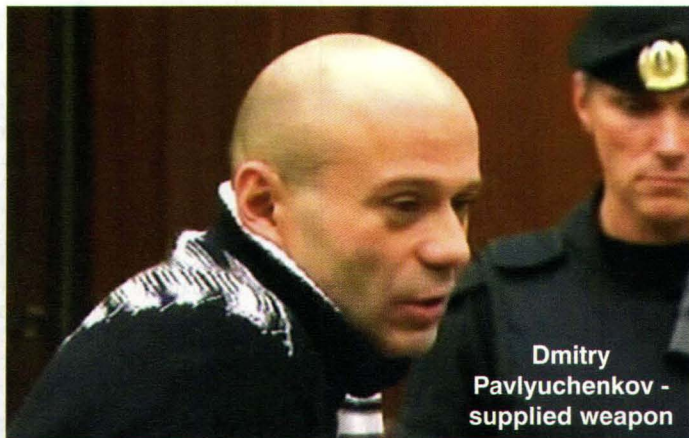


Assassin - Rustan Makhmudov

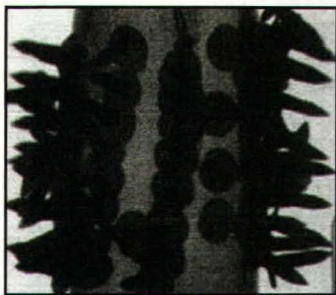
short of actually identifying those who recruited the Makhmudovs. Eye Spy associates note that throughout the trial, no pertinent reason was ever given why those ultimately



Flowers are laid outside Politkovskaya's flat in Moscow



Dmitry Pavlyuchenkov - supplied weapon



Similarly, the work of the task force in respect of terrorist counter-measures is complicated by around 1,000 Britons who have spent time in Syria and elsewhere. Many of these individuals are now returning armed with rudimentary, but sinister training in explosives and firearms.

Thousands of people, including relatives of the 52 victims who died and 700 injured, are expected to gather in London next year to mark the event. Eye Spy has been informed this will be the biggest security operation in the city for many years.

- The MI5 desk is supported by senior British military liaisons.

BRUSSELS MUSEUM ASSASSIN

Spy Agency Despatched 'Elimination Unit'

Mossad officials instructed its European officers to search and eliminate the gunman who brutally shot dead four people at the Jewish Museum in Brussels, Belgium on 24 May. An Eye Spy source in Israel explained that the spy agency regarded the shooter as a "professional hitman specifically tasked for the operation," though is uncertain who despatched him for the mission.

Two of the deceased, former civil servants Emanuel and Miriam Riva are from Tel Aviv, while another, a



Mehdi Nemmouche

museum volunteer, was a French national. Following the incident, numerous Jewish institutions across Europe were placed on high alert.

On 31 May, a 29-year-old man named as Mehdi Nemmouche was arrested in Marseille, France, in

connection with the incident. A Kalashnikov assault rifle was recovered. Nemmouche is believed to have fought in Syria with a terrorist outfit before returning home in 2013.

Belgian police are treating the incident as one of terrorism.

COURTESY: BELGIUM POLICE



Anna Politkovskaya

found guilty, would want to kill Politkovskaya.

- In a separate case also involving the murder of another well known Russian, the United States has imposed sanctions on 12 individuals allegedly behind the death of Sergei Magnitsky, a prominent solicitor who died in jail in 2009. He had accused several senior Russian officials of tax fraud.



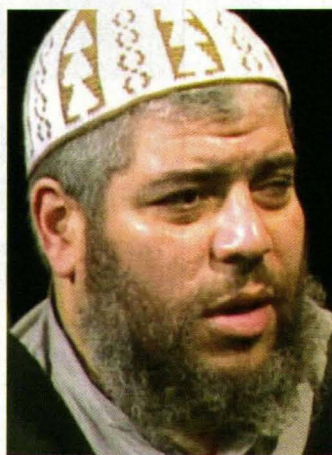
Sergei Magnitsky

ABU HAMZA: EDGE OF REALITY

End Game for Al-Qaida Terrorist Recruiter and Director

The notorious London-based al-Qaida cleric Abu Hamza, born Mustafa Kamel Mustafa, has been found guilty on various terror and kidnapping charges by a New York court. Hamza, a loyal Osama bin-Laden follower, was a regular preacher at the Finsbury Park mosque in London and became a surveillance target for MI5 during the late 1990s. Following 9/11 his sermons became even more radical, though by now MI5 had amassed sufficient evidence he was actually an active participant in some of the terror group's wider activities.

An agent of the Security Service infiltrated the mosque and discovered Hamza was liaising with 'players' in the 1998 Yemen hostage crisis. Sixteen tourists were kidnapped and the incident ended with the deaths of several people including three Britons. This led to a wider investigation of the man dubbed 'captain hook' - named as such because of the loss of one of his arms (Hamza chose to replace his hand with a hook). MI5 discovered that the kidnap gang leader, Abu Hassan and Hamza were



Abu Hamza

actually known to each other. US and UK investigators also discovered that the satellite phone used by Hassan during the kidnapping, was actually purchased and supplied by Hamza himself. The terrorists belonged to an outfit calling themselves Aden-Abyan Islamic Army - an early al-Qaida affiliate. Two years later the same group would be linked to the bomb attack on the USS Cole which resulted in the deaths of 17 sailors.

In court Hamza admitted he had supplied the phone but he was

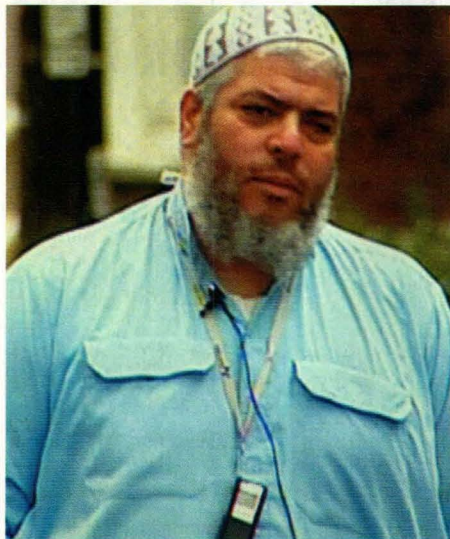
merely a "spokesman and peacemaker." The 'peacemaker' theme would be used through the trial.

By 2001, MI5 discovered Hamza was already despatching his followers to Afghanistan for terrorist training. Indeed, in court former al-Qaida operative and shoe bomber Saajid Badat, said he saw a man known as Feroz Abbasi at one of the camps. Abbasi was a well-known character in London and a loyal follower of Hamza. Hamza played an integral role in attracting young men to al-Qaida. Perhaps the best known are Zacarias Moussaoui,



Zacarias Moussaoui

ABU HAMZA

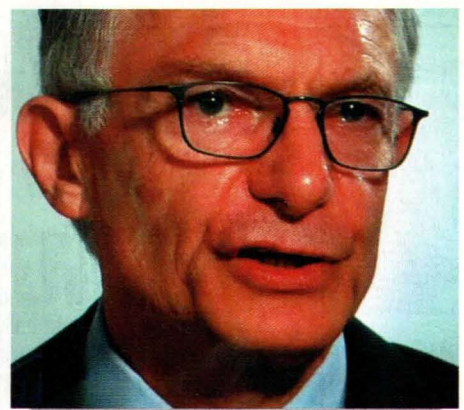


the so-called '20th 9/11 hijacker', and Richard Reid, Badat's associate who tried to bring down an airliner with a bomb concealed in his shoe.

Through cooperation with the FBI, it was also learned Hamza had explored the possibility of creating an outpost in Oregon where he envisaged covert training of would-be al-Qaida followers could begin. The investigation into his activities now had even wider international dimensions. Hamza was arrested and in 2006 sentenced to seven years for soliciting murder and inciting racial

hatred. He fought and eventually lost a lengthy court battle using 'human rights' legislation to avoid extradition to the United States. Commenting upon Hamza's sermons, former MI6 counter-terrorist head Richard Barret, dismissed claims he was a "voice of moderation." Mr Barret said: "If you listen to the tapes of his sermons and speeches, then you get no impression at all he was a moderating voice. He was deliberately trying to skate on the edge of legality and he was very sharp in identifying the limits of the law..." As for his role in terrorist operations, Mr Barret believes it was

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Richard Barret - former head of MI6 Counter-Terrorist Directorate

unlikely he could have actively participated, but he played an "influencing... recruiting and directing role."

Hamza's defence team tried to convince the jury that their client had actually cooperated with MI5 in trying to ensure peace on the streets of Britain. His role was likened to that of Sinn Fein man Gerry Adams, who played a pivotal role in respect of back channel communications between the IRA terror group and the British Government. Several pages of defence evidence was not heard. This was supposedly Hamza's connections to British Intelligence in the form of hand-written notes.

However, the jury were unconvinced, taking just a few hours to reach their verdict. Abu Hamza, 56, will be sentenced in September.



Saajid Badat



Richard Reid

COMFORT LETTERS CAUSE OUTRAGE

Ripples from the 'Troubles' Continue to Expand

It has emerged almost 100 suspected terrorists linked to 300 unsolved murders in Northern Ireland, were sent notifications they were no longer wanted by the authorities. The revelations were made by the country's police chief Drew Harris who gave evidence to the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee. The committee is holding an inquiry into the affair which followed the signing of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. This effectively ended the so-called 'Troubles' in which 2,000 people were killed during decades of fighting.

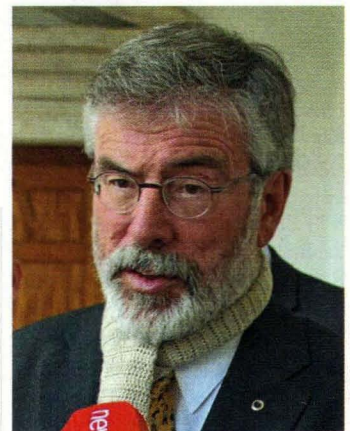
Described as 'comfort letters', the secret deal only emerged after a legal case collapsed against a suspect in the 1982 IRA Hyde Park bomb which killed four soldiers in

London. The prosecution decided not to proceed after John Downey, who denies any involvement in the attack, produced a letter sent to him by the government.

The affair comes at a time of heightened tension after seven people were arrested in connection with the 1972 abduction and



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Gerry Adams

subsequent murder of Jean McConville, including Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams. Mr Adams dismissed allegations of involvement and then revealed police allegedly accused him of being an MI5 spy. He also said his interviews, 33 in total, were recorded by officers from the Retrospective Major Investigation Unit of the Police Service Northern Ireland (PSNI). Mr Adams was released without charge after four days of questioning.

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TALIBAN FREE US TROOPER

Controversy at White House Terror Deal

The last known US trooper held captive by the Taliban has been released in exchange for five senior terrorist suspects held at Guantanamo Bay. Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl, 28, was taken prisoner in

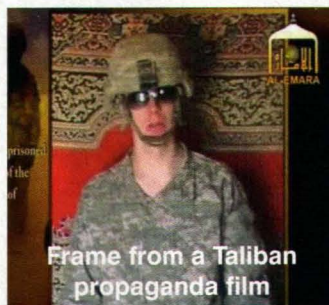
2009 by the terrorist outfit known as the Haqqani Network.

Qatar officials created a back-channel communication line to the Taliban in order to facilitate the deal.

Some intelligence watchers have criticised President Obama for "effectively negotiating with terrorists." US politician John McCain, himself a former prisoner of war, described the five Guantanamo detainees as "hardened terrorists who have the blood of Americans and countless Afghans on their hands." Bergdahl, who was reportedly tortured by his

captives, broke down when a special US unit arrived to fly him back to America.

The prisoner exchange was also criticised by former colleagues who say "not everything is as it seems,"



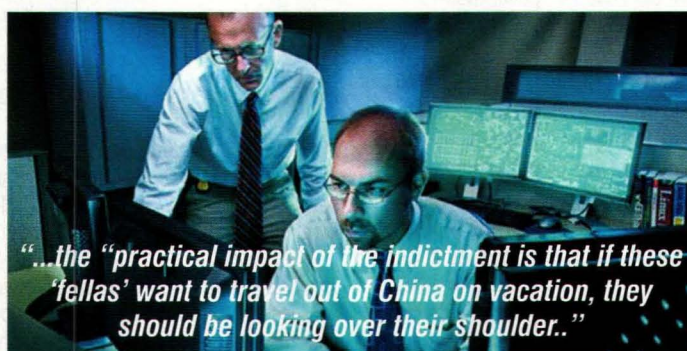
President Obama with Bowe Bergdahl's parents

noting that a number of troops tasked with finding Bergdahl were killed. Politically, the case may come back to haunt Obama who failed to notify Congress of his intent to negotiate with the terrorist outfit.

CHINA'S CYBER ESPIONAGE

FBI Names Chinese Government Cyber Spies

In a move which has heightened tension between the superpowers, the FBI has issued a wanted notice for the arrest of five men known to operate within the highly secret Unit 61398 of the Third Directorate of the Chinese People's Liberation Army. This outfit has been under investigation by various US intelligence agencies for some time, including the NSA and DIA. It is believed the relatively new US Cyber Command traced several cyber espionage attacks back to China, henceforth the indictments. These were mainly directed at US companies, including high-tech, nuclear and research organisations. However, it is widely believed that a number of Pentagon

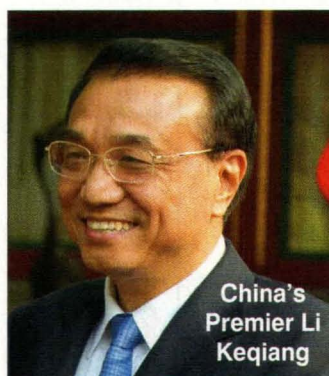


"...the 'practical impact of the indictment is that if these fellas' want to travel out of China on vacation, they should be looking over their shoulder.."

programmes were also probed, though government lawyers advised against including them in the indictment.

Some of the cyber attacks date back to 2006, though the most recent is said to have occurred earlier this year. Beside searches that undoubtedly were illegal, the unit also secured priceless details on a variety of corporate projects worth billions of dollars.

Few intelligence watchers doubt that China has duplicated US and European technology over the last 20 years, thus bypassing years of research and saving the country an incalculable amount of money. Chinese aircraft carriers and ships, stealth war planes, submarines and emerging weaponry (to name just



China's Premier Li Keqiang

some) have all been described as having a "Western appearance." However, that China's military and intelligence services are engaged in global corporate cyber espionage is concerning to many companies. Some firms fear a cheaper resultant product could force them out of business. To-date, 141 companies

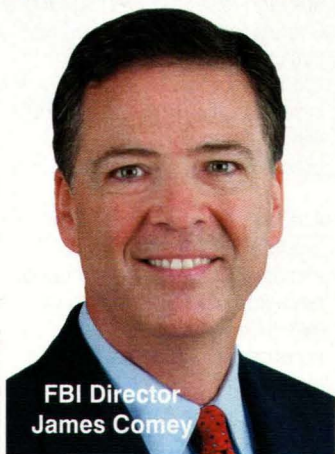


Wang Dong used the alias 'Ugly Gorilla'

are thought to have been targeted and the amount of data stolen can only be measured in "hundreds of terabytes." This could explain the Bureau's firm stance on Unit 61398 and the 'wanted posters' showing five of the suspects, which Beijing have described as "humiliating and intimidating."

Dubbed the 'Comment Crew', some of the hackers work from a facility on the outskirts of Shanghai. CIA estimates place the number of people employed here could be as high as 1500. Using various known cyber attack methods, operatives such as Wang Dong, also known as Jack Wang, used cover names (aliases) such as the 'Ugly Gorilla': Army hacker Wen Xinyu - 'WinXHappy'. The FBI papers also identify a 'Kandy Goo'.

The evidence against the defendants is convincing and though China has dismissed the allegations as "baseless," the US has secured



FBI Director James Comey

COURTESY: FBI

WANTED: THE COMMENT CREW - UNIT 61398 CHINESE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

In March 2014, Robert Anderson, experienced in counter-terrorism and espionage was named to lead the FBI's Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch. On Unit 61398's cyber espionage and the resultant indictment, Anderson said:

The actions charging five Chinese military hackers with illegally penetrating the computer networks of six US victims demonstrate that we will not stand by and watch other countries steal our nation's intellectual property.

It's no secret that the Chinese government has blatantly sought to use cyber espionage to obtain economic advantage for its state-owned industries.

Diplomatic efforts and public exposure have failed to curtail these activities. So we have taken the next step of securing an indictment of some of the most prolific hackers of the 3PLA.

These individuals are alleged to have used a variety of techniques, including e-mails that launched malicious software to steal proprietary and sensitive information from US victims.

The victims have suffered significant loss as a result of the 3PLA's tactics.

Our future is being built every day by the innovation and effort of American workers and companies. None of us can afford to watch it be stolen. We believe there are many more victims. We hope that the actions encourage them to come forward.

This first indictment of Chinese cyber actors clears the way for additional charges to be made. This is the new normal. This is what you're going to see on a recurring basis - and not just every six months. If you are going to attack Americans - whether for criminal or national security purposes - we are going to hold you accountable. No matter what country you live in.



COURTESY: FBI



Wen Xinyu



Sun Kailiang



Huang Zhenyu



Gu Chunhui

data from IP addresses that even officials in Beijing will have difficulty in explaining.

Though US Attorney General Eric Holder remains hopeful that China will cooperate and hand over the suspects, intelligence watchers believe there is no chance whatsoever. Nevertheless, the US has sent out a stern warning to China that many countries are "fed up" with its cyber espionage activities. Bureau Director James Comey said the "practical impact of the indictment

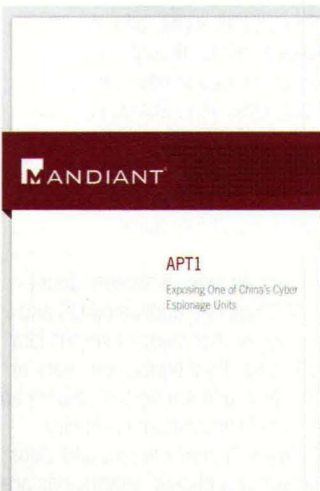
is that if these 'fellas' want to travel out of China on vacation, they should be looking over their shoulder."

Interestingly, China's President Xi Jinping met with President Obama only last year and discussed cyber matters. Following that meeting, China's Premier Li Keqiang said: "China not only does not support hacking but it also opposes it. Let us not point fingers at each other without evidence." That evidence is no doubt already enroute to Beijing.

Former CIA Director Leon Panetta with China's then Vice President Xi Jinping in October 2012, just weeks prior to his appointment as President



MANDIANT REPORT ON 61398 - THE COMMENT CREW



In 2013, US Internet security firm Mandiant released an astonishing 60-page report - 'Exposing One of China's Cyber Espionage Units' that details 61398's or the 'Comment Crew's' activities. Included is background information on the methods used to breach security - 'spear-phishers'.

A lengthy list of cyber attacks attributed to the outfit is also enclosed as well as a plethora of background information and its links to 'civilian' companies. This excellent file can be sourced via Mandiant at:

LINKS: www.mandiant.com

LIBYAN EMBASSY SIEGE

Time is biggest New Scotland Yard and MI6 enemy as events in Libya threaten to derail unsolved St James' Square murder of British policewoman Yvonne Fletcher 30 years ago

On 17 April 2014, family and colleagues of murdered WPC Yvonne Fletcher, 25, gathered outside the former Libyan Embassy in St James Square to mark the 30th anniversary of her death. Fletcher was killed on the direct orders of former Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, though not 'selected' deliberately.

Thirty years ago protesters gathered outside the embassy as rival pro-Gaddafi supporters made their way to the square. Unbeknown to Fletcher and other unarmed police officers, a secret communication had been sent to the embassy calling for 'blood'. Though the message was intercepted by British Intelligence, it was not acted upon immediately.

Fletcher was struck by several bullets fired from within the embassy, and a tense stand-off ensued. However, under diplomatic protocol all 30 staff were ultimately allowed to leave - and no-



Flowers at the memorial stone of Yvonne Fletcher

one has ever been charged with the officer's murder.

Following the memorial service, a family statement was read: 'We have had to move on with our lives but it is difficult to move forward when the past remains unresolved. Closure is important to

the family. Our desire for justice is as strong as ever... it is time this case was closed'.

There was optimism amongst the family following the fall of Colonel Gaddafi in 2011 and a promise of help from Libya's transitional government in Tripoli. Both MI6 and New Scotland Yard investigated new leads which focused on two characters - one who had no connection to the embassy. Eye Spy understands following the shooting, this individual made his way to a building just off Hyde Park where he sought out new identification and presumably travel papers. Police fear both these individuals could be dead.

However, a third individual linked to the shooting is a senior

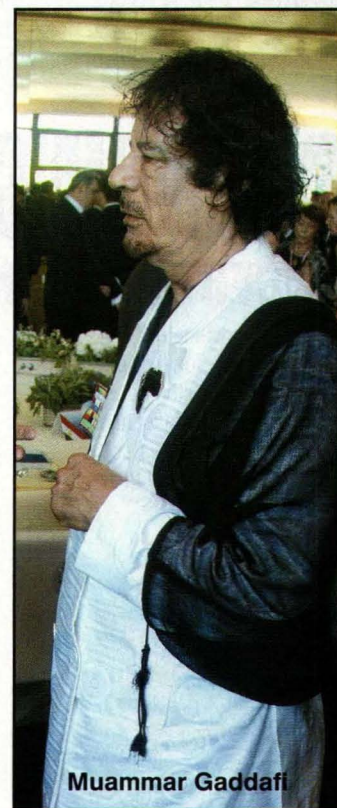


Yvonne Fletcher

COURTESY: NEW SCOTLAND YARD

embassy staffer who two years ago was named as Matouk Mohamed Matouk. As a close confidant of Gaddafi, he may have fled Libya following the dictator's death. One intelligence source said he was probably in Egypt, though in reality, he could be in any one of several countries. A British newspaper said MI6 had Matouk under 24-surveillance and that an SAS 'snatch squad' had been placed on stand-by to seize him.

New Scotland Yard Police Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe remains optimistic that



Muammar Gaddafi

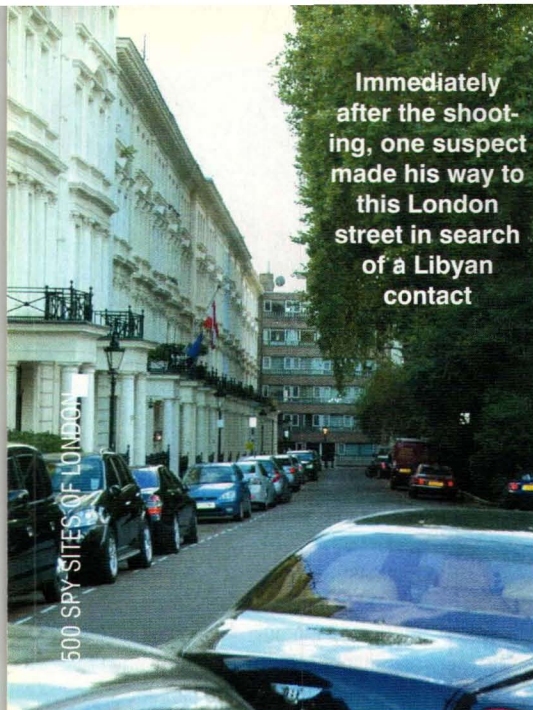
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"My team is making good progress, we lost a colleague and are determined to make sure we catch the person responsible"

New Scotland Yard Police Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe



500 SPY SITES OF LONDON

Immediately after the shooting, one suspect made his way to this London street in search of a Libyan contact

ous factions vying for control, some undoubtedly linked to terrorism, police investigators are finding it difficult to make headway. In May 2014, a group linked to General Khalifa Haftar attacked the Libyan parliament building. Operatives said they targeted al-Qaida members who were seeking to secure "legitimate roles in government." In February 2014, Haftar declared that the government had been suspended, a remark quickly dismissed by then acting Prime Minister Ali Zeidan. However, the recent attack is far more serious and CIA analysts have already warned that civil war could erupt paving the way for an even stronger al-Qaida presence in the country.



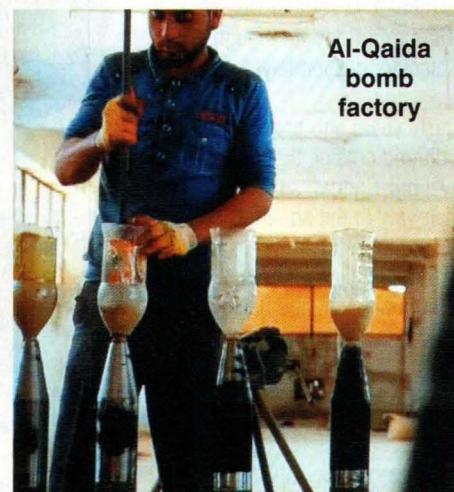
General Khalifa Haftar

The most likely chance of finding Fletcher's killers lies with MI6, whose officers continue to secure bits of information from agents from within Libya and beyond. Eye Spy believes the Service has useful intelligence on the background of several individuals who worked at the embassy - and almost certainly know the shooter's true identity.

MI5 SYRIA

British Al-Qaida fighters and American suicide bombers signal major trouble ahead for West

MI5 has already begun monitoring several UK citizens who have allegedly returned from the conflict in Syria. Some of the suspects are regarded as "rich sources of information," whilst others will be detained shortly. Efforts are



Al-Qaida bomb factory



Former Acting Prime Minister Ali Zeidan

Yvonne's killer will be caught. "My team is making good progress, we lost a colleague and are determined to make sure we catch the person responsible."

Nevertheless, the political situation in Libya remains uncertain, and with numer-

CHANGING FACES HINDER MI6 UNCERTAINTY AND UNSTABLE SERVICE CONTACTS

Unfortunately, since the fall of Colonel Gaddafi and the death and exodus of many of his inner circle, MI6 officers and New Scotland Yard detectives have found themselves



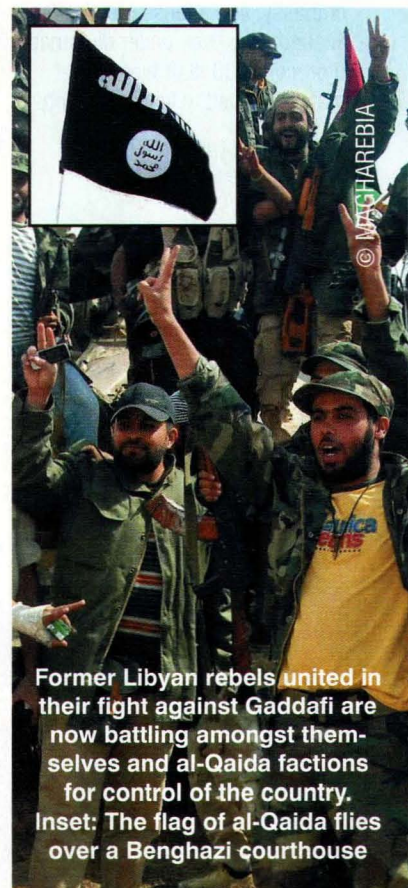
Former Gaddafi spy chief - Moussa Koussa

dealing with a continuously changing leadership. Initially some of Gaddafi's intelligence office helped MI6, including Moussa Koussa who effectively controlled Gaddafi operations. The intelligence chief also provided some leads into Yvonne Fletcher's death but these have gradually been exhausted as new faces appeared. Whether or not his promise of assistance in return for his safety ever materialised remains unknown.

UK officials have also been hindered by having to negotiate with so many factions, including some opposed to Britain and many extremely violent. Newly emerging political parties and a National Transitional Council (NTC) that seems unable to gain momentum, means organisations like MI6 have little means of inserting 'stable agents'.

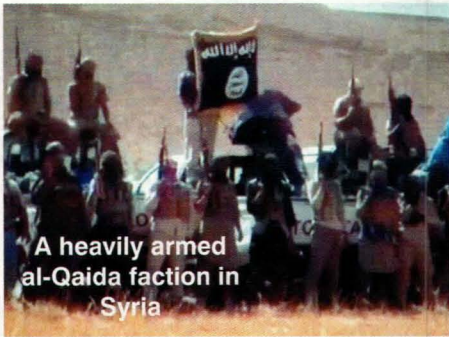
Perhaps the biggest difficulty facing investigators, besides having to restart negotiations every time a new office or official emerges, is the sheer difficulty in accessing some towns and interviewing former officials, many who are fearful of speaking. Since Gaddafi was removed, it is estimated that thousands of former government employees have been killed or simply fled. However, despite the increasing tension in Libya, NSY continue to probe, though in future months this may be at arms length as the country spirals into anarchy and extremists look to gain control

- In May, Saudi Arabia and Algeria closed their Libyan Embassies and ordered staffers to leave - this on security grounds. Similarly, dozens of international companies are departing.



Former Libyan rebels united in their fight against Gaddafi are now battling amongst themselves and al-Qaida factions for control of the country. Inset: The flag of al-Qaida flies over a Benghazi courthouse

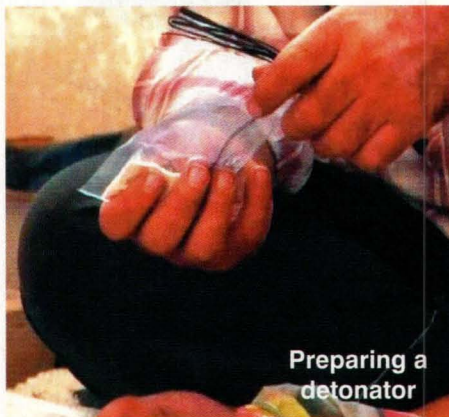
RVEILLANCE



A heavily armed al-Qaida faction in Syria

also underway to discourage those contemplating travelling to the country and to think again. The Security Service is deeply concerned that as many as 1,000 Britons have spent time in Syria fighting alongside al-Qaida operatives and other militias - some incredibly extreme. Currently it is believed up to 500 men with links to the UK are in Syria fighting with an estimated 30,000 al-Qaida operatives.

GCHQ has intercepted a huge number of e-mails and phone calls from Syria and the Middle East to the UK, this as fighters opposed to President Assad try and encourage even more young men to travel to the country.



Preparing a detonator



COURTESY: NEW SCOTLAND YARD

Mashudur Choudhury

Pipelines from southern Turkey and operated by al-Qaida and militias that allow would-be fighters to enter the country have already been identified by Turkish Intelligence. And even though efforts are now underway to derail the human-channelling system, anti-Assad fighters have created such a maze of paths through the numerous refugee camps which straddle the region, that it is already being viewed as an impossible task. Henceforth any intelligence which MI5 can secure on the operators of the pipelines from those returning from Syria, is extremely useful.

MI5's surveillance of an ever-increasing number of Britons, coincides with the first ever conviction of a man who fought in Syria. Mashudur Choudhury, 31, was found guilty of engaging in conduct in preparation of terrorist acts. Prosecutors successfully argued that he "wanted to be trained to use firearms" and then "pursue a political career" linked to religion or an ideological cause. Other intelligence gleaned by GCHQ electronically, revealed he intended to become a martyr. Armed with this intelligence, MI5 requested he be arrested - the fear being he would perform terrorist acts against the state here in Britain, or seek opportunities elsewhere.

UK Jihadists Most Bloodthirsty in Syria

Syrian rebel commander Brigadier General Abdulleh al-Basheer (below) has urged the UK to send weapons to help tackle the growing number of violent opposition groups, some of which have even been criticised by al-Qaida.

These groups have perpetrated an incredible number of crimes, including crucifixion and beheadings against ordinary Syrians. Perhaps more worryingly for British Intelligence, al-Basheer says the UK jihadists are the "most violent, extreme and bloodthirsty." Many of the graphic killings have been linked to Britons amongst the thousands of foreign fighters who have descended on the country.



MI6 meanwhile, has secured a plethora of intelligence on dozens of al-Qaida units fighting and training combatants in Syria. And it is here that the real danger lies, for many Britons are now becoming skilled bomb makers and experts in the use of IEDs, explosives and firearms. Intelligence on vacations, trips abroad, holidays and extended periods where young men claim they are "visiting relatives" or seeking employment, is being gathered. Cooperation throughout Europe with other security organisations is being increased, though many intelligence analysts admit monitoring individuals suspected to be en-route or returning from Syria is difficult.

As for Choudhury, he departed the UK with three associates to Turkey in October 2013. It is believed the other men were killed in the fighting, though this has not been confirmed.

TRAINING FOR US OPERATIONS

FBI Tracking Hundreds of US Fighters

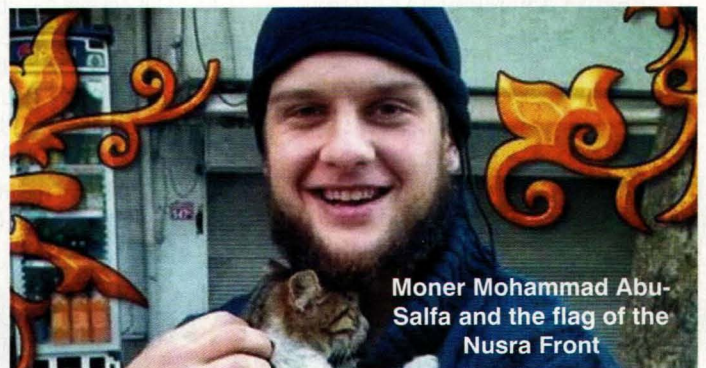
WASHINGTON: The US State Department has confirmed that an American citizen from Florida who travelled to Syria to join al-Qaida, has died after committing a terrorist act on 25 May.

Known as Abu Hurayra 'Al-Amriki', the latter meaning 'The American', Moner Mohammad Abu-Salfa, 22, blew himself up as he targeted Syrian troops in Idlib.

FBI counter-terrorism officials believe Salfa had departed the



United States in 2013 and joined an al-Qaida franchise known as the Nusra Front. The group, which has a strength of about 5,000, has been blamed for numerous atrocities against government forces and civilians.



Moner Mohammad Abu-Salfa and the flag of the Nusra Front

Salfa agreed to target the Al-Fanar restaurant in Idlib popular with Syrian troops. Terrorists claim his truck was prepared with an estimated 16 tons of explosives which devastated the building. "The American was a brave fighter who

always wanted to lead," said an activist. "He will be missed."

- Intelligence sources estimate that several hundred men have departed America to join groups fighting in Syria.

US Navy SEALs and SAS help AFRICOM forces in search for nearly 300 kidnapped school girls. They have also been ordered to confront and eliminate one of the world's most dangerous terrorist organisations

BOKO HARAM The Wanted

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Special Forces Join Intelligence Group to Hunt Down Boko Haram

The United States has despatched a unit of around 100 Army troops to Chad in an effort to locate nearly 300 young children kidnapped by the menacing terrorist group Boko Haram in mid-April from neighbouring Nigeria. The troops join an already formidable US and UK presence, including specialist units operating surveillance and attack UAVs, and two reconnaissance aircraft, including an RAF Sentinel R1 spy plane.

Boko Haram, which translates to 'Western Education is a Sin', has been operational in



Boko Haram leader - Abubakar Shekau



The flag of Boko Haram - 'Western Education is a Sin'

the region for several years, though only in 2012 were they prescribed as a terrorist group. However, the abduction of children from a boarding school in the town of Chibok, and their subsequent request to exchange them for several members of their group in prison, comes as little surprise to those with knowledge of Boko Haram. "This group is particularly violent and has threats to many terrorist groups, including al-Qaida," a US Army analyst with AFRICOM told Eye Spy. "They are well organised and draw their strength from the fact that for nearly a decade

they have been able to operate with near impunity." Quite simply, Nigeria's own armed forces are incapable of dislodging Boko Haram.

That is about to change. The CIA and MI6 has attached advisors to the search force now operating in several countries. Though the girls have been divided into smaller groups and moved to various areas, interception of communications and raw intelligence from locals has led searchers to "areas of interest."

First Lady Michelle Obama



Boko Haram released a video showing the girls

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Parents of the missing girls use a truck to convey their message

Yet any operation to free the hostages could inevitably result in a bloodbath. Eye Spy understands Specialist troops from Britain and America are also amongst the search force, including SEALs and several SAS troops. Faced with such opposition, Boko Haram may resort to even more extreme violence against their captives. "An attempt to free the girls by force will almost certainly result in their death," the analyst said. "It's one reason why a parallel effort is underway to negotiate with the group."

As evidence of the group's ultra-violent nature, and perhaps a warning to the US military force

searching for the girls, on 22 May terrorists killed 27 villagers in north-east Nigeria - a short distance away from where the school girls were abducted. Two days earlier, Boko Haram took responsibility for a shocking bomb attack in the central city of Jos, which resulted in the deaths of 120 shoppers and market traders.

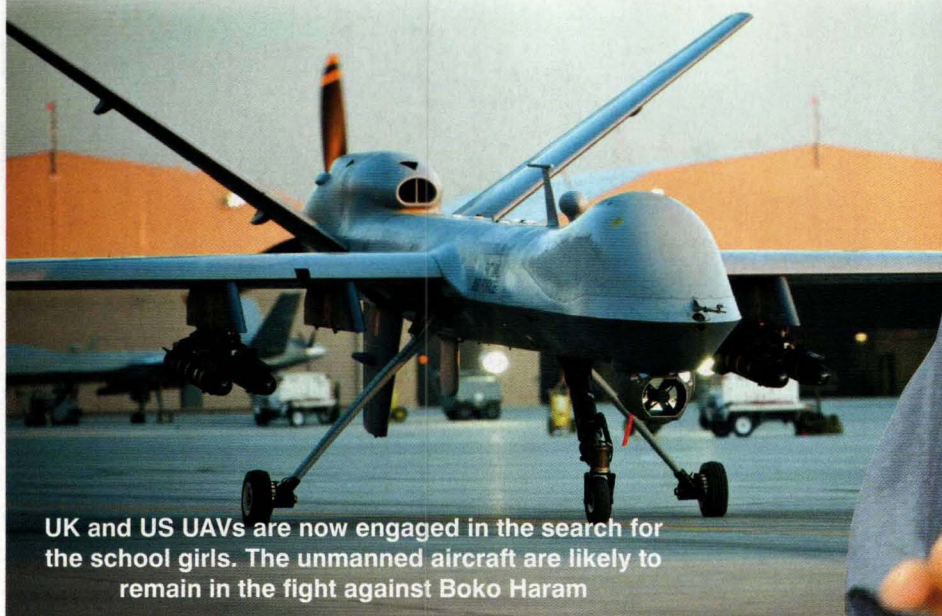
Following the girls abduction, the group's leader, Abubakar Shekau, appeared on a video claiming it was "legitimate" to trade young girls and warned against intervention. "Shekau is a clever operator but sooner or later he will be found," our AFRICOM source said. Shekau himself has a \$7 million bounty on his head issued by the US State Department. As for the number of victims, a CIA Estimate of the Situation suggests that as many as 10,000 people have died as a result of direct or indirect actions performed by Boko Haram.

"Boko Haram is a temporary challenge... we will surely overcome them..."

President Goodluck Jonathan



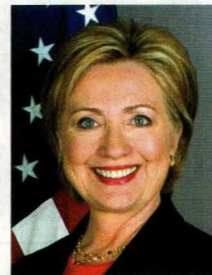
An RAF Sentinel R1 has joined search for school children



UK and US UAVs are now engaged in the search for the school girls. The unmanned aircraft are likely to remain in the fight against Boko Haram

A Hesitant US State Department Ignored AFRICOM Intelligence

WASHINGTON: Why it took the US State Department until 2012 to designate Boko Haram a terrorist group remains one of the most enduring mysteries of recent times in respect of counter-terrorist operations. During Hillary Clinton's time as Secretary of State, it is known many intelligence staffers had requested such a move, but were consistently rebuffed for reasons unclear. However, even in Nigeria itself, it was not until 2013, that the country's President Goodluck Jonathan recognised the outfit was a terror group.



Earlier this year Jonathan said: "Boko Haram is a temporary challenge. We will surely overcome them." Analysts believe that without outside assistance from AFRICOM and other countries such as the UK, Boko Haram will not be defeated. In respect of the terror group's liaison with al-Qaida in Africa, this has been known for several years. Indeed, when French Special Forces confronted al-Qaida in Mali, Boko Haram gave safe haven to fleeing terrorists, many of whom have now decided to stay in Nigeria and fight with the group against government forces.



BRITISH INTELLIGENCE

500 SPY SITES OF LONDON

Five-year intelligence research project nears completion

Eye Spy will shortly be releasing publication details of its five year research programme into the London locations associated with the rich history of British Intelligence. Since the magazine's earlier publication - *The Insider's Travel Guide to 150 Spy Sites in London*, our research team has amassed an astonishing 500 locations, many previously unknown or generally not linked with the world of espionage and intelligence. Besides sourcing information from archive material and historians, the new book also

features sites which have been identified and provided for by former intelligence officers and associates. At the same time our research team has turned up some fascinating new material on a number of known and unknown spies, organisations, operations and intelligence officers - and some surprising locations from where they operated or resided.

Amongst the 'intelligence gems' contained in *The Insider's Guide to 500 Spy Sites of London*, numerous locations and addresses associated with legendary figures such as Sir Mansfield Cumming - the first 'C' of MI6 and even darker characters such as Maxwell Knight and Claude Dansey. Indeed, our research team even managed to access Cumming's office and living quarters. We also discovered an early Cumming residence that led to the discovery of a most interesting secret mission to France - one that historians might wish to examine in more detail. This may well lead to the rewriting of an important chapter in the family's life.



Doorway where Mossad agent triggered an operation which ultimately resulted in the assassination of an adversary

Though historical records and intelligence books - many written in autobiographical form - have identified locations such as the Military and Naval Club as the favoured haunts of British spies, Eye Spy has interviewed a

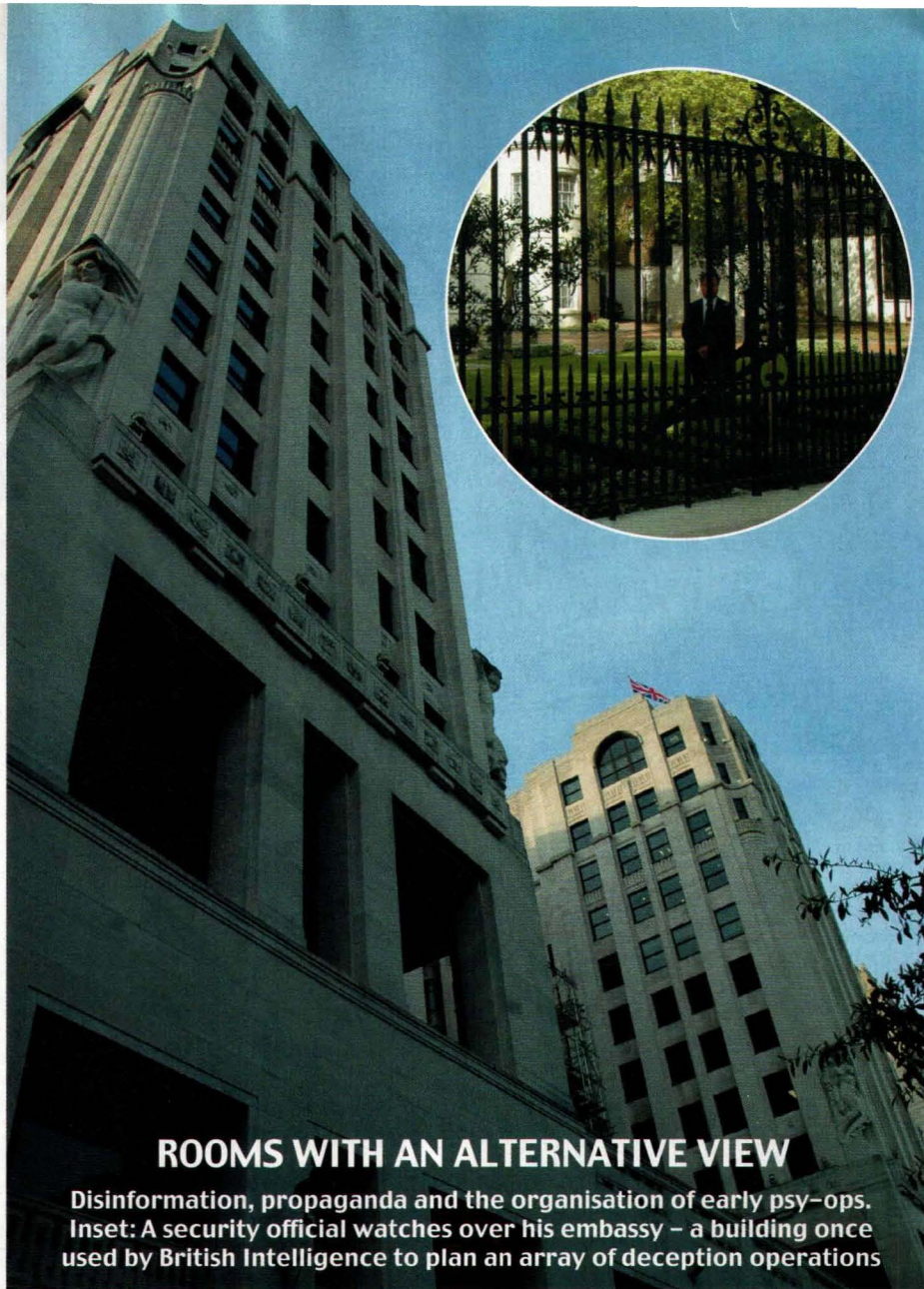


INTERROGATION

Buildings used as an MI5 outpost to secure intelligence from captured foreign spies

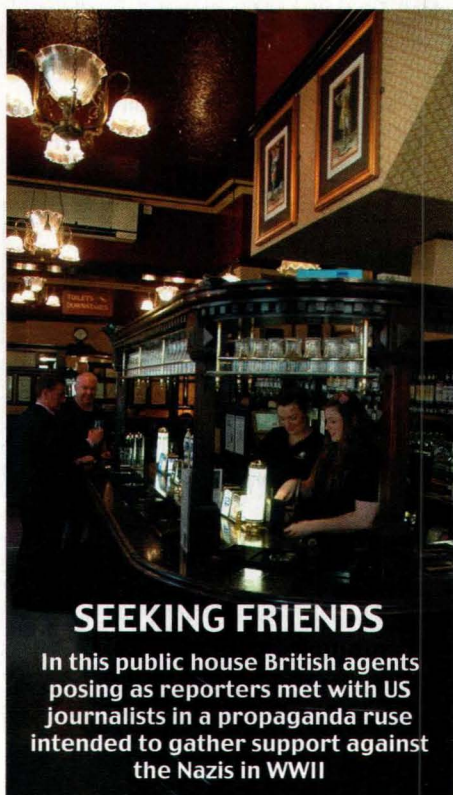


SCIENCE LONDON



ROOMS WITH AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW

Disinformation, propaganda and the organisation of early psy-ops.
Inset: A security official watches over his embassy – a building once used by British Intelligence to plan an array of deception operations



SEEKING FRIENDS

In this public house British agents posing as reporters met with US journalists in a propaganda ruse intended to gather support against the Nazis in WWII



KGB LIAISONS

In this London street intelligence watchers can find the location of a residence where two KGB agents – one a British intelligence officer – clashed in a bitter row following a suggestion one of the men was about to be exposed



A SURPRISE AGENT

In this building one of Britain's most unusual spies planned his operations

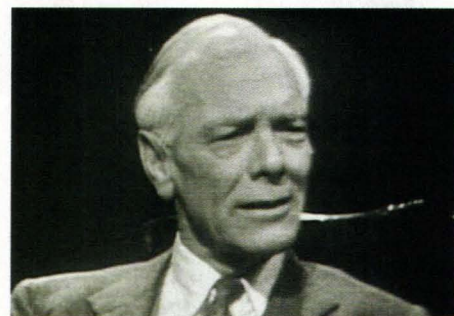


MURDER MOST FOUL?

The body of a suspected British KGB agent was recovered from a flat in this building following an apparent suicide. Some intelligence watchers believe he was murdered to help protect 'Establishment' figures

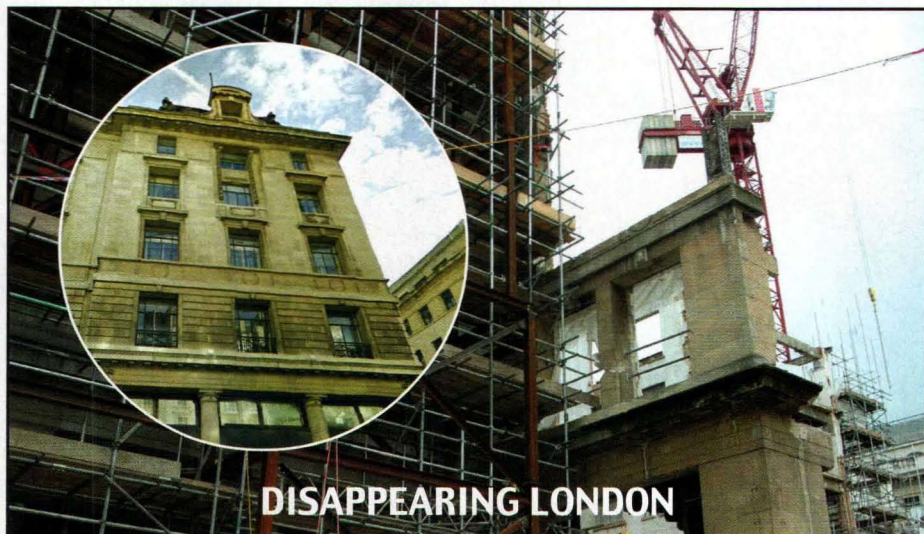
number of people, including agents, who have provided fascinating details on sites previously not linked to intelligence or added substance to those that are known - including one which had a secret entrance used by MI5 and MI6 officers and their girlfriends and wives. These are the clubs, pubs, drinking dens, hotels and alleyways used for training and sites where spies relaxed, operated, planned and recruited. Indeed, one former officer explained how KGB and British Intelligence would sit and enjoy dinner at adjoining tables at one club: "On a Saturday night the spying games would almost grind to a halt - what was the point? Everyone knew who everyone was so for a few hours every week we just enjoyed each others company and had a convivial evening. The club manager even reserved tables and sections for MI6 and the KGB - he knew which table each man and woman favoured. Today, this might be considered strange, for this was at the height of the Cold War."

Other highlights include the discovery of an MI6 safe house near a London park used by various agents dubbed the 'D-Day spies'. And



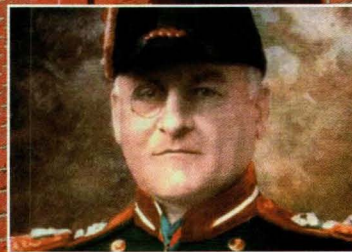
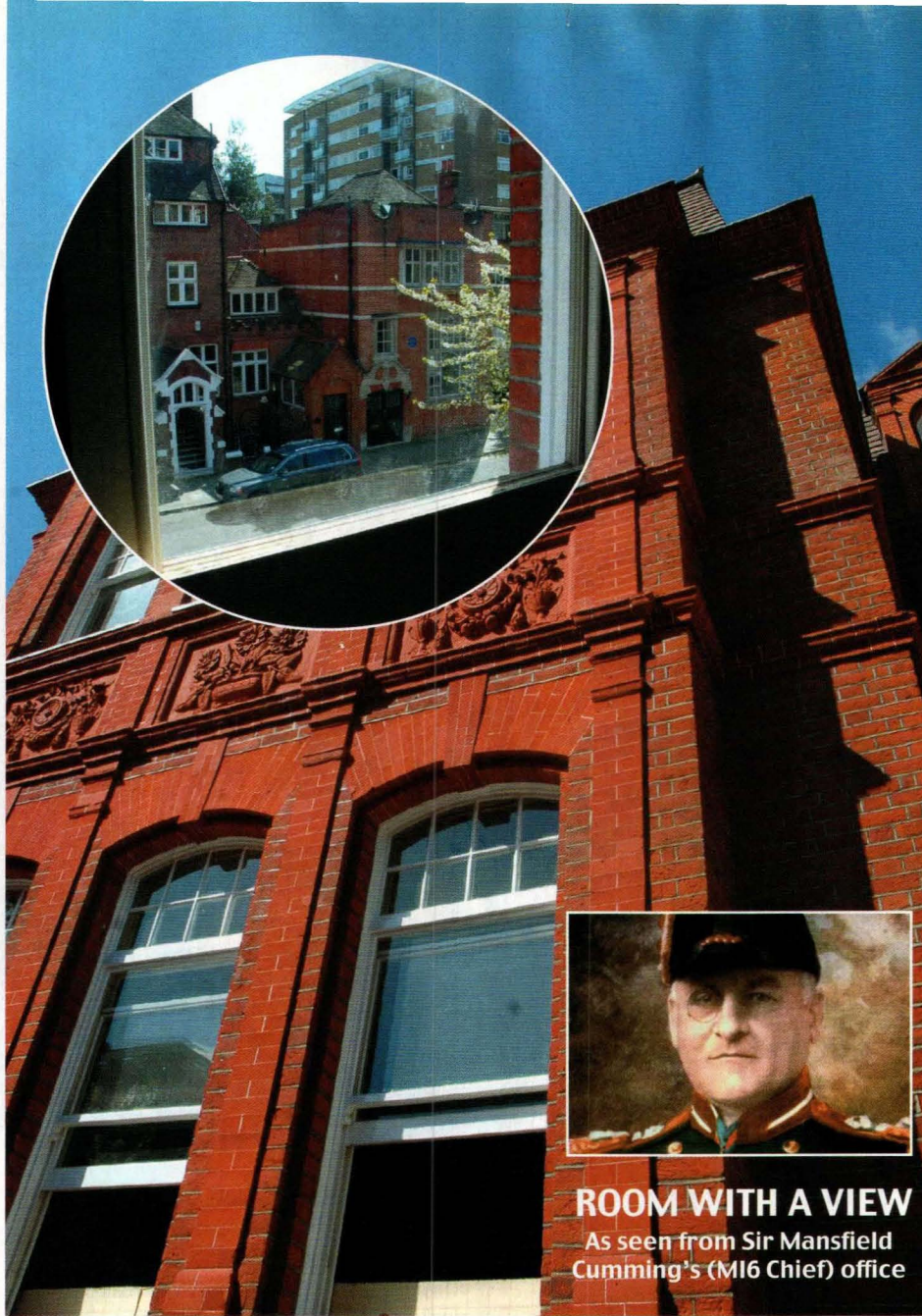
Malcolm Muggeridge

it is often the case that research into one individual, agency or building can present further opportunities, as it transpired here when we focused our attention on MI6 officer Malcolm Muggeridge. He just happened to have been one of the earlier 'boarders' at the residence. It soon transpired that the entire street had been requisitioned by the government. Thereafter all the deep cellar walls of dozens of houses were carefully demolished and a secret underground railway constructed to move anti-aircraft shells across the city - out of site of the public and safe from German bombers.



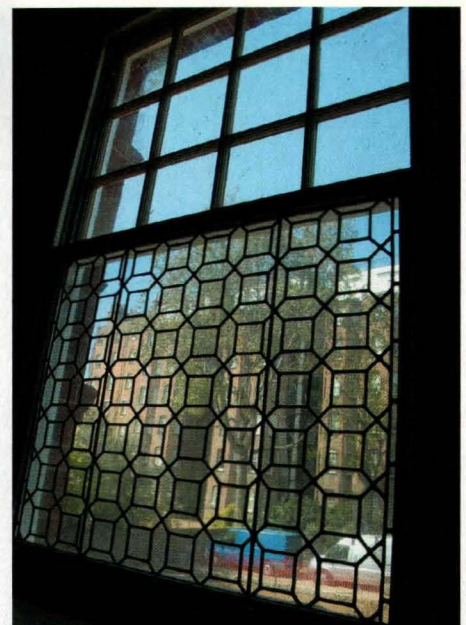
DISAPPEARING LONDON

This London building, now being redeveloped, was once home to an infamous KGB spy who helped a notorious British Intelligence traitor escape



ROOM WITH A VIEW

As seen from Sir Mansfield Cumming's (MI6 Chief) office



This building used by MI6 as its headquarters is thankfully being carefully restored and its original architecture retained. The photo here shows the view from the back of Cumming's office



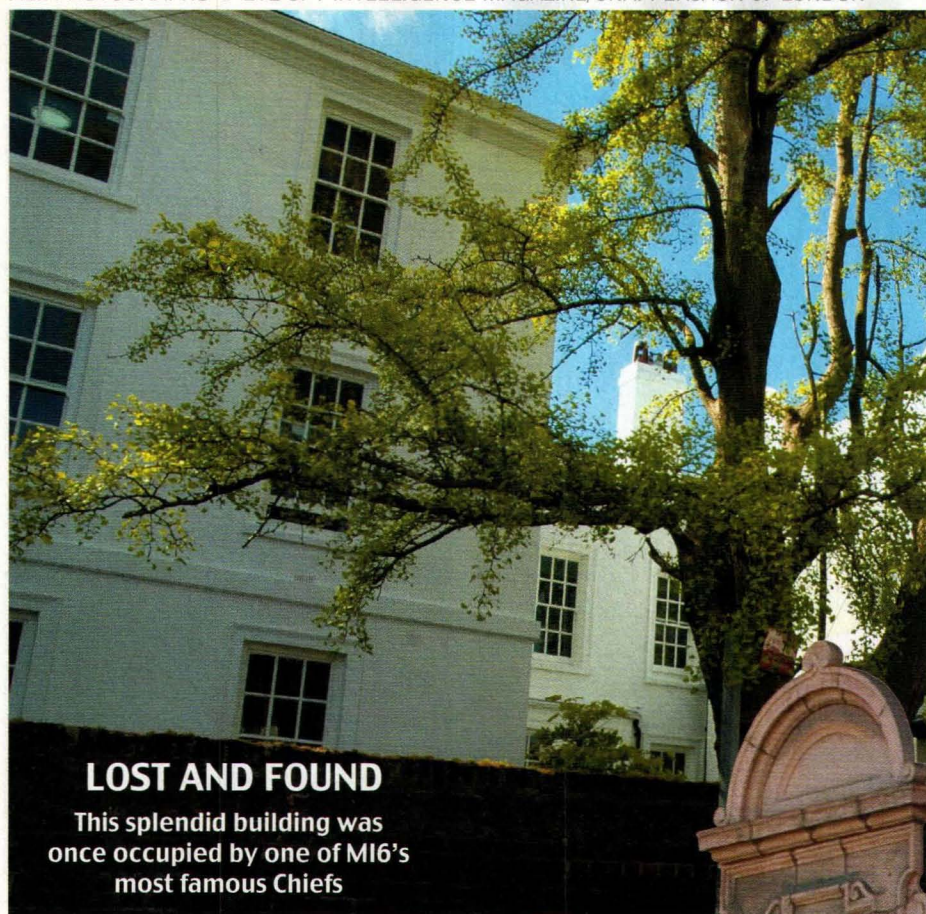
TARGET AMERICA

In this magnificent building the heads of British Intelligence met with the Prime Minister and senior media officials to prepare one of MI6's greatest deception operations that targeted the United States of America



CHOKE POINT

Narrow passage near a plethora of former intelligence buildings once used by MI5 watchers to snare foreign spies



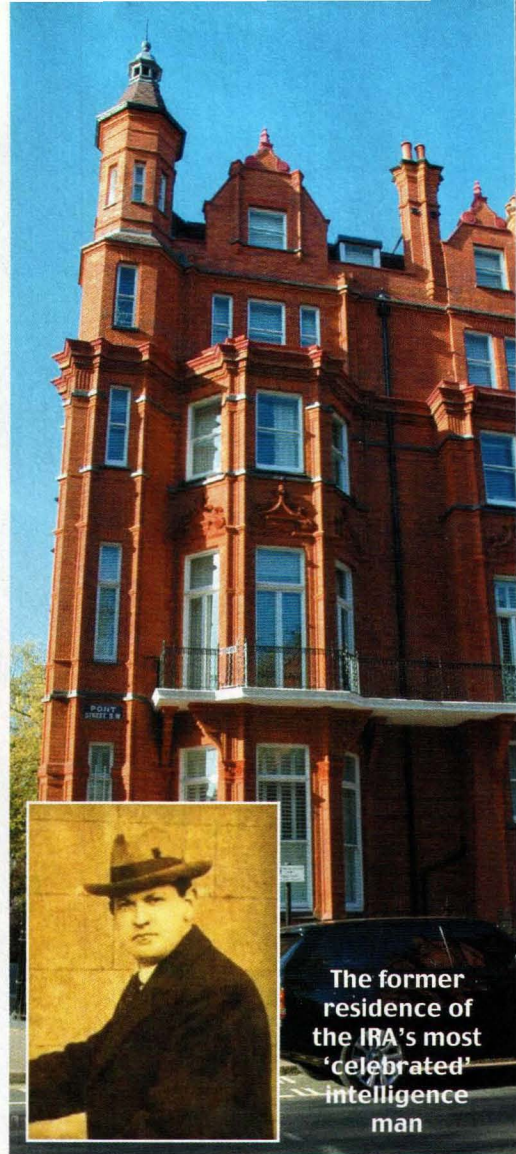
LOST AND FOUND

This splendid building was once occupied by one of MI6's most famous Chiefs



A FISH MEAL BEFORE ESCAPE TO MOSCOW

An infamous KGB agent ate his penultimate meal here just hours before he fled with an associate to Moscow. Though the restaurant no longer exists at this location – the building remains...

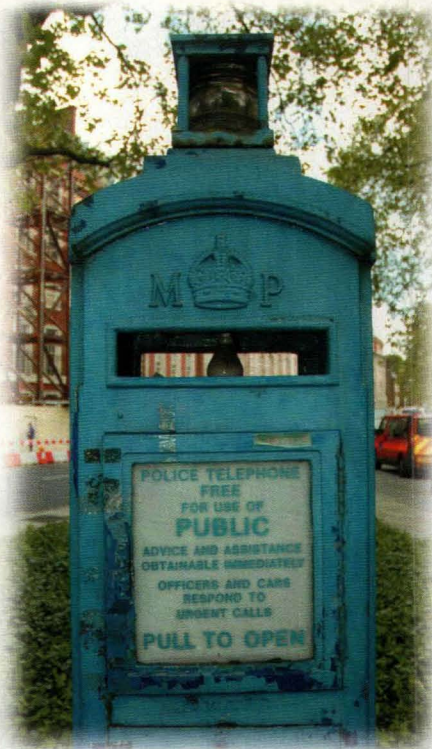


The former residence of the IRA's most 'celebrated' intelligence man

Another fascinating building once played host to various MI6 agents and military operational planners linked to the 'Baker Street Irregulars'. One of its more famous post-war residents included a musician; and even today, unaware of its importance, visiting fans make a bee-line to the address paying homage to the singer. Little do they know that within its perimeter walls, a major deception plan was enabled that would save millions of lives.

ALTERNATIVE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

Like *150 Spy Sites*, Eye Spy candidly charts the origins of British Intelligence and its three main services. However, we also focus on several organisations with deep links to intelligence, such as the immensely important wartime British Security Coordination, the Political Warfare Executive, disinformation and propaganda ministries, SOE and post-Cold War facilities. Several locations associated with these early organisations have remained elusive for decades - yet sifting through historical archive material, we have managed to identify them. One former headquarters used as a base to mislead, confuse and disinform, is now the embassy of a leading Middle East nation; another - nearly 100 years later - is still used by government.



CALLING CARD

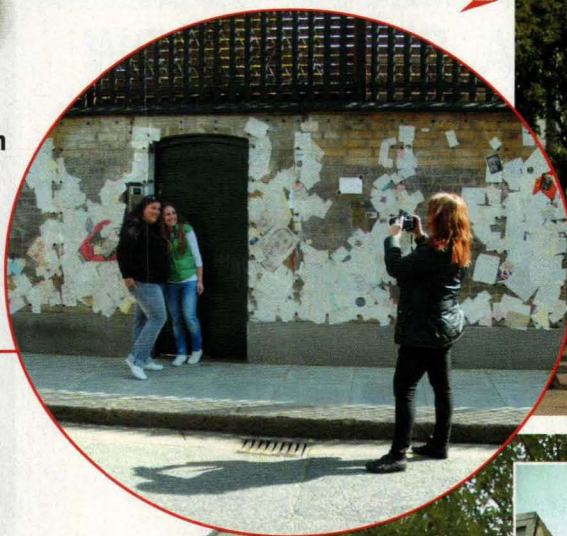
This extremely rare telephone box can be found in one of the most important historical intelligence locations in London – and has been used as a meeting point for agents and officials over the years

SURPRISE SPIES

The intelligence work of dozens of well known people from actors to circus performers is also contained in several chapters - and it is here readers will find some surprising information. Readers may also like to learn that Eye Spy Director Deborah McDonald is close to concluding her research on a new book featuring hundreds of 'celebrity spies' - film stars, publicists, writers, adventurers, politicians and people who all held vocations

MOST SECRET

Right: Eye Spy caught these Brazilian tourists posing outside this residence once occupied by a famous musician – as evidenced by all the messages. Unbeknown to them it was once used as an MI6 planning centre to launch operations



Though the buildings are important, we of course focus on the officers and agencies which occupied them. And it is here that Eye Spy has discovered much new information that has never emerged, including the residence of an important Russian spy who operated in Britain. Her death record shows she died and was buried in Moscow. This is most strange for we discovered she passed away in a London hospital and lived in a street occupied by several famous MI6 and MI5 agents. The suggestion here of course - she was almost certainly a double agent controlled by MI6.

AMERICAN COUSINS

An important US intelligence directorate operated from this building – unbeknown to Londoners



AGENT END-GAME

One of Britain's most famous agents sadly met her end outside this hotel when she was brutally attacked



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CELLER OF DEATH

These steps led to a secret room used by a foreign spy service to extract - through torture - information from suspected collaborators. MI5 was so incensed the Service moved to shut it down



Charles de Gaulle delivers a message to his countrymen via the BBC - used as a propaganda organisation during WWII. Eye Spy has uncovered some important locations, including a number of sinister sites, associated with de Gaulle during his wartime stay in London

not associated with intelligence, but opted to spy for their country. It is a most revealing book packed with information and anecdotes that will both shock and surprise!

New information has also been collected on several buildings and sites associated with the darker side of intelligence - including interrogation and torture centres - some operated by foreign spies - others by British Intelligence. On a lighter note, the tailors, barbers, restaurants, jewellers, cafes, stores, garages and even perfume shops used and favoured by many well known spies, including officers such as MI6 and Naval Intelligence Directorate



WATCHERS FOR HIRE

A location which inadvertently became part of British spyllore

man - Ian Fleming. Some of these even feature in spy deception operations.

Scores of locations have been unearthed that were once legendary and mentioned in books - though by necessity were never properly

identified or referenced by authors - others forgotten through the passage of time - including many linked with famous spy cases. These have now been carefully identified and espionage and intelligence connoisseurs will be able to revisit them.

21 CENTURY SPY GAMES

Though the Cold War may effectively be over - Britain's MI5 is now engaged in a new secret war with China's spies. The country operates the largest spy network in London



Sadly some sites we sought have disappeared - including the flat where a leading Cold War KGB agent met with her controller and helped plan the escape of members of the infamous Cambridge Spy Ring; the secret residences of several British MI5 and MI6 chiefs - the offices used to support post-war training and even a book shop whereby active agents would leave material inside specific books for recovery. Yet our disappointment in this area has more than been compensated by the new locations we have discovered. Relevant to this, during our research and review of historical material, we have ascertained the deliberate renumbering and renaming of buildings and addresses to completely obliterate their past association with the world of espionage. Some locations will be familiar to readers, residents and visitors to the city, whilst others will come as quite a shock.

500 Spy Sites of London is a tour de force of intelligence history in the city as it wends its way from the 16th century to 2014, identifying the important moments and incidents which have helped both define and create British Intelligence History. From MI5's early battles with German spies to the long-gone eating house where in 1951 two KGB spies ate a plate of muscles before embarking on their night-time journey to Moscow and freedom.

This pictorial feature and brief summary attached to the photographs here represents just a tiny fraction of sites taken from the new



ROOM WITH NO VIEW

Hard to imagine this tiny one-room flat was the residence of a foreign spy. He was caught by MI5 and subsequently executed



An increasingly common sight in London as builders redevelop some historic locations - in this case retaining the facade

book - which should be available to order later this year.

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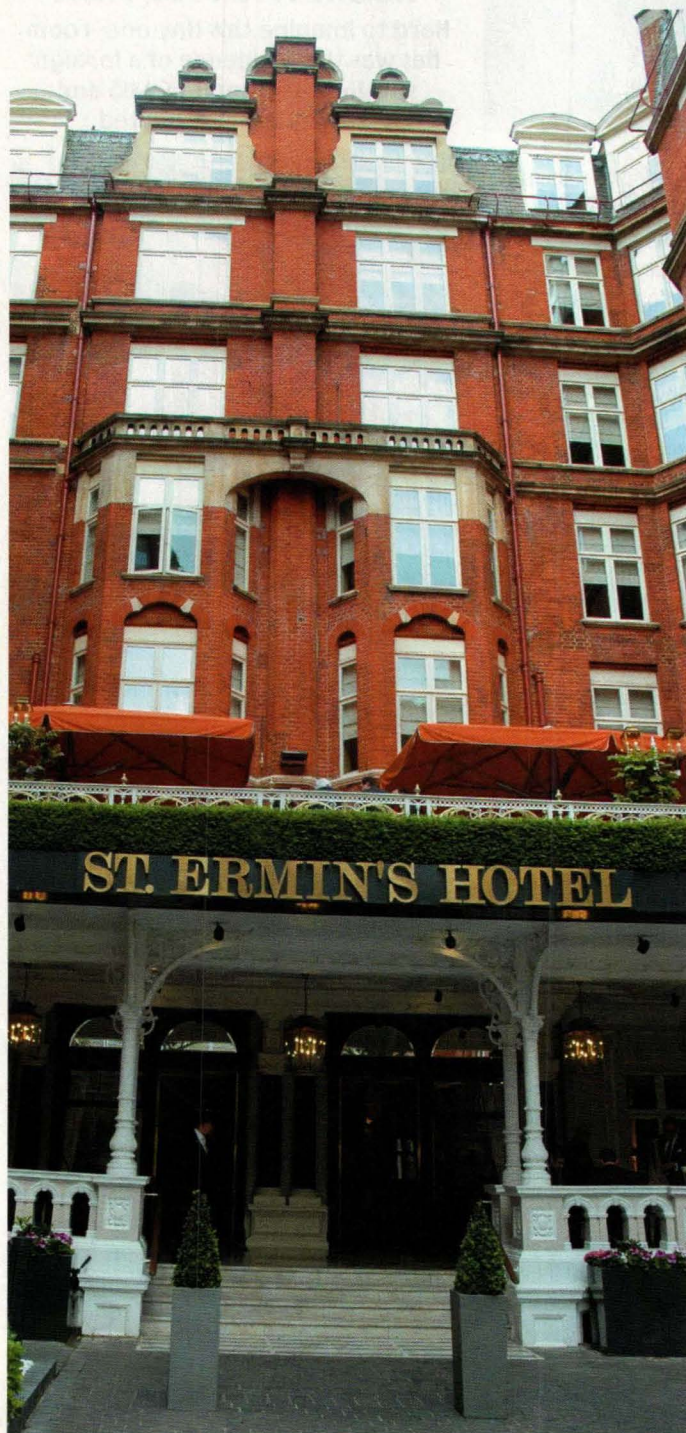
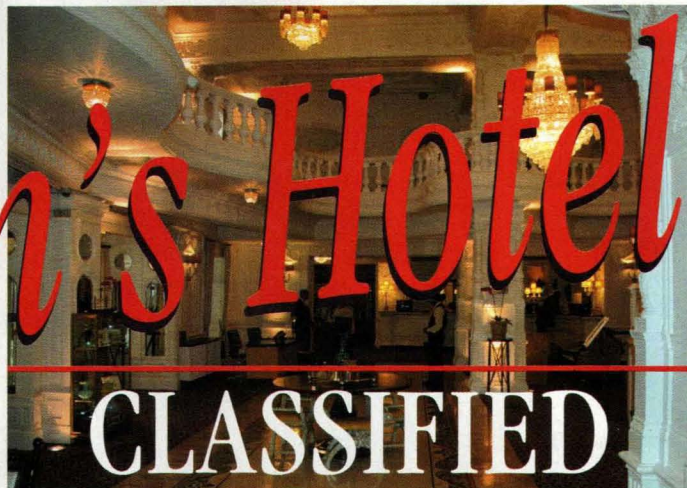
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ST. ERMIN'S HOTEL
distinctly individual



Christopher Moran, Assistant Professor in US National Security and a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Politics and International Studies at Warwick University, has won the prestigious St Ermin's Hotel Intelligence Book of the Year Award 2014.

At a splendid ceremony attended by a plethora of leading intelligence writers, researchers and interested parties, Moran's *Classified: Secrecy and the State in Modern Britain*, which looks at government attempts to limit and hinder public discussion of intelligence matters (amongst other topics), beat Eye Spy Associate Editor - Peter Matthews' nominated *SIGINT: The Secret History of Signals Intelligence 1914-1945* and Roger Hermiston's *The Greatest Traitor: The Secret Lives of Agent George Blake*.

Classified was chosen by a panel of five experienced judges chaired by leading British spy writer Nigel West and included Eye Spy Associate Editors Michael Smith and Glenmore Trenear-Harvey, Andrew Lownie, a leading literary agent who represents many authors in the espionage field and Daniel Mulvenna, a former Canadian counter-intelligence officer.

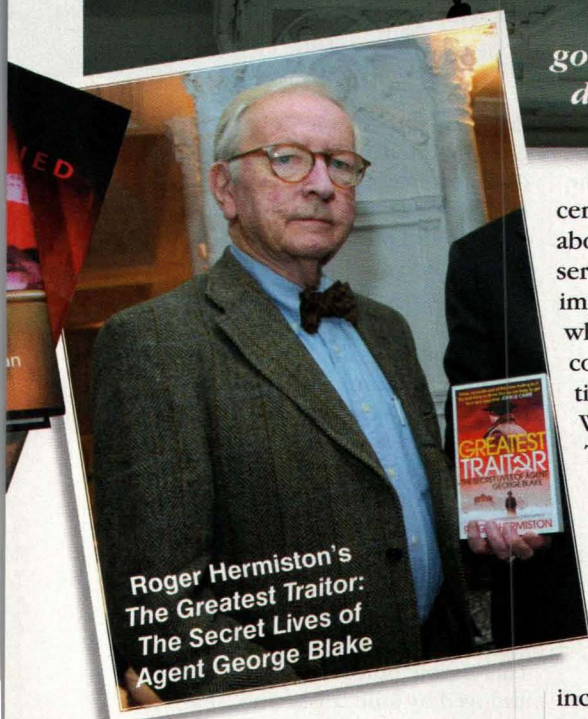


Christopher Moran (left) accepts the award. Also pictured, Tim Fordam-Moss St Ermin's public relations officer



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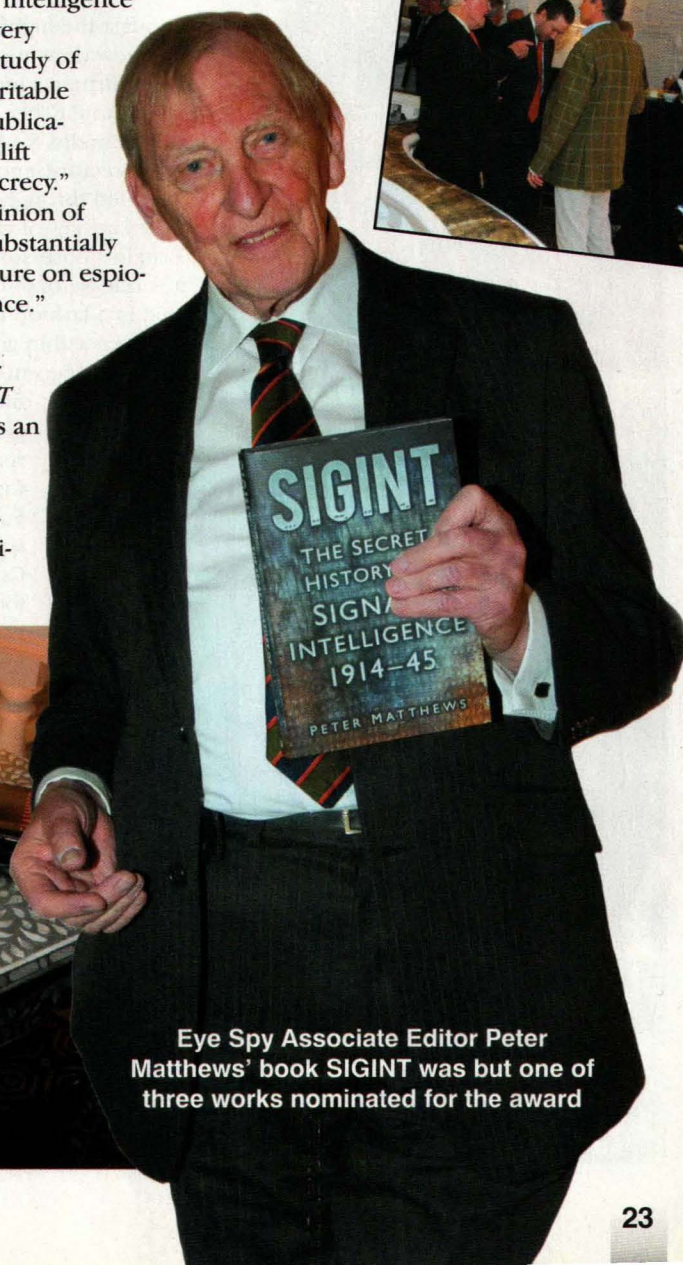


Roger Hermiston's
*The Greatest Traitor:
The Secret Lives of
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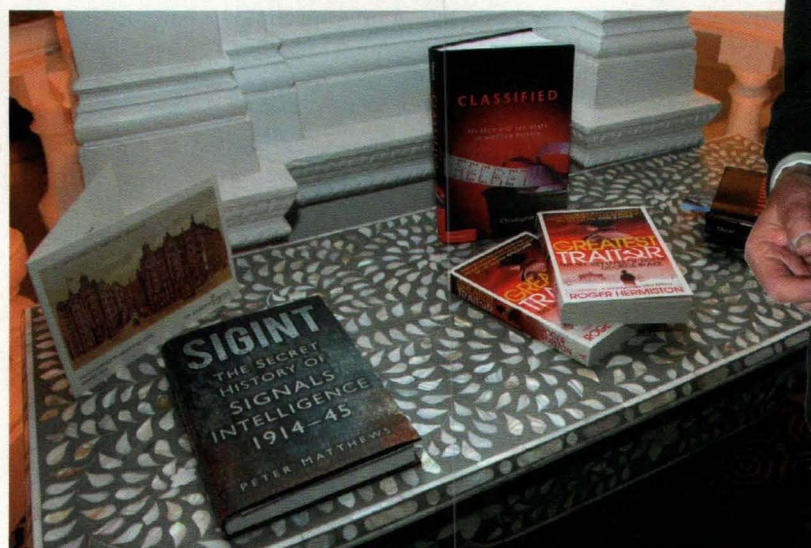
Announcing the winner, Mr West said:
"The book was a survey of how succes-
sive British governments have exercised

censorship and stifled public discussion
about the security and intelligence
services. Altogether a very
impressive, balanced study of
what has become a veritable
cottage industry of publica-
tions that attempt to lift
Whitehall's veil of secrecy."
The book, in the opinion of
the judges, "adds substantially
to published literature on espio-
nage and intelligence."

Mr West also com-
mented on *SIGINT*
which he said was an
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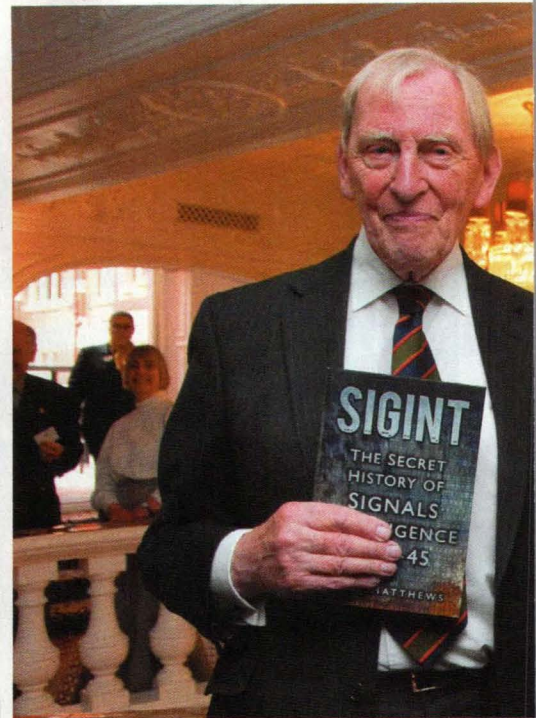


Eye Spy Associate Editor Peter
Matthews' book *SIGINT* was but one of
three works nominated for the award





The Judges L-R: Michael Smith, Glenmore Trenear-Harvey, Nigel West, Daniel J. Mulvena and Andrew Lownie



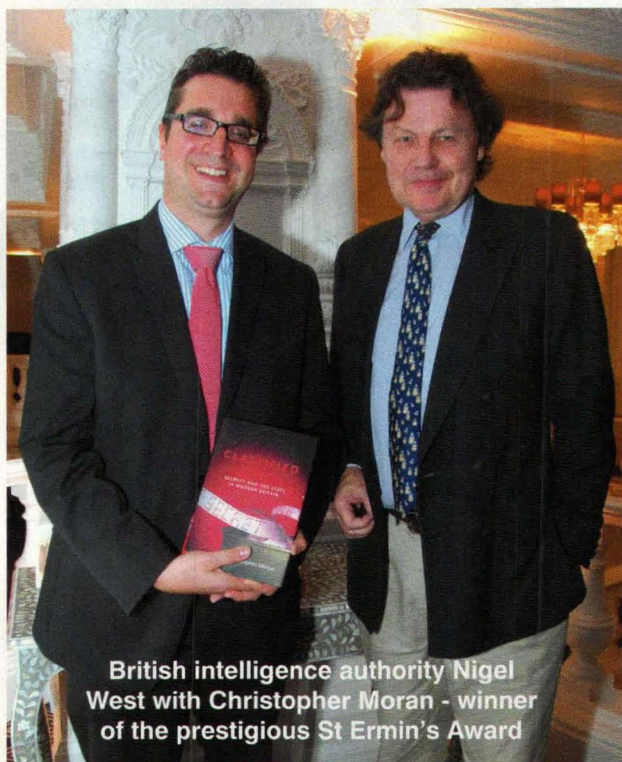
Sir Roger Hollis - KGB agent?

As for *The Greatest Traitor*, he noted that although much has been written on the MI6 officer who betrayed Britain, "this book closes the Blake affair," and doubts anything else of note can be added to the story.

Amongst the highlights in *Classified*, an interview drawing on the experiences of one of Britain's most famous spy writers - Chapman Pincher - who at 100-years-old still maintains Sir Roger Hollis, a former MI5 Director-General, was a KGB spy. Threaded throughout the book case files and examples of what he describes as "Britain's obsession with secrecy" and how release of information is manipulated in a fashion to suit a select number of offices within government. Drawing on a wealth of recently released intelligence files, several key intelligence happenings are reassessed, including the Cambridge spy ring, the Suez crisis and events surrounding the D-Notice Committee. However, to focus on just a tiny number of cases would be unfair as the book

gradually paints a picture of secrecy and government machinery producing decisions made behind closed doors. Most of these, in the name of "state security and public interest." However, Moran often questions the reasoning of this "gentlemanly code."

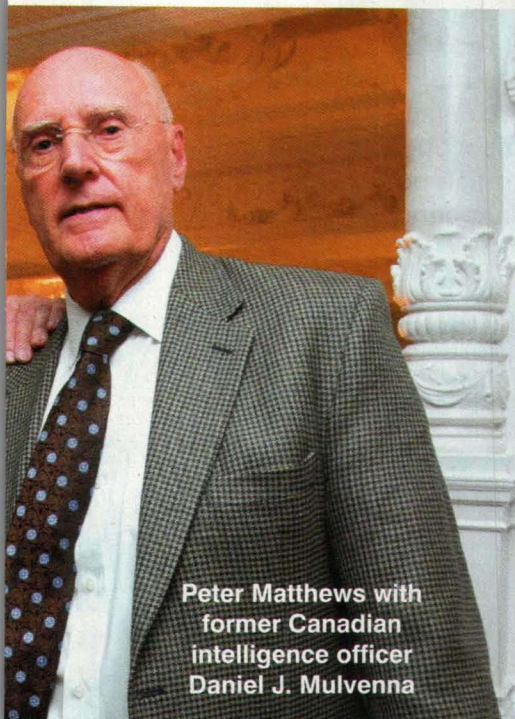
Classified does not open a 'can of worms' but instead examines it. However, Moran provides more than a useful insight into how the British Government throughout the decades has managed information flow and contained affairs that could prove embarrassing and destabilising. Eye Spy's experience of such matters has undoubtedly led our editors to believe there are offices which use tried and trusted methods to release information. These same offices and officials can get annoyed by journalists who 'shake the tree' for additional material. Some journalists demand greater access, whilst others follow unwritten and safer roads. Moran touches upon this sensitive subject, though in the end, the reader is left wondering could he have opened a few more doors - like Pincher who



British intelligence authority Nigel West with Christopher Moran - winner of the prestigious St Ermin's Award



Eye Spy editor Mark Birdsall with Colonel Tim Collins



Peter Matthews with former Canadian intelligence officer Daniel J. Mulvenna



D-Notice Committee Secretary Andrew Vallance (left) and Eye Spy US Associate Editor Danny King

certainly provoked a reaction in Whitehall and Parliament.

It's rare for Britain's D-Notice to review an intelligence book. However, Andrew Vallance, Secretary of the Committee had this to say - and his observations are revealing: "Traditionally, people have preferred to feel, rather than to know, about the rights and wrongs of state secrecy in Britain. In his highly readable book, *Classified*, Dr Moran does the truth great service by exploring with fair objectivity the difficult middle ground in a revealing series of milestone case studies. Wherever one chooses to stand on this thorny, arcane, contentious and fascinating issue, Moran's book will certainly leave its readers far better informed."

Just as pertinent - David Robarge's Chief Historian of the Central Intelligence Agency observations: "A fascinating study of how a long established democracy deals with the persistent conundrum of government secrecy in an open society. Essential reading for students of intelligence accountability, and especially timely given the current international discussion of leaks and information security."

ST ERMIN'S

London's Most Famous 'Espionage' Hotel

The St Ermin's Hotel has a long and rich connection with a variety of UK and foreign secret organisations. First opened as a hotel in 1899, its close proximity to Broadway Buildings, the headquarters of the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) throughout the 1930s and 40s, made it a convenient and discreet venue to meet agents.

In fact, the hotel became so familiar to the British intelligence community that in March 1936 MI6 took over an entire floor to accommodate a new organisation known as 'Section D' (D for destruction). Headed by Colonel Lawrence Grand, its task was to prepare plans for sabotaging strategic sites in Europe that might fall in the event of another world war.

In 1938 Arthur Owens, the double agent codenamed SNOW by the British and JOHNNY by the Abwehr, was interrogated by Naval Intelligence Division as well as MI5 officers. Later, when SNOW attempted to penetrate the British Union of Fascists, he claimed that the hotel was one of several fronts run for the benefit of what he described as "the British Secret Services."



Hugh Dalton - Minister for Economic Warfare played a pivotal role in helping to establish the SOE



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In July 1940 Section D was absorbed into an entirely new organisation - the Special Operations Executive, based in Baker Street, which continued to use the hotel as a meeting-place and operational headquarters, extended into the adjacent block where there was a suite of unmarked offices.

In his memoirs, *My Silent War*, KGB agent Kim Philby recounted how he had been interviewed at the hotel when he was first approached to join MI6 and had visited Guy Burgess at his office in the building.

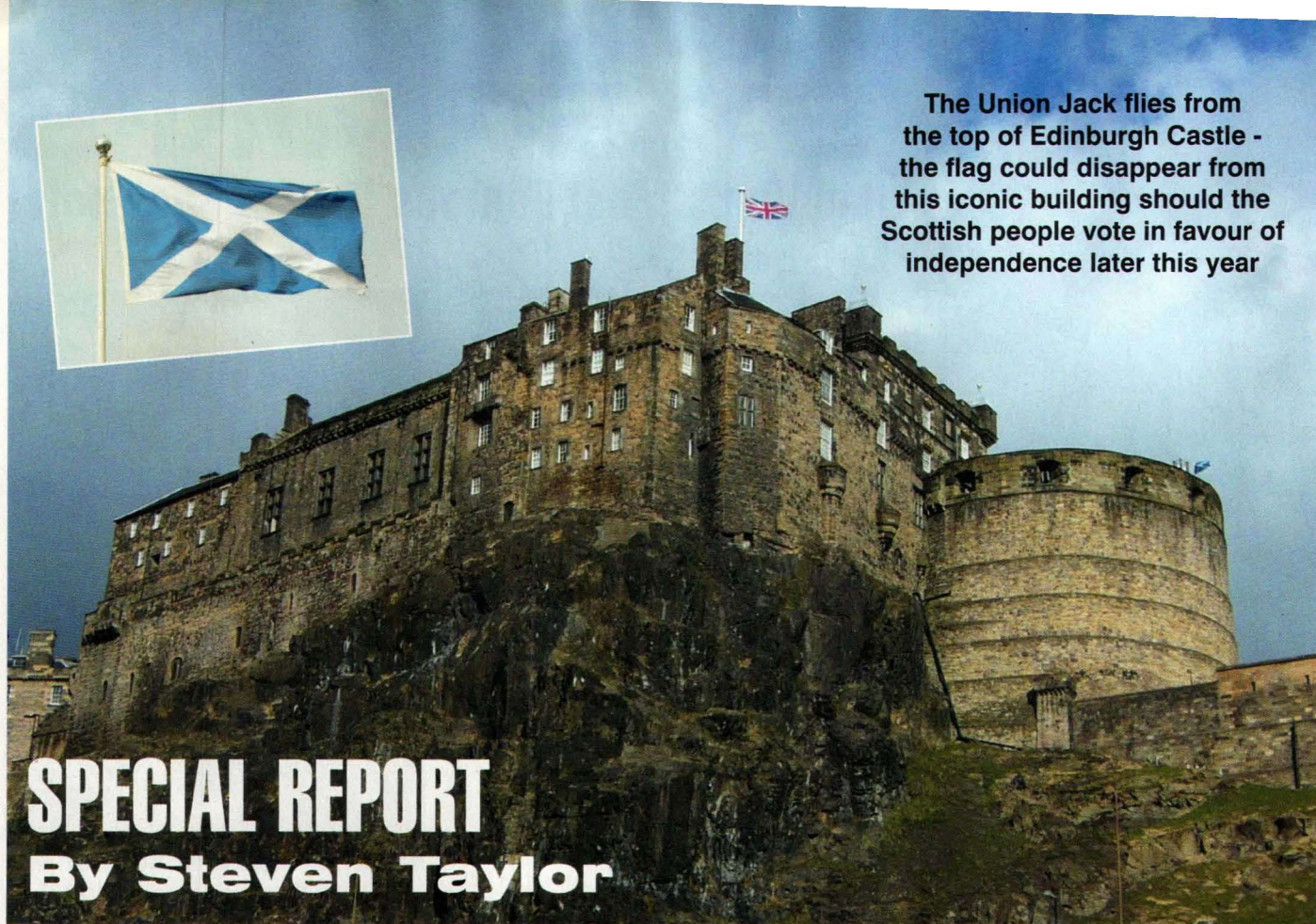
Cambridge Five traitors Philby and Maclean are reputed to have frequented the Caxton Bar whilst the hotel's continued proximity to government and security forces offices ensures its continued use by intelligence officers both domestic and foreign.



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The Union Jack flies from the top of Edinburgh Castle - the flag could disappear from this iconic building should the Scottish people vote in favour of independence later this year



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SPECIAL REPORT

By Steven Taylor

A BRITISH INTELLIGENCE

As the vote on Scottish independence looms, Eye Spy examines what lies ahead for Britain's intelligence and military organisations - and Scotland's own security - should the country chose to exit the United Kingdom...

Last December marked the 25th anniversary of the Lockerbie bombing, the single most destructive terrorist attack ever to take place in the UK. The fact that the atrocity, which claimed the lives of 270 people, occurred in Scotland illustrated how nowhere, not even a quiet village in the Scottish Borders, is safe from horrific acts of international terrorism.

But with this year's referendum on Scottish independence raising the prospect of a potential break-up of the United Kingdom,

Britain's intelligence community has been examining the implications of Scottish independence on the UK's national security and, should Scots vote in favour of seceding from the Union with England, whether an independent Scotland could protect itself from terrorism.

In 2013 the British Home Office commissioned a report to examine that very issue, which concluded that an independent Scotland would be far more vulnerable to terrorist attacks and cyber crime without the benefit of the UK's intelligence assets.

'The creation of an independent Scottish state will, without proper planning and investment, lead to a reduction in the capability of its government to protect Scottish interests, infrastructure and people from these threats', the report stated. 'A reduced capability to tackle a persistent threat would result in an increased risk to the Scottish people.'

The report's conclusions were echoed by Home Secretary Theresa May: "The national security risks the UK faces are complex and changing," she declared. "Terrorists and organised criminals will seek new ways to exploit any weakness in our justice and policing capabilities and the scale of emerging threats, such as cyber crime, demands a comprehensively resourced response."

However, the Scottish National Party (SNP), which governs at the devolved Parliament in Edinburgh and is leading the campaign for independence from the UK, refuted the report's claims that Scotland would be more vulnerable to terrorist attack should it become independent. "These claims are wrong - not least because Scotland is already an independent jurisdiction when it comes to policing and justice issues, and current cross-border cooperation shows how well that can work to combat terrorism and other threats," said the SNP's Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill.



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As in the rest of the UK, the threat from Islamic radicals has grown hugely since 9/11. Events such as the 2007 attack on Glasgow Airport, when two extremists attempted to drive a jeep loaded with propane gas cylinders into the main terminal of the airport, and the arrest in Glasgow and subsequent conviction of an associate of the Stockholm suicide bomber - who blew himself up in a Stockholm street in December 2010, injuring two bystanders - clearly illustrates the threat faced by Scotland from al-Qaida and its affiliates.

Indeed, the growing terrorist threat north of the border has led MI5 to establish a permanent presence in Scotland for the first time since the Security Service was founded in 1909, when it was announced that it had



MI6 Chief - Sir John Sawers and MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker have discussed the implications for national security should Scotland secede from the UK - a decision which will be decided later this year

opened an office at a secret location in Glasgow in 2005. That same year MI5 also warned that outlawed radical groups such as Al-Muhajiroun and Hizb ut-Tahrir were active in several Scottish universities, radicalising vulnerable Muslim students.

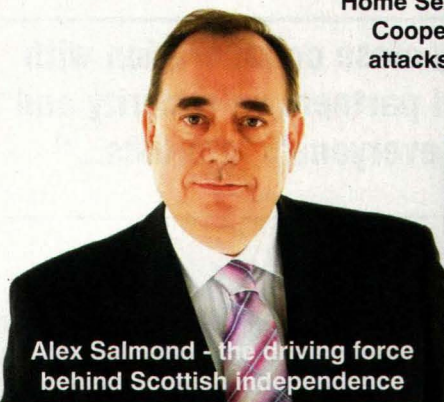
"These two organisations have been very active on university campuses for quite some time now," revealed David Capitanchik, a lecturer on terrorism at Aberdeen's Robert

Gordon University. "Both these groups are aggressive in conducting anti-Israeli campaigns and targeting Jewish students in particular."



David Capitanchik

Home Secretary Theresa May speaking at the Symposium of International Counter-Terrorism Cooperation 2011. May believes an independent Scotland would be more vulnerable to attacks by terrorists - an opinion not shared by Alex Salmond - Scotland's First Minister



Alex Salmond - the driving force behind Scottish independence



DILEMMA

In the wake of the 2002 Bali bombing which killed over 200 people, many of them young Australian tourists, it also emerged that one of the suspects, Shamsul Bahri Hussein, had studied applied mechanics at Dundee University some years earlier. Intelligence expert Professor Anthony Glees is satisfied Hussein was recruited by terrorists whilst studying at the university.



Adam Busby

Besides al-Qaida, Scotland also has to contend with a small domestic nationalist terrorist group, the Scottish National Liberation Army. Founded in 1980 by a former soldier in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, Adam Busby, the SNLA has waged a sporadic, small-scale terror campaign with the aim of securing Scottish independence. Though the group's actions have been mostly confined to occasional letter bombs, in 2002 the SNLA hit the headlines when it issued threats against Prince William whilst he was studying at St

Andrews University and attempted to poison the water supply in England. Busby is currently facing extradition to the United States to face charges of making bomb threats to the University of Pittsburgh and several US federal courthouses.

The Troubles in Northern Ireland have also occasionally spilled over into Scotland. Last October six alleged Scottish members of the Real IRA (RIRA) were arrested in Glasgow in a joint operation involving the Scottish police's Specialist Crime Division, the Police Service of Northern Ireland and MI5. All were charged with preparing terrorist attacks in the UK.

Nevertheless, the SNP's Kenny MacAskill has insisted that an independent Scotland would be perfectly capable of setting up its own intelligence apparatus to confront these threats. "An independent Scotland will have first-rate security arrangements to counter any threats we may face," he said. "And we will continue to work in very close collaboration with the rest of the UK and international partners on security and intelligence matters, which is in everyone's interests."

That assertion, however, has been challenged by the Home Office report, which queried the ability of an independent Scotland to swiftly establish its own versions of MI5, MI6 and GCHQ: 'Introducing a new independent Scottish national security regime would have



"It can never be assumed that diplomatic or historic friendships will result in any intelligence liaison, other than the most basic and low grade, until credentials have been established," said Ramsey.

In response, the SNP's deputy leader Nicola Sturgeon argued that common sense dictated that London should co-operate on intelligence matters with an independent Scotland. "Scotland and the rest of the UK share an island," she pointed out. "It would not just be in Scotland's interest for there to be very close

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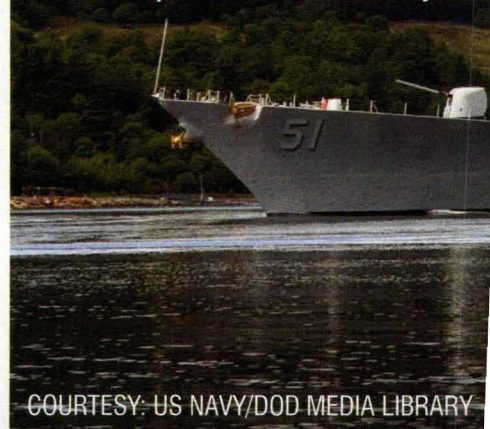
Kenny MacAskill - Scottish Government's Secretary for Justice

both one-off transition costs and ongoing maintenance costs... it would be very difficult to build and sustain the levels of specialist expertise and experience needed'.

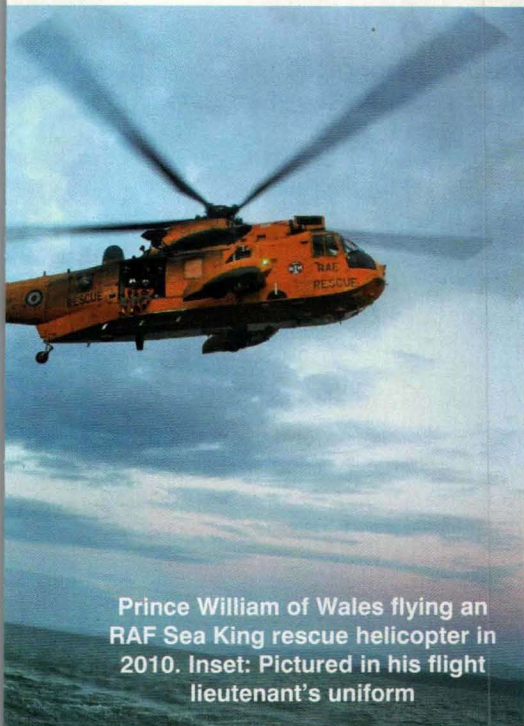
The report goes on to emphasise that, should Scots vote in favour of independence, there is no guarantee that current intelligence-sharing arrangements between London and Edinburgh would continue: 'Independence would put at risk access to the intelligence and other security information and networks Scotland currently enjoys as part of the UK'.

That's a view shared by some senior UK political figures, such as Labour Party peer Baroness Margaret Ramsay. She of course is a former MI6 case officer who played a pivotal role in the exfiltration operation to smuggle KGB Colonel Oleg Gordievsky out of Russia.

America's USS Arleigh Burke at HMNB Clyde. There is much concern in Washington over impending Scottish independence vote which could impact on UK-USA security relations.



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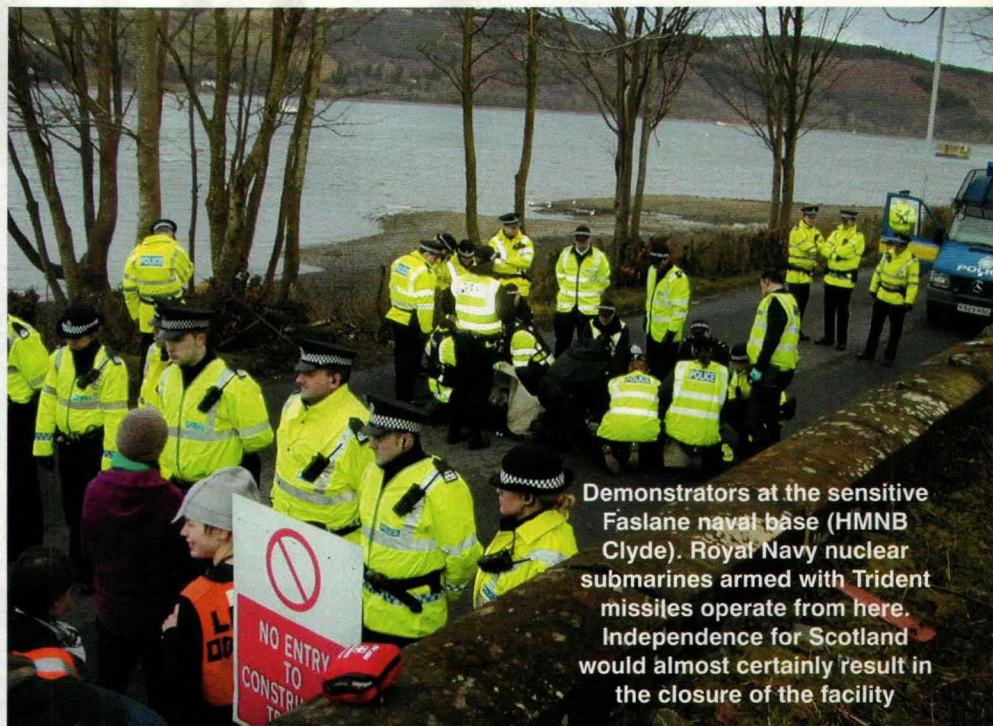


Prince William of Wales flying an RAF Sea King rescue helicopter in 2010. Inset: Pictured in his flight lieutenant's uniform

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Though these British Army soldiers are pictured on exercise in the harsh terrain of Norway, much training is performed in Scotland - that could end if the Scots vote to depart the UK



Demonstrators at the sensitive Faslane naval base (HMNB Clyde). Royal Navy nuclear submarines armed with Trident missiles operate from here. Independence for Scotland would almost certainly result in the closure of the facility

"I believe that independence would fundamentally change maritime security for all of us in the UK..."

Britain's First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir George Zambellas

intelligence-sharing with the rest of the UK - it would clearly be in the interest of the rest of the UK as well."

As the referendum draws closer, the debate over Scottish independence continues to intensify. Nationalists have even expressed concerns that MI5 may attempt to interfere in the vote, pointing out that files declassified in 2007 revealed the Service infiltrated the SNP in the 1950s. The recently deceased Margo MacDonald, a member of the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh and a long-time independence campaigner, wrote to the chief of MI5 Andrew Parker in June 2013 to seek assurances that his organisation would play no role in the campaign:



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British air crash investigative photograph shows the cabin of the Boeing 747

'Clipper Maid of the Seas' photographed at LAX Airport a year before it was destroyed by terrorists



REMEMBERING LOCKERBIE: Hard to image that nearly 26 years have elapsed since a bomb ripped through Pan Am Flight 103 (the aircraft was called 'Clipper Maid of the Seas') as it passed over Lockerbie, Scotland sending debris crashing down onto the town. All 243 passengers, 16 crew and 11 residents of Lockerbie perished



Debris from Pan Am Flight 103 was taken to a warehouse by air crash investigators at Longtown, Cumbria (left). What remained was transported to Air Accident Investigation Branch at Farnborough, Hampshire and reassembled (right)

'I will be obliged if you can give me an assurance that UK Security Services will not be used in any respect in the lead-up to the Scottish referendum on sovereignty, unless, of course, the Scottish police have sufficient evidence to justify normal responses to potentially criminal acts. As action on the Security Services' part is calculated to keep communities safe and aid cohesion, I would welcome an assurance from you that this will continue, and that no other consideration will inform your Department's work'.

Crispin Black, a former British Army officer and leading authority on Britain's security services, believes that while events north of the border will be closely monitored by MI5, Scottish nationalist fears that the UK's intelligence agencies would somehow attempt to influence the referendum's outcome are groundless. "My guess is that MI5 would have the referendum on its radar, primarily to ensure its fairness," he commented. "There's definitely a national security angle to Scottish independence that the security services would

be aware of, but my sense is that they would be stopping dirty tricks, rather than trying to initiate them." Black does, however, concede that the fact Britain's nuclear deterrent is based in Scotland, at the Royal Navy's Faslane base on the Clyde, presents a complicating factor. "Of particular concern will be the safety and integrity of HMNB Clyde - the base for the UK's Vanguard-class submarines that carry our nuclear deterrent... the potential for trouble around and even inside this base is significant."

The stealth-laden technology submarine - HMS Astute sails towards her home port of Faslane





Alex Salmond hopes that come Autumn he will be toasting Scotland's independence from the UK

WASHINGTON'S UK SECURITY CONCERNS



Such anxiety isn't confined to the British defence and intelligence establishments. While refusing to be drawn into a domestic UK political debate, Washington clearly views the possible break-up of its most important European military and political partner with alarm. Reflecting fears within the US Government, in a 2012 editorial the *Washington Post* commented: 'An independent Scotland would significantly weaken the foremost military and diplomatic ally of the United States, while creating another European mini-state

unable to contribute meaningfully to global security'.

With opinion polls currently suggesting a majority of Scots favouring the status quo, it looks as if the 307-year-old Union between Scotland and England will survive this latest challenge. But should the polls prove inaccurate and the September referendum produce a shock result, the consequences for the British Intelligence community would undoubtedly be very profound indeed.

ROYAL NAVY WOULD BE WEAKENED

First Sea Lord Raises Security Concerns

Britain's First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir George Zambellas has joined the independence debate after claiming a breakaway Scotland would have serious consequences for the Royal Navy. "I believe that independence would fundamentally change maritime security for all of us in the UK and damage the very heart of the capabilities that are made up of the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Royal Fleet Auxiliary and the Fleet Air Arm."

He also warned that Scotland would feel the impact more than the rest of the UK, saying the country would no longer have access to one of the "finest navies in the world."

Similar security concerns, combined with the loss of defence industry jobs were echoed by British Aerospace officials. BAE Systems are amongst various defence contract companies which have indicated operations would be halted in Scotland. Similarly, it seems likely various important military bases such as HMNB Clyde, which supports the Royal Navy's nuclear submarine section, would be closed and relocated elsewhere in the UK.



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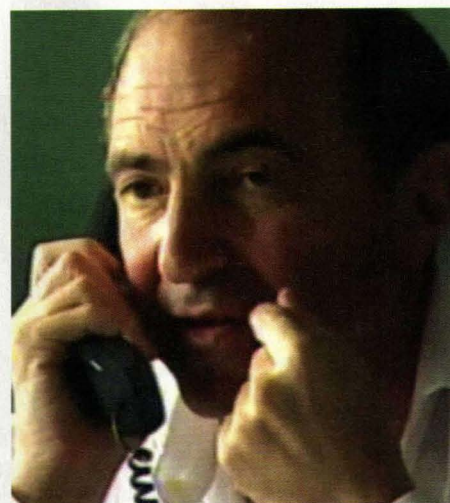
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SUICIDE OR ASSASSINATED?

BEREZOVSKY A MURKY ENDING

Open Verdict ruled on death of Boris Berezovsky as evidence emerges that he was planning to return to his beloved Russia - a move which may have signalled trouble for some in the country's 'Establishment'



Berezovsky may have been troubled, but his family reject speculation he had been contemplating suicide for some time

Investigators heard from several key people, including his son, Artem. Berezovsky allegedly asked him how he could choke to death. In another conversation, his bodyguard said he demanded to know, "should I jump or cut my wrist?" His daughter Elizaveta Berezovskaya acknowledged her father had talked about suicide, but now believes he was probably killed by assailants hired by or from Moscow. Speaking about his ice-cold relationship with Russian officials, Elizaveta said: "I don't think they liked what my father said. He said Vladimir Putin was a danger to the whole world and you can see that now." This was probably a reference to events in the Ukraine.

DEATH OF A FORMER KREMLIN INSIDER

Confusion and speculation continues to surround the death of 67-year-old Russian oligarch Boris Berezovsky. Once one of the richest men in the world, London-based

Berezovsky was found hanged in the bath at his Berkshire mansion last March. Berezovsky, regarded as a sworn enemy of Moscow, though may have tempered his hatred of President Putin in recent times, is thought to

have committed suicide after a series of disastrous business dealings and losing a court battle with another Russian billionaire - Roman Abramovich. The latter resulted in a massive £100 million (\$168 million) legal bill which some observers say effectively wiped out his fortune. For the record, the expensive spat involved ownership of the Russian oil company Sibneft and a £3 billion (\$4.7 billion) claim against Mr Abramovich. Two years earlier he had lost another £100 million in a divorce settlement with his wife.



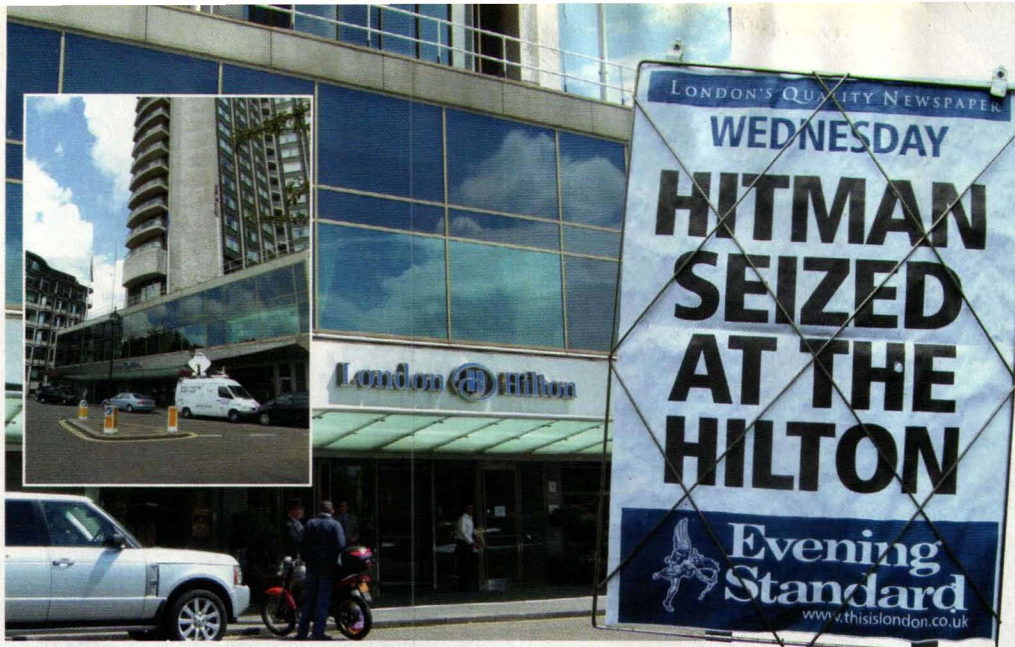
New Scotland Yard detectives and forensic specialists at Berezovsky's residence

MAKING ENEMIES

Berezovsky fled to the UK in 2000 after falling out with the Moscow Establishment. In 2003 he successfully applied for political asylum - much to the annoyance of the Kremlin, for he had played a pivotal role in the escape of his security officer - Alexander Litvinenko - a former FSB operative. Litvinenko, himself a stern critic of Russian policy, had accused



Roman Abramovich



At least two attempts were made to assassinate Boris Berezovsky in London, though Eye Spy sources believe this figure is most conservative

MI5. The Security Service had kept a watchful eye over Berezovsky ever since his arrival in the UK, and have thwarted at



Kremlin man Sergei Markov came up with the ridiculous theory that British Intelligence killed Berezovsky because he would trade UK secrets if Moscow allowed him to return to Russia

least two genuine plots to assassinate him. Both events were orchestrated by unidentified persons or agencies in Moscow. One involved a known Russian hitman who had tried to arrange a meeting with Berezovsky at the London Hilton Hotel. In this case Berezovsky agreed to the meeting allowing MI5 to draw the gunman into the open. He was detained and quietly removed from the country. During the end game of the operation, Berezovsky, on MI5's advice, had himself slipped out of the country to a safe house somewhere in Europe.

Coroner Peter Bedford heard plenty of reasons why Berezovsky could have committed suicide, most of it linked to financial woes inducing a state of depression. He also questioned Brinkmann's assertion, or scenario, that a number of assassins had attacked and killed him and then duly placed him in the bath, attached his favourite cashmere scarf to the shower rail, and created a scene which looked like suicide. Bedford said, "this was stretching credibility too far." He also pointed out that there were no defensive marks on Berezovsky's hands or body. Forensic specialist Dr Simon Poole also dismissed Brinkmann's version of events, telling the inquest that he found no evidence the Russian had been choked prior to the tightening of the scarf. Tests were duly carried out on the shower rail, checking how much weight the metal could support before it started to buckle. A weight of 220lbs was suspended from the rail which did not bend.

Despite this and unable to dismiss the possibility that dark forces had played a part, Bedford described Brinkmann as an "eminent witness," and ruled an open verdict. This was welcomed by the family who said Berezovsky was not depressed and provided evidence of future deals which involved hundreds of millions of pounds.

"I was absolutely amazed what happened today..."

Berezovsky after losing his court battle with another Russian billionaire

Putin of killing hundreds of Russians in deception operations in an effort to win support for the invasion of Chechnya. Litvinenko's wife, Marina, asked to comment on Berezovsky's death said: "From my point of view suicide is unlikely. He had a lot of enemies. He was outspoken and never tried to hide what he thought." As for Alexander Litvinenko, he of course was assassinated in London in 2006 (see page 34) and Berezovsky was due to testify at his inquest.

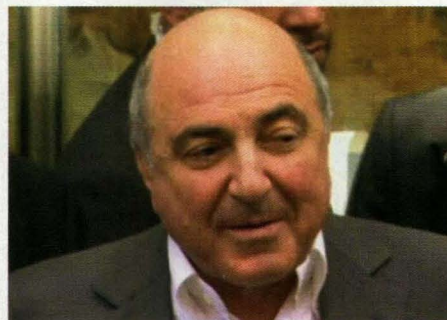
Adding to the confusion, in one of his last interviews before his death, Berezovsky said he wanted to return home. "I have underestimated the inertia of Russia and greatly overestimated the West. I should not have left Russia."

INITIAL RULINGS

After only a few days, following the discovery of Berezovsky's body, New Scotland Yard detectives had said they found no evidence of foul play connected to his death. However, a pathologist who conducted the initial postmortem investigation said he could not rule out murder.

The case was further complicated when Professor Bern Brinkmann, a German forensic specialist hired by the family, said that after examining several autopsy photographs, he was of the opinion that Berezovsky had not killed himself. He paid particular attention to bruising and tissue damage made by a scarf, noting that they differ remarkably to the type of injury that would result from a strangulation mark made by hanging.

The death of his former associate Litvinenko also had a significant effect on the manner of New Scotland Yard's investigation. Police called in specialists from the government's atomic weapons agency to check the house and



Berezovsky gave a revealing interview just days before he died

grounds for radiation - this after a paramedic noticed his radiation alarm had been triggered. No such traces were discovered.

There then followed toxin tests, which intelligence watchers believe pointed to concerns of death by poisoning. The tests, which took an eternity, eventually came back negative, according to Eye Spy sources.

Nevertheless, the evidence led to many months of further investigation by both the police and



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PART TWO

DEATH OF A SPY

THE ASSASSINATION OF ALEXANDER LITVINENKO

Eye Spy concludes its exclusive interview with investigative author and historian Yuri Felshtinsky into the death of former KGB officer and MI6 agent Alexander Litvinenko. We also secure a valuable insight into Litvinenko's relationship with his recently deceased 'employer' - Russian billionaire Boris Berezovsky - this as a coroner refuses to rule out foul play in respect of his death...



Alexander Litvinenko



Andrei Lugovoi
- behind him
(right), Boris
Berezovsky



Mario
Scaramella

THE DEATH BED DECEPTION: By deflecting attention away from Andrei Lugovoi - using his meeting with Italian intelligence contact man Mario Scaramella - Litvinenko hoped Lugovoi would be confident enough to return to London at some time in the future. He hoped by this time, New Scotland Yard and MI5 would have secured all the evidence to arrest him...

THE DEATH BED DECEPTION

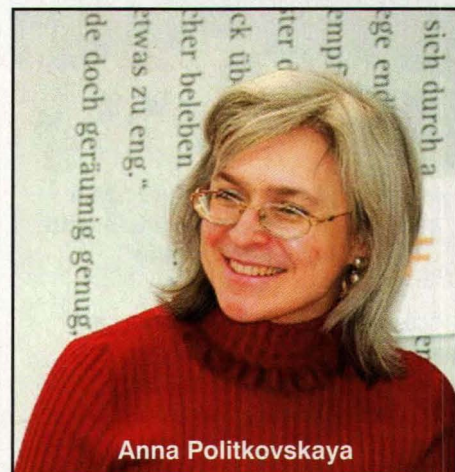
Eye Spy: Shortly before the former FSB officer and MI6 agent Alexander Litvinenko was poisoned in London in 2006, and just hours before a meeting with three Russian intelligence contacts - Andrei Lugovoi, Dmitry Kovtun and Vyacheslav Sokolenko, we understand he met with an Italian security man by the name of Mario Scaramella. Our sources suggest Scaramella had intelligence connections and the reason for the meeting was because he had reportedly secured information on the death of Anna Politkovskaya. A friend of Litvinenko, she was another activist opposed to the Chechen conflict, a critic of Putin and who wrote a column in *Novaya Gazeta* - the same newspaper which had covered your book. Politkovskaya was assassinated outside her apartment in Moscow just weeks earlier on 7 October 2006. Scaramella, it was believed, could link her death with the FSB. On his death bed Litvinenko created a deliberate deception - can you explain?

Yuri Felshtinsky: Scaramella was using Litvinenko as a source for his political intrigues. He had his own agenda. I understand that Litvinenko did not actually know what Scaramella was up to. He was never sincere and used Litvinenko for his political games. But Litvinenko was an investigator for the FSB, a very smart and intelligent man. From the moment he realised he had been poisoned he knew who was responsible. He believed it was Lugovoi - or his associates Kovtun and Sokolenko or the whole team. He had met Kovtun on several occasions and

disliked him. He was very suspicious of him. As for Sokolenko, he did not know him at all - and their only meeting was on the day of the poisoning.

Eye Spy: We understand there was also another reason for the Scaramella deception story - a smokescreen that involved Lugovoi.

Yuri Felshtinsky: Alexander came up with an idea because although he suspected Lugovoi, he had no firm evidence. Therefore he decided to keep secret his suspicions. If he accused Lugovoi publicly, it was unlikely he would ever return to London. Therefore he deflected attention away from him in the hope that if and



Anna Politkovskaya



Alexander
Litvinenko pictured
shortly after his
arrival in London

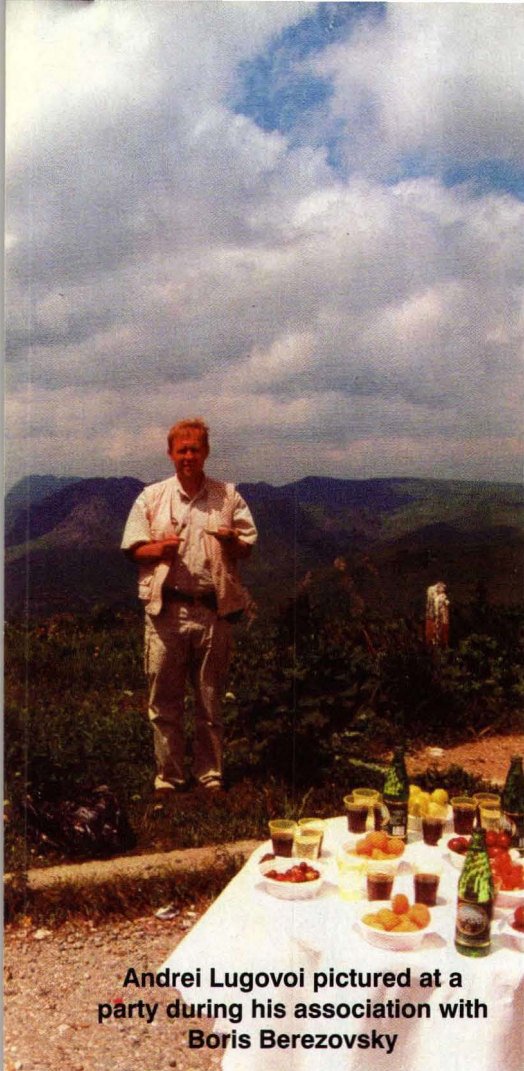
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when he made another visit to the UK, the police, by then, would have all the necessary evidence to arrest him. I think this was a very naive plan, but nevertheless this is the way he wanted things. And for the record, he did speak with Berezovsky on this matter, and told him Lugovoi was responsible.

FACT OR FICTION? - JOINT MI6-FSB MISSION TO SPAIN

Eye Spy: The events of 2006 have been made even more complex with recent happenings and information leaks, one of which surrounds a supposed mission both Lugovoi and Litvinenko were about to embark upon shortly before his death. We believe both gentlemen were to visit Spain and help police in the investigation of the Russian mafia - organised crime gangs.

Yuri Felshtinsky: My understanding is that at one point Lugovoi had



Andrei Lugovoi pictured at a party during his association with Boris Berezovsky

discussed with Litvinenko a number of projects that they could involve working together, essentially. I also know that Litvinenko had already travelled to Spain on several occasions and met with Spanish officials - he was providing information on the Russian mafia in that country. I believe Lugovoi already knew of these journeys.

Eye Spy: How is this relevant to his assassination?

Yuri Felshtinsky: When the decision was made in Moscow to kill Litvinenko, they needed to know of his movements, who he was meeting and decide upon a location where the act should be performed. The decision to kill him in London, was in my opinion, a most primitive idea. It would be much simpler, far easier to carry out such an operation in Spain. It's possible a decision was taken to develop a cover project in Spain and kill him there.

Eye Spy: We take it therefore you do not believe the British version of events - that the Spain operation had been organised by MI6? Litvinenko was of course an MI6 contact man, perhaps even an agent.

Yuri Felshtinsky: Litvinenko had been cooperating with MI6 and was in contact with the Service. He met with officials, but I do not know how frequently, nor do I know how much money they were paying him. However, it is likely MI6 would have been aware of the meetings with Spanish officials. This is a delicate case, but MI6 would have no authority to stop him visiting Spain, nor to stop him speaking. But let me be frank, this does not mean MI6 organised the trip.

TREASON AND CERTAIN DEATH

Eye Spy: Do you believe it was Litvinenko's relationship with British Intelligence that caused elements in the FSB to react?



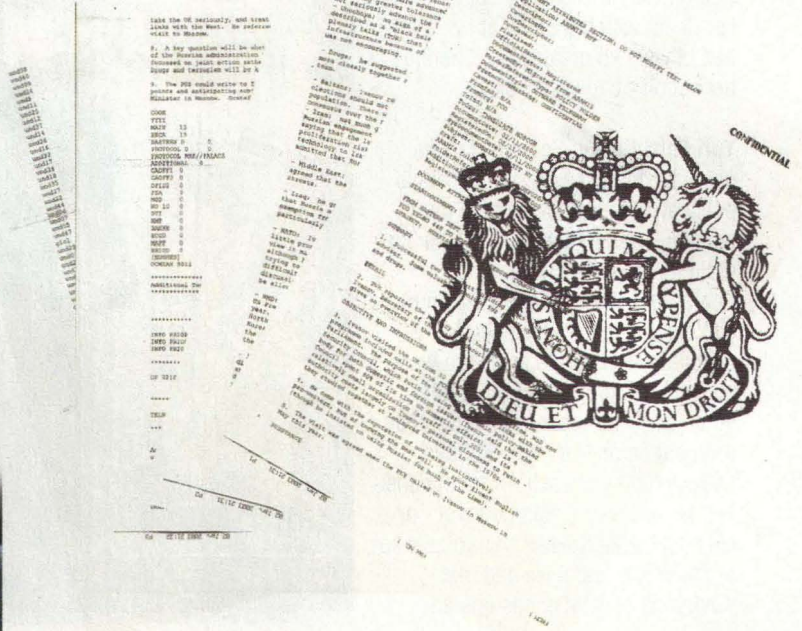
Marina Litvinenko remains as determined as ever to seek justice for the assassination of her husband

Yuri Felshtinsky: If you are asking me were they upset - yes, it is quite possible he was killed because he was talking to MI6. From the point of the FSB, Litvinenko had committed treason long before he started to talk with MI6 and the Spanish security services. You must remember the FSB mindset - the old-style KGB colonels were still there, and even though the name has changed, the Service remained authoritarian. They regarded Litvinenko as a spy and were aware he was working or talking to MI6. Above all, Moscow regarded him as a traitor and for this the punishment in the USSR or Russia is death.

Eye Spy: Litvinenko had an early contact with MI6, this is evidenced by a number of documents which have started to circulate. Can you explain the content of these papers?

Yuri Felshtinsky: Litvinenko gave me a document in London in 2003, related to the

In 2000, shortly after his arrival in London, Litvinenko was asked to examine British Foreign Office documentation related to the forthcoming UK visit of KGB/FSB General Sergey Ivanov. Ivanov was a close associate of Vladimir Putin





Yuri Felshtinsky pictured during his recent trip to the UK at a club frequented by Litvinenko and his intelligence contacts

visit of KGB/FSB General Sergey Ivanov in 2000. Ivanov was a friend and colleague of Putin. By coincidence this of course was at the same time Litvinenko had arrived in Britain. MI6 wanted him to examine the dispatch which had been sent from London to British foreign branches of the government, like the British Embassy in Moscow. Essentially, they wanted his opinion - analysis. It was a very early contact. Ivanov, at this time, probably had no idea Litvinenko was even in London.

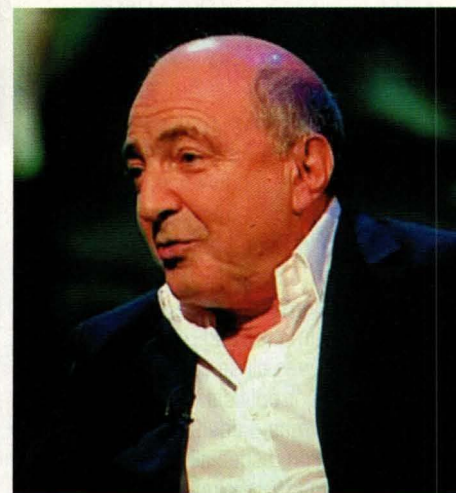
Eye Spy: Why did Litvinenko give this document to you?

Yuri Felshtinsky: Alexander gave me this document as proof he had contact with MI6, proof that they trusted him and valued his opinion.

Eye Spy: Since the poisoning, there has been a spate of legal happenings, and of course, we are still unsure if a Public Inquiry or Inquest

will take place. Central to these happenings is Marina. Have you had much contact with her - discussed Litvinenko's work, his death and her subsequent endeavours for justice and to find out who was responsible?

Yuri Felshtinsky: We have spoken, but not a great deal. Let me say, Litvinenko worked for the KGB/FSB and it is my belief that he did not discuss in great detail his work with Marina. She knew very little about his activities. This was typical, not only for those working in the FSB, but generally: wives were almost never



Boris Berezovsky

involved. If he was leaving for a business trip he simply would say he would be gone for a few days and never revealed where he was going or for what reason. That was fine with her, she was very supportive, but some wives may have been more inquisitive.

Eye Spy: Following Litvinenko's death, what were your thoughts on the reaction of Boris Berezovsky who had been quite outspoken of his mistrust for Putin and the FSB. There was a consensus, at least in the media, that he was helping and supporting Marina. Yet about two years ago the situation seemed to change. Did something happen which resulted in him distancing himself from the investigation?

Yuri Felshtinsky: Even before 1 November 2006, relations between Alexander Litvinenko and Berezovsky were very weak. In fact, by then the £5,000 pay checks had already stopped. It is my understanding a meeting took place and the businessman informed Alexander that he was cutting his pay to around £1,500 per month. This was a huge decrease and I know he was very upset. I'm not even sure he continued to pay the smaller amount - it may have been even less. So relations between the men were not very good at all. As for Berezovsky's reaction to Alexander's death, everyone expected he would use this to criticise Putin, but this did not happen. Yes of course he was asked to comment on who he believed had carried out the assassination, and it is on record he blamed the Russian secret service, but he never used the opportunity to launch a major attack or develop an even bigger anti-Putin campaign.

Eye Spy: Who do you think sanctioned the operation?

Yuri Felshtinsky: I don't think we'll know for years to come. Whether this was Putin or

Many intelligence watchers believed Boris Berezovsky would launch an attack on Putin following Litvinenko's death - this didn't really transpire

someone else in the FSB remains unknown, but remember, the FSB believed Litvinenko had committed treason and this was punishable by death only. Technically this was an FSB operation, and in all probability, officials here would not have to seek Putin's permission. However, Litvinenko had on one occasion reported to Putin, they had met, but on the other hand, he was close to Berezovsky and there was a major political dispute between these powerful men. I doubt very much that such an operation, especially one performed in London, could have taken place without Putin's knowledge or approval. Yet we will never know if it was signed off (written order) by the president or he simply made a silent gesture.

DEATH OF BORIS BEREZOVSKY

Eye Spy: Boris Berezovsky was found dead at his Berkshire home on 23 March 2013. And though police reported no suspicious circumstances, many people in the intelligence world are unconvinced by the hanging explanation. Can we have your thoughts on this?

Yuri Felshtinsky: I do not think Boris was the sort of person who would commit suicide. He loved life and his lifestyle. Information came from Russian sources that he killed himself because he had lost his fortune. I found this odd. He had lost a fortune of course in 2008, following the death of his business partner Badri Patarkatsishvili, who was also involved in politics. He had died suddenly in London

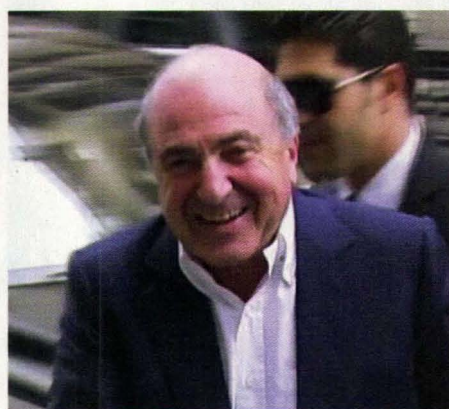
that year leaving Boris with no money. They were 50-50 partners, but on paper everything belonged to Patarkatsishvili. If Boris had committed suicide in 2008 or 2009 because of money, then yes, perhaps it could be understood, but in 2013? Furthermore, he had a number of business deals in the pipeline which were worth hundreds of millions of dollars - the suggestion that he killed himself because of money problems is simply not true.

Eye Spy: He had of course lost a major high court case against another London-based Russian billionaire, Roman Abramovich in 2012. This involved blackmail, breach of trust and contract. In reality, Berezovsky claimed



Roman Abramovich

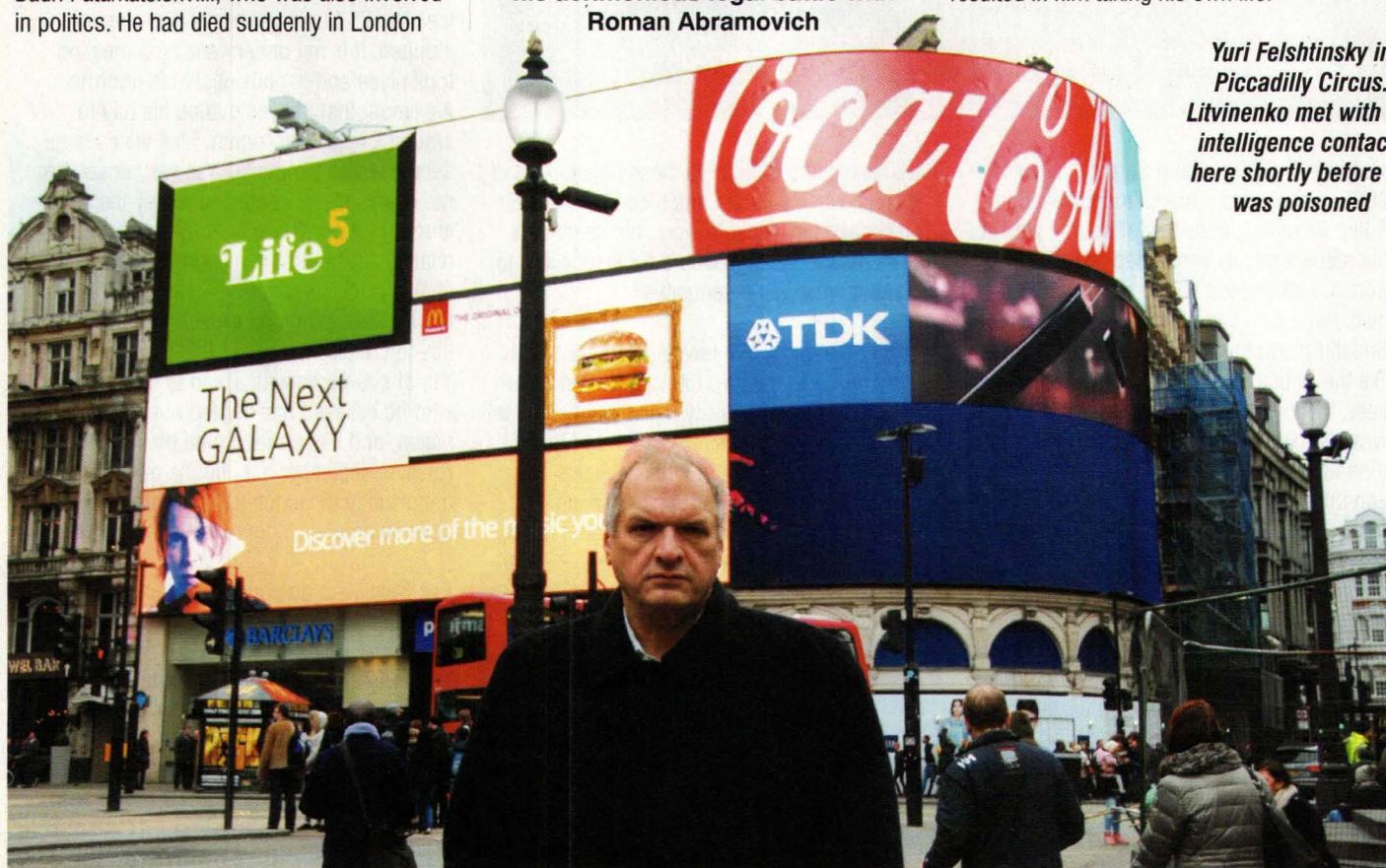
Abramovich had cheated him out of £3 billion (\$5bn). This was the biggest private litigation case ever in the UK. Is this not relevant?



A smiling Berezovsky pictured leaving the court house after losing his acrimonious legal battle with Roman Abramovich

Yuri Felshtinsky: This was a major political defeat as well - hugely humiliating for Boris. He was a man who loved victories and had yet to experience defeat. Yes, he was depressed, but whether this case was relevant to his supposed suicide I do not know. There are some facts which need clarifying. He had made changes to his Will just a week or two before his death. I also saw him twice in Israel - this was not the same Boris I recognised or knew. He was a different person - someone who had the persona of a former successful businessman who was losing everything. He had sold his boat, his private jet, a huge house and then closed his office. Berezovsky was down, but again, I doubt money problems resulted in him taking his own life.

Yuri Felshtinsky in Piccadilly Circus. Litvinenko met with his intelligence contacts here shortly before he was poisoned



A STRANGE TWIST OF FATE

'Russian List' yet to be concluded

Just like his long-time business partner Boris Berezovsky, Badri Patarkatsishvili also died in his mansion in southern England.

In February 2008, aged just 52, he had concluded a business meeting in London with Berezovsky and journeyed home to Surrey. Hours later he suddenly collapsed and died. The official reason for his death was coronary heart disease, though this did nothing to stop the speculation that he was murdered.

Intelligence watchers note that the FSB has produced substances which can produce heart attacks and

leave little trace. One such product is a powder called sodium fluoroacetate - which can be found in pesticides.

New Scotland Yard were suspicious and called upon a specialist radiation team to check the mansion - just as they did following Berezovsky's death. However, British Intelligence were also interested, perhaps because of the contents of an alleged tape recording handed to them via the police three months earlier. This had been hand-delivered by Patarkatsishvili himself. On the tape, two men are heard to discuss sending an assassin to London to kill him. He was named as Chechen warlord Uvais Akhmadov. One of the men is allegedly an official who worked at Georgia's Interior Ministry. The tape was secreted to Patarkatsishvili by an intelligence contact at Russia's Interior Ministry - this after Akhmadov opted not to take the sanction and instead advised Patarkatsishvili's allies.

Patarkatsishvili was a leading opponent of Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili and numerous reports of a

bitter feud between the men exist - some including alleged assassination plots. The Georgian authorities refute the allegations.

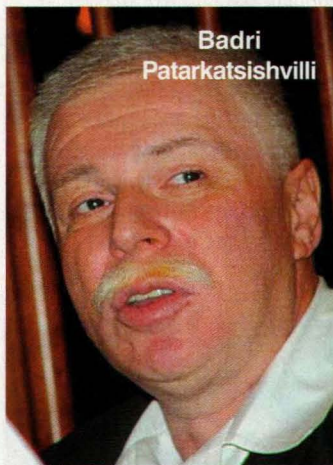
For the record Patarkatsishvili had very close links to Litvinenko, Putin and Abramovich, to name but a few.

Editor's Note: Three years ago Eye Spy became aware of a purported document containing the names of around 100 people, including businessmen and government officials with current and past threads to Russia. Dubbed the 'Russian List', the



Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili with President Obama

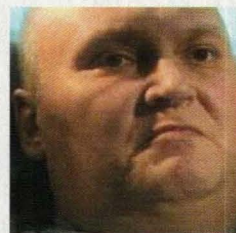
identity of the individuals at risk are almost certainly known to intelligence officials. It has been described by our sources as an 'assassination wish list'.



Badri Patarkatsishvili

THE 'BLACK BANKER'

Eye Spy covered the assassination attempt of London-based Russian banker German Gorbuntsov (right) in March 2012. He was shot six times by a gunman outside his Canary Wharf apartment but survived. Interestingly, he was accused of plotting to murder another financier over a money deal. It is an allegation he vehemently denies.



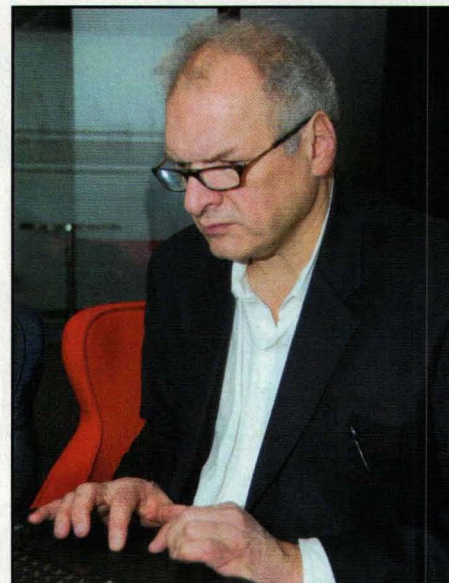
Gorbuntsov, known as the 'Black Banker', is currently under the protection of British police and is fighting extradition from the UK to Moldova. Officials there want to question him over various financial dealings. It is also in Moldova where he is accused of 'conspiracy to murder', presumably connected to the alleged assassination plot. (See Eye Spy 79)

DEFLECTING EVIDENCE

Eye Spy: From a Russian intelligence source, we learned of an interesting development in 2013, which if true, is most puzzling. This involved a Russian investigative team which had arrived in London. They were tasked with researching the case ahead of the inquest or inquiry. Some members were working on the theory that it was Litvinenko who was in possession of the Polonium 210. They had allegedly received information from a cafe owner who remembered Litvinenko had eaten at his establishment about a month before he was poisoned. It was apparently his once and only visit. Now, according to the Russians, police forensic specialists discovered

Polonium 210 traces in this cafe as well. The suggestion being it was contaminated long before his meeting with Lugovoi, Kovtun and Sokolenko.

Yuri Felshtinsky: Your sources are trying to confuse you. This is disinformation. Litvinenko bought a bus ticket on his way to the meeting with Lugovoi. Since it was easy to find out which bus was used by Litvinenko, police checked the bus and found no trace of Polonium 210. However, on his return home - following the meeting, he boarded a different bus. This was subsequently traced in the investigation and Polonium was found. ➔



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Lugovoi visited Boris Berezovsky in his office BEFORE he had the meeting with Litvinenko, and Berezovsky's office was contaminated with Polonium. Litvinenko did not visit Berezovsky's office after he met Lugovoi. Traces of Polonium were also discovered on an aeroplane used to carry one of the Russians to London. And there are other convincing facts which oppose the Russian team's theory that Litvinenko had brought Polonium to the meeting with Lugovoi. I believe this was a very primitive and late attempt to switch the blame. I do not buy it for one moment, of course.

Eye Spy: And what of prime suspect Andrei Lugovoi?

Yuri Felshtinsky: It's interesting to see what has happened to him since the incident. Prior to the murder Lugovoi spent several months in prison. This was because in 2001, he tried to arrange the escape of Nikolai Glushkov from prison (he was actually in the Scientific Hermatological Center). Glushkov was a Berezovsky associate and former Deputy Director-General of Aeroflot. He had been arrested in 2000 on fraud charges which were eventually dropped. But Lugovoi was an unknown. On 15 September 2007, less than a year after Litvinenko's murder he became a member of the Russian Parliament and second in command of the major political party of Vladimir Zhirinovsky. Lugovoi is also the owner of several private security firms licensed by the government and the FSB. His rapid rise into politics and promotion I consider suspicious.



Andrei
Lugovoi

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Yuri Felstinsky pictured outside the former London offices of Boris Berezovsky

Less than 12 months after Litvinenko's death, Lugovoi joined the Russian parliament and became deputy of a major political party headed by Vladimir Zhirinovskiy



Eye Spy: Will we ever know the truth?

Yuri Felstinsky: With all due respect to New Scotland Yard which continue to investigate, I think we do know what happened. Litvinenko was poisoned by the Russian secret service and Lugovoi and Kovtun were involved. Sokolenko says he was there by chance. It is quite possible, however, that other people were involved. What may be impossible to

ascertain - is if the operation was authorised by President Putin.

Eye Spy: Do you think the recent Russia annexing of Crimea and trouble in Ukraine now ends all hope that New Scotland Yard has of ever solving this case and making an arrest?

Yuri Felstinsky: There was no chance that Lugovoi, Kovtun or other suspects would be

questioned in the UK. This was made clear by the Russian Government from the very beginning. Since we are in a state of undeclared war, I think any approach now by the British to ask Russia for assistance in the investigation of Litvinenko's murder would be very naive. I have to say that at this stage the case is closed.

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CIA Director John Brennan on secret quest to nullify Moscow's electronic intelligence advantage

US INTELLIGENCE SEEKS TO COUNTER MOSCOW'S SPIES

As more Ukrainian territory is lost to Russian-backed militias and illegal elections, CIA Director John Brennan and an intelligence team drawn from several US services and armed forces flew to Kiev. Their secret mission was an audacious attempt not only to show Washington support, but to try and counter vast gaps in the country's communication systems that have resulted from a barrage of digital attacks and jamming by Moscow's powerful electronic agencies. Brennan met with Valentyn Nalyvaichenko - Director of the Security Service of Ukraine (SSU) and several leading government figures, including Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk. Though the meeting was unannounced, he acknowledged: "I was there

to interact with our Ukrainian partners." However, he was criticised for not showing more open support for Kiev, and for describing Russia as a "major power with tremendous influence in that part of the world."

Langley has realised that Kiev's military commanders and senior government officials are simply not in a position to liaise or establish a policy whereby the country can counter Russian forces. The situation is also being undermined by carefully planted FSB and SVR officers amongst the militias, and by troops masquerading as citizens, whilst in reality they organise support for Moscow. Many people in Ukraine support Russia, and this is true amongst members of its armed forces. A Ukrainian intelligence authority said the "people have divided



Director CIA - John Brennan

The headquarters of America's powerful National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). The agency controls the country's most advanced spy satellites - some of which are now being directed on Ukraine in an effort to secure accurate intelligence on Russian forces



War



Ukrainian Police have lost control in many parts of the country

loyalists and this is being exploited to perfection by Moscow." That exploitation was more than evident when residents of Donetsk and Lugansk in the east of the country held elections which effectively severed it from the rest of Ukraine.

Some observers have called upon Brennan to help provide intelligence and specialist equipment needed for a variety reasons. However, so embedded is the FSB in Ukraine's relative primitive intelligence service that the



Director CIA John Brennan (centre) was despatched to Ukraine by President Obama. His report on events in the country leave little room for optimism

CIA believe it would simply be handing Moscow an insight into US capabilities. Nevertheless, US intelligence services are actively involved in both an advisory capacity and as an external provider of intelligence. For example, Russia had assembled a military force of between 50-100,000 troops on the border with Ukraine. In early May President Putin declared the troops had been withdrawn. Enter the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), one of America's most powerful intelligence organisations. It relocated a powerful spy satellite to the area and within hours was transmitting high-grade imagery that proved the troops and machinery were still in place.

SPY SATELLITE NROL-39

As a sidebar to the NRO's intelligence gathering mission in Ukraine, it's interesting to note that in 2013, the United States launched

SSU spy chief Valentyn Nalyvaichenko



RUSSIAN GRU INTEL OFFICER WANTED

SSU Not Fearful of Naming Alleged Suspects Controlled by Moscow

Ukrainian counter-terrorist officials released a photograph of Russian-born Serhil Zdryliuk - an operative of the 'Strielok', a subversive group said to be headed by Ihor Ivanovych Strielkov and controlled by Moscow. In April the authorities



Wanted - Ihor Ivanovych Strielkov

released an artist's impression of Strielkov, who according to the SSU is an officer of the Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU) of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation.

The Service initiated criminal proceedings against him for organising premeditated murder, conducting [activities] aimed at undermining sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of Ukraine, committing sabotage and subversion, as well as orchestrating mass riots in the eastern regions of Ukraine. He is also accused of being the mastermind behind operations to seize various government and military installations.

As for Zdryliuk, he allegedly received special training for his mission in Donetsk. That region recently voted to leave the country and join with Russia.



Wanted - Serhil Zdryliuk

The SSU said Zdryliuk was part of a 30-strong intelligence unit believed to have participated in kidnappings in Donetsk.

NRO spy satellite NROL-39 - packed with highly advanced imagery technology: its banner tag read - 'Nothing is Beyond Our Reach', whilst the logo featured an octopus whose tentacles grasped the world. Just as relevant, the design looked remarkably similar to a 1977 anti-communist drawing with the tag line 'Know Your Communist Enemy' (see diagrams on page 45).

BRENNAN'S INTEL MISSION

Eye Spy was told that amongst Brennan's team were several experienced signals experts - desperately needed to provide guidance on communications. Also accompanying Brennan, a variety of operatives from US Cyber Command. Langley analysts have discovered that prior to operations in various parts of the country, Moscow has been able to bring down or block communications. Some signals carrying advance warnings and instructions to ground forces and commanders are simply not getting through or are being diverted. Others are actually being created by Russia to mislead and disinform. One signal called for a base commander not to retaliate and simply hand-over tanks and personnel carriers to a militia. It later transpired this instruction was not sent by Kiev

Command. The Ukrainian unit in question was the 25th Airborne Division, whose commander said "they've captured us using dirty tricks."

Such deceptions and disinformation operations may be countered now following the introduction of US advisors, analysts and strategically placed satellites that have the ability not only to forward messages, but to monitor Russian troop movements. Similarly, the NSA and GCHQ are involved in a secret war to secure communications issued by Moscow to the militias. This involves widespread interception. One such intercept sent by Russia's Main Intelligence Directorate to a number of subversive elements in Kiev, instructed operatives to seize Ukraine's Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVF) headquarters which is playing a pivotal role in organising the country's security services, including the police.

Kiev journalists also said the FBI was now liaising with its Ukraine counterpart to



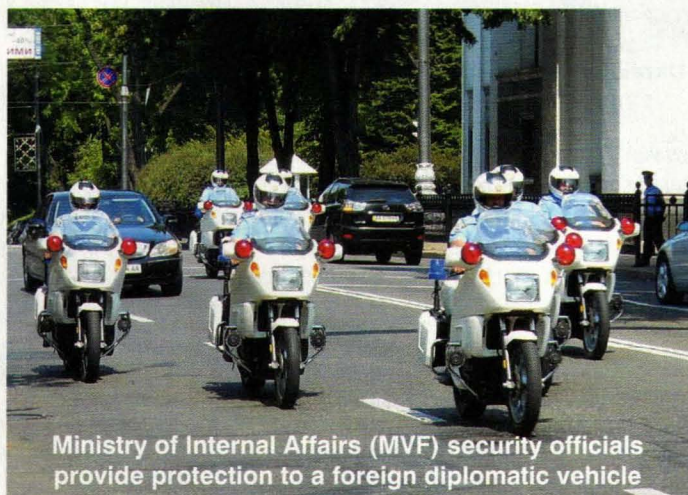
help fight organised crime which is funding many of the Russian-backed operations.

DECEPTION AGENTS

Brennan's low-key presence in the Ukraine is evidence enough that the West has few options to tackle Putin's armed forces. He has



25th Airborne Division patch



Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVF) security officials provide protection to a foreign diplomatic vehicle

SSU Apprehend 'Russian Spy'



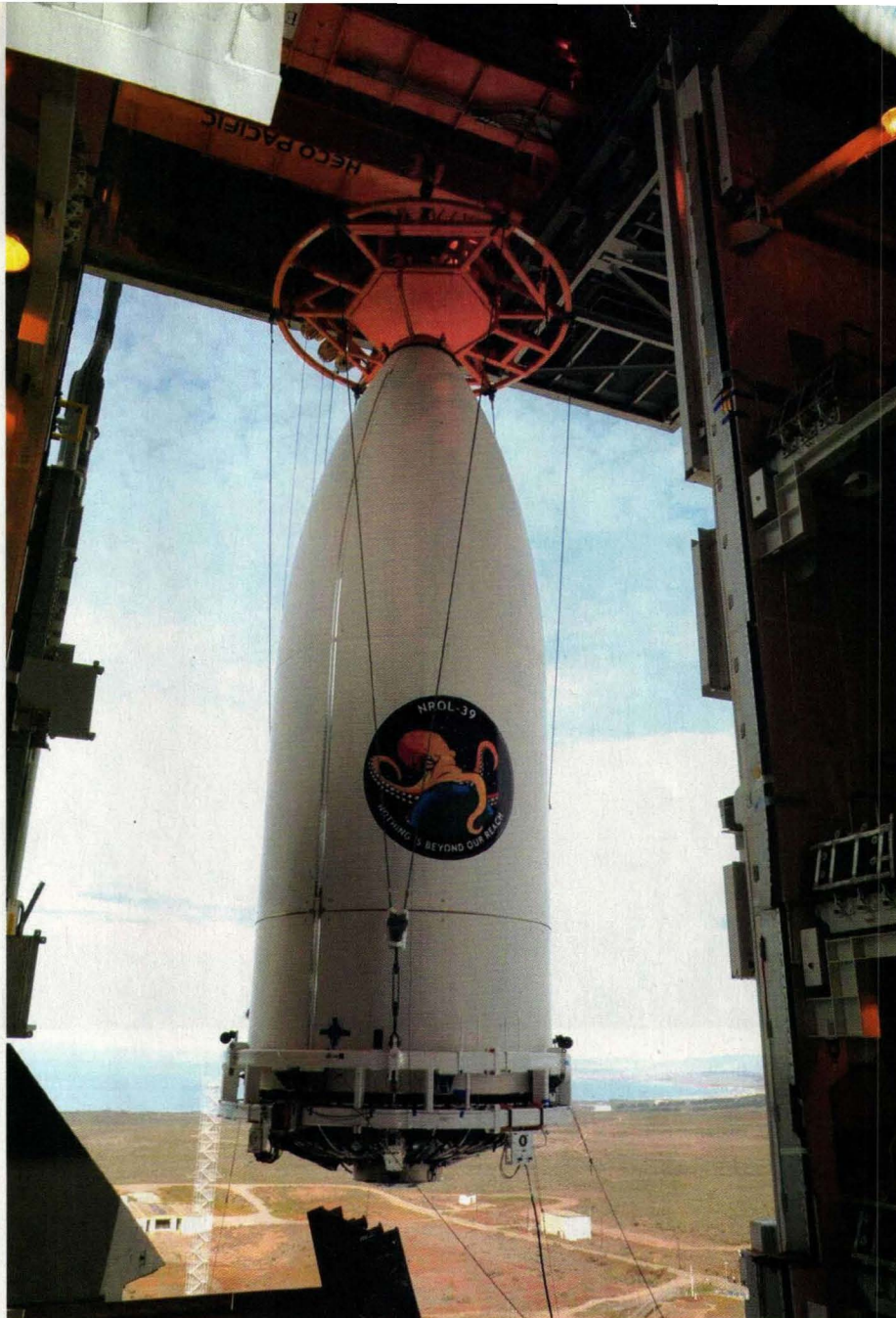
On 8 April 2014, the Security Service of Ukraine detained Maria Koleda, 23, a citizen of the Russian Federation. She is accused of various offences including subversion and surveillance of Ukrainian State Border Guard Service officers. Various firearms and explosives in her possession were recovered.



President Putin signs off legislation that resulted in Crimea becoming part of the Russian Federation



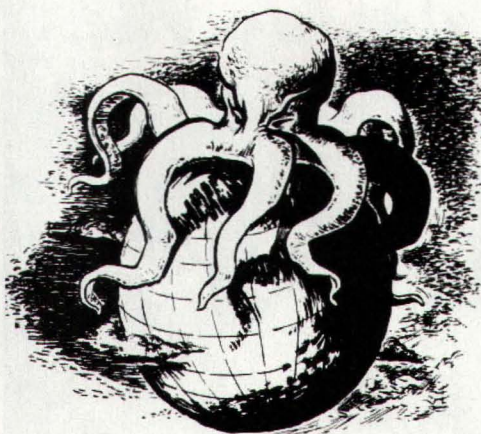
Ukraine Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk said Russia is trying to build a "new Berlin Wall"



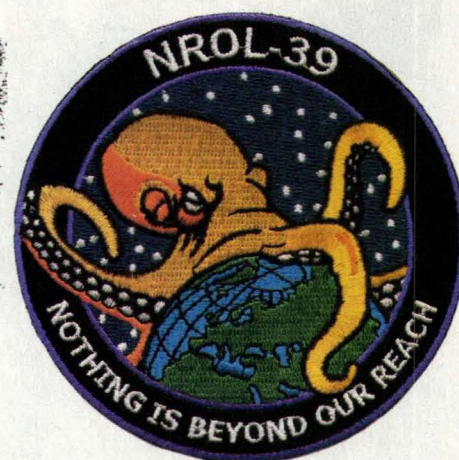
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SPY SATELLITE NROL - 39

NRO spy satellite NROL-39 banner tag reads - 'Nothing is Beyond Our Reach'. This is very reminiscent of a 1977 anti-communist drawing with the tag line 'Know Your Communist Enemy'. Launched in December 2013, the wording caused much controversy as supporters of NSA contractor Edward Snowden said this was evidence he was justified to leak the material



KNOW YOUR COMMUNIST ENEMY



NROL

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE LAUNCH

The National Reconnaissance Office regularly compliments its new space launches with creative logos and symbols. Here NROL-36 is prepared for launch (2012)



NROL-36



NROL-25



NROL-15



NROL-38

advised Kiev that Moscow is simply looking for an excuse to engage in other parts of the country, this following the annexation of Crimea. Similarly, NATO has already made clear it is in no position to act militarily, despite

Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen's announcement that the organisation had deployed more war ships, reconnaissance aircraft and general communication forces on Ukraine's eastern flanks. Some analysts



NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen in Estonia - May 2014



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Charged with countering terrorist and subversive operations in Ukraine is Andriy Parubiy - head of the National Security and Defence Council. He was amongst delegates who met with D/CIA Brennan in April

believe such actions could provoke further trouble and escalation would be inevitable. Thus Langley, NATO and other countries supportive of Kiev can only watch and advise.

One of the biggest dangers facing Ukraine are covert deception agents which the SVR and FSB has deployed in the most sensitive regions and where public opinion is divided. The SSU claimed it had detained 40 Russian-speaking spies in the last few months who have been inserted to "stir up trouble," according to the Service. The true figure is probably 12 of which 10 at time of publication had on their person Russian identification. One so-called 'saboteur' accused of overseeing subversive groups was identified as 22-year-old Maria

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Unidentified gunmen take control of a government building in Sloviansk. The men are armed with Kalashnikovs and rocket launchers





Former President
Victor Yanukovich with
President Putin



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Yanukovich - ousted from his post earlier this year believes he was the victim of a Western plot. Meanwhile, newly elected President Petro Poroshenko (above right) has warned Russia of "grave consequences" if it continues to interfere in Ukraine

Koleda. The SSU say she was also deployed to spy on Ukrainian troop manoeuvres.

Why the original arrest number was so inflated remains a matter of conjecture. Nevertheless, Maryna Ostapenko, an SSU spokesperson said: "These clandestine operatives remain the main threat. We have identified 10 Russians with passports and they are being investigated now. They were arrested for having spying experience. [SIC] The main threat for us right now are these Russian spy rings. The groups are illegal and trained to use explosives." Ukraine's acting Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk demanded that Putin, "withdraw immediately its spy and sabotage groups."

Not all those who have been arrested are attached or run by Russia's primary intelligence services. On 14 April a resident from the Luhansk region was detained after an associ-

ate had been identified. He was a senior officer from Russia's Black Sea Fleet Intelligence Directorate I based in the Crimea. This is now a vital area from where many operations inside Ukraine are being directed.

One proactive measure which Eye Spy understands was a result of Brennan's visit, concerns the banning of all 16 to 60-year-old males using Russia's main air carrier - Aeroflot - to enter Ukraine. A caveat was attached that the ruling should be total unless visitors could prove their journey was imperative. The Ukraine itself has deployed several Special Forces units along its frontier with Russia to support the Border Agency which had little control until now of who enters and exits the country. Described as "tactical units," the force are particularly active on the Azov Sea which the CIA notes is of great interest to Russian support troops.

Interestingly, Ukraine's deposed president, Viktor Yanukovich, speaking from his new home in Moscow, said it was no coincidence that trouble had escalated in the country following Brennan's visit. "The CIA Director sanctioned the use of weapons and provoked bloodshed," he said. Langley dismissed the remark. However, his viewpoint was backed by Daniel McAdams of the Ron Paul Institute for Peace and Integrity. "It is no coincidence that immediately following Brennan's visit to Kiev, violence toward unarmed civilians in the east increased significantly," said McAdams. He also went on to say the "hit and run tactics [performed by loyalist factions to Kiev] are designed to disorientate and destabilise... and bear the mark of past CIA operations."

His unsupported comments were naturally seized upon by the Russian media.



ITEMS FOR SUBVERSION AND ESPIONAGE

Cell phones, code books, cameras, weapons and explosives seized by SSU

Since trouble erupted in Ukraine, Russian spies have had little difficulty in crossing its porous border to assist and direct opposition forces. However, Kiev's security services have had some success in their secret war with Moscow. This government photograph shows various seized items that were being transported into the country.



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The image appears to reflect FSB or GRU involvement in subversion operations. Five cell-phones, 23 SIM-cards, 17 signal flares and five devices for firing them, two military cards of the Russian Federation Armed Forces, three cameras, 11 memory cards for a digital camera, and a call-sign table. They were found on a suspected spy who was detained on a train. Just as relevant - a notebook containing the name and contact number of an official in Moscow believed to be his controller.



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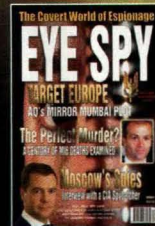
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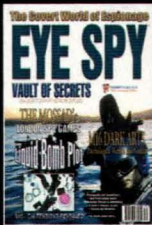
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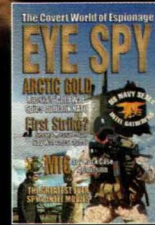
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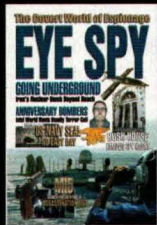
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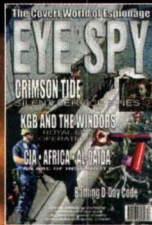
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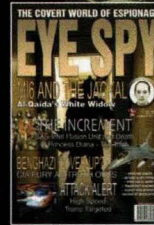
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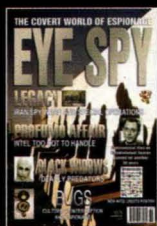
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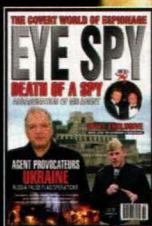
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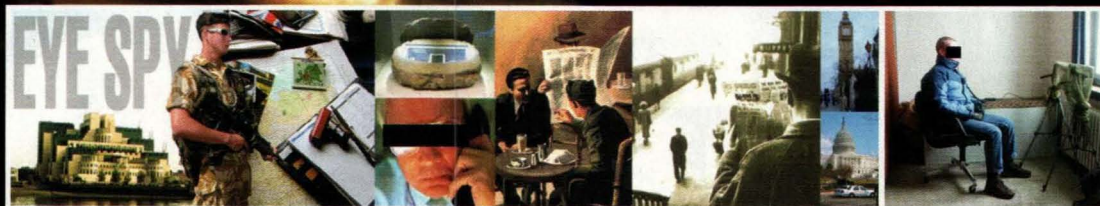
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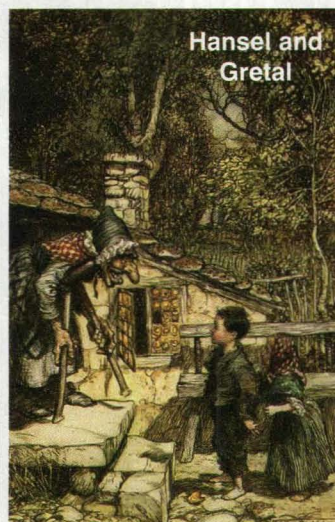
Eye Spy revisits our vast vault of terminology, phrases and acronyms used by the international spy community

BREAD CRUMBS

Double meaning phrase which is used by operational planners and those who work in counter-espionage. Agents engaged in the field will sometimes leave pre-determined clues or markers to indicate progress in a case. This allows an officer or handler to monitor, assess and examine the operation without having to make direct contact. They can also be used to indicate danger levels, allowing decisions to be made in respect of pulling an agent out.

As for the nature of markers, this is only restricted by the imagination of those in the field. For example, progress could be indicated by the

day-to-day purchase of a different newspaper every day. Beginning with tabloid titles leading through to broadsheets. The continuing



Hansel and Gretel

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purchase of one newspaper would indicate no progress.

Other markers known to have been used include the removal of or the shortening of teeth on a comb; book markers which will gradually be moved from page one through to the end of the book as the case ensues.

In respect of counter-espionage work, officers are often confronted by 'bread crumbs' (false clues laid deliberately) that are utterly misleading and not relevant whatsoever to the work of the agent.



This can throw investigators completely in the wrong direction,

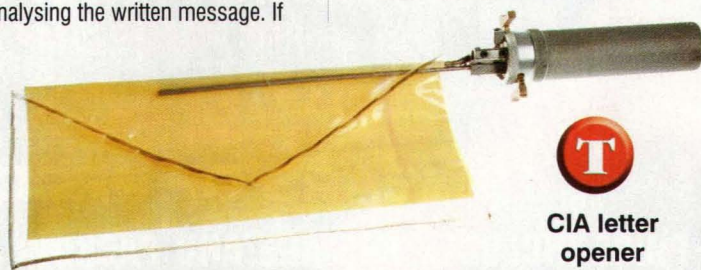
The term originates from the Hansel and Gretel fairy tale where children laid a trail of bread crumbs in a wood allowing them to find their home. No evidence of their action remained for birds ate the crumbs each morning.

TRAPPERS

Before the Internet and fast electronic communications, MI6 employed a specialist team of light-fingered female agents based in the United States, to monitor, intercept and carefully inspect suspicious mail enroute to Europe. They were particularly active during WWII. Working from an office in New York, the operation, though absolutely secret, was allowed by US officials, who often supplied the mail themselves. The agents were experts in carefully opening envelopes and packages and analysing the written message. If

the letter appeared to contain a hidden meaning or similar, they were copied and forwarded to London. Trappers would also examine letters looking for messages written in invisible ink. Similarly, stamps would be removed to ensure nothing had been placed or written behind them.

The sender and receiver of suspicious mail would be noted allowing further enquiries made. Obviously in most cases the envelope was reassembled and its journey allowed. The phrase 'trapper' was assigned by MI6 because the operation performed by the women did occasionally 'trap' foreign agents.

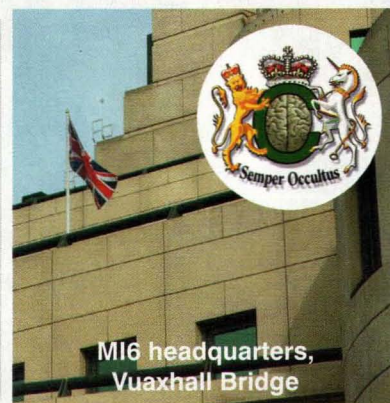


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CIA letter opener

THE FIRM

The British Secret Intelligence Service (SIS or MI6) personnel refer to the organisation as 'The Firm'. From whence the term originates is not clear though was probably first used in the early 1960s. However, Eye Spy is aware MI6 is also called 'The Office', 'The Racket' and 'The Executive Branch' by British intelligence staffers.



MI6 headquarters, Vauxhall Bridge

PROPERTY

A phrase once used to describe MI5 outposts beyond its main centre of operations. The Security Service, because of its secret role, used The Treasury as a front organisation to secure such buildings (for various purposes, including operations and safe houses). However, The Treasury's accounts were audited by the government's Chief Auditor who was not party to MI5's need of such premises. Thus every year he/she was surprised to find The Treasury owned a plethora of seemingly unoccupied houses in the upmarket London districts of Mayfair, Belgravia, Chelsea and Kensington.



The Treasury, London

PLUM DUFF

British Intelligence called letters, postcards or any item containing microdots 'plum duff'. Following the invention of shrinking imagery to the size of a pin head, those charged with counter-espionage faced an entirely new problem. No longer did enemy agents or spies have to send material or information in formats such as a letter or photograph. Entire sheets of information or imagery could be shrunk and then by using a delicate process, glued onto a letter, concealed behind the flap of an envelope or hidden on a postcard etc.

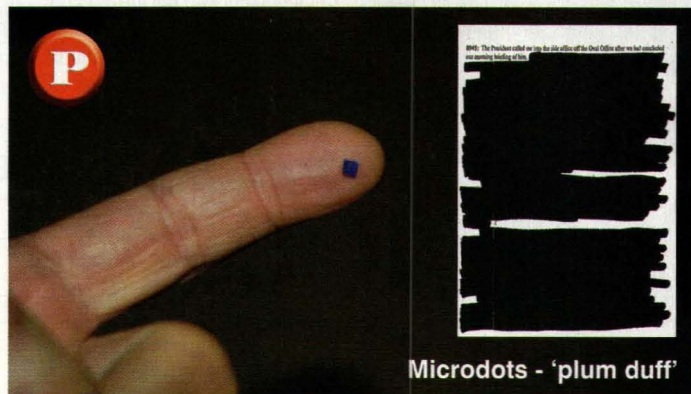
Microdots allowed huge amounts of information to be passed around the world without much danger of recovery. However, over zealous, careless or lazy agents often covered items with numerous microdots in order to pass lots of data. In one case MI6 recovered a letter which had over a dozen microdots stuck on it in the place of full stops. This was described as

looking like a 'plum duff' pudding - a steamed or boiled desert containing lots of raisins and currants - hence microdots were thereafter called plum duff by MI6.



CRACKER

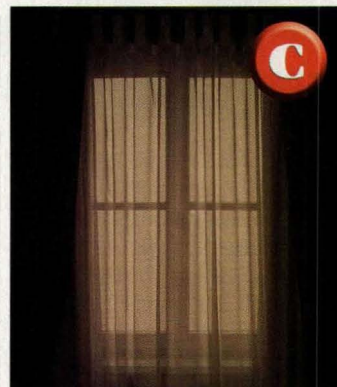
MI6 code word for its own specialist 'break-in' officers that almost certainly derives from the criminal fraternities' 'safe cracker', though in this case can be applied to a wide variety of topics, including office buildings, personal possessions and even computer hacking.



Microdots - 'plum duff'

DOT

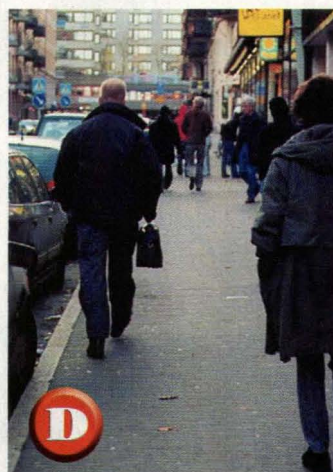
An old British Intelligence surveillance acronym that originates from the 1930s, though probably had a different meaning (or outcome) than when used today. An agent being surveilled or followed by an adversary must often endeavour to lose his 'tail', hence the expression 'Disposal of the Tail'. Today, a DOT order or instruction issued to an agent usually results in passive counter-measures. However, when originally conceived, the message was often interpreted as one of 'permanent elimination' - as frequently happened in WWII.



of a select number of officials (civil/ministers) - this in effect gives them legitimacy. However, in some cases evidence remains that could be exploited or lays bare an agency's involvement. In events deemed controversial, for example, an incident involving death, every attempt, both politically and physically, will be made to create a 'curtain' whereby information and the situation can be contained.

A recent case whereby British Intelligence, supported by a great deal of political wit, occurred in Libya during the downfall of Colonel Gaddafi. Operation Sunatra deployed a joint MI6-SAS team to the desert to link-up with Gaddafi opponents. However, the team were subsequently detained and all their equipment removed. A lightening cover story issued from London and political manoeuvring meant that the incident was played down and its significance gradually diminished.

London therefore had effectively and successfully thrown a 'curtain' around the event. ➤



CURTAIN

Used by some Western agencies today to mask the 'residue' of an operation, even from political officials of their own government. Operations are often performed with the knowledge

TAKING TEA

Prior to the government's admission of their existence, organisations such as MI5 and MI6 had no official way of issuing 'invitations' to those it wanted to discuss matters with (including personnel and government officials). Therefore British Intelligence issued invitations through the Treasury Solicitor. This euphemism became known as 'Taking Tea'.



L-PILL

Various intelligence services still carry stocks of 'L-pills', better known as 'suicide pills' or 'suicide tablets'. L-pills were first prescribed to British MI6 and SOE agents or officers on missions that were invariably dangerous and where capture was likely. However, unbeknown to many, even scientists or those carrying vital intelligence or information not on their person, but in their head, were issued with the L-pill. The pill was manufactured at a secret facility in London and contained potassium cyanide. Its hard outer-casing and impenetrable design meant that it could be safely contained in the mouth. If accidentally swallowed the capsule could pass through an agent's body and be recovered. Only when the L-pill was bitten and crushed could death be *almost* certain.



The CIA also issued L-pills to some of its operatives in the Cold War. Indeed, several U-2 spyplane pilots were given them prior to Russia, China and Far East overflight missions. Famous U-2 pilot Gary Powers was issued with a similar suicide product in 1960.

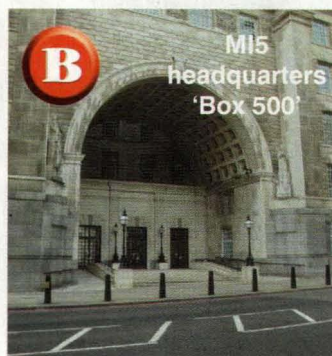
Perhaps the last known case of a spy killing himself using an L-pill occurred in 1987. Two North Korean agents, Kim Hyun-Hui and Kim Seung Il were arrested in Bahrain on suspicion of blowing up Korean Air Flight 858. The men had smuggled a bomb on board and duly set the timer as they departed the flight on its first stop in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Once airborne again the flight continued to Thailand. The bomb subsequently exploded over the Andaman Sea killing all 115 on board.

When confronted by suspicious UAE and Bahrain officials, both agents swallowed ampoules of cyanide hidden in a cigarette case - Kim Seung Il subsequently died. Kim Hyun-Hui survived and admitted they had blown up the airliner.

BOX 500

Informal name sometimes used to reference MI5's address, though the Security Service has never acknowledged this. It is associated with staffers from

Whitehall and derived from the Service's old P O Box 500.



DEV VET

Aprotracted and strict British Intelligence employment vetting system which can entail a home visit and even allows for covert questioning of friends.

LEOPARD

It's one of the most contentious issues in the intelligence world, and not a topic usually discussed by those working for MI6 at Vauxhall Bridge. However, ever since the inception of Ian Fleming's '007' which subsequently generated the phrase, 'licence to kill', intelligence authors and historians have debated the sensitive question of whether or not such a 'licence' exists. Of course all field officers have the right to defend themselves,



Licence to kill? MI6 once controlled a wartime section charged with elimination known as 'leopards'

but no such document or authority exists... or does it? In the 1940s and the early Cold War years, MI6 trained some field agents to perform one task only - to kill. Indeed, there exists secret case files, including a number in the United States, whereby it is believed these operatives were involved in elimination programmes. Utterly ruthless, these deadly operatives were code-named 'leopards'.

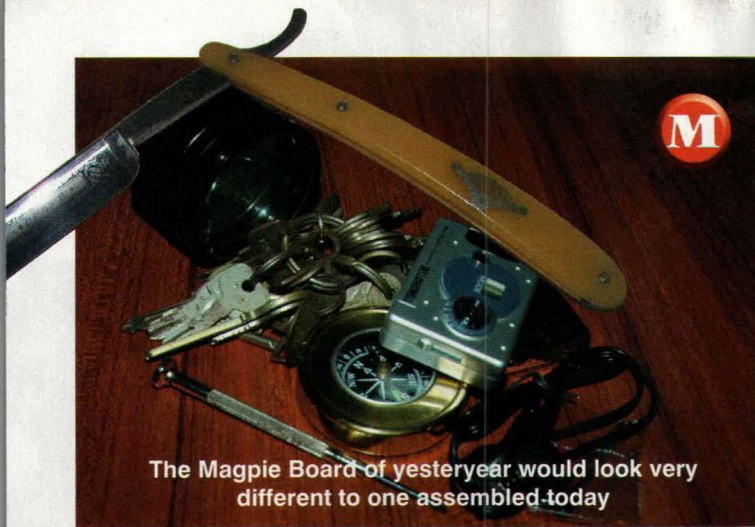


The leopard (animal) has a notorious reputation for stealth and its prowess in various terrains means it is a deadly hunter. Ian Fleming, himself an MI6 officer, worked with a number of so-called leopards, and it is our understanding that he was once tasked with performing an elimination in a training exercise - only to fail. However, that such operatives existed and were controlled by MI6 is undisputed.

MAGPIE BOARD

Aword first used to describe a collection of items that might be useful to any hapless agent who finds him/herself lost, trapped or without means of escape. SOE and OSS agents

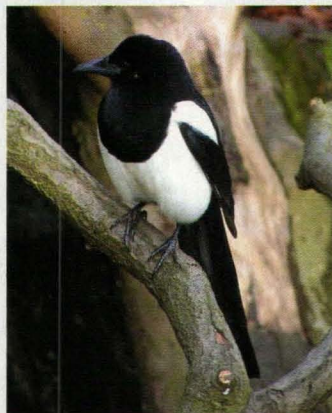




The Magpie Board of yesteryear would look very different to one assembled today

usually carried items such as compasses, knives, concealed maps, screwdrivers, keys and spare components for radios. Wire, razors, and even a shard of glass could be utilised in operations, thus as an agent became more experienced, they also adapted and recognised other products that may be useful. It is a term not used today as far as we are aware, but probably originates with MI9 - Britain's wartime Directorate created in 1939 charged with assisting prisoners of war escape from their German captors. As the war continued, MI9 helped smuggle numerous items in to the camps which aided POWs plan escapes and to evade capture thereafter. Most important were maps, compasses and qualified identification papers.

Field operatives from SOE and OSS found them particularly helpful, and they grew more advanced - cameras, concealed explosives and



radio transmitters were often included.

As for the phrase, this is drawn from the fact that the bird Magpie has a reputation for being a 'jack of all trades' - foremost they are intelligent scavengers, predators and collectors - hence the assembling of a collection of objects for escape or operational purposes was known as a 'Magpie Board'.

SOAP

CIA codename for the truth drug or serum Sodium Pentothal - SOAP was derived and abbreviated from SOPE. During the Cold War it was widely used by Russia's KGB and the CIA for interrogation purposes. This is because the drug supposedly "loosened the tongue" though its effectiveness has been disputed by some medical experts. It is also referenced in US military counter-



Ajmal Amir Kasab

intelligence manuals and officers were given authority to use the serum on suspects. Despite much controversy surrounding the use of 'SOAP' intelligence sources believe it was used as late as 2010 on the only surviving member of the 2008 Mumbai terror cell - Ajmal Kasab.



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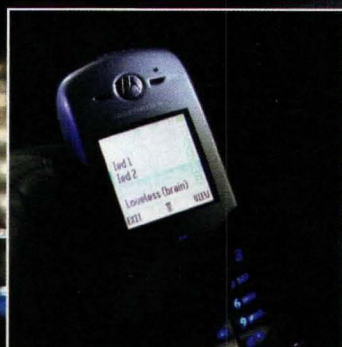
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SURVEILLANCE AND THE LISTENERS

World Less Secure Following NSA Intel Breach



Terrorists are already changing their cell phone procedures after digesting the NSA's PRISM files



As Britain appoints a military intelligence specialist to head its primary listening agency, officials on both sides of the Atlantic warn terrorists and foreign intelligence adversaries continue to benefit from Edward Snowden's 'drip - drip' release of NSA and GCHQ files. And in a damage assessment report, the DIA said "the scope of the compromised knowledge related to US intelligence capabilities is staggering..."

The Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), has announced that its director, Sir Iain Lobban, is to step down in August. Lobban is being replaced by the experienced Foreign Office military and defence intelligence director, Robert Hannigan. Interestingly, in 2007, Mr Hannigan was asked to investigate information security - which a year later resulted in the 'Data Handling Procedures in Government - Final Report'. The review followed various security breaches, including the non-removal of sensitive details of 25 million people from two government Revenue and Customs CDs which went missing.

Intelligence watchers note that unlike Sir Iain, who rose through the ranks of the eavesdrop-

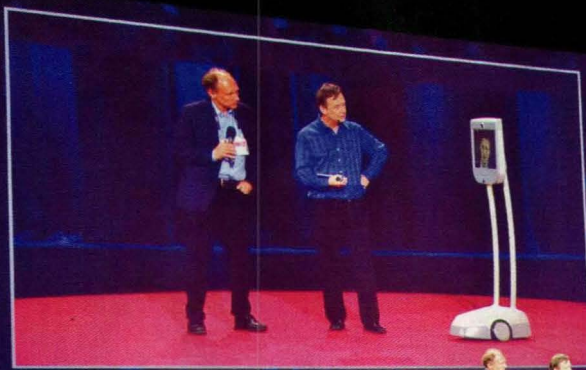


Sir Iain Lobban

ping organisation, Hannigan is somewhat of an outsider. This has led to speculation within GCHQ, that he will introduce new internal procedures in the wake of the Edward Snowden leaks, some of which have revealed the organisation's intelligence collection methods and analysis procedures.

Hannigan is also a counter-terrorism specialist, another indication that the British Government continues to view al-Qaida and other terrorist groups with concern. "Whilst in his post at the Foreign Office, Mr Hannigan has created and developed ties to many international agencies involved with domestic and foreign security policy," an intelligence contact told Eye Spy. "His knowledge and awareness of the threats will be valuable in developing future GCHQ policy, especially in the field of counter-terrorist and cyber." The intelligence specialist was also involved in many crucial 'back-channel' communication operations, some of which are deemed "too sensitive" to reveal here.

Following Snowden's monumental leak of information, groups and factions falling under the al-Qaida umbrella have quickly adopted



Despite his isolation in Moscow, Edward Snowden has been able to communicate around the globe using various media.

In April he 'appeared' at the TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design) conference in Vancouver. Snowden said he would "gladly return to the United States if given immunity from prosecution."



Edward Snowden has been issued with a Russian asylum passport by the Kremlin

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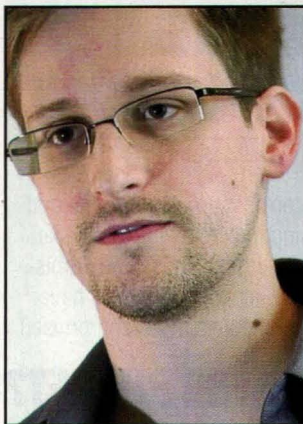
Snowden Questions Putin in Live Debate



MOSCOW: In what many intelligence analysts believe was a carefully orchestrated media ruse, on 17 April 2014, during a supposed live televised debate in front of a studio audience, Edward Snowden asked Russian President Vladimir Putin a question about Russian surveillance: "Does Russia intercept, store or analyse, in any way, the communications of millions of individuals?" He also questioned the effectiveness of investigations connected to "monitoring and surveilling societies."

Putin, a former KGB spy chief turned to the audience and laughed. After asking for a translation, he calmly responded by saying, "you are an ex-agent - I used to have ties to intelligence." He admitted that surveillance does take place as part of criminal investigations, but "not on a massive scale."

Some commentators believe the event was stage-managed by the Kremlin, and there is every likelihood Snowden's question was pre-recorded and not live.

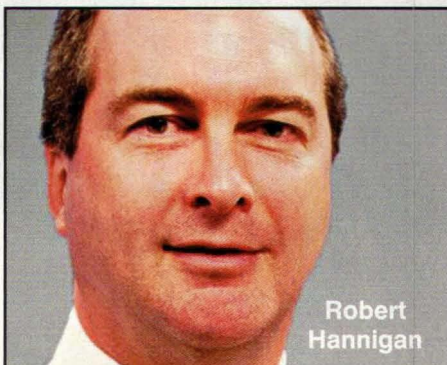


EDWARD SNOWDEN: "I'M A PATRIOT AND TRAINED SPY"

Edward Snowden, who recently described himself as a "patriot and spy" dismissed reports he was but a "mere low-level analyst." In an interview with NBC the former contractor said: "In sort of the traditional sense of the world in that I lived and worked undercover overseas... pretending to work in a job that I'm not and even being assigned a name that was not mine."

Snowden acknowledged he was not a "recruiter of spies" but a "technical expert who built systems."

new measures to avoid being detected by programmes run directly from GCHQ and its sister organisation - the National Security Agency. British Government fury over Snowden's ill-thought out venture and the chosen media he sought out to assist him continues to fester. Speaking at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, former Secretary of State for Defence, Liam Fox, launched an astonishing attack on Snowden

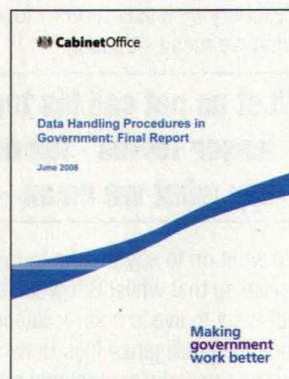


Robert Hannigan

and the *Guardian* newspaper editor Alan Rusbridger, who he accused of "egotism and self importance."

Rusbridger, in his defence, has consistently stated he simply wanted to start a debate on the level of surveillance performed by the NSA and GCHQ on society.

Fox is an experienced diplomat with many friends and associates in the defence and intelligence fields, and has been advised of the



Hannigan's 2008 report on data security

SNOWDEN 'UNDER RUSSIAN INTEL CONTROL'

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Michael Rogers - new NSA Director



General Keith Alexander, who recently retired as NSA Director, believes Russian Intelligence is controlling Edward Snowden and carefully orchestrating events surrounding the former intel contractor - who wants to broker a deal with Washington officials

damage to national security already caused by Snowden. In his lecture, he accused the former NSA and CIA contractor of seeing himself as some sort of "cyber age guerilla

warrior," but in reality he was but a self-publicising narcissist." Just as revealing, Fox used the language of many senior intelligence officials in the United States, who believe Snowden's treachery has gone far beyond that which could be shielded by conscience. "He did not find or expose anything illegal... but let us not imbue his cowardice with higher motives," said Fox. "Let us not call his treachery by lesser terms - for once let us say what we mean - treason."

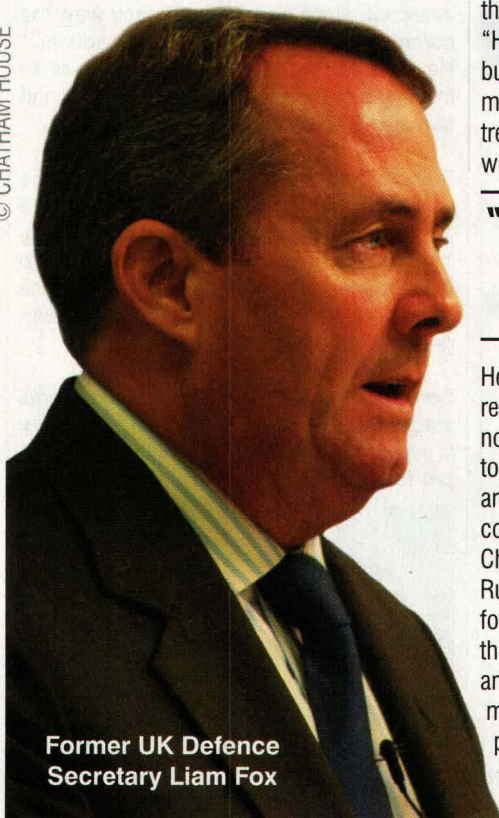
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He went on to say that he found it most revealing that whilst Snowden says he does not want to live in a surveillance society, he took the intelligence files to two states which are becoming increasingly militaristic and continue to block and control the Internet - China and Russia. Indeed, he believes that Russian Intelligence, both domestic and foreign, was able to shield vital information that blocked programmes enabled by GCHQ and the NSA to monitor diplomatic and military electronic traffic linked to Moscow's pre-planned operations in Ukraine. It was a remarkable accusation. As for al-Qaida, Fox said: "We have actually seen chat[ter]

among specific terrorist groups at home and abroad, discussing how to avoid vulnerable communication methods." This is an admission that some intelligence operations have undoubtedly been affected and compromised.

SNOWDEN FSB PUPPET?

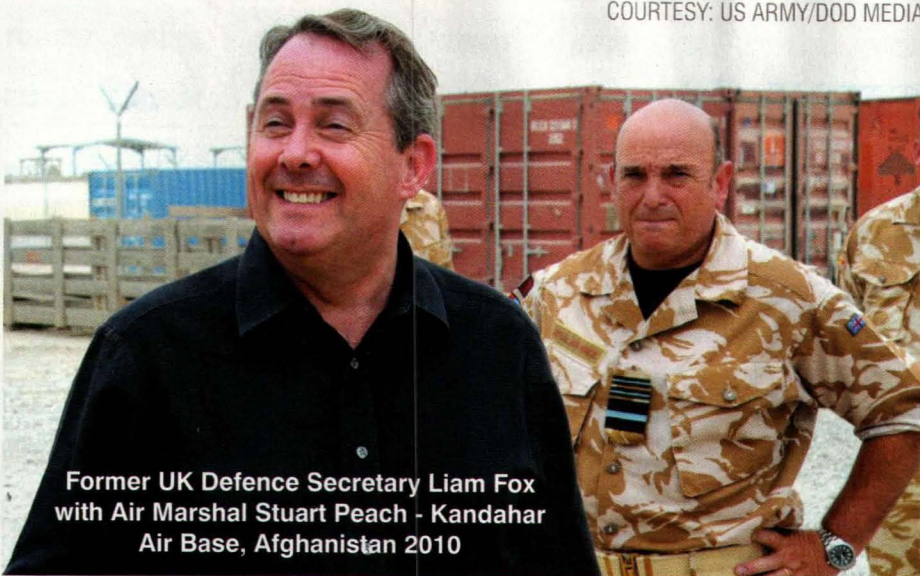
One man who can speak with more authority on the subject of Edward Snowden is his former 'manager' - recently retired NSA Director Keith Alexander. Like Fox, Alexander has launched a



Former UK Defence Secretary Liam Fox



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Former UK Defence Secretary Liam Fox
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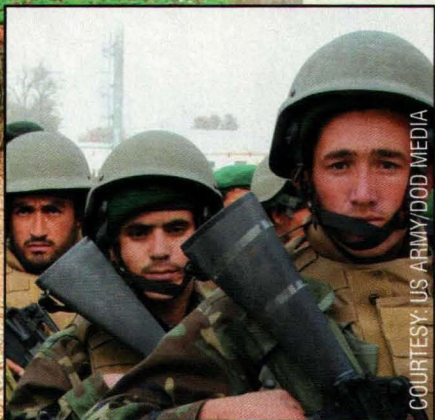
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vociferous attack on the cyber contractor - claiming that in all probability he is now being "manipulated by Russian Intelligence." The longest-serving NSA Director in history said that it is seemingly obvious that Moscow will only allow Snowden to issue comments and perform actions that benefit Russia.

The CIA believe Afghan national security has been damaged by Edward Snowden



COURTESY: US ARMY/DOD MEDIA

Eye Spy learned that many previously classified US and UK files, are now in the hands of Chinese and Russian intelligence agencies. We were advised that attachments, forwarding addresses and originating points of contact contain the identity and cover names not only of UK intelligence operatives, but also of companies and agencies developed by MI6 as intelligence collection fronts. This has already led to the secret withdrawal of staffers and their families from various sensitive outposts, including China and parts of South America. Also amongst the material, over 50,000 pages related directly to British Intelligence operations including both electronic and physical collection methods.

Nevertheless, Hannigan's appointment will be seen as a new beginning for GCHQ, especially in light of the fact that the majority of Britons consider the organisation has too much surveillance power. It's also worth noting that just a few months ago, the NSA saw fit to install Michael Rogers, another military intelligence staffer from the Pentagon to head the Agency and help rebuild confidence.

PULITZER PRIZE AWARD

More Honours for Media Houses

WASHINGTON: *The Guardian* and *Washington Post* have been jointly honoured with the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service, this in respect of their reporting of Snowden's espionage. The Pulitzer Committee praised the newspapers for their "revelation of



Joseph Pulitzer

widespread secret surveillance [performed] by the NSA, helping through aggressive reporting to spark a debate about the relationship between the government and the public over issues of security and privacy."

The award was praised by Snowden from his Moscow base: "The decision is a vindication for everyone who believes that the public has a role in government. We owe it to the efforts of the brave reporters and their colleagues who kept working in the face of extraordinary intimidation, including the forced destruction of journalistic materials, the inappropriate use of terrorism laws, and so many other means of pressure to get them to stop what the world now recognises was work of vital public importance."

- Rolled out in 1917 by US newspaper publisher Joseph Pulitzer, the award recognises, honours and encourages 'public-spirited journalism'.

SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE



FROM GCHQ'S WEB SITE:

'If SIGINT, Signals Intelligence, sources and methods are revealed, it can be a sudden darkening. More often, it is gradual, but it is inexorable.

'We have seen terrorist groups in the Middle East, in Afghanistan and elsewhere in South Asia, discussing the revelations in specific terms, in terms of the communications packages that they use, the communications packages that they wish to move to.'

'The cumulative effect of the media coverage, the global media coverage, will make the job that we have far, far harder for years to come.'

NO HIDING PLACE



GRAFFITI ARTIST 'BANKSY' TIMES NEW WORK TO COINCIDE WITH INTEL ANNOUNCEMENT



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GRAFFITI GREET'S NEW CHIEF

Within hours of the announcement of the appointment of Robert Hannigan as GCHQ Director, graffiti attributed to the artist 'Banksy' appeared overnight on the side of a house in Cheltenham - just three miles from the spy centre. Painted on a wall behind a public telephone box, it features three 'shady' characters wearing sunglasses



Robert Hannigan

and dressed in typical 1950s 'spy attire' holding period microphones and recording machines. The suggestion is obvious - the men are listening to telephone calls.

Though the controversial and secretive artist has yet to assume responsibility, Banksy experts are satisfied it is his work.

Interestingly, though no-one has ever been able to identify Banksy, whose work can command huge sums of money, a nearby CCTV camera captured a van which stopped at the location in the early hours - this before surprised residents woke to find the artwork.



GCHQ Cheltenham



Two figures were captured on camera one who could well be the elusive artist himself.

Asked about the artwork, a spokesman for GCHQ said: "This is the first time we have ever been

asked to comment on art. Although we are not art critics, we are intrigued as the rest of the residents of Cheltenham about its mysterious appearance." No doubt Edward Snowden will be amused as well.

WHITE HOUSE CONSPIRACY?

Top US Military Spies to Step Down

Intelligence watchers in the United States believe the White House has created a situation forcing Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Director Lt. General Michael Flynn, a counter-insurgency proponent and vocal critic of previous US intelligence efforts, to announce he is stepping down.

Flynn, who was nominated by President Obama and only took up his position in 2012, is well known for his research paper entitled 'Fixing Intel' which criticised Afghanistan intelligence collection, as well as personal

"DIA chief wanted staffers and analysts to be more active in the field... that probably lost him a great many intel friends..."

statements that offered a far-from-glowing assessment of intel operations. He promised a major overhaul of the DIA and when asked how he would treat employees of the 17,000-strong organisation who did not like his

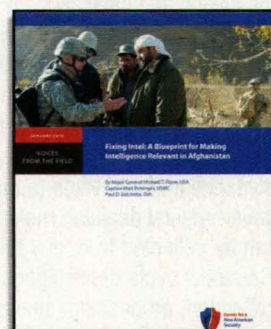


COURTESY: DIA

Lt. General Michael Flynn was the principal adviser on military issues to the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

methods, calmly replied "move them or fire them."

This apparently resulted in a fall-out between himself, his deputy and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper. It also signalled a potential culture shift within the agency, as



'Fixing Intel' Report

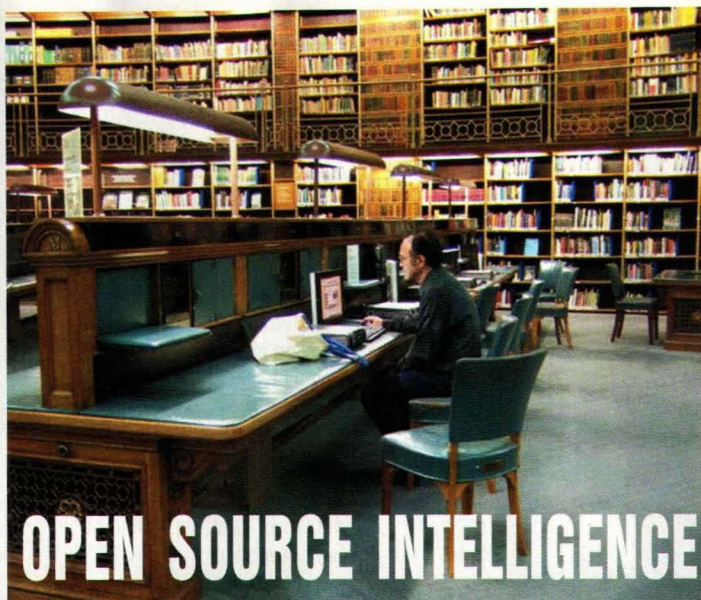
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May 2014: DIA Deputy Director David Shedd lays a wreath in honour of 25 DIA staffers who have died in service of the United States

COURTESY: DIA

OSINT



OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE

Secret Intelligence in the Media



Intelligence historian and author **PETER MATTHEWS**

presents a fascinating insight into Open Source

Intelligence (OSINT) and how over the years it has become an increasingly important and integral part of the intelligence collection wheel...

Many intelligence watchers have yet to realise that the nature of military intelligence is evolving. In the public mind there seems to be little difference between intelligence and information but with the caveat that intelligence is secret and information is not. Intelligence operations are associated in the public's mind with espionage and skulduggery and this has been very much influenced by popular fiction. To serve the purpose of intelligence, which is to provide guidance and add value to the making of governmental decision making, the raw data can be collected from any relevant source. The usual cycle of intelligence consists of collection, processing, analysis and dissemination although it is not often as simple as that (intelligence operations rarely are).

Technical interception i.e. Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) and Electronic Intelligence (ELINT)

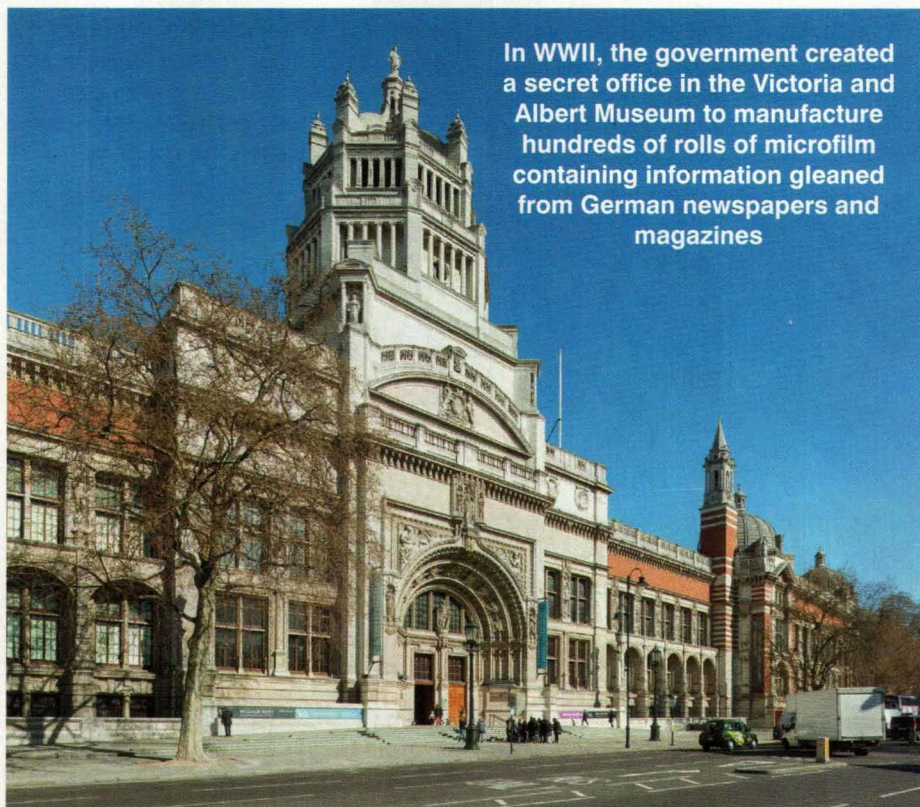
have been the usual methods of gathering the basic data in the collection process. Increasingly, since 1945 Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) from published material and more recently Social Media Intelligence designated as (SOCINT), is becoming useful (and inexpensive) in making intelligence evaluations.

Exploiting published or public open domain information that might contain matters of interest to intelligencers began to appear rather late on the intelligence scene. Although

nations became very active in intercepting and decoding each other's signals during the World War One, they employed relatively few people in the field of securing 'open intelligence'. To be frank, there was not that much of it about anyway and what there was suffered from heavy censorship.

THE CRAFT OF INTELLIGENCE

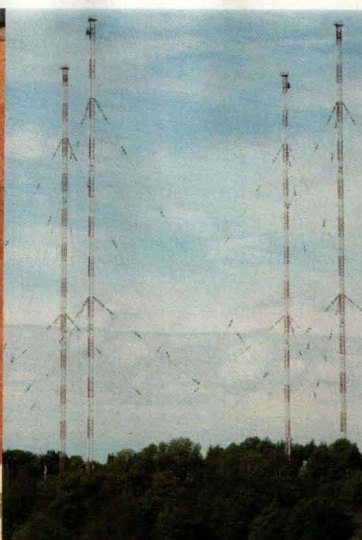
As the war finished the 'craft of intelligence' began to develop into today's recognisable form but still with little in the way of OSINT.



In WWII, the government created a secret office in the Victoria and Albert Museum to manufacture hundreds of rolls of microfilm containing information gleaned from German newspapers and magazines



Cold War doctrine. A RIA Novosti newsstand in East Berlin 1985. Such outlets allowed residents to digest the sort of news Moscow wanted them to read



Radio Moscow/Voice of Russia antenna in Germany

RUSSIA TODAY Moscow's Media Giant

In 2013 President Putin issued a decree that began the process to merge Voice of Russia with RIA Novosti to create Russia Today. The organisation is now one of the world's largest collectors of Open Source Intelligence, and provides a useful platform to Moscow in respect of communicating Russian government policy. Many in the intelligence community have questioned its 'independence', but there can be no doubt as to its ability to source information from numerous media platforms - including social



RIA Novosti newsroom Moscow



RIA Novosti offices in Washington DC

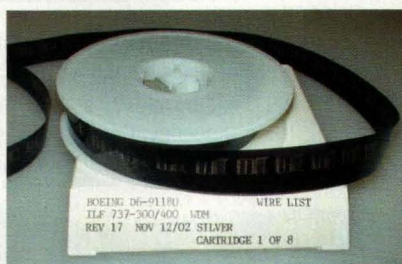
Machines to code and decode signals transmissions such as the Enigma (among many others) were developed and with them the realisation that open source material was indeed of value. Well before the British codebreaking centre Bletchley Park began operations, bundles of German and other foreign newspapers and documentation, such as published patents, were regularly delivered to the British Foreign Office for close study by the security services. However, the supply of German newspapers and documents dried up dramatically as war broke out again in 1939.

OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION AND NEWSPAPERS

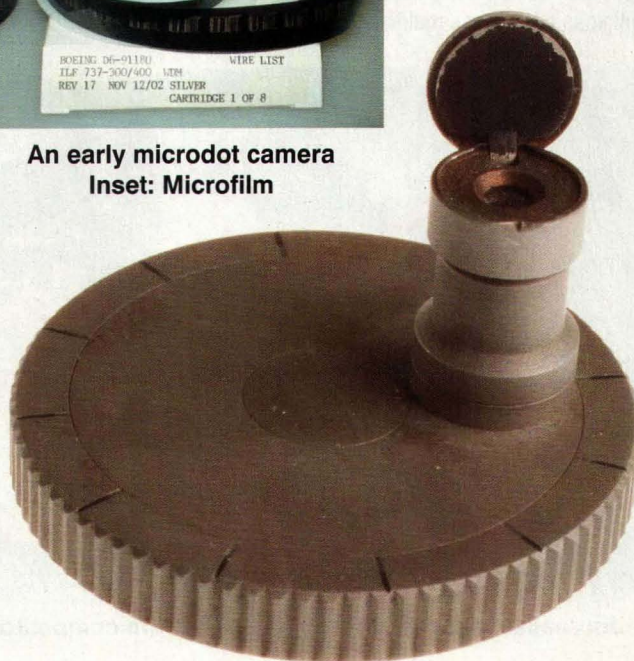
British embassies in neutral countries (Spain for example) were given the task of sourcing all the publications they could but they no longer came in 'bundles' just ones and twos. Meanwhile in the dark unilluminated corners of our security services the demand for open source intelligence publications began to increase. Everyone wanted to read the hints and snippets of information that might appear in documents and periodicals coming straight from Germany or occupied countries.



This micro photograph from 1858 measures just 1mm



**An early microdot camera
Inset: Microfilm**



COURTESY: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY



Before computers and digital/film cataloguing, huge numbers of storage boxes were required in order to index files

Information on many subjects such as rationing indicating the condition of food supplies; a marriage announcement containing some detail of the groom's military unit - all this could prove helpful. The demand grew hugely; so ASLIB (The Association of Special Libraries) installed microfilm cameras in an upper floor of the Victoria and Albert Museum to make hundreds of microfilms of every German newspaper or document that had been 'obtained'. Deliveries of microfilms were made to anonymous addresses around the country by military dispatch riders to maintain the surveillance of German media and also the output of neutral countries throughout the war. Enemy radio broadcasts were another aspect of the media that needed to be monitored for OSINT material. The British Broadcasting Corporation set up a unit at Caversham to monitor and report on enemy radio broadcasts, making it far and away the major open source intelligence operation in this country. It listened to, recorded and transcribed a million and a quarter words a day in thirty languages, all of which were translated into English. This prodigious output was maintained throughout

2008: New building begins at BBC headquarters, Portland Place, London



The BBC is the biggest provider of open source intelligence to British Intelligence, though undoubtedly many foreign services use the broadcaster's huge global network of correspondents to glean material

the war and had not only to be processed but analysed and evaluated. The BBC's role during the war was that of a major intelligence agency; Caversham's intelligence output was huge. The BBC Monitoring Service still

continues in its media rich environment today and is the major supplier of open source intelligence to the British Government.

RADIO AND SECRETS

Radio has always had aspects of intelligence both secret and open to offer, the author is old enough to remember the bizarre and mysterious messages sent to resistance members in Nazi occupied Europe over the radio during the war. The line of a poem - *'the sobbing violins wound my heart'* - announced to French agents that next day would be D-Day - the invasion of Europe.

The tradition continued during the Cold War with the use of specific pieces of music played by Radio Moscow to indicate to their spies in Britain which of their dead letter boxes had a message in it for them. Short wave radio is a more restricted form of media but that became an established transmitter of coded messages by and for agents during the war. The advent of the Cold War changed the

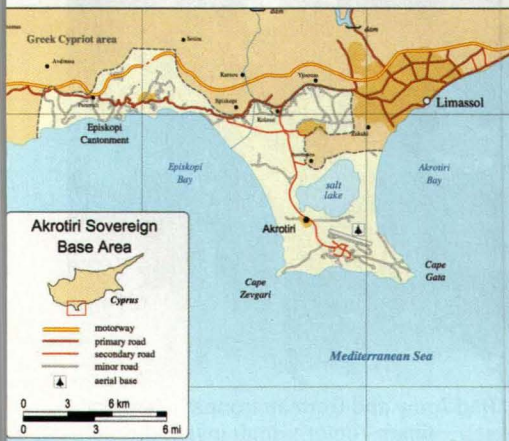


Journalists absorb news and stories from competitor titles and outlets

nature of those transmissions; they were sent from Number Stations that still carried coded instructions to agents in the field. The uncommitted listener is still able to 'overhear' coded messages sent today to agents by short wave radio. Openly transmitted coded messages are monitored by *Enigma 2000* on a daily basis and a closely typed listing of transmission details can run to eighty plus pages a month. A message invariably consists of streams of numbers and hence the name 'Number Stations'. Numbers, generally in groups of five digits were regularly read out in a somewhat tinny woman's voice by the Stasi East German Secret Police at the height of the Cold War. Morse Code is still the preferred mode for some stations to transmit their strange stream of five number groups. Locations of these stations can be found all around the world, broadcasting from Europe, Russia, the Middle East and increasingly Asia. No government has ever admitted to their transmission.

MI6 AND CHERRY RIPE

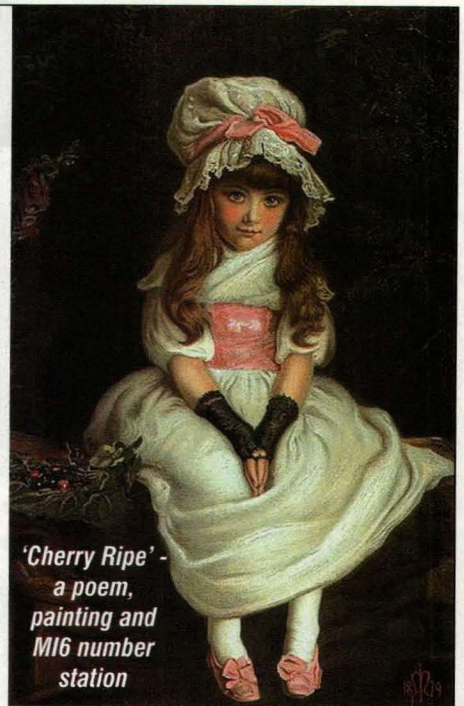
In spite of the style and presentation of many stations, some give strong clues to their origin. Numbers Stations are often given nicknames that reflect a distinctive aspect of the station such as the way they sign off. The format can be 'End of Message', 'Ende', 'Fini', 'Final' and some stations thought to operate from the former Soviet Union end with groups of zero's '00000'. Other stations begin or end their transmissions with a signature tune; a well-known outpost used the tune of 'The Lincolnshire Poacher' so it became known by that nickname. The station was located by direction finder as being based in the RAF Station in Akrotiri in Cyprus. It was almost certainly run by the British Secret Intelligence Service but the station closed down in 2009 leaving its sister station nicknamed 'Cherry Ripe' to transmit its messages to the Far East and Australia. The German Federal Government's Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) Intelligence



Numbers, Music, Poems, Marching and Signals Intel

Hugely popular during WWI, the Cherry Ripe folk song was written by poet Robert Herrick (1591-1634) and music added later by Charles Horn (1786-1849). It was also adopted by artist John Everett Millais and used to create his 1879 painting of a young girl with cherries called 'Cherry Ripe' (right)

The Lincolnshire Poacher song is still used as the regimental quick march of the 2nd Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment - nicknamed the 'Poachers' - the troops are pictured here parading through Bedford (below)



'Cherry Ripe' - a poem, painting and MI6 number station



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Agency used to run a Number Station known as 'Hotel Kilo' that transmitted on a frequency jammed with malicious transmissions from Moscow.

BROADBAND GLOBAL AREA NETWORK

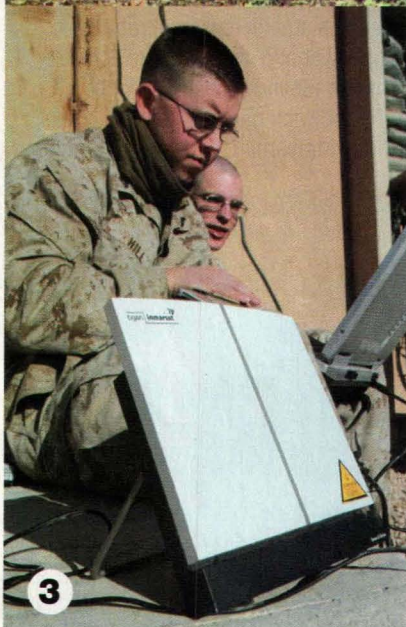
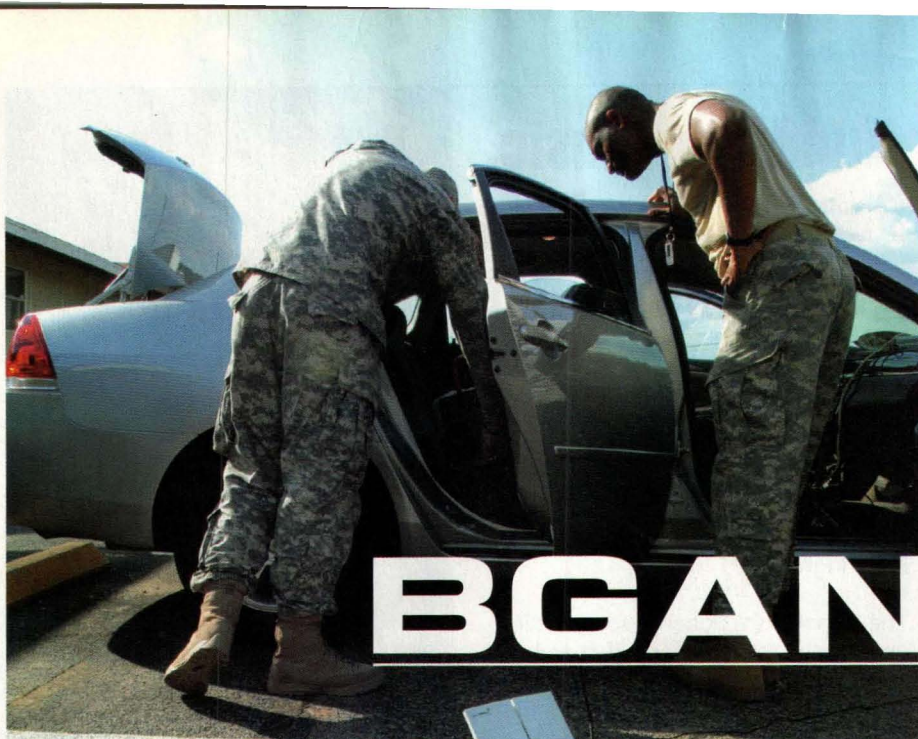
These secret messages are using technology that is growing increasingly ingenious with

images or tones being used to send the numbered messages. Some of the images are quite beautiful and their message becomes even more impenetrable but numbers transmissions are decreasing, probably in favour of newer and more secure technologies. The Broadband Global Area Network (BGAN) is a device much used by journalists worldwide to transmit features from remote

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Caversham Park, Berkshire - home to BBC Monitoring



BROADBAND GLOBAL AREA NETWORK

Besides being an important and popular method of transmitting information by journalists - BGAN is now used by an increasing number of intelligence, security, emergency and military organisations. What makes this system so useful is its accessibility from anywhere in the world - excluding the North and South Poles

Fig 1. US servicemen prepare to upload vital FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) imagery following a major weather incident in the United States

Fig 2. US Army communications specialist using BGAN whilst on a military exercise

Fig 3. US Marine Corp officers prepare to send digital imagery via BGAN

locations back to London via the Internet: messages destined for or from agents of another government can be passed as easily. Devices such as this can transmit coded messages and the technology has greatly enhanced communications methods used by spies - today's 'James Bond' is a computer expert. The same technology makes the location of a radio signal and its operator easy to trace. Interestingly, Eye Spy has learned al-Qaida advises their operatives to "move locations when sending messages to avoid detection." The same advice would have been given to an Allied agent in German-occupied Europe during the war when the resistance were transmitting messages back to their controller in London. In either case 'brevity' is still the watchword.

OSINT AND SPYMASTER GEHLEN

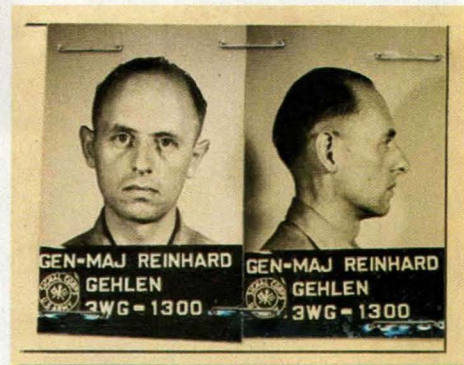
Not only is the technology in the handling of intelligence changing but also the intelligence content itself. As previously stated, there was little OSINT in WWI but in WWII, Reinhard Gehlen, a German general serving on the Russian front laid the foundation for a change in the nature of military intelligence. He replaced the 'old school' traditional military intelligencer who had reported to Hitler that the Russians were running short of men to resist the German invaders. When Gehlen took up his new post he was asked the same question; were Soviet manpower resources drying up? He came up with a different answer. Using OSINT resources such as Russia's published census of its population and other published information in conjunction with his military intelligence sources, he ➤



Red Army and German troops in happier times - before Hitler invaded

THE GEHLEN SPY CIA'S SECRET INTELLIGENCE FRONT ORGANISATION

Controversy over its Usefulness in Early Cold War Years



Months before WWII had ended, US officials became aware of Reinhard

Gehlen's knowledge of intelligence-related matters. Those who worked in the field recognised he could be useful in the future, especially as relations with a postwar Russia remained uncertain. Similarly, it was of little surprise (or coincidence) that Gehlen handed himself over to the US Army Counter Intelligence Corp in May 1945. Evidence here that he had made contact with the allies even before the war had ended, or that he was most familiar with his adversaries.

After interrogation, it was evident Gehlen was never going to be treated as an ordinary POW. He soon started to negotiate his freedom in return for promising to help the United States, especially in increasingly sensitive areas where Soviet forces were intent on remaining and where the US found it difficult to operate. In September 1945, Gehlen was flown to the United States with several



Even before Russian troops entered Berlin, US spy chiefs had targeted Gehlen

specialty selected intelligence associates. Even here he proved useful by identifying a number of Office of Strategic Service (OSS) agents who were in fact communist sympathisers. His flight and training were backed by several famous US intelligence figures - William Donovan, head of the OSS, and its German-based Bern station chief Allen Dulles to name but two. Less than a year later, after being officially released, he returned to Germany and under the guise of the South German Industrial Development Organisation, started to

develop a major CIA-backed spy network.

In time, this would be referred to as the Gehlen Organisation. And, after gradually moving away from his US Army intelligence sponsors (G2), he found himself in direct partnership with the newly formed CIA. This suited him for he was very familiar and friendly with Langley's senior spy chiefs, including of course, Donovan and Dulles.

The Gehlen Organisation would find itself beset with problems, some political, some from foreign intelligence agencies. Part of the controversy lay with his hiring of ex-Nazis as agents. It was also a dilemma for Washington, for officials were uncomfortable with this, but tended to look the other way because of the high value intelligence being provided by Gehlen.

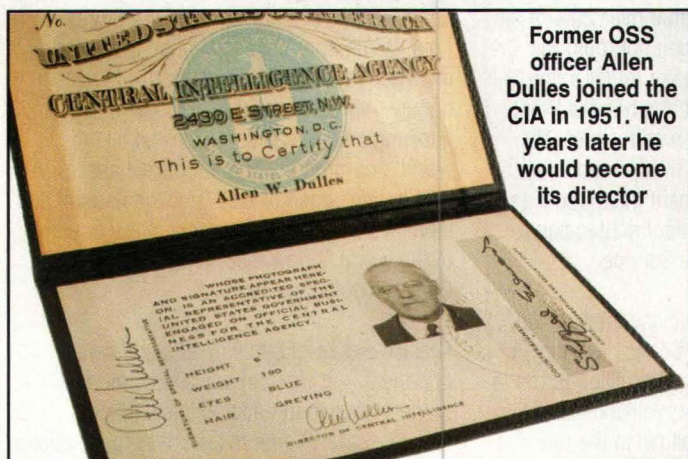
Moscow knew of Gehlen and his agency's role as a CIA front. Efforts were made to infiltrate the organisation, and by exposing its links with former Nazis and war crimi-

nals, eventually it would lose credibility - even in the West. Nevertheless, in 1956, the Gehlen spy network formed the basis for the creation of Germany's Federal Intelligence Service - the BND. Indeed, he himself would remain as its chief for a further 12 years.

Many historians claim that Gehlen played a pivotal role in helping Langley ascertain just what the Soviets were up to in many countries. Others, however, feel his importance was exaggerated and his association with the Agency most damaging. For example, years after his death and through the careful sifting and translating of archive files, it has transpired that five associates of the notorious Adolf Eichmann worked for the CIA; over a 100 Gehlen staffers (including agents) were former Gestapo or SD officers. Notes also show Langley had approached about 20 known Nazis and interviewed them for employment in the Agency.



Reinhard Gehlen



Former OSS officer Allen Dulles joined the CIA in 1951. Two years later he would become its director

COURTESY: CIA



Female factory workers in Moscow. CIRCA 1941. By examining various published material on the state of the Russian economy, Gehlen was able to predict that the Soviet war effort would slow down - thus allowing Germany vital time to stabilise its forces on the Eastern Front



Reinhard Gehlen would be utilised by the CIA for two decades after the war ended

was able to say the Red Army had a great many reserves of man power on which to draw. His evaluation using the same OSINT sources and techniques was bad news for the German High Command but he was able to reveal a weakness the Soviet's had of which the German Generals were not aware.

Gehlen was able to predict that the Soviet war effort would slow down due to a shortage of coal, steel and other commodities and so it did. The Russian front stabilised for the Germans in 1942 until American and British tanks plus other weapons and supplies reached the Red Army which prepared for another offensive.

Gehlen had predicted Russia's weakness by using OSINT and was about to do it again later for the Allies in the Cold War.

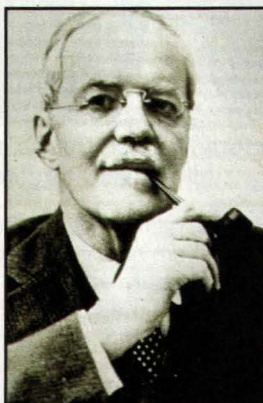
THE GEHLEN SPY ORGANISATION

As Germany surrendered in 1945, Gehlen took all the intelligence data on the Red Army and the Russian economy that he had amassed and negotiated a deal with the US Army. He formed the Gehlen Organisation with the help of the Americans and built himself up as its

chief to become one of the great spymasters of the Cold War. He was helped by another great spymaster Allan Dulles who had just been appointed head of the newly formed CIA. The Americans supported Gehlen with \$2 million in 1946 that enabled his agency to provide 70% of all military and economic intelligence for the Allies during Russia's Berlin air blockade and the Cold War.

Gehlen's organisation increasingly used OSINT in his evaluations for the Allies as he had done in the war and estimated that over 20% of his intelligence came from open sources. His organisation became a major factor in the Cold War conflict until 1956 when the West German Federal Republic was formed. The Gehlen Organisation was then handed over to the new German government that used it as a foundation of the Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) Federal Intelligence Service.

Today the BND is a world class intelligence agency and interestingly, Chancellor Angela Merkel has just allocated 100 million Euros to be spent on intelligence surveillance of the Social Media (SOCINT) following the row



CIA spymaster Allan Dulles. His support of Gehlen would prove crucial during the Berlin blockade

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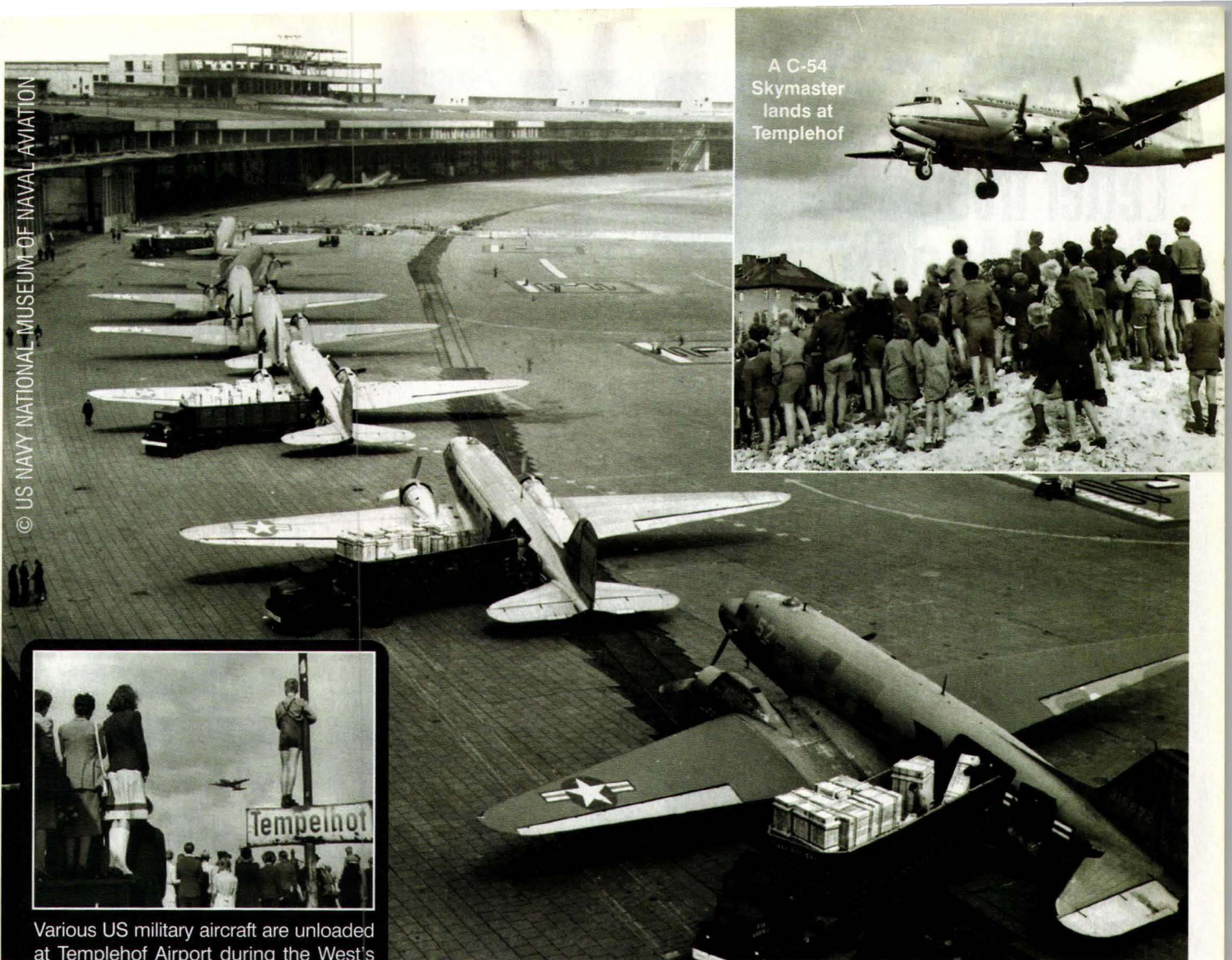
East German troops read news provided for by Moscow

about her mobile telephone being bugged by the NSA.

US INTEL CONCERNS OVER BRITAIN

Germany's increasing involvement in intelligence operations could affect Britain's standing in the intelligence community. America has looked to Britain as its chief ally in military matters since the war but has lately begun to criticise its military preparedness. British military and economic intelligence capability has always been seen by America as a centre of excellence. Could the centre of that military intelligence capability in GCHQ be diluted by the progress that Germany is making; would it reduce Britain's importance to the United States and standing in the world? Does it matter? I saw a changing face of open intelligence when I recently visited the headquarters of Bloomberg in the City of London. Its core business is the provision of intelligence to the financial sector; I was hugely impressed by the data banks of information and values on almost all the world's commodity and economic assets. A detailed database of OSINT of the mineral and industrial resources of almost every country of the world is now electronically available - Gehlen would have loved it.

Military orders of battle of all significant opponents (or friends) will always be the prime objective of national intelligence agencies and of course terrorist organisations,



A C-54 Skymaster lands at Templehof



Various US military aircraft are unloaded at Templehof Airport during the West's Berlin airlift to help provide vital food stuffs, fuel and other essentials to the civilian population affected by Moscow's Berlin blockade. All road, rail and canal access was blocked by the Soviets. The incident, which lasted nearly a year from June 1948 to May 1949, signalled the beginning of the Cold War. Air forces from various Western nations flew an astonishing 200,000 flights.

Gehlen's spy agency had received \$2 million from the USA in 1946 that helped provide 70% of all military and economic intel for the Allies during the blockade

but OSINT will be an increasingly important constituent of intelligence evaluations.

Measuring the outcome of a confrontation between India and Pakistan, or even Japan and China could involve which of them being able to out produce the other - just as important perhaps as the army which has the best order of battle (ORBAT).

Open source material usage has certainly increased since Gehlen used 20% in the basic intelligence data of the evaluation he gave Hitler in estimating the size of the Soviet Union's manpower resources. The increasing

use of OSINT since that time is certain but what its contribution is we will almost certainly never know, although its growing value is proven. The changing face of cryptography is also uncertain but the huge

investment in the BND's intelligence operations by the German Federal Government is significant. And take note, much of it will be directed towards the surveillance of the Internet and the Social Media.

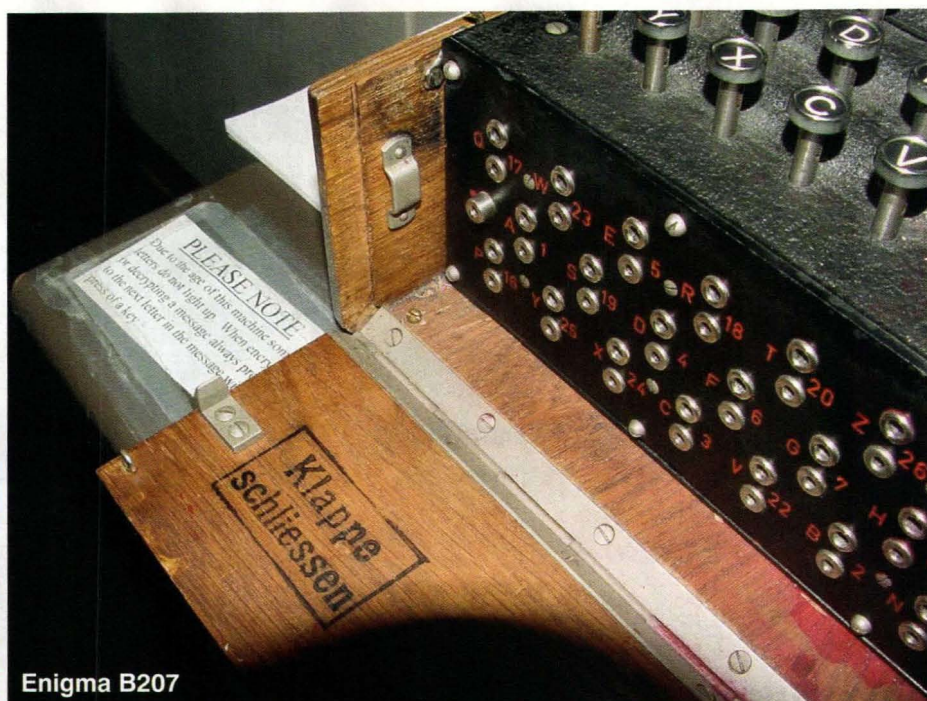


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Letter from Fort Meade by David Hamer



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



Enigma B207

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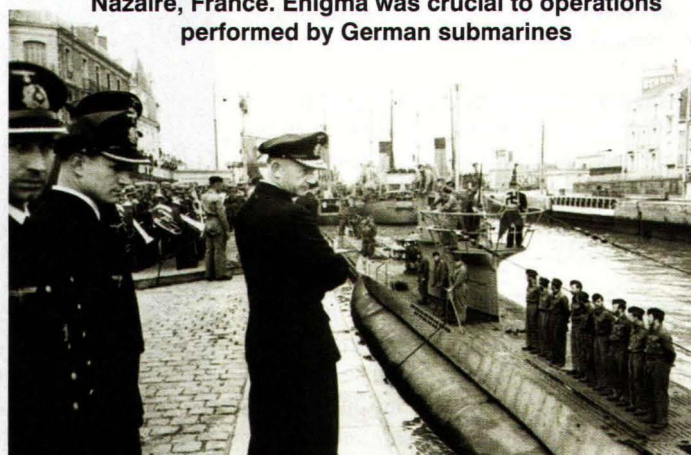
"The mystery deepens after a Top Secret and very urgent order for two B-series machines in 1943..."

ENIGMA B207 HITLER'S CIPHER MACHINE?

Since the 1970s, when the secrets of Bletchley Park and the part it played in the breaking of German military and diplomatic codes and ciphers in the years leading up to and during World War Two were revealed, you will find few, if any, sentient beings in the Western world who remain unaware of the star role played by Germany's most ubiquitous cipher machine - Enigma.

Enigma was not a single device but existed in numerous forms and variations - both civilian and military. The most widely used example from this large Enigma family was Enigma I (Model I) - that's an alphabetic 'I', not a Roman 'one'... commonly known as the 'Service Enigma'. It was used primarily by the German Army (Heer) and Air Force (Luftwaffe). The German Navy (Kriegsmarine) was a prolific user of Enigma particularly among its Atlantic U-boat fleet. However, it used a somewhat more complex machine and operational procedures than

Admiral Donitz inspects the U-boat base at Saint Nazaire, France. Enigma was crucial to operations performed by German submarines



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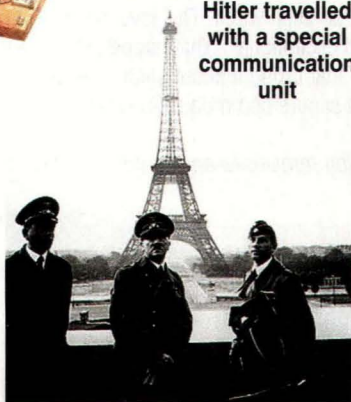


Various types of Enigmas on display at the NSA's National Cryptologic Museum

did the other services. The military variants were developed from the original Commercial Enigmas developed shortly after the end of World War One. These it was hoped would help business communications burgeon in the years following the conflict.

Enigma also played an important communications role in the Spanish Civil War when a number of modified Commercial Enigmas were sold by Germany to Franco's side of that conflict. At this point in its development history all non-naval Enigma machines carried a serial number beginning with an 'A', regardless of model number, which can lead to more than a little confusion when researching their individual histories. Following a

Hitler travelled with a special communication unit



change in about 1936, the various serial number prefixes began, at least in part, to reflect the model differences and from this point on all machines carrying an 'A' serial number were either army or air force. Naval machines carried an 'M' prefix.

The following paragraphs introduce a break in the numbering of the Model I Enigma that occurred when ➤

Rotor windows from a German Kriegsmarine (navy) Enigma machine



General Franco and Heinrich Himmler (centre) in Madrid 1938. Franco's forces used the Commercial Enigma



German troops operate an Enigma



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**Enigma operator
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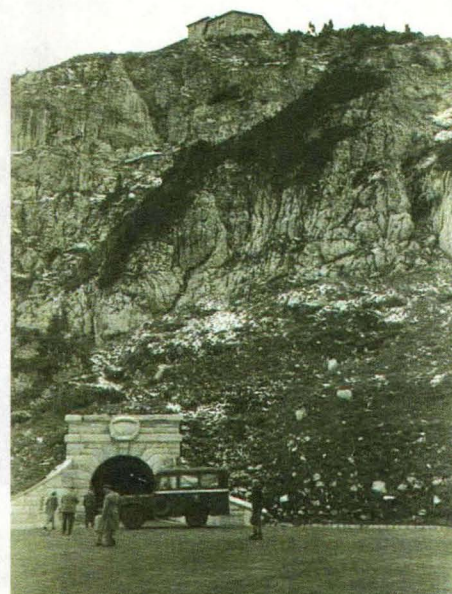
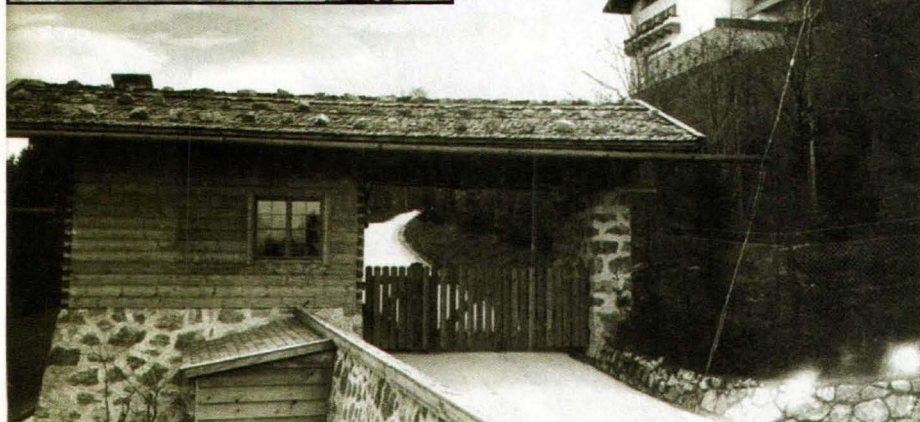
in about 1937 a small number of machines appeared, carrying a 'B' prefix to their serial numbers... for ease of use and at the risk of perhaps increasing the model/serial number confusion described above, I will label this small group of machines - only 24 in all - as 'Enigma B' (serial numbers running from B201 to B224) though they were in fact all modified Enigma I machines.

A very special version of the Army Enigma is seen in the B-series of machines. These Enigmas have wheel and plugboard markings in red (as distinct from the normal Service Enigma where such markings are in black). The internal wiring of B207 has been determined to be very different to that of a standard, run-of-the-mill army machine. The senior engineer of the original manufacturer, Heimsoeth and Rinke (H&R), said during an interview with a US Army interrogation team, that it was his belief that these special Enigmas were used at the various locations of Adolf Hitler's headquarters. Hitler

had a mobile communications unit that accompanied him on his special train and this unit may well have used some of these machines. To date only one B-series machine is known to have survived the war: this machine with the serial number B207, manufactured in 1937, is now in the collection of the National Cryptologic Museum at Fort George G. Meade adjacent to the headquarters of the National Security Agency in Maryland. B207 is not yet on display to the public - currently it is undergoing minor refurbishment.

B207's 1937 manufacturing date is interesting. It suggests that these particular machines were in use early, long before Hitler had even established his various headquarters. However, the deployment fits with the date for the extensions to and modification of Hitler's home in the Bavarian Alps, the Berghof, which was finished in 1936. As Hitler began to use this location more frequently it is likely that a more secure communications channel - one that could not be intercepted and read by regular army units - was established. Another clue to the use of this machine can be found in a letter from Army Headquarters dated 11 May 1942. It concerns the urgent repair of Enigma machine B201 assigned to the cipher office of the German High Command.

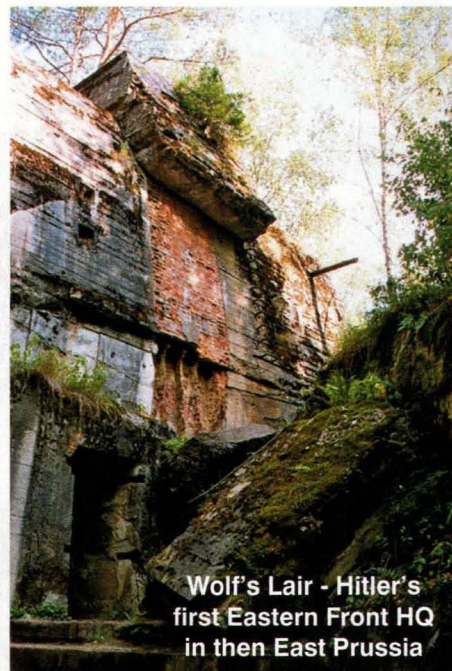
**Hitler's residence - The Berghof,
Berchtesgaden. Inset: Adolf Hitler on the
steps of the Berghof welcomes British
Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain**



**Eagle's Nest military complex showing
tunnel access near Berchtesgaden**

The mystery deepens with a Top Secret and very urgent order for two B-series machines in 1943. On 15 May H&R received a letter from the German High Command with an order for two cipher machines for an unspecified but very special communications purpose. For the two machines with the serial numbers B222 and B223 changes were required that were subject to exceptional secrecy. The changes could only be made in the presence of an official from the Army's High Command. Furthermore, the acceptance tests of the machines had to be performed with the standard army wheels and reflector installed, the special wheels could not be left with H&R after they had been wired. This level of secrecy was indeed exceptional. What happened in May/June 1943 that brought about such a special, private and secure communications link?

That question remains unanswered... for now.



**Wolf's Lair - Hitler's
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in then East Prussia**

Changing of the Guard

Ceremonies mark retirement of NSA Director General Keith Alexander and official appointment of his replacement - Admiral Michael Rogers



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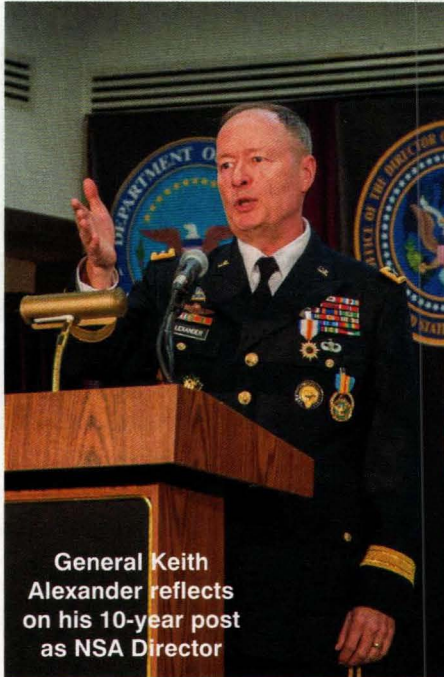


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Admiral Rogers accepts the NSA flag from Dr Michael Vickers Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, at the Assumption of Command Ceremony



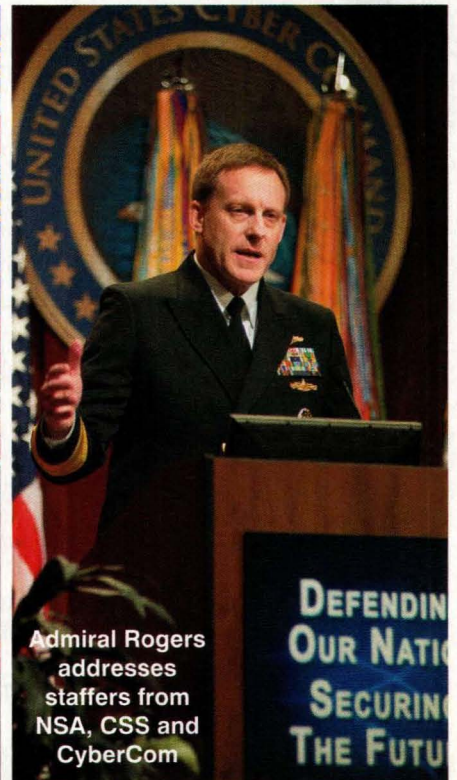
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This feature identifies the pioneers of special combat training and the skills necessary to outwit opponents

PART 4

ENCOUNTER CONTROL IN THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE

MIKE FINN

1962 SAC had over 160 trained black belt instructors.

Around 2002, the Americans introduced Modern Army Combative (MAC) to their military. This was a compilation of various armed and unarmed skills, taught in a simple framework; however, various nations had their own ideas about what to include. Since the last world war less emphasis has been placed on

Thanks to the media and film world the public image of intelligence combative systems is somewhat misleading. To see behind the veil we have to look towards some of the pioneers in this field. Combat training with military and intelligence personnel goes back thousands of years, but in recent history the early modern forerunners set the template for present day.

Among those pioneers was Lt. Colonel William Ewart Fairbairn (1885-1960), who taught



William Ewart Fairbairn

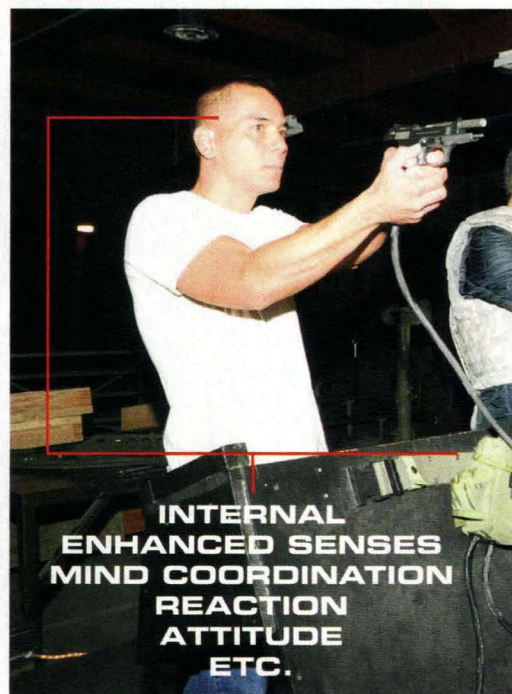
military and intelligence agents in both Britain and America. He had an interesting background beginning with the Royal Marines in 1901, and later gained much experience of fighting while

working with the Shanghai Police in the 1920s. He studied a number of martial arts and developed his own system called 'Defendu'.



During the last war he trained British commandos, the US Special Forces, as well as British Intelligence and SOE agents at the famous Canadian spy school better known as Camp-X. This was the beginning of Close Quarter Combat (CQC); Fairbairn and men such as Rex Applegate (1914-1998) and Eric Sykes (1883-1945) were pioneers in this development.

In the 1950s and 1960s Judo was a popular discipline for various defence studies. A friend of the noted martial arts authority Donn Draeger, a man called Emilio Bruno, was appointed by the United States Air Force to head the judo and combat programme for Strategic Air Command (SAC). Bruno expanded this to include Aikido and Karate. I remember when I was training at the Kodokan Judo Institute in Tokyo during the late 1960s, quite a number of American military and intelligence personnel were also undergoing training there. In fact by



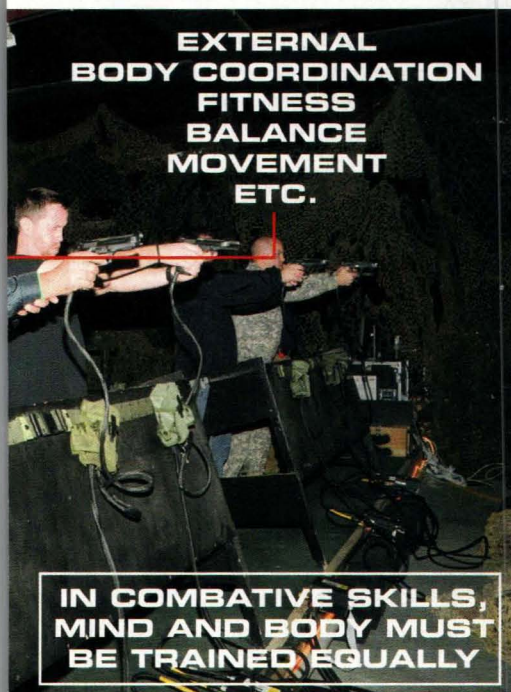


Defendu is still taught and practised today

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combative training, although it is still a part of most curriculums.

With the fast growth of technology in all aspects of military, policing and intelligence, many consider that the need for hands-on methods in such areas are becoming outmoded ideals. Tuition is often sparse in contrast to, for example, weapons training. In my opinion self

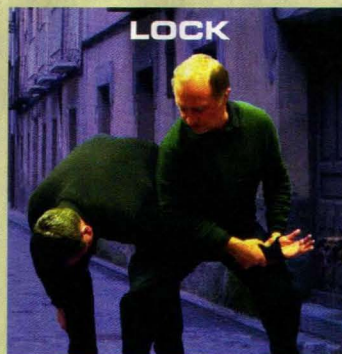


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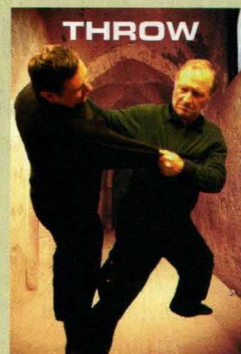
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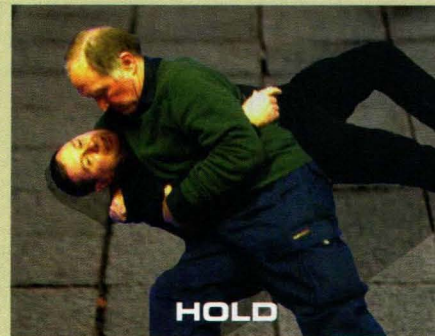
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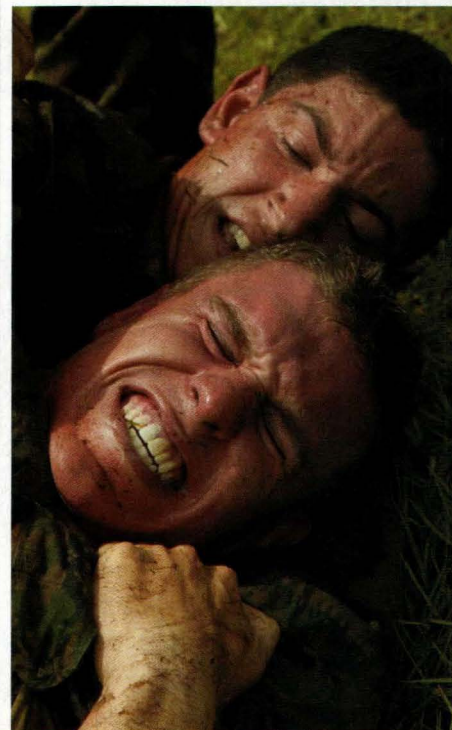
HOLD

protection is like an insurance policy; you have it for that unexpected life saving moment. Much of the present structure in combat training originates with the pioneers I have mentioned earlier. Fairbairn gained much practical experience when he served with the Shanghai police. Because of his all round knowledge and experience, Fairbairn taught agents and operatives at the request of British Intelligence (MI6), as well as various commando groups during the Second World War. His American counterpart was Rex Applegate, whose first main assignment was with the 209th Military Police, then during the war he was seconded to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). Applegate was also commissioned by military intelligence at Camp Ritchie initiating a spy and assassination group. His specialist field was close quarter combat and his book *Kill Or Get Killed* reflects the versatility of his combat methods, which ranged through unarmed combat, knife, room combat, riot control, field craft, baton, cuffing and so forth.

In this series of articles I will look at the various aspects of this subject in turn and cover the salient issues that will give a clearer insight into its versatility, whilst trying to avoid dogma associated with it. Technical abilities rely on many scientific and psychological factors; where these are lacking techniques they fall short of serving an effective goal, no matter what their potential or purpose.

The first level of combative skills are empty hand techniques. However, unlike many martial arts for example, greater attention is given to the underlying factors in relation to specific needs. The training is both internal and external, by which I mean the following: (a) internal: relates to such aspects as enhancing the sense, mental coordination, reaction, attitude, and so forth (b) external: includes the aspects that

relate to precise mechanics, body coordination, fitness, balance, good movement etc. Each intelligence agency has its own syllabus; there are no techniques specific to all intelligence groups, each having its own concepts in respect of choice. However, these choices do fall into categories and an all round study is mandatory for the operatives success. By way of example, throws may confound a boxer who is not used to grappling. A judo exponent may succumb to aikido locks having no real experience of them: the Aikido exponent may be vulnerable when it comes to punching and kicking. In fact, many martial skills also fall short when it comes to groundwork struggles. For these types of reasons an all round system is the most practical. ➤



OPERATION ANTHROPOID CAMP-X, FAIRBAIRN AND ASSASSINATION

Eye Spy Canadian editor Lynn Hodgson secured an intelligence file which proved Fairbairn trained the agents who killed leading Nazi Reinhard Heydrich in 1942

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OPERATION ANTHROPOID.

Target: Liquidation of HEYDRICH.
Personnel: 2 W/O's recruited from the Czech Army.
Planned: 10/10/41.
Date of recruitment: 20/10/41.
Despatched: 28/10/41.
Confirmed safe: 1/5/40.

Captain FAIRBAIRN at Station XVII for one day.

Training jointly by the Czech Section and the Training Section. The latter training included instruction by the following specialists:-

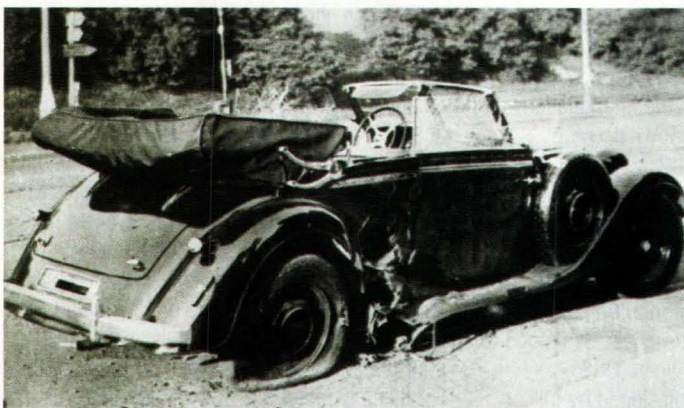
Captain FAIRBAIRN at Station XVII for one day.
Major CLARKE at Station XVII for one day.
Captain SYKES and Captain HUNT at Arisaig for six days.

In addition a number of discussions on tactical planning were held between the two W/O's, officers of the Czech Section and Major CLARKE, at which special explosive charges were designed by the latter and finalised by Major WOOD at Station XII.

The party was subsequently held at S.T.S.2 for six (6) days and continued training throughout this period.

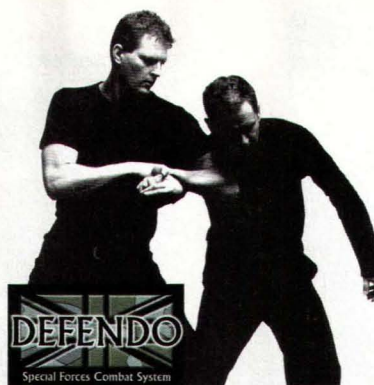
Orders and instructions given to the party.

As it was known that HEYDRICH lived at the castle in Prague it was agreed that the attack should take place when he was travelling in his car from the castle to his



Reinhard Heydrich's car following the attack

CAMP-X TRAINING: Colonel William Fairbairn illustrates the art of 'silent killing'. Within moments of shaking hands with Fairbairn, an unsuspecting man can only muster up a silent gasp before what would have been certain death



Let's look at some of the empty hand combative choices available: (a) Throws are handy when the opponent is grappling; one good throw on a pavement and the attacker will be very shaken or unconscious. Throws fall into groups such as body throws, leg throws, sacrifice throws and so forth. (b) Locks have the

advantage of restraining rather than killing or maiming the attacker. (c) Strangles (not chokes) are a sure way to render the attacker unconscious, especially if they are strong (I have used these successfully on a suspected PCP addict). (d) Punches and kicks can be effective, but are sure to cause damage and injury. (e) Using vital points is often tenuous as our bodies and responses vary; such techniques can range from useless to very effective. (f) groundwork is essential as many struggles end up on the floor. Techniques include holds, locks, strangles/chokes and similar skills.

This list may give the uninitiated an insight into the depth of this type of training as well as the advantages and disadvantages of the various systems. It's worth remembering 'empty' hand skills have several great benefits, no one can see that you have them and you can you can take them anywhere in the world without detection.

Both Fairbairn and Applegate, as well as Eric Sykes (1883-1945) who worked with Fairbairn in the Shanghai police around 1919, were knife specialists. These pioneers explored the blade and its use in military and intelligence circles. In the next article we will take a look at their work and the field of bladed weapons.

WILLIAM EWART FAIRBAIRN

Born 28 February 1885, in Rickmansworth, England, Lt. Colonel William Ewart Fairbairn was 59 when he was called upon to serve his country by becoming Chief Instructor at Canada's top secret spy school, STS-103 (Special Training School) Camp-X (British Security Coordination).

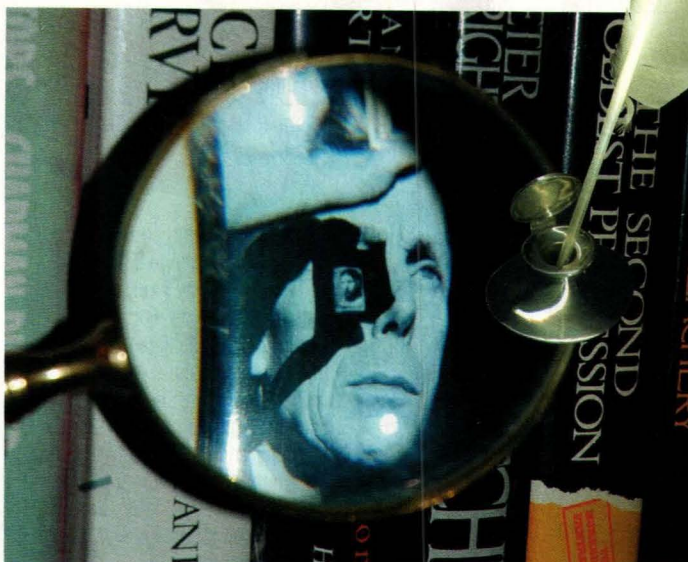


Prior to WWII he was Chief Instructor at the Shanghai Municipal Police from October 1907 to March 1940. Fairbairn joined the Special Operations Executive (SOE) in March 1942 with the rank of Captain, having previously been an instructor at the War Office Special Training Centre in Scotland in July of 1940.

Thereafter he was posted to Camp-X and granted local rank of Major on 8 June 1942. Fairbairn accepted his Canadian assignment to physically train men thirty years his junior. He was unquestionably the most experienced and accomplished person at that time in the art of 'silent killing'. The fact that Fairbairn was sent to Camp-X attests to the importance that the British Secret Service placed on Camp-X.

Of much relevance, while in Scotland, and prior to his posting to Camp-X, Fairbairn helped trained the 'ANTHROPOIDS' team (see document above) which successfully assassinated Reinhard Heydrich - 'The Butcher of Prague' on 27 May 1942.

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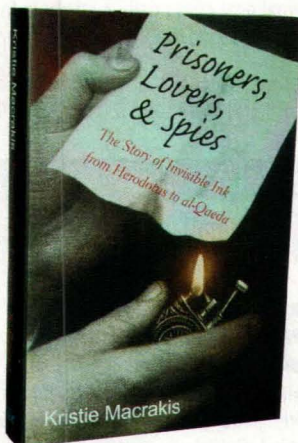
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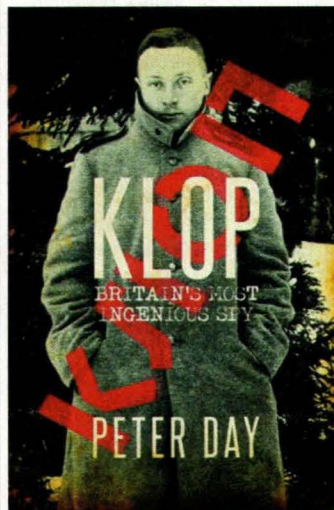
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THE M ROOM



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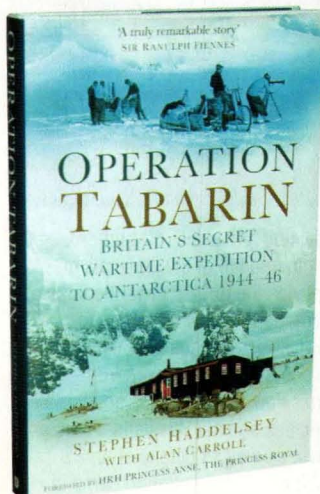
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"The white warfare of the south..."

Ernest Shackleton

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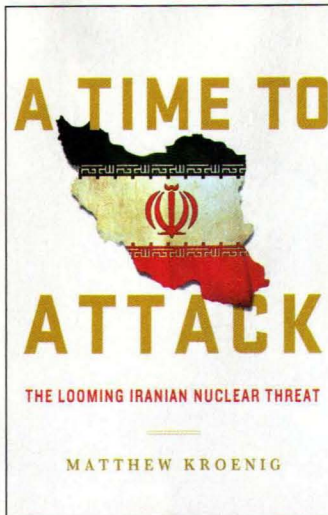
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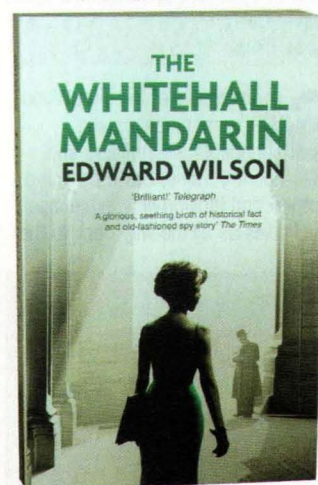
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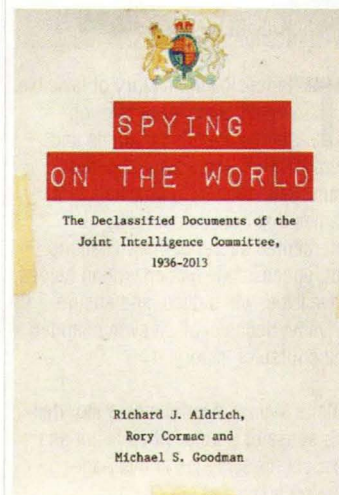
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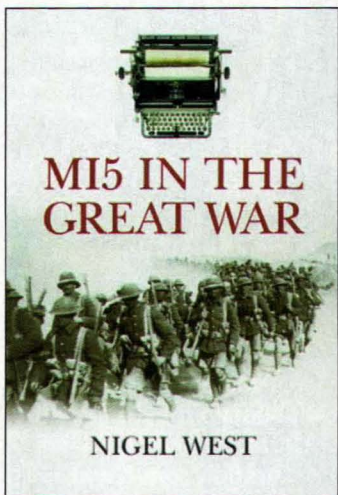
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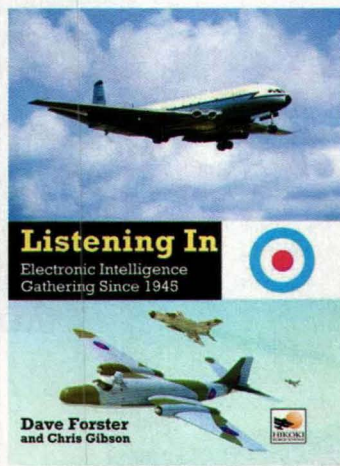
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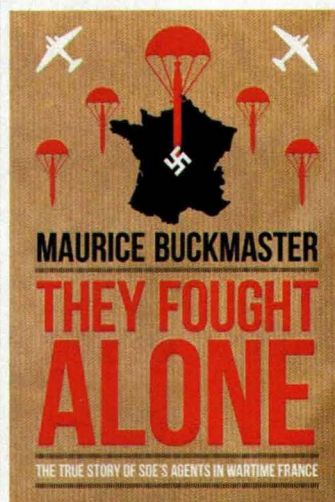
Buckmaster (right) knew his agents, because he was directly involved in their



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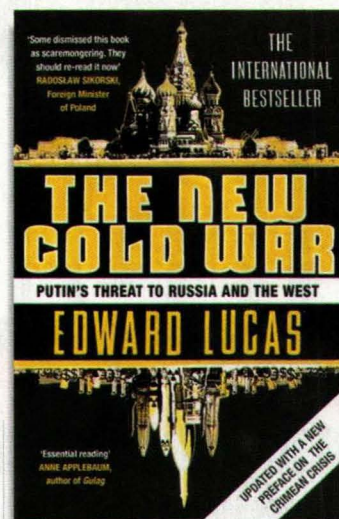


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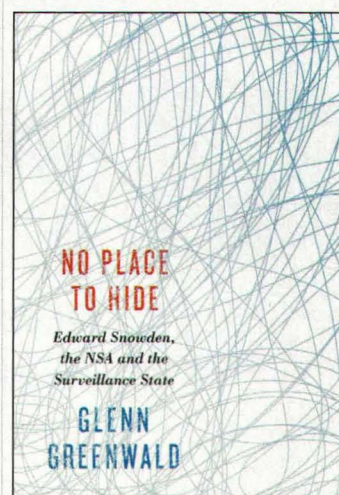
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CROSSING THE RUBICON



Investigative author and historian Yuri Felshtinsky provides a personal overview of events in the Ukraine which he believes may yet signal the beginning of a wider global conflict

The conflict in the Ukraine calls for a new assessment of how we judge President Putin. Commentators and analysts have been reluctant to openly compare Russia's involvement in the country to Germany's European wartime ambitions in the 1940s. Politicians and government leaders contend the situation is too delicate - believing it is crucial to keep Russia close to the European community; this despite the Russia apartment-house bombings of September 1999, the new wars in Georgia and Chechnya, Putin's suppression of his own subjects' freedom and the killing of Alexander Litvinenko in the capital of Britain.

In March 2014, Putin crossed the Rubicon. He effectively withdrew Moscow from Europe and the world community. He demonstrated that Russia's corporate financial interests were receding into the background and being replaced by national, or more precisely, nationalist and geopolitical interests - this in accordance with how Putin sees Russia's future. Putin wants to see the Russian Empire rise again from its post Cold War ruins.

Putin's policy and knowledge of history could be described as primitive. Little wonder that German Chancellor Angela Merkel (who knows her own history well) said that the "president is living in another world." What

she really meant was that Putin operates with concepts that have long become obsolete - concepts from the nineteenth and the first half of the twentieth centuries, when everyone thought in terms of occupying territories and unifying nations.

Russia has already waged a war in Crimea - 1853-1856 - a war that it lost. Today, Putin speaks to the world from a position of power - just as Hitler did. Hitler was backed by an



Russian troops guard the Ukrainian-Army base at Perevaine



President Obama discusses the crisis with Ukraine Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk

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Russian Army trucks line up outside the Ukrainian military facility of Perevaine. The country's 36th Mechanised Coastal Infantry Brigade is based here



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Chancellor Merkel with President Putin

alliance with Italy and Japan, and from August 1939 by a pact with Stalin. He still lost the war. Russia in its recent occupation of Crimea has found itself in absolute isolation. Its actions were not supported by a single country (save two African nations) and even China confined itself to a polite neutrality.



NIGHT CALL: British Premier David Cameron discusses the situation in Ukraine with President Obama

PUTIN'S PUPPETS OUT!



Ukrainians protest outside Downing Street about Britain's response to events in their country. These photographs purport to show 100 civilians who have been killed by pro-Russian forces



Poorest bet big on gambling machines - to tune of £13bn

Many editors believe the conflict could escalate beyond Ukraine's border



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PRINCE CHARLES ON PRESIDENT PUTIN



OTTAWA: During a visit to Canada, Prince Charles became embroiled in the Ukraine crisis, after allegedly comparing President Putin to Adolf Hitler. His remark was made to Marianne Ferguson, who explained her family had fled to Canada in 1939, shortly before Germany annexed the 'Free City of Gdansk'. The 78-year-old told reporters: "The Prince said Putin is doing just about the same as Hitler." Moscow went on to criticise Prince Charles calling his remarks "deeply insulting, unacceptable, outrageous and low," pointing out that the Nazis killed 30 million of its citizens in WWII. Russia's media have since raised the Royal Family's connection with Germany.



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Under fire for his comments likening Putin's actions to those of Adolf Hitler

The parallels between events in 1938, when Hitler first marched into Austria and then the Sudetenland - and Putin's drive into the Crimea this year are obvious. Around the world newspaper columns are filled with such comparisons. The primary question faced by the international community is what to do - having knowledge of events that led to WWII. If Hitler had stopped in March or September 1938, or even in March 1939, following the occupation of Czechoslovakia, he would have entered German history as an outstanding political figure and he would have remained in the memory of the German people as the Führer who had united ethnic Germans within the borders of a new Germany. But he did not stop, because Germans had to be "saved" and "united" in all of Europe. On 1 September 1939, Germany attacked Poland. Berlin did not realise or understand this action was about to ignite a global conflict.

Charles is not the only person to compare current events in the Ukraine to what happened in 1939

I believe Putin will not stop - because Russians are being "oppressed" not only in Ukraine. Crimea cannot become the end of the nationalist and imperialist ambitions of the Russian president-for-life. 'President-for-life' because, according to the new Russian constitution, Putin has the right to remain president until 2018, until the next presidential election, and then to be re-elected for another six years, until 2024 (by the end of this period, he will be as old as Stalin was when he died).

Seeing the unavoidable parallels, knowing the history of the Second World War, looking back at 1938 with the benefit of hindsight, what could and should the West have done? Start a war with Hitler in 1938? Form global anti-German international agreements and isolate Germany - hitting it with all conceivable sanctions? Wait, do nothing and hope that everything would pass? Europe chose this last course of action. A year and a half later, after giving up the remains of Czechoslovakia, it still



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NATO SUSPENDS RUSSIA COOPERATION

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NATO-Russia Security Council member Colonel General Valery Gerasimov, Russia Chief of Defence



Russia Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov

After issuing a strong condemnation of Russia's intervention in Ukraine, the annexing of the Crimea and the "illegal military action in the country," NATO Foreign Ministers issued this statement:

'We have decided to suspend all practical civilian and military cooperation

between NATO and Russia. Our political dialogue in the NATO-Russian Council can continue, as necessary, at the Ambassadorial level and above, to allow us to exchange views, first and foremost on the crisis. We will review NATO's relations with Russia at our next meeting...'

In response, Russia Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said "relations between Russia, the European Union and NATO need to be fundamentally reconsidered. What kind of role has NATO been playing in the Ukraine crisis and what are the prospects for future Russian-NATO cooperation if any."

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found itself embroiled in a war started by Hitler, who did not even give Europe a chance to surrender. Europe was left with only two options: capitulate or fight. History shows how it ended for Hitler, Germany and the German people - with defeat, a devastated country and ultimately with the Nuremberg Trials.

It is my opinion the political and military figures behind current events will ultimately face their own 'Nuremberg Trial'. Similarly, those who have failed to speak out.

In March 2014, the democratic world faced the same choice: to start a war with Putin in 2014? To form global anti-Russian international agreements and to isolate Russia, imposing on it all conceivable sanctions? To

wait it out, do nothing, hope that everything would pass? Unfortunately, everything will not pass. I make my prediction based on the history of Germany: September 2015. This date will be the beginning of the Third World War and ultimately lead to the collapse of the Russian Federation.

Ukrainians have proved on the Maidan (see Eye Spy 90) that they are prepared to die for their freedom. History shows that the democratic world has never lost a fight. In every

Demonstrators at Downing Street. To their rear - the Ministry of Defence headquarters



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battle, it has come out the winner. The Russian people must make their choice.

• Yuri Felshtinsky is co-author of 'Blowing up Russia' and 'The Putin Corporation'

WHITE HOUSE CONSPIRACY?

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Michael Vickers



James Clapper



Michael Flynn pictured with DIA graduates

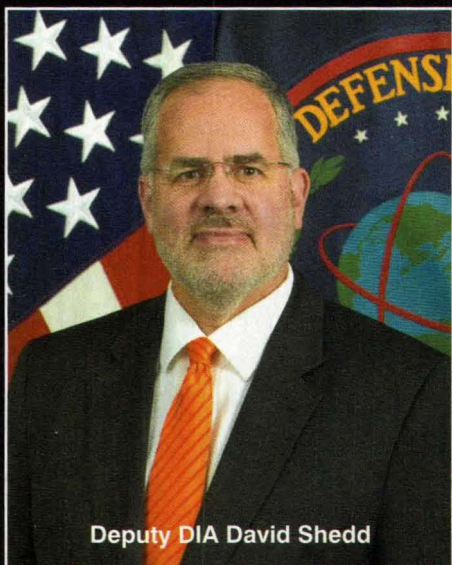
well as a possible resurgence in the importance and emphasis on military intelligence and the DIA. Flynn is known for his support of counter-insurgency and his criticism of the intelligence establishment. At the Joint Special Operations Command he helped transform commandos into intelligence gatherers.

Besides his fall out with Clapper, Flynn has also clashed with Defense Under Secretary for Intelligence Michael Vickers.

As for Flynn's military intelligence agenda, a DIA insider said: "His vision in DIA was seen as disruptive. He sought to push analysts and operators up out of their cubicles into the field to support war fighters or high intensity operations. I'm not sure the DIA sees itself as that."

Another said: "The Chief wanted staffers and analysts to be more active in the field... that probably lost him a great many intel friends and ultimately his job too."

Interestingly, and probably not coincidental, Flynn's chief staffer Deputy DIA David Shedd is also retiring. He was a CIA officer allegedly at the centre of the 2003 Valerie Plame affair. Plame, herself an operational agent was 'outed' during the Niger-Iraq yellowcake (uranium incident).



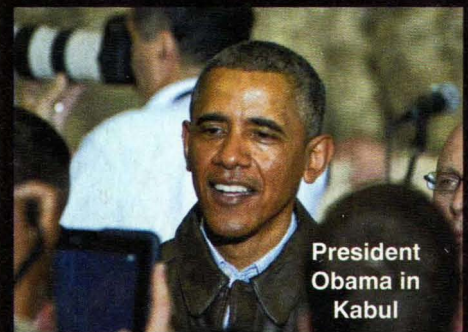
Deputy DIA David Shedd

LAST WORD

CIA Chief of Station Outed in Major Press Blunder

A careless paperwork blunder by a White House aide resulted in the hasty retreat from Afghanistan of the CIA's Station Chief. The officer, whose name was widely circulated on the Internet, was identified during an impromptu visit to the country by President Obama.

His name appeared on a press briefing noteport) alongside several officials who were scheduled to meet the president. Astonishingly, the sheet of paper listed his position as 'Chief of Station'. Within minutes the gaffe was recognised and an hour later a second note printed, but by now the international media was aware of his role. Most Western news media opted not to publish his name in recognition of the dangers to his family. However, some media outlets opposed to the US did. Eye Spy, though fully conversant with the officer's identity, believe around 5,000 journalists, media outlets and international government bodies were in receipt of the original pool report which is circulated by the White House to advise of the president's movements.



President Obama in Kabul

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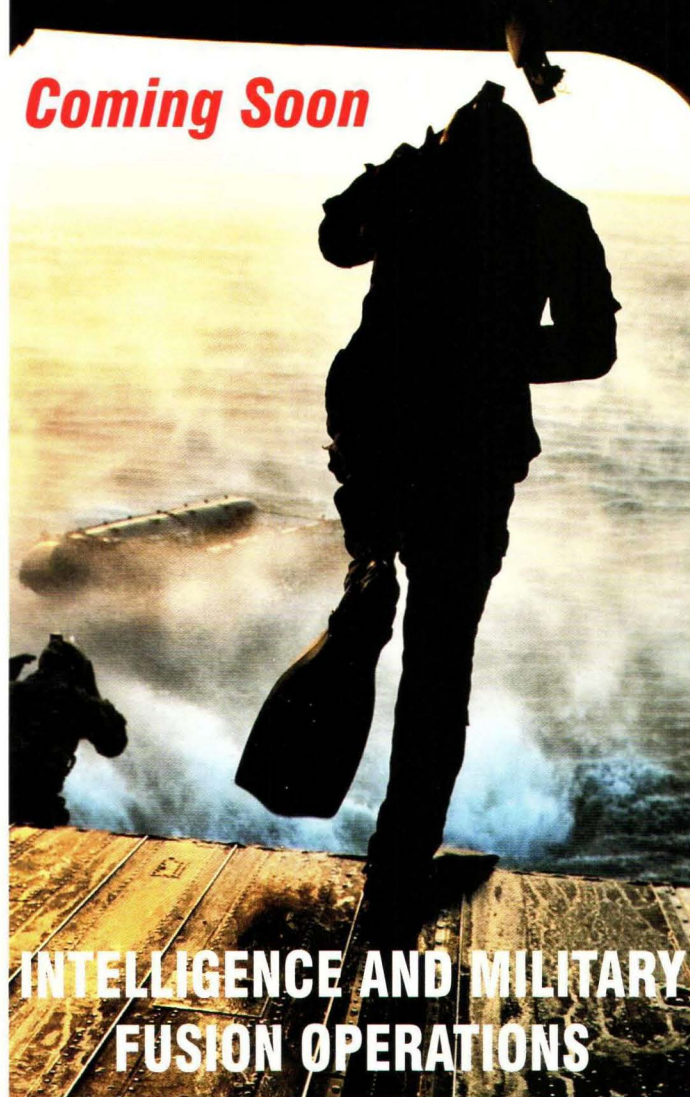
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