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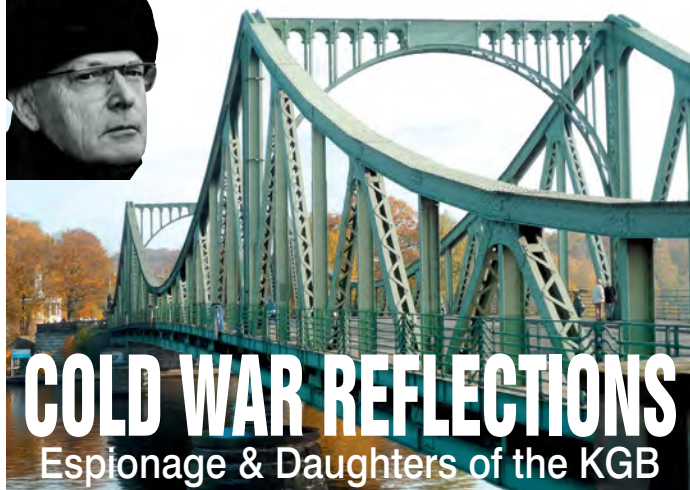
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Sir John Sawers
Former Chief of MI6



FIRST WORD

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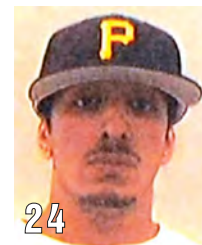
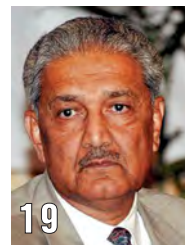


MI5 and the police have been criticised by some people for not doing enough to stop UK citizens from travelling to Iraq and Syria to join ISIS. Quite frankly it is an impossible task. If a person is determined to get to the war theatre, then they will do so - one way or another. MI5 has, however, joined with New Scotland Yard in an endeavour codenamed Danube. This new project seeks to obtain intelligence on individuals who are entering the 'atmosphere' of terrorism. It has been described as a personal threat level system. As new information is secured, the level will rise or fall accordingly. Too high then the authorities will act.

Away from the nightmare of Syria and Iraq, much has been happening in the world of espionage. Former MI6 Chief Sir John Sawers has spoken publicly about his fears of a resurgent Russia, whilst several NATO countries have criticised Moscow for sending more and more spies to collect intelligence. Indeed, Sweden has declared that at least a third of all staffers at the Russian Embassy in Gothenburg are spies. For its part, Russia declared it has sentenced a CIA spy to 15-years hard labour for espionage. Langley didn't comment.

Another interesting spy event, and perhaps humorous if the subject was not so serious, involves the Mossad. The United States is angry that the organisation supposedly eavesdropped on important talks involving Iran's nuclear bomb programme. Ironical therefore that the CIA learned of this through interception of foreign communications!

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ALL CHANGE AT LANGLEY

CIA Director John Brennan has announced details of the biggest reorganisation of America's foreign spy service since the end of the Cold War. The restructuring followed a three month research project which also involved an outside agency. Officials placed much focus on liaison, meaning analysts and field agents will work far closer than before on specific subjects. The new self-contained Mission Centers will each be supervised by an accredited director responsible for day-to-day operations.

Not all staffers and senior officials are comfortable with the new Centers - and several of Langley's 'old guard' have either left or been reassigned new duties.

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INTERCEPTION GCHQ Cracks Encryption Programmes

A number of British Intelligence staffers, presumably attached to the Government Communications Headquarters, have been dismissed. News of the sackings came as a 150-page Parliamentary report prepared by the Intelligence and Security Committee (ISC) was

released. The ISC has been examining current electronic surveillance measures in wake of the Edward Snowden affair. Though personal e-mails secured in 'Bulk Personal Data' files have been read, the report states that collection was lawful and did not amount to 'blanket surveillance'.



GCHQ
Director
Robert
Hannigan

BEWARE THE GREAT BEAR Former MI6 Chief Warns of Growing Russian Threat

Sir John Sawers, recently retired Chief of MI6, has lost no time in warning of the growing threat of Vladimir Putin's Russia. Whilst he acknowledged the increasing number of Russian reconnaissance overflights near British

airspace, Sir John said it was countries around Russia's periphery that have most to fear.

The experienced diplomat and intelligence man said: "The real problem is how we live with a Russia which feels very exposed.

Putin's actions are ones of a leader who believes his own security is at stake."

Noting that despite its financial struggles, Putin still maintains a nuclear arsenal as strong as that in the West. He also reflected with



Sir John
Sawers



Sir John believes Vladimir Putin is a menace



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EXIT STRATEGY

Snowden Seeks Way Back Home



Edward Snowden

NSA-CIA contractor Edward Snowden has again asked his inner circle of people, including his legal team, to clear the way with US lawmakers enabling him to return to the United States. However, the man responsible for leaking hundreds of thousands of intelligence files believes they will not be able to secure a "guarantee of a fair trial."

US Justice Department officials have been unwilling to offer him a 'customised deal' other than insist he will be treated no differently to other suspects on trial. The department has again reiterated its point of view that he is not a whistleblower and that his actions harmed the United States of America and its allies.

In a recent interview Snowden said, "the only thing they have told me is that I won't be executed."

Since 2013, Snowden has applied for political asylum in over 20 countries, the majority in Europe, but all have thus far refused. Without a passport (his was

cancelled), the options for him are limited. The 31-year-old blamed President Obama for applying pressure on leaders of these nations.

In early March he spoke by video link at the International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland. Explaining he once worked as an undercover CIA operative in the country, Snowden said: "I would love to return to Switzerland, some of my favourite memories are from Geneva... it's a wonderful place." He then referenced his past role in the country - allegedly as an operator in a covert wiretapping programme.

Asked if he would consider seeking the country as an option outside Russia, Snowden responded: "I do think Switzerland would be a sort of great political option because it has a history of neutrality."

Shooting of a new film by Oliver Stone about the saga is set to begin in Munich later this year. The film-maker bought the rights to two books about Snowden's exploits, including *The Snowden Files: The Inside Story of the World's Most Wanted Man*, by the *Guardian's* Luke Harding.



Oliver Stone

RAF Menwith Hill - the NSA staffed spy base in North Yorkshire

Nevertheless, it did conclude that the legal framework governing all three of Britain's main intelligence services was 'unnecessarily complicated and lacked transparency'.

Some civil rights and human rights groups disagreed with the committee's conclusion, including Privacy International. Its spokesman said: "Far from allaying the public's concerns, the ISC's report should trouble every single person who uses a computer or mobile phone." The group also accused GCHQ of intercepting "billions of

communications each day." Nevertheless, only a tiny fraction is stored.

Perhaps more worrying were comments attributed to such groups that "terrorism was a price worth paying for" - in return for no surveillance.

Of further interest in the report, there are indications GCHQ has discovered ways to read encrypted communications if necessary. Aimed primarily at terrorists, the programme's name was redacted.

some dismay that since the end of the Cold War, Britain's funding of its armed forces has fallen dramatically. Emerging threats such as cyber warfare is "drawing monies from the country's defence budget and need to be addressed," he warned.

Sir John called for more dialogue with Moscow to avert incidents such as the 1964 Cuban missile crisis which could easily have triggered World War Three - and

oblivion. "Europe and Russia are not converging with one another so we are going to have to find a new way to co-exist," he said. "We should not kid ourselves that Russia is on a path to democracy because it is not."

Events in the Ukraine were also identified as revealing Putin's wider ambitions. He said that the West needs to know how to effectively deal with such issues. "The level of threat posed by Moscow has increased and we have to be prepared to take the defensive measures necessary to defend ourselves, defend our allies - which now extend as far as the Baltic states and central Europe."

Sir John also discussed the hundreds of British Muslims joining ISIS.

He reflected on various points including better integration. "It is a big political challenge which can only really be taken up by leaders in the Islamic world... it can't be imposed by the West."



Russian Air Force Tu-95 Bear photographed by an RAF fighter

BERLIN SPY GAMES

Lost files... NSA investigator encrypted cell phone security breach and damage to new capital headquarters



Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Obama



GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SUFFERS MORE EMBARRASSMENT

The man chairing Germany's investigative committee looking into the NSA's interception programme - PRISM, may himself have become the victim of a spy operation.

Following Edward Snowden's release of thousands of files related to NSA operations, including some which indicate Chancellor Angela Merkel's cell phone was targeted, Patrick Sensburg was directed to establish a research team. His brief was to determine just how widespread the spying was, and identify those affected by it. This also includes government offices. The committee members, fearing possible interception themselves, were all provided with encrypted cell phones - allegedly tamper proof.

For reasons yet to be truly established, Sensburg decided something was not quite right with his phone. He chose to despatch the unit in a

sealed lead-lined box to the Federal Office of Information Security (BSI). Sensburg's close associates believe he thought the cell phone had been hacked. The package, carried by German courier firm DHL duly arrived, but there was a problem. At some stage of its journey the box had been "opened and tampered with," according to German media.

Last year between 2-3,000 encrypted smartphones were

ordered by the German Government in wake of the NSA affair - most produced by Blackberry and augmented by software from German company Secusmart. It's likely Sensburg was using one of these cell phones.

Sensburg himself is unsure if his team will ever learn the scale or true facts of the NSA operation, but in July 2014, said the committee had secured a "non-electrical typewriter" for security purposes.

Patrick Sensburg
Right: Reichstag building, Berlin





German Intelligence still fears cyber interception

The affair is made more complex because Germany still wants access to material allegedly secured and held by British Intelligence - the suggestion being the UK was part-involved in the PRISM programme.

To add to the furore, according to intelligence sources in December 2014, a senior Merkel aide discovered a complex computer

virus known as REIGN on one of her USB drives.

At the time she was helping to compose a speech to be delivered by Merkel. The all-seeing virus, created around 2008, takes unlimited pictures of computer screens including passwords. Intelligence watchers believe the spy code was developed by a joint US-UK intelligence cyber team.



Construction on the new BND headquarters in Berlin began almost a decade ago

AGENT EXPOSURE FEARS OVERSEAS STAFFERS AND EMBASSY FEARS

German officials continue to downplay reports concerning a major intelligence leak involving the loss of a file containing the names of thousands of intelligence officers and diplomatic staffers. In January, *Bild* said a double agent working for the CIA had secured the file, which

included the true identity of agents posted overseas. This may have been sold to a third party - Russia is one country cited.

The BND (Federal Intelligence Service) agent, known as Markus R, was arrested last year. And whilst both Germany and America have tried to defuse the incident,

some intelligence watchers have described the case "explosive" and "deeply damaging." According to *Bild*, the file, which is dated around 2011, was discovered on the agent's computer hard drive when counter-espionage officers searched his home.

It is believed Markus R was recruited by Langley in 2010. His motivation seems to be financial rather than ideological, but no less damaging for the BND.

GERMANY'S 'WATERGATE'

New Setback for BND Berlin Headquarters

In another embarrassing incident surrounding German Intelligence, the government has admitted a significant security breach at the BND's new headquarters currently under construction in Berlin. Thieves allegedly broke in and reportedly removed various fixtures including taps. This led to major water damage which will cost millions of pounds to repair.

Security guards at the site reported no break in, though officials are clueless to what happened. However, some intelligence heads are privately furious and the affair has been dubbed 'Germany's Watergate' by the media. Five years ago a detailed set of blueprints for the £1 billion building disappeared and were never recovered.

Germany's foreign intelligence collection service is currently headquartered in Munich. Work on the Berlin site began almost ten years ago.



German Embassy, Belgravia, London. Inset: Gerhard Schindler BND chief

THIRD PARTY?

Boston Marathon terrorists could have been assisted by a specialist bomb maker

At the trial of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, one of two terrorist brothers who exploded improvised explosive devices amongst crowds enjoying the April 2013 Boston Marathon, evidence has emerged that the men may well have been assisted by a specialist bombmaker.

After his capture, Tsarnaev told the FBI he and his brother had built the pressure cooker bombs. However, court documents reveal that Bureau investigators were not convinced, noting that the devices

had been carefully constructed with a very smart timing mechanism. A prosecutor wrote: *'These relatively sophisticated devices would have been difficult for the Tsarnaevs to fabricate successfully without training or assistance from others'*.

Former Naval Criminal Investigative Service special agent Michael Marks agreed with the technical commentary on the bombs. "These were two relatively sophisticated devices that went off almost simultaneously. They had a very, very short [time]



Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev



Fragments from the pressure cooker bombs. Experts believe the Tsarnaevs received assistance in their assembly

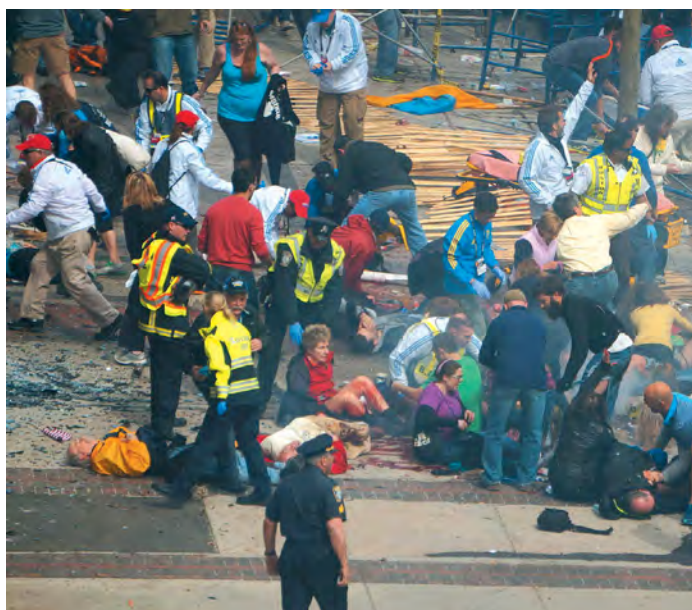
delay. It would be in my opinion that they had somebody who was a skilled bombmaker, an engineer if you will, assist them in saying these are the steps you need to go through and then assemble the device to make it safely and to make it function the way they want."

Interestingly, when investigators searched the Tsarnaevs home they found no trace evidence whatsoever of black powder used

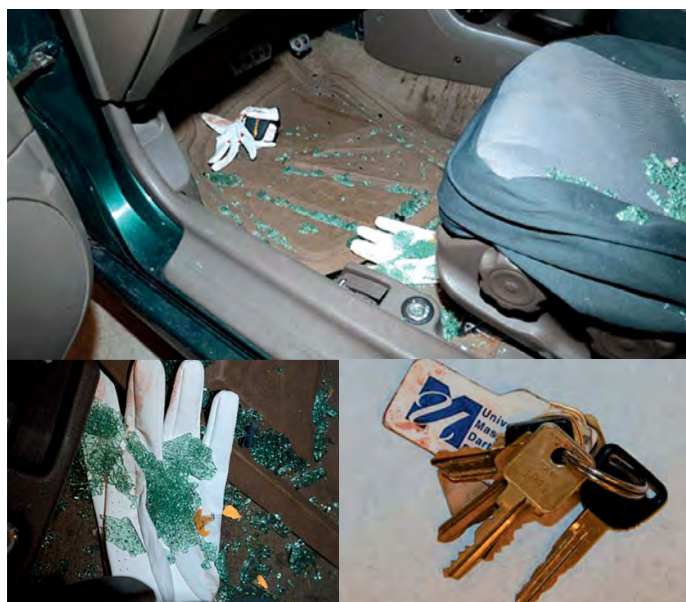
in the bombs - nor in their cars. The theory being they were built elsewhere

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev told investigators they had sourced instructions from al-Qaida's *Inspire* magazine.

Three people died in the attack and a further 250 were injured. Dzhokhar's brother Tamerlan, was shot dead following a police chase, but not before he shot dead a policeman.



Various items recovered from the vehicle used by the Tsarnaevs were presented in court



Echoes from a Cambridge Spy

British Researchers Source Rare Film Interview with Cambridge Spy Guy Burgess

In 2013, following a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the FBI, a remarkable and long forgotten tape recording surfaced featuring a notorious member of Britain's infamous 'Cambridge spy ring'.

Guy Burgess, a former BBC political staffer who joined MI6, was recruited by the Soviets in the 1940s. The recording was sourced by Professor Stewart Purvis from City University London and Jeff Hulbert a City Research fellow, after they discovered a reference to it in an FBI document. A FOIA request was then made to both the British and American authorities - and the latter responded by releasing the tape.

Made in 1951 in New York, (the year in which Burgess and fellow



Guy Burgess

spy Donald Maclean escaped to Russia), the recording described his meeting with Winston Churchill and the despair the wartime leader felt after Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain signed the infamous Munich agreement with Adolf Hitler. Burgess explains he visited



City academics Professor Stewart Purvis and Jeff Hulbert play the recording



Churchill visits troops at Normandy



Chamberlain (second from left) and Hitler prepare to sign the Munich Agreement



Guy Burgess lived in a first floor flat in this building at the time of his escape to Moscow

Churchill at his home in Chartwell, Kent, to attend a dinner party. "I am now recording... I'm not in the least shy," he said. He goes on to say that although very tired, "the recording is of interest."

There are references to a letter sent to Churchill by Czechoslovakian independence leader Edvard Benes requesting British assistance. Burgess imitates Churchill and said: "Here I am... an old man without [a] party. What help shall I give - what assistance can I offer?"

The recording was the only one known in existence of Burgess speaking - despite his known broadcasts for the BBC - until now.

The same researchers have obtained a filmed interview with Burgess made by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) in Moscow in 1959.

It was first broadcast on the BBC in March 2015. Channel 4 News had reported on its discovery two months earlier.

LEGACY

Stasi Files Reveal Fate of Six MI6 Spies Exposed by Double Agent George Blake



In 1954, as the Cold War took hold, British telecommunications expert John Taylor was invited by MI6 and the CIA to a meeting in the affluent Pall Mall area of London. Taylor was a key member of a 'creative' team who worked at Dollis Hill. Here the General Post Office operated various sections linked to British Intelligence.

Taylor's reputation was legendary and his team built and modified equipment that helped MI5 and MI6 bug hotels, intercept embassy

telephone calls etc. However, his help was now needed for an operation a little more complex than the bugging of a simple hotel phone.

Plans were laid out on a table that surprised Taylor and others in the room. "This is Operation Stopwatch" he was told. MI6 and the CIA intended to dig a tunnel under East Berlin and tap into Soviet telephone cables. This would enable monitors to record thousands of Warsaw Pact conversations from the heart of this Cold War city. The underground lines had been located by an East German MI6 agent who provided a

plethora of information, including the whereabouts of the phone cables which also carried KGB traffic.

A 6ft wide tunnel was dug from a decoy American building and ran for 1500ft buried 14ft underground. After a complex dig and



KGB spy George Blake took notes of Operation Stopwatch planned in this building by MI6 and the CIA. They were duly delivered to his handler

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The press are given a tour of the Stopwatch Tunnel by Soviet officials who decided it was time to close it down

engineering feat, the first communication was received.

The Stopwatch intercepts were managed by a US voice-processing centre manned by 317 people. Over 360,000 calls were transcribed from 50,000 reels of tape. In total, analysts for Stopwatch or Gold as the Americans called it, had to type six million hours of teletype traffic - manually.

But there was a problem. A member of the MI6 team at the inaugural meeting of Stop-

watch was George Blake. Unbeknown to anyone in the room - he was a Soviet agent. Blake had been assigned to take notes of the top secret meeting - which he duly did. Just minutes later he met with his KGB handler, thus even before work had started on the £25 million tunnel, the Russians knew exactly what was going to be dug under their feet. When the Russians decided to reveal the tunnel in April 1956, Moscow made no reference to the fact they had been fully aware of its existence. How much disinformation had been imparted in the intercepted calls is a matter of debate.

Blake had joined MI6 in 1944 and later admitted that he presented "every single important intelligence snippet that came across his desk to the Soviets." Posted by MI6 to Korea in the early 1950s, he was taken prisoner in the North. Ultimately released in 1953, MI6 put the story out that he had been brainwashed by the Soviets whilst in captivity. Others believe MI6 had intended to use him as a double agent against the KGB. The problem was, he was acting only as an agent of Russia. Blake's treachery led to the deaths of 40 Western agents, including Britain's top



MI6 agent Oleg Penkovsky was allegedly burned alive



Stasi spy chief Markus Wolf



George Blake rented a flat in this London alley

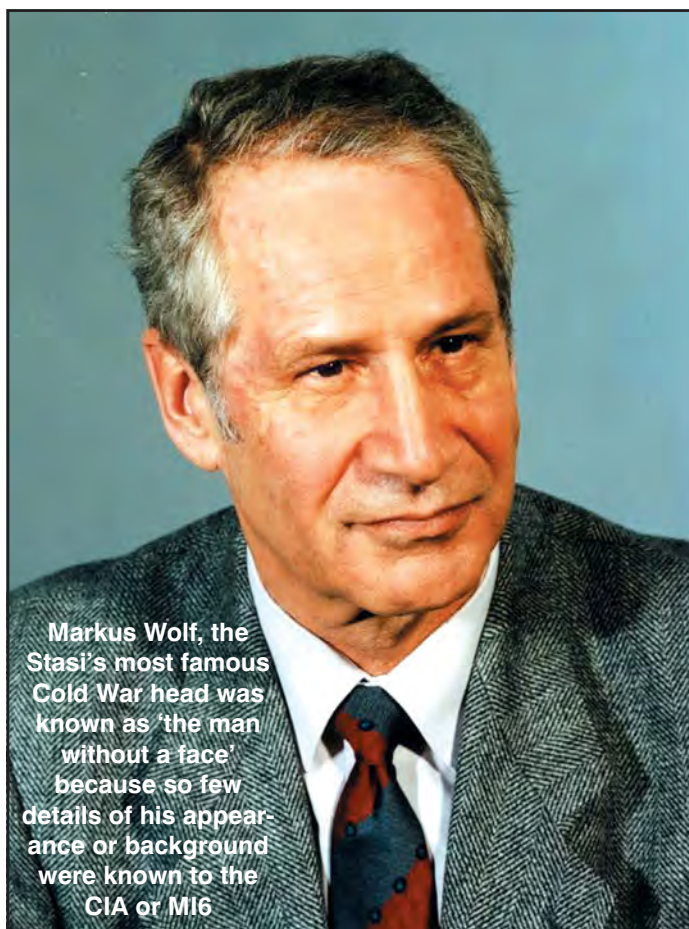
MI6 agent in Moscow - GRU Colonel Oleg Penkovsky. Two enlarged MI6 and CIA spy networks operating in the East were also dismantled. Penkovsky was eventually executed. Eye Spy Russian sources believe he was thrown alive and naked into a raging furnace. Little was learned of the fates of other agents betrayed by Blake... until now.

British film and documentary producer George Carey began research for a new film - *'Masterspy of Moscow'* - featuring Blake. Sifting through dozens of former East German Stasi (secret police) files in Berlin, he discovered the fate of six of the forty-or-so agents outed by the traitor. They were described as "dangerous" by the Stasi.

In 1959, Hans Mohring was detained for espionage and given a life sentence. He was eventually released in 1976 after the West German government agreed to pay a ransom of half a million Marks.

Otto George, a stenographer, had been arrested a year earlier. Held in solitary confinement for some five years, he was freed in 1964, the instruction coming from East Germany's General Secretary Walter Ulbricht - a close Soviet ally.

Carey discovered four other agents linked to Blake's treachery, and though their names



Markus Wolf, the Stasi's most famous Cold War head was known as 'the man without a face' because so few details of his appearance or background were known to the CIA or MI6



Dubbed 'The Master of Fear' - Erich Fritz Mielke was East Germany's Minister for State Security



George Blake

planning department was arrested in March 1960. Sentenced to 15 years in prison, he was released in 1964. A senior employee working at the Ministry of Trade was also detained in that year. Found guilty of espionage he was given a life sentence. He too was released early in 1969.

The only female caught up in the aftermath of the Blake affair is still alive. Carey discovered she worked in the Potsdam Building Committee. Arrested in 1961, the woman was sentenced to five years hard labour. Released in 1964, Carey tracked her down, but she refused to speak with him.

Working with German historian Bernd-Rainer Barth, Carey discovered a colonel, possibly in the East German Army, was sent for trial in Russia. His crime was handing military secrets to the West. For that, Carey and Barth believe he may well have been executed.

George Blake was eventually outed by senior Polish military intelligence officer and defector, Michael Goleniewski. He had been liaising with the CIA since 1959. However, like all those involved in the Berlin Tunnel, Blake had been cleared of any suspicion, but was re-inter-

were recorded
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be revealed. A
mechanical
engineer
employed in an
East German
government

**Stasi Museum,
Berlin**



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Erich Fritz Mielke's office



Erich Fritz Mielke's apartment



**Markus Wolf's grave in
Friedrichsfelde Cemetery**



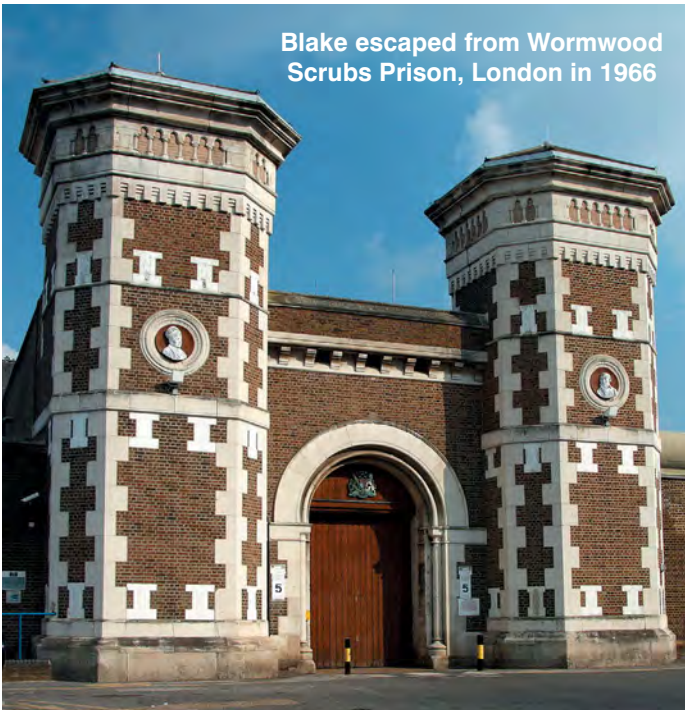
Blake used this London house during his escape to Moscow



Statue of police officer and East Berliners outside the Stasi archive building



Stasi prisoner transport van



Blake escaped from Wormwood Scrubs Prison, London in 1966



Michael Randle



George Blake

over Wormwood Scrubs Prison wall and into a waiting car. Blake was ushered away to a nearby safe house before starting his long journey to his beloved Russia via East Germany.

In 2007, on the occasion of his 85th birthday, Blake was awarded the Order of Freedom by President Putin. He believes he never betrayed his country because he did not feel British.

viewed and confessed. He was subsequently sentenced to 42-years in prison. At his trial Blake said he was "given an assurance" that those he had exposed would not be arrested by the KGB - though their spying days would have to end. As for the fate of the other 30-or-so agents betrayed by Blake, including the MI6

agent who had revealed the Soviet Berlin telephone cable, their destiny probably lies in the KGB archives in Moscow.

In October 1966, two sympathisers - Michael Randle, a peace campaigner and Pat Pottle, an anti-nuclear activist, helped Blake clamber

Today, the 92-year-old Blake still lives comfortably on the outskirts of Moscow. Carey managed to secure a meeting with him, but he revealed little of his past activities. The film man described him as "friendly and charming," though added a caveat in that he believes "all spies are contradictory and lead double lives."

SPY VERSUS SPY

Israel accused of eavesdropping on crucial nuclear talks with Iran as CIA Director warns Tehran of bomb implications



America's *Wall Street Journal* claimed Israeli spies clandestinely collected information on the on-going nuclear talks between the United States and Iran in Lausanne, Switzerland. This was then used in an attempt to influence Congress members and derail any possible deal with Tehran. Responding, a spokesperson for recently re-elected Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, "these allegations are utterly false... the state of Israel does not conduct espionage against the United States or Israel's other allies."

Whilst the true source of the WSJ has yet to be revealed, the story has already provoked anger in Washington. "It is one thing for the US and Israel to spy on each other... it is



Talks between Iran and the so-called P5+1 began in Geneva 2013



D/CIA John Brennan issued warning to Iran

another thing for Israel to steal US secrets and play them back to US legislators to undermine US diplomacy," said a White House official speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Eye Spy understands that material may have been secured or passed on from an attendee or observer at the meetings, though there are rumours of direct espionage involving listening devices. Ironically, the CIA discovered the breach after intercepts of Israeli communications revealed commentary on the meetings which could only have come from someone attending the negotiations. ➤



Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman



Left: 20 March 2015. US Secretary of State John Kerry with Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif during nuclear talks in Switzerland. It has been alleged information concerning the negotiations was secured by the Mossad



International Atomic Energy Agency headquarters, Vienna

Outgoing Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman did however hint that his country had secured insider information: "The report is not true. Obviously Israel has security interests to defend and we have our own intelligence. But we do not spy on the United States... there are enough participants in these negotiations including Iranians. We got our intelligence from other sources."

President Obama and Mr Netanyahu have clashed a number of times over the real threat of Iran's nuclear programme and Israel's

stance over the creation of a Palestinian nation. As for the actual negotiations between the so-called P5+1 (USA, UK, France, Germany, Russia, China and the European Union) and Iran, these continue to stutter.

NUCLEAR BREAKOUT

Just two days before the alleged spy claims, Director CIA John Brennan spoke about Iran's quest for a nuclear bomb. On the failure to meet certain criteria, Brennan warned there would be "tremendous costs, consequences



US Secretary of State John Kerry and Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif

and implications if they were to go for a 'breakout'. He said President Obama has made it clear that they will prevent Iran from seeking the type of nuclear weapon they have been trying to obtain. "If they decide to go down that route they know that they will do so at their own peril."

The spy affair is made even more complex for both the CIA and Mossad have worked closely together in an effort to secure intelligence on Iran's programme. Brennan concluded by insisting he was "confident that our intelligence capabilities are sufficiently robust and that we have a good understanding of what the Iranian nuclear programme entails."

NEW FBI APPEAL For Former Missing Agent Robert Levinson

On 9 March 2007, retired FBI agent Robert Levinson went missing on Kish Island, Iran. He had travelled to the country to conduct a private investigation. In March 2015, on the eighth anniversary of his disappearance, the FBI increased its reward to \$5

million for information leading directly to his safe location, recovery, and return. Levinson, 67, is now one of the longest-held American hostages in history.

"Today we mark eight years since Bob disappeared in Iran, and we



A billboard announcing a reward for information leading to the safe recovery of Robert Levinson, in Herat, Afghanistan

are increasing the reward for his location and safe return to his family," said FBI Director James B. Comey. "We ask anyone with information to contact the FBI. It is long past time for Bob to come home."

Anyone with information regarding Levinson or his captors is encouraged to contact the FBI. Information will be kept confidential and can be provided anonymously.

LINKS: <https://tips.fbi.gov>



Former FBI Director Robert Mueller, seen with Robert Levinson's wife Christine and former FBI Deputy Director Sean Joyce during a 2012 press conference. The Bureau announced a \$1 million reward for information - this has now been raised to \$5 million



Robert Levinson

INTEL

**Spy cables
allegedly leaked
by mole in
South Africa's
intelligence
service expose
global MI6, CIA
and Mossad
operations**

BREACH

An investigative journalist with the media firm Al Jazeera has secured hundreds of Western intelligence files which reveal several operations performed by the world's most powerful spy organisations. A document allegedly written by MI6's Station Chief to the South African Security Service focuses on London's attempt to penetrate North Korea's secret nuclear programme; another file shows Israel's premier Benjamin Netanyahu at odds with the Mossad over Iran's nuclear programme, while a CIA operation to open dialogue with Hamas in Gaza is also exposed.

Eye Spy sources believe the documents have threads to a South African State Security Agency (SSA) desk or agent dealing with nuclear reports - and all seem to have been leaked deliberately to embarrass both the South African intelligence community and its closest partners. As with the Edward Snowden files, the person or persons who leaked the material has shown utter disregard for the safety of intelligence personnel. The identity, addresses, photographs and even cell phone numbers of over 70 foreign intelligence officials are contained





MI6 reportedly tried to secure the services of a North Korean in an attempt to glean intelligence on the country's nuclear bomb programme

within the files and are now in the hands of Al-Jazeera. Over 50 agents-in-place from various nations have also been exposed.

NUCLEAR INFILTRATION

MI6 first secured details of the North Korean nuclear bomb programme via its covert investigation of Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan, who peddled nuclear secrets and ran a network of front companies. Khan is regarded as a hero and the 'father of nuclear bomb technology' in

Pakistan. However, once his undercover work became a point of much concern to various governments, the authorities in Pakistan placed him under house arrest. His business dealings with countries such as North Korea, Libya and Iran brought him to the attention of MI6. He was placed under surveillance and tracked across the world. He visited Pyongyang on at least ten occasions, and whilst there, exchanged nuclear secrets and the names of additional contacts in the industry for weapons technology. It seems



evident MI6 learned of the identity of one of Khan's liaisons in North Korea and sought to make contact with him - perhaps in an attempt to learn what information Khan had traded.

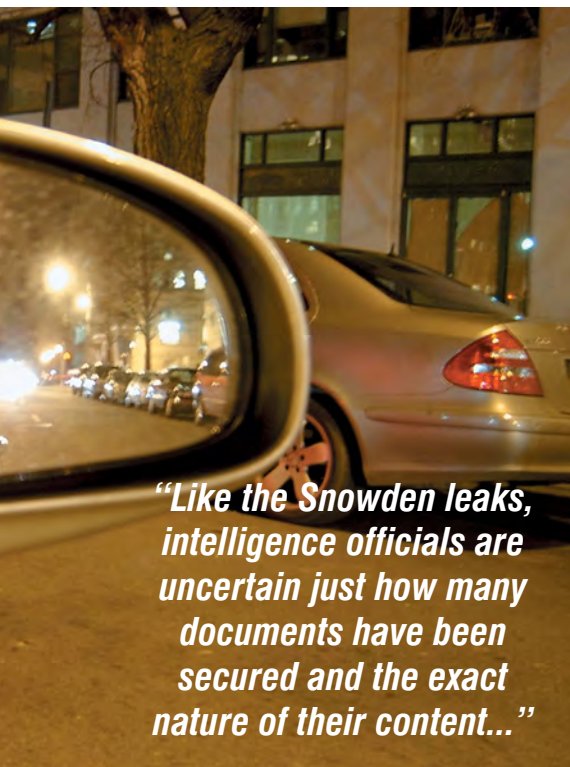
During the first decade of the millennium, though perhaps as late as 2013, MI6 invited this North Korean contact to act as an agent in return for money. The leaked documents reveal the Korean was not dismissive of the idea and said he would consider the offer, but a year passed with no apparent further contact. And then the Service discovered he would be passing through South Africa. In an attempt to make contact again, MI6 wrote to the SSA and asked that they provide their target with hospitality and not interrupt any possible liaison between the British and the Korean. During this meeting an MI6 officer



South Africa President Jacob Zuma is under pressure to explain the security breach



Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma



“Like the Snowden leaks, intelligence officials are uncertain just how many documents have been secured and the exact nature of their content...”

tried to induce him with a further offer of money. The documents do not show if the recruitment was successful, but in any event, the Korean is now vulnerable if identified.

The MI6 file secured by Al Jazeera was part redacted by the media house, but indicative of a departmental request document and references SIS (Secret Intelligence Service).

The media house congratulates itself on the decision to remove certain details such as names, locations and some weapons formulae which could be useful to a terrorist organisation. However, the documents are vulnerable - especially if it is sharing electronic copies with associates over the Internet.

MOSSAD, EL AL AND IRAN

Two years ago Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held aloft a cartoon-like diagram of a bomb at the United Nations. The illustration showed how close he believed Iran was to completing its nuclear bomb programme. His 70% claim was supposedly based on intelligence gleaned by the Mossad. The Service has infiltrated Tehran's nuclear programme and secured cooperation from personnel inside various plants. However, a leaked letter from the Mossad to its intelligence counterparts in South Africa suggests otherwise. A line from a document reads: *'We believe Iran was not performing the activity to produce weapons'*. It is a sensational revelation and one of much embarrassment to Tel Aviv. Indeed, only in March 2015 did Netanyahu address the US Congress over Iran's "rapid progress towards the bomb."

Another very sensitive Mossad-related file concerns Israel's premier air carrier El Al. It



Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan

focuses on a 2009 claim made by a former El Al employee that the "airline acted as a cover for Israel's spy agencies." The allegation featured in a subsequent South African documentary noting "illegal conduct at Johannesburg International Airport." The whistleblower, Jonathan Garb, said he had been recruited by Shin Bet, Israel's domestic intelligence service whilst in the employ of El Al. Garb claimed activities (passenger transit) at the airport were under surveillance by Israel. Such was the furore that it prompted



Prime Minister Netanyahu raises concern about Iran's nuclear programme to members of the US Congress. Inset: Mr Netanyahu holds aloft a cartoon-like diagram of a nuclear bomb at the United Nations showing Tehran's progress towards its construction. Leaked Mossad files appear to contradict the premier's words

OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF STATE SECURITY, DAVID MAHLOBO, ON THE ALLEGED LEAKAGE OF CLASSIFIED SECURITY DOCUMENTS BY MEDIA ORGANISATIONS



Minister of State Security
David Mahlobo

1. The Minister of State Security, David Mahlobo has noted with concern the latest media reports alleging the release of classified intelligence reports of international intelligence organisa-

tions, including those of the State Security Agency.

2. While it is an international practice for countries to share intelligence on cross cutting issues pertaining to economic opportunities and security matters amongst others, the leaking of the purported documents detailing operational details of the State Security Agency is condemned in the strongest possible terms.

3. In terms of the legal and policy framework governing South African management of classified information, it is illegal to disclose such information outside of the classification protocols in place. Such

conduct has the dangerous effect of undermining operational effectiveness of the work to secure this country and borders on undermining diplomatic relations with our partners in the international community. Any leakages of classified information undermine the national security of any state.

4. A full investigation has been launched into the purported leakage, its veracity and verification will be handled in terms of the protocols governing the management of classified information.

5. Government has further noted with concern social media reports alleging espionage activities linked to some politi-



Sonto Kudjoe Director
General SSA

cians and a head of a Chapter 9 institution. Government will look further into this matter.

6. The Minister would like to assure all South Africans that the State Security Agency will continue to focus on its mandate to protect and secure the integrity of country, its citizens and critical infrastructure.

an emergency meeting between SSA and Israeli intelligence officials. Canadian officials were also drawn into the affair. As for Garb, he was quietly removed from South Africa.

Accusations about Mossad operations at Johannesburg Airport and El Al

The files also reveal Iranian Intelligence has been particularly active in South Africa, and officials from Tehran were introduced to several high-end technology companies. A document classified 'Secret' and headed 'UK/US Eyes Only' describes how MI6 learned of one contact made to a firm called Electro Resistance Furnaces (ERFCO). ERFCO was reportedly dealing with a number of companies MI6 learned were acting as fronts for Iran's military - ballistic missile launchers and

rocket production was referenced. ERFCO was seemingly oblivious to the front, however MI6 concern was obvious: *'It is known that it will significantly enhance Iran's ability to produce ballistic missiles, including some which would be suitable for carrying nuclear warheads'.*

LANGLEY TO HAMAS

CIA operations in the Middle East have also been exposed. A Langley cable to South Africa



in June 2012, reveals the Agency, under D/CIA David Petraeus' watch was *'desperate to make contact with Hamas in Gaza'*. Intelligence officials in Pretoria allegedly responded by announcing it could effectively make contact and act as a conduit or back channel for the Agency. There are no diplomatic relations between the group and Washington.

Such channels are often created away from the public gaze and in some cases, even from ministers.

The leaked cable documents how a CIA agent met with SSA officers in East Jerusalem to discuss the arrangement. By using a proxy, some intelligence watchers believe Langley did not break any laws. Similarly, the operation may have been an attempt to recruit agents within Hamas.

Exchanges between the SSA and Zimbabwe's Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO) have also been stolen. Some discuss surveillance of activists whilst others document a disturbing report involving a plot to assassinate Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission.



Al Jazeera newsroom

Dozens of other countries feature in the leaked material, and a vast array of intelligence programmes and operations have been exposed. Indeed, one file shows how South Africa used a spy within the Russian government to access secrets about a top secret surveillance satellite launched at the end of 2014. The mission - codenamed Project Condor - placed the satellite in orbit to monitor the entire African continent as far north as Israel. It has since transpired the satellite is actually operated by South Africa itself and part of an ambitious project initiated by General Moretti Motau, who once headed the

country's military intelligence service. "It appears that the South African State Security Agency was kept out of the loop," an intelligence source told Eye Spy.

Al Jazeera published the leaked materials in a programme dubbed *'The Spy Cables'* sharing the documentation with Britain's *Guardian* newspaper.



2014 - Gaza. A wrecked ambulance sits amongst the rubble in a street. Inset: A Hamas IED inside a toy



2012. Director CIA David Petraeus ordered a back channel to Hamas be created via SSA



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RUSSIAN ILLEGALS Belgium and Sweden Accuse Russia of More Spy Games and Infiltration

Journalists in Belgium have reported that officials from the country's federal prosecutor's office have launched an investigation into two suspected Russian SVR (foreign intelligence service) spies who illegally acquired Belgian nationality.

couple could have been operational for nearly 25 years.

The report coincided with a statement issued by Sweden's security service, SAPO, warning of "increased Russian spying." Chief analyst of the Service's

Identified only as M.E. and I.R., the couple married in the early 1990s before departing for Italy to conduct espionage.

The SVR's Directorate S is highly experienced in creating covers and legends in order to help place 'illegals' overseas for long term projects. In theory, therefore, the

Russian Embassy, Stockholm



COPYCAT ATTACK Lone Wolf Recreates Paris Shooting

In mid-February, Denmark experienced its worst terror attack in decades. In what appeared to be a copycat attack of the 7 January

Charlie Hebdo massacre in Paris, two people were killed and five police officers wounded.

The attack began at an event called 'Art, Blasphemy and Freedom of Expression' in the Krudttønden cultural centre, Copenhagen, where Swedish artist Lars Vilks was among the speakers. Vilks caused controversy in 2007 for his depiction of

the Prophet Muhammad. As the event launched, Finn Nørsgaard, 55, a film director attending the event, was shot dead outside the building.

The next morning security guard Dan Uzan, 37, was shot and killed outside the city's Great Synagogue in Krystalgade. Two police officers were also wounded.

Later that day near Nørrebro station, police shot and killed a man after he opened fire on them. The man was identified as Danish-born Omar Abdel Hamid El-Hussein, whom police said was responsible for the earlier attacks. El-Hussein had been released from prison just two weeks before the attacks.

Michael Gjorup, head of the country's prison and probation service, told Danish media that authorities were concerned about changes in El-Hussein's behaviour

in prison and passed on information to Danish Intelligence before the attack. The head of the Danish Security and Intelligence Service (PET), Jens Madsen, acknowledged that El-Hussein had been "on the radar of his services."

El-Hussain had sworn allegiance to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi on his Facebook page.

Two men, aged 19 and 22 were later charged with two counts of accessory to murder and five counts of accessory to attempted murder.



PET Director Jens Madsen

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Omar Abdel Hamid El-Hussein



Flowers at the scene of the second Copenhagen shooting

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counter-intelligence agency, Wilhelm Unge, claimed a third of all Russian diplomats based in Sweden are spies.

Last year of course, Swedish defence forces were involved in the hunt for a mystery submarine seen operating in its territorial waters. SAPO accused Russia of conducting extensive espionage operations "year after year" on Swedish territory - a claim dismissed by Moscow.

Unge made his remarks as the agency presented its annual security report. He said the Russian spies were deployed by its military intelligence arm - the



GRU and the Federal Security Service. Unge described them as "highly educated and often younger than those operational during the Soviet era."

During the Cold War there were a number of espionage incidents in Sweden involving the KGB. One of the most famous cases was that of Swedish railway worker Fritiof Enbom. He spied for Russia from 1943 to 1951. Arrested in 1952, he was sentenced to a life of hard labour, but released a decade later.

- Stockholm recently adopted legislation giving its NSA-type agency, the National Defense Radio Establishment (FRA), the right to scan all international phone calls, e-mails and faxes for sensitive keywords without a court order.

SAPO drawing in its 2014 annual report depicting a 'brush pass' and information exchange in a park



On 19 March 2015, PET (Center for Terrorism Analysis - CTA) released a statement assessing public safety in Denmark. CTA acknowledged the homeland threat is "significant" and identified ISIS as a menace which "may aggravate the terror threat against Danish interests abroad."

Lars Vilks



OPERATION STORM OF RESOLVE

Saudi and Gulf Air Forces Strike Iran-backed Rebels in Yemen

Saudi Arabia and its regional Gulf allies launched air strikes on the Yemeni capital Sana'a and elsewhere in the country to dislodge Iranian-backed Houthi rebels. Fighters hit military aircraft at Sana'a international airport after reports emerged that the rebels advance on the major port city of Aden, had forced the President

Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi to flee. Mr Hadi is currently based in the Saudi capital Riyadh.

Yemen, whilst being the poorest nation in the Middle East, is strategically important as it borders the south of Saudi Arabia.

Some 10 nations are engaged in the operation, including members



President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi

of the Gulf Cooperation Council, with the goal of protecting "the legitimate government of Yemen."

Whilst Adel Al-Jubeir, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Washington, said the US military wasn't involved, both the United States and Britain support the operations taking place in Yemen. The Foreign Office issued a statement saying "Mr Hadi was the legitimate president of Yemen."



Saudi Arabian and UAE Air Force fighters led the operation against Houthi rebels

WORST KEPT INTEL SECRET

Identity of terrorist dubbed 'Jihadi John' finally revealed as intelligence threads exposed

The identity of the front man featured in numerous ISIS beheading videos known as 'Jihadi John', has at last been made public. British, American and other intelligence services have known who he is for the best part of two years. Indeed, a plethora of stories about his contact with MI5 and his slide into the terrorist underworld, have puzzled those analysts and psychiatrists now trying to understand his marked transformation from a moderate Muslim to one who continues to commit atrocities. His identity was also known to several media outlets, but all chose not to speculate on the advice and guidance from senior intelligence people.

All that has now changed. Kuwaiti-born Londoner Mohammed Emwazi has become the primary target for British and American Special Forces operating in Iraq and Syria. And whilst intelligence on Emwazi's whereabouts is limited, MI6 believe he is based in Raqqa, along with other Britons fighting with ISIS.

His 'Jihadi John' name came about after he engaged with a group of Britons in ISIS dubbed 'the Beatles' - Emwazi being John



Lennon. However, to other ISIS terrorists he is known as Jalman Al-Britani.

Born in 1988, to Iraqi parents, Emwazi moved to the UK in 1994. In 2006 he completed a computing degree at the University of Westminster. Six years ago Emwazi was deported from

Tanzania with two friends after MI5 suspected he was trying to join the terror outfit Al-Shabaab. Thereafter he became a Security Service 'person of interest'.

Interestingly, recordings of Emwazi surfaced in which he condemned the 2001 attacks on America and the London 7/7



University of Westminster

bombings. "If I had the opportunity for those lives to come back I would make those lives come back. I think what happened was wrong," he said.

Emwazi spoke of a recruitment deal with MI5 and harassment. His supposed MI5 handler called 'Nick' said he thought he was determined to get back to Africa. Thereafter he made contact with a campaign outfit called CAGE and spoke of his MI5 interview. These liaisons were recorded and have since been released primarily because CAGE want to show



Emwazi was not a 'militant' before his association with MI5.

MI5 has acknowledged though under surveillance, Emwazi managed to exit the UK hiding in a cross Channel freight lorry. He then made his way into Syria via Turkey in the summer of 2013.

One contact man (defector from ISIS) who met with Emwazi after he joined ISIS, said he was a loner but wanted to appear in the beheading videos. He claimed many Britons seeking to join ISIS gathered in Atmeh in the north of Syria - home to a huge refugee camp. ISIS soon took control and moved in and the region supports a major terrorist pipeline in and out of Syria. The Britons called the site "five star jihad" and began posting images on Twitter according to the informant.

Interestingly, the defector said ISIS has its own professional psychologists who have the ability to transform people. "He's a celebrity... ISIS plays him like a piano."

This might be an indicator to how an ordinary man turned into a vicious killer - but it does not explain why he sought to join a terrorist organisation long before his MI5 contact.



Emwazi with British aid worker Alan Henning

TRAP DOOR

ISIS COUNTERMEASURES

MI5 and New Scotland Yard Launch Operation Danube

One of MI5's most guarded secrets is the actual number of British suspects linked to or already operating with groups such as al-Qaida or ISIS. Even more secret is its Registry - within here a list of those it believes may at some time in the future and for whatever reason, seek a new direction in life and actively engage in terrorism. Many will be unknowns or 'clean skins' as some in the intelligence world call them, and this increases the likelihood they will simply slip through current watch procedures.

The Security Service has come under fire in recent weeks after three young women managed to fly out of the country to Turkey and cross the border into Syria into the hands of ISIS. It doesn't surprise intelligence watchers at all, for the ISIS pipeline into northern Syria is masked by a surging tide of refugees, aid workers, relief flights, poor security, political fall out and convoys regularly shuffling in an out of areas that are most dangerous to control. Those who manage the 'dark corridor' are most skilled in avoiding detection and supported by a network of recruiters and infiltrators willing to offer guidance and financial support. Once a person has reached the border - all is lost - and little if anything can be done to bring them back.

Thus, faced with a most complex set of circumstances, MI5 together with New

MI5 in counter-terrorism rethink as Service creates directorate to identify individuals seeking to enter the world of terrorism or who are already operating in its dark corners

Scotland Yard has begun an endeavour code-named Operation Danube which seeks to identify the 'threat level' of individuals including those on the periphery of terrorism. Also included, people who have at some stage come to the attention of the Service or police. Critics say such measures should have been introduced much earlier, but hindsight is a wonderful thing and people fail to grasp the scale of surveillance and investigation needed to properly identify emerging lone wolves. MI5 is not seeking to place known supporters of ISIS or al-Qaida in the Danube eyeglass, these individuals are already flagged in other parts

of its counter-terrorism programme. The Service is fearful of people who at any time may take that one step which will lead them to the underworld. They may act as individuals or small teams, such as the crazed terrorists Michael Adebolajo and Michael Adebowale who viciously killed British Army trooper Lee Rigby on a London street in May 2013. Indeed, Eye Spy understands it was that incident which caused MI5 officials to initiate Danube.

Seeking to understand the reasons behind the killing, and if anything could have been



Security has been tightened at many international airports. New 'flight awareness' or 'flight prevention' procedures have been introduced and staff advised to be more watchful as passengers pass through various check points. Similarly, the security services are paying as much attention to flight arrivals as departures - this as ISIS fighters start to return home - or others who plan to carry out attacks

done to prevent it, a Commons Intelligence Security Committee (ISC) was told that MI5 had increased its surveillance on the terrorists shortly before they struck. The ISC concluded the attack was not preventable. However, from that moment on, a special desk was created, and procedures and guidelines introduced which would hopefully single out such individuals with more haste. Triggers for inclusion could be the number of confirmed meetings with other known terrorist suspects, or multiple visits to extremist web sites or chat rooms. Another trigger point could be telephone calls made or received from associates already flagged or suspected of belonging to a terrorist outfit. Data streaming in from elsewhere is added to the profile thus the threat level of the Danube target will either rise or fall. If it rises, more monitoring or surveillance can be introduced. Senior MI5 officers can then decide upon a further course of action - prevention and intervention are two words which come to mind.

If truth be known, there are similar programmes already running which act like Danube - the FBI has a system

which is both durable and accessible by other government agencies. Nevertheless, MI5's rethink on counter-measures, especially lone wolf attackers can be summed up by comments laid out in the ISC report:

'This review noted that it is common for Subjects of Interest to feature in more than one extremist network. Assessing and managing the investigation of such individuals is challenging, particularly when the investiga-

tions in which they feature do not fully illuminate the nature and extent of their involvement in extremist activities.

'MI5 has since developed and implemented ways of identifying subjects of interest who may carry out acts of terrorism alone, outside of the more usual network conspiracy, more likely using unsophisticated methods and with limited prior planning, and has set up a dedicated team to assist with the identification and investigation of such individuals.'

'MI5 has developed a revised methodology for managing individuals judged to present a risk of carrying out violent acts of terrorism alone or in small groups outside of the more usual network based conspiracy. This fits within MI5's existing prioritisation process and has, as a result, already contributed to the disruption of at least one individual who was in the advanced stages of planning to carry out an attack of this type. This methodology is still evolving and being refined in conjunction with the police'.

Several ISIS propaganda films exist explaining how recruits can obtain money for the journey to Syria



TRAP DOOR

Much has been reported on three young women who allegedly left the UK in February to travel to Syria via Turkey. Here sources say they were met by waiting ISIS recruiters. The women's families were oblivious to their daughters intentions. It's not clear how or why the women, two aged 15 and a third 16, were not stopped or quizzed, but it transpired a school friend had earlier made the same journey to Syria.

Sadly the case reflects a growing trend and more young men and women are travelling to the war theatre. New Scotland Yard is advising parents or spouses to contact the authorities if they fear family members might be vulnerable or have been introduced to terrorism by friends or colleagues. This also includes signs or evidence they have watched or engaged with radicals on social media web sites.

For ISIS any new recruit from a Western country is a propaganda coup.



The three British girls are recorded on CCTV at Gatwick Airport



CCTV Istanbul. The girls waited eighteen hours for a bus



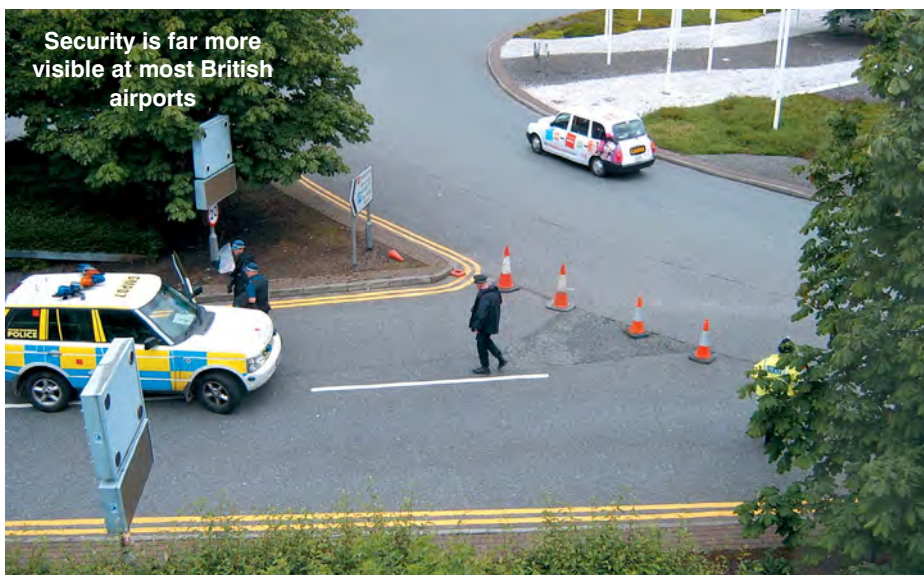
12 March 2015. Two Australian brothers aged just 16 and 17 are stopped by Sydney security guards - the men were reportedly enroute to Syria



Australian Abdullah Elmira



Australian Khaled Sharrouf



Security is far more visible at most British airports

What MI5 hopes is that Danube can identify individuals entering the 'atmosphere' of the terrorist world. Some believe that the London character dubbed 'Jihadi John' (Mohammed Emwazi) may well have seen his threat level increase as he gradually moved away from ordinary life, his persona changing every day. Perhaps his actions, meetings, commentary

etc. would have caused red flags to fly in the programme, for he was already in the Register as a 'person of interest' and one whom MI5 had a liaison.

The intelligence rumour mill surrounding the world's most violent terrorist is awash with stories of MI5 complacency. Others believe



Eye Spy believes between 250 and 300 UK nationals have returned from the fighting in Syria and Iraq. Dozens have been jailed whilst others are now under surveillance



Michael Adebolajo and Michael Adebowale

the data contained on Emwazi would have triggered Danube's threat level mechanism off the scale. Unconfirmed reports state he was a known associate of Samantha Lewthwaite, the woman dubbed the 'white widow' and the widow of a 7/7 London terrorist. Intercepted communications apparently exist between him and the notorious former head of al-Qaida in Africa - Fazul Abdullah Mohammed. Other sources claim he had contact with Michael Adebolajo and that he was the target of an MI5 recruiter. All fascinating stuff, but of no comfort to the relatives of Emwazi's victims.

That he was under MI5 surveillance is evidenced by the fact that whilst living in London in 2010, he offered up his laptop computer for sale on the Internet. Eye Spy understands the 'buyer' was in fact MI5.

REFLECTIONS

Twelve years ago MI5 and New Scotland Yard hunted an al-Qaida suspect in the person of Kamel Bourgass. He lived in a small flat in Wood Green, from where he attempted to manufacture ricin. MI5 learned of his scheme but before they could coordinate with NSY and initiate an arrest, he fled the city. A few days

later and 200 miles north, police officer Stephen Oake joined with colleagues to embark upon an operation linked to illegal immigration. It was regarded as low key and one that posed little danger. Unbeknown to the police and unfortunately for Oake, one of those the team visited was Bourgass, described to Eye Spy by an MI5 officer as "the most dangerous character he had ever confronted." Bourgass stabbed Oake to death.

Such lone wolf attacks are not a new phenomenon. But had the Danube threat level system been in place in 2003, Manchester counter-terrorist officers would have had access to its data undoubtedly built up around Bourgass and taken the necessary precaution. Oake's wasn't even wearing a stab vest.

Danube must be taken in context and though it will be a useful tool in future days, it is not a defensive shield. Analysts will still have to ascertain what the data means. At the very least it will provide a 'signature' - an historical and on-going record of a target person. But who will end up in its data banks? It's unlikely anyone showing passive or verbal support for groups such as ISIS will be engaged by Danube. This data will be flagged in a 'catch all' general system. MI5 can't monitor everyone thus emphasis will be seeking out people like Emwazi, Adebolajo, Adebowale and Bourgass. At the same time other CT measures will try and identify the 'agents of influence', the recruiters and 'self starters' (lone wolves).

Behavioural science has shown there is no single gateway or path to terrorism. Hence-



Kamel Bourgass lived in a flat above this chemist



forth the counter-measures enabled must be able to detect at the very earliest those who may one day fall over the precipice.



MI5 has increased surveillance on dozens of suspects - and their activities are being monitored both physically and electronically

MIDNIGHT PUTIN CRITIC ASSASSINATED IN MOSCOW SANCTION



Boris Nemtsov



***New Moscow
shooting leads
to a wave of
conspiracy
theories***

FEBRUARY 2015

Boris Nemtsov, 55, a former Deputy Prime Minister of Russia was shot dead by an assassin on the evening of 27 February in sight of the Kremlin walls. In the 1990s, Nemtsov learned his craft as an aide to President Boris Yeltsin. He was well known in Russia as a champion of capitalism and a fierce critic of President Vladimir Putin. In 2010, he helped establish a political party called 'For Russia without Lawlessness and Corruption'. Two others behind the endeavour were Vladimir Milov and Vladimir Ryzhkov. Interestingly after its establishment, President Putin referenced the three together with his

former arch enemy - London-based Boris Berezovsky - accusing them of "dragging billions" out of the country.

A few months later the men wanted to change the party's name to the 'People Freedom Party', a move bizarrely blocked by Putin's Justice Ministry. Despite this, it is generally known by this title and supportive of the original Party of Popular Freedom.

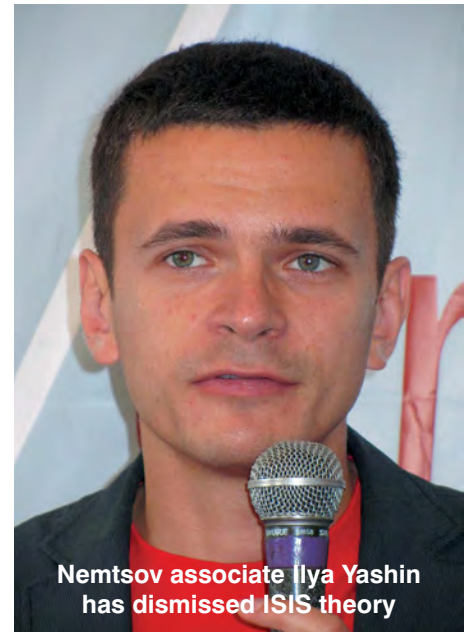
Thereafter Nemtsov and his associates were targeted and arrested several times. He accused Putin of orchestrating a policy of harassment against him and his colleagues.

Nemtsov was in Moscow seeking to organise a protest rally against Russia's intervention in Ukraine - a clue perhaps to why he was murdered. Also, he was concerned about Putin's associates who had made huge sums of money from the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games - some of whom he named.

Just weeks earlier Nemtsov had spoken about his fears that Putin might 'green light' his execution. He wrote a piece on Russia's Sobesdnik news web site, explaining his mother feared he would be killed. Asked if he



Boris Nemtsov leads a peace march in Moscow 2014.
The banner reads: 'For Russia and Ukraine without Putin'



Nemtsov associate Ilya Yashin
has dismissed ISIS theory

was frightened, he said "yes... but not as much as my mother."

As an active participant in a number of 'Dissenter Marches' and 'Strategy-31' rallies (activist groups), Nemtsov had been detained on various occasions. However, it was his views on Crimea and Ukraine that so rankled with Putin's government.

ASSASSINATION

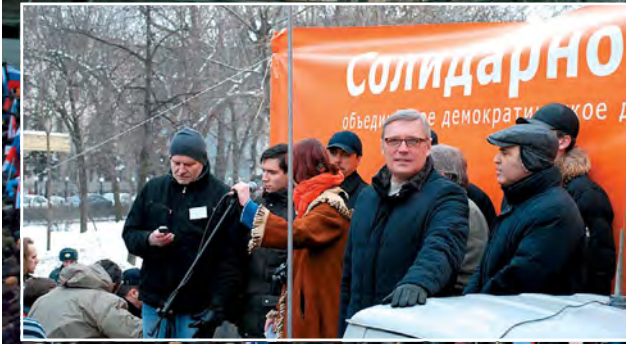
Shortly before midnight on 27 February and less than 48 hours from attending the peace rally, Nemtsov was walking with his Ukrainian girlfriend Anna Duritskaya on Bolshoy Moskvoretsky Bridge, close to Red Square. A lone gunman approached and shot him four times at point-blank range in the back. Nemtsov died moments later. The gunman fled the scene in a vehicle driven by at least one associate. Interestingly, CCTV cameras that



Bolshoy Moskvoretsky Bridge



1 March 2015. Thousands of Muscovites march in protest at the murder of Nemtsov. Speaking at the event, former Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov (inset) said the Kremlin was “frightened of Nemtsov”



covered the area were not functioning at the time but other city cameras did pick up the car's registration number.

As Russian police arrived at the scene, a state-owned vehicle used by a contract company that provides security to government-run institutions, including the Finance Ministry drove past. Senior police officer Igor Krasnov, lead detective in the case, requested that CCTV from other parts of the city be used to help trace the vehicle. This car proved pivotal in the hunt for the suspects.

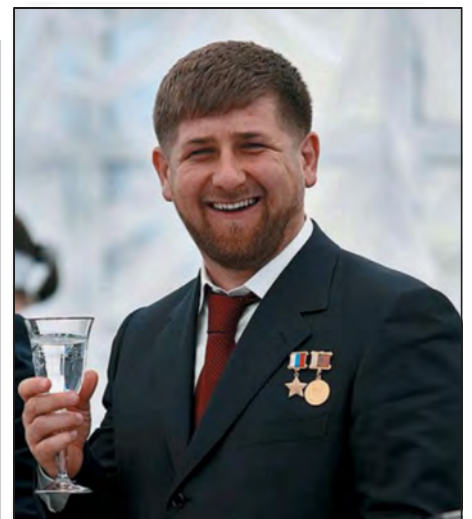
REASONS FOR SANCTION

Why Nemtsov was murdered remains a matter of conjecture, but inside sources say he had prepared an explosive report proving beyond doubt that Russia had engaged its military might in the east of Ukraine. Eye Spy sources in Moscow state that within hours of the shooting, Russian intelligence officials entered his apartment and removed papers, comput-

ers and various files - including his report on Ukraine. Nemtsov's colleagues are in the dark concerning other items that were taken.

A myriad of conspiracy theories have since appeared on why Nemtsov was killed. Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the attack was intended to discredit the Kremlin by “creating suspicion that the president himself had ordered Nemtsov's murder - an attempt to destabilise the country.”

The investigative committee too issued several possible reasons - one being ISIS. Nemtsov had condemned the assassins in the *Charlie Hebdo* Paris shootings. Other investigators believe the solution may be tied to his private life - noting he had allegedly paid for private abortions for his girlfriend and two lovers. However, Western intelligence watchers note many of the ‘darker’ theories are appearing in media houses either supportive of the government or simply fronts. And what would a conspiracy be without reference to the CIA.



Vladimir Putin awarded Ramzan Kadyrov the Order of Honour medal

A number of reports have been peddled about Langley's attempt to try and secure a regime change. The inference here is that by removing Nemstov, a new wave of anti-government



Vladimir Putin with Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov



FSB Director Alexander Bortnikov



Shamil Basayev



Omar al-Shishani -
ISIS commander



Alleged assassin - Zaur Dadayev

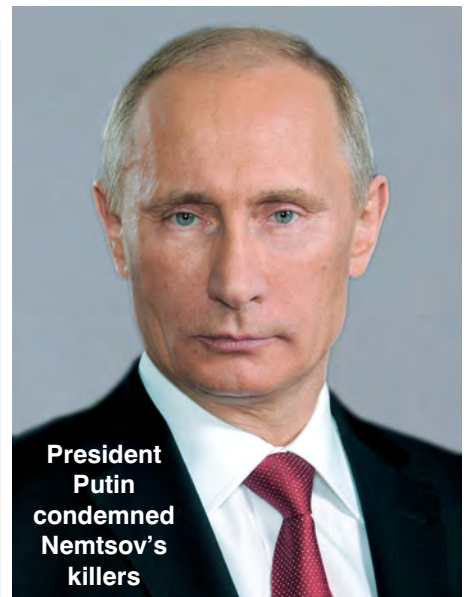
protests would eventually lead to the toppling of Putin's government.

Nemtsov's people are more reflective, believing Putin has created an "atmosphere of hate" by calling his opponents a "fifth column of national traitors."

Just nine days after the incident, the head of the FSB, Alexander Bortnikov announced a number of men had been detained in connection with the attack. Anzor Gubashev, Russian Yusupov and Zaur Dadayev all from the North Caucasus were accused of murder. The supposed lead shooter Dadayev, admitted his

role but a Kremlin human rights person said his confession was made whilst being tortured. Interestingly, Dadayev, a Chechen police officer, was attached to the Interior Ministry security unit which provided support for the country's Russian-backed leader Ramzan Kadyrov. Like others, Kadyrov believes the shooting has ISIS connections and was "a retaliation" in relation to Nemtsov's comments on the *Charlie Hebdo* incident. Another suspect, Beslan Shavanov, detonated a grenade when police called at his home in Grozny. He died instantly. Kadyrov described Shavanov as a "brave warrior" and has made passive supportive comments about Nemtsov's assassins, calling them "patriots of Russia."

Critics are already warning that if intelligence or government people are behind the shooting, Krasnov will only find a sacrificial gunman - and not those who ordered the sanction. Political activist and politician Ilya Yashin, a close Nemtsov associate and friend said: "Our worst fears are coming true. The trigger man will be blamed whilst the person who ordered the shooting will be free. The ISIS theory is



President
Putin
condemned
Nemtsov's
killers

nonsense, but takes Putin out of the firing line." Yashin believes the ISIS theory is a carefully manufactured Kremlin plot line introduced to mask a government sanction.

For the best part of two decades Russian and Chechen forces have battled terrorist factions in Chechnya. The main group, headed by Shamil Basayev aligned itself to al-Qaida. Basayev was the mastermind of the 2002 Moscow theatre siege in which 131 people were killed. He was eventually tracked down near the border with North Ossetia and shot dead by the FSB in 2006. Hundreds of Chechens are now in Syria and Iraq fighting with ISIS. Indeed, one of the group's main leaders is a Chechen by the name of Omar al-Shishani. He once served in the Georgian Army.

On 9 February, less than two weeks after the murder, Vladimir Putin awarded Ramzan Kadyrov a state medal (Order of Honour) for 'Services to the Fatherland'. Kremlin officials said the timing was "coincidental."



Boris Nemtsov with
colleagues at an opposition
peace rally in 2012

SLIGHT OF HAND

SURPRISING EVIDENCE PRESENTED AT INQUIRY INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF AN MI6 AGENT

At the UK public inquiry into the death of MI6 agent and former FSB intelligence officer Alexander Litvinenko, inconsistencies have emerged surrounding the outcome of a lie detector test taken by prime suspect Andrei Lugovoi in Moscow. At the time, it was reported by Russian state media that the test had “emphatically cleared” Lugovoi of any involvement in Litvinenko’s death.

Litvinenko fell ill and died a few weeks after meeting Lugovoi and Dmitri Kovtun, both former FSB officers, in November 2006. He had ingested the deadly radioactive isotope Polonium-210 which had been slipped into his tea at the Millennium Hotel in London.

In April 2012, polygrapher Bruce Burgess, flew to Moscow to carry out the lie detector test at the behest of Alexander Korobko, a well known Russian TV documentary producer. Burgess said he believed he was going to test



a celebrity. He was paid £5,000 plus expenses. The private test was given in a Moscow hotel room and the following morning Burgess and his son breakfasted with Lugovoi in his daughter’s restaurant.

The inquiry heard that Mr Burgess had a previous conviction for perverting the course of justice and received a two-year suspended jail sentence.* Burgess said he resigned from the British Polygraph Association following his criminal conviction. Ben Emerson QC, acting

on behalf of Marina Litvinenko, said that Burgess was a “proven liar who would take any work he could get.”

During the test Lugovoi was asked several questions including: “Had he killed Litvinenko, or handled radioactive polonium?” Burgess conceded that although he



Prime suspect: Inquiry heard how Andrei Lugovoi failed part of a lie detector test concerning Polonium 210

had told Lugovoi afterwards that he had passed the test, he actually failed the polonium question.

The inquiry heard there was evidence that Lugovoi had used ‘counter-measures’ to dupe that part of the test which measures blood pressure and breathing. Giving evidence, Professor Ray Bull, an expert in forensic psychology, said it was “quite easy to train subjects to cheat.” It was possible to take “mental counter-measures and physical ones,” he said.

And in a surprising development, Dmitri Kovtun said he was prepared to give evidence to the inquiry by video link from Moscow. In March he said neither he or Lugovoi had anything to do with the murder of Litvinenko.



Dmitri Kovtun



US-based Russian historian and author Yuri Felshtinsky at the Millennium Hotel, Mayfair. He believes the death of Litvinenko was the result of a Moscow sanction



CCTV footage of both Lugovoi and Kovtun at the Millennium Hotel

** Burgess gave false name after receiving a police ticket for speeding*

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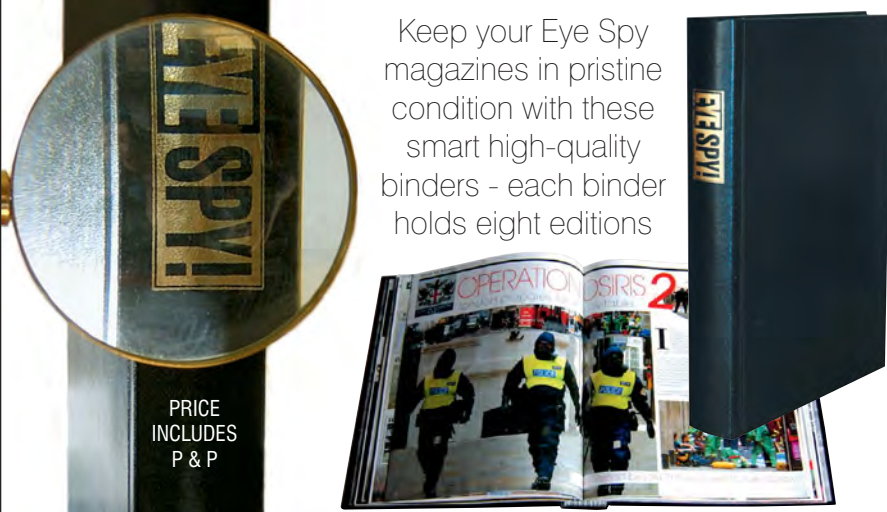



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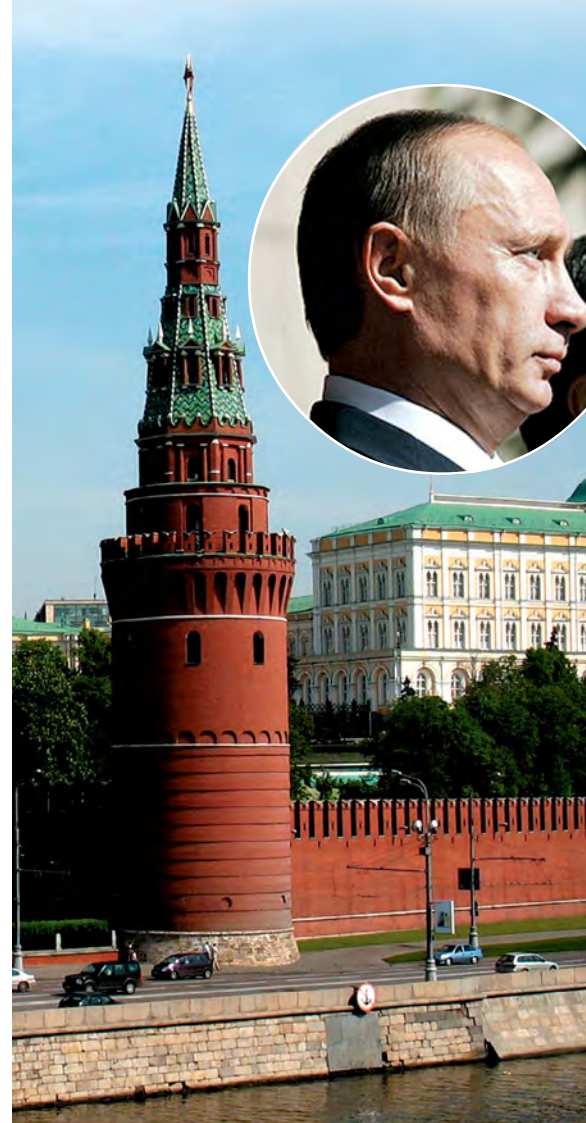


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MOSCOW

Langley remains silent on arrest and jailing of agent in Russia... and the loss of a 'spy rock'

Almost a decade ago an MI6 operation connected to non-government offices (NGOs) in Moscow, was blown after an undercover FSB team surveilled British spies making a bee-line to a park on the outskirts of the city. Their final destination was actually a quiet area where the Service had deployed an advanced communications device concealed within a convincing fibreglass 'rock'. Here officers would electronically recover imparted material, or similarly, upload messages giving agents further instructions, requests or assignments.

Surge in arrests of suspected spies in Russia as a fearful President Putin seeks to counter CIA operations in Ukraine

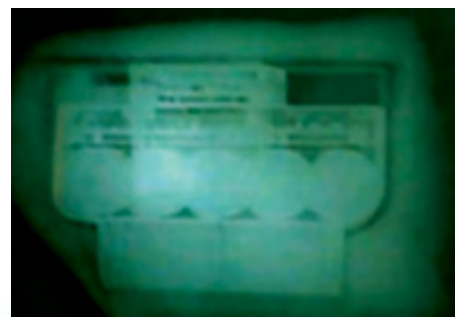


WW SPY GAMES

Unfortunately the operation was uncovered, but the FSB allowed it to run a while enabling more evidence to be secured. On one occasion, a covert camera recorded a frustrated MI6 man kick the rock when it apparently malfunctioned. The spy rock was eventually seized and together with clips of the 'kicking scene', made for interesting television viewing over several days. The Foreign Office, which supports MI6 operations remained silent, and the officers who had their photographs emblazoned in the media made their way quietly back to Britain. Eventually the UK admitted its role in the affair.

Of course using hollowed-out rocks to conceal, transport, pass and receive messages and materials is a spy trait dating back hundreds of years. They are inconspicuous, natural, can be any size and most are virtually weather proof. Thus despite the MI6 debacle in the park, rocks continue to be used in the great game - especially as dead letter drops.

Like MI6, the CIA has its own creative section - and one specially designed custom built object is indeed a 'rock'. These are manufactured to resemble indigenous rocks found in particular areas and come in various sizes. In WWII, MI6, SOE and the OSS used the expertise of London Zoo to produce dung from



The MI6 'spy rock' recovered by the FSB. Now the CIA has lost a similar device to the Russians



US Embassy, Kiev, Ukraine



An MI6 officer photographed with the spy rock in Moscow.
Top: Four officers had their photographs published

animals found in operational zones. This was exact in size, texture, colour and even smell and used to conceal explosives. In some cases it was laid in specific areas where agents could leave or source information.

And a CIA rock featured in a recent espionage case read in a Moscow court on 5 March 2015. The spying involved an alleged CIA agent - Roman Ushakov, 33, a police major in the Siberian region of Krasnoyarsk. In 2009, he secured coded Interior Ministry (MVD) files and thereafter sought to make contact with US intelligence officials in Moscow. The court heard he simply sent an e-mail to the Agency's web site that sparked interest amongst Langley staffers.

A meeting in Moscow was considered too dangerous so he flew to Britain, Turkey and Finland to meet with CIA officers. Ushakov is said to have imparted the names of around a dozen FSB officers assigned to 'closed towns', research facilities, missiles bases and plants where uranium and plutonium is manufactured. The material was of much interest to Langley which assigned Ushakov his own handler.

To develop the liaison further, and to thank Ushakov for his initial efforts, his handler sent a message explaining that he should make his way to a dead letter drop close to an area used by homeless people [exact location not specified]. Here he would find a dummy rock



President Putin and Patriarch Kirill

and inside - 35,000 Euros (£27,000 or \$41,000). A huge sum.

Late at night and equipped with a torch, he made his way to the area and began searching for the rock. However, several FSB were already surveilling Ushakov. As soon as the agent located the rock and duly opened it - he was arrested. Besides the money, the FSB also recovered a letter from Langley regarding further instructions. A Moscow official said this was evidence the CIA wanted to "foster a long-term relationship."

In court Ushakov pleaded guilty. He was tried and convicted of espionage and treason and sentenced to fifteen years in prison - all of which will be served in a tough penal colony. It is understood to avoid jail, Ushakov offered up his services to the FSB as a double agent working against the CIA. This was rejected.

UKRAINE CONFLICT

Events in the Ukraine and Baltic have led to a surge in intelligence collection and counter-espionage operations. It has recently emerged that a public relations officer in the powerful and influential Russian Orthodox Church was detained last June. Yevgeny Petrin was accused of being a CIA agent - something which he denies. Petrin had been assigned a



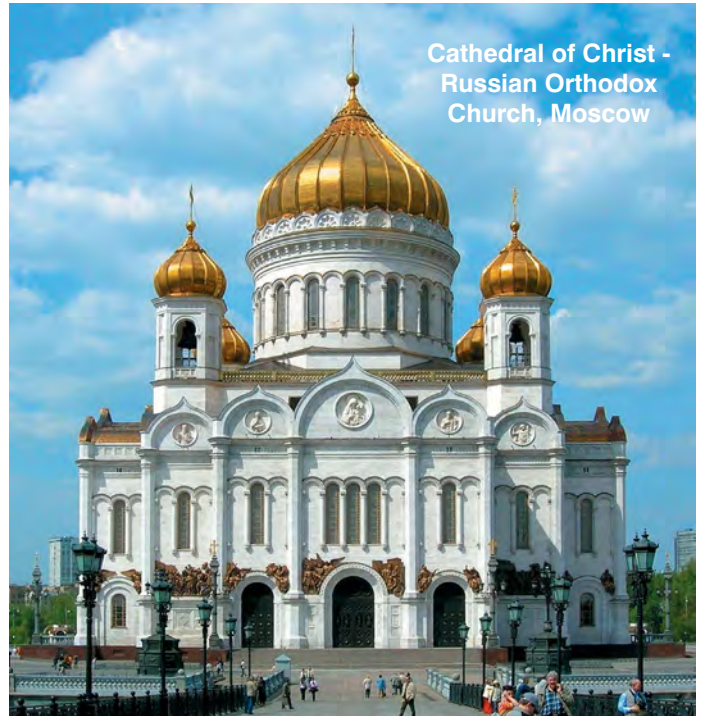
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US Ambassador to Ukraine, Geoffrey Pyatt with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko



Cathedral of Christ - Russian Orthodox Church, Moscow



Russia intensified its efforts to detain US spies after the FBI broke up a major SVR spy ring in the United States in 2010. Anna Chapman (pictured) was one of 11 Russian spies deported

post in the Ukraine capital Kiev, and the FSB allege it was here a relationship was formed with CIA officers deployed at the US Embassy.

The head of the Russian Orthodox Church, which has a close ties with the Kremlin, is Patriarch Kirill. He is a close friend of President Vladimir Putin. The FSB maintain Petrin had inside information on various state issues and was supplying this to the CIA. "Petrin worked for American Intelligence," said an official. The affair is made more complex because many people in Ukraine still follow the Russian Church. The term "influence" has also been raised on several occasions involving the Petrin affair.

Remarkably, as further details emerged, Petrin is said to have admitted he is actually a captain in the FSB itself - and was "specially trained to infiltrate the Church."

Throughout WWII and the Cold War, the KGB used priests in the Russian Orthodox Church as reporting agents. Indeed, British intelligence authority Christopher Andrews said this of the Church's liaison with the KGB: "The



Igor Sutyagin

Council for the Affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church (later the Council for Religious Affairs) worked in close cooperation with the NKVD and its successors to ensure the subservience of Church to State."

Russian solicitor Anna Stavitskaya who represented alleged CIA-MI6 contact man Igor Sutyagin, said events in the Ukraine have led to a "surge in spy mania." Sutyagin was of course one of four suspected Western agents freed in exchange for members of the Russian spy network dismantled by the FBI in 2010. Stavitskaya warned the FSB was now searching for spies in unfamiliar areas. "The entire spectrum of Russian civil society has been targeted with treason accusations. Everyone needs to think seriously about what they should say and where."

Eye Spy believe as many as nine people are currently being detained in Russia on charges linked to espionage. One of these is Vladimir Golubev, a nuclear researcher who was accused of revealing "too much information" in a scientific paper. Since 2012, sixteen people have been convicted of treason in Russian courts.



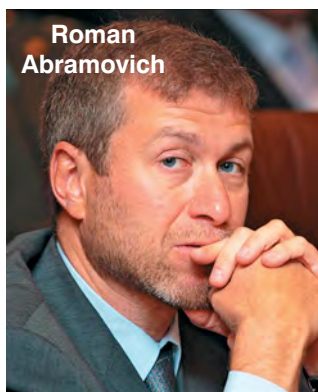
Special reconnaissance unit of the Russian Ministry of Interior Affairs

THE SECRET COUP

COMPLEX ALLEGATIONS THAT MI6 AND THE CIA WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEATH OF RUSSIAN OLIGARCH

Sergie Sokolov, Boris Berezovsky's former head of security has said he did not believe his ex-employer committed suicide in 2013, but was murdered by Western secret services over a supposed plot to overthrow President Vladimir Putin.

Berezovsky was a sworn enemy of Putin, but months prior to his death in southern England, had seemingly mellowed his tone. However, a string of huge financial losses reportedly resulted in a deep depression - a reason some believe he killed himself.



Roman Abramovich

Sokolov maintains Berezovsky "had close relations with MI6, Mossad and the CIA," but had secretly opened negotiations with Putin to



Boris Berezovsky pictured with three of his security detail in March 2013. On the evening of his death, none were on duty at his mansion in Berkshire

allow him back into Russia. He was also planning to disclose video and audio evidence of a Western-backed coup to overthrow Putin. Sokolov said: "Boris was killed only because he possessed information which he was going to share with President Putin. I am absolutely sure that Boris had evidence about certain oligarchs who offered to organise a coup in the country, promising him to be seen as being at the head of the attack."

To support his theory, Sokolov notes the CCTV security surrounding Berezovsky's mansion



Boris Berezovsky

had been switched off on the day of his death. And the security guards "had vanished."

The security man, who was once a supporter of the suicide theory, claims it is likely "MI6 took part in this operation and also the CIA." Sokolov believes that several of Berezovsky's aides were allegedly "recruited by these secret services, including some of his guards."

Berezovsky was found hanged in a locked bathroom by his personal guard and driver Avi Navam. Evidence was introduced at the coroner's inquest that he had been depressed following the loss of millions of pounds in a high court battle against another Russian billionaire, Roman Abramovich. Sokolov said: "Let me assure you, Boris was not poor. At the moment of his death he had about \$1 billion dollars in his bank accounts, was in good health mentally and physically and had a string of young lovers." That view is generally accepted by his family.

Coroner Peter Bedford ruled that Berezovsky either took his own life or was unlawfully killed.



Boris Berezovsky with his former security guard Alexander Litvinenko



Though based in London, Berezovsky retained a powerful inner circle of friends in Russia - many opposed to Putin. He was also a friend of President Yeltsin's daughter Tatyana. She is pictured at her father's funeral in 2007

REFLECTIONS, ESPIONAGE COLD WAR AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KGB



In this exclusive feature, former British intelligence operative and acclaimed author Douglas Boyd recounts his work during the Cold War, Soviet spy games and a programme initiated by Joseph Stalin which resulted in thousands of deaths

A total of 5,000 men - mostly 18-year-old National Servicemen - were trained by Britain during the Cold War as Russian linguists. Wearing Intelligence Corps uniforms, JSSL-trained army linguists intercepted Soviet ground forces' traffic along the internal German border. Aboard storm-tossed frigates in the Baltic Sea, naval linguists designated 'Coders, Special' had to cling on for dear life with one hand as they climbed up the mast to their crow's nest cabins, where they scanned the frequencies for Warsaw pact naval traffic. The other hand was carrying the coder's personal sick bucket. No kidding!

Throughout the Cold War, Berlin lay 100 miles inside the ultra-Stalinist German Democratic Republic (GDR), which made the Western

sectors of the divided capital ideal for signals interception. Posted to an ultra-secret SIGINT station at RAF Gatow in the British sector, Boyd and his comrades in RAF blue intercepted and transcribed in real time the VHF transmissions from Soviet pilots of MiG-15 and other military aircraft over-flying GDR and Poland. Other RAF linguists based here

snooped on Czech, East German and Polish traffic. VHF being line-of-sight, the ground controllers' transmissions were mostly inaudible, but could be re-constructed from the pilots' transmissions. The intercept logs were flown to Britain and used by GCHQ to track movements and state of readiness of Warsaw Pact air force units. This enabled

Berlin's famous 'Bridge of Spies' - Glienicke Bridge - scene of many spy exchanges during the Cold War

By Douglas Boyd



North Korean MiG-15 on display at the National Museum of the USAF, Ohio



Joseph Stalin

constant updating of the Soviet order-of-battle by analysts seeking any indication that the Cold War was about to turn hot.

In case that seems a safe kind of snooping, Boyd and a few comrades also volunteered to man 24/7 a remote direction-finding out-station on the border of the British sector - just 200 metres from a GDR Volksarmee barracks. On dark winter nights, the only sign of life outside was the revving of

the Volksarmee tank engines, kept at constant readiness. If the war had turned hot, the linguist on duty at the time would have been one of the first Western casualties.

Towards the end of his posting in Berlin, Boyd was caught in civilian clothes on the wrong side of the border between West Berlin and the



Gatow airport tower today. Some of the aircraft pictured are MiG-15s - the same type of aircraft Douglas Boyd and his intelligence colleagues focused much of their attention on in the Cold War. Gatow is now home to the Luftwaffe Museum

GDR. Arrested at gunpoint by Volksarmee and Red Army soldiers, he was incarcerated in a Stasi political prison at Potsdam for prolonged interrogation. At one point, the KGB tried to force him to divulge exactly what went on in the signals section of RAF Gatow. The chilling account of that confrontation is told in the introduction to his book - *Daughters of the KGB*.



JUNE 1941
Operation Barbarossa -
German troops cross
into Russia



Douglas Boyd pictured during a visit to St Petersburg

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The title of the book is indeed intriguing. At the end of WWII and hostilities in Europe, Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin had regained the vast tracts of the USSR over-run when Hitler launched Operation Barbarossa. Soviet armies also occupied Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Germany. Before combat even ended, Stalin installed in each of these countries a daughter organisation modelled on the Soviet security and intelligence services and headed by Soviet officers. Their subordinates were fanatically Communist - local men and women who had spent the war safely in the USSR being trained for this work. The major task of each of these 'daughters' was to hunt down, imprison, torture and execute anyone who might resist the Soviet occupation of their country. This included hundreds of thousands of Resistance men and women who had risked their lives fighting the wartime Nazi occupation. Many were literally hauled out of German cells and immediately reincarcerated by Russian troops they had believed were their liberators. Thousands were put against the nearest wall and shot.



The author indicating the window of the cell where he was kept in solitary confinement. The former Stasi prison in Potsdam is now a memorial to the thousands of people who were locked up there. From the street, only the barred windows hint at its grim past

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ESPIONAGE AND KGB SPIES

At the same time, Stalin tasked the daughter organisations with an all-out espionage offensive against the Western Allies. The

United States was called "glavny vrag" - the main enemy - but Britain was also targeted, as it had been since Lenin created the Comintern twenty years earlier. ➤



Gatow signals section building today

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Headquarters of Russia's Baltic Fleet, Kaliningrad



Ethel Gee

As one example, Michal Goleniewski, head of the Technical and Scientific branch of Polish Intelligence and an agent of the KGB, spied on



Harry Houghton

his colleagues. In 1959, he became a triple agent, feeding Polish and Soviet secrets to the CIA, using dead-letter drops. One of his



KGB spy Lonsdale used the toilet cistern in this London building to leave instructions for his spies and collect information

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scoops uncovered George Blake, an MI6 officer spying for Russia (see page 10). Another fingered an alcoholic Royal Navy master-at-arms named Harry Houghton at the top secret Admiralty Underwater Weapons Establishment at Portland.

While previously employed at the British Embassy in Warsaw, Houghton lived way beyond his salary, selling Western goods and medicines on the black market. Blackmailed by Polish counter-intelligence, he agreed to spy for them in order to save his Polish mistress from prison. On his return to Britain, Houghton continued living well beyond his naval salary. He seduced a filing clerk at Portland named Ethel Gee into 'borrowing' highly secret material. This he photocopied at home at the beginning of each month. Houghton then travelled to London, handed over his films and received payment in cash.

His wife's warnings to security officers that he brought classified documents home from work, were treated as "lies of a jealous wife," but when Goleniewski revealed that there was a Soviet spy at Portland, whose name sounded to him like 'Huiton', Harry Houghton was placed under surveillance. On 7 January



Former Stasi prison in Potsdam where Boyd was held

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Douglas Boyd pictured in RAF uniform at Treptow Park in the former Russian sector of Berlin; behind him, Soviet troops



KGB spies Peter and Helen Kroger lived in this house in Ruislip



A spy exchange on Glienicke Bridge



Konon Molody a.k.a. Gordon Lonsdale

1961 Scotland Yard Special Branch officers arrested him, Gee and a man purporting to be a Canadian businessman called Gordon Lonsdale - actually a KGB deep-penetration agent named Konon Molody - to whom Houghton was handing classified material in a brush pass on Waterloo Bridge. Simultaneously, US citizen Morris Cohen and his wife Leontina, who ran an antiquarian bookseller business using the names Peter and Helen Kroger, were also arrested. At their suburban bungalow in Ruislip, searchers found under the floorboards a burst transmitter. Its extremely brief transmissions were difficult to

intercept. Other espionage equipment was also discovered used to process and send information to Moscow - Houghton's material passed to them by 'Lonsdale'.

At his trial, Houghton claimed in vain that he had betrayed only low-grade material which was already in the public domain, but both he and Gee were sentenced to fifteen years in prison. With remission, they were released in May 1970, and married the following year. Also in March 1961, Molody, still refusing to reveal his real identity, was sentenced to twenty-five years in jail. However, three years later on 22 April 1964, he walked across Berlin's Glienicke Bridge as British businessman Greville Wynne walked the other way in one of the many spy swaps carried out at the bridge.

Leontina Cohen received a sentence of twenty years while her husband Morris got twenty-five years. In 1969, they too were released early, in exchange for a British teacher named Gerald Brooke, who had served four years in a hard regime labour camp for unwisely smuggling anti-Soviet material into the USSR.

Meanwhile, back in Poland Goleniewski heard from a contact in the KGB that it had detected an important CIA spy in Warsaw. Realising this must be himself, he made a well-prepared escape to the West with his girlfriend. Placed in a witness protection programme in the

United States, he fell out with his CIA handlers after claiming that he was really the murdered son of Tsar Nicholas II and thus the pretender to the Russian throne!

- Douglas Boyd is fluent in several languages and studied Russian language and history at the secret Joint Services School for Linguists in Crail, Scotland, with technical training afterwards at RAF Pucklechurch, near Bristol



Tsar Nicholas II

CODED E-MAILS TO BIN-LADEN'S DEAD 'FIXER' LEAD TO US PROSECUTION OF OPERATIVE MI5 AND NEW SCOTLAND YARD WANTED TRIED IN BRITAIN



Trans-Atlantic Riptide

Key al-Qaida operative in plot to cause carnage in Britain found guilty in United States. Disguised MI5 officers appear in court at the trial of Abid Naseer - MI5 codename 'Small Panel'



When New Scotland Yard Police Commissioner Bob Quick walked briskly towards the front door of Downing Street on the morning of 8 April 2010, little did he know his failure to conceal a document on his person was to impact on a major MI5 operation. Tucked under his arm was an intelligence briefing document giving areas of interest and control concerning an operation codenamed Pathway. Described as "one of the most covert ever undertaken on mainland Britain," the Security Service was still engaged in surveillance and evidence gathering.

For months the focal point of a major counter-terrorist operation by MI5's northern section had been the Cheetham Hill district of Manchester, but other sites around the city and neighbouring Liverpool were also being

watched. An emerging plot to bomb Manchester's Arndale Shopping Centre had been discovered which resulted in a massive surveillance operation involving dozens of



Former New Scotland Yard Police Commissioner Bob Quick

officers - and twelve primary suspects. One of those men was Abid Naseer - MI5 codename 'Small Panel' who was in the UK travelling on an American student visa. Ten of the gang had arrived in the UK on student visas and enrolled at a bogus college.

Once settled in the UK, Naseer sent an e-mail to his alleged controller in Pakistan: *'Hi Buddy. My mates are well and yes my affair with Nadia is soon turning in to family life. I met with Nadia family and we both parties have agreed to conduct the Nikkah (marriage agreement/contract) after 15th and before 20th of this month. I have confirmed the dates from them and they said you should be ready between these dates. I am sure Nadia was the right choice for me at this time. Anyways I wished you could be here as well to enjoy the party. Thats all from here, regards to all your family members'*. ➤



Abid Naseer



Police guard a safe house used by the gang - as a lock smith changes the lock. In the foreground Nic Robertson from CNN reports on the arrests

ples from Pathway



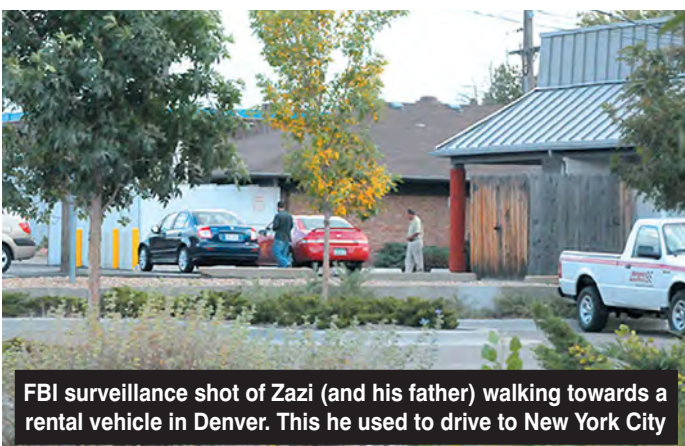
PRIMARY TARGET - MANCHESTER ARNDALE CENTRE



NYPD counter-terrorism officers transport Zazi to a secure facility in Brooklyn

MI5 SURVEILLANCE

Various street surveillance photographs of Naseer and his associates were shown in the New York court room



FBI surveillance shot of Zazi (and his father) walking towards a rental vehicle in Denver. This he used to drive to New York City

GCHQ intercepted the communication and analysts sought to decode the signal: 'The team was in place and the location and method of attack had been chosen'.

Naseer had sent the message from a cyber cafe on Cheetham Hill Road on 3 April 2009. It was a major and concerning development.

Another intercepted e-mail from Naseer to his controller read: 'About my Girl friend. As I told you about Huma's affair. Nadi is sill waiting for my response. She is very loyal and She has created a place in my heart. You know Gulnaz and Fozia. WOW man. I would love to get them in my friends list but you know I have been thinking about their abilities. Gulnaz sounds ok but she is found (fond) of money. Fozia is some times bull shit. She lets you down some times'.

There was never any doubt Naseer had again used coded wording. 'Girl' was the plot and Nadia in this case along with other names was the explosive type. There were also references to his thoughts about the effectiveness of the explosives.

FBI and NYPD gleaned intelligence that Naseer was linked to members of a terror cell intent on attacking the New York subway system

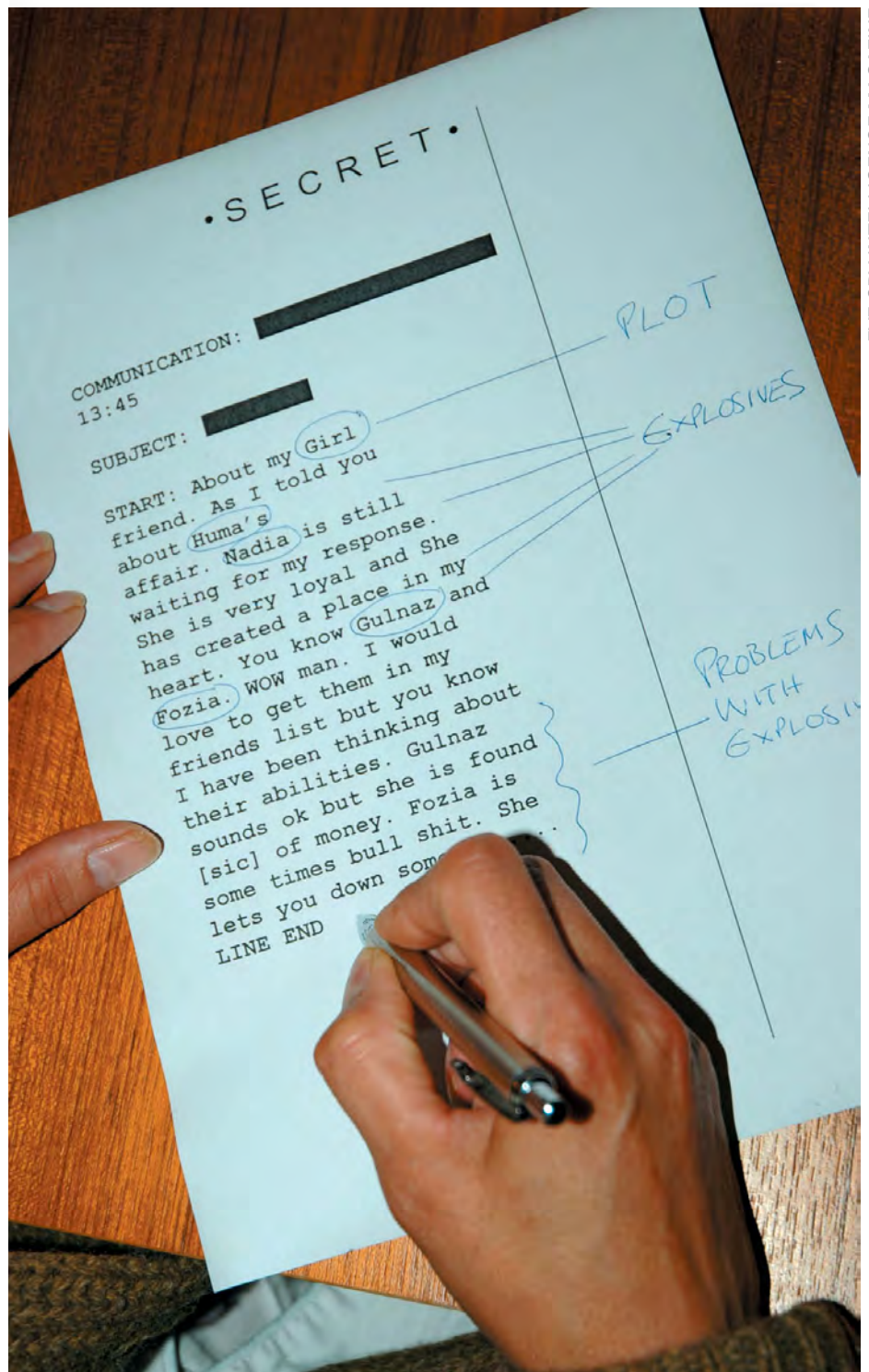


Operation Pathway officers make an arrest in Liverpool

One of those privy to this intelligence was Bob Quick. As he entered Downing Street, the officer was oblivious to the fact that a keen-eyed 'snapper' had taken a photograph of the briefing document and decided to zoom-in on its 'Secret'-stamped content. What he found was astonishing - and before long intelligence chiefs and Counter Terrorism Command officers had also been alerted to the error. There was no way in the world of keeping the document's content away from the wider international media. And despite Britain's Defence Advisory reportedly issuing a D-Notice (asking that newspapers and



Najibullah Zazi is driven away by FBI agents moments after his arrest



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Then Prime Minister Gordon Brown hailed Operation Pathway and said a “major terrorist plot had been foiled.” Despite this, none of the 12 suspects were charged in connection with terrorism offences - a decision which puzzled the intelligence world



Rashid Rauf

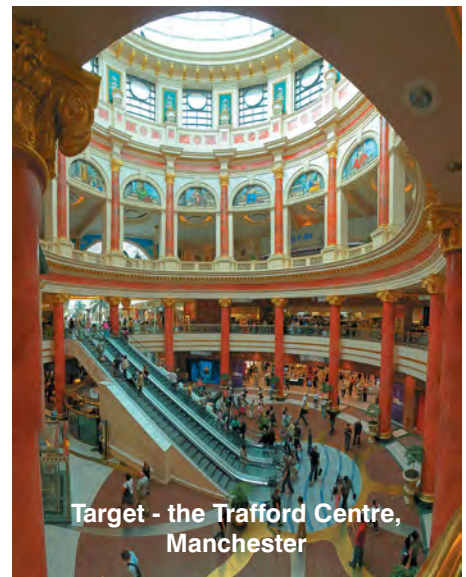
television refrain from publication), the secret of Pathway was blown. More concerning, any of the suspects in Manchester learning of the incident would now be aware they were

the focus of MI5's attention. The end-game of Operation Pathway had been exposed and the services had but hours to react.

Hundreds of armed officers raided addresses across the region and twelve men were arrested - including Naseer. All of the suspects had been given random codenames which seemed to have little relevance or relation to the individual - as is sometimes the case when codenames are assigned by British Intelligence. Other Pathway targets were called 'Regional Difference', 'Glass Pendant' and 'Happy Skater'.

Eye Spy learned that besides the Arndale Centre, MI5 watched the suspects take photographs of the huge Trafford Centre, night clubs and other sites. Nevertheless, the Service had wanted a little more time to glean more evidence, and despite midnight searches for arms caches in woods, the exploration of a possible chemical plot, and a forensic examination of computers and cell phones, in the weeks and months that followed only a paucity of applicable 'evidence' was found and the men were released - many exiting the country quietly.

Furthermore, then Prime Minister Gordon Brown said a “serious terrorist plot had been foiled,” a comment made even more puzzling because no charges had been brought about.



Target - the Trafford Centre, Manchester



Adis Medunjanin had travelled from his home in Queen's, New York, to Pakistan in an attempt to fight US and Afghanistan forces. Here he was recruited by al-Qaida - before returning back to the United States

MI5 was furious for there was good intelligence on the outfit that linked them to senior al-Qaida men in North Waziristan and suspected operatives elsewhere in Europe. But the FBI and CIA focused its attention on Naseer, and agreed with MI5 that some of his intercepted e-mails were written in code and discussed attack locations and the type of explosive to be used. There were also major threads to a thwarted New York City Subway plot involving a number of terrorist suspects - including communications between Naseer and Colorado-based Najibullah Zazi. He had been under surveillance by the FBI and was arrested. And so the United States applied for the extradition of Naseer.

The recent trial of Naseer was of much interest to British Intelligence as it was theUSIC (United States Intelligence Community), and MI5 cooperated fully. Indeed, half a dozen or so Operation Pathway officers travelled to New York to give evidence.

Naseer was identified by Najibullah Zazi and Queen's resident Adis Medunjanin - both convicted of the New York plot. The men had received their instructions from AQ commander Rashid Rauf. Rauf of course was killed in a UAV attack in November 2008. The FBI secured several e-mails to and from Zazi and Naseer. For the record, the subway plot involved building nine backpack bombs and

detonating them across the transportation system (see Eye Spy 68). Also in court, evidence from a computer removed from Osama bin-Laden's compound in Abbottabad was heard. The terror leader wrote about the arrests of the men in England - noting it was a shame the operation had been deflected. However, the message did not name the individuals.

In his defence, Naseer points to the fact that MI5 never found any explosives at his home and that if the evidence was there, legal proceedings against him would have been initiated. Yet the Bureau believes it is his connection and liaison with Zazi and others that point to a global conspiracy to "bomb targets in the West."

Digital Messaging



Chief Constable of Manchester
Sir Peter Fahy

A MOST PUZZLING DECISION BY THE CPS

Senior security officials believe Naseer should have faced trial in the UK

Many intelligence officials were puzzled and angered by the decision of Britain's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) not to put Naseer on trial in the UK. Senior police officers also have misgivings. Naseer was freed in 2009 after a decision was made that "insufficient evidence had been secured."

Chief Constable of Manchester Sir Peter Fahy said he was convinced the suspect should have been tried in Britain. Detective Chief Inspector (Rtd.) Allan Donoghue, one of the heads of the counter-terrorism raids in 2009, believes the CPS decision was flawed. "The whole command team believed there was sufficient evidence." As for Naseer, Donoghue called him a threat and that his release risked the lives of people.

Manchester Police Commissioner Tony Lloyd also spoke of his concern that Naseer was allowed to walk freely on the streets from 2009-2013 until his extradition to the United States. "The reality is, had the Americans not acted, a dangerous man who was intent on causing death and destruction here... could potentially still be walking the streets."

Many observers support this viewpoint. The intelligence, evidence and testimony of the suspects held in the New York Subway plot would have been made available to the CPS.



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MORE PROBLEMS FOR US SECRET SERVICE

Agents Investigated over 'Car Crash'

US media reports of a vehicle driven by Secret Service agents which crashed into a White House barrier on 4 March 2015,

have been debunked by Director Joseph Clancy. The incident occurred during an active bomb threat investigation. There were suggestions that the driver may have been drinking - for the two agents in the car had just attended a retirement party for a colleague.



Secret Service Director
Joseph Clancy

The latest incident is but one of many which some journalists say cast doubt on the embattled Service's professionalism: from intruders running across the grounds of the White House with a knife, to indiscretions with prostitutes in Colombia whilst operating abroad and more recently allowing a known felon into the building. In 2011, a sniper even managed to fire several rounds into the facade of the building.

WILLIAM DONOVAN'S DREAMERS 'Spy Girl' Betty McIntosh Turns 100 Years Old

The CIA say Elizabeth 'Betty' McIntosh has a story to tell. Several lifetimes' worth, in fact. She was one of the few women who worked overseas for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during World War II, using her background as a journalist to create false news reports, postcards, documents, and radio messages designed to spread disinformation to undermine Japanese troop morale. She then went on to work for the CIA until her retirement in 1973. As the author of several books, McIntosh has seen to it that the women of the OSS and their daring adventures will never be forgotten.

On 1 March 2015, she turned 100-years-old. To mark the occasion, CIA Director John Brennan hosted a special celebration for McIntosh at CIA Headquarters. "CIA is honoured to

count Betty McIntosh as one of its alumnae, and we are very fortunate to have her at the Agency today, said Director Brennan. "Her many achievements and life stories are an inspiration to all women and particularly so to those of CIA. It is fitting that Women's History Month begins each year on 1 March - the birthday of Betty McIntosh."

Betty has endeavoured to maintain contact with her OSS colleagues over the years. "There's not many of us left now," she said. Her 1998 book, *Sisterhood of Spies: The Women of the OSS*, pays homage to the brave women who served in the OSS as part of former chief William Donovan's 'dreamers' - the "glorious amateurs who laid the foundation for the greatest intelligence



organisation in history," the Agency said.

"I'm glad I was in OSS," Betty said when asked to sum up her experience as an intelligence officer. "It was a wonderful experience and I cherish it as the most exciting part of my life."

Though this long-time intelligence agent and staffer has discussed her time in the OSS, little is known of her work whilst serving with Langley. A splendid feature on the operations involving brave Betty McIntosh can be found on the CIA's website.





US Secret Service agents are responsible for the protection of the President

KASPERSKY SECURITY CEO Rejects Spy Claims

MOSCOW: Eugene Kaspersky, founder and head of the private security group Kaspersky, has criticised Bloomberg after the media group published an article alleging it has ties to Russian Intelligence. The feature, called *'The Company Securing Your Internet Has Close Ties to Russian Spies'*, said Kaspersky ignores Russian intelligence operations, whilst exposing cybercrimes in the US, Israel and Europe.

In response, Mr Kaspersky said, "it has been a long time since I read an article so inaccurate from the get-go... it is simply false."



The knife incident resulted in then Director Julia Pearson resigning.

However, the latest allegations were fiercely rejected by Director Joseph Clancy. "Previous reports of a crash are inaccurate... there was no crash," he said. "A surveillance video of the incident was examined. It shows the vehicle entering the White House complex at a speed of approximately one to two miles per hour and pushing aside a plastic barrel.

There was no damage to the vehicle."

When journalists first asked to review CCTV footage of the alleged collision, they were told it no longer exists. The tape may have been erased or over-written after just 72-hours - a practise not uncommon in private security, but most unusual in the intelligence world, even more so when one considers which building the CCTV was monitoring. Since then

grainy footage has been unearthed of the minor impact.

Clancy is awaiting the outcome of an investigation by the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Homeland Security before taking any disciplinary action.

- In January, four senior Secret Service agents decided to retire following a major internal reorganisation of the agency.



D/CIA John Brennan and Elizabeth McIntosh



US Female OSS agents, including Elizabeth McIntosh were based in this London building

COURTESY: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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JAPAN TO CREATE FOREIGN SPY AGENCY

Officials in Japan seek to create MI6-type intelligence service

Since WWII Japan has resisted the temptation of re-building its foreign intelligence collection agency, instead relying on information provided by the United States, Britain and worldwide partners. However, the changing political landscape and an increasingly dangerous climate has forced the country's leadership to think again.

Japan's constitution is a barrier, and it will be necessary for some legislation to be changed. Nevertheless, there was a tidal wave of criticism following the murder of two Japanese citizens by ISIS - the government seem-

ingly helpless to offer assistance. And with China's burgeoning prowess in the region, many people believe securing information directly relevant to Tokyo's needs, it must have an overseas intelligence capability. Insiders believe the new agency will be modelled on Britain's MI6 and an oversight committee created to monitor its activities.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has already created a National Security Council, but needs to lift laws effectively stopping Japan collecting intelligence abroad. At present, it relies on a fragmented system involving several agencies, staffed by some 5,000



Public Security Intelligence Agency building



employees. These include the Justice Ministry (Public Security Intelligence Agency - PSIA) and the National Police Agency (NPA). Supportive of these bodies are intelligence elements in the Defence Ministry, Foreign Ministry and a small Cabinet Intelligence Research Office.

The NPA and PSIA are the primary agencies and it is probably from

these that a foreign spy agency will evolve. Critics warn that it will almost certainly have to rely on agencies such as the CIA for information for many years to come until the new agency can be self-supportive. However, Japan is no stranger to operating spies abroad, and prior to and during WWII, the country operated a powerful intelligence collection system.



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

NEW LOW FOR ISIS

Child 'Shoots' Dead Fleeing ISIS Member

The atrocities of terror group ISIS hit a new low when its leadership ordered a child to shoot dead a supposed Israeli spy. However, it has since transpired that the victim, Muhammad Said Ismail, was lured from his Jerusalem home by ISIS recruiters who promised him women, money, cars and adventure.

Questions about a video of the incident uploaded to the Internet by ISIS' 'media centre'. For the hand

holding the gun appears to be that of an adult.

It is believed Ismail, 19, wanted to return home after learning his mother was sick. He reportedly left the group's stronghold in Raqqa but was captured a short while later and accused of spying for Mossad - a claim dismissed by his family. Intelligence watchers believe he was killed because ISIS feared he would impart information on the group and its strength in the city.



Ismail was told to explain how he was recruited by Israel's intelligence services and given a task to glean intelligence on weapons stores. Ismail's murder was condemned

throughout the world. Hundreds of ISIS fighters are now exiting the battlefields of Iraq as Alliance troops continue to take back occupied areas.

A DANGEROUS LIAISON

Solicitor for doctor who was jailed for helping the CIA find Osama bin-Laden has been shot dead in northwest Pakistan

Samiullah Afridi represented Dr Shakeel Afridi (no relation) who was convicted of treason for his role in helping the CIA find Osama bin-Laden in Pakistan in 2011. The doctor was accused of

assisting the CIA establish a fake vaccination campaign in an attempt to collect DNA samples from relatives of the terror chief - this in an effort to verify his presence in a compound in the Pakistani city of Abbottabad. Dr Afridi was convicted in 2012 and given a 33-year sentence (currently under review).

The solicitor was shot and killed while in his car near the city of Peshawar. He had only recently returned to the country after leaving Pakistan following death threats.

Terrorist group Jundallah (Soldiers of Allah) claimed responsibility - and said that Afridi was on the group's hit list. But the Pakistani Taliban insist it was they who



Samiullah Afridi

carried out the assassination because Samiullah Afridi defended the doctor.

Dr Afridi was an unpopular figure in Pakistan because of the perception that he was involved in the hunt for bin-Laden. And his lawyer, by extension, was also disliked for defending him.

After the killing of bin-Laden, health workers administering polio



Osama bin-Laden

vaccinations have been viewed with suspicion by many Pakistanis. The vaccination teams have repeatedly been targeted. In the latest incident unidentified attackers killed one polio vaccination worker and wounded another in a Bajaur agency in northwestern Pakistan.



Dr Shakeel Afridi

ASSANGE STALEMATE UNLOCKED?

Prosecutors in Sweden have offered to travel to London to question WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange over alleged sex offences. Assange has been living at the Embassy of Ecuador for the past three years - thus avoiding extradition.

The Australian believes if he leaves for Sweden to face the charges, US officials will then seek his extradition to face other

charges in America. Similarly, Assange and his supporters believe the sex allegation case has been 'manufactured' simply to aid such an eventuality - a claim dismissed in Washington.

Lead prosecutor Marianne Ny, notes that some of the alleged crimes will reach their statute of limitations in August. Ny always insisted that questioning Assange in London would not necessarily aid the inquiry, but her position has now changed - because of the time restraints. "Now that time is of the essence, I have viewed it therefore to accept such deficiencies in the investigation and likewise take the risk that the interview does not move the case forward," she said.

Assange's solicitor Per Samuelson said he welcomed the move. "This is something we've demanded for over four years," he said. "Julian wants to be interviewed so he can be exonerated."



The bill for policing the embassy in the event Assange tries to flee, has been a matter of concern for New Scotland Yard



Per Samuelson

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ALL CHANGE AT LANGLEY AS AGENCY CREATES NEW...

MISSION CENTERS

CIA Director John Brennan has announced a major change in the way Langley's various directorates connect, integrate, analyse, cooperate and plan operations. Changes primarily affect analysis sections, training, liaison and those engaged in field operations.

The reorganisation has been broadly welcomed by departmental heads, though some blame White House meddling. Officers who actively seek intelligence, those who request missions and the men and women whose task it is to analyse the 'product', will now work together in several new 'Mission Centers'.

Each office will have a specific role - managing a particular subject - from sourcing intelligence, liaison with overseas agencies etc. The difference from the previous framework is that they will be fully staffed with specialists from various fields - all self functioning. There is no question, however, staff will still be able to draw support from other branches or seek guidance from specialist elements.

The current CIA model comprises four major elements. Langley's spying wing - the National Clandestine Service (NCS); the Directorate of Intelligence, Directorate of Science and Technology and the Directorate of Support.

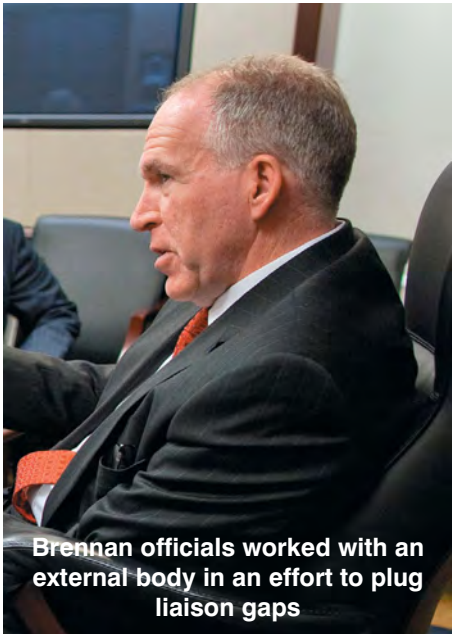
Other support sections deal with human resources, legal issues, internal oversight, public and government affairs.

Besides these, two other important sections exists. The CIA had a dedicated cyber arm and an Associate Director for Military Affairs (ADMA) who coordinates operations with the US military.

In future, the NCS will be called Directorate of Operations, and besides 'mission center', 'directorate' still seems to be the key word used in section or branch renaming. A new Talent Developing Center of Excellence and CIA University will be created for learning and



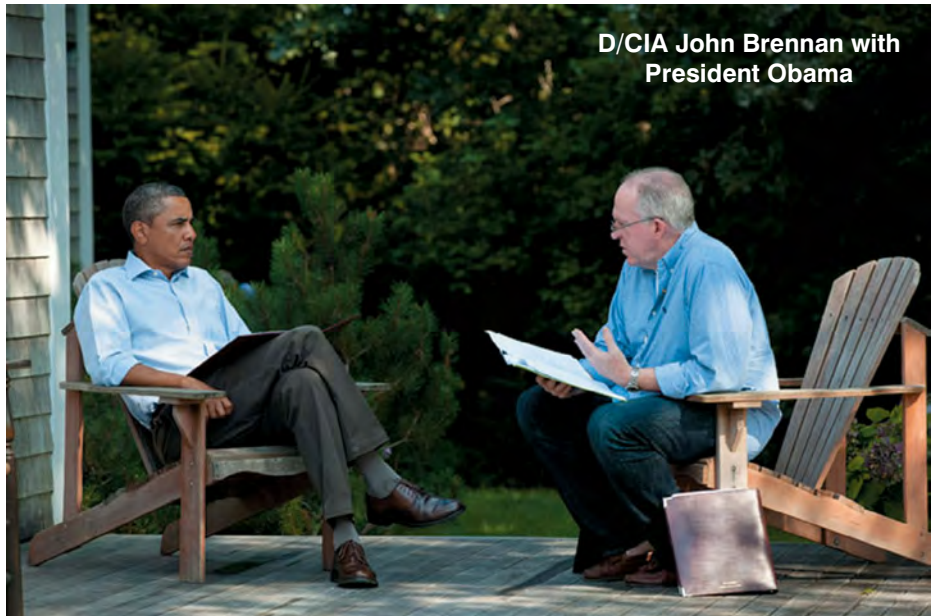
***CIA Director
John Brennan
announces major
reorganisation of
the world's most
powerful spy
agency***



Brennan officials worked with an external body in an effort to plug liaison gaps

field operations. The overhaul will also see the creation of a Directorate of Digital Innovation.

Though the CIA already has many cyber and computer specialists and is supplied with constant intelligence from the NSA, this section will seek to recruit the very best students from across the United States, focusing no doubt on university graduates. Brennan notes that whilst the US has several agencies operating in the communications world, he believes it is vital that Langley stays



D/CIA John Brennan with President Obama

Those who request missions and the men and women whose task it is to analyse the 'product', will now work together in several new 'Mission Centers'

apace with changing technology. Careful not to use the word 'cyber', he revealed the Agency has four sections devoted to research on the Internet, digital and other electronic platforms, including the world wide web. "As an agency we need to understand all of the aspects of that digital environment," said Brennan.

PAIN POINTS

Since October 2014, several leading CIA officials have been involved with a civilian task force examining the intricate threads which



There remains uncertainty how the changes will affect such missions as the Special Activity Division (SAD)



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**David Cohen -
Deputy Director
CIA**

Besides the restructuring, new appointments have also been made. In January, David Cohen was appointed by President Obama as Brennan's deputy. He worked in the Treasury Department as a specialist in the financing of terrorist organisations and sanction policies

run through this massive intelligence agency. Deputy D/CIA David Cohen said special attention had been paid to "pain points" - areas where there is simply too much bureaucracy and liaison fails because of inter-departmental feuds.

Interestingly, Brennan said there were occasions where he could not hold anyone accountable for a failed mission. By introducing special directorates, this will change, for each will have a managerial framework and be headed by an Assistant Director. He also talked about "gaps in intelligence" and parts of the world where the CIA has "no presence,"

**General John F.
Mulholland -
new CIA Associate
Director for Military
Affairs with US Navy
Admiral Mike Mullen**



CIA headquarters,
Virginia

this could be because of terrorism or unfriendly regimes. All of these areas will be addressed by the Mission Centers.

The CIA's covert role engaging in operations with the US military will continue, though it is not clear how the changes will affect the pseudo-military elements within Langley itself - such as the Special Activities Division (SAD). However, something appears to be in the pipeline for in January 2015, the former Deputy Commander of US Special Operations Command, General John F. Mulholland was appointed as the new CIA Associate Director for Military Affairs.

OLD GUARD CONCERN

Not all intelligence watchers believe the new format of operators and analysts will be as successful as Brennan hopes. At present, mission data is presented to analysts who ascertain how many objectives have been fulfilled and the usefulness of the intelligence itself. This in turn is submitted to line managers and then to policy makers for action. The analyst will view the material in an unbiased manner - which critics say might not be possible if the field agent who secured it in the first place is sitting

right next door. "Grading intelligence should not be the task of those collecting it," one former staffer said.

Of note also, and not a coincidence, according to intelligence sources, during the reorganisation process, the head of the National Clandestine Service announced his retirement. His name is well known and available all over the Internet, but the 59-year-old is one of Langley's most experienced spies and has operated in theatres around the world. He reportedly opposed the restructuring.

The CIA has long sought to retain its independence from those in government who would like much more control over its operations. Indeed, one former staffer said the reconstruction would represent the "biggest threat to its independence since its formation." The Mission Center emergence comes at a time when there is deep mistrust between many of Langley's hierarchy and President Obama's unconvincing White House officials.

Ex-CIA Director Pleads Guilty to Misdemeanour

WASHINGTON: Solicitors acting for former Director CIA David Petraeus, 60, have reached an agreement with US prosecutors over a misdemeanour charge related to his handling of various classified documents. This follows an FBI investigation in which agents discovered his former mistress, Paula Broadwell, was in possession of classified documents. Broadwell was writing a book about Petraeus at the time. There was never a chance of a prison term, but the four-star general may be subject to a probation period of two years. For the record, Petraeus admitted he had "misled" Bureau investigators.

Petraeus remains one of America's most trusted intelligence officials, and despite the legal issues surrounding the case, he continues to provide advice and guidance on such issues as Iraq and the fight against ISIS.



David Petraeus and Paula Broadwell

STRANGE DAYS \$1 MILLION CASH TO AL-QAIDA

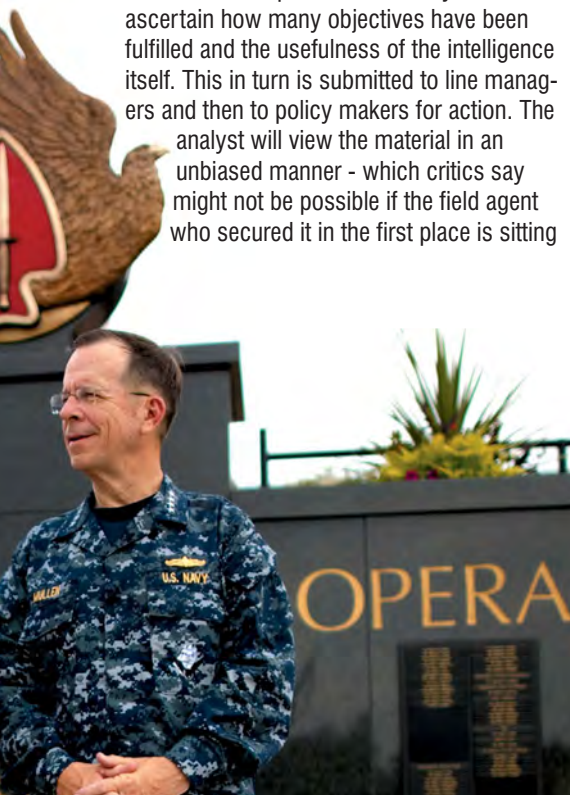
Around \$1 million dollars of CIA money is said to have fallen into the hands of al-Qaida, when the US brokered a deal with the terror group in 2010 to free a captured Afghan diplomat. Abdul Khaliq Farahi, the consul general in Peshawar had been abducted in 2008. Intense negotiations followed and the Afghan government agreed to pay a \$5 million ransom - which included the CIA money.

Sources say such payments were made regularly to the Afghan government from a secret CIA fund - in return for its support. Interestingly, when US SEALs and CIA forces stormed Osama bin-Laden's compound in Abbottabad in 2011, they discovered letters written by the AQ leader concerning the deal.



Bin-Laden was fearful the cash had been tainted with poison or radiation - he even suggested that it contained a tracking device. He suggested it be quickly converted into another currency.

The story emerged in documents which were presented in the recent trial of Abid Naseer (see page 44).



END GAME FOR THE 'INTELLIGENCE MAN' FALLING DOWN

CIA Locate and Eliminate Westgate Shopping Mall Attack Mastermind

The Al-Shabaab planner behind the Westgate shopping mall attack in Nairobi, Kenya, 2013, has been killed. Adan Garaar, who used various aliases including Adan Dheq, was killed in a UAV strike along with two of his associates in the vicinity of Diinsoor, Somalia. It is known a special CIA search unit had been tracking Garaar, a senior operative in the group's Amniyat - Al-Shabaab's 'intelligence and security branch'.

His downfall came on 12 March, just hours after the terror group attacked the official residence and headquarters of Sharif Hassan

Sheikh Aden, a former speaker of Somalia's parliament and the current head of Somalia's South Western state. Witnesses said a car bomb exploded outside Aden's residence, and a gun battle with guards ensued. Three attackers died along with three Somali soldiers and two Ethiopian soldiers attached to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

US Department of Defense officials released a report following his demise:

'Garaar was a key operative responsible for coordinating Al-Shabaab's external operations, which target US persons and other Western interests in order to further al-Qaida's goals and objectives. He posed a major threat to the region and the international community and was connected to the Westgate Mall attack. His death has dealt another significant blow to the Al-Shabaab terrorist organisation in Somalia'.

The DoD report also notes: *'He sneaked into Kenya in 2012 to illegally acquire a Kenyan identification [papers] in Garissa. He was assisted by a member of Al-Shabaab cell in Garissa, Abdqadir Ahmed Buul'.*



Adan Garaar used various aliases including Adan Dheq. It was his use of a credit card at a Barclays Bank ATM, and this CCTV image that linked him to the Westgate Shopping Mall atrocity

Analysts said that before the Westgate massacre, Garaar was a "gun for hire" and a "behind-the-scenes facilitator." However, events at Westgate in which 70 people died, propelled his stature and he was made an Al-Shabaab unit commander. He was not particularly religious, but a certified psychopath known for extreme fits of anger, which would often see him shooting haphazardly whenever he flew into tantrums.



BARAWE OFFENSIVE OCTOBER 2014
AMISOM troops in Somalia prepare to launch an attack on an Al-Shabaab stronghold





Terror plotter was a key member of Al-Shabaab's intelligence collection unit known as Amniyat



CIA SECURE VITAL CLUE

Garaar was linked to the Westgate atrocity after investigators secured CCTV of two men withdrawing money from an ATM at Barclays Plaza in downtown Nairobi in September 2013 - two weeks before the Westgate attack. The money was subsequently used to purchase a vehicle which carried the terrorists to their destination. The car was later found at the Westgate Shopping Mall.

One of the men went by the name of Adan Dheq - who was in fact Adan Garaar. Garaar then left Kenya for Somalia but kept in contact with the mall attack planners before and during the operation. ➤

Garaar enters the bank with an associate. Intelligence officials also want to trace the woman seen on the right



Garaar entered this Barclays Bank two weeks before the attack and secured funds from an ATM. The money was used to buy a car to take the attackers to the shopping mall





1 SEPTEMBER 2014. Al Shabaab leader Ahmed Abdi Godane was killed by a UAV fired missile during strikes against Hawai bases in Lower Shabelle region, southern Somalia
 29 DECEMBER 2014. UAV attack kills Abdinasir Hassan Barakow Tahlil a senior official within the group in Middle Juba region of Somalia
 31 JANUARY 2015. Al Shabaab lost internal operations and intel head Yusuf Dheeg in another UAV strike in Bay - regional district of Diinsoor



General Atomics MQ-9 Reaper launches a Hellfire missile

12 MARCH 2015 - END GAME

The Amniyat plot to kill Sharif Hassan Sheikh Aden had failed, but unbeknown to the attackers, the CIA moved quickly to relocate a UAV to the scene. Scanners using high-end surveillance cameras soon located several vehicles fleeing the area at speed. Eyewitness accounts taken from the security guards who had successfully thwarted the attackers, confirmed the convoy was indeed carrying the Al-Shabaab terrorists. Acting with support and tactical backing from Kenya's security agencies, the vehicles were struck by three Hellfire missiles launched from at least two Reaper UAVs. A search of the destroyed vehicles uncovered several dead terrorists - one of which was Adan Garaar.

Seven days earlier, Kenya's security services acting almost certainly with the assistance of the CIA, had learned of an Al-Shabaab

operation to bomb several locations in Nairobi - this in retaliation for the elimination of several terrorist cells. Several terrorists were detained before they could strike, and all said that Garaar had planned the operation - an indication of his growing role and importance in the group.

In 2014, Garaar was linked to simultaneous attacks on the international airport in Mombasa, a popular ferry crossing in the city's port and a supermarket. A car laden with explosives was to be detonated on the ferry. In 2013, the same ferry was targeted in a plot involving the so-called 'White Widow' Samantha Lewthwaite, and it is highly probable she worked with Garaar.

Garaar is the fourth senior Al-Shabaab man killed by US forces since September 2014, and the third high-ranking 'official' in the Amniyat killed since December 2014.

Al-Shabaab Amniyat

The Amniyat is regarded as Al-Shabaab's most ruthless and feared part of the organisation. According to some observers it is the main base of support for the Emir of Al-Shabaab - Sheikh Ahmad Umar, answering directly to him. His predecessor, Ahmed Abdi Godane, was killed in a UAV attack in 2014

Amniyat operatives pose as secularised Somalis and assume roles across the full spectrum of Somali society, including positions in some elements of authority and foreign missions. Henceforth it's not too difficult to understand why Langley refer to it as an "intelligence collection centre." Its small teams specialise in assassinations, bomb construction, and hit-and-run operations. Attacks prepared and launched by Amniyat occur almost on a daily basis.

The Likoni Ferry provides a crucial link to the north and south of the Kenyan coast and is used by thousands of Mombasa residents every day. In 2013, a major plot to attack ships involving Samantha Lewthwaite was thwarted



NOTES ON SPYCRAFT

BREAD CRUMBS

Hotels, time, distraction, false trails and illusion

Eye Spy recently discussed espionage tradecraft with two former intelligence agents. And whilst many of the ruses and craft were known to our editorial, there were one or two surprises...

In New York City, half a dozen MI5 officers recently gave evidence at the trial of a suspected terrorist. Yet something was not quite right with their appearance, according to court room observers. Sporting false wigs, heavy lipstick, eye glasses and what the judge described as "light disguises," their evidence was crucial in securing a conviction. Nevertheless, the appearance of disguised MI5 officers in the court room raised the odd humorous remark. One reporter said a female MI5 staffer looked like a "secretary in an episode of *'Mad Men'*."

APPEARANCE

Disguise techniques is a specialist tradecraft that can be simple or mind boggling complex. Get it wrong, like CIA man Ryan Fogle who in 2013 attempted to make contact with a Russian counterpart, then the results can be disastrous. His awful blond wig now sits proudly in the KGB museum - no doubt alongside false moustaches, beards, eyebrows, teeth and other body-altering adornments. ➤



Ryan Fogle is arrested



Luggage is often examined by suspicious or curious officials. Intelligence officers working under diplomatic cover will avoid carrying incriminating materials that could link them to intelligence work



Familiarise yourself with the hotel

"Avoid at all times if possible," we were told, though agents will often find themselves in situations where it is best not to be identified. For those encounters when there is simply no time to plan, changing hair colour or style is a consideration. If this is not possible - a hat of sorts might suffice. "The objective is to create a different person - not build an individual who looks suspiciously odd. This can also be achieved by wearing clothing out of character to your normal appearance."

Our guests explained that in simulated exercises whereby wigs and beards had been worn, glues melted causing them to slip and

look even more ridiculous. Eye Spy is aware of one incident when an MI6 officer sporting a blond wig did not impress his agent - who duly removed it from his handler before walking away aghast.

BREAD CRUMBS

Most intelligence officers who work abroad know there is a possibility they could be placed under surveillance. It's indicative of the mind of a spy to suspect their hotel room, place of residence, office or destination will be searched or an agent meeting location monitored. Such surrepti-

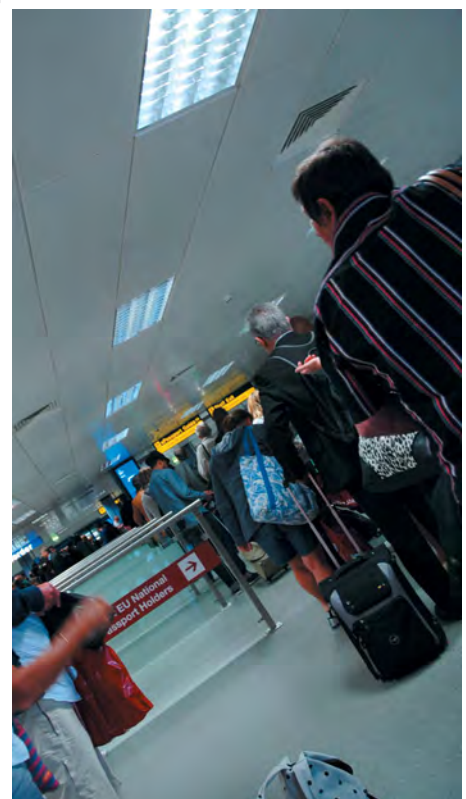
tious entry operations are known in intelligence talk as 'black bag jobs' (CIA). The name coming from the small black holdall used by Langley's lock and key men to carry access tools.

Time is often paramount when operating abroad. So finding out if you are being monitored enables an operative to quickly introduce passive and seemingly innocent counter-measures.

Leaving false clues in order to lengthen the time it takes to search a hotel room, inevitably



Intelligence officers in Britain and America are warned not to use hotel safes to guard important documents or objects





Curtain lining provides an excellent hiding place for documents and non-bulky items



Loft insulation and/or weather felt is regarded as the safest home security measure in relation to a hiding place

means those involved are more likely to make mistakes. Similarly, they can also draw resources and create confusion in future days.

The discovery of a ticket to a musical show, for example, is indicative of a night out on a specific date. This could result in a lengthy and costly surveillance operation of a theatre. And of course, the agent or officer fails to turn up. A train or aeroplane ticket deliberately left in view may also widen the surveillance - all very time consuming. Even leaving meaningless notes containing innocuous addresses, names or phone numbers on discarded bits of paper in a bin will create more work for an opponent. Deliberately leaving holiday

brochures, bogus receipts or tourist leaflets advertising museums etc. on a table and in view, can help build up a totally inaccurate picture of an operative's intention. These ruses fall into the category known as distraction and the tradecraft term 'Bread Crumbs'. Some officers even carry an extra pair of shoes a size or two smaller than those normally worn simply to baffle; or an inhaler - indicative of those suffering from a shortness of breath. Such items serve only one purpose - to mislead - and if recorded, will hamper a counter-agent's attempt to build up a profile.

"There are many ways to confuse an opponent," our contact explained, "but it is best to

simplify all the tricks and make them look utterly innocent."

ROOM ENTRY

To confirm a room has been accessed and searched is relatively simple. One method used by various spy services is to use hair spray to stick a human hair on the door and frame. If opened the hair will either fall or remain on just one section. The same trick can be used on cupboards and drawers and is virtually invisible to the eye. Our associates also revealed how they used tiny fragments of newspaper (inked pieces) and light weight balsa wood placed in strategic parts of the



Czech Cold War StB intel devices used for door entry and duplicating tumbler locks





A USB stick is concealed within the base of a light - an obvious hiding place. If wrapped properly the device is safer inside a tub of margarine butter of similar spread



room (above doors, cupboards and under carpets or mats etc.). If broken, crushed or disturbed, it is usually a sign of entry. These are instant custom counter-measures which cost nothing. However, other more advanced methods such as micro recorders and covert cameras will reveal entry, and if strategically placed (camera), record the perpetrator. However, if discovered they will undoubtedly confirm your role is less than innocent.

Two impressive and less obvious items used by today's field officers that could easily have been sourced from 'Q's locker, include a modified leather belt and boxer shorts - both concealing microphones and trackers. Hung in

a wardrobe or bedside cabinet and activated, they would of course detect the sound of the units being opened.

To circumnavigate efforts which could expose entry, photographs (and now video) are often taken showing exactly where everything is in place. During the Cold War East Germany's STASI took dozens of instant photographs of a room or house before it was searched. However, despite all these ploys - they can't defeat a carefully placed single human hair.

As part of our general discussion, we showed our guests several photographs taken of the room of murdered GCHQ-MI6 officer Gareth

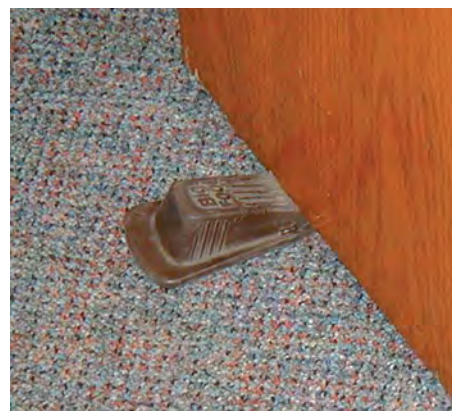
Williams in 2010. Noting that they had seen them before, the couple pointed out several items such as the red wig which was obviously intended to catch the eye. "All very neat... clues presented to complicate an already baffling scene," they explained.

SECURITY FROM WITHIN

Securing a room once inside or before retiring is a consideration. "We carried a couple of inexpensive rubber wedges and placed them under the door. It's not a foolproof method of security but a deterrent against hostile entry." The choice of room was also an important consideration. "Always ask for an upper floor and try to avoid those with an adjoining balcony. Take a few moments to familiarise yourself with the room and conduct a proper search." ➤



This office chair comes with a secret compartment - but in time - anything placed here would be discovered





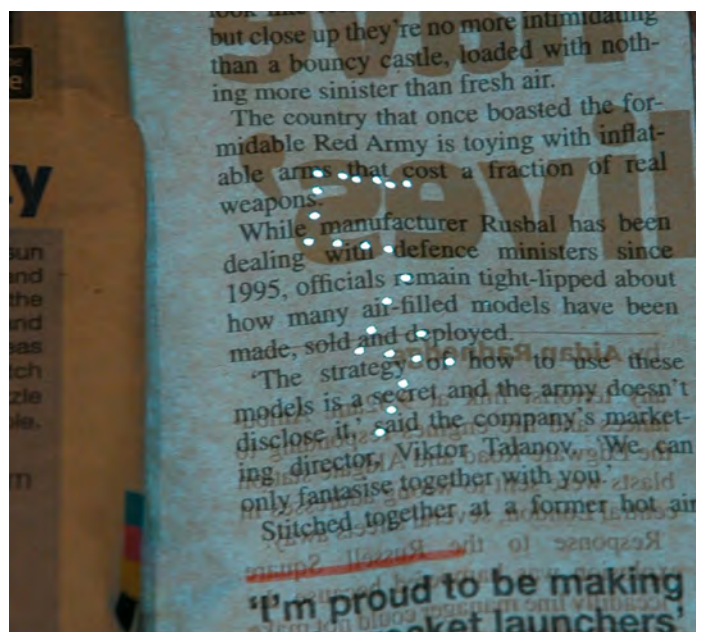
White Noise can be created by running water. Though it does not mask conversation - it affects electronic devices making a recording sound garbled



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A frozen food container can be used as a concealment device



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HIDING MATERIALS IN PLAIN SIGHT

There are no hiding places in a confined environment if searched properly. The only issue is time - and if the length of a search is governed by time, then it is possible for an item to remain undetected. Our friends explained that one of the first purchases when they stayed in a hotel abroad - was a tub of butter or margarine - especially if the room had a cooler or fridge. "It's an innocent item if accompanied by bread and meat or cheese. Even if it crosses the mind of a searcher to take a closer inspection, people do not like sticking their fingers into such foods - they also know this will leave a serious clue. Ideal for USBs, small electrical items, notes etc... but do not forget to wrap them properly!"



UNDERCOVER Book Releases

**RED NOTICE: How I Became
Putin's No.1 Enemy**

Bill Browder
Bantam Press

November 2009. An emaciated young lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, is led to a freezing isolation cell in a Moscow prison, handcuffed to a bed rail, and beaten to death by eight police officers. His crime? To testify against Russian Interior Ministry officials who were involved in a conspiracy to steal \$230 million of taxes paid to the state by

one of the world's most successful hedge funds. Magnitsky's brutal killing has remained unexplained and unpunished to this day. His farcical posthumous show-trial brought Putin's regime to a new low in the eyes of the international community.

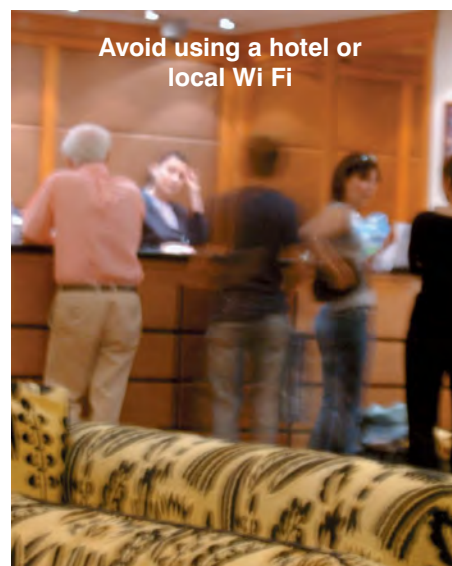
Red Notice is a searing expose of the wholesale whitewash by Russian authorities of Magnitsky's imprisonment and murder, slicing deep into the shadowy heart of the Kremlin to uncover its sordid truths. Bill Browder - the hedge fund manager who



What of hotel safes? "Avoid these. The number or key is rarely changed and access is easy. We carried our passports and cells in secure zipped pockets, but in the event we had to leave important paperwork, we occasionally utilised the room's curtain lining." In this case a number of stitches were removed and the paperwork inserted.

In a home environment the most difficult area of a house to search is behind loft insulation - henceforth it is one reason why so many people in the trade continue to use this old tradecraft to conceal documents or important paperwork. Given it is wrapped securely from the elements, it will remain sound. As for jewellery, forget wall safes, secret drawers or mattresses. "A thick soup frozen in a plastic container in the freezer makes an ideal hiding place, and like the butter ruse will attract little or no attention if examined," our associates said.

An instruction recently submitted to employees of one intelligence service reminded staffers not to use equipment utilising a hotel's Wi Fi. Passwords and credit card data can be stolen and communications intercepted. If possible unplug the room's telephone - as any unit can be adapted to listen-in. Hotels are intelligence collection 'gems' thus conversation in such environments should be limited. White noise can be natural or manufactured to mask conversations. A popular method is to run the water or turn on the television, similarly, some agents now carry audio recordings of manufactured white noise on cell phones or i-Pads.



Avoid using a hotel or local Wi Fi

Eye Spy has covered communication tradecraft extensively in previous issues, but we were surprised by one method that is apparently still used.

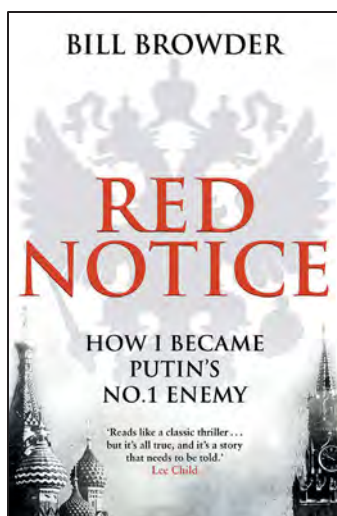
"It's origins probably date back hundreds of years," our soon-to-be departed visitors said, "but the trick gained popularity when newspapers started to appear." Utilising a pin to prick the paper, messages, codes, instructions etc. can be written that on casual inspection, are easily missed. However, when the paper is held up to natural light, the words can be read.



Magnitsky's grave in Moscow

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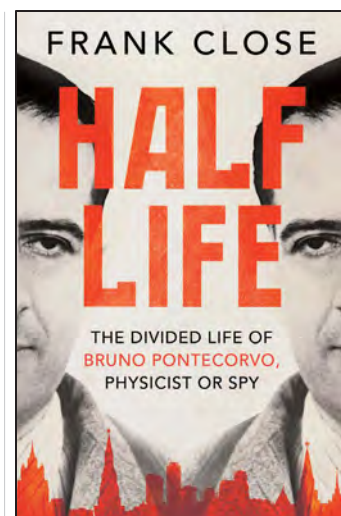
The memo landed on Kim Philby's desk in Washington, DC, in July 1950. Three months later, Bruno Pontecorvo, a physicist at Harwell, Britain's atomic energy lab, disappeared without a trace. When he

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One of the most brilliant scientists of his generation, Pontecorvo was privy to many secrets: he had worked on the Anglo-Canadian arm of the Manhattan Project, and quietly discovered a way to find the uranium coveted by nuclear powers. Yet when he disappeared, MI5 insisted he was not a threat.



Bruno Pontecorvo



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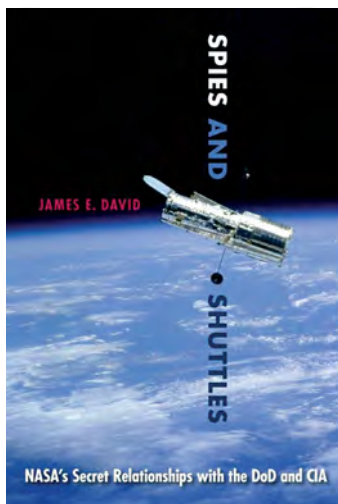
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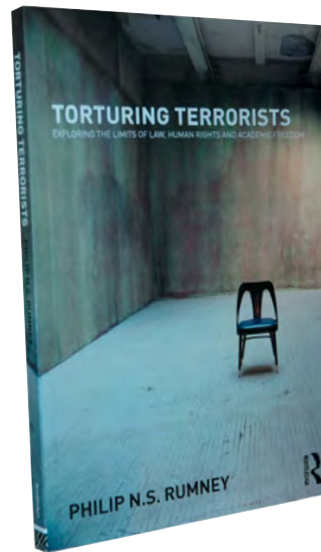
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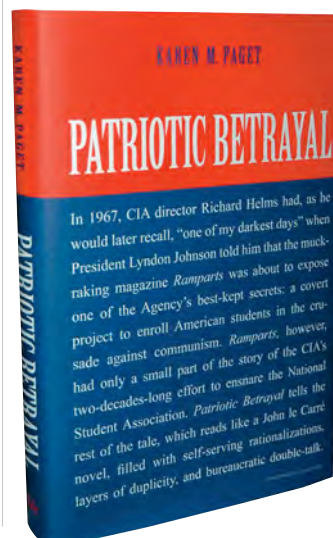
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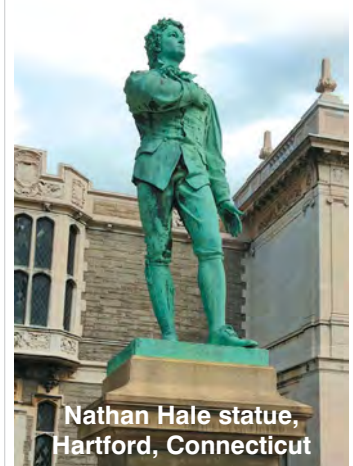
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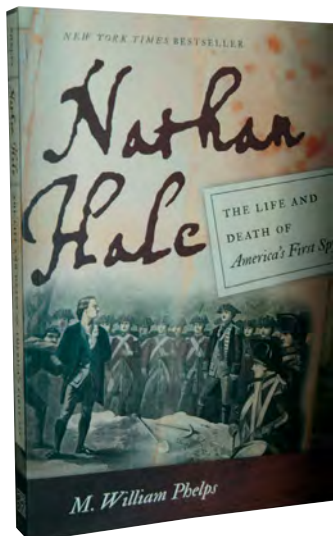
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Nathan Hale statue, Hartford, Connecticut



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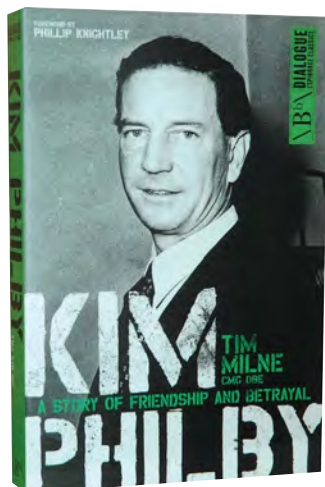
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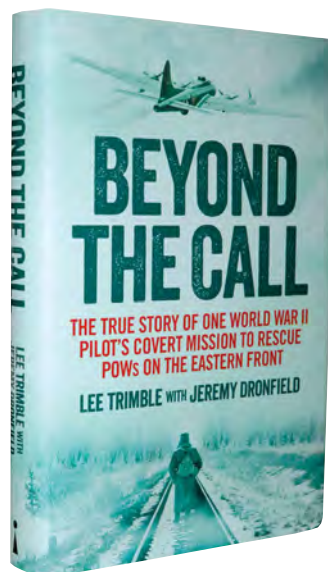
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Captain Robert Trimble



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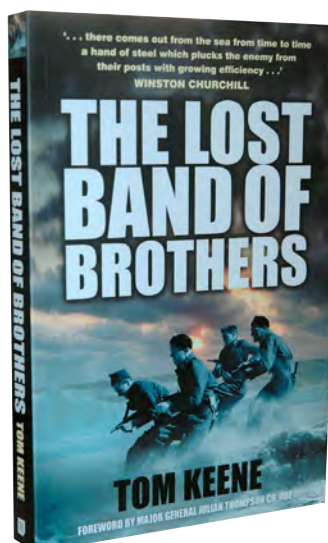
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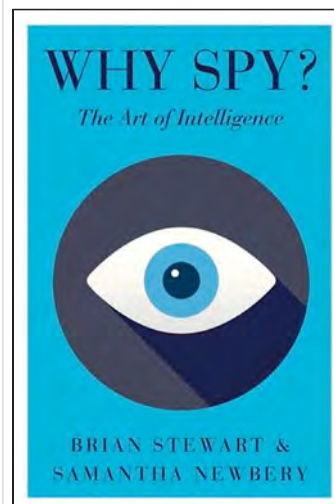


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TOURISTS TARGETED IN AL-QAIDA ATROCITY

THE BARDO INCIDENT

Use of small cell tactics evident again as terrorists create havoc in Tunisia's National Bardo Museum

Terrorist group Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) claimed responsibility for the attack at the famous Bardo National Museum in Tunis, Tunisia on 18 March. Twenty three people died - most of them tourists. Two security officers were also killed and 50 other people injured. Both gunmen were killed. Al-Qaida disputed the ISIS claim and said its affiliate - Okba Ibn Naffa - "performed the operation."

On the morning of the attack, the MSC Splendida and the Costa Fascinosa docked at the Port of La Goulette. Some of the passengers on board the ships selected a shore trip to the Bardo Museum. As passengers disembarked from a bus in front of the museum compound, two gunmen opened fire. The holidaymakers ran inside the museum pursued by the terrorists. Other visitors already in the building fled as the sound of gunfire erupted. The siege ended when security forces stormed the museum and killed the ruthless attackers.



Bardo National Museum

The gunmen were later identified as Yassine Labidi and Saber Khachnaoui, both Tunisian citizens. While Labidi was known to intelligence services, neither of the two men had previously been positively linked to a known terrorist organisation. It was later revealed both men had been wearing suicide bomb vests.

Perhaps relevant, at the time of the attack, members of Tunisia's Parliament were discussing new counter-terrorist legislation. They were ordered to evacuate the building due to the sound of gunfire. Six police chiefs were fired due to "security deficiencies," an official said.



Tunisia's Defence Minister Farhat Horchani discusses the terrorist attack with Turkish Ambassador Omer Gucuk



Tunisia's Parliament building



Port of La Goulette



Entrance to the Bardo National Museum



British victim
Sally Adey



The gunmen enter the museum



A terrorist lays dead



Attack 'mastermind' Abu Sakhr -
he was killed on 28 March



Yassine
Labidi

Other sources state the raid was intended to damage the country's vital tourism trade. Undoubtedly the terrorists were waiting for the foreign tourists from the ships. However, the museum defiantly opened a few weeks later - with increased security now in place. "The terrorists have not achieved their goal," an official said. A major peace rally was also held in Tunis attracting hundreds of thousands of people.

Eye Spy intelligence sources believe like ISIS, al-Qaida is intent on sending further small suicide cells to attack soft prominent civilian targets. Some security specialists have again warned ISIS and AQ is intent on repeating such operations in Britain and America.

Though born in Tunisia, the museum attackers received specialist training in Libya - a country



'Akil' - a two year old German Shepherd police dog. He guided Special Forces into the museum. Sadly one of the gunmen shot the animal



President Beji Caid Essebsi - "attack was a huge disaster... Tunisia is at war with terrorism"

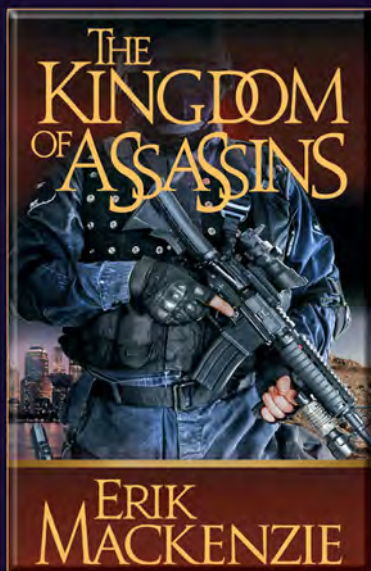


Costa Fascinosa

which has become a prominent destination for would-be terrorists. Here ISIS control large parts of the coastal city of Derma. President Beji Caid Essebsi warned that as many as 10,000 nationals have ties to ISIS and al-Qaida.

The mastermind behind the attack was Abu Sakhr - a senior operative with Okba Ibn Naffa. He was killed on 28 March along with eight associates in southwest Gafsa region by Tunisian counter-terrorism troops.

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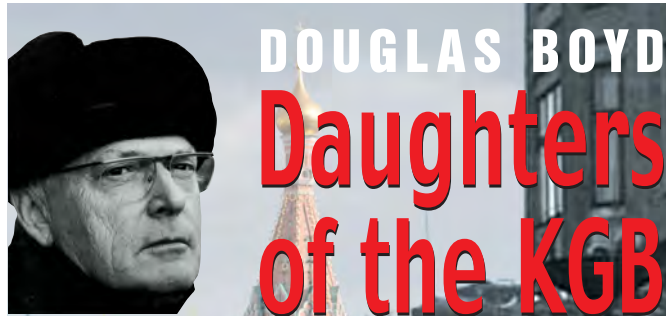
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Before we look at conventional restraining skills in the intelligence cycle, let's take a moment to consider the various agencies and their roles with respect to restraints. Compare for example Britain and America; the FBI perform a similar role to Britain's MI5, dealing with matters concerning the country's internal security. One main difference is the fact that the FBI have powers of arrest, and many officers, including elite SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) officers naturally carry handcuffs or restraints. In contrast, as I have mentioned previously, MI5 elicit the assistance of Special Branch (New Scotland Yard) where arrest is concerned. Special Branch falls under the police authority and officers can make arrests, and carry and use cuffs.

The CIA and MI6 do not have these powers as their area of expertise deals with issues relating to matters abroad and outside the confines of their respective nation's statute.



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Daughters of the KGB



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innumerable types of cuff, used for an assortment of purposes. What is important are the general protocols for applying such devices in cases of arrest and detainment. First we will look at the common directives that relate to cuffs, both in the police and some intelligence agencies around the world.

CORRECT USAGE

(a) The golden rule is never to get the cuffs out until the suspect is restrained, otherwise, the mind is divided between the struggle and retaining a hold on the cuffs. (b) Apply the cuffs in either the stack or side-by-side position, as shown in the photos. (c) The rear cuffing is best because you are out of the suspect's sight and avoid such problems as 'head butts'. (d) Make sure



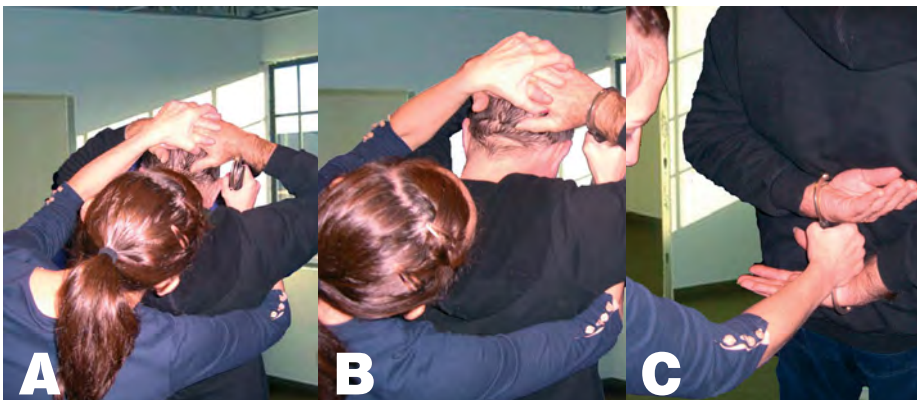
Cuffs and various types of restraints are widely used by Special Forces teams around the world. Indeed, they form an essential part of an operative's kit.

I won't dwell on the history of cuffs, which actually have their origin in early Babylonian and Egyptian culture. Suffice to say there are



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This FBI SWAT agent carries **Flexi cuffs - heavy duty plastic flexible handcuffs designed for one-time use**

the cuffs are below the wrist bone knuckle and not too tight, especially if the suspect will be making a long trip. (e) Never leave a handcuffed suspect face down, because of positional asphyxia. (f) Make sure the cuffs are double locked to inhibit their being picked, shimmed or close even tighter on the suspect. (g) Never cuff yourself to a suspect or a suspect to any object. With regard to the last advice, I remember when I served with a special operations unit, one of the team chased a suspect and cuffed him to a washing pole in a back garden, then went on to chase a second suspect. Of course, when he got to the station he had no recollection of exactly where he had left the first suspect! It took almost eight hours to find him. My list of

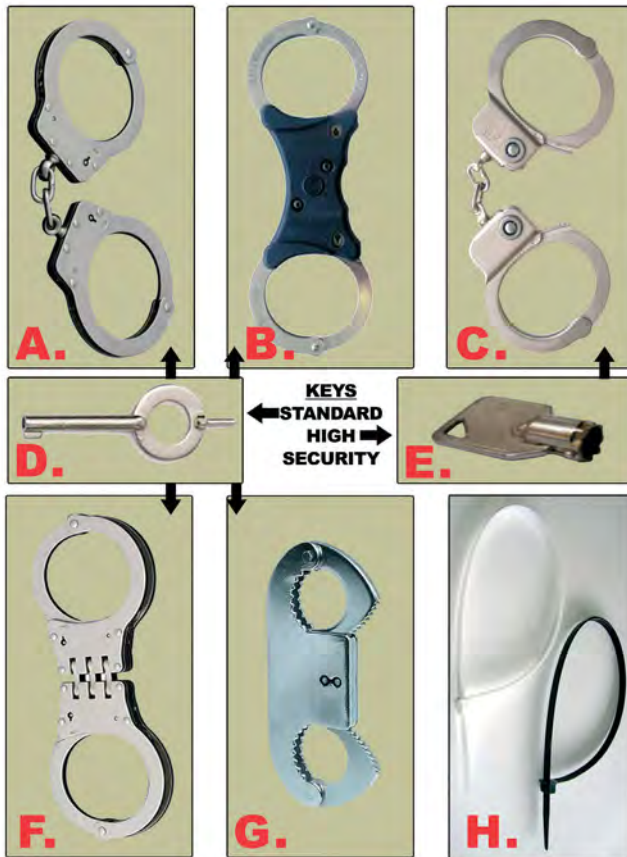


APPLYING HANDCUFFS

(A) Control first, grip the interlocked fingers of both hands tight. (B) Apply the cuffs to one hand and use leverage control. (C) Secure the hands in the stacked position



Speedcuffs can be used for leverage control. (A) The throat is gripped, control the arm, take out the cuffs. (B) Apply the cuffs to the wrist. (C) Hold the wrist and press down on the cuffs to free the grip, then twist and lock



Smith and Wesson, as well as other companies throughout the world. Popular with American law enforcement they are easy to carry and a light aluminium version also exists.

(B) This is a rigid cuff and is often called 'Speedcuff' or 'Quickcuff'. The Speedcuff has the advantage in that it can be used as a strong lever to maintain compliance from the suspect, as shown in the photo. However, the main disadvantage rests in its weight and rigid format, which makes it cumbersome for any covert operations.

(C) This is a high security cuff, often strengthened, but with a lock and key which has many permutations. This type of cuff is

(G) These are Thumb cuffs, which are much smaller (picture not to scale) and ideal for covert operations. Their only drawback is that women often have small knuckles, so escape is easier.

(H) These ties or 'Flexicuffs' are very similar to those used in the garden, except that they are much thicker and stronger, but applied in the same way. In recent years some variants have the advantage of being lockable with a handcuff type key. The problem with the earlier type was the fact that once tightened, they could not be undone. Only on arrival at the venue was it possible to use special shears to cut the suspect free from the cuff.

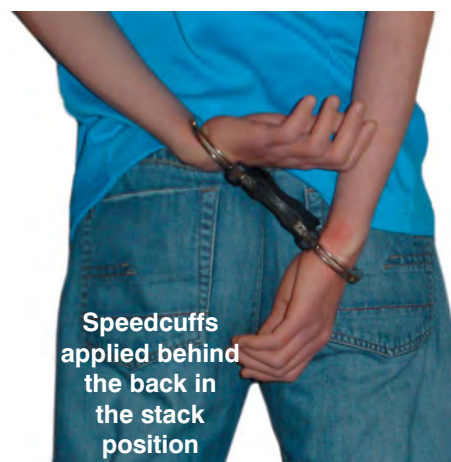
(D) and (E) I have left until last because they deserve some explanation. 'D' is the standard handcuff key, it has a thin rod at one end which pushes into a small hole in the cuff, this secures the double locking action spoken of earlier. The second type of key (E) is one of many types used for high security cuffs, there

directives is far from definitive, but outlines some of the main points that all such operatives should be aware of.

Now we shall examine the actual cuffs, their uses, benefits, and problems. (A). This shows the standard cuff, produced by Peerless, Hiatt,

particularly useful when transportation over long distances is required.

(F) This is a hinged cuff which folds conveniently, but also has some of the properties of the Speed cuff, in as much as it restricts wrist movement when applied.



Speedcuffs applied behind the back in the stack position



Speedcuffs applied in the front in palm to palm position



New York City FBI SWAT agent - note two sets of restraints

are numerous permutations and the lock is not easy to pick. It is ideal in the intelligence cycle because any operative worth their salt can escape from a standard handcuff.

I recall an incident involving a trained operative who was arrested by civilian police, handcuffed and driven away in a police van. During the journey one particular officer was abusive and a bit free with his hands. At the station the suspect was led away, but not before tapping the abusive officer in front of him on the shoulder and handing him his cuffs back. "You should always be polite and show respect, because you never know who the prisoner is, or what they are capable of," said the suspect (he had removed the cuffs at the beginning of the journey).

Finally, the standard handcuff key fits almost all basic cuffs. You may wonder why the high security cuff is not more popular. Well, most official cuffs that are issued use the basic key. There is a reason for this; all services (police, military and security) can document cases where the handcuff key has been lost. This is an admirable way to keep locksmiths in business, but inconvenient for everybody else. If everyone has the same key there isn't a problem.

Next Issue: It's often whispered that some special operatives and agents in the intelligence world have a specialist knowledge of nerve holds and pressure points, but what is the reality behind this?





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SECRETS OF CAMP X DID YOU KNOW?

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With Eye Spy Canadian Editor Lynn Philip Hodgson

FLEMING'S FAILED MISSION

DID YOU KNOW THAT: The Whitby Fire Department used the old, now famous, Sinclair Farmhouse for fire practice in 1964, burning it to the ground? This incredibly important building was the Commanding Officer's residence at Camp-X in Canada and later used for training purposes by approximately 500 secret agents, including Ian Fleming!

It's also the house where MI6 and Naval Intelligence Directorate (NID) officer Ian Fleming, "failed to kill a man" when ordered to by William Stephenson, the director of the MI6 front organisation - BSC (British Security Co-Ordination).

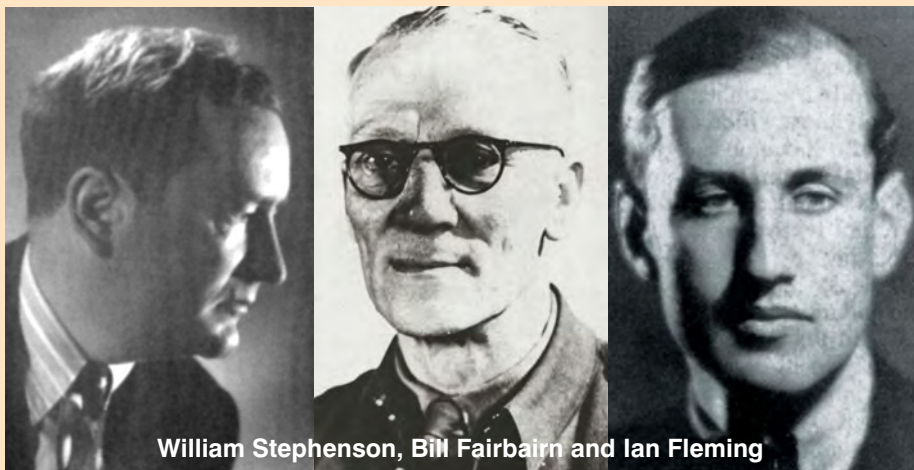
Ian Fleming entered the old farmhouse that had been mocked-up to look like an apartment building in downtown Toronto. As part of his training, Fleming was handed a gun and told by Stephenson to go inside, climb the stairs and enter the closed door at the top where he was to kill the man sleeping in bed. A somewhat hesitant Fleming did indeed climb the stairs and stood outside the closed door for a moment - but then walked back downstairs and left the building to where Stephenson was waiting.

Fleming turned to Stephenson and said, "You know Bill, I really couldn't



kill a man that way." Stephenson responded: "Smart move Commander, the man pretending to be sleeping in bed is none other than Bill Fairbairn, the most talented silent killer in the world. You didn't have a chance."

And now you know, the rest of the story....



William Stephenson, Bill Fairbairn and Ian Fleming

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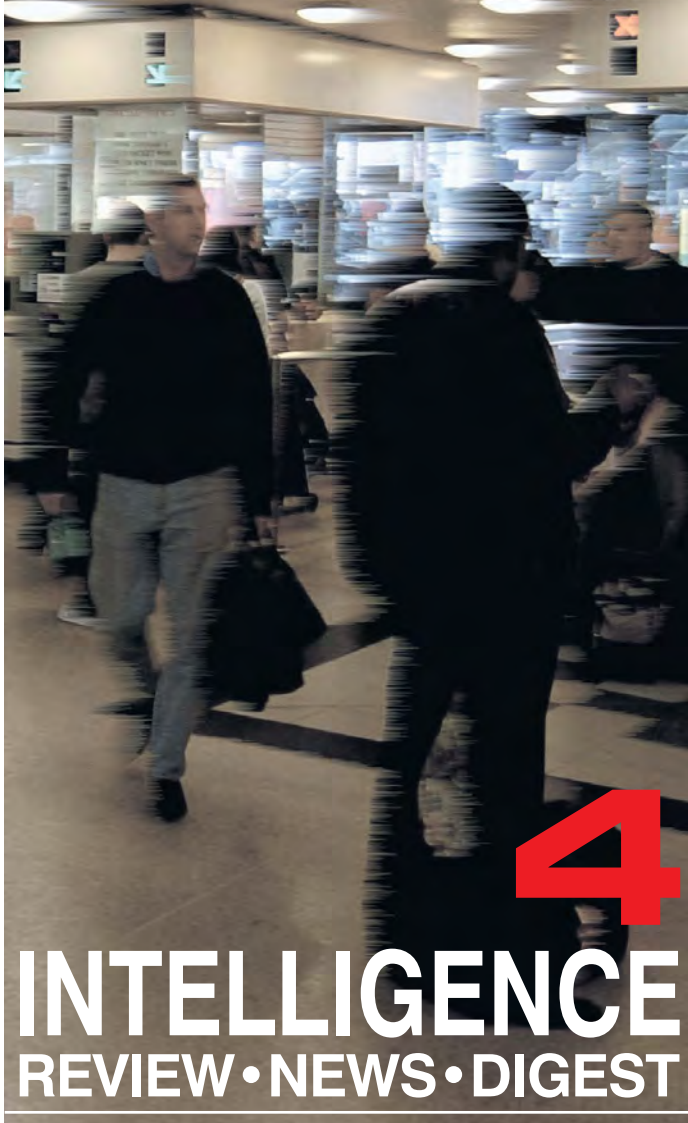


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Germanwings Disaster

Co-pilot's
actions lead to
global rethink on
cockpit security

Following a deliberate pilot action which caused Germanwings Flight 9525 to crash in the French Alps, many airlines quickly introduced new security measures. The scheduled flight from Barcelona to Dusseldorf was operated by Lufthansa, an airline with a superb safety record. However, for reasons still unclear, when Captain Patrick Sondenheimer left the cockpit as the airliner cruised at 38,000ft, his co-pilot, 27-year-old Andreas Lubitz, engaged a locking

mechanism which effectively meant no-one could regain entry. The security measure was introduced a few months after the 9/11 outrage in America.

When Sondenheimer returned, Lubitz had already switched off the Airbus A320-200 auto-pilot and was starting to descend. A key pad code which is changed frequently does allow re-entry into the cockpit but Lubitz had switched on an override lock. Despite attempting to break the

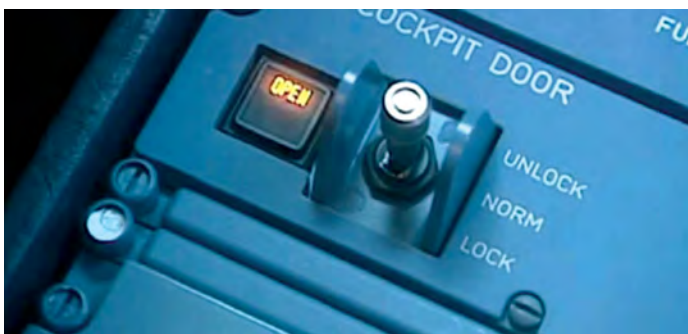


door down, the aircraft crashed into mountains resulting in 150 deaths. Just 13 minutes had elapsed.

Within 48-hours several airlines announced that two crew members will remain at the controls throughout the flight. Others have started to examine the possibility of building a system which can open the door by sending of an automatic electronic signal. Nevertheless, that the incident should follow so quickly after the loss of Malaysia Airlines

Flight 370 in March 2014, has deeply worried the aviation industry as a whole, for both events seem to have occurred through a deliberate and illegal human action. The Malaysian airliner has still not been found.

German aviation officials moved quickly to rule out terrorism in respect of the Lufthansa flight, and have instead focused on the mental health of Lubitz, who had a history of depression. This 'human area' (PSYCHOLOGICAL) is now being probed to see if





Iranian passenger - journalist Hussein Javadi took this haunting photo as Flight 9525 took off from Barcelona



better procedures can be created that will 'flag' concerns with other crew members. German police discovered a letter from Lubitz's doctor which was a sign-off (sick



A search sonar is deployed in the Indian Ocean following the loss of MA-370



note) document dated for 24 March 2015 - the day of the disaster.

There are other examples where the captain has deliberately crashed the airliner, perhaps more notably EgyptAir Flight 990 out of New York in October 1999. Here the captain ordered a colleague out of the cockpit before putting the aircraft into a descent. All 217 people on board died in the resultant crash. And in 2013, LAM

Mozambique Airlines Flight 470 crashed in Namibia with the loss of 27 people. A voice recorder

proved the captain was alone in the cockpit - but it also picked up sounds of banging on the door.



Andreas Lubitz pictured in San Francisco. He told his ex-girlfriend "one day the world will know my name..."

THE STRANGE CASE OF BOWE BERGDAHL

Bowe Bergdahl, the former Taliban prisoner, is set to be charged with desertion and misbehaviour before the enemy. The Pentagon announced the US Army sergeant deserted his post intentionally before ending up in the hands of the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Bergdahl will face a court martial on one count of 'desertion with intent to shirk important or hazardous duty', which carries a maximum of five years in prison, as well as one count of 'misbehaviour before the enemy, endangering the safety of a command, unit or place', which

carries a maximum sentence of up to life in prison but does not include the death penalty.

Six US servicemen died attempting to rescue him, but in the end Bergdahl was exchanged for five senior Taliban prisoners held in Guantanamo Bay. The decision by President Obama caused tension between Congress and the administration, with some congressmen claiming it was illegal. Obama administration officials said the swap was made somewhat hastily because they feared for "Bergdahl's rapidly declining health."

Bergdahl's father, Robert, frequented jihadi twitter accounts. He lobbied for the release of Guantanamo prisoners - "God will repay for the death of every Afghan child, ameen," he once



tweeted. In his last e-mail prior to his supposed capture, Bergdahl told his father that he was ashamed to be an American. His father responded, advising him to follow his conscience and '*[s]tand with like minded men when possible*'. Bergdahl then walked away from his base and was captured within 30 minutes. It



Bowe Bergdahl's father, Robert, with President Obama at the White House



Bergdahl with
Badrudin
Haqqani

was the second time he had wandered off without permission.

Fox News alleged: 'Whilst in captivity Bergdahl converted to Islam, fraternised openly with his captors and declared himself a 'mujahid,' or warrior for Islam'. In July 2014, further questions were raised when a photograph of Bergdahl surfaced showing him

smiling with Badruddin Haqqani, a now-deceased senior commander for the Haqqani network.

At the time of his release, one Pentagon official described Bergdahl as "at worst, a deserter... at best, a stupid kid who caused us to expend great energy and resources to bring him home."

The CIA's 'Undertaker' Steps Down

The head of the CIA's Counter-terrorism Center (CTC) who led the hunt for Osama bin-Laden, known only by two names Mike - his purported real name, and his agency-appointed alias, 'Roger' has either left his post or was removed in the current restructure (see page 54).

Those who know the officer say he is a stern individual with an impressive knowledge of terrorist

networks. For several years he led the UAV campaign against terrorists and was connected to Langley's extraordinary rendition programme and the secret CIA prisons.

A *Washington Post* profile written in 2012, described him as 'chain-smoker and not a team player'. "People were scared of him," an official told the newspaper. "Roger was the undertaker." During his social time, he is said to have spent hours on the treadmill reading terrorism reports.

Despite being called "merciless" by his colleagues, he was regarded as a renowned officer and one of the best intelligence men of his generation. However, his approach to counter-terrorism was called 'killing-centric' and enraged many Muslims. His approach was also criticised by some in the State Department and

the Pentagon, who argued that his focus on killing didn't deal with the underlying causes of terrorism.

CIA spokesman Dean Boyd said: "He was one of the true heroes of the agency. After nearly a decade of outstanding work in this post, including the takedown of countless terrorists and many other successes in protecting the country, he will be moving on in connection with the CIA modernisation plan announced last month."

Michael Morrel, former CIA deputy director, went further: "Roger was one of the finest intelligence officers of his generation. I don't think there has been a more successful unit in the history of the agency than the CTC during this individual's tenure."

Langley has said Roger will remain within the CIA and given a



new assignment which has yet to be decided.

His efforts to help hunt down and kill bin-Laden culminated on 2 May 2011, during an operation by SEAL Team Six. The event was the basis for the film 'Zero Dark Thirty', which was nominated for five Academy Awards. The character known as 'The Wolf' was based on Roger.



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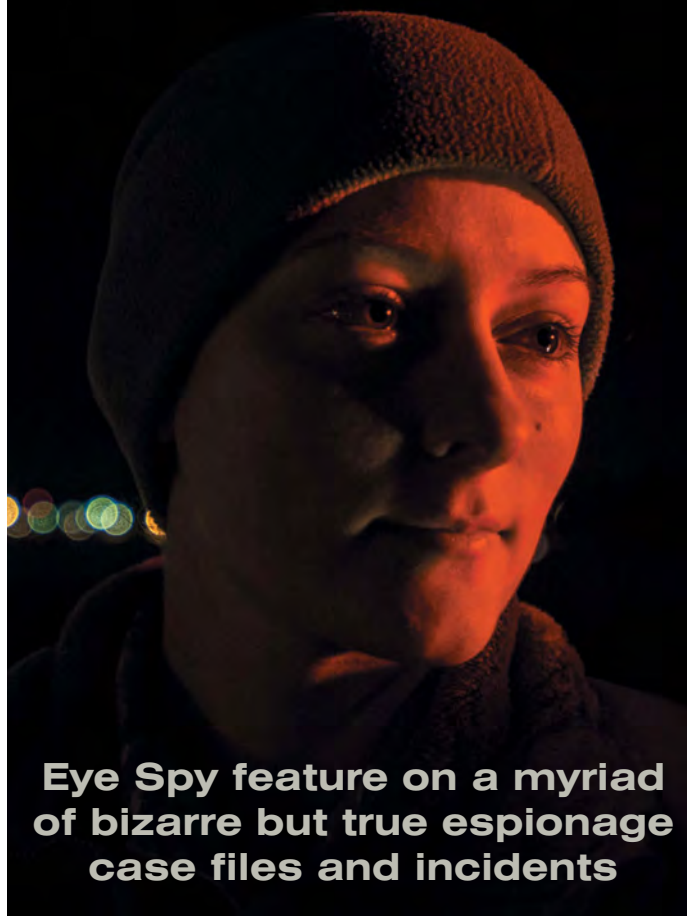
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