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"The chairman found as fact and to a high degree of probability that the FSB directed Mr Lugovoi and Mr Kovtun to murder Sasha (Litvinenko) and both Putin and Patrushev approved the assassination"



Marina Litvinenko - widow of MI6 agent Alexander Litvinenko

FIRST WORD

A BRAVE WOMAN WHO KEPT BELIEVING IN JUSTICE



A decade has passed since Eye Spy reported upon the death of Alexander Litvinenko on the streets of London. Despite rumours, threats, allegations and a bitter war of words between Russia and Britain, one person has been dignified and extremely brave throughout - the wife of the former FSB and MI6 contact man - Marina Litvinenko. Now that the Public Inquiry has ended - an event Marina fought tooth and nail for - hopefully she has a modicum of closure, though nothing will ease the pain I suspect. Everyone in British Intelligence knows what happened and who was responsible. However, it's worth reading the exact language used by the chair of the inquiry - Sir Robert Owen. In his summing up the word 'probably' was used several times. Thus it's safe to assume that although all the evidence was there, that final admission by the prime suspects was not, meaning that this most disturbing case will remain open.

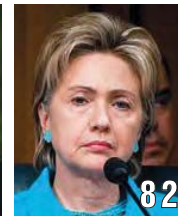
ISIS/DAESH: There was no let up in the war against ISIS over the Christmas and New Year periods; nor were the followers of ISIS taking a break. Attacks by those supportive of its warped interpretation of Islam have occurred in numerous countries. The threat has prompted European security officials to create a new counter terrorism organisation (ECTC). This authority will no doubt work closely with existing CT agencies, but already there are fears about the 6,000 or so European nationals who fought with ISIS in Syria and Iraq, and who have now returned home. It is an impossible task for the intelligence world to place all of them under surveillance, but I do expect the ECTC to adopt the sliding scale used by MI5 to identify the most dangerous, and monitor those who may seek to attack.

Do take a look at the Europol ECTC endeavour and digest the Litvinenko Public Inquiry report - both can be found on the Internet.

MARK BIRDSALL, MANAGING EDITOR



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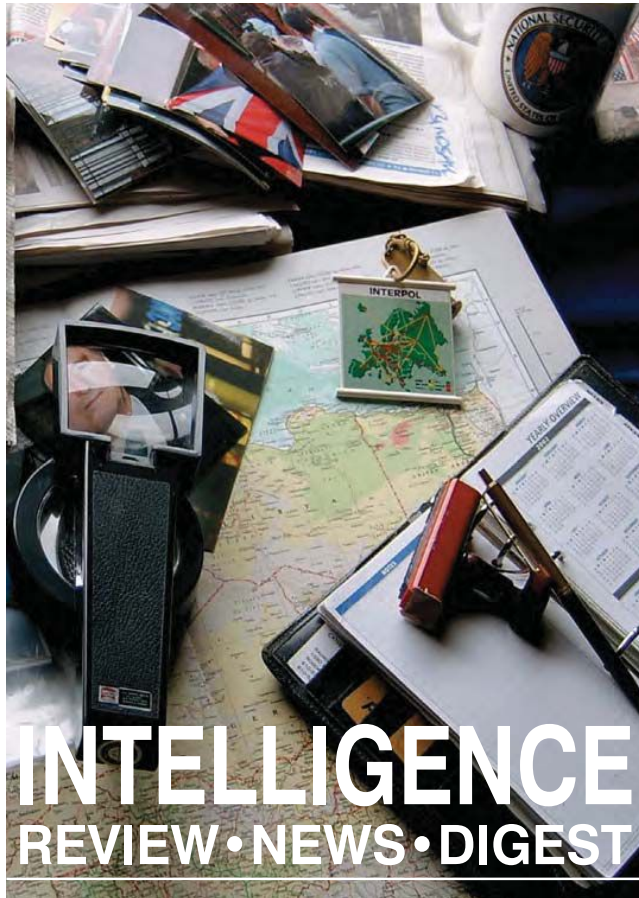
HUMINT - HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

Intelligence writer Chris Northcott presents an authoritative feature on the importance of HUMINT - human intelligence. This most valuable intelligence element has proven pivotal in decision making throughout history. From securing information from agents-in-place and ordinary people occupying innocuous jobs, intelligence is 'king' in an industry dependent on knowing what an adversary or even an ally is working on or planning.

Northcott argues that whilst espionage and the activities of a spy may have changed throughout history - the objective and from whence material is sourced (HUMINT), has not.



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STRANGE BUT TRUE INTELLIGENCE MEN WITHOUT INTE

The US Navy's most senior intelligence man who has handled secrets for years and commanded some of the world's greatest warships, including the USS Nimitz, has a problem. Though in charge of intelligence happenings, Rear Admiral Ted Branch is not allowed to view, hear or learn of classified materials. How so?

In November 2013, Branch's name surfaced in a US Justice Department investigation. The DOJ was probing a major corruption case involving a foreign contract company and US Navy personnel. The US Navy, concerned Branch was being drawn

into the affair decided to act - and suspended his access to secret intelligence files. One of his closest associates suffered the



PORT SECURITY AND ESPIONAGE Jailed - Navy Workers in the USA and UAE

A port worker from India has been jailed for espionage in the United Arab Emirates. The man, initially identified in court only as MTB, 54, though later named as Manar Abbas, was detained after he allegedly passed details of various ship's departure and docking dates to intelligence officials at his embassy.

UAE security services were tipped-off that sensitive information was being leaked. In court a

State Security officer said: "Through our sources our investigations showed that the accused was in contact with two intelligence officers."

Various foreign ship's were mentioned, including those sailing under US, European and Pakistan flags.

Described as a logistics supervisor at an Abu Dhabi sea port, his solicitor Mohammed Al Aswad, has argued that everything bar

one piece of information was effectively open source.

In December 2015, an official at the deep-water port of Mina Zayed was given a 10-year prison term for leaking information concerning the movement of naval vessels to and out of the docks.

ESPIONAGE AND THE USS GERALD R. FORD

The passing of information concerning a ship's movement and duration in port is a sensitive issue. Passing technical and technology data to a foreign country is regarded as espionage. This proved to be the case in October 2015, when Mostafa Ahmed Awwad believed he was delivering schematics of the US Navy's newest nuclear aircraft carrier - the USS Gerald R. Ford - to an individual he thought was an Egyptian intelligence officer. The intelligence contact was in fact an undercover FBI agent. Awwad, an employee of the Norfolk Naval



Mostafa Ahmed Awwad

Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia, had access to naval nuclear propulsion information.

Following a joint FBI and Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) operation which involved an intricate sting operation, including bogus agent contact and the use of a dead letter drop, Awwad was arrested.

Amongst the subsequent evidence heard in court, Awwad said he planned to obtain additional information concerning the "tools

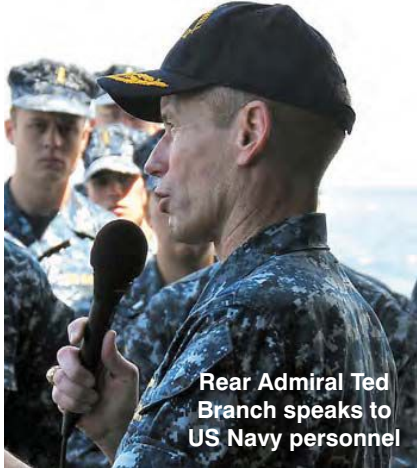


**UAE deep-water
port of Mina Zayed**



INTELLIGENCE ACCESS

same fate - Director of Intelligence Operations Rear Admiral Bruce Loveless. Loveless has been



Rear Admiral Ted Branch speaks to US Navy personnel



Rear Admiral Ted Branch

moved to a temporary new post, but Branch remains put.

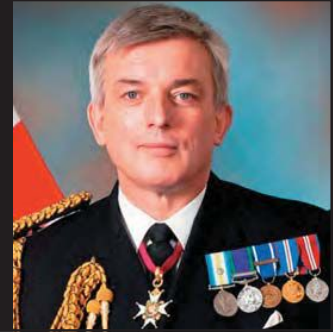
Intelligence watchers point out that at this time the US Navy is involved in some of the most demanding operations and situations it has had to face for years, especially in the South China Seas.

As for the DOJ case, intelligence sources believe this may yet evolve into a major event and

references are already being made to espionage. In late January, a court heard how a US sailor handed electronic parts to a third party in exchange for cash. "This seems to be the 'tip of the iceberg'," one observer noted. Rear Admiral Jonathan Yuen, head of the Navy's Supply Corps said: "I do not have the words to express the depth of betrayal. No amount of money is worth betraying our nation, our Navy or our shipmates."

NEW FIRST SEA LORD

LONDON: Britain's Ministry of Defence has announced Vice Admiral Sir Philip Jones is to become the new head of the Royal Navy. He will take over the role as the 'Senior Service' First Sea Lord, in April when he replaces Admiral Sir George Zambellas. Jones is currently the fleet commander and deputy chief of naval staff, following a promotion to Vice Admiral in 2011. Born in Bebington, Cheshire, he joined the navy in 1978. He married to his wife Liz and has three children.



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Film and audio evidence. Awwad meets with his 'Egyptian contact' - an undercover FBI agent

sink the carrier." Other conversations showed how he hoped to circumnavigate secure computer systems which would allow him to copy data.

and the technology necessary to build the carrier" and also pointed out the schematics - "vulnerable areas where a strike could cause an explosion significant enough to

As for his reasons for spying, Awwad told the undercover agent he was "motivated to use his position to steal nuclear and defence secrets from the US to



The dead letter drop site



9 November 2013. USS Gerald R. Ford christening ceremony - Newport News Shipbuilding, Virginia



aid Egypt in building a more robust defence." However, he also said he intended to travel to Egypt and meet with "high-ranking intelligence and military officials" in an effort to understand just exactly the type of data they may want him to secure. This could have led to Egypt having a very good spy at the heart of US naval operations.

During the 'agent' exchanges, some \$3,000 was picked up by Awwad at the DLD site. In court a photo was shown of the location - a secluded hiking trail and a disguised hole in the ground. Awwad placed computer hard drives inside the hole along with two passport photographs -

presumably in an attempt to secure a false passport.

An FBI statement read: 'His actions could have potentially compromised the safety of some 4,000 American sailors who will be serving on the USS Gerald R. Ford after it joins the fleet of Navy vessels sometime next year—and the security of our nation in general'. The NCIS said Awwad's actions endangered both sailors and secrets.

The USS Gerald R. Ford is the most advanced aircraft carrier in the world and served by 4,000 personnel. Its nuclear propulsion system is regarded as one of America's most guarded secrets.

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Mission Impossible

NEW MOSSAD CHIEF ANNOUNCED

Agent-runner and international operations specialist becomes 12th Director of Israel's spy organisation

After weeks of speculation, Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu named Yossi Cohen, head of the National Security Council (NSC), as new Mossad Director. Cohen is one of the country's most respected intelligence figures and is well known on the world stage. He joined the Mossad in 1982.

In previous years the name of the Mossad Director was always a closely guarded secret, but like most intelligence services, the organisation has sought to lift itself out of the shadows - at least in part. At a hastily arranged press meeting, Netanyahu also spoke about the areas of importance to Mossad, including threat analysis, intelligence collection and interestingly, making further contact with the Arab world. Intelligence watchers already acknowledge that liaisons already exist in this area. On the Mossad hierarchy, Netanyahu said: "The

Director must have the ability to lead the organisation with daring, wisdom and professionalism."

As for Cohen, who replaces Tamir Pardo after his five-year term expires, Mr Netanyahu said: "Mr Cohen has much experience and many achievements and proven ability in a wide range of Mossad activities. He has leadership abilities and professional understanding [of people and situations], which are necessary qualities to hold such a position."

Netanyahu also remarked on Pardo's work. "The first imperative to ensuring the survival of any living thing is to identify dangers in time and beat them back." He added that in this respect, he had green-lighted the vast majority of Pardo's operations. This included preventing terrorist attacks, weapons smuggling and counter-measures against Iran's nuclear programme.

Cohen, who becomes Mossad's 12th Director since its formation



2014. US National Security Advisor Susan Rice with Yossi Cohen



US Secretary of State John Kerry and Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu



Yossi Cohen and Tamir Pardo

in 1949, has spent 30 years in the intelligence world, and has operated in various Mossad directorates, including heading the department responsible for running agents in many international theatres. He is a past recipient of the country's Security and Defense prize for controlling an unspecified operation. Eye Spy understands his son also works in

intelligence and is a member of the elite cyber element Unit 8200.

After accepting the position, Cohen said: "Israel is located at the centre of the earthquake that has hit the Middle East in recent years. Fundamentalist Islamic extremism is washing over states and leading to their collapse." He also warned over Iran. "It's



US Secretary of State John Kerry and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, flanked by US Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations Frank Lowenstein and then Israeli National Security Adviser Yossi Cohen



Yossi Cohen (centre) at the US Embassy in Tel Aviv

improving its military capabilities and deepening its hold in our region. Terrorist proxies are a means to further those aims."

Besides Cohen, two other candidates were considered for the post: Rami Ben Barak, Director General of the Ministry for

Intelligence Affairs; and Tamir Pardo's Deputy. Barak was head of operations and responsible for electronic intelligence collection. Of the other contender? In good old Mossad tradition, the organisation that believes no mission is impossible, he was identified only as 'N'.

The Military Intelligence Man New Chief of UK Defence Staff

LONDON: The British Government has announced Air Chief Marshal Sir Stuart Peach will take over as Chief of the Defence Staff later this year. Sir Stuart will replace General Sir Nicholas Houghton.

The experienced officer was commissioned into the RAF in 1977 and served in numerous theatres and roles around the world.

He commanded the Air Warfare Centre at RAF Waddington and was Director General Intelligence Collection in the Ministry of Defence (MOD) from 2003-2006 and then Chief of Defence Intelligence and Deputy Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee until 2009.



Air Chief Marshal Sir Stuart Peach

Defence Secretary Michael Fallon who welcomed the appointment, has also held talks with his German counterpart Defence Minister Dr Ursula Von der Leyen in Berlin (below). Amongst the topics discussed was counter-terrorism and the increasing threat of ISIS/Daesh. Both nations have agreed to increase operations against the terror group in Syria.



General Sir Nicholas Houghton



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COURTESY: US DEPT. OF STATE



San Bernardino Terrorist Attack

THE MISSING 18 MINUTES



FBI still seeking information on movements and actions of two terrorists who killed 14 people in San Bernardino, California

As Eye Spy 100 went to print, newswires on 2 December 2015 carried fragmented reports of a shooting at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, California. Within an hour or two it was evident the incident was significant, and almost certainly one of terrorism.

For weeks leading up to December, ISIS/Daesh propaganda men had encouraged its followers all over the world to carry out strikes. And undoubtedly what transpired in the social services centre could be linked to that 'calling'.



Tashfeen Malik, Syed Farook and Enrique Marquez Jr.

EYES ON A VERY SOFT TARGET

Syed Rizwan Farook and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, targeted a staff meeting and party being hosted at the centre for around 80 people - many of whom were colleagues of Farook. Prior to the attack the couple told Farook's mother they were going to see their doctor and asked that she look after their six-month-old daughter. Instead Farook attended the meeting/party arriving at the centre shortly before 9.00am. At 10.37am he was seen to

walk out of the gathering, and unbeknown to the attendees brought back and secreted a pipebomb in the conference room. At 11.00am the couple collected automatic



The terrorists' SUV following a short fire-fight with police



Various weapons used in the attack. Inset: Pipe bombs

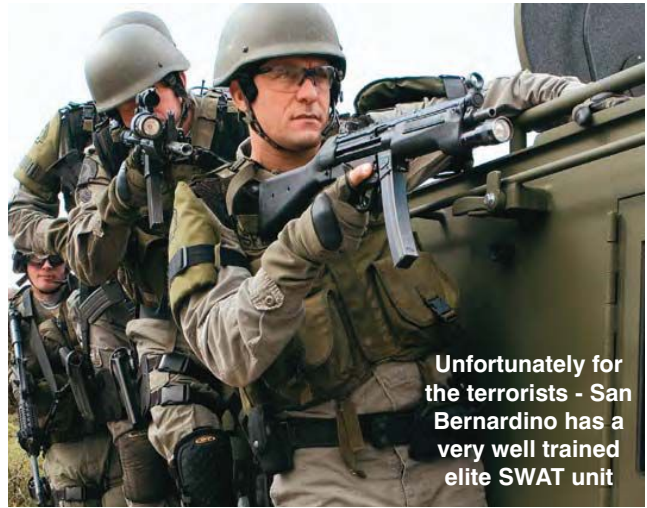
COURTESY: SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.



Police divers search a lake - nothing of interest was found



FBI Director James Comey and Attorney General Loretta Lynch discuss the attack in San Bernardino which they labelled an 'attack of terrorism'



Unfortunately for the terrorists - San Bernardino has a very well trained elite SWAT unit

COURTESY: SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.



Robert Adams - one of 14 people killed in the attack

weapons from their vehicle and returned slaughtering friends, colleagues and associates. Less than five minutes later 14 people had been shot dead and 22 injured.

The couple then calmly departed the scene, but not before leaving three IEDs at the centre - all of which thankfully failed to detonate. It is



what happened in the moments directly after the attack which the FBI and police want to ascertain (12.59pm - 1.17pm).

Armed officers and emergency service workers were soon at the scene and both terrorists were identified. Similarly, a worker gave an excellent description of their rented SUV. Officers soon confronted the couple at their Redlands home. However, they managed to escape in the vehicle. A police surveillance aircraft joined the hunt and the terrorists were stopped again. An exchange of fire took place and sixty seconds later Farook and Malik were dead.

At some point during the 'minutes of interest', their vehicle was seen to stop. An eye-witness also observed the SUV at a nearby lake. This resulted in a diving team being assembled and the waters searched. Nothing of relevance was discovered. The Bureau are concerned that the couple may have dropped materials off at a location or met with other people.

The attack was described as the deadliest since 9/11 on American soil, and despite some early attempts to claim once again this was 'workplace violence' it is being treated as an ISIS-inspired attack. At present the FBI has not uncovered any links to an operational terror cell or other individuals.

The couple's neighbour, Enrique Marquez Jr. 24, who converted to Islam in 2011, has been



Whilst police believe Farook had an argument with fellow worker Nicholas Thalasinios, a Jewish citizen (pictured here with his wife Jennifer), the attack was premeditated and well planned

charged with several offences, including conspiracy to provide material support for terrorism. This is linked to explosives and weapons used in the 2 December attack and plots to attack Riverside City College and a motorway three years earlier with Farook. In January 2016, he pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Eye Spy was told whilst most of those who died were colleagues of Farook, it was his wife Malik who was the prime-mover behind the atrocity. Both terrorists had pledged their allegiance to ISIS. Thus far the security services have interviewed hundreds of people and served 29 search warrants.

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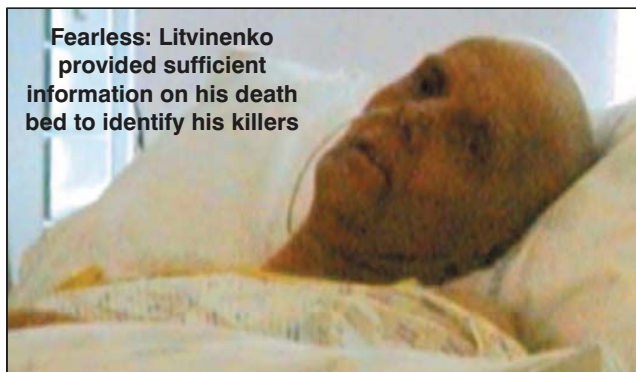
A.k.a. Edwin Redwald Carter



MOSCOW'S DARK AGENTS

It was the most predictable verdict heard in a London court for years - two Russian intelligence officers played a central role in the assassination of former FSB officer and MI6 agent, Lt. Colonel Alexander Litvinenko, 43, in November 2006 and President Putin and his most senior spy chief *probably** knew it was going to happen.

The pages of Eye Spy over the last decade or so have contained a wealth of information and background literature about the incident. The likeable officer who fled Russia at the end of the last century along with his wife Marina and son, Anatoly, succumbed to a micro drop of the radioactive isotope Polonium-210. It was slipped into his tea during a



Fearless: Litvinenko provided sufficient information on his death bed to identify his killers



President Vladimir Putin said the Public Inquiry conclusion was a "brilliant example of British humour"

meeting at the Millennium Hotel with the two prime suspects - Andrei Lugovoi and Dmitry Kovtun. Three weeks later Litvinenko died, but not before accusing the Russian state, or more accurately, Vladimir Putin of being responsible. He vowed then that the truth will be out, and to some extent it now is - though others would argue it always has been.

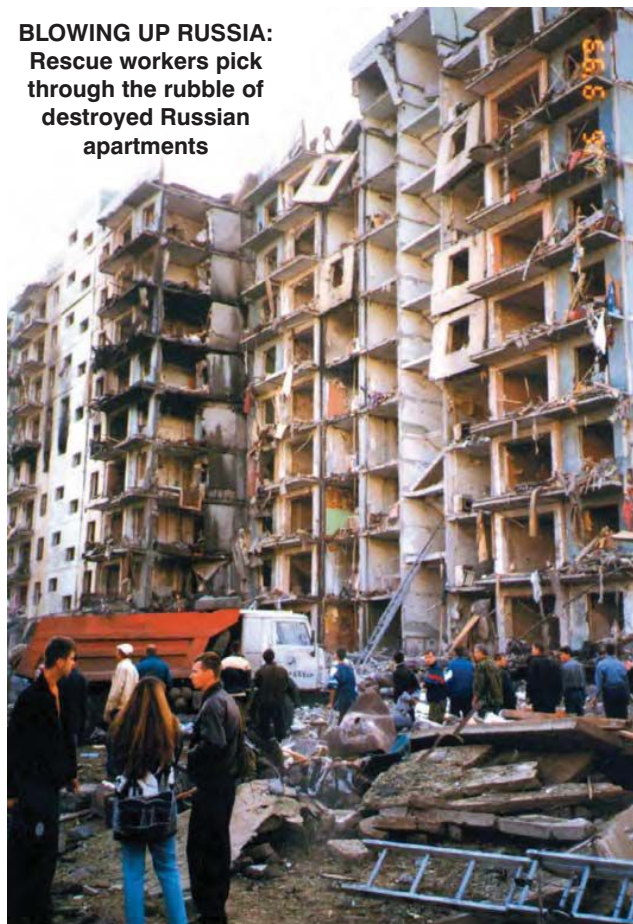
There had been previous meetings and contacts in London with a number of Russians prior to this - and other interesting characters. Litvinenko was on a retainer from MI6 of around £500 a week - all

KILLED BY FSB



'Agent Carter' - intelligence watchers note a plethora of reasons why Litvinenko was killed - and here lies the problem

BLOWING UP RUSSIA:
Rescue workers pick through the rubble of destroyed Russian apartments



Marina Litvinenko wants all Russian spies to be removed from the UK



fairly standard for a former opposition agent now providing useful information of interest to British Intelligence. This too must have rankled Moscow. No Russian intelligence man is liked by KGB stalwarts who regard such situations as treason.

When Litvinenko fell ill a few hours after his meeting, doctors suspected Thallium poisoning. It was enough to alert MI5 who visited him in hospital. More tests followed after no traces were found and then it was announced Litvinenko was suffering from Polonium-210 poisoning. MI6 and a specialist facility soon traced the Polonium to a Russian weapons factory and the investigation gathered momentum. Litvinenko was dying, but over

the next three weeks he provided enough evidence to both police and intelligence officers that suggested this was a carefully orchestrated and deliberately painful assassination.

Investigators soon had sufficient evidence to believe the isotope was given to Litvinenko by Lugovoi and Kovtun, though the Russians may not have known just what the substance was - given that even a tiny dose can be deadly and that traces were found in numerous locations where the men had visited.

Of interest, investigators believe the same individuals had made an earlier attempt to kill Litvinenko at a security company in London.



Andrei Lugovoi - blames MI6 for death

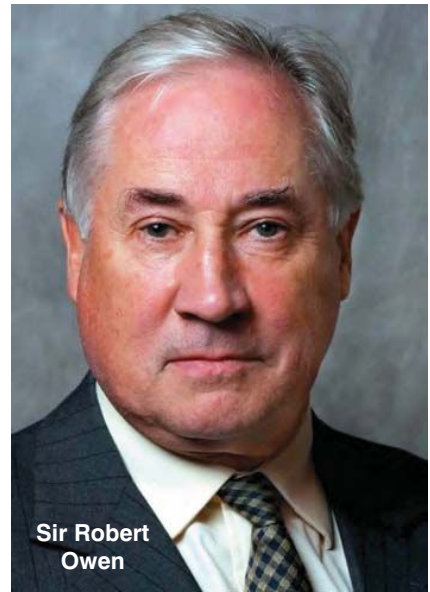
A dedicated section referencing all Eye Spy features on Litvinenko can be found in the Index Section - www.eyespyimag.com



COURTESY: OPERATION AVOCET - NSY



Left: Litvinenko visited offices at this London address on the day he was poisoned. He is picked-up by a CCTV camera moments after he departed



Sir Robert Owen

In the last decade MI5 and New Scotland Yard have linked various events, including murder and attempted murder, to elements in Russia's underworld, some participants receiving their orders from intelligence men a thousand miles East of London. There is a list - an 'Assassination List' - and Litvinenko's name was an early entry.

After Litvinenko's death, there were bizarre attempts to downplay his murder. Thankfully they were thwarted - and several Russian intelligence people were ordered to leave. Britain blamed Moscow or at the very least someone within government.

It was one of those case files that attracted conspiracy theorists from all over the world: the agent was involved in an undercover operation linked to millions of pounds being secreted by Putin and other Kremlin officials; he was about to embark upon an MI6 operation in Europe; he had knowledge of Russia's intelli-

gence system useful to Britain; he exposed FSB operations and the deliberate bombing of Russian cities providing Moscow with a reason to invade Chechnya and arrest opponents; his threats to other London-based Putin opponents including Boris Berezovsky annoyed the Kremlin. Any one is reason enough to upset the Kremlin... but murder?

Dmitry Kovtum - he rejects any involvement in the death of his former FSB colleague



Others say Litvinenko was killed because he was a little too outspoken against Putin. Less than four months earlier the London-based intelligence man had supposedly accused Putin of paedophilia. However, if every time someone was killed criticising Putin there would be assassinations on every continent of the world. Yet Eye Spy sources suggest the operation was ordered as a warning to his opponents. The long arm of Mossad is a phrase which comes to mind - but do replace Mossad in this case with KGB.

Despite a plethora of evidence being secured by New Scotland Yard, Britain has been powerless to bring those it suspects of his murder to book. In follow-up investigations in Moscow, NSY detectives were obstructed and little in the way of cooperation was forthcoming. That situation remains today.

Andrei Lugovoi and Dmitry Kovtum both deny any involvement in



Police enter a building on Grosvenor Street - already inside several MI5 officers

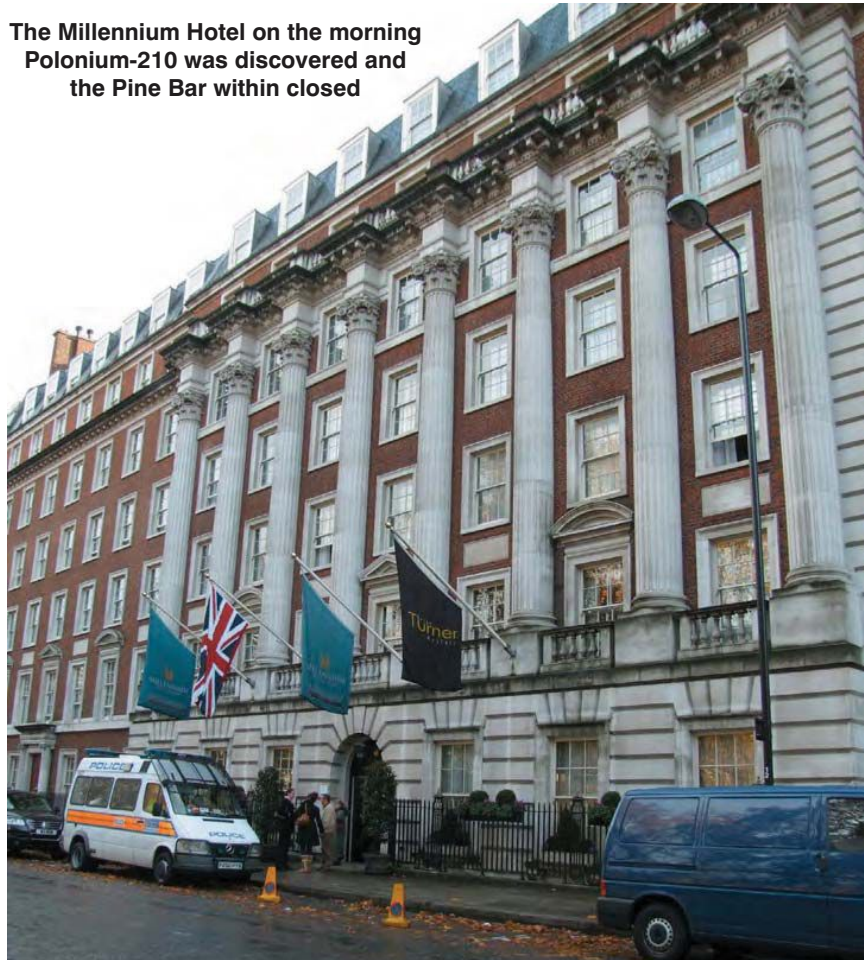
Litvinenko's death and a spate of carefully planned propaganda has all but declared them innocent. Moscow is adamant that the case was orchestrated by MI6 to harm relations. Hardly likely given the fact that he was an important agent who retained Russian connections in many countries.



Boris Berezovsky - opponent of Putin died in less than clear circumstances in England in 2013

The Public Inquiry into the affair ended on 21 January 2016. A 320-page report prepared by Chairman Sir Robert Owen and his team found that in all likelihood the assassination was *probably* approved by Putin, or at the very least known about. Similarly, it implicates then

The Millennium Hotel on the morning Polonium-210 was discovered and the Pine Bar within closed



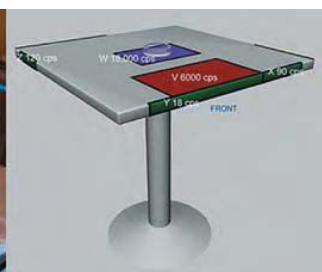
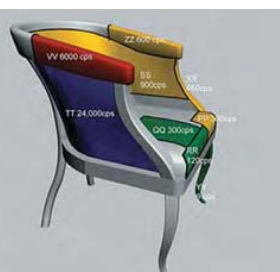
COURTESY: OPERATION AVOCET - NSI

Litvinenko on his cell phone at the Millennium Hotel as he awaits the arrival of Lugovoi and Kovtun. It was here Polonium-210 was dropped into his green tea

FSB Director Nikolai Patrushev - he *probably* organised the operation.

Following publication of the report, Marina Litvinenko said: "The chairman found as fact and to a high degree of probability that the

FSB directed Mr Lugovoi and Mr Kovtun to murder Sasha (Litvinenko) and also found as fact that both Vladimir Putin and Nikolai Patrushev approved the assassination." It was a quote quickly rejected by the Kremlin. ➤





As revealing as it is chilling. Russian Special Forces troops use a picture of Litvinenko for target practice. Right: Then President Dmitry Medvedev in Dagestan in 2009 with an element of FSB troops

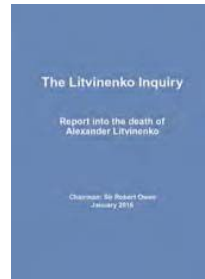
This very brave woman then called on British premier David Cameron to expel all Russian intelligence officers based at its Kensington embassy in London. That's hardly likely as this would mean the removal of 120 staffers.

UK Home Secretary Theresa May said the ruling represented a "breach of the most fundamental tenets of international law." She went on to say the "Russian state was *probably* involved." However she also said it was a "state sponsored act." Britain summoned Russia Ambassador Alexander Yakovenko to the Foreign Office and gave him



Anotoly Litvinenko - "wants truth" about his father's death

a talking to, but this was all pre-arranged. And whilst Interpol warrants for Andrei Lugovoi and



Dmitry Kovtum will be issued and their assets frozen, this is of little comfort to Marina.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

Litvinenko, who carried the documentation of Edwin Redwald Carter, knew

a great many secrets and was a critical opponent of Putin and senior intelligence people in Moscow. He was also very familiar with a number of characters operating in the darkest corners of the intelligence world. Some of these people you would rather avoid. I am aware of attempts to introduce disinformation and bogus evidence into the investigation to deflect attention away from Andrei Lugovoi, Dmitry Kovtum and others - these almost certainly belonging to Russia's Fourth Estate delegation. However, I sense due to international issues such as the conflict in Syria and elsewhere, this case will now be quietly indexed, closed, boxed and filed.

In Part 4 of Sir Robert's report there is a section titled '*Enemy of the State?*' in reference to reasons why Litvinenko was killed. This is most relevant in my eyes and probably sums up Moscow's mood as well.

After the inquiry ended Sir Robert said: "I am satisfied that in general terms, members of the Putin administration, including the president himself and the FSB, had motives for taking



Sir Robert's findings suggest former FSB Director Nikolai Patrushev probably organised the operation





Marina Litvinenko pictured with former Home Office minister Lynne Featherstone



Russia Ambassador to UK Alexander Yakovenko

action against Litvinenko, including killing him in late 2006.” He then adds a caveat saying the “evidence was circumstantial.” And having ‘Motive’ is not the same as proof.

Thus concludes a protracted case file - or does it? The conspiracy people will continue to peddle all manner of stories, whilst new documentaries and books will appear. There is even talk of a movie. Beyond all of the nonsense I believe the Public Inquiry named the primary culprits, but that word ‘probably’ cited several times in the report is a ‘get out of jail card’ in respect of British-Russian relations. In Moscow it is already being replaced with ‘allegedly’.



It was also noted by Lugovoi, a protected member of Russia’s Duma, who held a press conference and declared: “The fact that such words as ‘possibly’ and ‘probably’ were used in the report means there is no proof against us.”

* *Probably* - Eye Spy emphasis.

PLAYING THE GREAT GAME



KGB TRADecraft NEVER DIES

Within days of the verdict in London, Russians everywhere were being swamped with denials and stories that British Intelligence was once again ‘playing the great game’. Reports and film media carried case files detailing deaths linked to secret service agencies in Britain. Many will be familiar to readers of Eye Spy.

Dr David Kelly: The British MOD scientist who rejected reports Saddam Hussein had stockpiles of WMD. He was found in an Oxfordshire field after committing suicide. Northern Ireland solicitors Pat Finucane shot dead by Loyalist gunmen in 1989 and Rosemary Nelson the same in 1999. Russia media said behind their deaths were the dark agents of British Intelligence. And of course, no conspiracy would be complete without referencing MI6/GCHQ analyst Gareth Williams who was found in his London flat in 2010 - inside a sports bag.

Other events were referenced, many of an international flavour, but all were composed to show the true villains behind Litvinenko’s death - British Intelligence.

Eye Spy sifted through the reports and it was interesting to note the number of Western writers who had been used - just to add a sense of credibility to the copy. Some even claim the entire British Media was supportive of MI6’s hand in helping Sir Robert reach his decision. One commentator wrote: *‘If his [Sir Robert Owen] depiction in the West is to be believed, Putin makes Don Corleone look like a petty bag snatcher in comparison’.*

For his part, the prime suspect in the killing of Litvinenko - Lugovoi said Sir Robert “had clearly gone mad,” and that the report was “invention, supposition and rumour.” While Putin said it was a “brilliant example of British humour.”



Geraldine Finucane and family pictured in 2012 - they have called for a ‘review’ into Pat Finucane’s death (inset)

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AN EASY OPTION

The Art of Elimination

WHEN MI6 AND MI5 TURNED TO THE LABORATORY

The use of poisons in the darker corners of the intelligence world, though hardly discussed, continues today. Elimination by such means using various chemicals etc. dates back thousands of years. Whilst the KGB and its successor the FSB, are continuously referenced when assassination by ingestion or insertion (puncture) are discussed, it's easy to forget that the British, American and other intelligence services have occasionally used such methods to remove opposition targets.

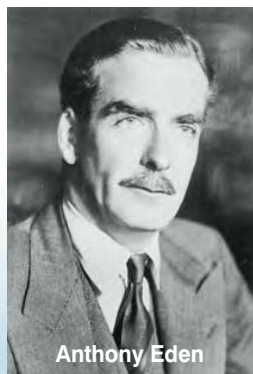
One of the most infamous case files involving MI5 and MI6 that surfaced in the 1980s, much to the regret and annoyance of the British Government, was the plot to assassinate Egyptian President Gamel Abdel Nasser in the 1950s. Britain had lost control of the strategically important Suez Canal in Egypt and was uncertain if her allies would help retake Egypt. According to Peter Wright of *Spycatcher* fame, two science officers from MI6 in the persons of John Henry and Peter Dixon embarked upon a project which involved Porton Down, the top secret chemical and biological Weapons Research Establishment (WRE). At the time, Wright was working alongside a Porton Down scientist on another MI5 project involving the hallucinatory drug LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide). MI5 was exploring the possibility of developing a drug which would be useful for interrogation. And it was here the paths of Henry, Dixon and Wright crossed, allowing Wright to learn of the Nasser plot.

Wright caused much anger when he revealed the MI6 and MI5 research. He claims that MI6



MI5's Peter Wright and Bill Harvey - CIA

London Station wanted his advice on the Nasser poison thus discussions were plentiful. Nerve gas in this case was proposed as it was fairly easy to administer (deliver). The plot involved delivering canisters of the chemical to Egypt and an agent who had already infiltrated Nasser's inner circle and had access to his Cairo headquarters. The gas would be released into the building's ventilation system and kill the



Anthony Eden

renegade Nasser. Wright warned that the plan was unworkable due to the large amount of gas required - and that even if it was successful, there would be a major loss of life involving third parties in the building. The plan, though sanctioned by



President Gamel Abdel Nasser

Prime Minister Anthony Eden faded away when Israel and France engaged with Britain in Operation Kadesh and invasion in 1956.

Before leaving the poison and assassins tools' research behind, Wright spoke of another time he crossed paths with the "boys from Porton Down." He had been invited to observe a test involving a modified cigarette packet for use by field agents. In this case the Explosives Research and Development (ERS) section had developed a weapon that fired a poison-tipped dart. All very James Bond.

The very fact such deadly operations could even be considered shocked some in officialdom, though few in the intelligence world, after all, SOE agents used all kinds of skulduggery to eliminate adversaries in WWII, including poisons.

As for Wright, he had dinner with the CIA's hard man Bill Harvey and gave away details of the MI6 operation. In a low voice Harvey admitted: "We too are developing a new capability in the 'Company' to handle these kinds of problems... and we're in the market for the requisite expertise." Fidel Castro was the target in this case. Interestingly Harvey referenced the SAS in context with such operations. Wright told him "they don't freelance - you could try pick them up retired... but you would have to ask Six (MI6) about that."



President Gamel Abdel Nasser



The Suez Canal

HORIZON

THE INTELLIGENCE CRYSTAL BALL

THREATS 2016



Eye Spy invited intelligence analysts and researchers from agencies around the world to provide a narrative on those countries and regions which will become the focus of intelligence collection and concern in the coming year...

SYRIA-IRAQ



In Iraq ISIS/Daesh as a proper military fighting force will be toppled. What remains will be a fragmented number of splinter cells using tactics not unlike those adopted by al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan. Suicide bombings and lone wolf attacks conducted by fanatics will increase, though agencies such as the CIA are already influential in helping establish a viable Iraqi government and armed forces.

The situation in Syria is very different. The transcontinental alliance between the United States and Europe is off-kilter in respect of what happens to President Bashar al-Assad. Washington wants him to depart, but some nations in Europe have opted to side with President Putin and Russia. A compromise is likely, but nothing will happen whilst ISIS remains embedded in key cities and regions. The massive military and intelligence centre being built in Latakia by Russia is an indication of Putin's support for Assad. In January, Russian Intelligence invited a small number of named journalists into the base. They were



Russia has increased its military force in Syria substantially, as well as despatch warships to the region



Sukhoi Su-34 fighter

keen to display new advanced weaponry including the Su-34 fighter. No doubt the visiting delegation contained a trace of the Fourth Estate. This facility will remain along with hundreds of troops and a monitoring FSB force for years to come. MI6, CIA and the FSB, together with colleagues from French Intelligence, have all sought to establish spy networks in the country to secure HUMINT (human intelligence). These will eventually prove successful along with military campaigns such as Operation Inherent Resolve. However, Langley analysts have warned it will take much longer to remove ISIS from Syria than Iraq.

EUROPE/NORTH AMERICA/AUSTRALASIA



In the intelligence world, one topic has dominated the work load of analysts - terrorism. Fearful of failure, many who work in this torrid intelligence element have had to adjust quickly to a new form of terrorism. The main topic here is ISIS/DAESH. ISIS ideology is not based on a subject or goal that is easily understandable; that in itself has created a problem. But unlike terrorist outfits of the past such as the IRA or ETA, governments and its representatives are not the only targets. People are. This makes surveillance difficult and developing a countermeasure programme almost impossible.

The scale of the problem can be evidenced on what happened in various parts of the world on 7 January 2016 (see page 50), and again in just a few hours spanning 11-12 January. A car bomb exploded and a shopping centre was stormed in Baghdad by a handful of terrorists. Dozens were killed. A few hours later in the popular tourist district of Sultanahmet, Istanbul, an ISIS suicide bomber blew himself up killing 11 people.

Another aspect of ISIS which pushes it out of previous countermeasure parameters is no covert back-channel to its leadership is possible.



The Egyptian obelisk at Sultan Ahmet, Istanbul. Several German tourists were killed on 12 January 2016 when suicide bomber Nabil Fadli (inset) detonated his explosive belt. Analysts predict ISIS/Daesh attacks against tourists and popular destinations will increase in 2016

In Europe, the United States and elsewhere, a hazy plethora of national, regional and even local projects have been introduced to convince and stop those who might be vulnerable to recruitment by ISIS. In the UK, PREVENT is the programme which officials hope will stop people from being radicalised. And whilst this is a supportive measure, analysts note that often the horror stories of those few ISIS followers who have managed

to escape the group are more of an effective countermeasure. Like in any conflict or war, the gloss and adventure is soon lost and reality is a far cry from the pictures and films ISIS uploads with frequency on social media.



A Russian military official addresses journalists in Hmeymin, Syria. Moscow has been keen to engage with the outside world in respect of its campaign against ISIS





Security in London on New Year's Eve was unprecedented. It was a similar scene in other world cities as the threat of an ISIS attack was deemed 'highly likely'. In some countries annual celebrations were cancelled



There is only an entrance door to the ISIS reception room and not an exit door. Some CIA analysts believe more exposure to the 'tales from the dark side' may convince many who are intent on travelling to Iraq and Syria to stay at home.

Whilst several meetings between the heads of world intelligence about ISIS and the increasing number of attacks have taken place, analysts predict that in this area at least - Europe and the United States will be unified.



The Syrian refugee crisis is also of huge concern to the intelligence community in Europe, and it seems evident the ludicrous open border policy of continental Europe known as the Schengen Agreement will disappear.

IRAN-SAUDI ARABIA



Analysts agree Iran and the House of Saud do not like each other. Recent events involving the regions most powerful nations have put them on a collision course according to some analysts. Both countries are fighting proxy wars in near and faraway lands and the recent execution of prominent cleric Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr sparked fury in Iran. Saudi Arabia considered him a dangerous agitator and executed him along with 40 or so al-Qaida terrorists on 2 January 2016. Just hours later demonstrators stormed the Saudi Arabia Embassy in Tehran - setting fire to the building. Iran's President Hassan Rouhani condemned the attack. Nevertheless,

Saudi Arabia along with other Gulf nations immediately severed ties with the country.

Saudi and Gulf states have been fighting al-Qaida and other terror groups in the region, especially in Yemen where some factions are backed by Iran. All the nations remain ➤

Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr - his execution led to a major political situation between Saudi Arabia and Iran





February 2015. Strait of Hormuz. Iran Revolutionary Guard exercise



opposed to ISIS and this is one topic which may help create better relations.

To complicate the work load of horizon analysts further is Iran's nuclear programme. Despite an agreement being reached in late 2015 with the International Atomic Energy Agency over inspections, already there are signs that at some sites, officials will resist unscheduled visits by inspectors.

THE ARCTIC REGION

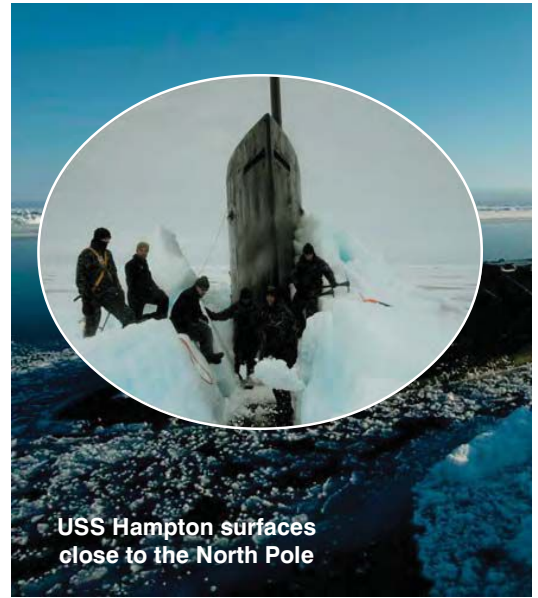


Two Norwegian scientists conducting research on a floating pack of ice just 200 miles from the North Pole had a surprise visitor in October 2014. In the distance a large black object broke the ice and for a few seconds was visible - just sufficient

time for the men to take a number of photographs. The bemused scientists - specialist drillers - had captured the Russian nuclear submarine Orenburg, a carrier of small submarines used in deep water operations.

As events in warmer climates consume intelligence watchers, one of the greatest and most unreported intelligence wars is taking place in this frozen part of the world. Eye Spy readers will be familiar with the espionage of Sub Lt. Jeffrey Delisle at Canada's top secret HMCS Trinity facility in 2010. He passed on to his Russian spy controller a plethora of top secret material, some concerning NATO operations and intentions in the Arctic and neighbouring regions.

What followed was an immediate increase in Russian Air Force overflights of the Arctic and shorelines of Canada - including regions which are claimed by Canada. Incursions into air space of northern European nations have also annoyed NATO - but there is intent behind the flights. In August 2015, Russia formally claimed through its intelligence brokers in the United Nations, a huge area of the Arctic including the North Pole. It's an expansion of



USS Hampton surfaces close to the North Pole

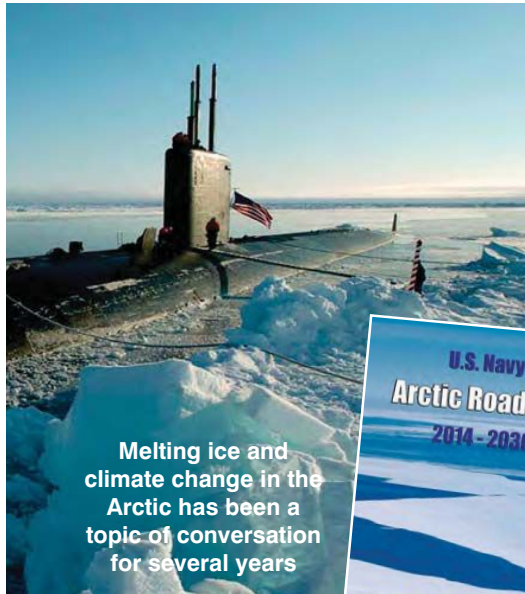


USS Seawolf penetrates the Arctic ice

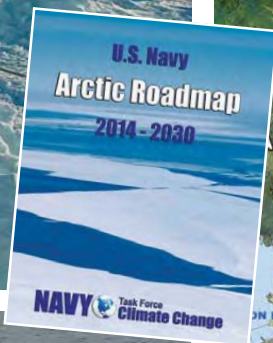
its territory of nearly 500,000 square miles. And the reason? Oil.

Russia is not alone. Canada, Denmark, Norway and the United States are doing the same - making claims to waters once beyond the reach of vessels. And much focus is on an area which has melted called appropriately 'The Doughnut Hole'. Approximately the size of Texas, scientists believe around a quarter of the world's oil and gas reserves are locked beneath the seabed.

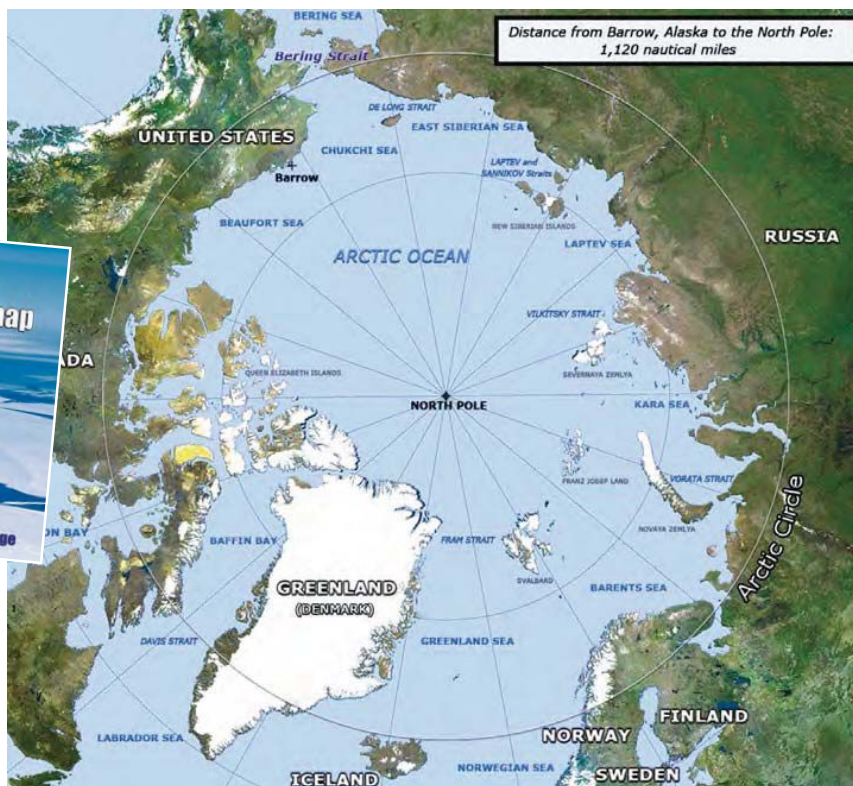




Melting ice and climate change in the Arctic has been a topic of conversation for several years

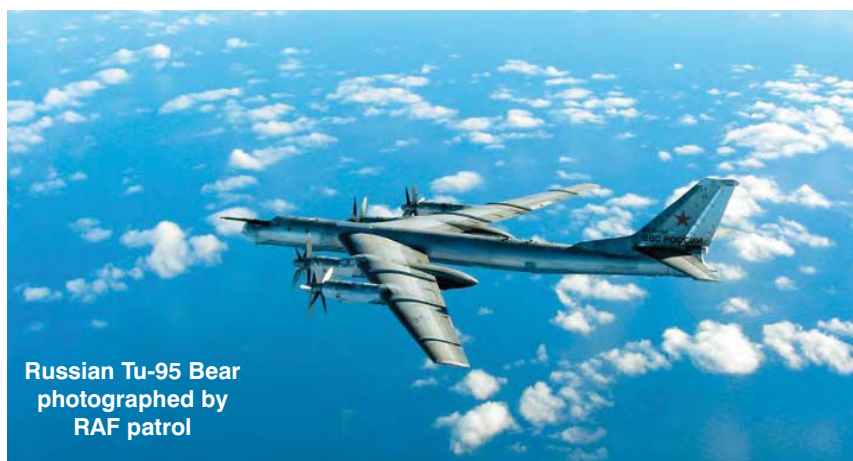


Russian Navy Typhoon-class submarine

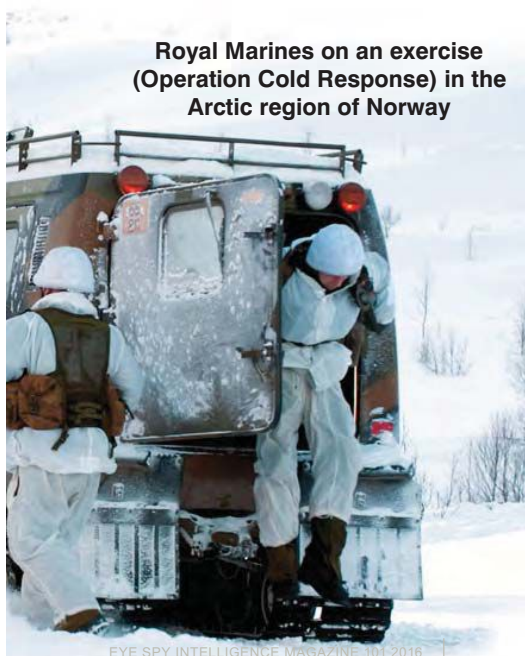


In 2014, the US Navy released an updated plan for all eventualities in the Arctic called 'Future Arctic Readiness'. Interestingly, it too noted how large areas are melting and becoming more assessable.

Not surprisingly, analysts believe the Arctic will become an intelligence 'battleground' in future years. And already visits by nuclear submarines have increased, so too the number of scientific vessels supported by navy warships. Above in the skies 'Russian



Russian Tu-95 Bear photographed by RAF patrol



Royal Marines on an exercise (Operation Cold Response) in the Arctic region of Norway

Bears' continue to annoy, whilst the intercepting NATO aircraft have been bolstered by new detection systems etc. If a single nation triumphs in the war to secure the Arctic's treasure, then it is a monetary and environmental game changer.

NORTH AFRICA/LIBYA



16 operations in Libya are not for discussion, but the Service played a central role in convincing Colonel Gaddafi to dismantle his weapons pipeline to the IRA almost two decades ago. It also hampered his attempt to build a nuclear bomb. For that Libya came in from the cold - and Gaddafi's meetings in 2007 with British Prime Minister Tony Blair only served to bolster the regime leader's power in the country. Few Western intelligence

analysts predicted the Arab Spring, and virtually none had an inkling of the fall of Gaddafi in October 2011. Similarly, no one predicted his demise would create a vacuum filled by militias and more

worryingly - terrorist groups. That's not the case in Libya itself. In recent weeks documents laced with intelligence happenings have surfaced containing transcripts of telephone calls between Blair and Gaddafi in February 2011. On the question of terrorism (not his end game) Gaddafi it seems certainly possessed a 'fully functioning' crystal ball, a good team of analysts, or simply understood his country and its people better than the West. ➤



Colonel Gaddafi



Tony Blair has defended his liaisons with Colonel Gaddafi

25 February 11.15am. *Gaddafi to Blair: 'The Jihadis want to control the Mediterranean and then they will attack Europe'.*

25 February 3.25pm. *Gaddafi to Blair: 'We are not fighting them... they are attacking us. I want to tell you the truth; the story is simple. This is an organisation [that] has laid down sleeping cells in north Africa called the al-Qaida organisation. The sleeping cells in Libya are similar to dormant cells in America before 9/11'.*

Gaddafi went on to say the conflict will spread beyond the region into Europe and then the rest of the world. For his part Blair, said he wanted to offer a peaceful way out and that communication should continue. It did not.

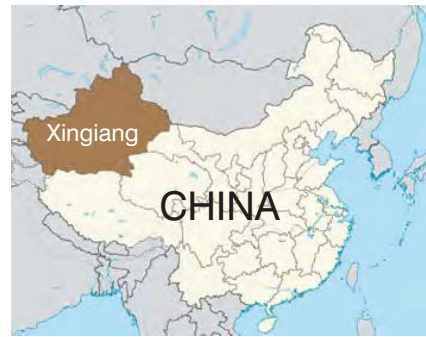
Britain joined a cross-nation military alliance and Gaddafi was killed. Al-Qaida and another as-yet undefined terror outfit moved in. Remarkably, only one intelligence analyst assigned to US AFRICOM saw the dangers. He or she predicted an 'arc of instability' spreading across the Mediterranean Sea, north Africa and deep into the Middle East. At its centre was ISIS/Daesh.

Now analysts believe that once ISIS has been removed from Syria and Iraq, (it already has a foothold in Libya which can be exploited) it will focus on enlargement in the country. The same situation is already happening in Afghanistan and southern parts of China. ISIS may lose its grip in the Middle East, but armed with intelligence and scenarios of past events, analysts are already creating a picture of future events, whilst military officials race to implement a range of countermeasures.

CHINA/TIBET



In one of the most populous countries in the world, one would think the flow of information from so many residents would serve only to enhance intelligence prediction. Not so. Despite China's race to secure its place at the head of table of major world players, Beijing has a problem not unlike that facing many nations - terrorism. In the troubled western region of Xingiang (New Frontier), analysts note the growing support for ISIS and other groups. Some of its Muslim Uighur people are unhappy over a raft of



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Pakistan (police) counter-terrorism officers conduct a joint exercise with their Chinese counterparts

measures which restrict its religion and culture so much so they have joined terror outfits. In March 2014, eight terrorists killed 29 people with knives and injured a further 130 in the city of Kunming.

In response, in December 2015, China quietly introduced a plethora of new counter-terrorism laws which also affect technology. Beijing's cyber specialists can now probe deeper than ever before with newly built equipment, computer systems and even hand-held devices fitted with technology that allows 'back-door' entry.

Analysts in the West believe this technology will seep around the world intensifying an already damaging cyber war.

As for events in Xingiang, new reporting restrictions mean little intelligence in the form of journalistic reports emerge. China's armed forces are able to act with near impunity against those it suspects of terror involvement, but analysts are fearful ordinary innocent civilians will again be caught up in the conflict and their fate go unreported.

BALTIC STATES/ POLAND/UKRAINE



Here lie many flashpoint areas where analysts fear any incident involving Russia could spark chaos - dragging NATO forces into a direct confrontation with Putin's Russia. The CIA has identified several secret and controversial propaganda programmes



Gaddafi's armed forces clash with rebel fighters



NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg (left) and President Dalia Grybauskaitė (right) attend the opening ceremony of a NATO Force Integration Unit (NFIU) in Vilnius, Lithuania. September 2015



German Boxer armed vehicle

whereby ethnic Russians are being targeted. Moscow wants unrest. The unease in Baltic states about a possible Russian invasion (sparked by an innocuous event), can be evidenced by an almost unreported deal in December 2015. Tiny, but strategically important Lithuania agreed to purchase over 80 fighting vehicles (Boxer - infantry movers) from German manufacturers. This followed an

earlier deal to secure 21 self-propelled howitzer platforms. Similarly, the US has quietly moved equipment into the country, including advanced radar batteries and Abrams tanks. Analysts believe this is a true indication that the region could be annexed by Russia in a move similar to that performed in Ukraine's Crimea. ➔



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FSB Director Alexander Bortnikov. Lithuania's intelligence service said Russian operations against the country are being directed by the FSB from its Kaliningrad headquarters (pictured).



A Russian missile battery. Moscow has moved an array of weaponry close to the Baltic states



Poland 2014. British troops participate in Operation Black Eagle - a joint UK/Polish exercise designated a NATO Reassurance Measure

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Poland too is jittery, and secret talks have already taken place in respect of British troop deployment in the country. Moscow has quietly reminded NATO that under a 1997 NATO-Russia agreement, the number of alliance forces is restricted in former USSR satellite countries. Officials in Warsaw have become increasingly nervous after Russian intervention in neighbouring Ukraine.

SOUTH CHINA SEAS



If ever there was a need for compromise then look no further than the waters and islands contained in the South China Seas. A game of 'cat and mouse' has absorbed the military playmakers in Beijing and Washington for years, but this has not stopped China developing facilities in the area and claiming vital air space as its own. There have already been pseudo-military clashes, with incidents involving vessels and air interceptions, plus surveillance overflights of disputed areas. Analysts predict sooner or later there will be a significant incident and a clash of forces.

The US Navy asserts freedom of navigation and supports its allies in the region, noticeably Japan. Interestingly, and perhaps a little ironic is the name of an artificial facility where much activity involving Chinese development moves apace - Mischief Island. China has already reclaimed an astonishing 5.5 million square yards of land around the reef and intelligence analysts believe that part of this will undoubtedly be used to support a major military and intelligence hub. Not to be undone - the US Navy continues to sail very close to those areas claimed by China. Two recent voyages were made by the USS Arleigh-Burke and the USS Lassen. Similarly, the USAF has performed operations. As for Japan, last year it announced it was pondering the creation of an MI6-type service. Analysts believe an announcement over such an organisation will be made later this year.



Chinese aircraft conduct test flights at a newly built airfield in the Nansha Islands in the South China Seas in early January 2016



Russia and China naval ships in a joint exercise

US Navy Admiral Scott Swift, Commander of the American Pacific Fleet, commented on the growing tension in the region shortly before Christmas, 2015. Swift believes that dialogue between all nations is vital to stave off a dire situation. "My concern is that after many decades of prosperity, we may be seeing the leading edge of 'might makes it right'."

The growing status and power of China's military forces has been under close scrutiny

by analysts for a decade - a fact not lost on Swift. "Claimants and non-claimants (to the sea and air space) alike are transferring larger shares of national wealth to develop more capable naval forces beyond what is needed merely for self-defence."

Interestingly, Eye Spy's China monitors noted a chapter of 'strong language' in various publications known to be propaganda organs of the MSS intelligence services. One editorial

Cruiser USS Mobile Bay moves alongside aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis during a security operation in the South China Seas





The USS Lassen passes through disputed waters in October 2015

said 'China is not frightened to start a war', whilst another warned 'Washington officials should begin to prepare for the worst'. Powerful rhetoric in an intelligence war that has also seen a coming together of Russia and China in recent years.



Kim Jong-un's unpredictable actions and commentary puzzles analysts



US Navy Admiral Scott Swift

NORTH KOREA



he world's last real bastion of Communism has tested a nuclear device nine times in the last ten years or so. The last bomb was exploded several miles underground in the north of the country in January 2016. Securing intelligence in this most secret of countries is virtually impossible - and combined with the unpredictability of its Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un, this makes the task of an analyst virtually impossible. At best one can only make an asserted guess at what Kim Jong-un is thinking.

Within minutes of determining a bomb had exploded, rather than the detectors shaking because of an earthquake, US and South Korean forces were put on the highest level of alert. Japan and South Korea also communicated for the first time on their military hotline, whilst army troopers opted to shout obscenities across the NK-SK border using loud-speakers!



Film footage of a North Korea submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) released in January 2015 watched by a happy Kim Jong-un. Most analysts are satisfied the film was a montage of clips meaning the test was bogus

Unbeknown to many, North Korea is closer than ever to accomplishing its goal of building a long-range nuclear bomb carrying rocket. But there is a countermeasure. All of North Korea's production, testing (launch) and research centres are known. Analysts have been invited to submit estimates on when a viable device could be readied. A day or so after the latest nuclear test, the USAF flew a B52 bomber based in Guam over the south of the country. It was a subtle warning.

However, in reality it's unclear what action would or could be taken. China is an influencing neighbour, but Kim Jong-un is a character most difficult to analyse.

As a sidebar to this issue, both the CIA and MI6 continue to monitor Pyongyang's liaison with Iran. Scientists and officials from both nations continue to visit each others respective capitals. In this case analysts can safely assume they are discussing only one topic - and it's not the weather...

ISRAEL/GAZA



nd briefly to one of the most sensitive places on Earth where analysis of happenings and future events continues to surprise and concern world leaders - Israel.

It's safe to assume no lasting peace accord with the many peoples who live in this part of the world will be reached, despite decades of trying. Tel Aviv is in the middle of a region consumed by uncertainty and unrest.

On 14 January 2015, senior US intelligence officials met with their counterparts in Israel to discuss growing security concerns. However, all analysts acknowledge that whilst officials here are keen to embrace new liaisons and a peace dividend, Israel maintains its independence and an ability to strike back. That in itself is a conundrum to analysts charged with prediction.



ECCTC

EUROPEAN COUNTER TERRORISM CENTRE

ISIS COUNTERMEASURES

Better Late Than Never

Following protracted meetings and input from a huge number of intelligence and security agencies including Interpol, MI5 and the FBI, Europe has officially launched its first dedicated continent-wide counter-terrorism service based in the Hague, Netherlands. Europol Director Rob Wainwright said the European Counter Terrorism Centre (ECTC), staffed by around 30 officers and supported by a similar number of CT experts, will engage in an intelligence-sharing capacity

with a wide variety of agencies such as MI5 and those beyond Europe's borders.

Interpol already has a number of counter-terrorism initiatives, not least its CTFC (Counter-Terrorism Fusion Centre). The CTFC is an international endeavour - its workload expanding rapidly since the formation of ISIS/Daesh three years ago - and will be an important partner liaising with Europol's new centre. Interpol, like many crime fighting agencies, is now devoting more time on



Rob Wainwright of Europol played a significant role in development of the European Counter Terrorism Centre

counterterrorism and countermeasures - the FBI being another good example.

To coincide with the opening of the new agency, Europol published a chilling report into ISIS. Data supplied by all CT services in Europe suggests that more than 5,800 European nationals who joined the terror group to fight in Syria, Iraq and elsewhere, have now returned home. Intelligence sources admit that numerous cells are now planning attacks in home nations - citing intercepted communications and the insertion (delivery) and movement of weaponry.

MI5 is naturally concerned after ISIS media claimed Britain and Spain would be next to



Border crossings are seen as a major problem for Europe - and Europol admit ISIS has taken full advantage of the continent's open border policy



French RAID trooper. Many European countries are now reliant on such Special Forces to compliment police forces which are simply unable to counter attacks like those seen in Paris 2015



Rob Wainwright



January 2016. Delegates at the ECTC conference

Changes in modus operandi of Islamic State terrorist attacks
Review held by experts from Member States and Europol on 29 November and 1 December 2015
The Hague, 18 January 2016
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SECURE
Secure society

The released Europol document contains an insight into the new centre and its operations

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'suffer an attack'. However, Europol seem more concerned about another attack in France.

Eye Spy understands at least 250 suspected ISIS followers who have returned to Britain are under some form of surveillance.

WARNINGS

The Europol report states: '*IS (Islamic State) is preparing more terrorist attacks, including more Mumbai-style attacks (2008) to be executed in member states of the EU*'. It goes on to warn that the group's strategy is shifting towards an international stage and that ISIS is

using the current refugee crisis as cover to infiltrate operatives into Europe. Similarly, it also said some refugees are being specifically targeted and might be vulnerable to radicalisation. Europol officials have secured intelligence that in some refugee camps, ISIS recruiters are operational.

Without giving their exact location, Interpol also said ISIS has training camps in Syria, the Balkans... and Europe. Another note of interest states that the group has established an





The new Hague headquarters of the European Counter Terrorism Centre



'External Actions Command', which will coordinate overseas attacks carried out by 'Special Forces'.

Speaking about the new centre and report Mr Wainwright said: "The current threat demands a strong and ambitious response from the EU.

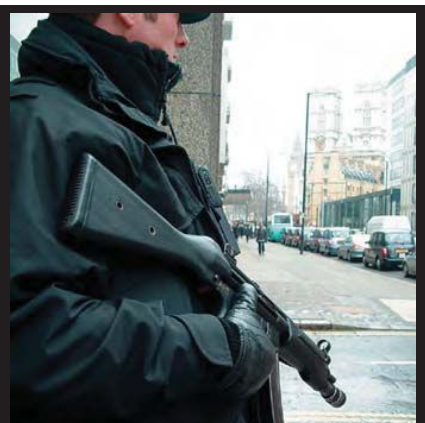


Security was discussed in January 2016 by Interpol General Jurgen Stock and European Parliament President Martin Schulz

There is every reason to expect that IS, IS-inspired terrorists or another religiously inspired terrorist group will undertake an attack somewhere in Europe again." He then referenced France as a target for a mass casualty endeavour by ISIS. Indeed, this followed an announcement by intelligence officials in Paris that since the attack on 13 November which claimed 130 lives, security services have thwarted six other terror plots. No details were given - nor if any of the subjects involved had been detained or had threads to elsewhere.

Wainwright concluded by warning that the threat from ISIS lone wolves remains a possibility and that the terror group now has the ability to strike anywhere in the world.

While Interpol and Europol's burgeoning data bases on ISIS suspects and known operatives are incredibly important, intelligence watchers note that tens of thousands of people have entered Europe in the last year with no documentation or bogus identity papers.



CHANGING TIMES END OF THE BRITISH 'BOBBY'?

Few would object to Europe's new counter-terrorism endeavour, but some observers believe such organisations should be separated from police authorities. However, in the UK and USA, CT groups have operated successfully for years, bringing together various crime-fighting elements and security bodies. All are utterly reliant on intelligence. The move to create what some describe as pseudo-military elements is slightly different. Participating in incidents such as those that took place in Paris, are evidence indeed that the skills of military-trained Special Forces troops are necessary at times. How policing has changed...



NEW SCOTLAND YARD NOT WAITING

Organisation changing counter-terrorism tactics and increasing number of specialist firearms officers in London

Faced with the increasing possibility of a Paris or Mumbai-like attack on the streets of London, service personnel from New Scotland Yard's Counter Terrorism Command (SO15) have participated in several secret exercises - many away from the capital in military-governed facilities. However, last year one street exercise was reported allowing selected media to watch officers in a street fight scenario.

Similarly, it is known meetings have taken place with special military units from the British Army including the Special Air Service.

Designated Rapid Response troops, such elements will be called upon to assist NSY dependent on the circumstances.

NSY has already acknowledged that the organisation thwarted several attacks in the UK in 2015, though as yet no details have been released.

In another move to strengthen SO15 and its armed element, Police Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe announced an extra 600 officers will now be armed - this in a move to demonstrate to terrorists that London is ready



A 2016 ISIS propaganda video threatening Britain

to counter terrorism. Citing events in Paris, Sir Bernard said:

"In these circumstances we have to be able to deal with people who have got automatic weapons, who may run around this city and kill people. If we don't do that we saw what



Police Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe

happened in Paris - 130 people died and others badly injured. No one wants to see that but we have got to take our best steps to deal with it should it happen."

SO15 launched a decade ago - born from the controversial merger of Special Branch and the Anti-Terrorist Branch (SO13). Statistics released last year show since then, over 40 people have been convicted for terrorism-related charges with nearly 100 others awaiting trial. These figures are set to be dwarfed as MI5 and NSY move to derail more emerging plots in 2016.

Intelligence sources told Eye Spy that 'momentum' is a key word being used - noting the threat and evolving types of attacks. "ISIS don't negotiate - its operatives simply kill. This has meant a new look at CT measures - confronting the threat in a pro-active and immediate way is now seen as the best course of action. Having more specialists on the street is a sensible course of action."



Most modern police forces around the world now have dedicated counter-terrorism officers

Bomb Makers

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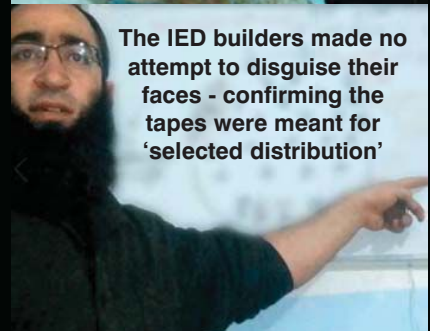
**New air security fears as
ISIS weapons building and
technology training videos
surface in Middle East**

In early January 2016, Sky News played several minutes of an ISIS/Daesh-made film which showed operatives from at least seven different countries engaged in the development of various types of weapons and explosives. MI6 and the CIA have been aware of the film (and others like it) for several months. And what the broadcaster showed was televised after liaising with intelligence and security officials.

To the ordinary consumer oblivious of the methods of the terrorist underworld it was all pretty chilling stuff. However, it comes as no surprise to the watchers engaged in monitoring and countering ISIS.

A clue to how long this film has been known to MI6 can be found in the shocking circumstances surrounding the downing of Metrojet Flight 9268. The Russian carrier crashed in

northern Egypt on 31 October 2015 following an explosion. Even before investigators had begun to search through the wreckage properly, a statement released by an ISIS franchise in Sinai said it had shot the aircraft down. Few intelligence officials believed this was the case, opting to believe a bomb was the likely explanation. Twenty four hours after the incident British air carriers to the popular Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh announced



The IED builders made no attempt to disguise their faces - confirming the tapes were meant for 'selected distribution'



ISIS claims it has the capability to shoot down high altitude airliners



Initially Russia denied Flight 9268 was brought down by a bomb - but following a conversation with UK premier David Cameron (left), President Putin changed his mind

they were stopping all flights. And a short while thereafter Prime Minister David Cameron said it was likely a bomb had brought down the aircraft. All very hasty, especially as air accident officials had hardly begun their investigation.

So what did British Intelligence know that evoked such a lightening response? The clue can be found in a clip of the ISIS video played by Sky News. It showed an operative, presumably with some degree or knowledge of weaponry (though oblivious of personal security) opening the battery case of an underwing air-to-air missile (AAM). Described as a 'heat-seeking' missile, the only element missing was its thermal battery - a component which if not well maintained, can degrade and/or become unstable. ISIS claim it has found a



Stills from the ISIS training videos secured by Sky News. Though edited after supervision, the images are sufficient to recognise the group is experimenting with a whole new range of deception IEDs and imaginative delivery methods

way to introduce new components and technology to circumnavigate this tricky problem, now enabling its ground operatives to shoot down most aircraft. Weapons experts agree that if delivered properly, such missiles are nearly always foolproof and have the capability of destroying most targets. This is of major concern to air carriers around the world.

Thus it seems likely someone in the ISIS branch in Egypt was knowledgeable about the new heat-seeking missile technology being developed by the group - believing a SAM had brought down Flight 9288. Of course it still remains likely an on-board bomb was



**Type 91 Kai MANPAD
(Man Portable Aircraft
Missile)**



German Air Force IRIS-T - AAM



Russian Vypel
NPO R-77 AAM
and 'seeker head
of the missile



AK-5—early Soviet Union AAM



RAF AIM-132 - AAM

An ISIS terrorist at the 'research' facility opens an under-wing launched missile showing the bay location of the thermal battery and other components. The group claim they have circumvented many technical problems in this area, not least being able to adapt the missile for use as a ground-fired heat-seeking missile

responsible. To accompany the intelligence drawn from the film and relevant to the air crash, GCHQ also intercepted a plethora of congratulatory messages sent to and received by ISIS followers. Again, some of those communications reference a shoot down by a missile.

Nevertheless, the circumstances of how Sky News secured the film, and its investigative reporting thereafter are impressive. The broadcaster was handed the video by the Free

Syrian Army (FSA). They in turn had found the material on the person of an ISIS fighter making his way to Europe via Turkey. In total, some eight hours of training material was discovered on the tapes.

Sky News - using imagery from the videos - discovered where the primary research centre or 'university' as some describe it, was located. Laboratories in and around the former Equestrian Centre in Raqqa had been turned into a major research factory where all manner

of experiments were performed and technology investigated. Improvised is a word which comes to mind. That the material was intended as an 'instructional aid' and not for public consumption via social media, can be evidenced by the fact that the film's participants make no attempt to hide their faces. No doubt major efforts to identify the operatives have been ongoing for weeks.

Amongst some of the most 'interesting' schemes are remotely-controlled vehicles





Mount Sinai in the Sinai Peninsula. Metrojet Flight 9268 was brought down over the Sinai Desert after departing the popular resort of Sharm el-Sheikh

packed with explosives and radar-defeating (jamming) countermeasures. The group has also built dummy mannequins containing heat-delivering signatures. These they believe will help avoid counter-measures at check points and enable vehicles to be driven to specific targets without arousing suspicion. Moreover, a mannequin can't be killed and the vehicle will continue on its directed path unless it is destroyed or deflected. This however is an interesting and revealing aspect of the film, for ISIS has never been short of suicide bombers. Again, the intelligence drawn from the films point to use as a bomb-delivery method in an overseas location and probably a city environment.

All of these 'ventures' were either known or suspected of course, and ISIS use of toy cars

and suitcases packed with explosives, chemical weapons, miniature UAVs and a variety of IEDs is an endeavour which continues. What is troublesome is the fact that many of these training videos are known to exist; technologies and weaponry are now being delivered to supporters of ISIS beyond the Syria and Iraq theatres. A number of ISIS followers who have since departed the group, have made reference to the factory. Indeed, a Sky News source claimed the training video was indeed meant for use in Europe and elsewhere.

Combined with the group's call for engineers, scientists and technicians to join them, and for operatives to stay in their own country, this has worried the intelligence and security world.

A vehicle is tested with a device that allows a car to be remotely driven. ISIS has also built a heat-displaying dummy to thwart countermeasures



Transport Minister Maksim Sokolov and President Putin discuss the Metrojet disaster



Sharm el-Sheikh Airport



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COLD WAR

Former UK/NATO Spy Base Set for New Role

Locals have formally taken ownership of RAF Aird Uig on the remote Isle of Lewis, which was built as part of the Rotor system - an elaborate UK air defence system from the 1950s.

In the latter part of WWII, the UK was scaling down radar operations and by the time the war ended the radar stations were largely unused. But then things changed. In 1949 the Soviet Union tested its first atomic bomb. In addition, Moscow copied the B-29 Superfortress - developing the Tu-4 Bull, and these aircraft had the performance needed to reach the UK with a nuclear payload.

The 170 existing Royal Air Force radar stations were reduced to 66 sites and the electronics extensively upgraded to what became known as the 'Rotor System' that made use of a number of different radars and technologies. At the top of the Rotor hierarchy, four huge bunkers were built to provide command and control of the defences. Eye Spy readers will be very familiar with one such facility in Essex - Kelvedon Hatch (see issue 63).



RAF Aird Uig - radar

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Note facility's proximity to the sea

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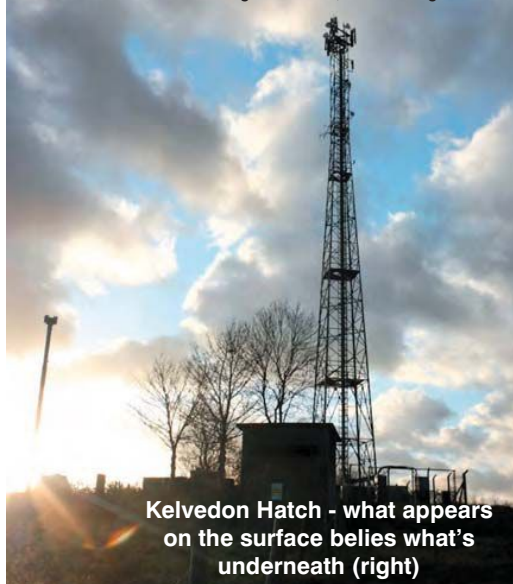
R LEGACY



It was hoped that The Rotor 3 programme would be complete by 1957 and all technical aspects were classified as 'Super Priority'. At RAF Aird Uig however, there were complications. The weather was so bad that occasionally the aerial was stopped by the wind and conditions considered too dangerous to take a vehicle to the operations site, this after two vehicles had been blown off the road. The new watch unit were forced to make their way on foot from the domestic camp at Aird Uig village.

By the target completion date of August 1955, some Rotor stations had already closed down and the introduction of the 'Comprehensive Radar Station' as part of the 1958 plan had no place for Aird Uig and the station closed in 1964.

The station however remained in RAF hands as a communications centre and through the 1990s it was home to 81 Signals Unit, the RAF's high frequency communications specialists. Following the transfer of this service to the Defence Communications Services Agency (DCSA) facility at Crimmond, near Fraserburgh in 2000, the 81 Signals Unit



Kelvedon Hatch - what appears on the surface belies what's underneath (right)

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Still visible are the surface buildings which supported RAF Aird Uig operations



detachment became redundant and the personnel returned to their base in Kinloss.

There were plans to build a wind farm on the site but in 2003 these were put on hold following a decision by NATO to reactivate a radar monitoring operation of the Atlantic. Work went on through 2003 to build a series of masts that formed part of NATO's radar monitoring system and was utilised until its closure in 2013.

Fewer than 50 locals live at Aird Uig on the Isle of Lewis and only 28 were eligible to vote on the future of the site. The result of that vote is the community plans to build an observatory,

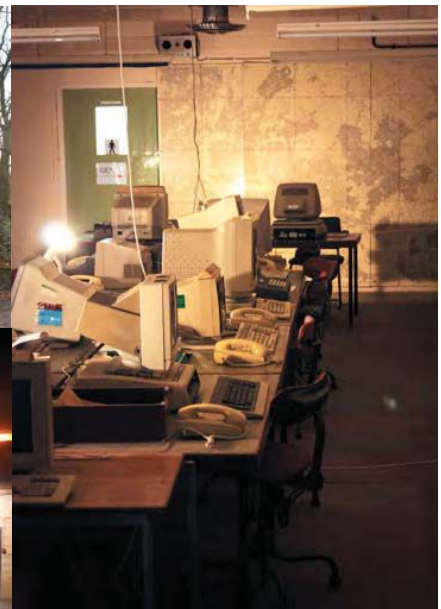
art gallery and welcome centre on the 84 acres of MOD land.

Plans also include putting a hydrophone under the sea off Gallan Head to listen to marine life such as whales, basking sharks and seals. Locals and officials gathered to symbolically reopen the gates of this once most important complex in January 2016.



1958. RAF Aird Uig

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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SPIES



By DJ Kelly

600 YEARS OF SPIES, VILLAINS AND SPYCATCHERS IN ONE UK COUNTY

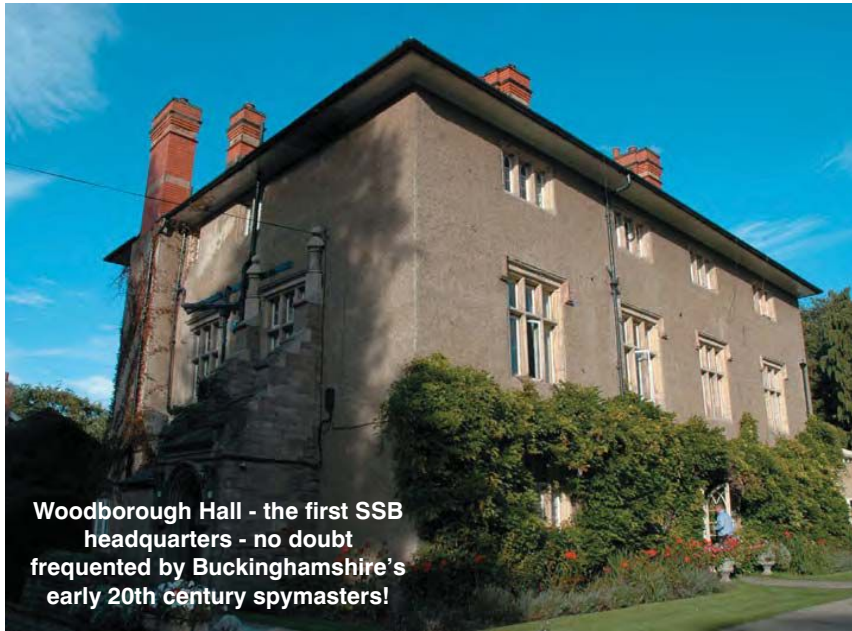


2016 is a significant year for it marks the official centenary of the creation of MI5 and MI6 and also sees the 70th anniversary of the founding of GCHQ, which developed from the war-time Government Code and Cipher School (GC&CS), based at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire...

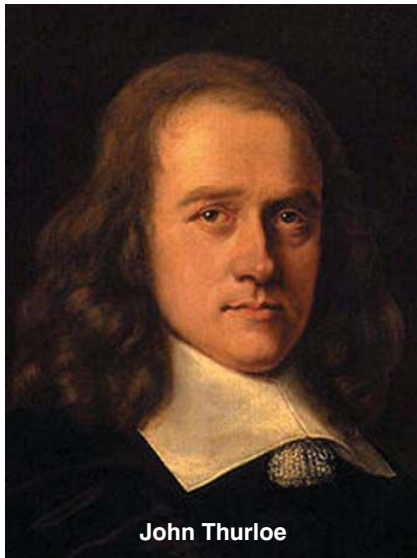
Why the focus on the southern English county of Buckinghamshire? The reason is that a surprising number of individuals involved in espionage and counter-espionage, and an equally surprising number of establishments linked to various aspects of British spycraft, can be traced to quiet Buckinghamshire villages.

AN EARLY SPYCATCHER

Some said it was Britain's darkest hour, gripped in the throes of the worst war the country had ever experienced; a war which would leave hundreds of thousands dead. 'Cometh the hour, cometh the man' the saying goes, and indeed in those desperate days a man of resolute character stepped up to lead the nation. He did so with the help of his armies but also by means of more irregular warfare. He engaged an intelligence



Woodborough Hall - the first SSB headquarters - no doubt frequented by Buckinghamshire's early 20th century spymasters!



John Thurloe

expert to establish a highly effective network of spies and codebreakers; a network which intercepted hostile agents and used them as a conduit to provide disinformation back to the enemy.

If this sounds like Winston Churchill and his codebreakers of Bletchley Park, it would not be surprising. However, the leader in question was Oliver Cromwell; the conflict was the English Civil Wars of the 1600s, and his spy chief was Buckinghamshire man John Thurloe, Lord of the manor of Astwood near Newport Pagnell.

Said to "hold the key to wicked men's hearts," Thurloe successfully used techniques which are as controversial today as they were back then, including widespread interception of communications and the 'turning' of enemy agents. Following the restoration of the monarchy, Thurloe narrowly avoided execution by agreeing to be 'turned' himself.



Oliver Cromwell

WORLD WAR ONE SPYCATCHERS

In 1916, Britain's Secret Service Bureau (MO5 -SSB) divided into two new agencies: MI5 (domestic intelligence) and MI6 (counter-intelligence). Major General Vernon Kell was appointed MI5's new Director-General and faced the significant challenges of wartime intelligence work. Starting a trend which continues today at MI6, he signed his instructions with his initial - 'K'. With a staff of just twenty he skilfully utilised the resources of regional police forces, Special Branch and other agencies and managed to winkle out collaborators and round-up every single German agent sent to spy on Britain.

Amongst Kell's resources were the highly successful ladies of the Postal Censorship Department. Armed with nothing more sophisticated than kettles and candles, these women identified many enemy spies. They helped catch some of the dozen female spies



Aylesbury Jail. CIRCA. 1850



Bags of mail ready for delivery to front line troops in WWI

who were incarcerated in Buckinghamshire's Aylesbury Jail for the duration of the war. Some of the postal interceptors were former suffragists who had themselves been the object of covert photographic surveillance by the police during their pre-war 'Votes for Women' campaign. When hostilities ceased, many would go on to lend their formidable energies to the Women's Institute. ➤



Annie Kenney and Christabel Pankhurst

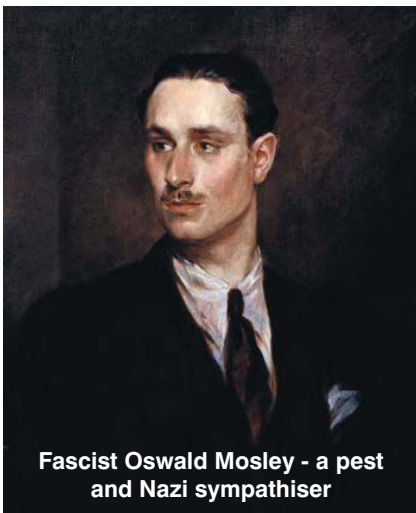


Vernon Kell remains the longest serving Director-General of MI5



Stone Pits House - Kell's home

Kell's successes continued in the run-up to World War Two, as MI5 monitored Communists, Nazi sympathisers and Britain's fascist 'Blackshirts' who were led by Denham resident Oswald Mosley. However, when Churchill came to power in 1940, he promptly sacked Kell, probably out of resentment at Kell's refusal to share intelligence with him when Churchill was out of government. Dismissed despite a glorious military career, and notwithstanding his achievements as the longest serving head of any government department, Kell retreated to grow roses at his



Fascist Oswald Mosley - a pest and Nazi sympathiser

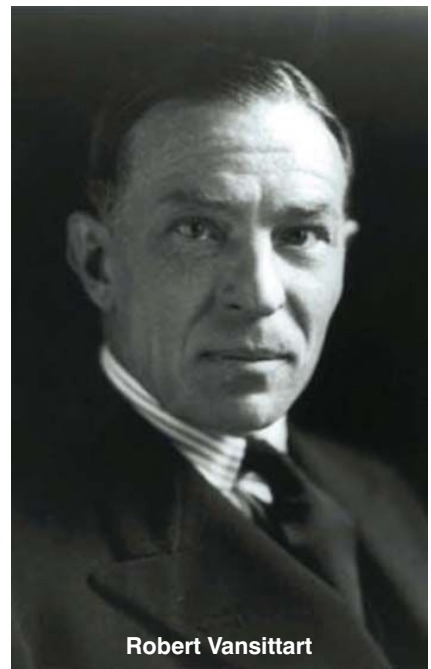


London headquarters of film producer and intelligence contact man Alexander Korda

Buckinghamshire cottage, Stone Pits House, in Embleton. He continued to serve his country as a special constable and in the Home Guard. Kell was knighted in 1942 but, sadly, passed away just weeks later.

SPYMASTERS OF WORLD WAR TWO

Foreign Office mandarin Robert Vansittart of Denham, Buckinghamshire, and his neighbour Alexander Korda, the film director and owner of Denham studios, ran their own networks of agents which included personalities from the film world. In the 1930s Vansittart had recruited actor Noël Coward to spy on King's consort Wallis Simpson, whom Vansittart believed to be disclosing classified information from the King's despatch boxes to German Ambassador Joachim von Ribbentrop who lived nearby at Fulmer Rise Manor. Rumoured to be Wallis's lover, von Ribbentrop would later become Hitler's Deputy Führer and would be first among the Nazis to be hanged for crimes against humanity.



Robert Vansittart



Foreign journalists visit
British Film Studios, Denham,
Buckinghamshire in 1943



Korda and
actress Merle
Oberon (Lady
Korda)

Buckinghamshire-resident actors John Gielgud (of Wotton Underwood) and David Niven (variously of Penn, Stowe and Dorney) also gathered intelligence for Vansittart, whilst Gerrards Cross-based Laurence Olivier worked directly for Korda, engaging in positive propaganda to encourage America to enter the war. Vansittart's biggest coup, however, was recruiting anti-Nazi senior German diplomat Wolfgang zu Putlitz who disclosed confidential communications between his London Embassy and Hitler.

Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire resident Cyril Mills, son of circus entrepreneur Bertram Mills, was another spycatcher with a show business background. As a case officer in MI5's 'double cross' section (B1a), he was



Hills House, Denham. Home to Korda and his actress wife Merle Oberon



MI6 contact man Noël Coward

responsible for 'turning' captured enemy spies.

In 1940, Gösta Caroli, a Swedish Nazi fanatic captured on parachuting into Britain, was used by Mills to flush out other enemy spies operating in the area.

Caroli's controlled transmissions to his German handlers were made initially from the Aylesbury home of Buckinghamshire's Chief Constable and later from Caroli's cell in Aylesbury Jail, whilst High Wycombe railway station was the chosen rendezvous point for Caroli and other German agents.



Cyril
Mills

COLD WAR SPYCATCHERS

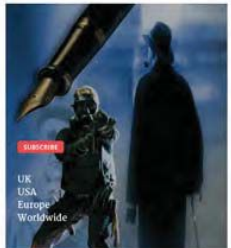
As the world moved into the Cold War era, Michael Hanley was appointed MI5 Director General. Sharing an anti-Communist paranoia with his American counterpart James Jesus Angleton - the Buckinghamshire-educated (Chartridge Lodge school) first head of counter-intelligence for America's newly formed CIA - Hanley, too,

would eventually retire from the spy trade to grow roses at his Buckinghamshire home, in Hazlemere.



James Angleton

As for Angleton, it was not just his name



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which was pure Anglo-Saxon. He was a life-long Anglophile who frequently quoted Shakespeare and had his suits tailored in London's Savile Row. Angleton had received his initial intelligence training from an MI6 man who would become his close friend, both in London and later in Washington. Angleton would have been mortified, however, had he known that this friend and mentor - Kim Philby - was actually a communist traitor.



KING ZOG AND THE REAL SMILEY'S PEOPLE

During World War Two, many monarchs and leaders of Nazi-occupied countries sought refuge in Britain, most of them settling in Buckinghamshire. All but one of these fleeing monarchs were related to King



King Zog of Albania



George VI. The one unrelated royal, the Muslim King Zog of Albania, was nevertheless also offered sanctuary in the county, at Parmoor House in Frieth, Buckinghamshire, home of Sir Stafford Cripps, a member of Churchill's wartime cabinet.

The post-war take-over of Albania by Communists prolonged Zog's exile and led the UK and US into a plot to restore democracy and monarchy to his country. Known as the Albanian Subversion, the plot was directed by

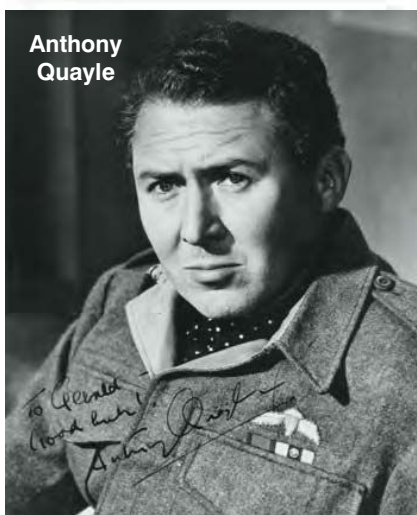


Major David Smiley

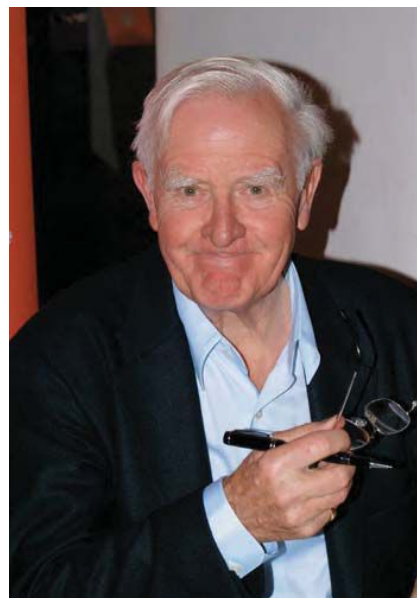
three men, British army Captain Julian Amery and SOE men Lt. Colonel Neil McLean and Major David Smiley. These men worked in close co-operation and consultation with King Zog. Many of their confidential planning meetings took place at Parmoor House.

Major Smiley was despatched to Malta where he trained exiled Albanians in sabotage, assassination and intelligence gathering, before parachuting them into Albania to their handlers McLean and Amery. Smiley, Amery and McLean came to be known in SOE circles as The Three Musketeers, whilst Smiley's hand-picked agents were dubbed Smiley's People. Others involved in the operation included an SOE man who would later become the internationally renowned film actor Anthony Quayle, and also a married MI6 couple whose son, Chris de Burgh, is nowadays an international singing star.

The operation ran for eight years but was an unmitigated disaster. Wave after wave of Smiley's agents were apprehended on arrival



Anthony Quayle



David Cornwell - John Le Carré

in Albania. 300 of them were executed before it was realised the operation had been betrayed. Knowledge of the operation was restricted to a handful of officials, one of whom was the aforementioned MI6 man Kim Philby, whose role as a Soviet spy, implanted at the heart of British intelligence, would soon be uncovered. There is little doubt that it was indeed Philby who betrayed Smiley's people.

Another Buckinghamshire resident whose intelligence career was ended when Philby identified him to the Soviets was Chalfont St Peter man David Cornwell, latterly renowned internationally as spy-thriller writer John Le Carré. It was during his daily rail commute from the county to MI6 headquarters in London that, in 1961, he drafted his first spy novel: *Call for the Dead*, featuring fictitious intelligence man George Smiley and his operatives who, either by coincidence or by design, were also dubbed 'Smiley's People'.

These days, aside from the government communications centre and classified document repository at Hanslope Park, espionage and counter-espionage in Buckinghamshire have ceased - at least as far as we know...

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- Released to mark these anniversaries - *Buckinghamshire Spies and Subversives* by Buckinghamshire-based author DJ Kelly. Going back well beyond the establishment of modern spycraft, the book explores this British county's astonishing 600 year history of subversives, spies and those who spied upon them. See Page 79





ISIS/DAESH COUNTERMEASURES

UAE Ambassador to United States Reaffirms Commitment to Finding Solutions

Speaking at the Washington DC Center for Strategic and International Studies, Yousef Al Otaiba, the UAE Ambassador to the United States, said that his country takes responsibility to stand with its allies in the fight against terrorism.

The UAE has taken a lead role in the Middle East offering "a new vision for young Muslims and the region, an alternative ideology, unafraid of modernity, and looking to the future," said Mr Al Otaiba.

The ambassador drew attention to the UAE's commitment to openness and tolerance, and building a knowledge economy anchored by world-class academic institutions evidenced by the Hedayah and Sawab Center's, New York University Abu Dhabi, and many other initiatives.



Mr Al Otaiba also referenced ISIS/Daesh. "Daesh is today's most pressing danger and it must be destroyed, but there is also the continuing concern of Iran," he said. "In our view Daesh is a creeping cancer that weakens states, increases sectarian tensions, and has been directly responsible for the deaths, casualties and displacement of millions of people most of them Muslims."

POLAND'S WATERGATE

Two-year bugging operation targeted senior officials in country's biggest post-1989 political scandal

It was a case that received minimal international coverage last year, but the 'Tape Scandal', as it is known in Poland, is set to resurface and probably produce more revelations and casualties. The affair is linked to a wiretapping operation revealed by the Polish weekly magazine *Wprost* in

June 2014, and was instrumental in damaging the Civic Platform party, following seven years of rule. From 2013 through 2014, over 100 conversations between senior government officials were recorded in two Warsaw restaurants. Officials discussed sensitive political, economic and international matters. When the tapes

surfaced, police raided *Wprost's* offices questioning its Chief Editor Sylwester Latkowski.

Within the recordings were a plethora of deeply embarrassing comments attributed to senior ministers, officials and a range of business and political heavyweights. There was also sensitive information on major business deals and a whole range of government happenings. There is no question as to the tapes authenticity.

The most senior casualty of the scandal was Foreign Affairs Minister Radoslaw Sikorski, who stepped down as speaker of parliament after transcripts of his conversations revealed his views on Poland's alliance with the United States. Apparently, he thought they were "bull****." In one recording Sikorski says: "We



Chief Editor *Wprost* Sylwester Latkowski (right)





On 14 June 2014 *Wprost* released recordings and transcripts of private conversations between Bartłomiej Sienkiewicz Minister of Internal Affairs and the Governor of the Polish Central Bank (NBP) Marek Belka. Six days later the magazine's office was raided (above). Amongst the security detail were prosecutors and officers from Poland's domestic intelligence service - ABW (Internal Security Agency). Editor-in-chief Sylwester Latkowski (standing centre-right) resisted a request to hand over his computer and other materials demanded by the prosecutors

will get into a conflict with the Russians and Germans and think everything is super because we gave the Americans a blow***. Losers, complete losers." Poland's Finance Minister Jacek Rostowski is also heard using what was described as "derogatory language" criticising UK premier David Cameron.

Journalist Piotr Nisztor, who first revealed the recordings, said it



Jacek Rostowski

was not his intention to bring down the government, but to show how "leading politicians worked in sick and devious ways."

The bugging, organised by alleged businessmen with the assistance of waiters in the restaurants, is thought to have ceased in 2014, but now some journalists believe the recording operation and subsequent surveillance of journalists continued well into 2015. Just how the recordings

found their way into the hands of journalists is another central issue - leading to the raid on *Wprost*. The security services wanted to uncover the culprits and placed several journalists under surveillance. The daily *Rzeczpospolita* said over 20 officers took part in the operation, while *Newsweek Poland* believes as many as 80 individuals were surveilled. Target individuals included journalists reporting on the scandal, lawyers and their families. Importantly, one of the units infiltrated the journalists inner circle to uncover contacts; a second examined whether secret services (ABW and CBA agencies) were at the root of the affair - this in an effort to destabilise the government.

On 20 January 2016, the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ) backed its Polish affiliate (Association of Polish Journalists - SDP) in its call for a wider investigation of the wiretapping scandal in Poland.

The EFJ hopes Mariusz Blaszczak, Minister of Internal Affairs, will rule that media sources are not



Mariusz Blaszczak

compromised in the future. Mogens Blicher Bjerregard, the EFJ President said: "The wiretapping scandal makes the media situation in Poland even more pressing. It is paramount for journalists to protect their confidential sources. A thorough and transparent investigation on the wiretapping scandal must be carried out in order to assess if there is any misuse of surveillance measures that infringe the fundamental rights of journalists and individuals."

PARIS ATTACK PAPER TRAILS



UNDER SURVEILLANCE

Evidence links terrorist cell to other known and suspected ISIS followers in UK and Europe

Since the 13 November 2015 attacks in Paris, eleven people in France, Belgium and elsewhere have been detained. Several people have been charged with a direct supportive role in the attacks, whilst others are believed to have secured premises, vehicles and other items used by the terrorists. At one address in Rue Berge in the Schaerbeek district of Brussels, traces of explosives (TATP) and three handmade suicide bomb vests were discovered. The third floor flat was rented by a cell operative using a false name. He is one of those under arrest.

The discovery, made in December but not publicised for several weeks, suggests this was the apartment used by the terrorists to manufacture the explosive-laden suicide belts worn by the attackers.

Of equal importance, a fingerprint of lead logistics terrorist Salah Abdeslam was found. He escaped authorities on the night of the attack and is thought to have fled the country. Initial reports he had journeyed to Syria have not been confirmed and some investigators believe he may still be in Belgium or a neighbouring European country.

Belgian police have also launched a new public appeal to try and find two men who along with Abdeslam visited Hungary in



Abdeslam using disguise



Most Wanted: Abdeslam (top) enters a petrol station in Trith-Saint-Leger, France with accomplice Hamza Attou

September. Using a rented car they carried false identity cards featuring the names Samir Bouzid and Soufiane Kayal. The men appeared older than the operatives who performed the attacks and are said to have played a "pivotal role" in organisation, control and acquiring weaponry. Further materials discovered at the Schaerbeek safe house was connected to Bouzid and Kayal, including documentation.





Bomb factory at Rue Berge in the Schaerbeek district of Brussels

On 15 January, in North Africa, Moroccan security services detained another Belgian national wanted in connection with the Paris



Gelel Attar

Europe sifting through a plethora of data (including electronic), secured by French and Belgian security services. Eye Spy understands that several suspects linked to the

attack. Gelel Attar, 26, was accused of leaving Europe with a fellow Paris cell member and travelling to Syria.

MI5 is but one counter-intelligence organisation in

THE SUPPORT GANG



Abdeslam visited Hungary in September with 'Samir Bouzid' and 'Soufiane Kayal' (above)

attackers through communications are now under surveillance.

PARIS TRAINING DAY

Videos Prompt More 'Capital City' Security Concerns

ISIS/Daesh released a video showing nine of the Paris attackers training in Syria and committing acts of unimaginable brutality. The head of the Paris attack gang Abdelhamid Abaaoud is seen to behead a victim and then announce - "soon in the Champs-Elysees"



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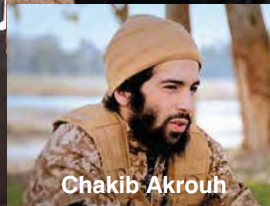
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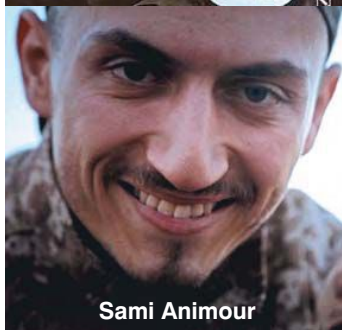
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THE MASONIC STING

FBI Agents Go Undercover to Thwart Would-be Terrorist Attacker



Samy Mohamed Hamzeh

The FBI released a statement in early 2016 that it had moved to derail terrorist plots in 50 states in the USA in 2015. News about such operations was scant for security purposes, but the Bureau has now released details on one endeavour which concerned a proposed mass shooting at a Masonic temple in Wisconsin.

US attorney Gregory Haanstad said Milwaukee man Samy Mohamed Hamzeh "devised a detailed plan to commit a mass shooting intended to

kill dozens of people." Haanstad also said that the suspect "wanted this mass shooting to be known the world over and ignite broader clashes."

Hamzeh, 23, originally wanted to strike on the West Bank, but this was seen as logistically difficult and because of his financial status. He was arrested on 25 January 2016 after undercover agents sold Hamzeh guns with silencers.

Detectives had been surveilling Hamzeh since September last year - this after they learned of the temple plot. Interestingly, he took a guided tour of the temple earlier in the month, noting meeting

schedules and where people would be at certain times.

A sting operation was formulated and undercover agents who said they were supportive of his plans befriended him. Court files said Hamzeh told two FBI sources how he planned to commit an attack and of the type of weaponry he would require - two machine guns and three silencers. A meeting then followed and he was recorded:

"I am telling you, to go without a silencer gun, you will be exposed from the beginning. One of us will stay at the door at the entrance and lock the door down, he will be at the main door down, two will get to the lift up, they will enter the room, and spray everyone in the room.

"The one who is standing down-stairs will spray anyone he finds. We will shoot, them, kill them and get out. We will walk and walk, after a while, we will be covered as if it is cold, and we'll take the covers off and dump them in a corner and

keep on walking as if nothing happened, as if everything is normal. But one has to stand on the door, because if no one stood at the door, people will be going in and out, if people came in from outside and found out what is going on, everything is busted. I am telling you, if this hit is executed, it will be known all over the world.

"They are all Masonic; they are playing with the world like a game, man, and we are like asses, we don't know what is going on, these are the ones who are fighting, these are the ones that needs to be killed... these are the ones who are making living for us like hell. Thirty is excellent. If I got out, after killing thirty people, I will be happy 100% 100% happy, because these 30 will terrify the world." [SIC]

When the agents, controlled by the FBI and the Joint Terrorism Task Force delivered his weaponry, Hamzeh was arrested after taking a bag containing the weapons to his car.



Masonic temple in Wisconsin

RADAR DECEPTION

Stealth Warship Sets Sail

The advanced guided missile destroyer, USS Zumwalt, which supports an array of stealth capabilities, is at sea-test and trial stage and is expected to be commissioned into the US Navy in

late 2017. Once operational it will be the Navy's largest destroyer, though its advanced technology will produce a radar signal similar to that of a fishing boat.

The Zumwalt-class destroyer (DDG 1000) is tailored for land attack and littoral dominance, combined with a strong anti-surface and anti-air capability. DDG 1000 will provide forward presence and deterrence, and operate as an integral part of joint and combined expeditionary forces.

USS Zumwalt is named after Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, who was the youngest Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) in American history. He played a pivotal role in the Vietnam

War and other theatres. A highly-decorated war veteran, Zumwalt reformed Naval personnel policies in an effort to improve enlisted life and ease racial tensions. After he retired from a 32-year naval career, he launched an unsuccessful campaign for the US Senate.

Interestingly, the US Navy originally intended to build 32 such stealth destroyers. That number was later reduced to 24, then to 12, then to seven, and finally to just three vessels.

The USS Zumwalt, based in San Diego, California, carries the motto 'Pax Propter Vim' - 'Peace Through Power'.



Admiral Elmo Zumwalt



SURVEILLANCE

Dangerous Contact Over Black Sea

The Pentagon is investigating an incident over the Black Sea involving a Russian SU-27 fighter jet and a US RC-135 reconnaissance aircraft flying a routine course in international airspace over the Black Sea. The Russian jet came within feet of the US aeroplane

and conducted a "dangerous intercept" US intelligence sources said. This was supported by Chief spokesman for the US European Command Navy Captain Daniel Hernandez, who said the Russian pilot "acted in an unsafe and unprofessional manner." Officials claim that an aggressive banking turn was performed and the thrust of the SU-27 "disturbed the controllability" of the RC-135.



RC-135 intelligence collection platform

Russian Air Force SU-27



NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg commenting on Russia's military manoeuvres and drills, said such operations had reached levels not seen since the height of the Cold War. "Over the past three years, Russia has conducted at

least 18 large-scale snap exercises, some of which have involved more than 100,000 troops," he said.

"These exercises include simulated nuclear attacks on NATO Allies and on partners, and have been used to mask massive movements of military forces and to menace Russia's neighbours."

Following the incident, NATO and Russia officials held a video conference to discuss flight safety.



Jens Stoltenberg

SKY SPY

ANIMALS & ESPIONAGE

Residents of Bint Jbeil in Lebanon, captured a griffon vulture which they believed had crossed the Golan border on an espionage mission on behalf of Israel. The bird, which carried a transmitter and Israeli identification number on its wings, was a 'resident' of Israel and soon the National Parks Authority became involved with the incident.

An official from the Parks said locals had tied the bird to the



ground with a rope "which prompted people to take photographs and post them on-line with claims of espionage."

It's not the first time a vulture has been 'detained' acting suspiciously. In January 2011, Saudi Arabian officials captured such a bird carrying a tag



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stamped 'Tel Aviv University'. The bird was handed to police after locals in the desert city of Hyaal noticed a device attached to its leg. After securing the bird a GPS tracking unit was removed. Soon all manner of spy stories emerged. Officials in Israel said the GPS tracker was simply to monitor its flying patterns.

As for the vulture in Lebanon, this too had been tagged to track its



movements. UN peacekeepers in Lebanon and police secured the bird, which has a wingspan of over 6ft, and returned it to authorities in Israel.



BACK-CHANNELS

IRAN INTELLIGENCE COUP



Relatives of missing former FBI man and CIA consultant Robert Levinson, who disappeared in 2007 whilst conducting an investigation in Iran, are disappointed no news emerged of him following an exchange of prisoners between the United States and Iran.

Hopes were raised in bizarre circumstances after ten US sailors were arrested for entering Iranian waters after one of their riverine patrol boats suffered mechanical failure. Iran's Revolutionary Guard demanded an apology and Washington duly obliged. Tehran had a propaganda field day showing video of the captured sailors on television. However, the incident occurred right in the middle of a



Robert Levinson pictured in the US, after his kidnapping, and in 2011



programme to lift sanctions on Iran, and officials soon reached an agreement and the sailors were quickly released.

At the same time Washington and Tehran agreed to

release several other people, including *Washington Post* journalist Jason Rezaian.

Another US-Iranian citizen who was informed he was to be freed was Amir Hekmati, a former US Marine who was arrested in 2011 while visiting his grandmother. He was sentenced to death for "spying for the CIA." All of this led to much speculation Robert Levinson would also be amongst the American nationals - or at least the family would

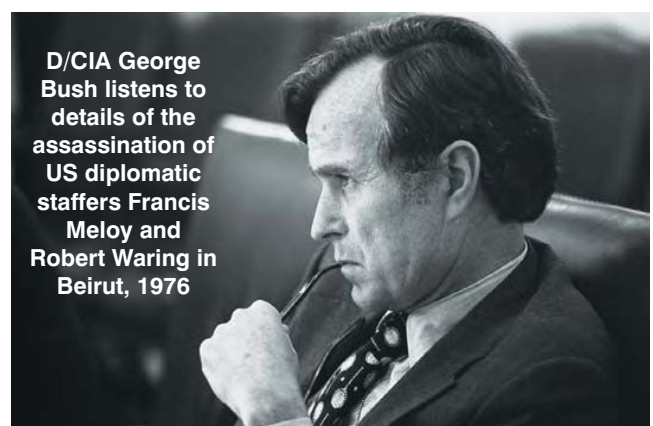
CIA REFLECTIONS

Memories of Langley's Turbulent Times

Former President George H.W. Bush returned to the CIA's Langley headquarters just outside Washington to

celebrate the 40th anniversary of his swearing-in as Director of Central Intelligence, and almost to the day. Mr Bush became DCI on 30 January 1976 - marking the end of several uneasy years for the agency which included leadership turnover and some serious challenges from the press.

He is credited with restoring focus and



boosting morale in the organisation, and he remains one of the most beloved Directors in the agency's history. Although Bush's tenure was short, he stepped down on 20 January 1977, it was a meaningful and helpful 'calm between the storms' for the Agency in the 1970s. He saw the

integrity of a badly-bruised CIA when many in the public and even the government could not.

Mr Bush said: "I'm not sure what impact I had during my CIA year, but I can tell you the men and women there made a lasting and profound impact on me."





Jason Rezaian

receive proof of life. Sadly no news was forthcoming.

Levinson went missing on Kish Island whilst undertaking some sort of investigation which may or may not have been on behalf of a US agency. The family say the incidents in January involving the prisoner exchanges provided an ideal platform for US Government officials to question the Iranian authorities about Levinson. Daniel Levinson, Robert's son said: "We feel abandoned."

Five years ago a set of photographs showing the intelligence contractor in an orange boiler suit carrying a series of messages were released by his family. There is deep suspicion Iran was behind his abduction and that until 2011 he was being held at a secret holding camp on the Afghanistan border. Indeed, various back-channel conversations about the intelligence contact man have taken place, some involving foreign officials. Intelligence sources say Levinson was to be used as a "bargaining chip if future sensitive incidents occurred." Despite a \$5 million reward being issued for information leading to his release



Amir Hekmati

and safe return, nothing of note has transpired other than speculation.

As for the capture of the US sailors, this was a little embarrassing for Washington. A similar incident occurred in 2007 when 15 Royal



Navy personnel were detained after sailing into Iranian waters. It was later proven this was not the case. Either way, both occurrences provided Iran with platforms for propaganda which its intelligence service duly exploited.

MSS INTEL PUZZLE

China Officially Brands Canadian a Spy

A Canadian national, held in China for 18 months without charge, has been officially indicted on espionage charges by Chinese authorities for spying and stealing state secrets. This ongoing case has strained relations between the two countries at a time when both are seeking to strengthen trade ties. Kevin Garratt and his wife Julia owned a coffee shop close to the North Korea border. Julia Garratt was released on bail in February 2015.

The couple, who have lived in China for 30 years, were detained in August 2014 by MSS officials.

China's intelligence service insist he has carried out assignments on behalf of Canadian Intelligence. It's an allegation rejected by the family and officials.

The Garratts had lived in various parts of China and before opening the coffee shop, ran a translation company. Thereafter they helped co-ordinate the delivery of food and equipment over the border to North Korean orphanages and homes for the retired. Unfortunately for them, the MSS operate along the Dandong crossing point which Beijing contends is used as a gateway for spies and journalists. The Garratts' comings and



The Garratt family pictured in 2014

goings attracted the attention of the security services.

Canadian officials have met with their Chinese counterparts on several occasions to discuss the case. "It's a negative development if they are proceeding with an indictment," said Gordon Houlden, a former diplomat who is now director of the China Institute at

the University of Alberta. "I have no indication whatsoever the Garratts, either one of them, have done anything wrong. But there are limitations to what Canadian diplomacy can achieve, particularly in China, which has taken a more assertive stance in international relations under President Xi Jinping."

COURTESY: SIMEON GARRATT

THE WATCHERS



NEW YEAR - SAME ENGAG

A spate of organised, lone wolf and small cell terror attacks around the world in January, suggests 2016 will be a difficult year for those in intelligence charged with countermeasures...

Intelligence officials from several countries have discussed the growing number of attacks carried out by non-flagged people who claim they are acting in the name of ISIS. Senior officials agree that by destroying the terror group's central core in Syria and Iraq, and not allowing it a base of operations to raise finance and export propaganda, many individuals considering joining the group may take an alternative course; or at the very least temper their extreme ideology. How that is achieved remains a point of much debate.

However, events in Jakarta and Burkina Faso are evidence again that the tentacles of ISIS

and al-Qaida continue to spread. Intelligence officials have warned that only a coordinated international effort to tackle terrorism will prevail.

7 JANUARY 2016

A man shouting allegiance to ISIS ran towards a police car in Philadelphia and fired thirteen times at police officer Jesse Hartnett. The terrorist, Edward Archer, 30, then fled the scene but despite being struck three times and seriously wounded, Hartnett chased the gunman who was later captured. In an interview, Archer told detectives he was a supporter of the terror group and that he



chose his target because the police department defends laws which are contrary to Islam. The FBI said it had found no evidence the gunman belonged to an organised terror cell, but Director Comey said it was an "act of terrorism."



Edward Archer shoots police officer Jesse Hartnett

2016



Security police and troops prepare to confront ISIS terrorists in Jakarta



Police officer Jesse Hartnett was fortunate to survive an attack by ISIS fanatic Edward Archer (below)



EMENTS



Bullet holes in Jesse Hartnett's police vehicle



Edward Archer

thief born in Morocco. However, other information suggests he had assumed the name and may well have been Tunisian. Either

French police officers shot dead an attacker outside a police station in northern Paris. The assailant was brandishing a meat cleaver and wearing a dummy suicide bomb belt. The man was initially identified as Sallah Ali, a convicted



Sallah Ali's ISIS flag

way, he was carrying a piece of paper on his person on which he had written: 'I pledge my allegiance to ISIS'. He also vowed to take revenge for French Air Force strikes in Syria. Of relevance the incident took place at 11.30am - the exact time and one year anniversary date of the 2015 Charlie Hebdo attacks.

ISIS followers also struck in the western Libyan city of Zliten though in deadlier fashion. Their primary target was a police training school in this most unstable of countries. A very powerful truck bomb exploded killing over 60 people and injuring upto 100 others. Since the fall of Gaddafi, many parts of Libya



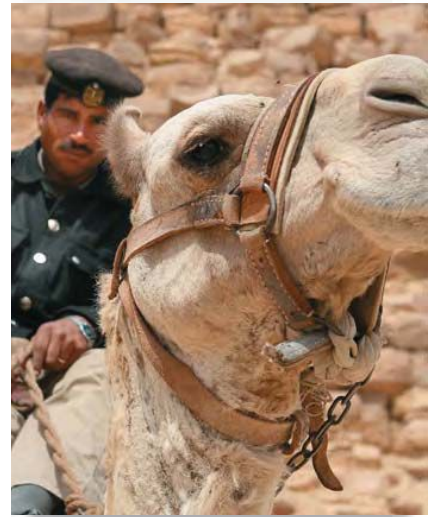
New Paris attacker Sallah Ali lies dead

have become lawless and the country supports several known ISIS and al-Qaida training camps. However, intelligence analysts note that in the past 12 months many rival militias have agreed to cooperate against ISIS.

In faraway Egypt, attackers loyal to ISIS struck outside a hotel close to the Giza Pyramids. Birdshot was fired and Molotov cocktails thrown at a tourist bus. The vehicle was carrying Arab-Israeli tourists.

The following day, two men claiming they were acting on behalf of ISIS, attacked tourists in the entrance of a hotel in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Hurghada. The men waved an ISIS flag before running up to hotel guests and stabbing them. One terrorist was shot dead and the other arrested.

ISIS is determined to hurt Egypt's tourism industry. Right: Egyptian trooper at the Bent Pyramid in Cairo



PRE-PLANNED AND ORGANISED

11 JANUARY 2016

No where has ISIS been squeezed more than in Iraq. General Army troops and a mix of militias and fighting forces, all backed by massive Alliance air power has seen large groupings of ISIS fighters either destroyed or forced to retreat. However, the group retains its menace to strike using suicide bombers and followers not fearful of death.

blasts in the entrance to the complex. A two hour fire-fight took place before security services declared the attack over. Seventeen civilians were killed and 90 others injured. An ISIS statement said four operatives carried out the attack and "what is coming is worse and more bitter." They were true to their word. Two explosions followed at a cafe and a mosque in Sharaban in Iraq's northern Diyala Province killing over 100 people.

This was the case in Baghdad when a small number of terrorists struck in a shopping centre in the east of the city at rush hour. It all began with a car bomb and two suicide bomb

14 JANUARY 2016

In Jakarta, Indonesia, a handful of terrorists loyal to ISIS carried out various gun and bomb



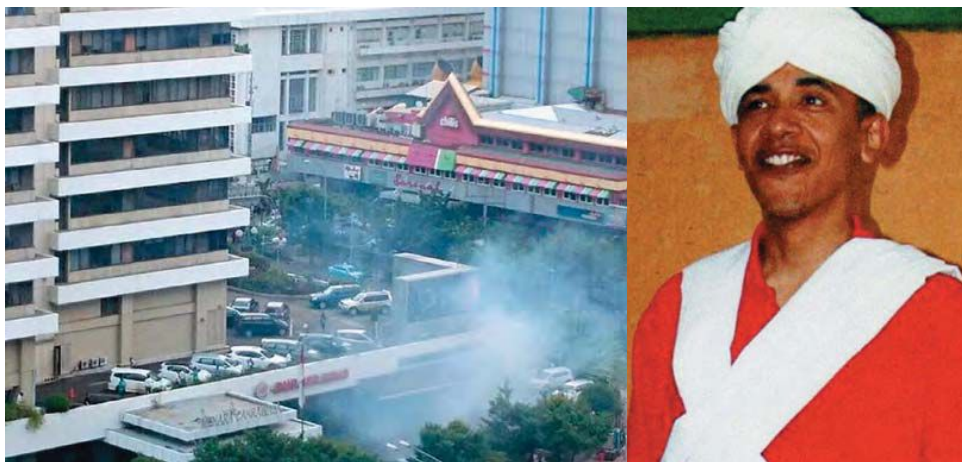
Alleged Jakarta attack planner and financier - Bahrun Naim

attacks in the city. Explosions and gunfire were heard in the popular Sarinah shopping centre and close to a Starbucks coffee house. The primary attack occurred next to a United



Damage is evident at the police stand in Jakarta. Right: The message reads: 'Condolences for Sarinah victims - we are not afraid'





The moment an ISIS suicide bomber blows himself up the shopping centre in Jakarta. He has reportedly been named as Nelson Yeung (above)



Jakarta Police chief Badrodin Haiti

Nations information centre, an international hotel and various foreign embassies. In total eight people lost their lives and many more were injured. At least four attackers were killed in resultant clashes with security forces but a number escaped. ISIS immediately claimed responsibility.

Within three days police had detained 12 suspects allegedly linked to the attack - some identified by CCTV. Amongst materials secured at various locations was evidence that other attacks were being planned.

Indonesia Intelligence claim the man responsible for planning the atrocity is Bahrn Naim

(A.k.a. Muhammad Bahrn Naim Tamtomo - age believed around 33). He is a leading member of the Mujahidin Indonesia Timur (MIT) terror group which had pledged allegiance to ISIS. Bahrn left Indonesia for Syria last year. At some of the residences raided in the post-attack operations, security officers discovered thousands of dollars in accounts which had been forwarded by Naim to help plan the operation and fund weapons and transport purchases.

Increasingly small cell groups are being funded by ISIS from secret accounts held by a global network of followers. Other accounts are being established using front companies. This makes it exceedingly difficult to track terror money. Police chief Badrodin Haiti said: "The total amount transferred by Naim was pretty big. Several transfers were moved through various accounts before reaching their destination." Both NSA and GCHQ plus a number of unnamed organisations are monitoring this area. Russia's armed forces have directed much of its air power in Syria to eliminating "money-raising ventures." Its primary targets are active oil fields and



Russian warplanes destroy an ISIS oil producing facility in Syria



Indonesia's security services are liaising with several intelligence services. Hundreds of its citizens have joined ISIS



Troops, including French Special Forces retake the Splendid Hotel in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso - 29 people - mainly guests and staff were killed in the ISIS attack. The hotel is occasionally used by French and US military advisors

tankers used to transport the fuel. *Russia Today* claimed over 1,000 tankers used by the group were destroyed in a five day period in November 2015. Imagery released by the Russian Air Force supports this report.

15 JANUARY 2016

Not to be out-done by their fellow terrorists, Al-Qaida in the Arab Peninsula (AQIM) launched a series of attacks in Ouagadougou, the capital of the African nation Burkina Faso. The focus of the attack was the city's Splendid Hotel and the Cappuccino restaurant. The

hotel is very popular with diplomatic visitors, as well as business people and tourists. Over 150 people were taken hostage but not before the gunmen had killed over 20 people. Ten bodies were found in the Cappuccino. In the hours that followed eight more civilians were killed but the security services did manage to free most of those being held captive. One terrorist fled to a nearby hotel but was killed by a police officer.

Seven active terrorists took part in the operation but the security services are confident others played a supportive role. Al-

Qaida later released a video showing three of the attackers. The terror group named them as Al-Battar Al-Ansari, Abu Muhammad al-Ahmad al-Buqali and Fulani.



Logo of ASECNA

Perhaps relevant to the timing of the attack at the Splendid, over 200 people were enjoying a

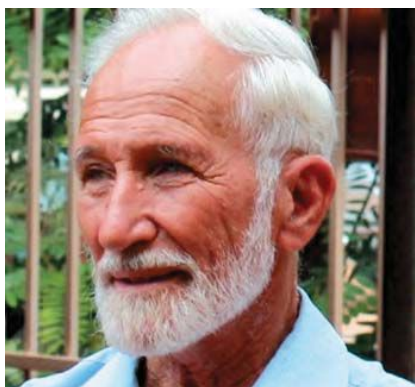


The attack in Ouagadougou which began in daylight lasted well into the night





Left: US Army Colonel Kurt Crytzer, commander of Joint Special Operations Task Force-Trans Sahara and US commander for the Multi-National Coordination Center in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, addresses Burkinabe soldiers prior to their deployment to Mali



Australian doctor Ken Elliot and his wife Jocelyn have been abducted

Similarly, the hotel is used by French and US security advisors and troops.

SITE Intelligence Group monitors translated various documents from AQIM. *'The attack is revenge for France and the disbelieving West'*. Other information suggested that terrorists had arrived in the country from Mali. Eye Spy understands some had actually booked-in at the hotel as guests.

Amongst the dead (nine different nationalities) were six Canadians on a humanitarian mission to help schools and orphanages. All hailed from the Quebec area; a nine-year-old Ukrainian child also perished and an American citizen died. Two notable victims were former Swiss politicians Jean-Noel Rey and Georgie Lamon. They were in the country visiting a school built by a charity. Eye-witnesses said the terrorists deliberately identified Westerners in the hotel. ➤



US Army General Lloyd Austin

BURNING ISIS MONEY

Whilst Russia is targeting oil production and fuel moving vehicles, the CIA secured intelligence on a large warehouse in Mosul, Iraq, housing deposits of millions of pounds of cash currency used by ISIS. The Pentagon then duly authorised air strikes on 11 January. A DOD video was released showing masses of paper money burning and fluttering skywards. Two two-thousand pound bombs were used in the operation.

US Central Command (USCENTOM) head General Lloyd Austin confirmed the attack saying it had "deprived ISIS of millions of dollars."



COURTESY: CAROL BOYLE



Mike and Amy Riddering from Quebec. Mr Riddering died in the attack at the Cappuccino restaurant

dinner hosted by ASECNA (Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar). The air traffic control organisation is responsible for air space totalling 16 million square miles - nearly twice that covering Europe.





Three of the alleged terrorists Abu Muhammad al-Ahmad al-Buqali, Fulani and Al-Battar Al-Ansari in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso



Jean-Noel Rey



Several Westerners have been abducted from the country in recent months by al-Qaida, the latest being named as Ken and Jocelyn Elliot from Australia. Mr Elliot, a surgeon, is popular with locals and has worked in the country since 1972.

MAIN THEATRE

US Marine Corps General Joseph F. Dunford Jr., Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, met with senior Alliance Operation Inherent Resolve counter-terrorism chiefs to discuss the attacks. The pre-arranged meeting took place following the success of Iraq armed forces in retaking the important city of Ramadi from ISIS. General Dunford said: "I believe the Iraqis now have the momentum." He refer-

enced Ramadi, successful operations in Anbar Province, the recapture and continued control of the oil refinery in Beiji, and the successful operations cutting the ISIS main supply line south of Sinjar. He also noted a new mood of optimism and the psychology of the Iraqis. "They are more confident in their capabilities," he said.

In many parts of the world intelligence officials have warned of further attacks by ISIS followers - some spontaneous - some planned. Whilst both are exceedingly dangerous to life, countering acts like that which took place in Philadelphia is most difficult, perhaps an impossibility. Similarly, it is now evident such attacks can occur anywhere in the world and in various forms.



US Marine Corps General Joseph F. Dunford Jr., (centre right), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Iraq Counter Terrorism Service Director, General Talib Shegati al-Kenan (right), discuss the progress of Operation Inherent Resolve



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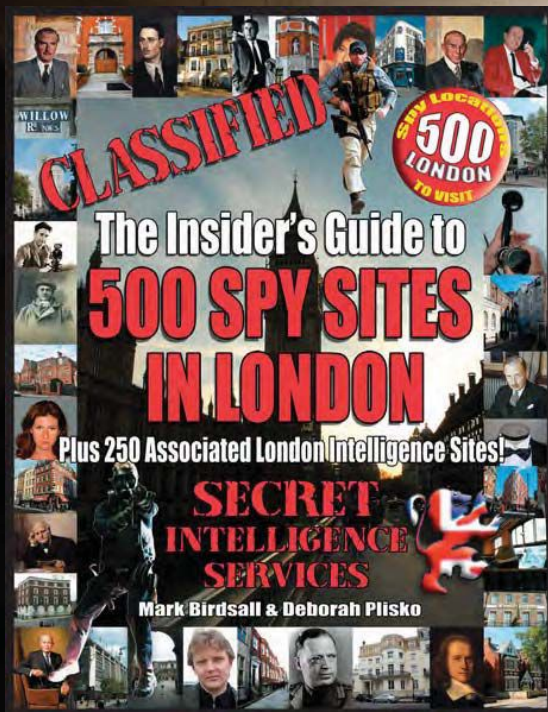
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With Eye Spy Canadian Editor
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Camp-X was the secret WWII agent and spy training facility in Canada operated by MI6's British Security Co-ordination



THE FORBIDDEN BEACH

DID YOU KNOW THAT: On the afternoon of 5 September 1945, a young Russian KGB cypher clerk named Igor Gouzenko, defected after he walked into a Federal building in Ottawa, Canada and handed the security guard on duty an attaché case. He then calmly said, "I think that you will want to see what is inside this case..."

And what was inside? Officials soon discovered dozens of documents detailing a vast network of Russian spies working at embassies throughout Canada and the United States. Gouzenko then asked for political asylum for him and

his wife Svetlana and was taken to a room for interrogation.

The police didn't quite know what to do with the Gouzenkos, but fortunately, someone called the right man, Commissioner George McClellan of the RCMP.



The beach and tree that so captivated Gouzenko



Igor Gouzenko

McClellan acted quickly and wasted no time in calling William Stephenson (MI6 codename Intrepid) the Director of the British Security Co-ordination (BSC), at his office in New York.

Quickly realising the significance of the event, Stephenson told McClellan to meet him in Ottawa and that he was

heading for the airport immediately. The two men met at a predetermined location and made their way to the apartment where the Gouzenkos were being held under protective custody. Stephenson knew that Russian agents would be desperately looking for Gouzenko for the purpose of assassinating him. The Gouzenkos were taken out of the building under the cover of darkness through a back door



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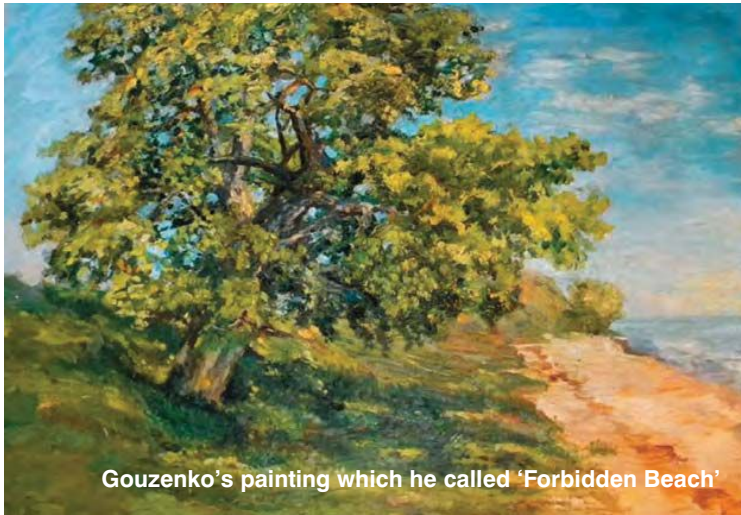
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Gouzenko's painting which he called 'Forbidden Beach'



**RCMP Commissioner
George McClellan**

and placed in the back seat of McClellan's car. They were then driven to one of the safest places in Canada - Camp-X and held there under protective custody for the next two years.

While at Camp-X, Svetlana got pregnant and when it was time to give birth, she and Igor (dressed as typical farmers from the surrounding area) were taken to Oshawa Hospital where she gave birth to a baby girl. An RCMP agent sat guard outside her room the entire time she was there.

Igor was a painter and had a lot of time on his hands while

at the base. He would walk down to the beach at Camp-X and spend a quiet afternoon painting. On one particular day, he painted the landscape, and called his painting, 'Forbidden Beach'. A picture shows that exact spot today, seventy years later (page 60).

This most important spy, who first tried to deliver his case of secrets to a newspaper - this after the RCMP initially did not believe him - died in 1963 near Toronto.

And of additional interest, the Gouzenko spy case is often cited as the starting point of the Cold War.

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1943. While working as a cypher clerk at the Russian Embassy in Ottawa, the Gouzenkos lived in this apartment building

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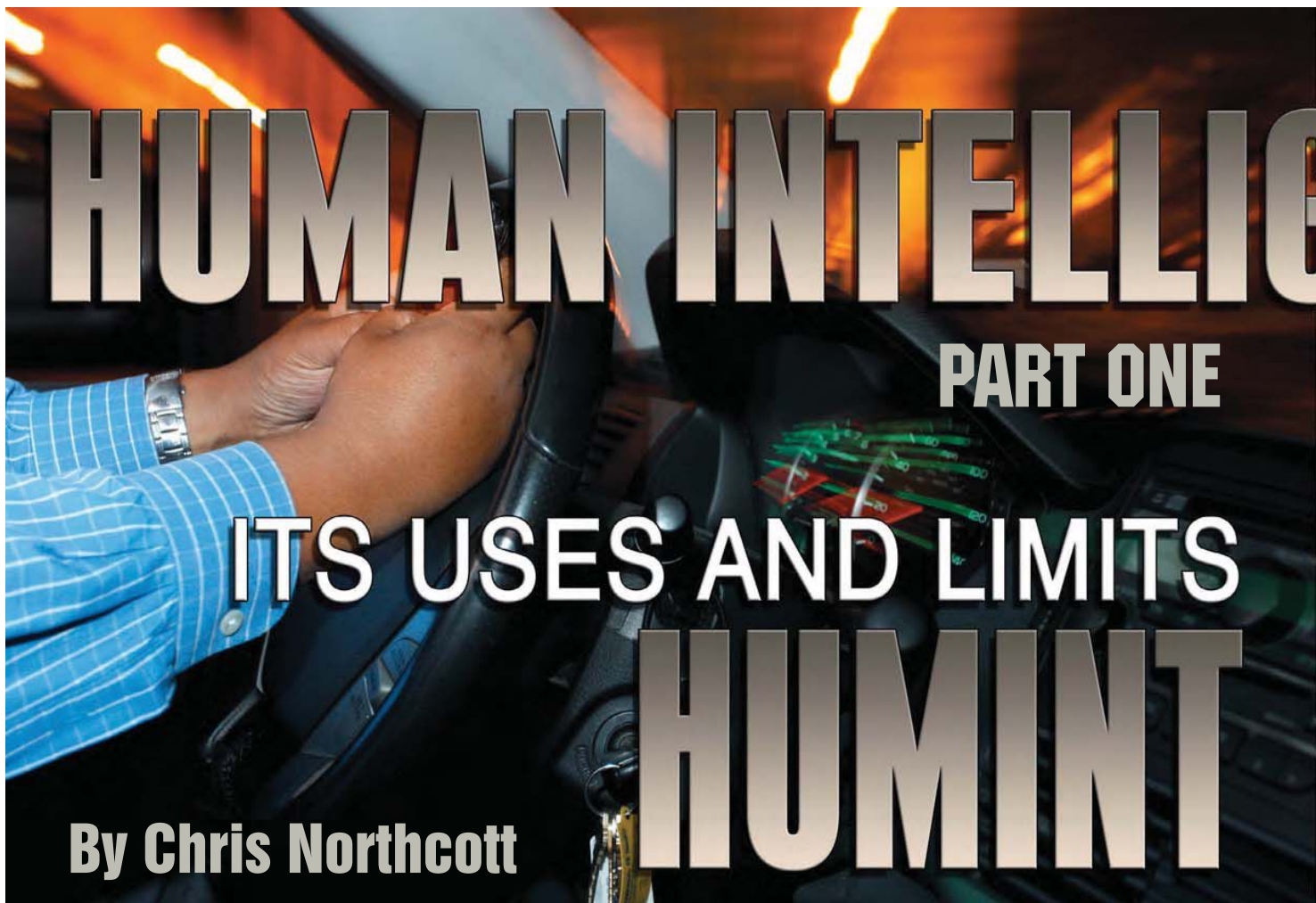
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HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

PART ONE

ITS USES AND LIMITS

HUMINT

By Chris Northcott

HUMINT'S PYRAMID OF SOURCES

Human Intelligence (HUMINT) collection, also commonly referred to as espionage, is intelligence obtained from people. It is a comparatively cheap part of collection; but it remains an important producer, as well as the oldest.

Collecting HUMINT can be compared to a journalist who uses his skill in cultivating sources and persuading them to talk. Diplomacy has its confidential sources compatible with diplomatic status and practice, and one role of the agencies involved in HUMINT is simply to get information from people diplomats cannot secure. Considering the huge success of the modern spy story, there cannot be many people who do not know what a 'safe house', 'sleeper', 'dead drop' or a 'burst transmitter' is, and most people have heard about 'residents' and 'case officers'. Nonetheless, some may argue that the importance of the human spy in intelligence has declined since the First World War. Many of the tasks that were traditionally carried out by spies have been taken over by photography, radio intercepts and other more esoteric means.

There is a long-standing belief in the critical importance of highly placed agents and a corresponding inclination to underrate the significance of the 'small' spy. This is



Heinz Felke

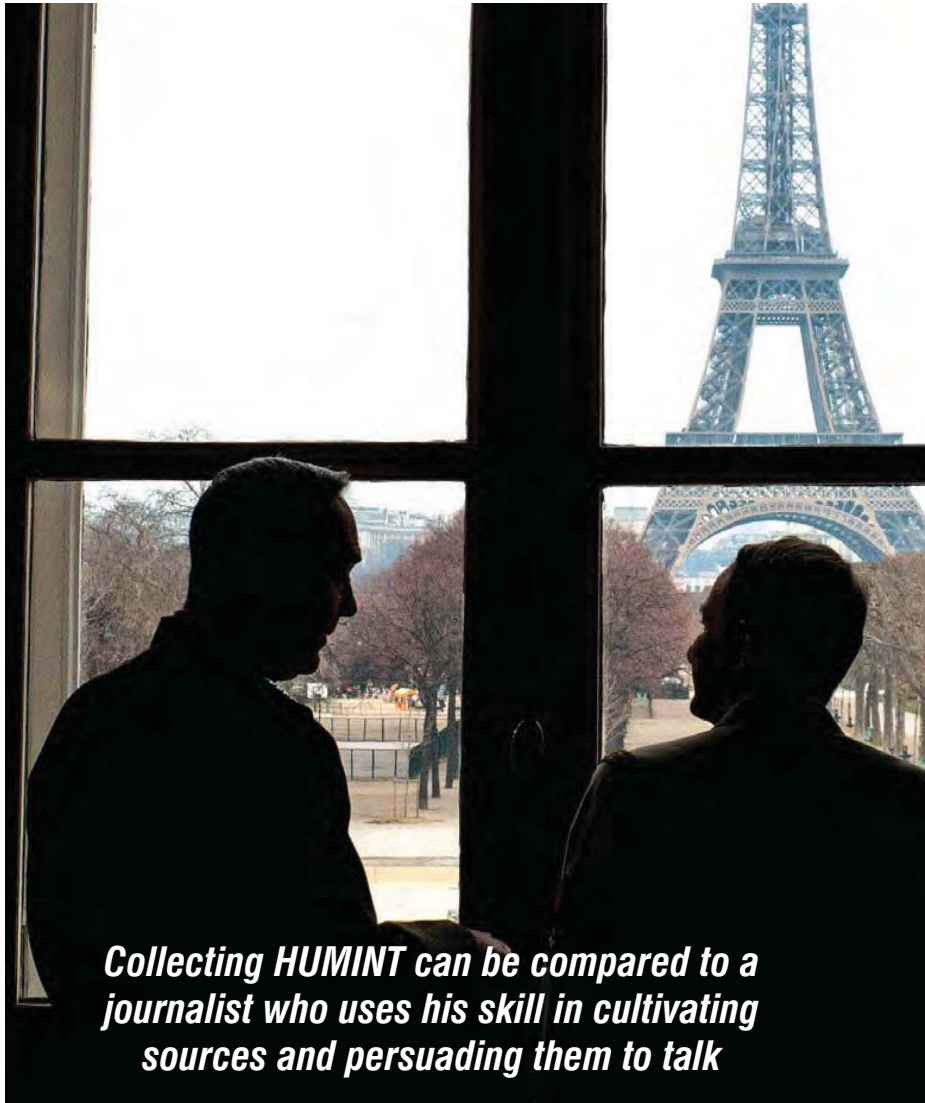
particularly true with regard to agents in positions of significance inside an enemy intelligence service. The defection of Kim Philby or the betrayal of Heinz Felke (a West German official who was in charge of operations inside East Germany) can virtually nullify the efforts of a whole organisation. He can provide invaluable information, but this information is often more limited in scope than commonly realised. Compartmentalisation in modern bureaucracy is such that most secrets are not usually within his province, nor are political leaders in the habit of telling their secret service chiefs more than they need to know about their intentions.

Paradoxically, a chauffeur, a cipher clerk, a junior employee in a laboratory or factory, or a

night watchman may be almost equally well placed as far as access to secrets is concerned, and he will be much less conspicuous than a Philby. In recent decades there have been hundreds of cases in Western countries



SCIENCE



Collecting HUMINT can be compared to a journalist who uses his skill in cultivating sources and persuading them to talk



Left: Mr Bashar Ja'afari Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic briefs journalists in January 2016. Whilst no doubt the information imparted is of interest, HUMINT from Syrians fleeing his country may be of more interest to observers and military planners engaged in tackling the terrorist group ISIS/Daesh (above)

that show the danger that an apparently insignificant spy can cause. Nazi agent Cicero (Elyesa Bazna) was valet to a British ambassador; David Greenglass, the atomic spy, was a draftsman; British spies Houghton and Vassell were lowly administrative workers; Sergeant Jack Dunlap was chauffeur to the NSA's chief of staff; and Geoffrey Prime, who betrayed many



Agent Cicero

Western SIGINT operations from his base in Britain for ten years, was a translator. East German security services have specialised in 'sexpionage' - seducing spinsters among the secretaries in Bonn and at NATO headquarters in Brussels, sometimes with spectacular results. Top secret documents, after all, have to be typed, copied, and filed, and the secretary, in most cases,



West German Chancellor Willy Brandt is briefed by his assistant, Guenther Guillaume - a STASI spy - an ideal agent-in-place

knows almost as much as the boss. No one normally pays much attention to secretaries, chauffeurs, draftsmen, and night watchmen, whereas the more highly placed, the more they will be under scrutiny - and the greater the danger of discovery.

In addition, there is a fairly sizeable number of people who do not need security clearances because they do not have access to top secret materials; nevertheless they are very much in the know due to their proximity to national leaders. West German Chancellor Willy Brandt's assistant, Guenther Guillaume, can be placed in this category. In its post mortem on the Guillaume spy case, an investigation committee found that for an intelligence service everyone is of interest who has anything to do with important political, economic, or military affairs, even if the person does not have direct access to official secrets.

Thus, it is clear that HUMINT has a pyramid of sources, with relatively non-sensitive ones at its base and increasingly sensitive ones towards the apex. At the bottom of the pyramid is organised information-gathering from travellers, experts and casual informants who have information to impart about foreign targets - like the eighteenth-century British merchants debriefed on what they had seen in French and Spanish ports. This straightforward HUMINT also collects information from refugees and emigrants. As the world becomes more open the need for this kind of collection is reduced, but not entirely. Peace-



Some occupations provide excellent areas for HUMINT collection

time HUMINT of this kind is unspectacular but necessary, with the occasional high quality windfall. Refugees brought valuable information about the Soviet missile programme during the 1950s. Today, much is being learned of events inside Syria and Iraq from debriefs with fleeing refugees.

MILITARY HUMINT

Military HUMINT forms a separate category. Forces in internal security operations and UN peacekeeping collect useful information from talking to the local population. Wartime deserters volunteer information on order-of-battle and morale. Prisoners-of-war talk despite prior warnings not to reveal more than name, rank and number. Indeed, POW interrogation is a major wartime source.

Usually, these unspectacular HUMINT sources provide pieces of the intelligence jigsaw, rather than highlights. The unglamorous job of exploiting them during the Cold War was usually given to military organisations by historical accident. The professional HUMINT agencies tended to focus on higher-level

Ports, ships, cargo and containers - always a useful source of HUMINT





Former US Embassy in Beijing China. Embassies such as this usually host an intelligence section - officers operating under diplomatic cover

sources. However, any self-sufficient national intelligence system needs some capacity for peacetime interviewing at this basic level, for example to get intelligence on North Korea or other secretive regimes.

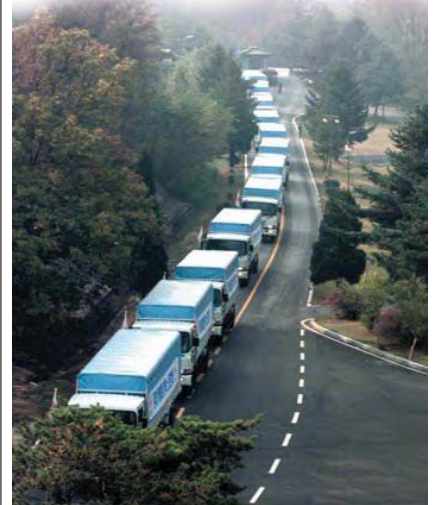
Passively learning what people know merges into more proactive collection. Casual contacts can be tasked to find out specific intelligence. Even maintaining a contingency plan to evacuate one's nationals across a foreign beach in the event of civil war requires someone to find out before-hand if vehicles will sink into the sand, and the local guide-books are not likely to help. It should be remembered that during the main British seaborne landings in Malaya in 1945 only 4,500 out of a planned 9,000 vehicles made it across the beach, largely owing to bad beach intelligence - and this was an unopposed landing one month after the Japanese surrender.

These kinds of ad hoc contacts move towards the upper half of the HUMINT pyramid as they become standing relationships, for example with insiders in the international arms trade. Next is the deliberate recruitment of new sources inside particular targets, however, even these have differing degrees of clandestinity. Some are 'unconscious' sources, assuming that they are providing information for journalistic or commercial use. Others are themselves at the shady end of the commercial information business, like those involved in Soviet programmes to acquire high-end Western technology. Some sources use genuine business positions to supply information to their own governments, as in the way British businessmen in the Matrix-Churchill case provided details of Iraq's defence production. This kind of patriotic espionage is practised by oppressed minorities and occupied populations. Examples include the intelligence work of the Resistance in Hitler's



Soviet partisan being interrogated by German paratroopers in 1942

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS



A humanitarian food convoy enters North Korea. It's quite likely some of those participating in the operation were seeking HUMINT on this most secretive of nations. Much focus of HUMINT collection in the Communist country concerns its rocket programme (below)



occupied Europe, their predecessors in occupied France during the First World War reporting on the passage of German troop trains, or the successful Soviet partisan networks of the Second World War.

Even higher up in the pyramid are the archetypal spies. The Cold War had its Soviet illegals, or trained intelligence officers operating permanently in the West under assumed identities to recruit and run agents. There were also the high-level defectors encouraged and helped in 'coming over' for the information they could bring or as a reward for previous services. At the very top



Patricia Mills



Juan Lazaro

Two of around a dozen Russian SVR agents-in-place operating with non-official cover in the United States were rumbled by the FBI in 2010

are the 'agents-in-place', consciously spying against their own countries, and informers who provide information from within terrorist or other clandestine organisations.

AGENTS-IN-PLACE

Running agents-in place-involves identifying and recruiting into your intelligence service somebody who has access to valuable information and who is willing, for a number of different reasons, to pass this intelligence to members of your service. Such people tend to have access to this kind of important information because they are employed in positions of trust by their governments. In other cases, especially during wartime, the person

providing the information might not be a government official, rather a private citizen who has the opportunity to observe something of interest, like ships' coming and going from a port and the type of cargo they carry.

Normally, people in two different roles are involved: (1) an intelligence officer, who is employed by a foreign intelligence service; and (2) a source, who provides the intelligence officer with information to be passed on to the intelligence service's headquarters. The intelligence officer or 'handler', maintains communication with the source, passes on instructions from the intelligence service's headquarters, provides necessary resources (e.g. communications or copying equipment),



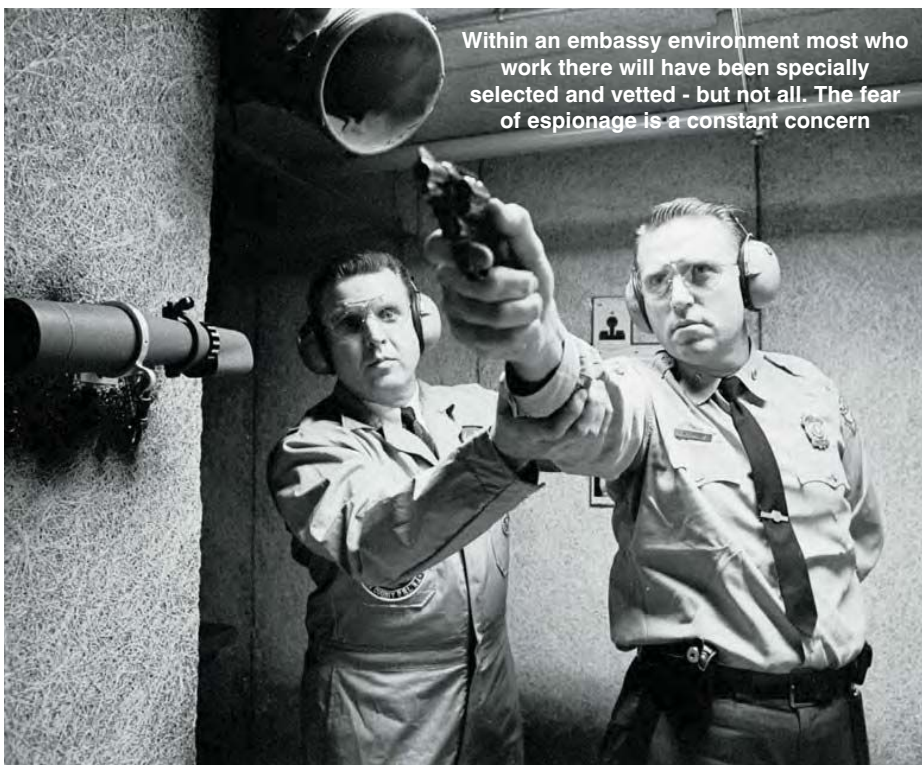
All of Germany's attempts to infiltrate spies into Britain in WWII were thwarted by Winston Churchill's spycatchers. Technology, advances in tradecraft, the movement of people and a shrinking world make identifying agents-in-place a difficult task for today's counter-intelligence officers

and basically works to ensure that the intelligence continues to flow.

TYPES OF INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS

In order to avoid coming to the notice of the security services of the country in which they are stationed, intelligence officers need what is known as a 'cover': a plausible reason for being in the country, visible means of income, a pretext for meeting people who have access to sensitive information, etc. A distinction between 'official cover' (OC) and 'non-official cover' (NOC) should be made. Official cover involves disguising an intelligence officer as a diplomat, or some other kind of government official who would be posted abroad, often based in an embassy.

Official cover offers some distinct advantages. It gives the intelligence officer diplomatic immunity. Thus, if his espionage is detected, international law only permits the host government to declare him 'persona non grata' and expel him from the country. Posing as a diplomat also provides the intelligence officer with access to potential sources of intelligence: as a diplomat he would be able to meet with host-government officials as part of his normal duties without raising any suspicions; as well as being able to meet other



Within an embassy environment most who work there will have been specially selected and vetted - but not all. The fear of espionage is a constant concern

Diplomatic missions in capital cities are often a good source of HUMINT. Whilst much can be learned from open source (OSINT) areas, securing HUMINT from contacts and agents-in-place often provides a higher level of intelligence



The antics of alleged CIA man Ryan Fogle in Moscow 2013, led to no end of trouble for US Ambassador to Russia Michael McFaul, pictured here in Moscow with US Secretary of State John Kerry. Fogle, who worked in the US Embassy, had donned a blond wig as he attempted to make contact with a Russian intelligence man who could provide assistance on a case associated with the Boston Marathon bombing.



The days of an 'architectural spy' are long gone



HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

What do you see - a street cleaner? Strange but true but this job allows freedom of movement, observation and recovery and placement of items in bins and elsewhere without attracting attention

states' diplomats stationed in the same host country. Indeed, as other countries will also employ official cover for their intelligence officers, an intelligence officer under official cover will also be provided with innocent-looking opportunities for meeting them. Posting intelligence officers under official cover in an embassy also means that, if a citizen from the host country approaches the embassy offering to provide intelligence, this can be dealt with by trained intelligence professionals. Thus, the existence of intelligence officers under official cover renders it easier for host-country citizens to establish contact with the intelligence service; they



serve as a useful 'post box', especially in states that control their citizens' travel to or contact with the outside world very strictly.

Official cover also has some administrative conveniences. The intelligence officer can be paid and other administrative matters can be dealt with via regular government channels; and communication with the intelligence service's headquarters can be maintained through the intelligence 'station' (the group of



HUMINT is a vital commodity, especially in times of conflict and uncertainty

intelligence officers under official cover) located in the embassy.

However, official cover has several disadvantages. Owing to the relatively small number of government officials posted to a given host country, that state's counter-espionage service might be able to work out quite accurately which 'diplomats' are indeed *diplomats* and which ones are really intelligence officers working under official cover. This can be achieved by the obvious but labour-intensive method of keeping each individual under surveillance to note his movements and contacts, tapping their telephone, bugging apartment, restaurants etc. The practice of hiring host country nationals to work in various support functions (cooks, cleaners, etc.) in embassies probably facilitates this kind of surveillance, especially in states like the former USSR where it should be assumed that anybody permitted to work in

a foreign embassy has agreed to help the host country's intelligence service. It is often possible to achieve the same goal by using less expensive means. Materials published by a state may also be used to trace the careers of those serving as diplomats and to identify patterns indicative of an intelligence connection.

Although official cover can offer easy access to some potential intelligence sources (especially other diplomats and host-state foreign policy officials), it might also block access to other sources who could be reluctant to deal with foreigners, either foreigners in general or with those from a particular country. Similarly, potential recruits immediately realise that they are dealing with an official of a foreign government, which might cause them to become more cautious.

If diplomatic relations are broken off, as can happen in the case of a serious crisis or war (when good intelligence may be most needed), official cover intelligence officers must leave the country, disrupting the running of any intelligence network they have set up.

FALSE FLAG

The advantages and disadvantages of non-official cover tend to be the opposite of the considerations just explained. As they can masquerade as members of a wide variety of professions or social classes, intelligence officers working under non-official cover have access to a different, and probably wider, range of potential sources of intelligence. They might pose as nationals of the country to which they are posted or of a third country;

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Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Chef... Spy

obscuring their connection with the government that they serve (known as a 'false flag'), which might help them to gain access to information or make contact with potential sources. They can remain in the country if diplomatic relations are severed and continue to operate. Generally, intelligence officers operating under non-official cover should be much more difficult for the host government to identify than those operating under official cover.

However, non-official cover has many drawbacks. Providing non-official cover is much more expensive and difficult to administer than official cover. One option is to persuade a private organisation to allow an intelligence officer to masquerade as one of its employees. Another way is for the intelligence officers to establish themselves in business or engage in an activity that provides a plausible

UK Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond with his Austrian counterpart Sebastian Kurz. The Foreign Office is the 'public door' to MI6 and many of its operations are inextricably linked to intelligence. Whilst similar liaisons exist in the United States between civilian bodies and the USCIB (United States Intelligence Community), most intelligence services have spokespeople or representatives. This is not the case in the UK





**Former Soviet (now Russian)
Embassy in Ottawa**

reason for their presence in the target country. This can be expensive and it also necessitates a considerable amount of time if the non-official cover is to be convincing, thus reducing the time that the intelligence officer can devote to their primary job of intelligence collection. It is also likely to be harder to maintain communications, since an intelligence officer under non-official cover cannot regularly use the communications equipment in his country's embassy without raising some of the same suspicions that non-official cover is intended to avoid.

A clear cut distinction between official and non-official cover can only exist in the case of a state whose citizens are allowed to travel abroad for their own reasons and don't require special government permission to leave their country. Thus, until Gorbachev eased Soviet restrictions on foreign travel, any Soviet travel to the West could be seen as official. Therefore, all Soviet visitors to foreign countries had some sort of official status, and an intelligence officer could equally well adopt the disguise of a journalist for the Novosti Press Agency as that of a diplomat.

Regarding Soviet and allied intelligence services during the Cold War, in place of the distinction between official and non-official cover, a related distinction was made between 'legal' and 'illegal' cover. This does not refer to

the intelligence officer's status in the host country (whether he is there legally or not), but to his means of communicating with the



HUMINT collection was a key element in helping thwart attacks and bombings during the 'Troubles' in Northern Ireland. Here a bomb disposal device is used to examine a suspected IED

intelligence service's headquarters. An illegal intelligence officer is someone who does not communicate via one of the legal establishments in the host country (embassy, consulate, trade office, etc), but communicates directly with headquarters. In this way, an illegal is similar to an intelligence officer under non-official cover.

It is easier to infiltrate illegal intelligence officers into a country that regularly receives a large number of visitors and immigrants and is comparatively casual about border control; than into a country that does not receive immigrants, keeps a close watch on visitors, and guards its borders tightly. Indeed, there are many more references to Soviet or Eastern European illegal intelligence officers operating in the USA and West Germany during the Cold War than the other way around.

The USSR was willing to devote immense amounts of time and effort to perfecting the cover (or 'legend') of their illegals.

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Today's technology means HUMINT can be delivered in seconds to virtually any part of the world - unlike spies of old whose work sometimes took days or weeks to deliver



A diplomatic function - an ideal event to socialise and make contacts

The DECEPTIVE FACTOR

PART 3

SEEING IS BELIEVING?

ILLUSION, PERCEPTION, MISDIRECTION AND 1

Security specialist MIKE FINN examines the work of some extraordinary people whose research influenced a number of leading intelligence figures. This in turn led to the introduction of strange, but feasible programmes into various elements of Intelligence collection and use...

One may wonder why conjurers and intelligence agencies became such good bedfellows. MI5 agent trainer Harry Houdini and John Mulholland were perhaps more publicly profiled, but they were far from the only people in their field to work for such agencies as the CIA. When we look at the field of manipulation and control, it is apparent that a person's cognitive abilities are sometimes very limited; the senses feed information to the brain. The brain simply processes what it is given. There are many idiosyncrasies that can turn any aspect of this process into illusion.

PERCEPTION

What we see and know for example can affect our perception of an object or person, let's take one example. A woman is standing in a room, the child sees her as a mother, and the husband as a wife, perhaps someone else sees her as a lover. Each perception is different, but the woman is the same. The

mind can be manipulated to cause the same thing to be seen another way by other people.

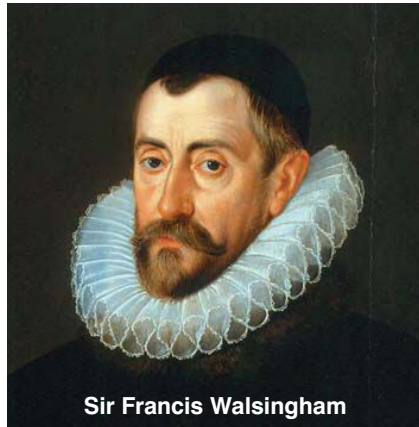
Let's look a little closer at the flexible way illusion is created in our everyday lives. When we watch a drama or film on television, there is no conscious process that makes us aware of the role music played to create mood and atmosphere which affects our emotions. Watch the same programme without music and you will feel very differently about it. When the adverts appear on television, the sound also increases, but this usually goes without notice. Another aspect worth considering with the advertisements relates to focus. The brain is inclined to process the stronger image, so the dynamics of the advert will draw your attention there. The small, often slightly out of focus message in white (at the bottom of the screen) may be essential as far as the watchdog bodies are concerned, but your brain will often process it in an iconic sense. Echoic refers to sound and iconic to sight, the iconic mind holds an image for a very brief period and if it is not important it will be quickly discarded. This means that recall is



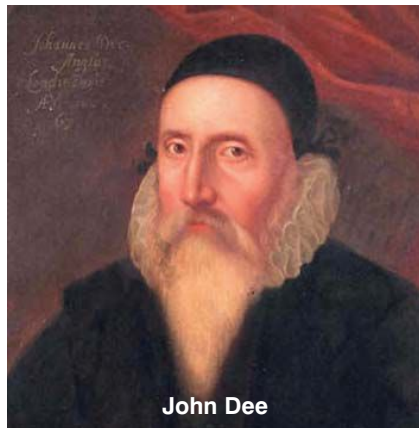
MI6/Naval Intelligence Division officer Ian Fleming used all elements of the Deceptive Factor

often unlikely, so you may be so busy enjoying a pay-day loan advert (for example) that you neglect to retain the information that it is 1,400% APR when you come to paying the loan back. This is just to give you an insight into mind manipulation on an everyday event.

Magicians (conjurers) are past masters at these above principles, the target believes so dogmatically in their own abilities to perceive correctly, that it actually helps the goal to be achieved. It's a little like Hans Christian Anderson's *'The Emperors New Clothes'* fairytale. An emperor had a suit of clothes



Sir Francis Walsingham



John Dee

THE MAGIC GANG

made that were (allegedly) invisible to those unworthy to be in his presence (in reality he was naked). The emperor would not admit his nakedness, nor do his subjects admit they were not worthy. It took the naivety of a child to shout "but he isn't wearing anything at all," to expose the ruse. The tailors scam highlights the structure of self illusion, which complements contrived illusion.



Illustration from 'The Emperor's New Clothes'. Below: Statue of the naked emperor being shown his new attire in a mirror in Odense, Denmark



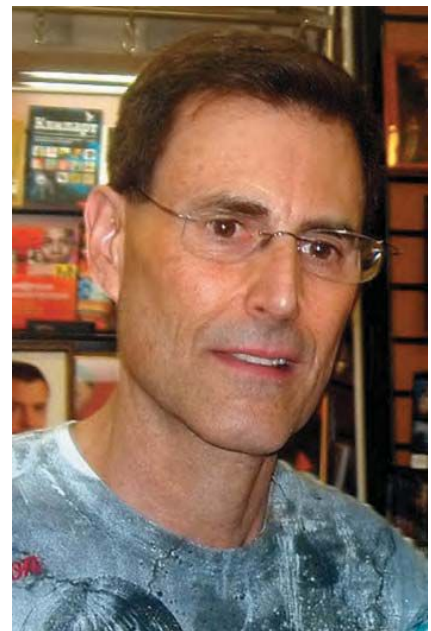
A Starfish decoy control bunker, Liddington Hill near Swindon, Wiltshire. During the Luftwaffe Blitz in WWII, fires were deliberately started at numerous Starfish (SF - Special Fire) sites around the UK to attract marauding bombers away from cities and important facilities



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Music subconsciously sets the mood and affects our emotions



Uri Geller

THE MAGIC GANG

One well known conjurer called Jasper Maskelyne worked for British Intelligence during the Second World War. One department was MI9 (Military Intelligence 9), a secret service branch that focused its attention on deception and illusion. Among his great achievements - were many performed on a massive scale. He made simple vehicles look like tanks and created the illusion that made tanks and even buildings invisible from the air. In contrast, during the battle of El Alamein he made tanks look like trucks. Amazingly, he even concealed Alexandria from the Germans,

WIFE

Our perception of anything can be 'coloured' by our life conditioning. This is one area where the mind can be manipulated



MOTHER



LOVER

as well as the Suez Canal. However, his role was one of inspiration rather than implementation. The unit he worked for were reportedly called 'The Magic Gang', being disbursed after the Second World War. Sadly, from that time forth he fell into obscurity, passing away in 1973.

The conjurers and illusionists are not to be confused with the occult



Aleister Crowley

magicians employed by various governments. John Dee for example, was a noted occultist and astrologer to Queen Elizabeth I. Under Sir Francis Walsingham, Britain's first real spy network was initiated - this hundreds of years before the emergence of MI5 and MI6. John Dee was not only an agent, but used his occult skills to both predict and influence events. Much later in history Aleister Crowley was an occult spy in 1913, during the First World War and then reputedly enlisted by Winston Churchill in the Second World War. He was a consummate ceremonial magician, purportedly using his occult skills in both wars. This is not the same as using illusion and distraction to perform tricks, no matter how skilful. This series deals with the science of conjurers and their contribution to intelligence agencies.

One German conjurer was Helmut Ewald Schreiber (stage name



CIRCA. 1941

A tank disguised as a truck using a frame known as Sunshield. Middle East Command Camouflage Development and Training Centre, Helwan, Egypt



Karl Rove



Dummy Sherman tank reportedly built by Jasper Maskelyne

Kalanag). During the Second World War he was closely associated with the Nazi party, Goring, Goebbels and even Hitler. He specialised not only in levitating illusions, but also quick change deception. Later he became a film producer, leading a rather complex life. The use of his skills in the intelligence world was never clearly established, but open to some positive speculation.

Reputed conjurer Karl Rove was US Deputy Chief of Staff during the Bush administration, and considered a magician. His skill in manipulation of both people and circumstances was well known.

Uri Geller worked for both Israel's Mossad and American intelligence agencies: in the United States much of his research took place at Stanford University. The list is substantial, but it is clear that on a world basis the role of illusion, deception, misdirection and so forth play an important role in the intelligence cycle. Little is known of this field in the scheme of things, but it is both fascinating and far reaching.

Mike Finn examines this perspective in Eye Spy 102.

OPERATI Eyes

More Snowden Leaks Aimed at Damaging UK-US-Israel Liaison

NSA contractor Edward Snowden who stole over 500,000 classified documents has released a new series of surveillance papers causing more embarrassment for the Agency and GCHQ. In this instance they are particularly sensitive as they suggest the primary target was Israel. Examine deeper and the content essentially shows both the USA and UK were concerned about some aspects of Israel's intent towards its neighbours, particularly Iran. Intel watchers say that both nations feared Israel would launch a pre-emptive strike on Tehran's nuclear sites.

The umbrella name for which much of the surveillance was performed was Operation Anarchist. Its front-line was an RAF site in the Troodos Mountains - the highest point in Cyprus. Here staffers allegedly



ON ANARCHIST of Others



The RAF site in the Troodos Mountains, Cyprus



Edward Snowden

intercepted all manner of live feeds and staggered recordings from Israeli UAVs, including the armed Heron TP and Hermes, plus manned warplane flights. How long the operation was in force is a matter of debate, with some sources claiming it all began in 1998. When it ceased is also debatable, but much has been made of a 2009-10 'memorandum of understanding' which allows Israel access to some intelligence gleaned by NSA.

The Troodos site has been described as a 'jewel in the crown' due to its unique location that allowed eavesdropping on Israeli drone



Hermes UAV

signals. *'This access is indispensable for maintaining an understanding of Israeli military training and operations and thus an insight to possible future developments in the region'* a 2008 GCHQ report read. It continued: *'In times of crisis this access is critical and one of the only avenues to provide up to the minute information and support to US and Allied operations in the area'*. Eye Spy understands that whilst Troodos was the collector, the operation was generally managed by Menwith Hill in North Yorkshire.

In the past 18 months or so, Snowden has been deliberately selective in his sourcing of material from the stolen files. NSA officials believe he is content at outputting files with the intent of mischief. An NSA contact told Eye Spy. "Everyone knows, not least the Israelis, that the United States is watchful over Israel's

actions. Intelligence is collected on its Mediterranean and Middle East operations at every level. The live feed and gun-camera footage which has been collected allows its allies to note those targets and areas which Israel has under watch. I suspect the Mossad and other intelligence authorities in the country were probably aware of Anarchist. Few doubt Israel is not engaged in spy operations against its allies also, but it is always embarrassing when such operations are exposed in the media."

Israel has been coy about its UAV programme for years, despite all and sundry knowing about its existence. What the Snowden action did was to confirm it is one which is developing quickly.

Israeli security official Yuval Steinitz, former Minister of Strategic and Intelligence Affairs, played down the affair, but noted lessons would be learned. "I do not think that this is the deepest kingdom of secrets, but it is certainly something that should not happen, which is unpleasant. We will now have to look and consider changing the encryption, certainly." Interestingly, Steinitz said Israel has not spied or hacked US encryptions for years."

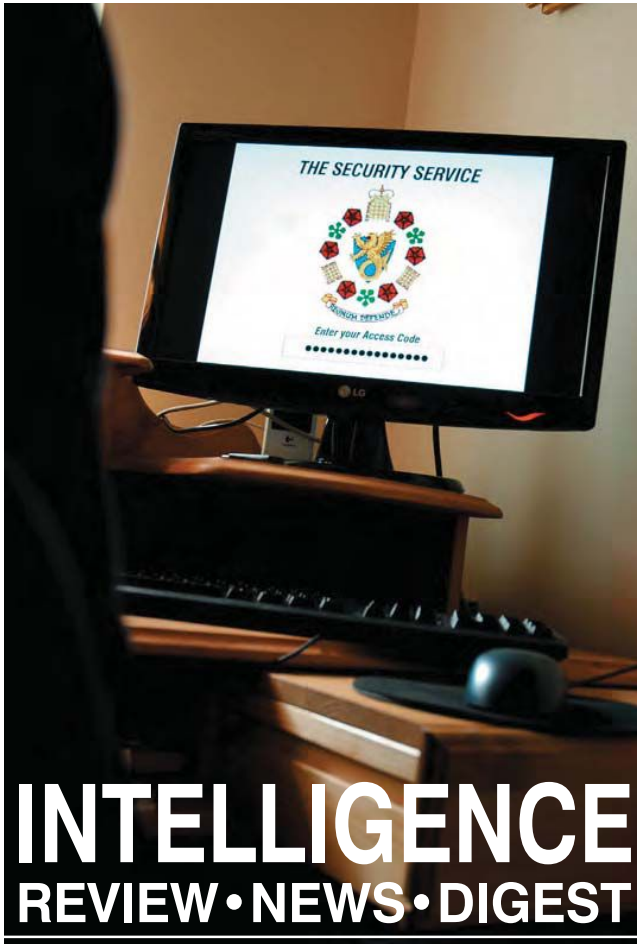
Another nation at the centre of the NSA/GCHQ surveillance - Germany, has also been drawn into the latest affair, for it too operates the Heron TP UAV. Its defence heads issued a statement saying it was "closing security gaps and adapting the communication systems onboard the machines."



At the rear
Heron TP UAV



2014. Former Israel Minister of Strategic and Intelligence Affairs Yuval Steinitz with former UK Secretary of State William Hague



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Official Secrets

INFAMOUS GCHQ LEAK SET FOR SILVER SCREEN

A new motion picture featuring the exploits of GCHQ whistleblower Katharine Gun has been announced. Starring Harrison Ford and Anthony Hopkins, *'Official Secrets'* is based on the book, *The Spy Who Tried to Stop a War: Katharine Gun and the Secret Plot to Sanction the Iraq Invasion*.

In 2003, Gun, a translator at the Cheltenham-based government eavesdropping agency, leaked an e-mail containing a request by its American sister organisation the National Security Agency containing a line referencing an eavesdropping operation at the United Nations offices. Here an important



Harrison Ford

meeting of six key nations was scheduled to debate whether to sanction a war against Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

THIRTEEN HOURS

The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi

Controversy ensues as 'stand-down' order rejected by Benghazi CIA Station Chief

Michael Bay's motion picture - *'13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi'* - has divided the intelligence community in respect of its accuracy into the pivotal event of 11 September 2012, when al-Qaida terrorists stormed the US Consulate in Benghazi. Ambassador Chris Stevens and several embassy staffers were killed in the attack. Since then, the controversy about the lack of support given to those in the compound has continued to haunt both the CIA, White House and more so, the families of those who died and the security detail which wanted to assist sooner.

Security contractors who could have reached the scene were

reportedly ordered not to intervene, whilst warplanes based at a major US station in Italy remained grounded. Central to the debate is the supposed order given by a CIA Station Chief for the security detail at a nearby annex to "stand down." The officer in question has told media people in Washington this did not happen and for 20 minutes he tried to make contact with local pro-American militias that could have provided assistance.

Unfortunately for Langley this powerful film contains the commentary "stand down." Using selected Washington media the CIA has embarked upon a programme to help balance the true nature of events - but some of the language has been extraor-

dinary. Spokesman Ryan Trapani said: "No one will mistake this film for a documentary. It's a distortion of the events and people who served in Benghazi that night. It's shameful that, in order to highlight



Mitchell Zuckoff

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Michael Bay's powerful motion picture has reopened the Benghazi debate

US GOVERNMENT PHOTOGRAPH



Media coverage of the proposed UN bugging and Gun's leak was extensive



Anthony Hopkins

Guardian's Jerusalem correspondent Peter Beaumont.

As for Gun, she later said that when she applied to GCHQ for a translation job (Mandarin Chinese), "I didn't have much idea about what they did. I was going into it pretty much blind... most people do."

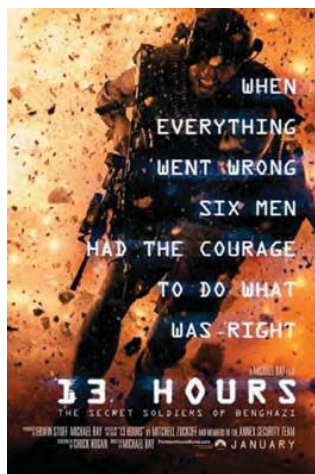
Not so said her critics but just like NSA contractor Edward Snowden, she too received the Sam Adams Award in 2003.

The GCHQ material was passed to the *Observer* newspaper and a feature by journalists Martin Bright and Ed Vulliamy soon appeared. Thereafter the story was open to media investigation. Gun was arrested and charged with breaking the Official Secrets Act. However, her case was dropped in 2004 after no evidence was offered by the prosecution.

In the movie, Hopkins plays a retired general while Ford once again adopts his 'Langley hat' - playing a veteran CIA agent. The cast also includes Natalie Dormer as Gun and Paul Bettany as Bright. Martin Freeman plays the *Observer's* foreign affairs editor - whose character name, Peter Edwards, appears to be a composite of Vulliamy and the



GCHQ inner courtyard



the heroism of some, those responsible for the movie felt the need to denigrate the courage of other Americans who served in harm's way." Critics say if the CIA believed there was no way the picture would be seen as a table of true events, then there was no need to comment.

The actual CIA Station Chief has also defended himself and other authorities which have been criticised. "There was never a stand-down order. At no time did I ever second-guess that the team would depart." For the record, after numerous closed and open



Pablo Schreiber, John Krasinski and David Denman in '13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi'

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committee meetings, Congress supports the officer.

'13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi' is based of course on Mitchell Zuckoff's extraordinary book - *13 Hours in Benghazi*, and its producers have defended the opening address which states - 'This is a true story...' Primarily the material which is at the core of the Benghazi movie controversy comes from those contracting agents whom to a man agree that there was a breakdown in

communications at the highest level and that an order not to intervene was issued.

Writer Zuckoff and his film producers insist the only contact they had with Langley was a note saying the stand-down order is not true. However, he insists the contractors had little to gain by falsifying statements noting: "These guys are putting their lives and reputations on the line by saying 'we were forced to wait' and the record shows it." He also



issued a statement in which he said the "movie and book got it right... the CIA spokesman's comments are predictable but not remotely credible."

TO SPY OR NOT TO SPY?

LEGENDARY FIGURE REJECTS ALLEGATIONS OF KGB COLLUSION



Lech Walesa receiving the Ronald Reagan Freedom Award in Washington 2011



President Lech Kaczynski

Lech Walesa, 73, Poland's legendary first president following the collapse of the Iron Curtain, has said he will defend himself against new allegations he was a spy for the Polish Security Service (SB) and therefore in league with the controlling KGB.

In 1992, a list of 60 alleged SB agents was published by former Interior Minister and Military Intelligence chief Antoni Macierewicz, including several

well known political figures - one of which was Walesa. He was allegedly operating under the codename Bolek. It was a claim vehemently rejected by the former leader of the famous Solidarity Union.

Fifteen years ago a special committee examining such stories threw out the spy allegations and said Walesa played no part in filtering information to the SB. However, more claims surfaced in 2010 and a court trial ensued.

Walesa lost a defamation trial in which a journalist had again called him an SB spy.

Another court case involved former President Lech Kaczynski who said Walesa had collaborated with the SB. Walesa halted proceedings after Kaczynski died in an aeroplane crash along with several senior intelligence, military and political officials as they flew to Russia for a meeting. Speculation abounds in Poland that the Polish Air Force Tu-154 which

crashed near Smolensk, killing 96 on board, was the result of 'external forces' based in Moscow.

The most recent allegations against Walesa are set to be debated in March in Gdansk. Several high profile researchers and academics who have investigated SB collaborators have been



Antoni Macierewicz



Investigators probe the Polish Air Force Tu-154 crash scene near Smolensk

President Lech Kaczynski and dozens who died following an aircrash in Russia are repatriated in Poland



invited to attend. Interestingly, Walesa wants the Institute of National Remembrance (INP) to host the event. The INP, which commented on the recent allegations, has in the past accused Walesa of connections with the secret police. For his part, Walesa said the media has smeared his name and he will

defend himself at the debate and clear his name once and for all. "I propose a public final chapter to this Bolek issue," he said.

This 'spy saga' has absorbed Poland for years and accusations are plentiful. Some researchers claim his SB role ended in the 1970s - years before the unrest



Antoni Macierewicz

created by Solidarity which caused huge concern in eastern Europe and within the KGB itself. Others insist as Solidarity was under constant surveillance by the SB, it is natural to assume Walesa's name featured on government documentation and that 'Bolek' was simply a cover name used by the police.



Lech Walesa with former President Aleksander Kwasniewski

CLONES OF ISIS

New ISIS Propaganda Man Takes to the Stage

Following the demise of British ISIS terrorist Mohammed Emwazi, better known as 'Jihadi John', and at least a dozen senior frontmen in the last three months, ISIS has pushed other Britons to act as its propaganda frontmen in new videos showing the execution of several victims and the delivery of a plethora of threats.

One such terrorist, who is known to MI5 and New Scotland Yard, brandished a firearm whilst launching a verbal tirade against Britain and Prime Minister David Cameron. Newspapers believe the thug is one of the UK's most wanted men, Siddhartha Dhar, 32, A.k.a.



Siddhartha Dhar on the BBC

Abu Rumaysah. He was bailed in September 2014 for various terror-related offences, including encouraging terrorism. Within hours he had fled his London home along with his wife and children. The group travelled to Paris by bus before continuing their journey to Syria. This was only learned of weeks later when police investigated why he had not surrendered his passport. Dhar later tweeted: *'What a shoddy security system Britain must have to allow me to breeze through Europe to IS'*.

MI5 officials want to know why he was not stopped leaving the UK at a border check point. Even though he carried a passport, his bail details and conditions would have still been in the system, unless of course they had yet to be processed. Nevertheless, Dhar had been detained on six previous occasions and a new control system enabled to stop such persons exiting the country for Syria, would have contained his name.

Dhar, a former bouncy castle salesman who appeared on the BBC



Siddhartha Dhar in Syria

explaining he wanted the country to be governed by Sharia law, published a booklet describing ISIS and why everyone should join.

The Briton appeared on a ten minute video which ISIS says shows the execution of five British spies in Syria. Amongst the sequences before their murder - one clip showing the Syrian and Libya men confessing and a very young boy dressed in camouflage fatigues. The youngster speaks in a British accent and has been identified. The 'frontman' is now considered a legitimate target for the extensive UAV kinetic strike programme enabled by the CIA a year ago.

Whilst it has not yet been possible to name him as Dhar, Eye Spy was advised British Intelligence has focused its attention on the Londoner. Voice print and facial analysts have much data at their disposal and have already com-



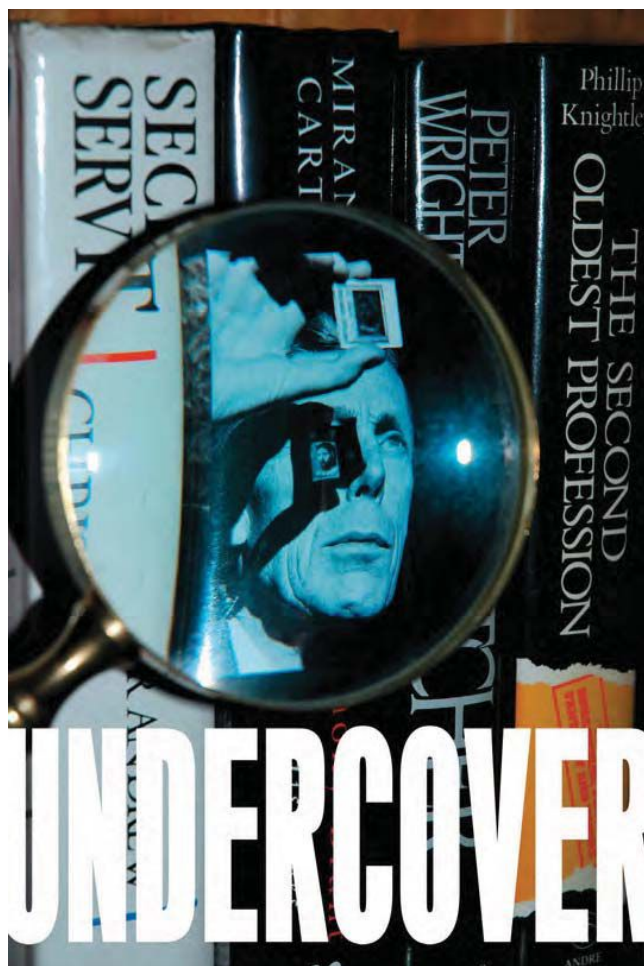
Siddhartha Dhar in action

pared the material to dozens of photos and the BBC interview with Dhar.

Meanwhile previously unseen photographs of 'Jihadi John' (Mohammed Emwazi) have surfaced on the Internet. The man who appeared in so many videos is seen without his mask carrying an AK-47. Emwazi was killed by a missile fired from a CIA UAV in November 2015.



Mohammed Emwazi - A.k.a. 'Jihadi John'



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Paddy Hayes
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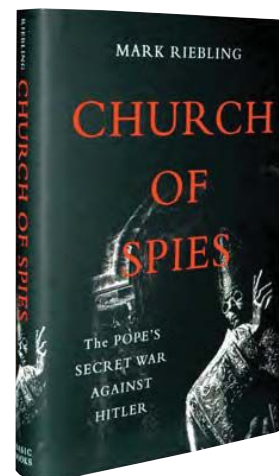
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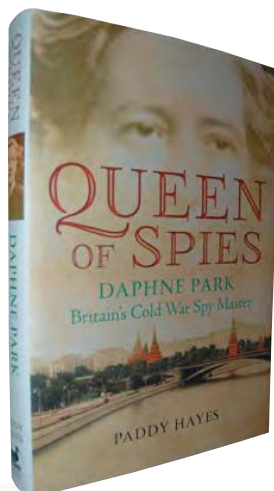
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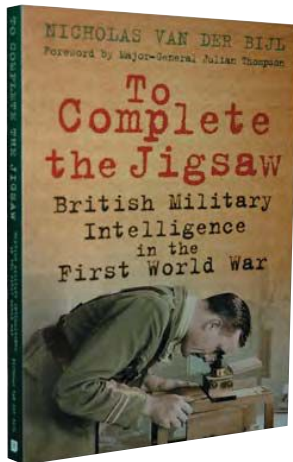
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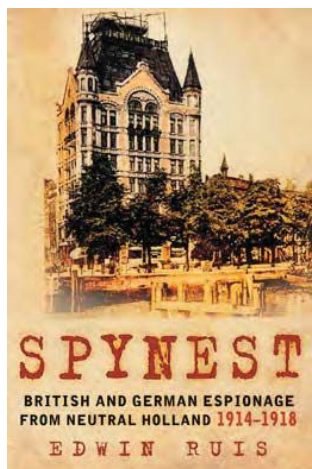
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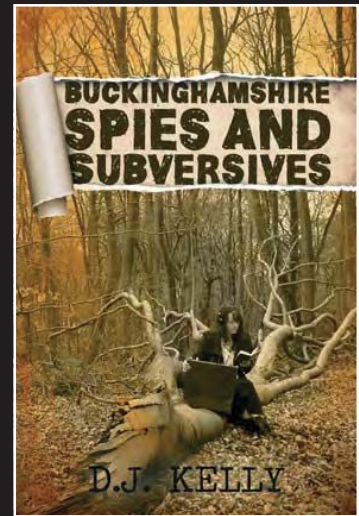
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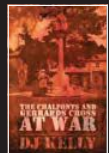
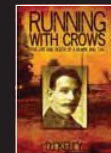
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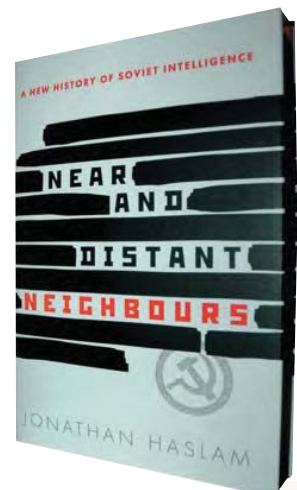
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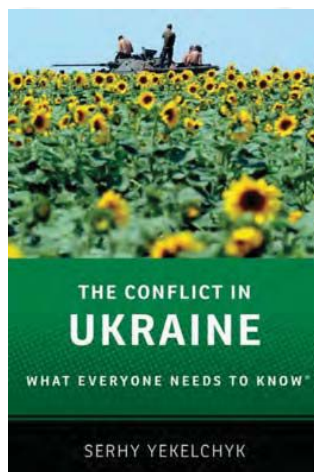
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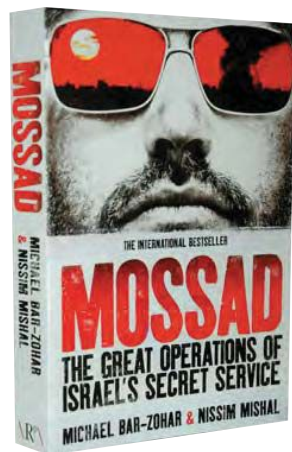
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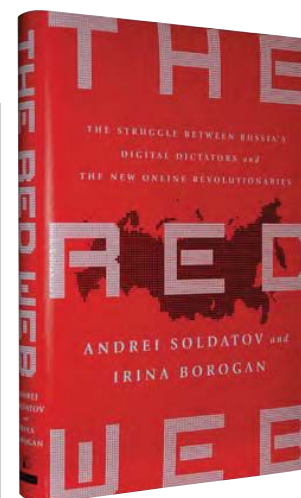
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But for every hacker subcontracted by the FSB to interfere with Russia's antagonists abroad - such as those who, in a massive denial-of-service attack, overwhelmed the entire Internet in neighbouring Estonia - there is a radical or an opportunist who is using the web to chip away at the power of the state at home.

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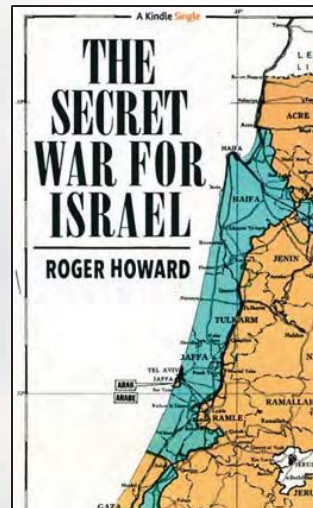
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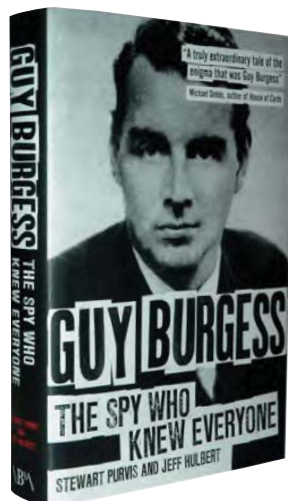
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Ludek Zemenek, a Czech national who worked for the KGB, provides an informative example of this. He assumed the identity of a Rudolf Hermann (the real Rudolf Hermann was a German who had died in the USSR during the Second World War) and lived in East Germany for about one year. In late 1957, Hermann left for West Germany, appearing to be an ordinary East German refugee with an East German wife (she had also been recruited by the KGB) and their infant son. After four years in West Germany, Hermann emigrated to Canada, eventually establishing a small business that produced advertising and commercial films. He undertook minor tasks for the KGB, such as filing 'personality reports' on politicians and journalists he met through his business, and maintaining contact



with a Canadian professor who was a KGB agent. His most important mission was to preserve his cover, in order to be able, in case of a break in diplomatic relations between Canada and the USSR, to assume control of the KGB's network of Canadian sources from the legal 'resident' (chief of the KGB station in the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa). After six years in Canada, Hermann moved to the USA, performing similar tasks for the KGB as he had done in Canada. When his son Peter was seventeen years old, Rudolf explained who he was and what he was doing. Peter agreed to work for the KGB as well. As Peter had been brought to West Germany as a baby and raised in Canada and the USA from the age of four, his background would not give rise to any suspicion. Peter was to prepare himself for a career in the US government where he could operate as a long-term Soviet source (or mole). He would probably have been able to do so, had the FBI not confronted Rudolf Hermann several years later and, by threatening to arrest him and his family, got him to cooperate.

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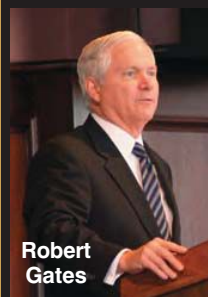
LAST WORD

In the United States one story that continues to attract media attention, especially relevant to the upcoming race for the White House, is the security breach surrounding Hillary Clinton's e-mails.



It all began in early 2015 when it was learned that the then Secretary of State had been using her private e-mail accounts to communicate what could be described as official memorandum. These should have been routed through secure encrypted Department of State servers.

Once it was known, the experienced staffer and would-be President allegedly deleted over 30,000 communications. Critics said this violated government protocol. Her opponents in the 2016 election campaign won't let this issue go.



Robert Gates

The latest high-profile figure to engage in the debate is former CIA head and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. However, he has added an 'espionage twist'. Mr Gates believes that it is "highly likely" countries engaging in cyber attacks such as Iran, China and Russia, "compromised Clinton's server." Interestingly, Gates said as head of Langley, he "never used e-mail."

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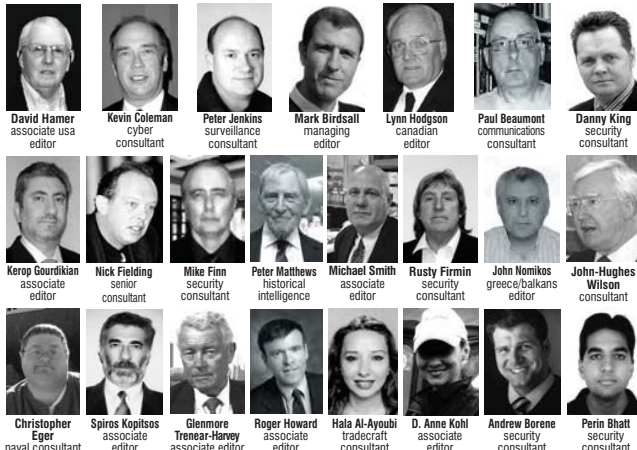
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