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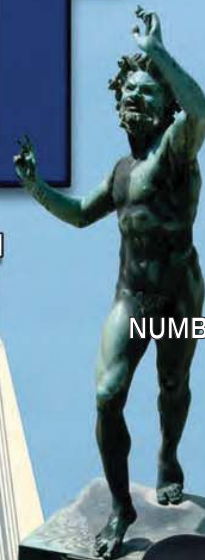
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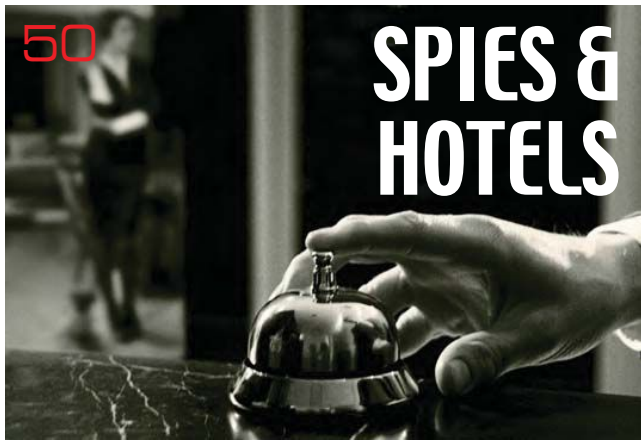
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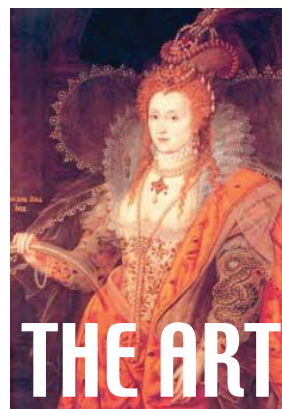
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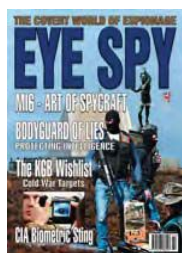


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"In wartime, truth is so precious that she should always be protected by a bodyguard of lies."

Winston Churchill



FIRST WORD: EDITORIAL

COUNTERING THE MISCHIEF MAKERS OF DISINFORMATION

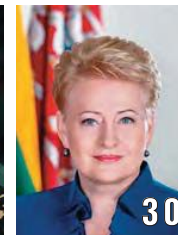


The British Government has created a small task force which falls under the auspices of the Cabinet Office, to identify and then counter information and imagery popularly known as 'fake news'. At the same time, Downing Street has hailed new technology which can identify, block and remove ISIS propaganda materials uploaded on the Internet. In reality, both counter-measures are inextricably linked, and few intelligence historians would argue that Britain has far more experience in these 'matters' than any country in the world.

Some have already commented that it is ironic that the UK, which operated successfully, so many shadowy propaganda, disinformation and intelligence agencies skilled in the management and manipulation of information, now seeks to block the efforts of Iran, Russia, North Korea and others who seek to interfere and damage national interests. For a century, UK organisations such as the London Controlling Section, British Security Coordination, Political Warfare Executive and the Ministry of Information (to name but a few), operated against adversaries, most notably the Germans in two world wars, and against Soviet-bloc countries. Few would argue that their endeavours were not without good cause. And to summarise, the great Winston Churchill himself backed such operations. He said that "in wartime, truth is so precious that she should always be protected by a bodyguard of lies."

The problem is, the new mischief-makers in Tehran, Moscow and elsewhere, have also created their own 'ministries' and have the added advantage of social media and instant communication. Nevertheless, the UK programmes have been welcomed by MI6 and other intelligence agencies and are seen as the 'building blocks' of a wave of new regulations and laws to stop disinformation, which as evidenced by events in America in 2016, can prove harmful, disruptive and create mistrust.

MARK BIRDSALL, MANAGING EDITOR



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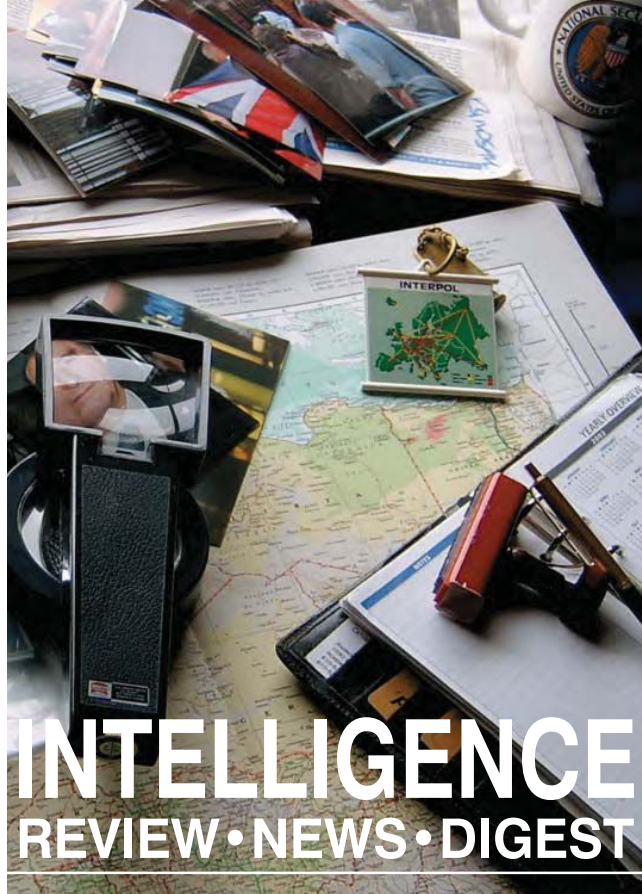
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CALCULATED RISK: LANGLEY'S BIOMETRIC SUCCESS

Many in the intelligence world were surprised when Alliance forces allowed a lengthy convoy carrying a few thousand ISIS operatives and supporters to leave the besieged city of Raqqa (see Eye Spy 113). The primary reason was to stop further bloodshed, and give some respite to its residents, many thousands of whom had been killed in fighting. However, as part of the so-called 'Daesh Accord', many ISIS fighters, in return for their freedom, provided biometric data. And this may have proven key to the capture of two characters who were part of the British cell known as the 'Beatles'. They were stopped on the Turkish border at a Syrian Defence Force checkpoint - which operates a biometric testing station. Thus the CIA-backed endeavour in Raqqa, did prove useful in this case.

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DIPLOMATIC MANOEUVRE SWEDEN MOVES ON 'MOSSAD SPY'

Iran summoned Sweden's Ambassador, Helena Sangeland after Stockholm granted Swedish citizenship to an Iranian scientist sentenced to death for acting as an "agent of the Mossad."

Dr Ahmadreza Djalali, 45, was convicted following his arrest in 2016 during a trial stage-managed by Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS).



Ahmadreza Djalali

Djalali, Iranian born, but a resident of Sweden, allegedly confessed to providing a known Mossad intelligence officer with information on Iranian nuclear and military scientists, including two, Ali-Mohammadi and Majid Shahriari who were assassinated in 2010.

Amnesty International is apparently in possession of a letter written by Djalali from inside Evin Prison, in which he claims he

An Iranian official said the move was "unconventional, questioning and unfriendly." Some observers called it a "last ditch attempt to save his life."

was first arrested for refusing to spy for MOIS. Intelligence sources believe his confession was extracted after being subjected to "multiple psychological and physical tortures."

THE CZECH HONEYTRAP

BBC Journalist Reveals He Was Targeted by Spies

Amidst the furor of claims that the Cold War Czech intelligence service StB, attempted to secure the services of British politician Jeremy Corbyn (see page 42), the well known BBC world affair's editor, John Simpson has also revealed he was targeted by the agency in the early 1980s.

At the time, Simpson said he was feeling "vulnerable" following the

breakdown of his marriage, when suddenly he began receiving comforting and romantic letters from a Czechoslovakian woman he had previously met called Anna - this as he reported on an international conference in the country. She was an attractive hotel receptionist where Simpson had stayed during his time covering the event.

More letters arrived, including photographs. A note was

attached: *'I'm sorry these are not very good... I took them myself at home'*. Aware that the liaison was developing, he said of the incident: "I know that I was stupid but my marriage was just breaking up and I felt a bit vulnerable."

The wise and well-travelled journalist knew something was untoward, especially when he examined one image. "The trouble was, you could see the outline of the photographer in one of them. I was getting in a bit deep here so I told the BBC who advised MI5," he said.

Simpson was duly visited by an MI5 official, and the expression "honeytrap" was used. Simpson admits he had never heard of the terminology. Interestingly, the officer said that if he met the woman in a Hungarian hotel room, as suggested by Anna, a man would "burst into the room claiming to be her husband." A fight would then ensue and Simpson would be detained. And thereafter the plot would develop.

EYES IN SPACE NEW CZECH CENTRE

PRAGUE: The Czech Defence Ministry has announced plans to open a new satellite centre called SATCEN CR to serve the country's Military Intelligence Service - VZ (Vojenské zpravodajství) and NATO.



Shield of VZ

The centre will receive images from satellites around the world where analysts will provide assessments to various liaison and intelligence groups.

VZ spokeswoman Alzbeta Riethofova said: "The centre's building costs will be financed by the Czech Defence Ministry."

SATCEN CR staffed by 50 people falls under the auspices of the VZ, which already has experience with the use of similar satellite and aerial images, Riethofova said.

The spy agency said it should open on 1 July and will be fully operational by the end of 2019.



John Simpson

TALKING SPIES



Senior US and Russian Intel Chiefs Meet in Washington

In a largely unreported event, considering the political and military climate, CIA Director Mike Pompeo reportedly held a private meeting with two of Russia's most senior intelligence chiefs. SVR (Foreign Intelligence Service) Director Sergey Naryshkin, FSB Director Alexander Bortnikov and Mike Pompeo met in Washington to discuss various

issues including the current situation in Syria and Iraq and counterterrorism.

The meeting took place amidst great suspicion that Moscow had interfered in the 2016 US election and engaged in other domestic affairs. Some former US intelligence officials believe the February spy encounter could be



SVR Director Sergey Naryshkin



FSB Director Alexander Bortnikov

perceived as meaning "the United States is moving on from the actions." The meeting took place shortly after the United States

decided not to impose further sanctions on Russia.

Such suspicions were dismissed by the CIA man who said: "We periodically meet with our Russian counterparts for the same reason our predecessors did - to keep Americans safe."

"While Russia remains an adversary, we would put American lives at greater risk if we ignored opportunities to work with the Russians services in the fight against terrorism."



D/CIA Mike Pompeo

Chinese Infiltration

FBI Director concerned over secret 'scholarly spy programme'

At the US Senate Intelligence Committee's annual open hearing, officials debated whether or not Chinese students and scholars posed a threat to US and world security. The answer was in the affirmative. This follows secret reports circulating in the USIC (US Intelligence Community) that China has for years infiltrated its

nationals into places of learning and defence contracting companies, with the sole objective of penetration and securing secrets. Such endeavours have already been recognised in Britain, Germany and Australia.

FBI Director Christopher Wray and other senior politicians and



defence officials argued that information already secured suggests that Chinese infiltration is a major threat to technology and secrets. "The use of non-traditional collectors, especially in the academic setting, whether it's professors, scientists, students... we see it in almost every field office that the FBI has around the country," Mr Wray said. He also acknowledged that the Bureau is investigating a number of Chinese Government-sponsored organisations that facilitate dialogue between American and Chinese academics.

For the record, more than 100 universities in the country are in partnership with Beijing through Confucius Institutes - sponsored centres of culture and language training.

Mr Wray's comments caused upset with Asian-American advocacy groups, but most intelligence watchers recognise the Chinese Intelligence-backed initiative does exist and also operates a 'special target' programme to recruit its nationals already working in key and sensitive positions. "Mr Wray is only confirming what is widely known by the USIC," an Eye Spy source said.



FBI Director Christopher Wray

Clever speak for 'front companies' [Eye Spy emphasis].

RUSSIAN SURVEILLANCE

SECRET BASE ACTIVITIES EXPOSED BY NEWSPAPER



Finland is currently drafting a new intelligence law which stipulates the expansion of intelligence agencies' rights and powers, including the right to put employees of diplomatic missions under surveillance, despite it being in violation of Helsinki's existing laws.

Interestingly, the draft bill was leaked to the press following a newspaper report that a Finnish intelligence agency allegedly put Russian troops based along the 800-mile Russia-Finland border under surveillance. President Sauli Niinisto and Defense Minister Jussi Niinisto, called on law enforcement agencies to

investigate how the journalists obtained the classified information in the first place, as its disclosure "is critical and poses a risk to the security of the republic."

In December 2017, a journalist working for Finland's largest newspaper *Helsingin Sanomat*, was questioned over a story



Laura Halminen

identifying a top secret surveillance base and its activities to monitor Russian troops. According to sources, when police raided



Russian border guard

INTEL AND ICE

United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) seeks to join the United States Intelligence Community

ICE, the US federal agency that operates under the Department of Homeland Security, consists of two elements: Homeland Security Investigations, which probes cross-border

criminal activity, including drugs and weapons trafficking, money laundering and cybercrime; and Enforcement and Removal Operations, whose mission is to find and capture undocumented aliens.

Headed by Thomas Homan, ICE began efforts to join the United States Intelligence Community (USIC) three years ago.

However, some US officials and civil rights groups are concerned at the prospect of immigration enforcers joining the ranks of the CIA, NSA and FBI and having increased access to raw intelligence unfiltered by analysts.



ICE Special Response team

Charlie Allen, formerly chief of intelligence at the Department of Homeland Security believes the move would be unwise. "I think it works fairly well," he said of ICE's intelligence work. "I don't think we should complicate the architecture further. It's vital and important to take the head of ICE's intelligence work into certain critical USIC meetings," but added: "A larger change could complicate the way DHS handles



Thomas Homan



Defence Minister Jussi Niinisto and President Sauli Niinisto

the home of journalist Laura Halminen, she attempted to destroy her computer - which duly burst into flames. Cell phones, laptops and flash drives were recovered. No warrant was used and entry was gained on grounds of national security. The raid coincided with the newspaper report and publication of her book - *The Secret Behind the Cliff* - which covers mass surveillance and intelligence files dating back to 1999.

The Finnish signals base in Tikkakovski is reportedly the most advanced in the country and



operated by the Defence Intelligence Agency (VKoeL). Sauli Niinisto said: "Secret documents have been handed over to the *Helsingin Sanomat*. A criminal investigation has been initiated on that." In response, the newspaper published an open letter defending its right to publish, but also acknowledged that it could have done a better job in preparing the public and lawmakers and why the story was vital to democracy.

Moscow responded to the news feature expressing "surprise" that advanced Finnish spy technology was stationed along its border.



Royal Air Force Centenary

The 1 April 2018 marks the 100th birthday of Britain's Royal Air Force. To mark the occasion, the RAF will reflect on its history and achievements and also celebrate its current work. The centenary itself will be marked by special events, activities and other initiatives at local, regional and national levels running from April to the end of September 2018.

In addition, an official RAF centenary silver proof five pound coin has been issued - to pay



tribute to the brave men and women, past and present, who have served over the last 100 years to help defend UK skies.

Officially approved by the Ministry of Defence, this is the first British Isles silver £5 coin to be released. The 'one-year-only' reverse design features the official RAF logo, above three aircraft specially selected to demonstrate the developments of the RAF over the last 100 years.

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intelligence issues. I do believe that it would be a step backward to make ICE a separate element within the USIC."

ICE officials currently have access to unfinished intelligence and counter-intelligence products called Intelligence Information Reports. Joining the USIC would give ICE greater access, a seat at the table to potentially influence the USIC's priorities, and a greater ability to share intelligence it gathers with other agencies.



CIA TECHNOLOGY MAN Stansfield Turner Passes

Director Who Attempted to Replace Cloak and Dagger with Technology

CIA Director Admiral Stansfield Turner (1977-1981) took office amid controversies such as Watergate and the Pentagon Papers and a Senate investigation



of the CIA resulting in much reorganisation. This endeavour intended to shift emphasis away from human intelligence (HUMINT) to signals intelligence (SIGINT).

Turner duly eliminated 820 positions in the clandestine operations staff, 649 jobs were axed through attrition, 154 by involuntary retirement and 17 staff were simply fired.

Speaking of his 2005 memoir, *Burn Before Reading: Presidents, CIA Directors and Secret Intelligence*, Turner acknowledged: "In retrospect, I probably should not have effected the reductions of 820 positions at all, and certainly not the last 17."



Stansfield Turner in 2005

Besides his memoirs, he authored a number of other books about the agency on such topics as nuclear proliferation and international terrorism. He also taught at the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy.

Current D/CIA Mike Pompeo said of Turner: "An analyst at heart, Admiral Turner championed analytic innovation and applied his extensive military knowledge and insight to the challenges of the day."

Turner died at his home in Seattle on 18 January 2018 aged 94.

NK NUCLEAR SPIES

North Korea Used Berlin Embassy to Acquire Nuclear Technology

Germany's Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV) Director, Hans-Georg Maassen, revealed that North Korean spies have been acquiring

equipment and technology for its nuclear and weapons programmes through its embassy in Berlin.

"We have noticed that so many procurement activities have taken place from the embassy," said Maassen. "When we see such things, we stop them. But we cannot guarantee that we spot and block each attempt," he said.

Maassen said that North Korean diplomats and intelligence officers with diplomatic credentials engaged in acquiring so-called 'dual use' technologies, which have both civilian and military application. These, said Maassen, were acquired "with a view to [North Korea's] missile programme and sometimes also for the nuclear programme."



North Korea Embassy, Berlin



BfV Director, Hans-Georg Maassen

The BfV obtained clues on the technology procurements in 2016 and 2017; in 2014 it said a North Korean diplomat attempted to obtain equipment used in the development of chemical weapons.

Maassen's statements followed the release of a United Nations report on North Korea: '[North

Korea] is flouting sanctions by exporting coal, iron, steel and other banned commodities, earning nearly \$200 million in revenue last year'. Investigators also found evidence of military cooperation by North Korea to develop Syria's chemical weapons programmes and to provide Myanmar with ballistic missiles.

A SPY'S PLAYGROUND

Switzerland Warns Spies No Longer Safe From Prosecution

Switzerland's reputation as an international hub for espionage is long-standing. The country's central location, infrastructure, status as a Schengen nation,* high levels of public security, the presence of large numbers of tourists and business travellers and until recently, little fear of exposure by Swiss authorities, have made the location a prime spot for foreign intelligence services to operate. Here, agents and handlers and even senior

intelligence figures, can exchange sensitive political, economic and military information knowing their chance of detention is virtually nil.

National laws have hampered its Federal Intelligence Service (FIS) for years in respect of taking action against foreign agents. This has been repeatedly mentioned by the FIS in its Annual Report; within, officials acknowledge Switzerland's tools for investigating and combating foreign espionage were more limited than

in other countries. In a published summary, the FIS warn: 'Switzerland offers foreign services a better framework than some other countries'.

An intelligence contact in the Swiss Government said: "The number of third-country meetings has continued to rise in the last few years. This includes everyone from security agency employees to freelancers." Another claimed the "market in secret information has exploded," leading to an increase in the number of meetings aimed at the exchange of information and payment. Asked about the spy claims, FIS spokesperson Isabelle Graber said: "The FIS is aware that Switzerland is a venue for third-country meetings," referring to encounters between agent controllers and spies of two different foreign countries on Swiss soil. "They [meetings] are in violation of Swiss sovereignty



and can lead to operations against the interests of the nation," said Graber. Until now, statistics show that even when such cases did



FIS headquarters, Bern



Overseer of the FIS - Defence Minister Guy Parmelin

PREMEDITATED AND VIOLENT

Life Term Sentence for Lone Wolf Terrorist

Darren Osborne, the British lone wolf terrorist who drove his hired vehicle into a group of Muslims near Finsbury Park mosque in June 2017, has been sentenced to life in prison, and ordered to serve a minimum of 43-years in custody. The premeditated terrorist attack by vehicle (TAV) killed one civilian, Makram Ali and injured several more.

It was learned he had travelled to London from Cardiff intent on using the van to attack people, including Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who was expected to attend the annual Al Qud's Day march. Osborne said it would have been "even better" if London Mayor Sadiq Khan had been present. "It would have been like winning the lottery," he said. As it transpired, access to streets used

in the event was limited, thus he selected another target.

During the trial, Osborne bizarrely opted to invent an imaginary driver called 'Dave', who he said was driving the vehicle at the time. This was soon at odds with a multitude of evidence presented in court, including a video recording



Jeremy Corbyn

of him sitting in a police vehicle shortly after the attack, admitting he was driving the van. In a later police interview, Osborne joked "I'm flying solo."

Justice Cheema-Grubb said Osborne had been "rapidly radicalised" by far-right materials found on the Internet. "Your use of Twitter exposed you to racists and anti-Islamic ideology." The jury also heard Osborne had appeared before the courts on a staggering 33 occasions for over 100 offences. He was labelled "belligerent and violent."

New Scotland Yard Commander Dean Hayden said: "From our investigation, it was clear Osborne had planned to come to London with the intention of carrying out an attack against the Muslim community." He went on to praise



Darren Osborne

the people who detained the terrorist, and a local Iman who had probably saved his life from an angry crowd at the scene.

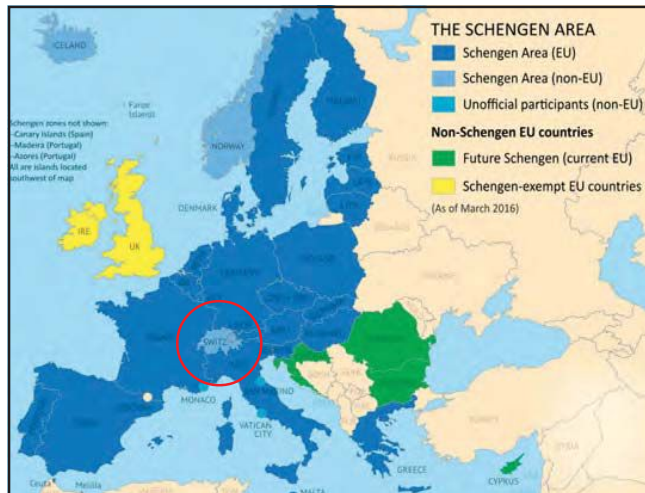


Commander Dean Hayden

end up in court, the suspects and their backers usually remained anonymous and went unpunished.

However, all that is about to change following the introduction of sweeping new powers and regulations. Under new rules, the FIS can now, under certain circumstances hack into computers, carry out wire taps and track individuals. "We are working hard

to clear up third-country meetings, said Graber. "The goal is to prevent these from happening or at least disrupt them." She also advised the FIS was working with partner agencies in foreign countries to prevent such meetings, and though she did not name associates, MI6, CIA and Germany's BND have all cooperated with FIS since the end of the Cold War.



***The Schengen Area comprises 26 European states that have officially abolished passport and all other types of border control at their mutual borders**

NATIONAL SECURITY PUZZLE

Judicial Review: Murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher

In an unprecedented challenge over the refusal to prosecute the prime suspect in the murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher, 25, outside the Libyan People's Bureau (embassy) in 1984, former police officer John Murray, who was standing next to the officer when she was shot, and the Police Federation, have lodged a judicial review claim in the High Court. Murray said: "I have no doubt we will win."

In 2015, after reopening the case, New Scotland Yard arrested Saleh



WPC Yvonne Fletcher

Ibrahim Mabrouk, a former Minister under Colonel Gaddafi, on suspicion of conspiracy to murder, but the case was later dropped for what were described as "the highest national security reasons." This in itself provoked puzzlement and demands for more insight by colleagues, friends and a bewildered media, but Home Secretary Amber Rudd said she "could not comment on details of the case."

Mabrouk denies any role in Fletcher's murder. The new hearing will be held behind closed doors.



Libyan People's Bureau

Munich Security Conference **msc** Münchner Sicherheitskonferenz



DEEP IMPACT

INTELLIGENCE, SECURITY AND HIGH DRAMA

The heads of three of Europe's most powerful intelligence services, MI6, Germany's BND and France's DGSE, met shortly before the important 2018 Munich Security Conference to discuss greater cooperation. Alex Younger, Bruno Kahl and Bernard Emie said the trilateral liaison was indispensable, especially set against a backdrop of diverse foreign and security challenges.

As for Britain's exit from Europe, the intelligence heads said information sharing must increase on border security, terrorism, illegal migration and cyber attacks.

And despite warnings from former MI6 Chief John Sawers, who is fearful of the long-term impact Brexit may have on intelligence sharing and British security influence, intelligence analysts believe there will be no fundamental impact on cooperation between the UK and

Europe. This is primarily because of the size of Britain's intelligence and security apparatus and its relationship with the United States Intelligence Community. Similarly, Britain is the second-biggest contributor to NATO after the USA.

HORIZON THREATS AND AGENDA

At the conference itself, held at the Hotel Bayerischer Hof, UK Prime Minister Theresa May told delegates: "Britain remains committed to European security even after Brexit." For three days delegates heard from senior security officials, intelligence heads, 30 world





SIDE SHOW

Israeli Warplane Shot Down by Syrian Forces

The UAV incident referenced at the conference by Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu, involved an Iranian UAV from a Syrian base in the Homs desert. It was intercepted by an Israeli Air Force Apache helicopter near the town of Beit She'an approaching Israeli airspace on 10 February.

In response to the overflight, the IDF said it struck 12 targets including three aerial defence batteries and four Iranian sites that are part of Iran's military establishment in Syria. However, during the operation one Israeli warplane was destroyed.

"Anti-aircraft missiles were fired at the aircraft and a pilot of one of the planes ejected," an IDF spokesman said. Both operators fell inside Israel and were evacuated to hospital. Anti-aircraft missiles were



Prime Minister Theresa May

leaders and leading media and defence analysts. Amongst the topics discussed: the Syrian conflict, ISIS/Daesh, technology and its impact on democracy, China, military manoeuvres of Russian troops in Eastern Europe, Russian interference in the US 2016 election, artificial intelligence (conflict relevance) and the worldwide build-up of weaponry (including nuclear proliferation).

Most lectures were followed by panel discussions allowing delegates to question lecture content and policy. Much focus surrounded the discussion of 'Jihadism After the Caliphate' [ISIS]. Here senior intelligence



Russia Foreign Minister, Sergey Lavrov



Wreckage from the downed Israeli fighter

figures, including US Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats (ODNI), discussed horizon threats following the demise of ISIS in the Middle East and its possible impact on global security thereafter. Also examined in



Iran's duplicate of the RQ-170 UAV



fired towards Israel, triggering alarms that were heard in northern Israel.

Following recovery of the UAV wreckage, and based on analysis of the debris, Israel claimed it was a copy of a US model captured by Iran in 2011. That incident involved an RQ-170 Sentinel operated by the CIA. The UAV in this case was downed 140 miles inside Iranian territory.

depth, the real possibility of a minor incident in the Baltics evolving into major conflict between the West and Russia.

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This 'intelligence roundtable' meeting was called: 'Dare to Share vs Need to Know: Globalizing Intelligence'. It was attended by various intelligence people, including D/CIA Mike Pompeo and MI6 Chief Sir Alex Younger



UNFORGIVEN

The Troubles: Embers Still Glowing

In late January 2018, police officers arrested Fred Scappaticci, 72, better known in the intelligence world as Agent Stakeknife. Scappaticci was the highest ranking British Army and MI5 spy inside the IRA (Irish Provisional Army) during the height of the so-called Troubles.

Eighteen months ago, UK police launched Operation Kenova, an intelligence-led endeavour to source information surrounding the operative who was questioned about his involvement in "dozens of alleged murders." Following his detention, officers from Kenova



Fred Scappaticci

released a brief statement: "His arrest was in connection with the investigation into allegations of murder, kidnap and torture."

Scappaticci, the grandson of an Italian national, has admitted he was associated with the Republican movement, but has always denied allegations he was an informer (British agent). Insiders claim he led the IRA's Internal Security Unit often referred to as the 'nutting squad' whose primary task was to question and identify persons suspected of liaising with British intelligence officers and acting as informers.

He was released without charge a few days after being detained.

Operation Kenova is a major, yet relatively unreported endeavour being led by Chief



Chief Constable Jon Boucher

Constable Jon Boucher. It is tasked with examining the activities and operations of former MI5, IRA, Police and Army personnel who operated at the time of the conflict and to source information on a variety of incidents, subjects (including murder and torture) and activities yet to be fully understood or have gone unreported.

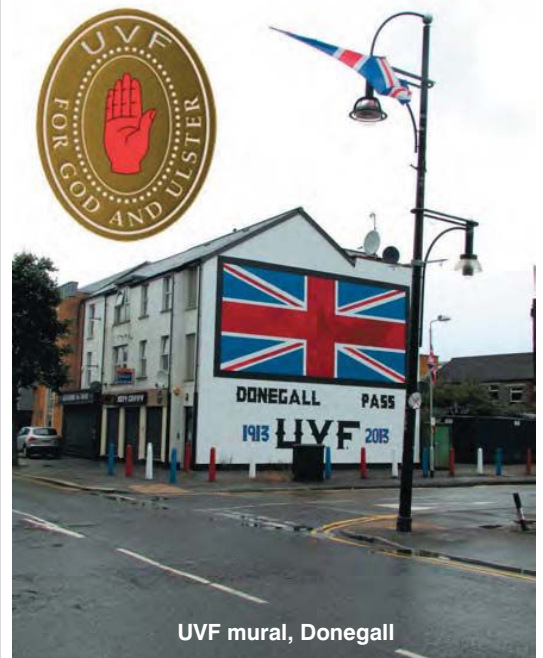
Some 50 personnel are involved and detectives have interviewed dozens of people creating over 1,500 lines of enquiry.

UVF COMMANDER JAILED

Other incidents and individuals connected to the Troubles have also been in the news of late. Loyalist UVF (Ulster Volunteer Force) commander Gary Haggarty, who was sentenced to 35-years in prison after pleading guilty to more than 200 terrorist-related offences, had his prison term cut to just six-and-a-half years after cooperating with investigators. A judge explained his decision: "While his crimes had caused untold damage to life and society as a whole, he was discounting the sentence because he had become an assisting offender."



Commemorative murals can still be found in Northern Ireland, such as this Republican art in West Belfast



UVF mural, Donegal

Haggarty, 46, an operative of the feared Mount Vernon element of the UVF, was first arrested by the now defunct Historical Enquiry Team. He has been interviewed a staggering 1,000 times by detectives.

The new sentence was widely condemned by those whose relatives had suffered (and died) as a result of Haggarty's activities.

OTRs - ON THE RUNS

Other cases which continue to endure are the Hyde Park and Regent's Park, London bombings in 1982, in which eleven soldiers were killed by IRA bombs. One of the prime suspects involved in the Hyde Park incident is John Downey, 68. Controversy arose in 2014, when he was reportedly given an official letter stating he was no longer a wanted man, effectively meaning the case against him could not be pursued. The document was drafted under terms of then Prime Minister Tony Blair's 'On The Runs' (OTRs) scheme. Serving Prime Minister David Cameron said it was a "dreadful mistake and he should never have received the letter." Blair later apologised for the error.



However, in early February 2018, the families of the soldiers who died, were granted legal aid for their civil case against Downey. Previous requests for assistance had been turned down.

Four troopers and seven horses were killed in the Hyde Park attack when a car bomb exploded as they made their way to the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace; seven died as a bomb exploded under a bandstand in Regent's Park.



Regent's Park Memorial

FBI STILL SEARCHING FOR FREED TERRORISTS



Twenty passengers and crew, including two US citizens, were killed on 5 September 1986 when hijackers took control of Frankfurt-bound Pan Am flight 73 for some 16 hours during a stopover in Karachi. A further 100 were wounded by the attackers.

Wadoud Muhammad Hafiz al-Turki, Jamal Saeed Abdul Rahim, Muhammad Abdullah Khalil Hussain ar-Rahayyal, and Muhammad Ahmed al-Munawar, members of Abu Nidal organisation (a designated terrorist group), were arrested and admitted carrying out the attacks. Another man, Zaid Hassan Abd Latif Safarini, was convicted along with the others in Pakistan and they were all given death sentences which were later commuted to life in prison.

Safarini was released from prison in Pakistan in 2001 but was quickly arrested by the FBI. In May 2004, a US Federal judge in Washington sentenced him to 160 years. The four other hijackers were released by Pakistan after completing their jail terms in 2008 and remain on the FBI's Most Wanted Terrorist List.

The Bureau has now released new computerised 'age progressed' images of the four from photographs obtained in 2000.

"We're hoping that with the age-progression photos next to the original photos maybe that



These photographs show the freed terrorists pictured around 2000

1. Wadoud Muhammad Hafiz al-Turki. 2. Jamal Saeed Abdul Rahim. 3. Muhammad Abdullah Khalil Hussain ar-Rahayyal. 4. Muhammad Ahmed al-Munawar

will 'jar' some memories or maybe someone has seen these men walking around," an FBI spokesperson said. An FBI investigative case officer added: "No matter how much time has passed, we owe it to the victims and their families to never give up on them."

The US State Department is also offering a \$5 million reward for information leading to their arrest via its Rewards for Justice Programme.



2018 - Age progressed images of the four wanted men

INTEL NOTES:



Triangle of Terror: While ISIS forces melt away in Syria and Iraq, the CIA continues to focus on the resurgence of al-Qaida, Taliban, ISIS and emerging terrorist groups in Afghanistan. Eye Spy revisits this faraway land and Intel Inside provides some troubling statistics

AFGHANISTAN SEVEN DAYS

INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL ATTACK

On 20 January 2018, six Taliban operatives wearing suicide vests and armed with AK-47 assault rifles and grenades attacked the government-owned Inter-Continental Hotel in Kabul, just outside the capital's high-security diplomatic area. Eye-witnesses said the terrorists singled out foreigners in a



Bomb flash explodes at the Inter-Continental Hotel, Kabul

12-hour operation resulting in the deaths of 40 people, including 13 foreign nationals. More than 150 people were rescued or escaped during the siege. All the terrorists were killed by Special Forces troops, which included an element from Norway's elite Marinejegerkommandoen (MJK).

Some reports suggest the attackers had passed unchallenged through outer security checkpoints, while the Interior Ministry said they entered through the hotel's unsecured kitchen area.

Intelligence officials note the attack coincided with the release of an online video message called 'Our Duty Towards Our Jerusalem' by Khalid Batarfi a senior al-Qaida leader in Yemen. The terrorist called for attacks on Jews and Americans linked to President



Khalid Batarfi

Trump's decision to recognise Jerusalem as Israel's capital. "Let them [Muslims] rise and attack the Jews and the Americans everywhere," Batarfi said in the 18-minute-long video. "No Muslim has the right to cede Jerusalem no matter what happens. Only a traitor would give it up or hand it over."

It remains unclear whether the attack was directly related to the video message or planned much earlier.

Since 9/11, civilian deaths in Afghanistan have surpassed 30,000. It is estimated around 115,000 people - civilians, terrorists and security service personnel have been killed




Troops and crest
of Norway's elite
Marinejegerkommandoen
(MJK)



Inter-Continental
Hotel, Kabul



مؤسسه حمایت از کودکان افغانستان
د افغانستان ماشومانو دحمایو موسسه
Save the Children Afghanistan

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Four days later ISIS-aligned terrorists attacked the offices of British charity Save the Children

in Jalalabad killing at least four people, including three staff members and injuring dozens more in a 10-hour battle. Forty-six employees were rescued. All five attackers were killed. A statement released by the group's Amaq 'news agency' said the operation and site were legitimate targets because they were British and Swedish institutes.

AMBULANCE BOMBER

On 27 January, terrorists struck again in Kabul; a suicide attacker, disguised as a paramedic, drove an ambulance packed with explosives through a security checkpoint near the old Ministry of the Interior building close to Sidarat Square. Foreign embassies, and European Union offices are all located here ➤



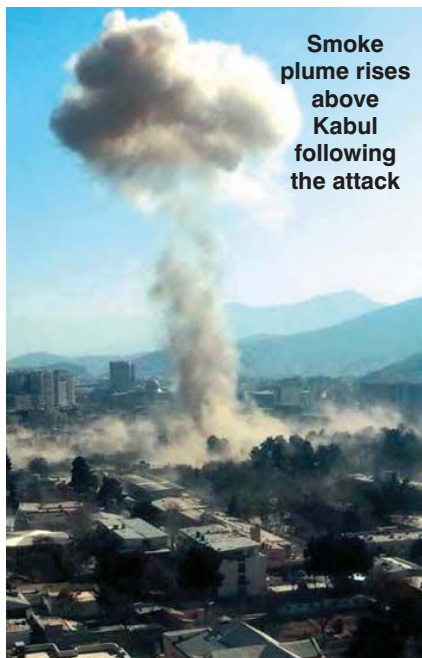
STATISTICS. While figures differ on the number of fatalities in Afghanistan, senior CIA sources report that 7,000* members of the security services, including contractors, have died every year since 2015. As for civilian deaths, approximately 4,000* deaths have been reported annually in the same time period. In May 2017, a deadly truck bomb killed 150 people in Kabul and in just one week in October, 176 people were killed across the country by terrorists.

US forces have operated in Afghanistan (following 9/11) for nearly 18 years. Troop levels have dropped dramatically since 2010, when almost 100,000 were deployed in the country. The total number of US troops lost in operations is around 2,400. In 2009, 499 troops alone were killed. Today, most are now engaged in counter-terrorism and humanitarian roles. British military losses in Afghanistan since 2001 total 455.

Security personnel from 136 countries have been deployed to Afghanistan in fighting roles. *Average.



US Airman pictured at
Camp Marmal,
Afghanistan



Smoke plume rises above Kabul following the attack



Afghan security detail. The country's armed forces now face attacks from at least 21 terrorist groups



Presidents Ashraf Ghani and Donald Trump



Zabiullah Mojahid

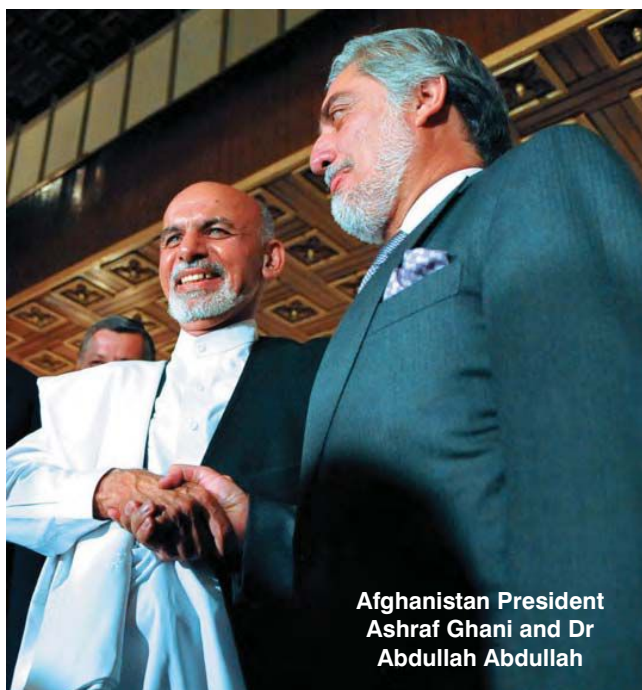
in what is regarded as one of the most secure parts of the city. Police identified the attacker at a second checkpoint but couldn't stop him before he detonated the explosives. The huge blast, which left a large crater in the road, killed at least 95 people and injured more than 250 others. Dr Abdullah Abdullah, Chief Executive of the Islamic Republic of Afghani-

stan called the act an "insane, inhuman, heinous war crime." Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mojahid claimed responsibility for the attack, though some intelligence officials blamed ISIS.

Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani said the intelligence community had identified 21 terrorist groups which are now operating in the country and called for greater international support. The US has around 10,000

troops and advisors in the country, plus a major intelligence element. Some 5,000 NATO troops are also based in Afghanistan supporting the security services.

Speaking at the recent World Economic Forum in Davos, President Trump said: "The United States would never allow Afghanistan to become a safe haven for terrorists again." He also made reference to events in the Middle East saying he was "pleased to report that the Coalition to defeat ISIS has retaken almost 100% of the territory once held by these killers in Syria and Iraq."



Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani and Dr Abdullah Abdullah

The Inter-Continental (also known as the Inter-Con) is one of the most visited by foreigners since its opening in 1969. In June 2011 the hotel was attacked by suicide bombers resulting in at least 21 deaths, including nine terrorists



BUILDING BRIDGES

MI6 Chief Visits Serbia

Alex Younger, Chief of MI6, made an official visit to Serbia in February. He met with President Aleksandar Vucic in Belgrade and spoke about "cooperation between the two countries' intelligence services," according to a statement issued by the president's press office. Last year, Serbia's primary intelligence service - BIA (Security Intelligence Agency) - appointed a new Director in the person of Bratislav Gasic, a close friend and associate of President Vucic. He too was present at the meeting.

MI6 has been active in the Balkans for years and in the last two decades, has played a vital



Alex Younger

role in tracking people wanted by the International War Crimes Tribunal for former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague - this in connection with a variety of offences, including crimes against humanity during the break-up of the post-Communist country. Mr Younger's largely unreported meeting came just weeks after the suicide in the ICTY court, of Bosnian Croat General Slobodan Praljic, though it is not thought related. (See Eye Spy 113).

Relations between MI6 and Serbia's intelligence community have improved over the years. However, in 2004, the MI6 Station Chief



President Aleksandar Vucic



The 'outing' of MI6 Station Chief

was forced to leave his post in Belgrade following a campaign against him led by the country's DB intelligence agency, where his work investigating the 2003 assassination of the reformist Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic, won him few friends. Djindjic was a key opponent of then President Slobodan Milosevic. His assassin, Zvezdan Jovanovic, was a Special Forces commander.

The senior MI6 intelligence man was publicly identified in a number of media reports - stories planted by disgruntled local intelligence services. Officials here were angered due to MI6 operating "not so much as a spy network but a network of influence within Balkan security services and the media," said the director of the International Crisis Group in Serbia and Bosnia. Also still circulating within the intelligence world at that time, allegations and rumours that Jill Dando, a well known BBC television presenter who was shot dead outside her London home in April 1999, was the victim of a Serb assassin.

Despite the rift in 2004, Serbian's officials stated in 2012 that the country wanted to join the international counter-terrorism pact and would assist in tracking down criminals and terrorists.

Diplomatic relations between the two countries is longstanding. In June 2016, the mayor of



President Aleksandar Vucic (left) with Serbian spy chief Bratislav Gasic

Kragujevac hosted a ceremony marking 180-years of cooperation that was attended by H.E. Denis Keefe, UK Ambassador to Serbia.

President Vucic said of Mr Younger's visit, "it represents close cooperation and friendship between the two states."



BIA chief Bratislav Gasic

STRANGE TWIST OF FATE



Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic with Swedish politician Anna Lindh. Djindjic was assassinated in 2003, which MI6 naturally probed - eventually leading to the exit of its Station Chief (name known) following a dark media campaign backed by the countries intelligence services. By a strange twist of fate, just six months later Lindh was also murdered in Stockholm.

GERMAN COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

SPY GAMES

SURVEILLANCE, COURIERS AND COMMUNICATION

Officers from Germany's counter-intelligence service BfV, supported by counter-terrorism police, conducted searches across the country in connection with a dozen-or-so suspected Iranian spies. The men were allegedly members of the secretive Quds Force, a Special Forces para-military element of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps. The unit was designated a terrorist organisation in 2007 by the United States. "Quds Forces employ killer teams for Iran's secret service, and other organisations, such as Hamas," said one intelligence source.

According to German intelligence commentators, the Quds Force engaged in a covert programme to recruit non-Iranians holding European citizenship - to establish a terror cell

Quds Force armed unit



**HIDDEN
HAND
OF MOIS
Controllers
of Iran's
Spy Network
in Europe
Exposed**

to carry out attacks throughout the continent and to spy on Jewish institutions, key Israeli figures, Iranian dissidents and other targets. Frauke Koehler, a spokesperson for the Federal Prosecutors Office of Germany in Karlsruhe, said: "We believe the suspects spied on institutions and persons in Germany on behalf of an intelligence unit associated with Iran." That agency is almost certainly Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS), according to analysts.



Main: Berlin street scene.
Above: Logo of the Quds Force



Embassy of Iran, Berlin. Senior BfV officers believe a network of Europe-wide spies is being supported and controlled by officers from MOIS who are working under official cover at this embassy and others. Inset: BfV logo



Head of the Quds Force - Major General Qasem Soleimani



Jeremy Issacharoff - Israel's Ambassador to Germany

The raids took place in Berlin, Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria and North Rhine-Westphalia at private homes and offices, but for reasons not fully understood or explained, no arrests were made. Israel's Ambassador to Germany, Jeremy Issacharoff, said that "the affair should raise a red flag not only in Germany, but in all of Europe. The time has come for Germans and Europeans to understand what is hidden behind the Iranian smile of recent months," the ambassador added.

Following the raids, Israel bolstered security at its Berlin Embassy and issued a warning to Israeli nationals about security and personal safety.

SURVEILLANCE

In December, Germany's Foreign Ministry formally admonished the Iranian government over the case of Pakistani-born student Syed Haider Mustafa, who was jailed for four years

in March 2017 for spying on former German MP Reinhold Robbe, who headed the German-Israel Society until 2015. Mustafa was described in court as an "agent of al-Quds."

According to German government sources, Mustafa surveilled Robbe, took photographs of his home and assembled a file on his activities for the MOIS. Iranian envoy, Ali Majedi, was summoned just before Christmas and told that "spying on people and institutions with a particular relationship to the state of Israel on German soil is a blatant violation of German law." An internal BfV note said Mustafa received around \$2,000 for his work.



Reinhold Robbe

The BfV in its latest report on espionage activities in Germany, identified Iran, along with Russia, North Korea and China as a "serious threat" to security in the country: 'The official Bureau of the Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS) in the Iranian Embassy in Berlin plays an important role in surveillance activities of the secret services. In addition to conducting its independent intelligence activities, it [provides] support to activities that are directed by the headquarters of the



Iranian envoy, Ali Majedi

Ministry of Intelligence and Security in Tehran'.

OFFICIAL COVER

The German office of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) released a statement praising German authorities for the



President of the BfV George Maassen



Embassy of Israel, Berlin.
The location is a known surveillance target of the Quds Force

raids and has urged Germany to shut down the Iranian Embassy for its role in terrorist and espionage activity.

An official from the NCRI in Germany said: "The revelation of this espionage and terrorist network in Germany clearly reaffirms the reality that the Iranian regime has exploited the policy of appeasement to expand its terrorist and spy network in Germany in recent years. These activities not only endanger the security of Iranian refugees in Europe, but also pose a serious threat to the security of Germany and other European countries."

On 8 February 2018, the NCRI also claimed the First Secretary of Iran's Embassy in Albania, Mostafa Roodaki, appointed just recently, was in fact a "former veteran intelligence officer at MOIS." And whilst most nations deploy intelligence people in overseas embassies, consulates and missions, much care is taken to conceal the officers' true identity. They operate under what's known as 'official cover', in many cases using a false name and identity. Thus to name Roodaki



Ex-CIA officer Robert Baer

together with his past work history, is problematic for Iran.

Ten years ago, Robert Baer, a former CIA officer who operated in Iraq and the Middle East, asserted the Quds Force has in place a secretive courier service which it uses to deliver "sensitive communications." Some intelligence analysts believe the recent counter-intelligence raids in Germany may be linked to this part of the Quds Force operation in Europe.



MOIS Director Mahmoud Alavi. He has overseen the growth of MOIS which is now recognised as a major intelligence service with various overseas elements. The Service also operates an utterly ruthless domestic arm

For its part, officials in Iran dismissed allegations of conducting espionage operations in Germany as "psychological warfare orchestrated by Israel's Mossad."

- MI6 sources believe MOIS and its numerous elements employ 30,000 people in Iran and has a global network of support workers and agents.

QUDS FORCE



The Quds Force played a covert role in arming Shiite militia forces with armour-penetrating missiles in the second Iraq war. These were used to kill an estimated 500 US military personnel. US General John Abizaid said Quds Forces were arming and supporting "death squads" to attack US forces.

In 2017, Quds Force deputy leader Brigadier General Ismail Ghaani, spoke of the operation, bragging, "we have killed more Americans than they have killed Iranians." Ghaani also claimed America carried out "9/11 on the pretext of invading Afghanistan and establishing a covert force of Muslims to attack Iran at a later date." The remarks were dismissed as nonsense by military analysts, save the comment on US fatalities in the 2006-2007 Iraq war.

In more recent times, the Quds Force has been accused of perpetrating various crimes in Syria, especially in Aleppo where along with government and Russia forces, some aerial attacks have had a WMD component, according to United Nations observers.

Besides a Europe-wide counter-intelligence operation to identify the growth of MOIS, the CIA has also targeted (surveilled) Quds Force operatives in a number of South American countries.



Brigadier General Ismail Ghaani

MI6



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PART ONE

Meeting an Agent (cropped) by James Hart Dyke

Paintings, Lithographs, Carvings Artefacts... and Spy Relevance

The KGB and CIA have museums containing numerous items associated with their history, as do other agencies. Publicly at least, MI6 has never acknowledged its vast collection of artefacts, objects and other physical items (documents not included), that are carefully stored somewhere in Britain. These are the hidden treasures and special reminders of over 100 years of covert operations - and represent an illuminated history of Britain's foreign spy service. MI6, or

to use its formal name - Secret Intelligence Service (SIS), has acknowledged a fine assembly of loaned artworks which naturally have relevance and meaning to its important work, methodology and mindset.

Few buildings in the UK have tighter security than MI6's imposing headquarters sat upon the banks of the River Thames at Vauxhall

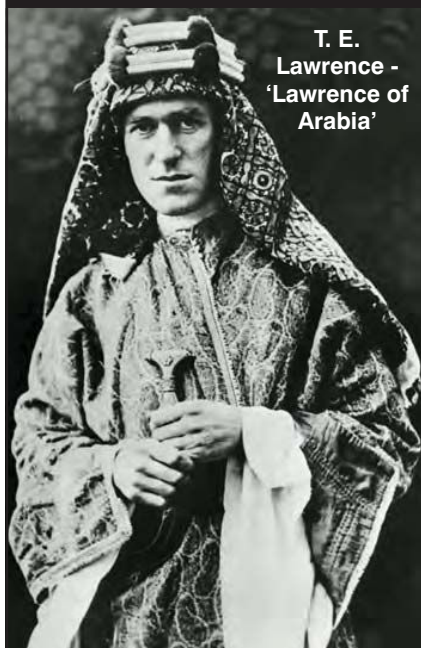
Cross, London. Such is the protection of secrets, only one serving member can be named - Alex Younger - Chief or 'C' of Service. As staffers, officials, agents and spies (and accredited guests) enter the building, dubbed the 'ziggurat' or 'legoland' by its 2,500 employees, they pass various paintings hung in the lobby. Other works can be found in corridors, meeting rooms, upper floors near lift doors and certain planning offices. No doubt some are by an artist called



The Art of SPYCRAFT



Part of the Garden of the British Consulate, La Marsa, Tunis (CIRCA. 1897) by Sir Henry Hamilton Johnston



T. E. Lawrence - 'Lawrence of Arabia'



Alex Younger MI6 Chief

James Hart Dyke, who remarkably was asked to spend a year with MI6 painting officers in various situations and locations.

Eye Spy was informed there are works once belonging to some of its more famous operatives - time capsules reflecting a precious moment or operation. Others however are far grander and hold subliminal meanings and messages. Few outside the intelligence community will ever get the opportunity to see them in situ in this imposing building.

Besides its own paintings, there are 32 works of art on loan to MI6 from the Government Art Collection. The names of some of the paintings are known; significant in their own right, each has an intelligence thread.

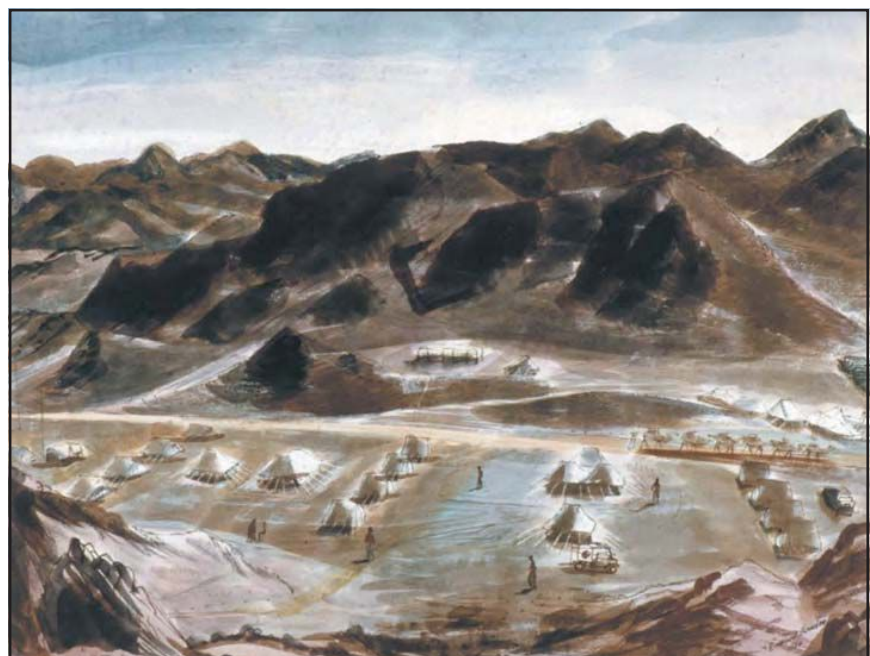
One portrait is of Iraq leader King Faisal I, painted by Florence Edith Cheesman (1877-1964) in 1921, the year he became King. Legendary MI6 spy T. E. Lawrence, better known in spylore as 'Lawrence of Arabia', had pressed the British Government to support Faisal when Iraq fell under UK administration. Lawrence worked under an archaeological cover and legend in the region. As for the artist, Cheesman was sister of Colonel Robert



1925. Iraqi leader King Faisal I (far right) pictured in Richmond Park, London

Ernest Cheesman, a British a military officer and Private Secretary to Sir Percy Cox during his tenure as High Commissioner in Iraq. The officer was recognised in Iraq as an explorer and ornithologist... but he was probably a spy.

An Edward Bawden watercolour called *Base Camp of the Anti-Locust Mission, Jedda* (1944) records an operation to destroy a locust swarm of Biblical proportions in the Arabian Peninsula, which threatened international food supplies. Bawden, who painted an array of military-themed paintings, served as an official war artist and travelled through almost every politically sensitive area and country throughout WWII 'painting' with Britain's shadowy Ministry of Information (MOI). No doubt peering over his canvass to collect intelligence as he did so!



Base Camp of the Anti-Locust Mission, Jedda by Edward Bawden



King Edward IV unknown artist

A more peaceful scene is depicted in Sir Henry Hamilton Johnston's (GCMG KCB) *Part of the Garden of the British Consulate, La Marsa, Tunis* (CIRCA. 1897). Johnston, born 12 June 1858, was a British explorer who travelled widely in Africa, as a 'botanist, artist and linguist'. In October 1886, the British Government appointed him vice-consul in Cameroon and the Niger River delta region.

Tunis was an important WWII intelligence location when it was held by Axis forces from November 1942 to May 1943. It was Hitler's last redoubt in Africa, as his forces escaped to Italy after being surrounded by Allied forces from Algeria in the west and from Libya in the east. In more recent times it has been the focus of the Mossad (Operation Wooden Leg); CIA during the Arab Spring and no doubt MI6, following the ISIS terrorist atrocity in 2015 in Sousse, which left 30 Britons dead.

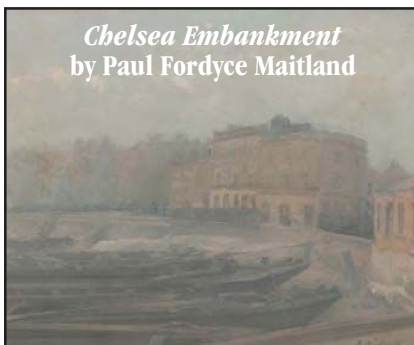
Another oil painting by British artist Paul Fordyce Maitland called *Chelsea Embankment* may represent more than the obvious - MI6 headquarters are of course at 85 Albert



John Thurloe by Thomas Ross



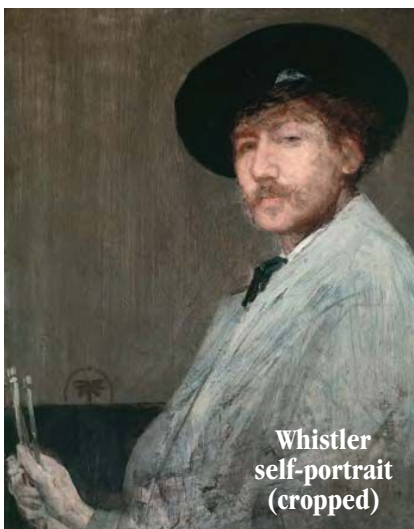
In an Air Raid Shelter, Dunkirk - bombs are dropping (between 1939-45) by Edward Bawden



Chelsea Embankment by Paul Fordyce Maitland

Embankment and Maitland died in 1909 - the year in which MI6 was established. Maitland was influenced primarily by the American artist James Abbott McNeill Whistler. Based in the UK near Maitland, Whistler and Maitland exchanged ideas and ideals; they were averse to sentimentality and moral allusion in painting, and leading proponents of the credo 'art for art's sake'.

Whistler's unusual signature for his paintings was in the shape of a stylised butterfly ➤



Whistler self-portrait (cropped)



James Hart Dyke (above) produced a series of thought-provoking paintings of MI6 officers in various situations and locations



Meeting in the hotel room



Agent giving information to SIS officer

supporting a long stinger for a tail. The symbol was appropriate, for it merged both aspects of their personalities - subtle delicacy and combativeness.

Two unsurprising choices of the MI6 'art team' are paintings by Thomas Ross of John Thurloe (1616-1668) spymaster and secretary to Oliver Cromwell, and a 16th century painting of King Edward IV (see page 23) by an unknown artist. Edward was known as an extremely capable and daring military commander. Head of the House of York he outfoxed his adversary the House of Lancaster in a series of spectacular military victories, and was never defeated in battle. He was a popular and very able King, despite his occasional (if serious) political setbacks - usually at the hands of his great rival Louis XI of France.

Domestically, Edward's reign saw the restoration of law and order in England; indeed, his royal motto was 'modus et ordo' (method and order) - much appreciated by those in the upper floors of Vauxhall Cross, though sometimes 'tweaked' by its overseas spies engaged in the field.

Other works on loan represent an eclectic mixture, from modern prints to carvings, screenprints, etchings, rugs and lithographs.



Louis XI of France



The Dead Mole
Thomas Dugdale

THE MOLE CATCHER

Thomas Cantrell Dugdale, (1880-1952) was a Royal Academician and war artist who served in both world wars (staff sergeant). He was under contract to the War Artist's Advisory Committee (WAAC), a government body established by the shadowy intelligence organisation known as the Ministry of Information (MOI). Part of its agenda was to raise morale and help promote Britain's image abroad.

Dugdale's paintings were collected by a number of prestigious bodies, including the Royal Air Force Museum and the Imperial War Museum (IWM). He painted many portraits, including some with covert and overt links to government and military intelligence. Other works included recruitment posters, hence interest from the defence museums. Yet one in particular fascinated the intelligensia - *The Dead Mole*.

LONDON TO TOKYO

The painting was acquired by the UK's Government Art Collection. It shows a farmer holding a dead mole by its tail. Dugdale's wife, Amy Browning (right), a fellow artist who once



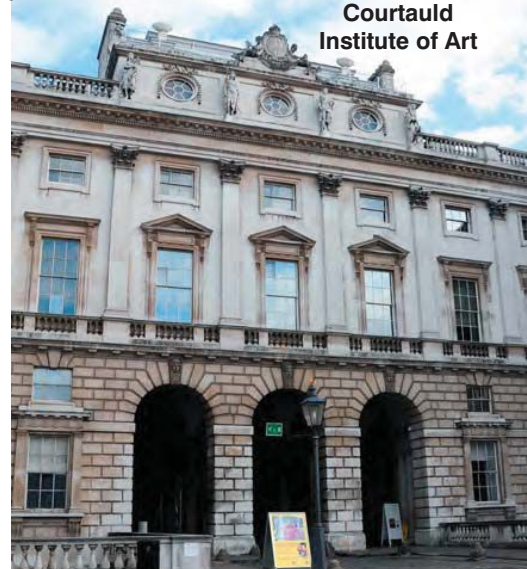
Perhaps the most famous of all MOI WWII posters. Though manufactured, it was never posted to the public

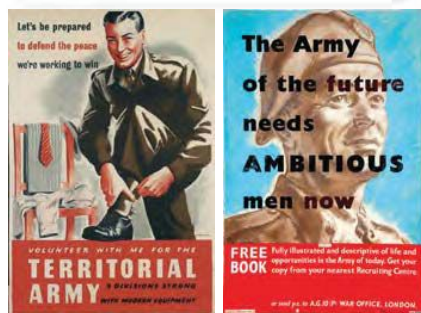
painted Winston Churchill, was the daughter of a farmer, which could explain the backstory of the artwork. She sold the painting for £105 to the government five years after her husband passed. Soon after, it wended its way to the Foreign Office, the overseers of MI6, and was transported to Japan where it hung in the British Embassy

(ambassador's dining room) in Tokyo for almost a quarter of a century.

Art historians who tracked its history said that due to smoke colouration and wear, (some claim from the countless diners who smoked), *The Dead Mole* was in dire need of restoration. Thus it was returned to the UK where specialists from the Courtauld Institute of Art carefully brought it back to its original splendour. This is perhaps a little ironic, for it was here worked one of British Intelligence's most infamous spy characters - Anthony Blunt of the Cambridge Spy Ring. He operated for years as a 'mole' for the KGB!

Courtauld Institute of Art





Some of Thomas Dugdale's splendid wartime recruitment posters

MI6 - TOO HOT TO HANDLE



Anthony Blunt

By now it was the height of the Cold War and with espionage a key talking point amongst officials in Whitehall, the artwork had acquired a new meaning in the language of

spies - 'The Mole Catcher'. Historians say the government Cabinet Office recognised its new found relevance, and "thought it would be amusing" to borrow the Dugdale. And there it would remain until 2000.

Britain's most senior spy - MI6 Chief Richard Dearlove learned of the work and its title, perhaps through a meeting at Downing Street or via one of the Service's many associates in government, some of them undoubtedly with an interest in art. Either way, 'C' found its name relevant and asked if the work could be hung in his own office at Vauxhall Cross. ➤

SECRET SYMBOLS

Eyes, Ears and Spymasters

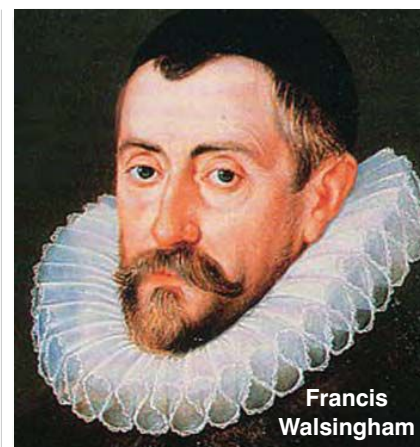
The majesty and symbolism in *The Rainbow Portrait* is said to have "dazzled, inspired and intimidated" various audiences. Painted around 1600, Elizabeth appears ageless, but to espionage connoisseurs, the portrait is full of symbolism.

As a Protestant Queen, Elizabeth was forced to live with the constant threat of assassination from Catholics throughout her reign, but she surrounded herself with a secret service headed by ruthless spymaster Francis Walsingham.

In the early years of her reign William Cecil (later Lord Burghley) had been overseeing the gathering of intelligence, but once Mary Queen of Scots arrived on English soil the situation changed. A number of plots came to light, such as the Northern Uprising of 1569 and the Ridolfi assassination plot two years later. Though these would be thwarted, the threat to her life was growing ever more serious.

Realising the scale of the task ahead Cecil called upon Francis Walsingham. Quick-witted and ruthless, he was soon playing a critical role in intelligence-gathering operations. Spies were posted overseas providing a constant flow of intelligence on the politics and attitudes of Catholic countries towards England. Intelligence work also involved securing correspondence written in codes. Walsingham recognised the significance of the communications, thus he established a spy school to provide formal training for recruits.

Relevant to this period in time, the *Rainbow Portrait* was painted with Elizabeth wearing a dress embellished with eyes and ears. Art historians and intelligence officials believe this was symbolic of her spy network - the Queen was all 'seeing and knowing'. What appears like a clear tube in her right hand is actually a rainbow symbolising peace that has faded with time. The inscription 'Mon Sine Sole Iris' means 'No Rainbow Without the Sun'. Ultimately only the Queen's wisdom can ensure



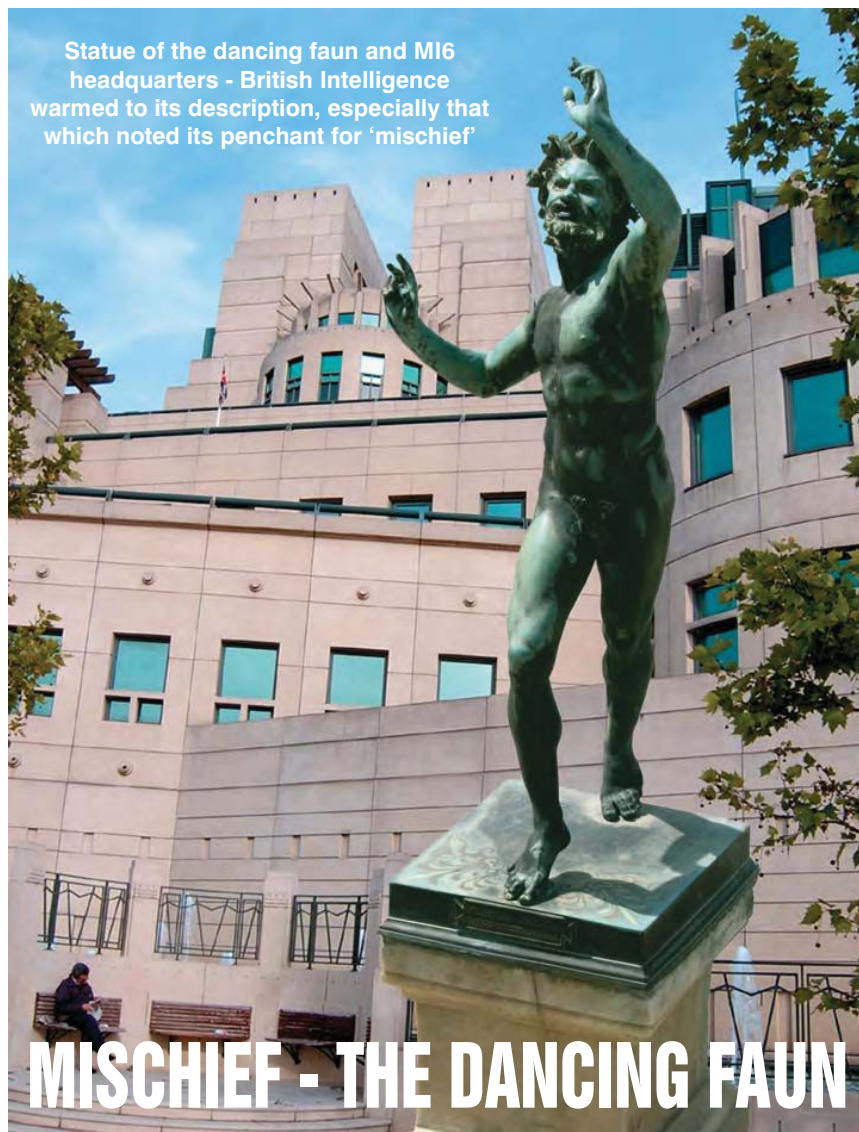
Francis Walsingham

peace and prosperity. The snake/serpent symbolise fertility while the heart at the top right hanging from the snake represents love. The pearls symbolise virginity, indeed, she was known as the Virgin Queen.

Walsingham's spy network - Elizabeth's 'eyes and ears' served her well as she died peacefully in her sleep aged 69, three or four years after the painting was finished. This at a time when life expectancy was just 35 - and that's without plots and assassins.



The *Rainbow Portrait* is on display at Hatfield House



Statue of the dancing faun and MI6 headquarters - British Intelligence warmed to its description, especially that which noted its penchant for 'mischief'

MISCHIEF - THE DANCING FAUN

And of course, who would dare to object to such a benign request from one of the world's most famous spy figures.

Four years later Sir Richard moved out of the office, and handed over the reigns to John Scarlett. For reasons not yet explained, the new Chief was never comfortable with the painting - perhaps its title was a little too suggestive, after all, a 'mole' in a spy service is the biggest fear of all.

Thus Dugdale's painting was carefully boxed and returned to the Government Art Collection.



Sir Richard Dearlove

Eye Spy is reliably informed other Whitehall offices lined up to take *The Dead Mole*, but there was only ever going to be one winner - the head of the Ministry of Defence where it now hangs somewhere in the defence chief's MOD office.

THE DANCING FAUN

Eye Spy sources claim another piece of artwork that sits in an MI6 office, is an object that once belonged to a WWII organisation whose primary task was to plan worldwide deceptions, cover operations and propaganda. The London Controlling Section (LCS) was inextricably linked to all offices of intelligence and helped plan many famous operations performed by MI6, Special Operations Executive (SOE) and others. On its planning table, the LCS had a permanent display - a dancing faun - a reminder to participants of the ruses and cunning actions played out by those attached to the organisation.

Romans were convinced fauns inspired fear in men, especially those travelling in remote and



Sir John Scarlett

unfamiliar lands. They were also said to help or hinder men. Recognised today as a satyr, dancing fauns represent roguish figures from ancient mythology - they have a love of wine, music, women and... MISCHIEF. The latter a suitable description of the games played out by the LCS.

THE ARTISTS RIFLES ART, INTEL & SPECIAL FORCES

Art and intelligence services have been inexorably linked for decades. The thread is perfectly defined by those who served in the Artists Rifles - a regiment of the British Army Reserve. Born in London in 1859 as a volunteer light infantry unit, the regiment saw active service during the Second Boer War and the First World War, earning a number of battle honours.



Badge of the Artists Rifles

The group was organised in London by Edward Sterling, an art student, and comprised various professional painters, musicians, actors, architects and others involved in creative endeavours; a profile it strove to maintain for some years.

The regiment was disbanded in 1945, but in 1947 it was re-established as the Special Air Service Regiment. Today, the full title of the Regiment is 21 Special Air Service Regiment (Artists) (Reserve) (21 SAS(R)) and with 23 Special Air Service Regiment (Reserve) (23 SAS(R)), it forms the Special Air Service (Reserve) (SAS(R)).



Déjà vu Vintage Spy Swap

Perfect Setting for Latest 'Cold War' Spy Exchange

A snow-covered deserted bridge at a border crossing, unmarked cars, a foggy morning and men in dark jackets: a perfect setting to swap convicted spies, and all very reminiscent of classic Cold War spy exchanges on the Glienicke Bridge which separated East and West Berlin where 37 spies were exchanged. This however, was 10 February 2018, in the village of Koidula, located on the Russian-Estonian border.

Russian citizen Artem Zinchenko, who had served time for espionage in Estonia, was exchanged for Estonian businessman Raivo Susi, who had been convicted of espionage by Russia: both countries having agreed to issue mutual presidential pardons to the men.

Zinchenko was arrested by the Estonian Internal Security Service (KAPO), on 9 January 2016, and sentenced to five years in prison for spying on Estonia and its NATO allies. In a country that has long been a target for Russia's espionage, Zinchenko was the 10th convicted spy in nine years and the first among them who had been recruited by the GRU, Russia's military intelligence service.

His main task was gathering intelligence about the country's military and other critical infrastructure. He also provided information on



Raivo Susi is sentenced for 'spying on Russia'

military equipment and movement and deployment of NATO troops in the country. Much of the case against Zinchenko is still classified. What little remains unredacted describes only the sentence and a list of evidential items - two laptops, four mobile phones, an external hard drive and a paper notebook.

Raivo Susi was arrested at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport on 10 February 2016 - his destination an "unspecified country in central Asia." He was charged with espionage and sentenced to 12-years in prison. There is little public information about the 'businessman', but Susi had connections to several aviation companies. After his arrest, KAPO declined to comment regarding his alleged relationship (if any) with the Service.

According to the Estonian media, Susi is a co-owner of a company supplying Laki Autos and Musket airplanes; he is also an owner of Aerohooldus OU, which repairs aircraft. According to reports, Musket is on the Foreign Ministry of Estonia's contractor list as a broker in the trade in arms, ammunition, fire control systems, land, water and air vehicles, and armoured vehicles. Susi's clients were allegedly comprised of millionaires from aviation clubs in Russia, England, the USA and Western Europe.

The latest 'spy exchange' between the two nations, follows a similar event in 2015.



February 2018. 'Spies' Susi and Zinchenko are exchanged

Russia freed Estonian KAPO officer Eston Kohver, who had been sentenced to 15-years imprisonment on espionage and other charges. He spent a little over a year in a number of Russian prisons before his eventual release. In exchange, Tallinn freed Aleksei Dressen, a former Estonian security official serving 16-years in prison after he was found guilty of spying for Moscow. They were exchanged on the very same bridge as Susi and Zinchenko.



2015. Eston Kohver and Aleksei Dressen are exchanged



Artem Zinchenko in court

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INTEL TALK SENIOR SERVICE

ISIS INTERNET CALIPHATE, RUSSIAN AND CHINESE SPIES

Two recently retired British Intelligence officials have commented on the subject of ISIS. Former MI6 Chief Sir John Sawers, who spent many years in the diplomatic arena, warned that nationals returning from the Middle East after fighting with the terror group, should not be subjected to “wild justice,” and should be treated within the law. He warned that it was important intelligence and armed forces personnel were not put in positions “whereby they would break the law.”

Without naming UK Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson, who just weeks earlier said

everything should be done to “destroy and eliminate terrorists” and that a “dead terrorist can’t cause any harm to Britain,” Sir John said: “One or two loose things have been said about all those Brits who went out there [Iraq and Syria] should be killed. There are clear laws governing military action and so on. One of the essences of our system is that we operate within the framework of the law. Yes, many people need to be brought to justice, but that doesn’t mean a wild west.”

Former intelligence associate and GCHQ Director, Robert Hannigan, also commented on the future of ISIS - this as an intelligence circular created by the CIA and Pentagon,

reported that nearly all territory once controlled by the terror group, is now back under government and coalition control. Hannigan said what remains of the group and its followers continue to operate on the Internet, and that it was important much more attention be paid to online activities. “As it is destroyed on the ground, the online caliphate becomes more and more important to it. We need to bear down on that,” he said. “The longer term worry is that we didn’t really see Daesh coming. If you see Daesh as simply the latest iteration of Sunni extremism, we have to assume there will be another one and it may not exactly look like Daesh.”

In 2017, think tank Policy Exchange warned ISIS is winning a ‘netwar’ and that unless new counter-measures (regulations) are introduced, more people could be radicalised. In a foreword to its findings, former Director CIA General Petraeus said: “The fight against ISIS,



Sir John Sawers - former MI6 ‘C’



January 2017. Mike Pompeo is sworn in as Director CIA



Former Director CIA General Petraeus speaking at the 2017 Munich Security Conference

cyber attack as a weapon, "it is just a matter of time." With reference to attacks on infrastructure and power grids (examples), Hannigan concluded that unless greater attention is paid to the activities of such outfits, then "somebody will die as a result of cyber."

Sawers and Hannigan were speaking before Britain's joint Parliamentary National Security Strategy Committee.

RED STATES

Director CIA Mike Pompeo also joined the debate on increasing Russian cyber infiltration, igniting further debate on Kremlin interference in US and other nation elections. Asked about possible Russian meddling in the upcoming US mid-term elections, Pompeo said: "I have every expectation that they will continue to try and do that but I'm confident America will be able to have a free and fair election."

A secret CIA report on external interference in the 2016 US General Election, concluded that Russian Intelligence via proxies (some in North Korea), did hack Democratic electronic systems securing communications, and planting bogus stories within several social media platforms.

As for other US-Russia intelligence-related issues, Pompeo said that although agreements have been reached on counter-terrorism measures, he still regards Russia as an adversary, noting that Putin continues to subvert in Europe and the United States. And for good measure he warned that Chinese Intelligence (MIT) activities are on the



Robert Hannigan

al-Qaida and other elements of the global jihadi movement has become the defining power struggle of the 21st century. That struggle has increasingly been contested not just on the ground, but in a new domain of warfare... cyberspace."

RUSSIA AND NORTH KOREA

Away from the military end-game of ISIS, Hannigan raised the spectre of increasing Russian and North Korea cyber attacks against targets in the West using proxies and criminal elements. "Against the backdrop of a sense of disintegrating rules, states have been prepared to take risks that are seriously dangerous," he said. "The danger of miscalculation in cyber is much greater than in other areas." He warned that although no-one has yet been physically harmed or killed using a



ISIS propaganda imagery

increase. "The Chinese are trying to exert power over the West. We watch very focussed efforts to steal American information, to infiltrate the United States with spies - people who are going to work on behalf of the Chinese Government against America."

RIPPLES FROM 'RUSSIAGATE'? FBI Deputy Director McCabe Steps Down

Adding to the chaotic upheaval at the FBI, Andrew McCabe, 49, has stepped down as the Bureau's number two. Though McCabe's retirement had been widely expected soon, his departure was nevertheless sudden. Some



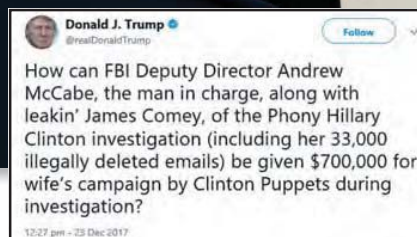
Andrew McCabe

intelligence sources claim he was forced out by President Trump, others say it was a personal decision. What can't be dismissed, McCabe has in the past been the source of

acrimony for Trump, with tensions running high over the on-going 'Russiagate' investigation and his wife, Jill (right), who was a democratic candidate for the Virginia State Senate in 2015. On 23 December 2017 President Trump Tweeted: 'How can FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, the man in charge, along with leakin' James Comey, of the Phoney Hillary Clinton investigation (including her 33,000 illegally deleted emails) be given \$700,000 for wife's campaign by Clinton Puppets during investigation?'



No doubt the real reason[s] why Andrew McCabe chose to depart from the FBI will eventually surface



Mr McCabe told associates he had hoped to stay until he was eligible to retire; instead, he immediately departed and will officially retire on 18 March.

According to one former law enforcement official close to McCabe, FBI Director, Christopher A. Wray, raised concerns about a forthcoming Inspector General report expected to be highly critical of some FBI actions in 2016 - this when the Bureau was investigating both Hillary Clinton's email usage and the Trump campaign's alleged connections to Russia.

Critics of McCabe, including some inside the FBI itself, said he should have recused himself from the Clinton investigation because of his wife's failed State Senate campaign, in which she accepted nearly half-a-million dollars in contributions from the political organisation of Terry McAuliffe, then Governor of Virginia, who is a long-time friend of Mrs Clinton and her husband, former President Bill Clinton.



Terry McAuliffe

Wray allegedly suggested moving McCabe into another job, which would have been a demotion. Instead, the former official said McCabe chose to leave.

The White House said President Trump, who had taunted McCabe on Twitter for months, had nothing to do with McCabe's exit. "The President wasn't part of this decision-making process," said Sarah Huckabee Sanders, White House Press Secretary, an assertion echoed by FBI Director Wray. "I will not be swayed by political or other pressure in my decision-making," he wrote to FBI employees.

While some intelligence analysts agree it is reasonable for people to think McCabe guilty of a 'conflict of interest', most believe the President of the United States should not publicly be seen attacking a government employee, let alone a senior FBI official on his Twitter account.

'Russiagate', as it is called by theUSIC (United States Intelligence Community) is one of the most delicate, and potentially the most dangerous counterintelligence case in US history that has reached far into the Trump administration. Most believe that it will have ramifications and repercussions for a long time to come...



NERVOUS AND RUSSIA'S AGE

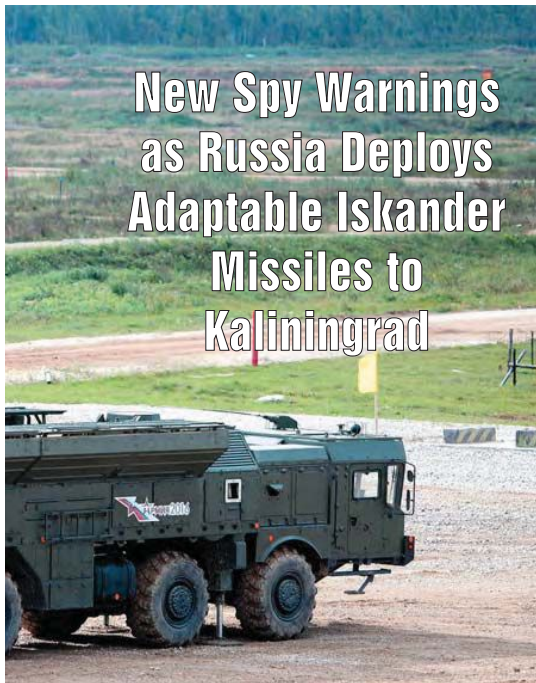
Russia has positioned a line of nuclear warhead capable 9K720 Iskander mobile short-range ballistic missiles in the Baltic Sea enclave of Kaliningrad. Previous deployments of the multi-role missile have been temporary, "but now the situation has changed," according to Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania.

In February, following intelligence assessments and satellite imagery provided for by the United States, Grybauskaitė said the "deployment of the missiles was now permanent."



An image often circulated by those critical of Hillary Clinton's email usage. She is seen here holding a BlackBerry cell phone in 2009

New Spy Warnings as Russia Deploys Adaptable Iskander Missiles to Kaliningrad



Russia Special Forces troops in Kaliningrad

IS NATO ENTS OF INFLUENCE

9K720 ISKANDER

The Kaliningrad missile site borders NATO territory and intelligence analysts perceive them as a direct threat to Baltic nations aligned to the West. "This again makes the situation even more serious because Iskanders in Kaliningrad means danger for half of the capitals of Europe," Grybauskaitė said.

Dismissive of NATO comments, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said: "This is



Range of ballistic 9K720 Iskander missile

exclusively a sovereign issue for the Russian Federation. Russia has never threatened anyone and is not threatening anyone today. Naturally, Russia has this sovereign right to deploy weapons on its own territory. It should hardly be cause for anyone to worry."

COVERT RESPONSE

In recent weeks, following the arrival of Iskander missiles in Kaliningrad, intelligence watchers and flight monitors have reported the



Russia's Chairman of the Defence and Security Committee Viktor Bondarev

arrival of a number of specialist NATO aircraft from the United States, UK, Germany and Denmark to the Baltic region. These include a US Navy P-8A Poseidon aircraft dubbed the 'submarine killer', which flew from RAF Mildenhall in Britain; a German P-3C Orion from Nordholz Naval Air Base in Lower Saxony and a Danish CL-600 Challenger took off from Aalborg Air Base, in Nørresundby. Analysts believe they are part of a new 'task force' based off the northern coast of Poland close to Kaliningrad. ➤



Dalia Grybauskaitė with Lithuania Chief of Defence Arvydas Pocius. Pocius said, "what is happening is the creation of a new frozen conflict in the region"

P-8A Poseidon





Left: Russian troops man a UR-77 Meteorit mine clearing system. Right: NATO troop landing exercise - Baltics

The NATO flights follow comments made by Dr Paul Miller, who served on the US National Security Council (NSC) under former Presidents George W. Bush and Obama. Miller stated that if ever a conflict was to escalate and war break out between Russia and the West, it would start in the Baltic region.

In October 2018, Chairman of the Defence and Security Committee in the upper house of Russia's Parliament, Viktor Bondarev, said of the Iskander missiles: "Their mobility, accuracy and 'might' [capabilities] help counter even a nuclear threat, which is especially important in the context of the latest developments on the Korean Peninsula and the US response to them." He has yet to comment on the deployment of the latest batch of NATO surveillance and warplanes.

AGENTS OF INFLUENCE

The warning coincides with claims from nearby Estonia that Russia has embarked on a new "agents of influence programme" in Baltic states and elsewhere, according to Mikk

**Mikk Marran
- Director-
General
EFIS**



Marran, Director-General of Estonia's Foreign Intelligence Service (EFIS).

Marran believes Russian Intelligence is targeting politicians, scientists, think tanks, business people and journalists in the hope that these "Moscow-friendly persons" will one day "serve Russia" in places such as the

European Parliament. Their primary goal is to have agents-in-place who might one day become "future leaders and influence the decision making process," said Marran.

In the EFIS 2018 overview, the spy agency also reported on Russia's 2017 Operation Zapad (WEST) - which simulated a full scale invasion and war with NATO. Russian emphasis and focus was initially on Baltic states including Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.



Whilst conventional at first, EFIS notes it would soon turn into a nuclear conflict - with no winners.

Interestingly, while Russia's media reported around 12,700 troops participated, EFIS said more than 100,000 troops were involved.

ISKANDER MISSILES can be fitted with various conventional and unconventional warheads: thermonuclear, cluster munitions, enhanced fuel-air explosive, cruise, high explosive fragmentation, earth penetrating 'bunker busting' and electromagnetic pulse capability (as an anti-radar weapon). Various types exist and have differing range capabilities. Graphic (below left) shows range of Iskander missile variants (ballistic 430 miles and cruise 1,500 miles) when based at three primary sites in KALININGRAD, annexed CRIMEA and KHMEIMIN AIR BASE, SYRIA



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UK Launches Initiative to Counter Fake News

Following a meeting of Britain's National Security Council, a new National Security Communications Unit is to be established to tackle fake news on social media such as Twitter, Facebook and other Internet sites... including recognised news outlets

For centuries Britain operated organisations skilled in the art of deception and propaganda - including the careful manipulation of information. These proved particularly valuable in the 20th century: in WWI, intelligence and media people backed by the government created the propaganda agencies Wellington and Crewe House in London. Perhaps the most powerful entity providing and absorbing news was the

Ministry of Information (MOI). Less well known was the covert, yet ironically named Neutral Press Committee which acted as a corridor between the military intelligence world and the media - the beginnings of the Fourth Estate. Well known figures in literacy such as Rudyard Kipling, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and George Wells, joined senior officials to help manage and output 'special information' for public and world consumption. Information management at its best.

Twenty years later with war once again sweeping across the globe, Britain relied upon the power of similar information-reliant organisations: from MI6's utterly convincing British Security Coordination (BCS), which helped convince the United States to enter WWII, the Political Warfare Executive (PWE), and the dark London Controlling Section (LCS) - to name but a few.

Besides being headed by senior government and intelligence officials, many also recruited



Laurence Olivier

well known actors; the list is simply too lengthy to present and readers are urged to undertake research, but included were the likes of Laurence Olivier (LCS and SOE) and writers such as George Orwell. Another LCS man was Dennis Wheatley, one of Britain's best 'thriller' writers. He became known as Churchill's 'Storyteller'. ➤



Arthur Conan Doyle and H. G. Wells

'Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me...' not true in 2018



Dennis Wheatley of the London Controlling Section known in intelligence circles as 'Churchill's Storyteller'



Senate House, headquarters of the shadowy Ministry of Information

In WWII in particular, the need for information from all parts of Europe was paramount. To collect, collate, assess, analyse and ultimately distribute processed OSINT (Open Source Intelligence) the UK selected ASLIB (Association of Special Libraries) as a lead agency.

ASLIB was supported by MI5, MI6 and other propaganda ministries. They were based on upper floors of the Victoria and Albert Museum, London. Here dozens of boxes of foreign newspapers and even radio recordings were translated and placed on microfilm, such

was the need to understand what was being reported about the war, Britain, Germany etc. The War Office found it particularly useful in determining the mind-set of Germany's military planners.

Such endeavours continued well into the Cold War years and under strict intelligence control. They were 'tools of government' led by 'puppet masters' and all had objectives - from implementing policy, countering threats and in many cases changing political landscapes. The operations of the BCS, PWE, MOI and LCS targeted everyone - from ordinary people to those in positions of high authority, such as the President of the United States.

THE RUSSIAN HOUSE

In 1948, MI6 Chief Stewart Menzies discussed countering Russian political warfare methods with a range of initiatives, including clandestine propaganda presented through secret government and media channels. These ranged from spreading rumours to the covert control of radio stations and other media outlets. There were also discussions on



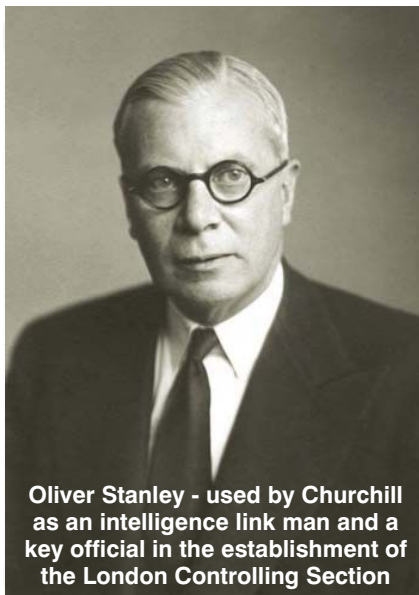
Stewart Menzies



Ernest Bevin - head of the IRD

campaigns of bribery against Communist targets, sabotage and even the 'liquidation of selected individuals'. Menzies had a wealth of historical archives to create a new programme, and could rely upon the experience of dozens of 'masters of deception'.

Few intimate papers have been released to the public, save reference to some endeavours, including the powerful Information Research Department (IRD) headed by Ernest Bevin, later Foreign Secretary who played an important role in the formation of NATO. This included a new offensive propaganda



Oliver Stanley - used by Churchill as an intelligence link man and a key official in the establishment of the London Controlling Section



ASLIB operated a huge data and information assessment bureau at the Victoria and Albert Museum - including understanding German propaganda and disinformation. Their work was utilised by all of Britain's security and intelligence services

directive. The primary goal of the mission was to free nations which had fallen behind the Iron Curtain: an early endeavour was codenamed Operation Valuable - to liberate Albania.

In the end of course, the Soviet Union proved a formidable adversary and its military prowess simply too strong for smaller nations to break free.

A BODYGUARD OF LIES

History books, and all of the organisations related to Britain's controllers of information and deception are too numerous to mention here, but together they represent a wealth of experience, cunning, manipulation and drama. Few would argue, however, that the intention of such actions was not without good cause in many theatres, especially in times of conflict

"In wartime, truth is so precious that she should always be protected by a bodyguard of lies."

Winston Churchill



and aggression - the rise of Nazism being a good example.

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DISSEMINATING DISINFORMATION



In January, Parliament via the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, decided to launch an inquiry into 'fake news': the growing phenomenon of widespread dissemination, through social media and the Internet, and acceptance as fact of stories of uncertain provenance or accuracy

- What is fake news? Where does biased but legitimate commentary shade into propaganda and lies?
- What impact has fake news on public understanding of the world, and also on the public response to traditional journalism? If all views are equally valid, does objectivity and balance lose all value?
- Is there any difference in the way people of different ages, social backgrounds, genders etc. use and respond to fake news?
- Have changes in the selling and placing of advertising encouraged the growth of fake news, for example by making it profitable to use fake news to attract more hits to websites, and



thus more income from advertisers?

- What responsibilities do search engines and social media platforms have, particularly those which are accessible to young people? Is it viable to use computer-generated algorithms to root out fake news from genuine reporting?
- How can we educate people in how to assess and use different sources of news?
- Are there differences between the UK and other countries in the degree to which people accept fake news, given our tradition of public service broadcasting and newspaper readership?
- How have other governments responded to fake news?



In February, an eleven-person UK Parliamentary committee questioned senior officials from Google, YouTube, Twitter and Facebook regarding the use of such platforms and the role they play in the control and output of information.

During the meeting, committee Chairman Damian Collins engaged in a heated debate with Facebook UK, Middle East and Africa policy director Simon Milner for suggesting his company was not responsible if "foreign actors paid for political adverts related to UK elections."

BIG HEAT

AN INTELLIGENCE GIVEAWAY?

Intelligence fears and new guidance as analysts note tracking app technology is exposing sensitive military personnel movement and secret sites around the world

In the world of intelligence, operatives are trained and schooled in personal security. From cell phone usage, proper document storage, travel arrangements, securing office location details and keeping meeting points private, to name but a few - all are essential rules and must be adhered to.

Most can be governed and controlled in the work area, but this becomes far more difficult once personnel move away from such an environment and back into 'normal life'. The Internet and all the electronic platforms and social equipment it has 'spawned' has

become a major headache for those who task it is to protect information and personnel.

A security breach not only affects an individual, but can have serious implications for colleagues, associates, targets and operations alike. Security mentality and methodology is not just taught to those engaged in secret intelligence work, but a whole range of associated occupations, from defence workers, armed forces personnel, technology experts, scientists, diplomatic corps staff and those in administration and oversight. Information security is key, and this often means keeping your personal location private,



or at the very least, away from the prying eyes of numerous electronic platforms and devices which are flooding the market.

Just recently, NATO launched a major educational programme in the Baltics and Eastern Europe because troops were blase about cell phone usage and personal messaging. Russia's FSB were securing vital intelligence on troop movements and base activity simply by tracking users and inserting spyware into cell phones. Similar warnings were issued to IDF (Israel Defence Force) personnel because too many troops were using social media sites not fully understanding the implications. They were being tracked and lured into potential relationships with people who were in fact adversaries.

Also in respect of security, Israel effectively banned government personnel from engaging with the Pokemon GO game because of





IDF Lotar Counter-Terrorism Unit officer. Israel has banned all its military personnel from using certain electronic devices and games

similar fears. US military personnel too were banned in 2016 from playing the game on government issued cell phones.



A report prepared by the US Government Accountability Office based on information concerns highlighted by the US Department of Defense (DOD) last summer, titled: *'Internet of Things: Enhanced Assessments and Guidelines Needed to Address Security Risks in DOD'*, certainly identified how using technology in everyday situations, could expose operations and endanger personnel. It even referenced smartphones and wearable fitness devices, proving lawmakers and those in charge of information security are not oblivious to the dangers.

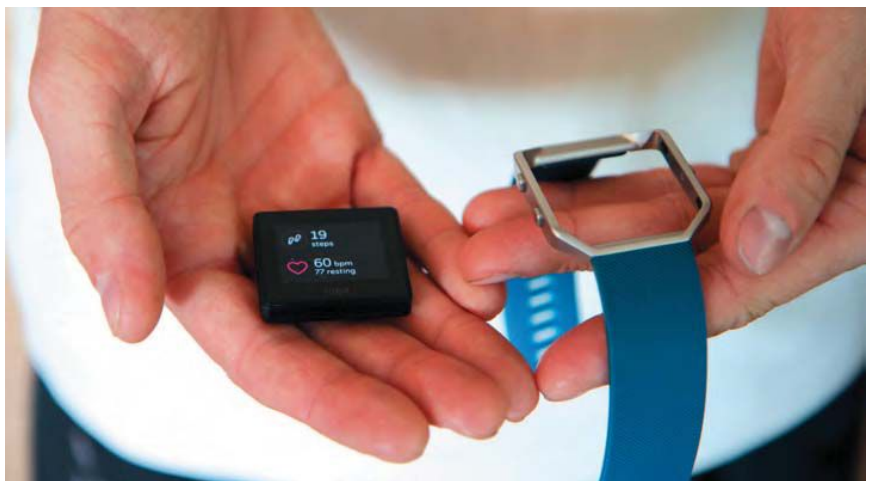
Yet still the dangers of tracking and sharing data about personal activities are not being fully appreciated, even by those whose task it is to ensure security. However, in recent weeks warnings have been issued about a popular and relative newcomer to the growing assembly of personal devices - fitness trackers.

HEAT SIGNATURE BETRAYAL

A smartphone can be utilised as an important piece of fitness equipment. Thanks to a plethora of apps it can count the miles you run, advise you what to eat and some claim they can even tell you how well you've slept. As the cell phone tracks user location by GPS, some companies are taking advantage of this feature. It allows users to upload their fitness activity and capture maps of the routes they have taken while carrying out a simple exercise, such as jogging. The most popular



USAF personnel engage in a fitness exercise at Schriever AFB



Sharing fitness data is but one subject being investigated by various organisations, including the US DOD and Britain's Ministry of Defence



"So much time and money is spent on ensuring security for all those who serve their country... and keep secret operations and locations. Why then give important, perhaps crucial information away to an adversary..."

routes in any given area form what are described as 'global heat maps'.

One app called Strava, used by a reported 27 million people worldwide, shows every activity that has ever been uploaded by its users. The company says it gives "a direct visualisation of Strava's global network of athletes," showing the running routes and the worldwide locations of where people exercise.

While heat maps are relatively harmless in urban areas, they have now been deemed to be a major security risk in war zones and remote areas used to support operations. In the desert regions of Iraq and Syria, the heat map becomes almost entirely dark - save for scattered pinpricks of activity. And this is problematic. By zooming-in on these areas and focusing on certain sites, users can see locations and outlines of known military bases, as well as other unknown and potentially sensitive sites. Deeper analysis exposes living quarters, likely guard patrol routes and training areas. This, because presumably soldiers and other base personnel are using fitness trackers at the site.

ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE

Such reports have not gone unnoticed by intelligence and military personnel. For example, Nick Waters, a former British Army officer who pinpointed the location of his former base in Afghanistan using the Strava map tweeted: *'Patrol routes, isolated patrol bases, lots of stuff that could be turned into actionable intelligence'*. And evidence if needed that the military hierarchy are oblivious to the wider security implications of such

trackers, other tweets from former and current military personnel said they were *'encouraged to use the apps as part of a fitness regime'*.

As the app is popular among Western soldiers, there are hotspot areas at bases in the Middle East. The app also shows the RAF base at Mount Pleasant in the Falklands; a French military facility in Niger (and a likely US Special Forces site) and activity at a well known air base in Syria operated by Russia's GRU intelligence service. Some suspected secret sites which are not visible on satellite images, can even be seen on the Strava map.

Another response to the app read: *'I was able to identify a soldier running a route around a camp in Iraq and follow him home to France using the built-in interface of Strava, in the manner in which it was intended'*.

James Lewis, a former Foreign Service (Department of State) worker and advisor to the US Southern Command for Operation Just



James Lewis



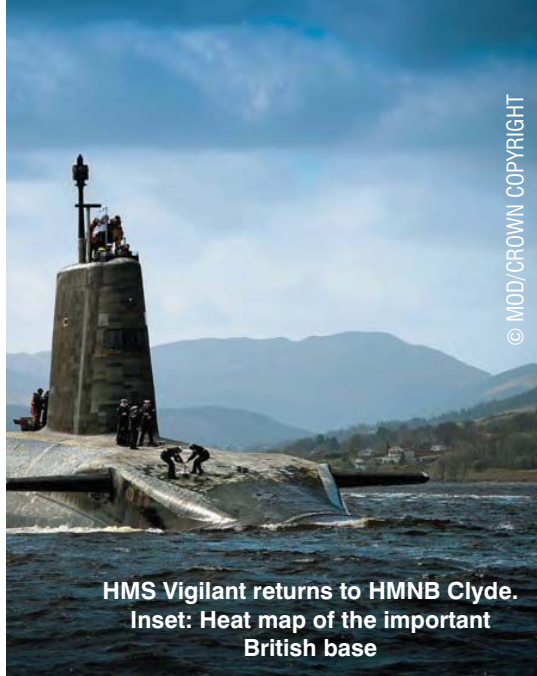
Cause, now a cyber expert for the Center for Strategic and Internal Studies (CSIS), noted that fitness trackers are just one of a number of ways wireless technology can "undermine operational security and give adversaries an edge." He highlighted Russian expertise in this field, and an increase in exposure if the data is combined with social media profiles. "The networks are the bane of operational security," he warned.

WIDER BASE IMPLICATIONS

A series of well-known military bases, where American and other Alliance forces have been deployed as part of the war against ISIS are highlighted in detail. These include Taji north of Baghdad, Qayyarah south of Mosul and Al-Asad in Anbar Province. Smaller sites in the north and west of Iraq, indicate the presence of other installations not referenced in



US commanders and intelligence officials are satisfied the map data represents a serious problem in respect of base, operations and personnel security

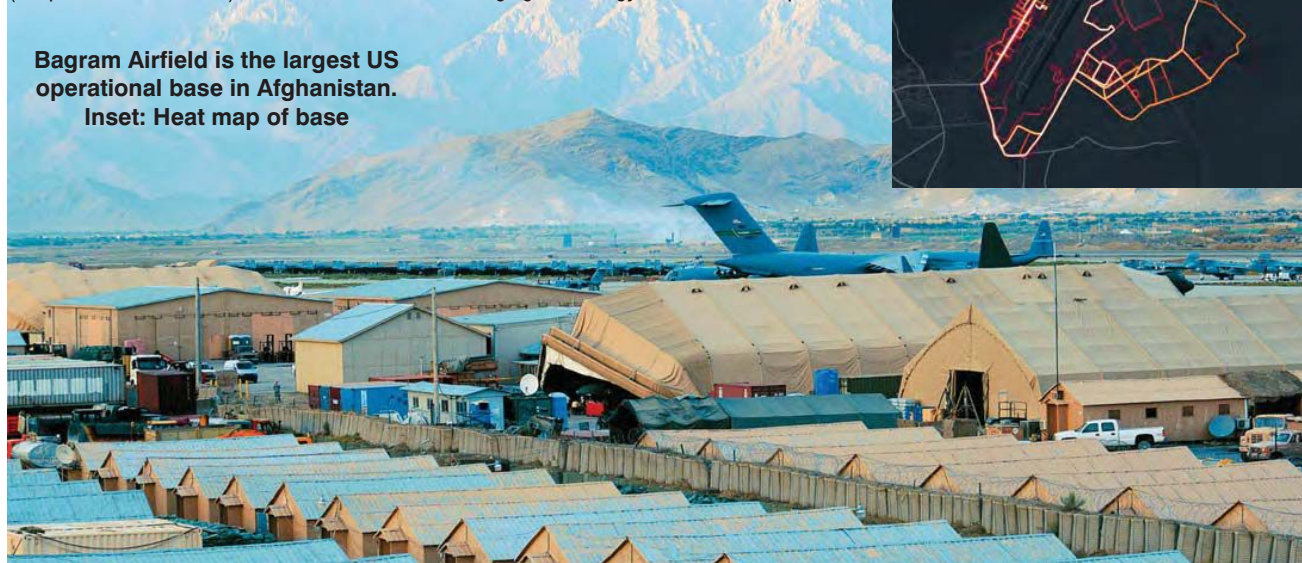


HMS Vigilant returns to HMNB Clyde.
Inset: Heat map of the important
British base

previous written or spoken information. Just as concerning for those personnel involved in Operation Inherent Resolve (and their Russian and Syrian counterparts), stretches of road are also highlighted. Analysts believe this is an indication that some Strava users kept their devices on while travelling. This could betray intelligence about commonly taken routes and the implications are obvious. In Afghanistan, intelligence watchers are now examining the heat maps showing Bagram Airfield, north of Kabul. They conclude it remains a hive of activity.

Perhaps more sensitive, in Syria, Qamishli in the northwest, a stronghold (facility) of US CIA-backed and sponsored Kurdish forces, is clearly visible. Eye Spy has learned this too has been discussed by senior military and intelligence officials following a major Turkish armed forces attack across the Syrian border which began on 18 January 2018. The US are none-too happy with their NATO partner, for many Kurdish militias, such as the YPG (People's Protection Unit) have been most

Bagram Airfield is the largest US operational base in Afghanistan.
Inset: Heat map of base



January 2018. Turkey's Chief of General Staff Hulusi Ajar (centre) discusses the military offensive against US-backed Kurdish militias in Syria

successful in removing armed elements of ISIS forces in the country. For its part, Turkey has designated some Kurdish forces, such as the PKK, a terrorist group. The PKK has been engaged in a three-decade long separatist struggle.

In the UK, GPS data utilised by such heat maps has revealed running routes around a number of sensitive locations, including GCHQ. At the high security Faslane nuclear naval base in Scotland (HMNB Clyde), officials have even pinned a note on the wall - 'You should not be using Strava here'. One well known and surprised hacker tweeted: 'How the **** are employees of a nuclear facility being allowed to bring in Fitbits and random electrical devices inside a base where nukes are stored?'

IMPLICATIONS AND COMMENT

Intelligence specialists have recognised the huge implications of heat mapping and other emerging technology. As stand-alone products



Heat signature of 'running' data around GCHQ

they are authentic and honest platforms to be used by individuals as a personal lifestyle support gadget. Yet just like any technology digesting and sharing personal data, they can become problematic. "An individual's identity might be 'pullable' from the data, either by combining it with other information online ➤



Users of the heat map have identified convoy tracks seemingly caused by troops using the fitness tracker while in motion



US Air Force Colonel John Thomas

wider analysis of the heat maps. US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has also authorised a review of security protocols associated with the subject.

In Britain, the Ministry of Defence declined to comment specifically about heat mapping, and in Australia, Defence Industry Minister Christopher Pyne said that his agency was preparing a report on the subject. However, an Australian Defence Force spokesman said, whilst they were aware of the dangers of loss of electronic data collection through personal electronic devices, denied there was a risk. "The circumstances of this application do not constitute a security breach," the official said. "Many of these devices and activities are important to the quality of life of the Defence staff."

That's not a view held by associates and intelligence people elsewhere.

EDITOR'S NOTE. It should also be noted that Strava's app allows users to opt out of data collection used in the heat mapping process, or set up privacy areas.



Peter Singer

or by hacking Strava... which just put a major bullseye on itself," said Peter Warren Singer, strategist and senior fellow at the New America think tank in Washington DC. "Knowing the person, their patterns of life, etc., again would compromise not just privacy but maybe security for individuals in US military, especially if working in the Special Operations community."

Strava issued a statement saying that it is "committed to working with military and

government officials to address sensitive areas that might appear." An earlier company statement had urged its subscribers to check their privacy settings and provided a link to a site that explained how to do that.

US Air Force Colonel John Thomas, a spokesperson for the US Central Command (USCENTCOM), said the military was examining "the implications of the map."

Pentagon officials involved in the military offensive against ISIS said Alliance commanders are revising guidelines on the use of all wireless and technological devices on military facilities as a result of recent reports and



THE GOA REPORT

ANALYSTS NOTED PROBLEMS IN 2017



The GOA report highlighted various scenarios where electronic interference, from hackers and ordinary errors by operators, staff in the DOD and other government areas could be catastrophic. Fitness tracking technology was also referenced. Four primary areas were used as examples:

SABOTAGE OF MISSION

1. An adversary targets and attacks the electrical system through a smart electric meter linked to the cooling system.
2. Without electricity, the cooling system shuts down, and the computer servers temporarily shut down or are taken offline before they overheat.
3. With the computer servers down, DOD's command and control computers lose communications temporarily or the systems shut down for a period of time, negatively impacting the mission.

SABOTAGE OF EQUIPMENT

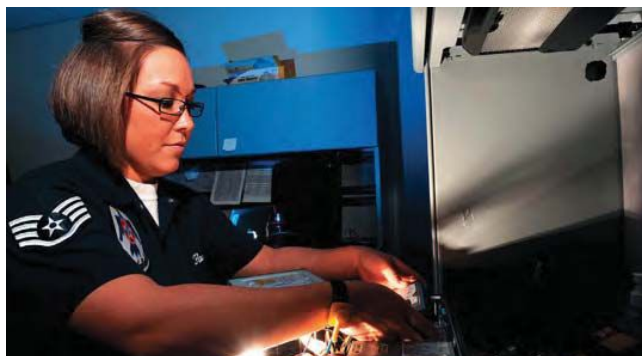
1. A ship is in dry dock for repair with ports open. There is no wireless intrusion detection system in place to detect any unauthorized access to the utility systems, such as water.
2. Due to poor cyber hygiene, an insider threat accesses utility passcodes or information off of an unsecured computer. With passcodes accessible, the threat connects his cell phone outside of the building to the water control systems.
3. The threat manipulates the water control system to flood the dry dock, flooding and damaging parts of the ship.

ENDANGERMENT

1. A senior DOD leader's vehicle is internet connected and monitored with onboard intelligence to control engine, braking, doors and radio.
2. A malicious actor hack's the car's software controls to access the features.
3. The hacker listens to conversations and takes over the steering and braking from the driver, endangering the senior leader.

OPERATIONS SECURITY & INTEL COLLECTION

1. A DOD organisation purchases a smart television. The television is placed in an unsecure area without cyber security controls and connected to a commercial provider.
2. An employee from the commercial provider remotely accesses the television. The employee uses the television's embedded capabilities to record conversations and take pictures of DOD personnel.
3. An adversary compromises the smart television and gains access to personal phones in the area to collect intelligence on DOD personnel.



THE KGB PROXY WHISTLEBLOWER

**Czech Intelligence targeted and recruited
British politicians and union officials -
former Czech StB spy alleges**

Former Czechoslovak spy Jan Sarkocy, 64, who used the alias Lieutenant Jan Dymic, during his tenure with the defunct Statni Bezpecnost (StB - State Security - established 1945), claims Britain's opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn, politician John McDonnell and former London Mayor Ken Livingstone were among a group of at least 15 Labour Party figures who allegedly passed information to the Soviet Union during the 1980s.

Speaking from his home in Bratislava, Slovakia, Sarkocy said he had met Mr Corbyn on "more than ten occasions" and described him as an "asset codenamed COB" who knew he was working with the Soviet puppet state.

DIPLOMATIC COVER

The former intelligence man claimed Corbyn had hosted him in the House of Commons (between 1986-1987) whilst he used the time-



Margaret Thatcher

honoured 'cover and legend' spy trait. In this case he was logged in Whitehall as a diplomat. Sarkocy himself was flagged 'persona non grata' for his espionage activities



Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has vehemently denied Sarkocy's allegations



*"Ridiculous smear
and entirely false"*

Jeremy Corbyn

in Britain. In 1989 he was removed from the country along with three other 'diplomats' on instructions of then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

For his part, Mr Corbyn insists he had no idea Mr Sarkocy was a spy and described the claims as a "ridiculous smear and entirely false." He said they simply had a "cup of tea in the House of Commons."

Mr Livingstone, nicknamed 'Red Ken' by his opponents denied the accusations, saying they were a "tissue of lies." He did admit meeting a "Russian representative," adding "nothing happened." Mr McDonnell, now Labour's Shadow Chancellor, also described the claims as "ridiculous."

Associates of the men told Eye Spy sources the allegations were "entirely false" and insisted Mr Sarkocy himself has "no credibility at all."

However, when confronted with the denials, Sarkocy directly challenged Mr Corbyn's account, insisting the politician had known about his role within the Communist-era secret police force. "It was a consensual collaboration," Sarkocy said. "He was our asset, he had been recruited. He was getting money from us."

ALLEGED CULTIVATION

The former agent said the operation to cultivate Corbyn, who allegedly told him that he "admired the Soviet Union," was controlled



Jan Sarkocy who used the cover and legend of 'Lieutenant Jan Dymic'

by the KGB in Russia. "Recruitment of Corbyn was overlooked [overseen] and secured by Russians," he said. "All the information that we got from him and one other supporting source had been verified and then valued not only here, but in Russia as well."

"It was like this, when we got a tip on someone we worked together with the

"A tissue of lies"

Ken Livingstone



"Ridiculous and false allegations"

John McDonnell

Russians. Mr Corbyn was a regular [visitor] at events within the Czechoslovakian Embassy in London at the time, and was also in touch with other StB agents working from within the agency."

Few in the intelligence world dispute the KGB's British programme of recruitment, especially those aligned to the left and union organisations, however, no MI5 intelligence source has ever mentioned Corbyn as being in the "pocket of the KGB."

DOCUMENTATION

Authentic StB documents, however, have now surfaced in the Czech Security Forces Archive (ABS - founded 2008) suggesting Sarkocy did indeed target Mr Corbyn in the hope of finding information on MI5 and MI6, as well as America's nuclear programme. Nevertheless, Eye Spy analysts said the documents' content

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7	EC - 0969	7	7	7

Jeremy Corbyn documents found in the StB archives. Had the politician been an asset, as claimed by Sarkocy, his file would have had the signature '4'. It did not, and was designated '1' - a target

is open to suggestion and interpretation. Svetlana Ptacnikova, Director of the ABS which houses a vast collection of dated StB materials and documents, said:

"Mr Corbyn was neither registered [by the StB] as a collaborator, nor does this [his alleged collaboration] stem from archive documents. We don't have any documents which state that Jeremy Corbyn was a paid informant, nor a secret collaborator, but we can't be sure."



STB ARCHIVE PAPERS NAME CORBYN AS A TARGET NOT AN ASSET



Building in Prague once controlled by the StB, reportedly leading to a nuclear bunker for use by Communist Party officials



**Director of ABS
Svetlana Ptacnikova**

Senior intelligence sources told Eye Spy the documented information suggests the Labour leader was targeted as a possible source rather than serving as an active informant. A clue can be found on the stamp and folder containing Corbyn's file. The StB kept possible contacts and persons of interest in a file with the identification number ONE. Collaborators names (agents, assets and contacts) were secreted in a file stamped FOUR. Ptacnikova said: "If he had been successfully recruited as an informer, then his person of interest file would have been closed and a new one would



have been opened, and that one would have started with the number four."

Other StB files, profile the names of 120 people (targets), and list both 'sources' and others for 'further evaluation'. Such analysis files were commonplace in both the East and West. One line on the Czech document read: 'Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP of the House of Commons of the British Parliament, contact initiated 25.11.1986'. Another describes MI5 and MI6 as 'Anti-communist agencies'.

FINAL WORDS

Mr Corbyn's spokesman said: "Mr Sarkocy's story has more plot holes in it than a bad James Bond movie." UK Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson said, "Mr Corbyn cannot be trusted." Prime Minister Theresa May also joined the debate: "Where there are allegations of this sort, MPs should be prepared to be open and transparent" about the alleged spy contacts. Conservative politician Ben Bradley tweeted: 'Corbyn sold British secrets to communist spies... get some perspective mate!!'. Your priorities are a bit awry'. The tweet was removed after Corbyn contacted his solicitor who told Bradley it was libellous and if it was not deleted he would face legal action.

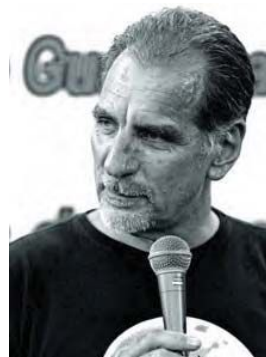
CUBAN FIVE AND EL SALVADOR

Two years ago Corbyn helped former Cuban spies enter Britain. The Labour leader hosted Rene Gonzalez and Gerardo Hernandez in the



Former Labour Party Prime Minister Harold Wilson. Stories surrounding his ties to the KGB, whilst legendary, have never been proven. However, he was a 'target' of Russian Intelligence, and was even given a codename - OLDING

House of Commons in July 2016, this despite warnings they were a threat to national security. Gonzalez and Hernandez had served jail terms in the US after being convicted of spying on Cuban exiles for Fidel Castro's government. The two spies were part of the



Rene Gonzalez

'Miami Five' or 'Cuban Five', a group arrested in 1998 and found guilty in 2001 of trying to infiltrate US military installations.

Gonzalez was released in 2011, while Hernandez

Left: Prague headquarters of Czech Intelligence today - Security Information Service (BIS). Of interest, former spies, officials, staffers and associates, including assets and informers of the StB are banned from certain types of employment in the organisation



CORBYN HAS 'QUESTIONS TO ANSWER'

Former MI6 Chief on Corbyn and Czech Intelligence

LONDON: Former MI6 Chief Sir Richard Dearlove, believes "Jeremy Corbyn has questions to answer" over his contact with the Communist spy and cannot simply "laugh off" the disclosures. Sir Richard said, "it was absurd" for the Labour leader to suggest he thought a Czechoslovakian agent was just a diplomat when he agreed to meet him and he should have "taken care to avoid him." He believes Mr Corbyn would be left in "a very awkward position" as a potential future prime minister if there were any further revelations from Cold War-era files.

And while some commentators have questioned Sarkocy's story, Sir Richard said "the discussion I have had with friends close to the current Czech intelligence community" suggests otherwise. He said that "everything I learned about the way the StB operated tells me that these accusations should be taken seriously."



Sir Richard Dearlove



East Berlin - 1958. British politician and CPGB member Bill Alexander participates in an event hosted by the Socialist Unity Party of Germany. CPGB members were regularly monitored by a watchful MI5

was freed in 2014. Mr Corbyn invited Gonzalez to Commons meetings on Cuba-US relations, but he was denied a visa by then Home Secretary Theresa May because of fears expressed by MI5 and MI6. Several politicians, led by Mr Corbyn and John



McDonnell wrote to the Court of Appeal saying this breached his human rights. Their appeal was upheld.

Corbyn's name also features in released CIA files after he attended a conference of the El Salvadorian Fenastras Union in 1986. Some members of the union backed the Marxist fighting force the Farabundo Marti National Front (FMLN). This outfit was sponsored and

CZECH SECURITY ARCHIVE ABS



Founded in 2008, the ABS comprises of nearly five million digitised pages of intelligence and related documents. Based in Prague and Kanice, the archive is overseen by 157 employees and regular receives around 30,000 people. Director Svetlana Ptacnikova said the identities and activities of the StB are regularly researched. In 2018, a further 400,000 pages will be added to its burgeoning archive.

LINKS: www.abscr.cz

supplied weaponry by the USSR and Cuba and was involved in a lengthy civil war which lasted 15 years - ending only in 1992.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Stories of KGB operations to recruit senior politicians, officials and intelligence people in the UK have circulated for decades. Many are authentic. Beginning in the 1920s, those engaged with the Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB) were routinely targeted, and several did act as Soviet spies.

MI5's lengthy pre-war and Cold War counter-intelligence endeavour uncovered numerous

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LEGACY OF THE STB FILES

Czech Prime Minister and a Disputed StB File

A Slovak court has rejected a plea by Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babis to be cleared of allegations of assisting the Communist-era secret police - StB. The politician has already acknowledged meeting StB officers in the 1980s in the former Czechoslovakia when he was a Communist Party member and worked in foreign trade. However, he is adamant the topic of conversation centred solely around economics and business.

CODENAME BURES

Documents held at the Slovak National Memory Institute (UPN) which archives Communist-era files (1939-1989), lists Babis as an agent codenamed Bures. Babis challenged the material.

Of relevance to events in London, Jan Sarkocy said he had seen an StB file on Babis and "it was not falsified." Babis responded, "Sarkozy is lying," and said he is "an absolutely untrustworthy person and shocked that Czech media consider him a relevant source of information."

Analysts believe the ruling is symbolic and will not stop Babis forming a new government after his minority administration failed to win a vote of confidence in the Czech parliament in January.

The court also ruled that Babis's lawsuit against the Slovak National Memory Institute was misplaced. Officials said the institute was only "the keeper, not the author, of the files," most of which were produced by the StB

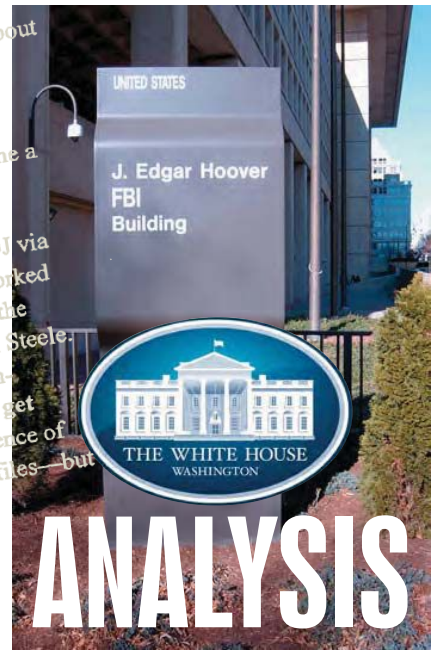


Prime Minister Andrej Babis

itself. Babis said he would fight the ruling with another lawsuit, although he did not know yet where it would be addressed. "We will sue until death because we are in the right," he said.

THE NOT-SO TOP SECRET NUNES MEMORANDUM

President Trump orders release of powerful intelligence observations compounding further relations between the FBI and White House



The White House has controversially declassified an intelligence-based document (four page Top Secret memorandum compiled by Republicans without redactions) containing information relating directly to various controversial subjects, including: The so-called 'Trump Dossier' written by former MI6 officer and Russian specialist Christopher Steele; Russian interference in the 2016 General Election, and hugely contested commentary that the FBI sided with the democratic school during and after Trump's succession to the Oval Office. The paper was prepared by House Intelligence Chairman Devin Nunes, who served as a member of the president's transition team.

The document's release was quickly criticised by the FBI, officials warning the memo "omits key information that could impact its veracity."



Former MI6 officer Christopher Steele

MEMORANDUM CONTENT

The memorandum contains a plethora of suggestive notes and guidance, including details that the FBI used part of Steele's research as the basis to continue a covert surveillance operation against Carter Page. Page was a former foreign policy adviser to

Trump during his campaign and visited Moscow to research "possible business links." Such liaisons saw him fall under FBI surveillance as early as 2013, but the released documents make clear that part of the reason was analysis of unvetted materials (not referenced or supported by secondary evidence) contained in Steele's dossier, of which the former spy now acknowledges was not totally accurate. Further controversy ensued when it was learned who had ordered and sponsored Steele's investigation in the first place - opponents of Trump, many with their feet placed in Hillary Clinton's camp.





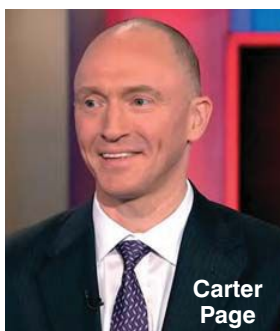
June 2017. San Francisco. 'Flashmob' protesters with enlarged Russian dolls resembling Carter Page, Michael Flynn, Presidents Trump and Putin, plus others caught up in alleged Russian interference in the 2016 US General Election



Author of the controversial memo House Intelligence Chairman Devin Nunes

SURVEILLANCE

Carter Page became a 'person of interest' in 2013, following an FBI covert wiretap operation in which intelligence was secured on conversations between Russian SVR and FSB officers who discussed the possibility of recruiting Page. The intention being to learn through Page detailed inside knowledge of the US energy business. He was



Carter Page

interviewed by Bureau agents but continued to discuss business matters with a number of Russians. Yet despite no further action being taken the released memorandum shows five senior Justice Department and FBI officials signed three requests for extensions of the foreign intelligence surveillance warrant for Page. These were quickly approved and the probe continued.

Following release of the new documents, Carter Page launched a blistering attack saying they reflect an "unprecedented abuse of power." Speaking in London of the Steele dossier, "it's all rubbish," he said, "at least every word about me."

WARRANTS AND INTEL

Eye Spy associates in the United States said for the FBI to obtain a warrant - and then continue a surveillance operation of this type and to extend it - the Bureau must have made a convincing case. "Officials had to convince a judge that Page was a suspected agent of a foreign power." Analysts also believe the Bureau failed to inform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, who extended the warrant, about Steele's obvious bias towards Trump.

Steele's dossier contains paragraphs of some alleged meetings between Carter Page and Russian nationals, including Igor Sechin, ➤



28 September 2017. Christopher Wray is sworn in as FBI Director at the Installation Ceremony. He is critical of the release of the Nunes memorandum



Former FBI Director James Comey is referenced in the memorandum

a close friend of President Putin and Director of the major energy company Rosneft. All of this convinced Trump's opponents Moscow was backing his bid to become president - hence claims of Russian interference.

Steele too is also said to have been "desperate" that Trump fail in his election bid. According to the released papers: 'Steele admitted to [Bruce] Ohr his feelings against then-candidate Trump when Steele said he 'was desperate' that Donald Trump not get elected and was passionate about him not being president'. Ohr was at the time Associate Deputy Attorney General and his wife Nellie, worked for Fusion GPS the organisation which hired Steele to write the dossier in the first place. The released memo,



Former FBI Director Robert Mueller (left) pictured with ex-D/CIA John Brennan in the White House Situation Room



OPPOSING VIEWS

President Trump with Nancy Pelosi. Pelosi said release of the unredacted documents "undermines US national security." President Trump said it was a "statement of truth..."

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

FISA (established 1977) is the primary rule which establishes procedures for agencies of the United States Government to collect intelligence (physical, electronic and other) of foreign intelligence information between foreign powers, nationals, agents and other elements suspected of espionage and terrorism against the USA. Accompanying FISA is the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) which like in the case against Carter Page, oversees requests for surveillance warrants.

FISA, much amended since 9/11, and FISC, are referenced several times in the four-page released memorandum written on 18 January 2018 connected to the latest revelations about Russian election interference, alleged FBI duplicity and the Trump dossier written by Christopher Steele. It was declassified by order of President Trump on 2 February 2018. The subject header read: 'Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Abuses at the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation'. Its banner (classification) read Top Secret.

in respect of this conversation went on to say: 'This clear evidence of Steele's bias was recorded by Ohr at the time and subsequently in official FBI files - but not reflected in any of the Page FISA* applications'.

COMMENTARY AND THE FBI

The threads and ripples surrounding this dark conspiracy have been further clouded by all manner of accusations, liaisons and sometimes intelligence that is little more than opinion. But by releasing the memorandum this has again heightened tension between the White House and the FBI, for the president is effectively saying the Bureau has abused its power and is biased towards him. President Trump said: "I think it's terrible. You want to know the truth, I think it's a disgrace. What's going on in our country... it's a disgrace." Trump's opponents say those who wrote the released memo simply chose to "cherry pick points."

Bureau Director Christopher Wray defended his staff, in an internal note he wrote: 'You have all been through a lot in the past nine months and I know its often been unsettling to say the least. And the past few days haven't done much to calm those waters. Let me be clear, I stand fully committed to our mission. I stand with you'. Insiders say Wray could well depart before the end of 2018.



**INTEL
INSIDE**

President Trump and Vice-President Mike Pence. The decision to write and then release the so-called Nunes Memorandum was a calculated action intended to provide background on many claims and disinformation circulating about secret liaisons and other happenings. Some analysts, however, believe the move has darker motives and intended only to help derail Robert Mueller's probe into various incidents surrounding the 2016 US General Election



Igor Sechin Director of Rosneft

And this may impact on the probe into Russian interference in the election. Sources in Washington believe Robert Mueller, former head of the FBI and Special Counsel who is leading the investigation, could well be asked to step down. He said: "The latest attacks on the FBI and Department of Justice serve no American interest - no party's... no president's only Putin's." Nancy Pelosi, who serves as the Minority Leader of the US House of Representatives accused Trump of "sending his friend Putin a bouquet of flowers."

***Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act**

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Eye Spy looks at ten renowned hotels inextricably linked to the world of intelligence and espionage - each with dark and illuminating tales to tell...

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PROJECT GREEK ISLAND

This world class resort, in operation since 1778, has played host to 26 presidents, royalty, celebrities and business leaders. During the Cold War years from 1959 through 1972, it was a relocation centre for the US Government in the event of a nuclear exchange. Codenamed Project Greek Island, an under ground bunker was built and protected by two-foot thick walls made of reinforced concrete designed to withstand a nearby atomic blast. The bunker



included a dormitory, kitchen (with a six month supply of food), hospital and a media centre. Government workers posed as hotel audiovisual employees, operating under a front company called Forsythe Associates. Its on-site operatives had the supposed role of maintaining the hotel's 1100 televisions.

Earlier in WWII, the resort became an army hospital as well as a relocation centre for some of the Axis diplomats interned as enemies of the United States - an executive-class prison camp for German, Italian and Japanese diplomatic personnel, where just like Trent Park in the UK, communication between 'residents' was no doubt monitored.

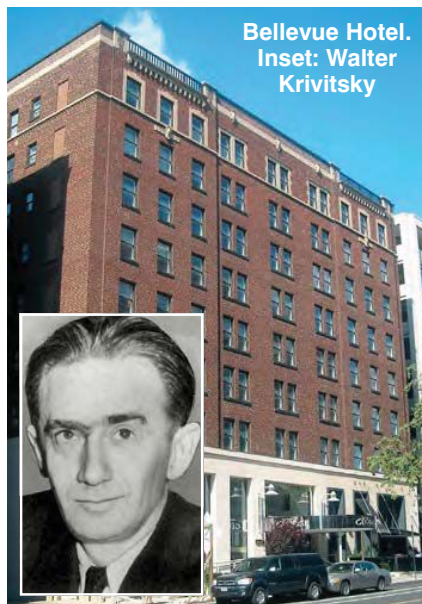
The Greenbrier still maintains the bunker complex, with much of the facility remaining



as it was in 1992 when its intelligence secret was revealed in the national press. Today, visitors can book a 90-minute tour of its secret bunker.



The Greenbrier Hotel



Bellevue Hotel.
Inset: Walter
Krivitsky

THE BELLEVUE Washington DC, USA

END GAME FOR NKVD SPY

Just before WWII broke out, Soviet intelligence agent and well-travelled spy recruiter Walter Krivitsky and his wife defected to the United States. This followed a purge of officers in the Red Army authorised by Stalin and believing war was inevitable. Once in America, he duly began to impart Russia's most guarded secrets to US intelligence officials, including the secret Molotov-Ribbentrop (Germany-Russia) pact.



Molotov-Ribbentrop following the signing of the non-aggression Russia-Germany pact

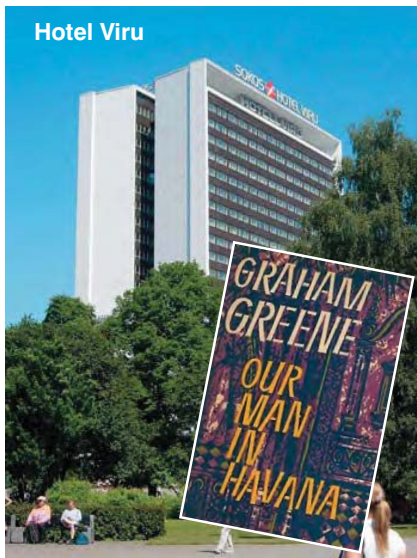
On 10 February 1941, Krivitsky was found dead in his room at the Bellevue Hotel, now known as the Hotel George, from a single gunshot to the head. Although ruled a suicide at the time, suspicions still linger that Soviet intelligence directed the killing. Indeed, he was high on an NKVD hit list.

HOTEL VIRU Tallinn, Estonia

OUR MAN IN HAVANA

During the Cold War, any foreign dignitary or journalist arriving in Estonia would be taken directly to the 22nd floor of the Viru (top floor). There was no 23rd floor button on the elevator panel but the level did exist - staffed by KGB officers who would sit each day, intercepting radio waves from Helsinki and sending cables to Moscow.

It was also where information from the 60 or so hotel rooms that were routinely bugged would be processed. Gaps between the rooms allowed for the installation of wiring, transmitting and receiving equipment; and in the rooms themselves, bugs were attached to

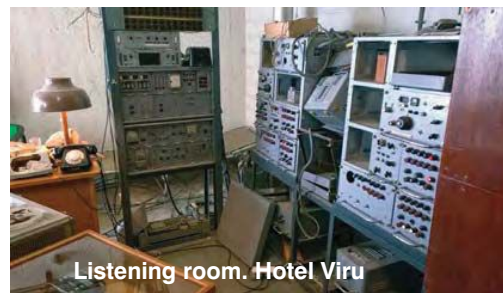


undersides of dinner plates and ash trays.

In 1934, novelist Graham Greene met here with a British munitions salesman in Tallinn, who later turned out to be working for British Intelligence (MI6). Greene subsequently wrote a film script set in the city about a sewing machine salesman who becomes a secret agent. The film was never made, but Greene used the plotline for his 1958 internationally acclaimed spy novel, *Our Man in Havana*, changing the location from Tallinn to Cuba.



Graham Greene



Listening room. Hotel Viru

BEAU-RIVAGE PALACE Geneva, Switzerland

LONG ARM OF MOSSAD?

In 1987, Uwe Barschel, a German CDU politician embroiled in political scandal, was found dead in room 317. He was fully clothed in a bathtub filled with water. Declared a suicide, investigators were not satisfied with the ruling and suspected foul play. Sources in Germany believe he was killed by a five-man Mossad assassination team because he had learned about an illegal Iranian-Israeli arms deal.



Uwe Barschel

His family are convinced he was murdered and the case remains open to this day. Indeed, in 2011 police announced Barschel death was being re-investigated, and Eye Spy was contacted to provide printed literature pertaining to the affair.

In 2015, the hotel was visited by Swiss Intelligence following a suspected cyber breach during talks on Iran's nuclear programme (P5+1). See Eye Spy 98. ➔



LE MEURICE Paris, France

THE STAMP COLLECTOR

Felix Bloch, former Director of European and Canadian Affairs in the US State Department met KGB agent Reino Gikman here in 1989. An avid stamp collector, Bloch was also a suspected spy.

In 1989, French intelligence officers observed Bloch enter the hotel's restaurant with a briefcase where he met KGB agent Reino Gikman, and then leave without the briefcase. When questioned, Bloch explained he had a dinner meeting with a man he knew as Pierre Bart, a fellow stamp collector. Bloch had a taste for sadomasochistic sex, and the FBI believe the Soviets were either indulging Bloch's tastes, or had blackmailed him into becoming their spy.

It transpired Reino Gikman was a KGB spy operating in Western Europe and the name simply an alias. Gikman used a Finnish passport and spent several years in Finland developing his illegal residence cover (cover and legend) by posing as a Finnish national. A wiretapped telephone conversation on 27 April 1989 between Gikman and Bloch, who was stationed in Vienna from 1980 to 1987, was the original cause of espionage suspicions on Bloch.

Years later, US authorities discovered that FBI agent Robert Hanssen had been responsible for alerting the Soviets to the investigation.

Hanssen, whose activities have been widely featured in Eye Spy, reported to his KGB



Le Meurice

handlers about the ongoing FBI investigations of Bloch and Reino Gikman in order to save them from possible arrest. Gikman escaped to Moscow and made a warning phone call to Bloch. The FBI intercepted this and other espionage-related phone calls, but were unable to collect enough evidence to charge Bloch with any crime. For the record, Bloch served a total of 32 years in the State Department. Nothing could be pinned on Bloch but he was fired in 1990.

CORINTHIA London, UK

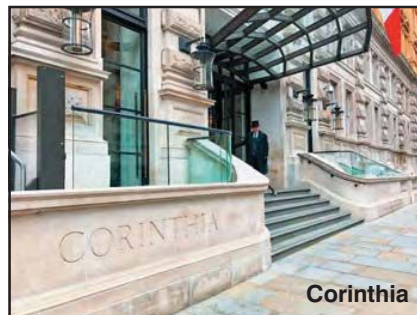
ROOMS AND SECRETS

The Corinthia Hotel in London occupies the building at the corner of Northumberland Avenue and Whitehall Place. Originally opened as the prestigious Hotel Metropole in 1885, the building, with its close proximity to the Houses of Parliament, was later requisitioned by the government and housed emergency administration and intelligence offices during both world wars. It became a favoured meeting place of MI5 and MI6 officials.



Room 474 also became the first home of MI9 and elements of the Special Operations Executive, and later the holding point for one of the model planning beaches for Operation Overlord - the codename for the invasion of Normandy, France. But one of the most intriguing services performed for the government came out of room 801: which, rumour has it, housed the highly classified depository for UFO sightings.

In 2008, as part of the conversion process back to a luxury hotel, secret tunnels built during WWII to facilitate below ground access to Whitehall had to be securely filled in. Three years later the official announcement of the new 007 movie *Skyfall* was made at a press conference at the hotel.



Corinthia

ATHENEE PALACE Bucharest, Romania

A KGB & GESTAPO HAUNT

The splendid Athenee Palace Hotel was a spy den in WWII and the Cold War. Built in 1914 and renovated in 1937, it was a renowned haunt of both British and Gestapo spies. Nationalised in 1948, the Communists



Athenee Palace





Lobby of the
Athenee Palace

bugged every room and tapped every phone. Many of its staff operated as informers. It was bought by the Hilton chain in 1994.

A.L. Easterman (early post-WWII lawyer and journalist) described the hotel as "the most notorious caravanserai in all of Europe... a meeting place of the continental spies, political conspirators, adventurers, concession hunters and financial manipulators."



Gestapo officers - WWII

THE PERA PALACE Istanbul, Turkey

AGENT CICERO

During WWII, Turkey was ostensibly neutral, but was one of the war's spy capitals and reportedly James Bond creator Ian Fleming's favourite city.

The Pera Palace, once Istanbul's grandest hotel, hosted Alfred Hitchcock and Winston Churchill before it slumped into disrepair decades ago. When it first opened in 1892, the Pera was the Ottoman Empire's first luxury hotel, boasting the only cast iron and wood elevator. It was the first building other than the sultan's palaces with hot running water and electric lights.

A playground for aristocrats, writers and film stars, the Pera was the last stop on the Orient Express run. Agatha Christie is rumoured to have written *Murder on the Orient Express* in

Room 411. Ernest Hemingway drank in the Orient Bar and King George V, Greta Garbo and executed WWI spy Mata Hari were regular visitors.

The spy-infested Pera, favoured by Allied operatives, was struck by a Nazi bomb in 1941, destroying its grand entrance. It re-opened in 2010 after a lavish renovation.



Mata Hari

The notorious MI6 officer and KGB spy Kim Philby also frequented the hotel when posted to the city by the British Government in 1947.

Though MI6 and Allied spies booked into the Pera Palace, their German and Axis counter-



Pera Palace

parts favoured the Park Hotel in another part of the city, close to what was the German consulate in the 1940s. Its bar played host to Elyeza Basna, an Albanian from Kosovo turned Nazi spy and better known in spynore as agent Cicero.



Agent Cicero

THE MAYFLOW Washington DC, USA

LUNCH WITH SPIES

Over the decades, the prestigious and popular Mayflower Hotel has offered quiet venues for clandestine meetings involving Nazi saboteurs, Soviet agents and American spies such as CIA agent Aldrich Ames (below), who spied for Russia, and government scientist Stewart Nozette who attempted to sell classified information to the Mossad.

On 18 June 1942, it was visited by German spy George John Dasch, who checked into room 351 with the intention of meeting FBI Director J. Edgar



The Mayflower

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George John Dasch

Hoover to reveal his Abwehr spy mission, codenamed Operation Pastorius. This was essentially an agent infiltration and sabotage endeavour aimed at disrupting US military operations.

Dasch never did meet with Hoover, who ironically and unbeknown to him, lunched every day in the Hotel's dining room. Instead, he went to the FBI headquarters and was directed to meet with FBI agent Duane L. Traynor. Seven German agents were soon arrested... and Dasch. Six were executed but Dasch and an associate, Ernst Burger were imprisoned. The two spies were pardoned by President Truman in April 1948, and deported back to Germany. Dasch went on to write an account of Operation Pastorius in a 1959 book called *Eight Spies Against America*.

ROYAL HORSEGUARDS London, UK

WHITEHALL 12-12

Built in 1884 on the banks of the River Thames, the Royal Horseguards' entire 8th floor once served as headquarters for the British secret services during the war. Secret passageways, sliding bookshelves and other classic spy tropes are believed to have been installed here. Concealed in its wine cellar, a blocked doorway leading to an underground tunnel connecting to many neighbouring government buildings.

Today, hotel staff are generally happy to show guests around the building and discuss its links to the world of espionage.

Its restaurant is named 1212 - the former telephone number of Scotland Yard.



Royal Horseguards

BE ADVISED... SEEK SHELTER AND SURVIVE

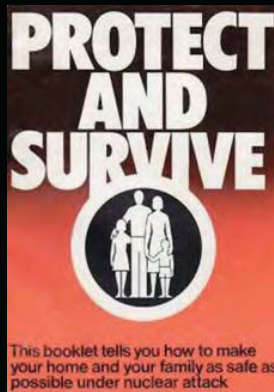
FOUR MINUTE WARNING

FALLING DOWN

Eye Spy examines the controversial subject of public missile, rocket and nuclear attack warnings, and how for decades governments have tried and failed to create any meaningful alert system, this as Japan and Hawaii suffer embarrassing security mishaps



From the late 1950s to the early 1990s, Britain operated a public alert system for incoming atomic and then nuclear bombs dubbed the 'four minute warning'. Its very early and initial data collection centre or 'eyes and ears' was centred at Jodrell Bank Observatory, which unbeknown to the public (and astronomical community) was used to track missile activity. The centre's public chief was astronomer Sir Bernard Lovell, who under pressure kept the identity and work role of several government intelligence and RAF officers secret, as well as scientists and other occasional visitors to the complex. These personnel were given fictitious names and their ulterior work classified as Secret.



Around the country air raid sirens were affixed to all manner of public buildings, and a major educational



Across the UK, dozens of non-descript buildings housed telephone links to London and elsewhere. They also provided a short-term and 'safe' underground living area for a handful of workers and officials. Pictured is the Guardian Exchange, Manchester - one such station

government programme initiated. This involved printed, audible and visual guidance, with a number of rather dark and rudimentary films produced by the remnants of Britain's WWII propaganda and intelligence circuit.

Two short films were produced by the Home Office which were to be broadcast in the event of major (some say imminent) nuclear alerts.

From hiding under beds, securing windows and filling bathtubs with water, the public were provided with information that today, seems remarkable in its naivety. Nevertheless, at the time it was thought relevant and gave some assurance regarding survivability.

Hawaii's Governor David Ige was informed two minutes after the false alarm, but he forgot his Twitter username and password and it took 15 more minutes to convey the all clear to the public...

Kekaha, Hawaii. US medium-range ballistic missile launch



Jodrell Bank Observatory. Inset: Sir Bernard Lovell

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, a civil defence project called Protect and Survive was initiated. This too was a collection of films and booklets and was intended only to be out-sourced in the event of a "dire national emergency." And though that emergency never came to the fore, the printed pamphlets were distributed because of public interest; the

government admitting that any information that can help and reassure the public was better than none.

As for Lovell, in later years he explained that he was never happy with the arrangement at Jodrell Bank. "It was only known to a few people that I was approached by the Chief of



Dated UK warning, monitor and receiving unit - Civil Defence Control Centre, London

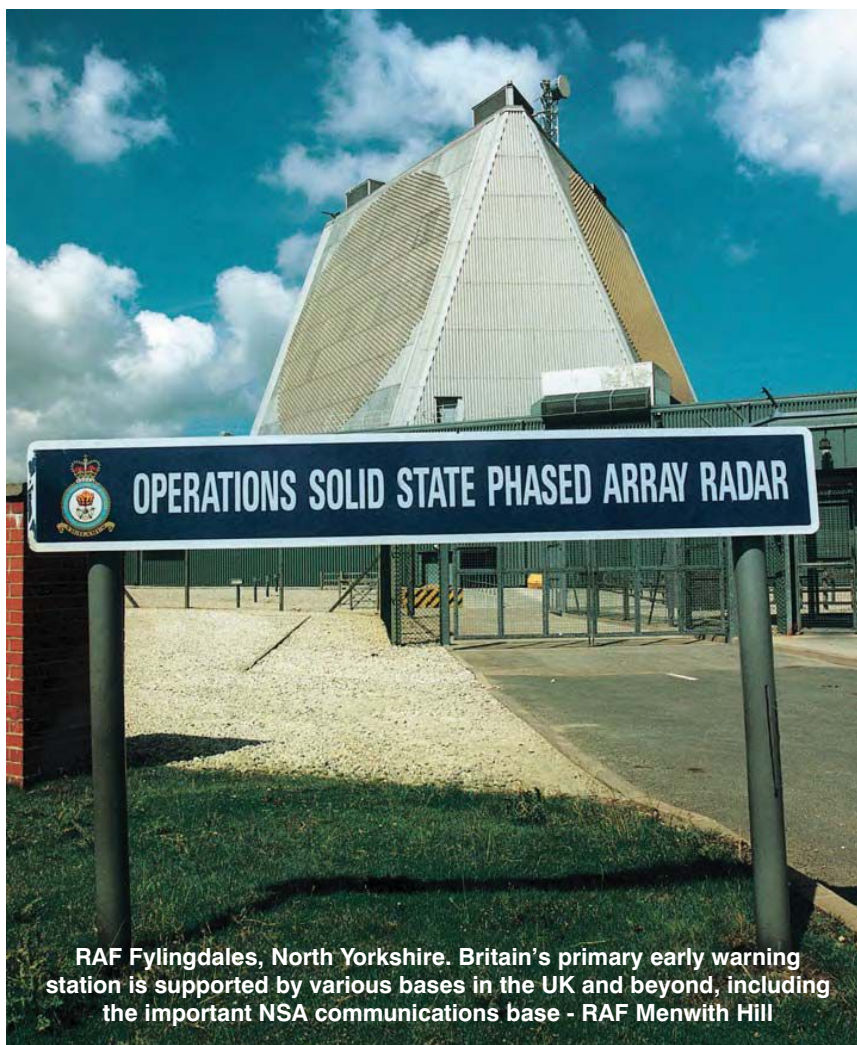
Air Staff, who explained we had the only instrument in the world that could detect a Soviet missile," he said.

OPERATION DOORSTOP

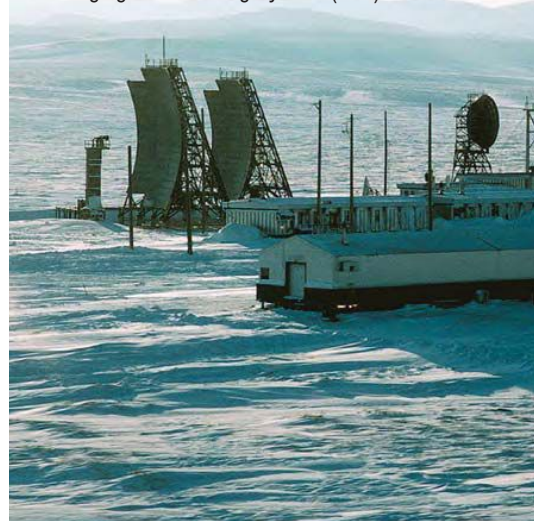
In later years Soviet missile detection was relocated to other military sites such as RAF Fylingdales in North Yorkshire - the primary early warning detection base which remains operational today. Various UK agencies were established (civilian and military) and new laws introduced, including interrupting television shows and actually forcing broadcasters to play warning notices.

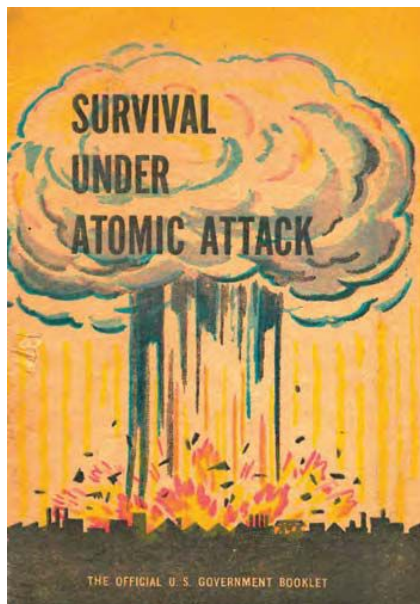
By the 1990s, the 'four minute warning' and national siren system was dismantled. Statements were issued explaining the decision, including a number which sparked humour amongst both the public and intelligence community alike. For instance, a spokesperson cited double-glazed windows which lessened the sound of the siren! The real reason was of course the ending of the Cold War, emerging technology and a recognition by all parties, that a nuclear war was unwinnable and perhaps unsurvivable.

Similar public security endeavours linked to atomic warfare were established at the height of the Cold War in the United States, including the Emerging Broadcasting System (EBS).



RAF Fylingdales, North Yorkshire. Britain's primary early warning station is supported by various bases in the UK and beyond, including the important NSA communications base - RAF Menwith Hill



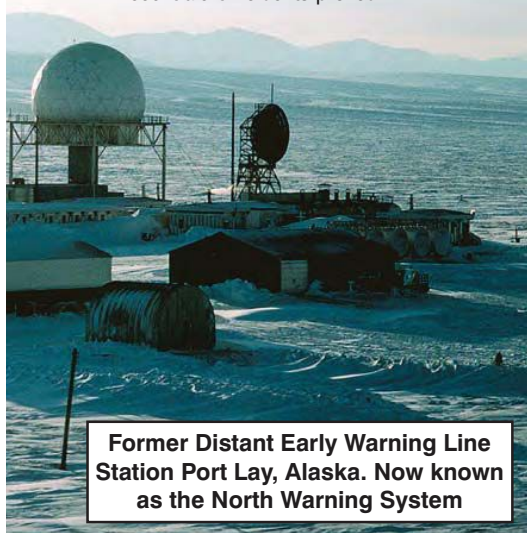


Early US government booklet advising public on security

And just like in the UK, various films and educational booklets were produced, the earliest being in 1950 called 'Survival Under Atomic Attack' by civil defense chiefs. The public were also shown how to seek shelter and adapt homes - this under the auspices of such endeavours like Operation Doorstep (see page 59).

Whilst the atomic warning stories of yesteryear have been consigned to history books and archives, alert systems still exist and are commonplace in some countries. Threats of nuclear attack and missile tests continue to menace some peoples of the world, especially those living in countries close to North Korea, or whose government oppose the leadership's rule.

Yet like those systems enabled more than half a century ago, even today's modern versions backed by a plethora of high-end technology, are vulnerable and far from secure, as two recent alert incidents proved.



Former Distant Early Warning Line Station Port Lay, Alaska. Now known as the North Warning System

DISTANT EARLY WARNING LINE



An interesting map showing the DEW Line and its inter-connectivity stretching thousands of miles across arctic regions

The DEW Line was a connected system of early warning stations stretching across the northern regions of Canada and Alaska and reaching as far as Iceland.

Its primary function was to detect nuclear bomb-carrying Soviet warplanes and alert NATO countries. The system was inextricably linked to other security facilities such as the NATO Cheyenne Mountain Complex in Colorado. Some stations had additional facilities to warn of ground and sea attack. By the mid-1980s the United States and Canada decided to upgrade the defence line calling it the North Warning System. Many of the smaller and early DEW Line stations were downgraded and some



Oliktok Long Range Radar base. Former DEW Line station, Alaska

closed down entirely. By early 1995, the transition was complete.

Today, this part of the world remains an 'intelligence war zone' and is one of six theatres designated by the CIA as crucial to the security of world peace

COLD WAR TO 2018

Both Hawaii and Japan mistakenly alerted citizens that an imminent missile attack was in progress. In Hawaii, an Emergency Management Agency employee "pushed the wrong buttons" during an internal drill sending terrified residents to fallout shelters and sparking panic. One family took shelter in a

sewer after raising the manhole cover. The all-clear phone alert was not sent until 38 minutes later - there was no template in the system for an alert retraction, and so the all-clear message had to be manually entered and activated, accounting for some of the delay. Hawaii's Governor David Ige was informed two minutes after the false alarm, but he



DUCK AND COVER



The alert name used by Japan's civil defence chiefs as a warning to citizens about nuclear and missile threats, originates in the United States. In 1951 an educational defence film aimed primarily at children and youngsters, showed the 'art of ducking and diving' (to protect against secondary blasts of an atomic bomb and natural disasters - such as an earthquake) as performed by 'Bert the Turtle'. It was also a useful intelligence propaganda film created to install fear and make people aware of the constant threat and menace of the Soviet nuclear threat.



Vern Miyagi - resigned

forgot his Twitter username and password and it took 15 more minutes to convey the all clear to the public. "A debacle if ever there was one," an intelligence analyst specialising in nuclear weaponry said.

A preliminary report quoting an official from the Federal Communications Commission found the drill was "run without sufficient supervision" and that "there were no procedures in place to prevent a single person from mistakenly sending a missile alert from the State of Hawaii."

A paragraph from the report read: *'There was no requirement in place for a warning officer to double check with a colleague or get sign-off from a supervisor before sending such an alert'.*

In the wake of the incident, the head of the Emergency Management Agency, Vern Miyagi



National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) radio and antenna field, Pacific Missile Range facility, Kauai, Hawaii. The facility broadcasts emergency messages to residents on the island

and its executive officer decided to resign. "We have identified and implemented the changes required to ensure that what happened on 13 January will never, ever be repeated again," an official said.

Perhaps as an attempt to calm and assure residents on the island, and send out a further warning to North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, the Pentagon conducted an intercept missile test on Hawaii on 1 February 2018. In this case a missile was launched at an incoming target fired from an aircraft. However, sources claim the test failed and officials at the Pentagon are hesitant to explain what went wrong. US Defense spokesman Mark Wright said: "The Missile Defense Agency and US



Navy manning the AEGIS Ashore Missile Defense Test Complex (AAMDTC) conducted a live-fire missile flight test using a Standard-Missile launched from the Pacific Missile Range facility, Kauai, Hawaii."

Wright opted not to discuss further details, but the Standard Missile (SM3 Block IIA) has been selected as the primary weapon to counter the intercontinental type which Jong-un has promised will be launched against the United States. ➤



**Missile interception test
- Pacific Missile Range
Facility, Kauai, Hawaii**

OPERATION DOORSTOP

Manikins all. Living with the threat of oblivion: Sheltering from nuclear fallout

MARCH 1953. OPERATION DOORSTEP. Just one of a number of chilling, yet important Civil Defense tests conducted by the US Government to understand the impact of an atomic blast and thermal effects on residents, vehicles and wooden buildings alike.

Manikins were used in the tests along with the type of furniture and objects, such as radios and televisions, one would expect to find in a house. Doorstep was performed in conjunction with a larger test - Operation Annie in the Nevada Desert. In this case a 16-kiloton bomb was detonated. Both were part of a secret endeavour codenamed Operation Upshot Knochthole.



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The AEGIS system and missile are high on the purchase list of another country concerned about North Korea's burgeoning weapons and nuclear prowess - Japan. And like Hawaii, its residents were also recently subjected to incorrect warnings of incoming missiles.

DUCK AND COVER

Just days after the Hawaii incident, in Japan, the public broadcaster NHK accidentally sent out an imminent news flash warning people to seek shelter. The message was retracted ten minutes later and an apology issued. However, in Japan, 'duck and cover' alerts are becoming a fact of life. Interestingly, the name derives from a 1951 US Civil Defense film of the same name. (See page 57).

North Korea fired intermediate-range ballistic missiles over Japan on two occasions late last year, they followed the most powerful nuclear





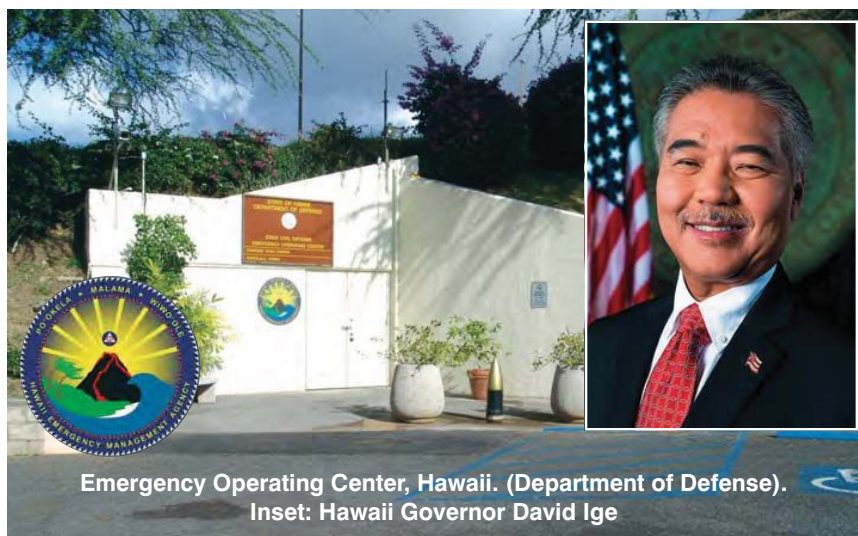
LEFT: Defence engineers carry out maintenance on a warning siren operated by Hawaii's Emergency Operating Center. The number of sirens now operating across the island is 385.

On 1 December 2017, officials sounded the sirens for the first time since the end of the Cold War. Though just a test, it was in relation to the increasing threat of a missile attack against the island. Analysts believe residents and holidaymakers alike will have just 20 minutes to seek shelter if North Korea attacks.

test event performed by the regime. The September 2017 missiles were the fourth to have passed over Japanese territory. The first was in 1998 and the second in 2009. In total, the CIA believe North Korea fired 23 missiles in 16 tests in 2017.

Television stations, large scale monitors throughout Tokyo and phone text alerts displayed: *'Missile launch! Missile launch!'* followed by the wail of sirens. The message added: *'A missile appears to have been launched from North Korea. Take cover in a building or underground. It seems that the missile has passed Hokkaido area and landed in the Pacific Ocean. If you find anything suspicious, please don't go close to it. Report it to the police and firefighters'.*

Seven minutes later, a second text confirmed the missile had passed over Japanese territory without incident before falling into the Pacific



Emergency Operating Center, Hawaii. (Department of Defense).
Inset: Hawaii Governor David Ige

Ocean approximately 1,250 miles to the east. *'Missile passed. Missile passed'*, the message then ended.

North Korea's displays of nuclear brinkmanship have become a regular interruption in Japanese daytime television schedules. The national broadcaster NHK cut

away from regular programming to cover the aftermath of one launch. Commuters making their way to work in Sapporo, the biggest city on Hokkaido island, were handed special newspaper editions announcing the test. Bullet trains operating in the region, as well as some subway services, were suspended.

AEGIS, JAPAN AND RUSSIAN WARNING

TOKYO: Japan's Government recently approved the purchase of the US AEGIS system, provoking concerns from Russia. This followed warnings issued by Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who said the "security environment around his country was the most severe since the Second World War." Defence and intelligence officials in Moscow have accused Washington of engaging in a secret project to construct a global anti-missile system - which has the ability to launch strike weapons also.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said the deal breaches the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, which has been active for nearly 30-years. "These systems have universal missile launchers that can use all types of missiles... Japan is now an accomplice in the matter." Moscow is increasingly concerned that NATO continues to establish US and British anti-missile systems in Romania and other eastern European countries.



Japan's JS Kongo warship is the first non-US vessel to carry the AEGIS integrated weapon system. Inset: Shinzo Abe



COUNTERMEASURE STOPPING ISIS PROPAGANDA



UK and US Intelligence back new Internet extremism blocking tool

Britain's security services and technology specialists have developed a new tool to combat extremist propaganda uploaded on the Internet. The new artificial intelligence technology, created by the Home Office and ASI Data Science, automatically detects extremist videos *before* they become publicly available online. Tests using 1,000 (ISIS) videos have shown the

technology can automatically detect 94% of ISIS propaganda.

Its sponsors claim it has an extremely high degree of accuracy, for example, if it analyses one million randomly selected videos, only 50 would require additional human review. The tool can be used on any platform, and integrated into the upload process, so that the majority of video propaganda is stopped



Home Secretary Amber Rudd

before it ever reaches the Internet with 99.995% accuracy.

The Home Office and ASI will be sharing the methodology behind the new model with smaller companies, who are increasingly targeted by ISIS and its supporters. A great many do not have the same level of resources to develop technology as their major counterparts, thus the endeavour has been welcomed.

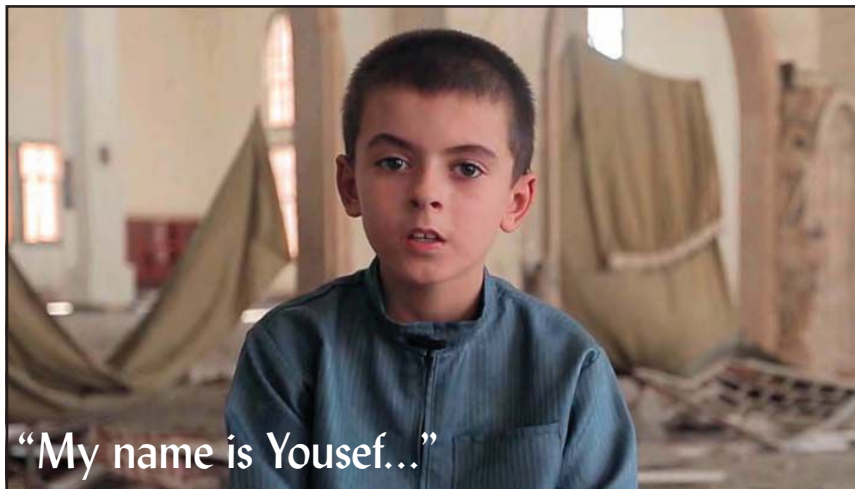
Commenting on the new technology Home Secretary Amber Rudd said: "Over the last year we have been engaging with Internet companies to make sure that their platforms are not being abused by terrorists and their supporters. I have been impressed with their work so far following the launch of the Global Internet Forum to Counter-Terrorism, although there is still more to do, and I hope this new technology the Home Office has helped develop can support others to go further and faster.



2018. Amber Rudd and Kirstjen Nielsen speak at the Digital Forum



**Secretary of Homeland Security
Kirstjen Nielsen**



“My name is Yousef...”

**INTEL
INSIDE**

A frame from a 2017 ISIS propaganda video featuring a youngster speaking fluent English. The 10-year-old claims to be the son of an American soldier and moved to Syria in 2015 with his mother. He mentions President Trump and then threatens the United States. It is this type of video the new technology will target

BUILDING BRICKS

In September 2017, following the United Nations General Assembly meeting on Terrorist Use of the Internet, over 150 security, intelligence and technologists convened in Washington DC for the first Digital Forum on Terrorism Prevention. The programme is set to be enlarged and will undoubtedly become a major component in the fight against terrorism, and terrorist use of digital platforms to spread propaganda and recruitment.



Marc Warner

“The purpose of these videos is to incite violence in our communities, recruit people to their cause, and attempt to spread fear in our society. We know that automatic technology



Shortly after the new countermeasure announcement, ISIS uploaded a number of propaganda posters urging its followers to ‘Burn America’, ‘Attack London’ and ‘target Russian political and religious figures’. The imagery was sourced by the US Site Intelligence Group.



like this can heavily disrupt the terrorists’ actions, as well as prevent people from ever being exposed to these horrific images. This government has been taking the lead world-wide in making sure that vile terrorist content is stamped out.”

Rudd hopes dialogue and innovative methods that identify ISIS propaganda, will help and support smaller companies, such as Vimeo, Telegra.ph and pCloud to remove terrorist content from their platforms.

Dr Marc Warner, chief executive of ASI Data Science, the primary developer of the new model, said major organisations such as Google and Facebook could not “solve this problem alone.”

In February, Rudd held a series of meetings with premier communication service providers and US Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) Kirstjen Nielsen in the United States. She also spoke at the Silicon Valley Digital Forum on Terrorism Prevention in Palo Alto, California. Here she told delegates: “We believe that by combining the talents and resources of government, community organisations, researchers and industry, we can combat terrorist use of the Internet and make communities more resilient against radicalisation and violence.”



Intelligence secured by UK cyber operatives revealed that worldwide, ISIS supporters used more than 400 different types of Internet platforms to upload video material. Existing countermeasures usually take two-hours to disseminate the material, while a third are usually taken down within the first hour of release.

Eye Spy sources said the new UK blocking tool has already been presented to various Internet giants such as Google.



Still from an ISIS recruitment video

SECRET HISTORY

HIDDEN TREASURES



CIA Cornerstone Boxes

On two separate occasions, the CIA buried time capsules in the walls of Langley's most famous headquarter buildings...

Nearly 60-years have passed since the CIA invited the President to place a box of CIA materials within Langley's foundations. At the time, the box was jokingly referred to by Director Allen Dulles as "one containing secrets."

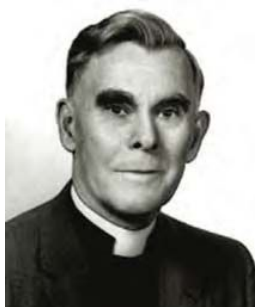
After 12 years of searching for a suitable headquarters for the CIA, President Dwight Eisenhower dedicated the first Cornerstone



Director CIA Allen Dulles

Box at Langley, Virginia. The public ceremony, attended by 5,000 people, took place on 3 November 1959. However, it was a symbolic event; the plaque, box and cornerstone were removed

and stored for safekeeping along with an engraved silver trowel held by the president. The latter object is now on display in the CIA Museum. The cornerstone and box reached their final resting place on 2 November 1960. This occasion was attended only by senior CIA officials and staffers, as well as representatives of the architects and contractors. Many of them "threw lucky pennies into the niche within the Box," according to legendary intelligence officer Walter Pforzheimer, the CIA's Curator for the Historical Intelligence Collection, who attended the event. As a point of interest, at the public event, female CIA staffers were told to stand in prominent positions to highlight the important work they perform at the Agency.



Reverend Frederick Brown Harris



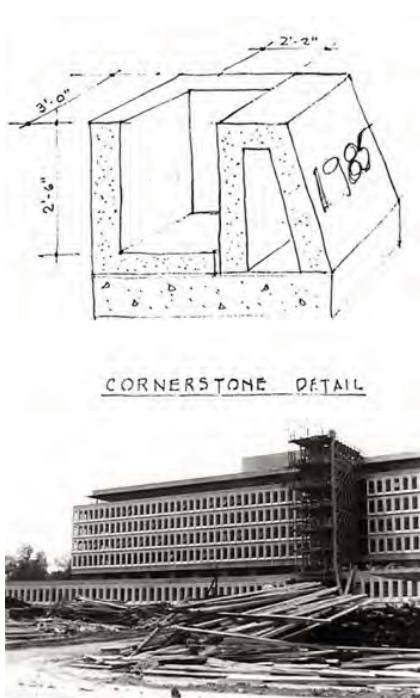
The CIA Cornerstone Box plaque 1959

A CATHEDRAL OF TRUTH

The box itself was custom built to ensure it would protect its contents and the ceremony's invocation and benediction was given by Reverend Frederick Brown Harris, the Senate Chaplain. Harris called for the CIA building to "be a cathedral of truth, an arsenal of freedom, an armoury for battalions marshalled against deceit and falsehood, a fortress of patience and persistence where patriotism



Scenes from 1959 as President Dwight Eisenhower dedicates the first Cornerstone Box at CIA headquarters, Langley, Virginia



1950s. CIA headquarters - building in progress



1985. George H. W. Bush and the Cornerstone Box at Langley

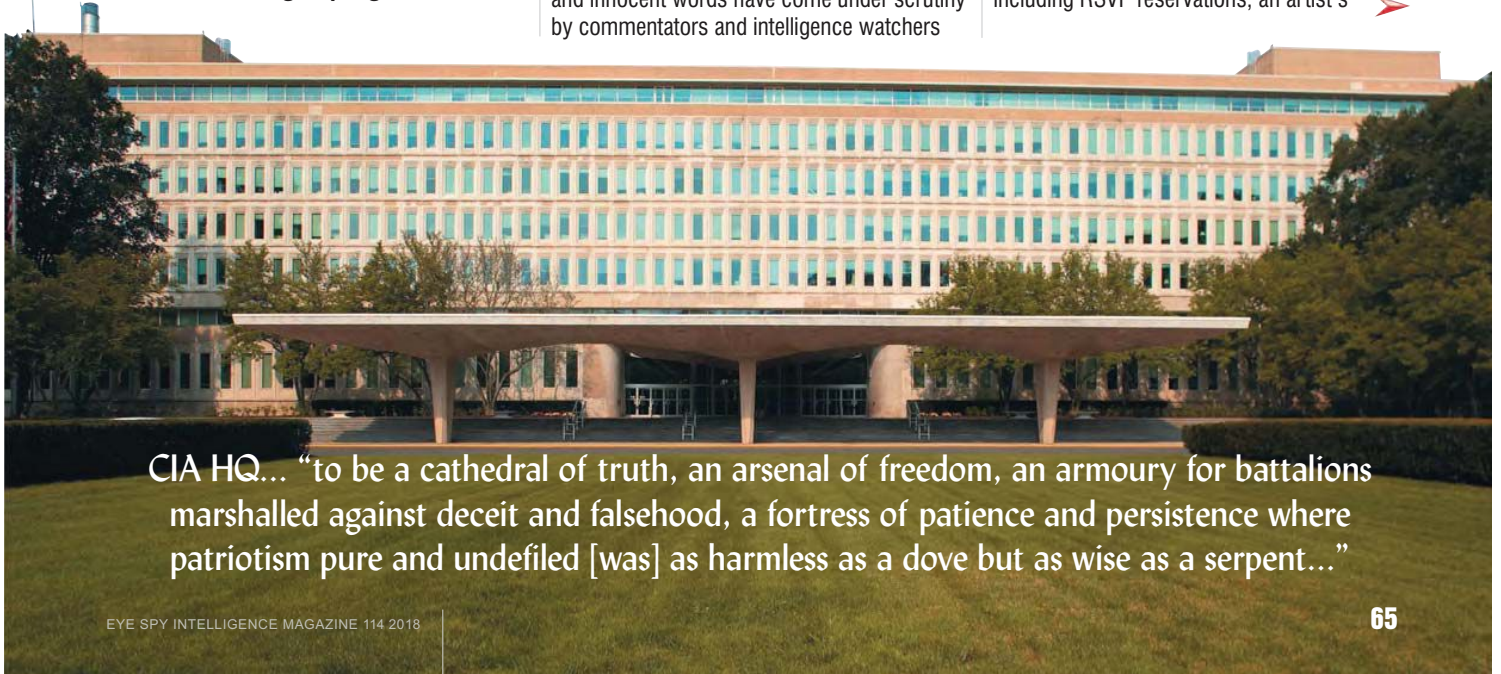
pure and undefiled [was] as harmless as a dove but as wise as a serpent." Such wise and innocent words have come under scrutiny by commentators and intelligence watchers



Cafeteria arches - CIA headquarters

over the years, and they probably raised a smile or two amongst the Agency's more shadowy elements!

While the materials that were ultimately hidden away were all unclassified, the box included the text from a speech by Dulles titled *'William J. Donovan and the National Security'*, later determined as classified - a *'source or method that requires protection'* and a reproduction of the CIA seal and its meaning. Between the public ceremony and its actual placement a year later, officials added several items produced at the ceremony itself, including RSVP reservations, an artist's



CIA HQ... "to be a cathedral of truth, an arsenal of freedom, an armoury for battalions marshalled against deceit and falsehood, a fortress of patience and persistence where patriotism pure and undefiled [was] as harmless as a dove but as wise as a serpent..."



President Reagan and his wife Nancy pay respect to the diplomatic and CIA officers killed in the 1983 Beirut US Embassy bombing

concept of the building, aerial views of the Langley site, microfilm copies of newspapers covering the day's event, photographs of the ceremony and even a tape recording. Perhaps more important, a variety of early post-WWII documents detailing the negotiations and authority which gave rise to the creation of the CIA itself.

As for the actual box, it has an inner steel plate to shield the magnetic tape recording of the ceremony, and the outer box contained a lining of copper; both were air tight and welded shut.

Twenty-five years later, when the Agency moved into a new headquarters building, the CIA chose to create another time capsule and cornerstone. On 1 November 1985, the box was placed by former CIA Director, then-Vice President and future President George H. W. Bush. Officials suggested that on this occasion, a great many more classified materials should also be inserted. Employees were also asked to make suggestions, which they duly did. These included the Agency's style guide, CIA buttons containing the tagline 'U Done Good' and a 'No Sleeping' sign from

the library. Another suggestion was far more apt and convincing - a list of the names associated with the CIA Stars on the Agency's Memorial Wall. Perhaps not so wise, inclusion of a list of the true names of all of the Agency's employees.

In the end, Langley's hierarchy chose not to include such compromising information. The Agency's listing of the contents of the new box show basic speeches and documents, with a handful of redacted items; a CIA miniaturised camera, a 'crypto chip' and remarks made by Deputy Director John McMahon at the memorial service for the 1983 US Beirut Embassy (below) bomb victims in which 63 staffers died... including several serving CIA officers.



The trowel used by Dwight Eisenhower at the 1959 Cornerstone Box ceremony and shovel by President Reagan at the new headquarters groundbreaking ceremony 24 May 1984

No doubt when meetings are held to discuss the third Cornerstone Box, the items for selection will probably be very different to those hidden away so many years ago...

WALTER PFORZHEIMER



Walter Pforzheimer with D/CIA George Tenet at a ceremony celebrating the 50th anniversary of the CIA 1997

After the war, President Harry S. Truman dissolved the OSS, creating the Central Intelligence Group in its place. Former OSS agent Walter Pforzheimer was asked to be the new unit's first liaison officer with Congress.

In 1956, Director of Central Intelligence Allen Dulles asked Pforzheimer to establish an Historical Intelligence Collection and act as its curator. With his love for intelligence and literature, he was the perfect choice for the job. The purpose of the Collection was to educate intelligence professionals about the development of their tradecraft.

Working until his retirement in 1974, Pforzheimer assembled the world's largest body of intelligence literature - over 22,000 volumes. And of relevance to Langley's time capsules, he requested that more secretive items be put inside, but the letter below notes that due to security reasons and expense, it would be impracticable.

In September 1997- during a celebration of the 50th anniversary of CIA - he was recognised as a 'CIA 'trailblazer'.

Walter Pforzheimer died on 10 February 2003.

SUBJECT: Cornerstone Box -- Security Implications

1. We have no objection to the inclusion of the items listed in Mr. Pforzheimer's memorandum of 12 August in the Cornerstone Box with the exception of items 14 and certain of the current and sensitive reports under item 24.

2. To include these latter items would require additional expensive protective measures in the way of guards or construction. May we suggest that these items be included at some later date when the building is under full security control. If this is impractical, we would recommend the elimination of the following papers:

a. Item 14.

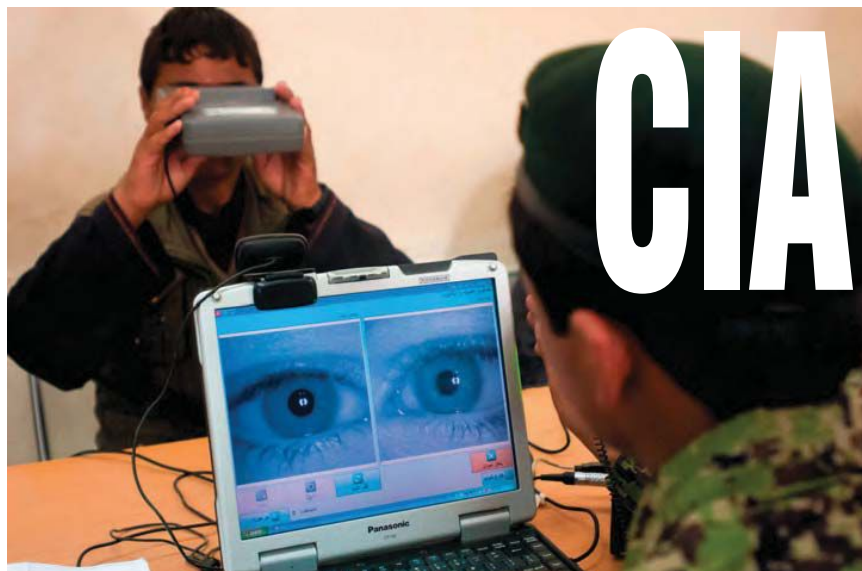
b. All reports under item 24 except:

- (1) NSIS Standard Instructions
- (2) OCR - Searching for Information
- (3) Briefing charts
- (4) FOD

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CIA

BIOMETRIC STING

British ISIS 'Beatles' in Custody as CIA's Raqqa 'Daesh Accord' Proves Successful

In October 2017, as part of a CIA-sponsored operation, as many as 4,000 ISIS fighters and supporters were allowed to leave the Syrian city of Raqqa. Their departure came with a number of caveats, including hundreds having their biometric data taken by Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) troops. This data was circulated to various check points in the region and countries whose nationals had joined the terror group - in the event they tried to return home. Whilst the secret 'Daesh Accord', as it became known, was criticised by some intelligence chiefs for allowing so many fighters to escape justice, for two individuals in particular who opted to join the convoy out of Raqqa rather than fight to the last, it served its purpose perfectly.



ISIS as a para-military force in Syria and Iraq are effectively defunct

Londoners Alexandra Kotey, 34, A.k.a. 'Ringo' and El Shafee Elsheikh, 29, A.k.a. 'George', the last living operatives of a violent ISIS cell dubbed the 'Beatles' by the media due to their distinctive British accents, were captured by Kurdish fighters in Syria. The men were detained while trying to cross into Turkey



Improved mobile SDF gun unit in Syria



Alexandra Kotey - 'Ringo'



Aine Lesley Davis - 'Paul'



El Shafee Elsheikh - 'George' and Mohammed Emwazi - 'John'

disguised as refugees; both were reportedly caught wearing female burkas.

"We captured some big commanders... one of them is Alexandra Kotey," said Redur Khalil, official spokesperson of the SDF and People's Protection Units (YPG). "He was captured by an anti-terrorism unit on 24 January in the countryside near Raqqa. He was trying to escape to Turkey in coordination with his friends and contacts on the Turkish side."

Prior to their capture, details of the men, as well as other high value targets, were circulated to Alliance forces. Several attempts to target the Britons, as part of the CIA's kinetic kill UAV programme, have been made since the deplorable actions of the cell were uploaded by the terror group's media arms.



The 'Beatles' provided ISIS's media arm - Hayat Media Center - with a number of deplorable videos 'featuring' their actions



A missile fired by an Alliance warplane at an ISIS target in the city of Kobane, northern Syria



SDF fighter - Syria

“We are still considering options regarding Elsheikh and Kotey, but rest assured our intention is to hold anyone accountable who commits acts like those they are alleged to have committed...”

DETENTION

Kotey and Elsheikh attempted to make their way to Turkey using false identity papers, stolen from deceased civilians. However, SDF troops manning a checkpoint where a rigorous system of biometrics and fingerprinting of prisoners had been instituted, soon became suspicious. They were detained and handed over to US Special Forces who carried out further tests to establish their true identity. Both men are now being held at an unspecified detention centre in Syria.

A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE

Together with the notorious Mohammed Emwazi - otherwise known as ‘Jihadi John’ - and Aine Lesley Davis, 35 - ‘Paul’, the British foursome were responsible for murdering at least 23 people and torturing many others.



Americans Steven Sotloff and James Foley were both murdered by the British ISIS cell

Davis is currently imprisoned in Turkey serving an eight-year sentence, while Emwazi was killed by a CIA-controlled UAV in late 2015.

Kotey was feared for his willingness to engage in filmed torture and gained a reputation for being the cruellest of ‘The Beatles’. Intelligence sources believe he was responsible for directing many of the executions that were circulated online. The group became infamous for beheadings in Iraq and Syria, most notably the slaying of American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and British aid workers David Haines and Alan Henning in



Major Adrian Rankine-Galloway

2014. The group also guarded more than 20 Western hostages and were harsher than other guards, using electric shock taser guns, mock executions (including a crucifixion), and waterboarding.

Pentagon spokesman Major Adrian Rankine-Galloway said: “We are still considering options regarding Elsheikh and Kotey, but rest assured our intention is to hold anyone

February 2018. UK Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson is greeted by US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis at the Pentagon



British aid worker Alan Henning - killed by ‘Jihadi John’





SDF spokesman Redur Khalil revealed details about the remaining 'Beatles' capture



ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. Some analysts believe he has fled the region to northern Africa



MI5 ANALYSIS

Voice, estimated age, body attitude, height, eye signature detail and unspecified intel. It took MI5 just days to identify Londoner Mohammed Emwazi as the person featured in so many ISIS videos

accountable who commits acts like those they are alleged to have committed." He said US Government agencies are working closely with coalition partners "on the disposition of detainees in SDF detention."

Turkish media sources report both men were interviewed by CIA and MI6 officers to help find the remains of fellow 'Beatle'

Mohammed Emwazi. Ironically, on 17 February 2018, journalists in Syria reported that SDF troops supported by "Western intelligence officials," discovered a site near Raqqa based on intelligence provided by the captured Britons. The remains of Emwazi, it was disclosed, may be amongst hundreds of dead ISIS victims discovered in the mass grave.

WAR CRIMES COURT

UK Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson said Britain does not want to put the men on trial,



'Jihadi John' - Mohammed Emwazi



Defence Minister Tobias Ellwood - a former British Army Royal Green Jackets Captain was born in New York City

instead favouring an international-backed solution. His views were explained by Defence Minister Tobias Ellwood. He called for Kotey and Elsheikh's trial to be held at an international war crimes court. "Given the scale of foreign fighters we should consider an agreed international process involving The Hague, which ensures terrorists from any origin are transparently and fairly held to account for their actions," he said.

Such a stance is opposed by the United States. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has insisted it is the "responsibility of countries of origin." Both men met at the Pentagon in early February and the topic of captured ISIS foreign fighters was discussed.



Fate unknown - John Cantlie in Kobane

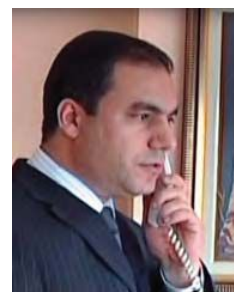
Security sources say information provided by Kotey and Elsheikh has already led to a number of operations hunting down ISIS fighters. Officials hope that further investigations into cell phones and other electronic equipment they were carrying will generate leads on what happened to remaining hostages, including British journalist John Cantlie, who disappeared after appearing in a series of ISIS propaganda videos.

ISIS - STILL A TERROR THREAT

31 SUSPECTED TERRORISTS ARRESTED

Whilst ISIS as a fighting force no longer has the capability to control towns and cities, it still has followers of its ideology - thus as a terrorist faction, it has retained its menace.

Turkey's security services have been particularly pro-active in identifying and disabling many supportive cells. A recent counter-terrorism operation in Istanbul resulted in the arrest of 31 suspected ISIS terrorists who were preparing to launch an attack.



Hakan Fidan - MIT Director

In February 2018, counter-terrorism police raided numerous addresses in the city. Interestingly, all those detained were foreign nationals. Perhaps fortuitously, MIT - Turkey's National Intelligence Organisation said it had recovered

dozens of electronic communication platforms, including computers, cell phones and memory sticks. One intelligence source said the group, besides planning attacks, were assisting fellow ISIS operatives to cross from Syria into Turkey.

ISIS has claimed responsibility for a numbers of attacks in Turkey in recent months, but the latest arrests have been described as "significant" by MIT sources.

INFLUENCE



BY STEALTH

HIDDEN HAND OF THE KREMLIN

Probe into Russian meddling in 2016 US General Election identifies senior Moscow players as thirteen suspects indicted

Intelligence, data tracking, analysis of open source intelligence (OSINT) and covert interviews has led to former FBI Director, Robert Mueller - Special Counsel indictment of 13 Russian nationals connected to Russia's Internet Research Agency (IRA). Mueller's team claim employees of the Kremlin-sponsored company, described in the US media as a "state-sponsored troll factory," posed as Americans and spread disinformation online in an attempt to influence the outcome of the US 2016 General Election.

The agency was also supposedly behind street campaigns in America and bought advertising space. The operatives "stoked an atmosphere of chaos," one commentator said. One of the men named in the indictment is

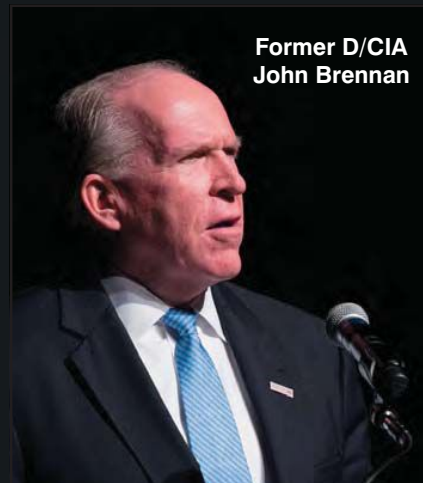


Evgeny Prigozhin

oligarch Evgeny Prigozhin, owner of various companies, including Nevsky Novosti (Nevsky News) and some companies working in Syria. He is a close associate

of President Putin known in Moscow as 'Putin's Chef' because he has a lucrative catering contract with the Kremlin.

The 37-page indictment details highly specific allegations, and includes names, dates and the text of private messages, that appear to substantiate central elements of the US Intelligence Community's (USIC) assessment that Russia made an active and concerted effort to subvert American democracy. That report, released in January 2017, concluded: 'Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered an influence campaign in 2016 aimed at the US



Former D/CIA
John Brennan



Special Counsel Robert Mueller

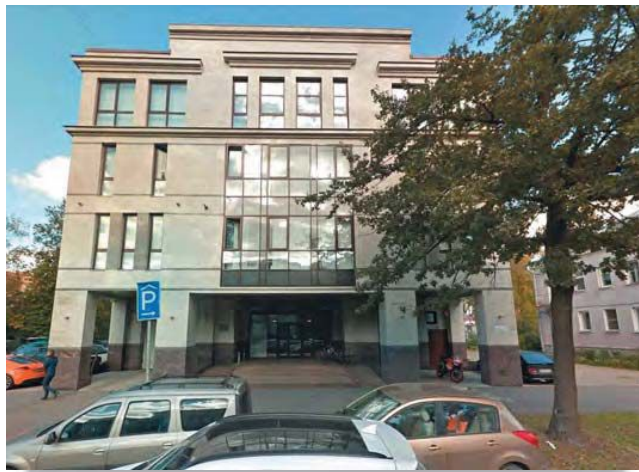
presidential election which included third-party intermediaries and paid social media users or 'trolls'.

John Brennan, former Director CIA, tweeted: 'My take: Implausible that Russian actions did not influence the views and votes of at least some Americans'.

According to the indictment, Russian nationals and businesses worked to boost the campaigns of Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders and Green Party nominee Jill Stein: 'They engaged in operations primarily intended to communicate derogatory information about Hillary Clinton, to denigrate other candidates such as Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio, and to support Bernie Sanders, and then-candidate Donald Trump'.



2015. Evgeny Prigozhin (right) with Moscow oblast Governor Andrei Vorobev at the Kremlin. Prigozhin has rejected US claims of interference in the election



55 Savushkina Street, St. Petersburg. Location used by the Internet Research Agency accused of covertly assisting some US politicians

COURTESY: GOOGLE STREET VIEW



Target - Ted Cruz

IDENTITY THEFT & FOREIGN AGENTS

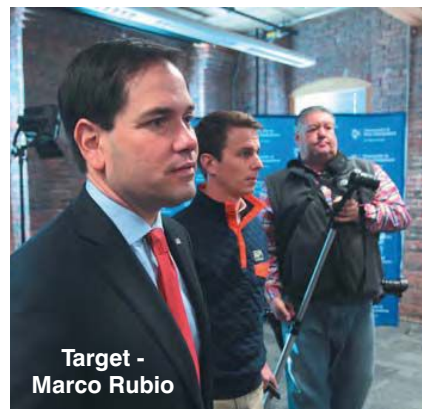
The indictment charges include conspiracy, identity theft, failing to register as foreign

agents and violating laws that limit the use of foreign money in US elections.

Prosecutors said officials at the Internet Research Agency, described their work as “information warfare against the United States” and their goal as “spreading distrust toward the candidates and the political system.”

Bernie Sanders addressed the allegations made in the indictment in Twitter posts: *‘It has been clear to everyone (except Donald Trump) that Russia was deeply involved in the 2016 election and intends to be involved in 2018. It is the American people who should be deciding the political future of our country, not Mr Putin and the Russian oligarchs’.*

Backing Mueller’s continued probe, Sanders wrote: *‘It is absolutely imperative that the Mueller investigation be allowed to go forward without obstruction from the Trump administration or Congress’.*



Target - Marco Rubio

Much of what is contained and alleged in the indictment, first appeared in a 2017 report called *‘How the Troll Factory Worked the US Elections’* written by journalists Polina Rusyaeva and Andrey Zakharov. They gave insight into the operation and how the IRA’s

‘American Desk’ used Facebook and Twitter to “inflare tensions ahead of the election.”



Polina Rusyaeva

US intelligence figures such as Brennan and others, believe the

Kremlin operation was “two pronged.” Besides the IRA endeavour of propaganda and disinformation using social media, the second attack was the hacking and then leaking of Hillary Clinton campaign emails.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov dismissed the report claiming Moscow was not involved and there is no evidence whatsoever to suggest otherwise.



Bernie Sanders campaigns for the White House

**'Suicide' sparks
new Iran nuclear
controversy**

ATOMIC WAVES

Iranian Intelligence Accuses CIA and Mossad of Using Lizards for Espionage

When responding to questions about the recent arrest of environmentalists, Hassan Firuzabadi, senior military adviser to supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said: "Western spies use a special type of lizard which could attract atomic waves." Fake news, anti-Iran propaganda, disinformation? Not so. As odd as his appraisal of CIA and Mossad operations may sound, Firuzabadi was deadly serious.

His bizarre comments follow the death of leading Iranian-Canadian environmentalist, Kavous Seyed Emami in the notorious Evin prison. Iranian officials said Emami committed suicide but his family strongly disbelieve their account. Emami's wife, Maryan, was shown



Abbas Jafari Dolatabadi

his body hanging in his cell: four days later he was buried north of Tehran without any independent autopsy being performed.

He was arrested in January along with other members of his NGO (non-government organisation) - the Persian Wildlife Heritage



**Kavous
Seyed
Emami**

Foundation. He was accused of passing information on the country's missile bases to the CIA and Mossad and planning to create an environmental crisis. Tehran prosecutor Abbas Jafari Dolatabadi said the NGO was established a decade ago as a cover organisation for the spy agencies. Hadi Ghaemi, executive director of the Center for Human Rights in Iran, said the prosecutor's report had "no credibility whatsoever."

Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS) said the mission had three objectives.



**Kavous Seyed
Emami. Inset: Logo
of the Persian Wildlife
Heritage Foundation**



**Hassan
Firuzabadi**



Senior Iranian military leaders listen to Hassan Firuzabadi (standing) as he ushers in the new year. Alongside is Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

To collect intelligence on defence sites, infiltrate the scientific community and identify and infiltrate other related government bodies. Dolatabadi claimed the group positioned cameras at "strategic points to collect missile intelligence," while "pretending to capture footage of the environment."

As for the lizard comments Firuzabadi said: "We were suspicious of the route they [the environmentalists] chose. In their possession were a variety of reptile desert species like lizards. We found out that their skin attracts atomic waves and that they [the environmentalists] were nuclear spies who wanted to find out where inside the Islamic republic of Iran we have uranium mines and where we are engaged in atomic activities."

Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland said: "We are seriously concerned by the situation surrounding the detention and death of Mr Seyed Emami. A Canadian has died. We expect the Government of Iran to provide information and answers into the circumstances surrounding this tragedy."

The National Iranian American Council (NIAC) has called for a full independent investigation into the death of Emami.

STRANGE ENCOUNTERS

It's not the first time Iran has linked some animals to the world of espionage. In October 2008, Iranian security forces captured two pigeons suspected of spying on its nuclear facilities. The birds were seen near the heavily-bunkered underground uranium enrichment plant in Natanz. An Iranian newspaper at the time quoted a source as saying one of the pigeons was "caught bearing a blue-coated metal ring with invisible strings."

In 2007, the Iranian Army captured a "team of 14 spy squirrels" found near a nuclear enrichment plant. Officials said they succeeded in "apprehending the suspects before they were able to take any action."



UNDERGROUND NATANZ

Gun battery above the buried Natanz nuclear fuel enrichment facility. A report produced by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) nearly a decade ago, stated the site housed nearly 7,000 centrifuges, of which 5,000 were producing low-enriched uranium



COURTESY: DIGITAL GLOBE



JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION (JCPOA)



IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano

In 2015, a nuclear 'deal' was struck between Iran, the IAEA and world states which limited its nuclear research for peaceful purposes only (energy). The JCPOA included impromptu inspections by investigators, in return for the lifting of sanctions which had damaged Iran's economy and oil exports. However, in late 2017, President Trump "disavowed the deal," and claimed Iran was involved with "spreading death, destruction and chaos all over the globe." He called the international pact the "worst ever deal" and said it would lead to the country obtaining nuclear weapons. He asked the US Congress to consider whether it would be appropriate to withdraw from the pact and reimpose sanctions.

A HISTORY OF SPY ANIMALS

Animals have been used by intelligence agencies and the military as early as 1908, when German armed forces attached cameras on pigeons to take aerial photographs.

Some programmes have been more successful than others. The CIA's attempt to implant listening devices into a cat - dubbed Operation Acoustic Kitty - ended in failure when the cat was run over by a car outside the Soviet Embassy in Washington DC.

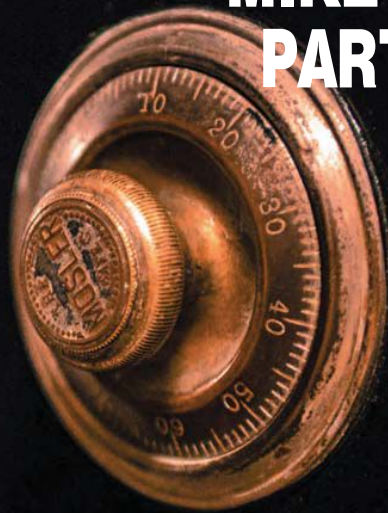
Another failed project was the US WWII bat bomb. In this case bats were strapped to mini-incendiary devices and dropped over Japan. The objective (or hope) was the bats would roost inside wooden Japanese buildings before bursting into flames.

Perhaps the most successful recruits from the animal world have been dolphins. The US and Russia have used the marine mammal in various training programmes; in this case to identify underwater mines and disable enemy swimmers.



The Deceptive Factor

MIKE FINN
PART 11



IN THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE

Manipulation and Exploitation

MIKE FINN continues his exploration of how the intelligence world uses scientific research to influence and control worldwide events

TRADECRAFT

Humans are susceptible, impressionable and adaptive through the processes of the brain; the intelligence services knew this back in the 1950s and perhaps earlier, when researchers began to explore the manipulative methods of conjurers. Other resources in this area sprang from

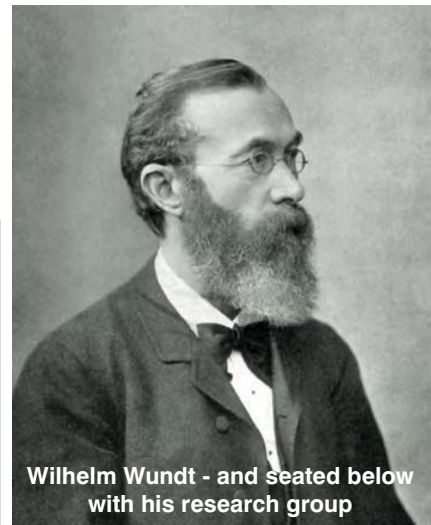


Statue of
Ivan Pavlov
with one of
his dogs

the most unlikely sources. Only the naïve would think Ivan Pavlov experiments, for example, focused around dogs. Lenin financed Pavlov because he thought it would help the Bolsheviks maintain control through manipulating human behaviour.

Wilhelm Wundt (1832-1920), regarded as one of the founding fathers of modern psychology, researched and forged the studies of human response and manipulation through those stimuli; information that would be collated and studied by American Intelligence in future years. Wundt encapsulated the game plan in his reputed statement that, "we only reflect the sum total of our experiences." His observations led to his belief that people were a mindless part of the cultural machinery - open to manipulation in that domain. This type of information gathered speed over time and resulted in our modern perspectives.

None of the issues I am writing about happened overnight, hence a detailed account of their development in previous articles. Recently those concepts have been blended with neuroscience and neuropharmacy. This has given the intelligence world a doorway that is beyond the reaches of the conscious mind, but is within the unseen parameters of

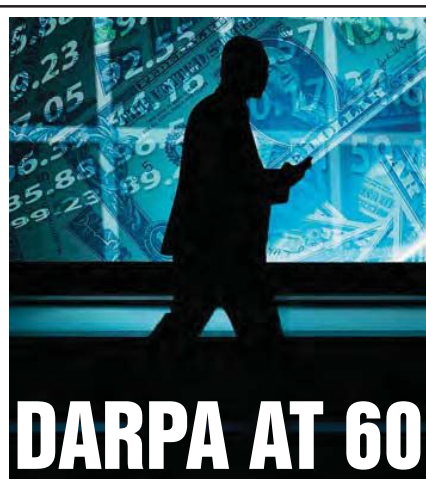
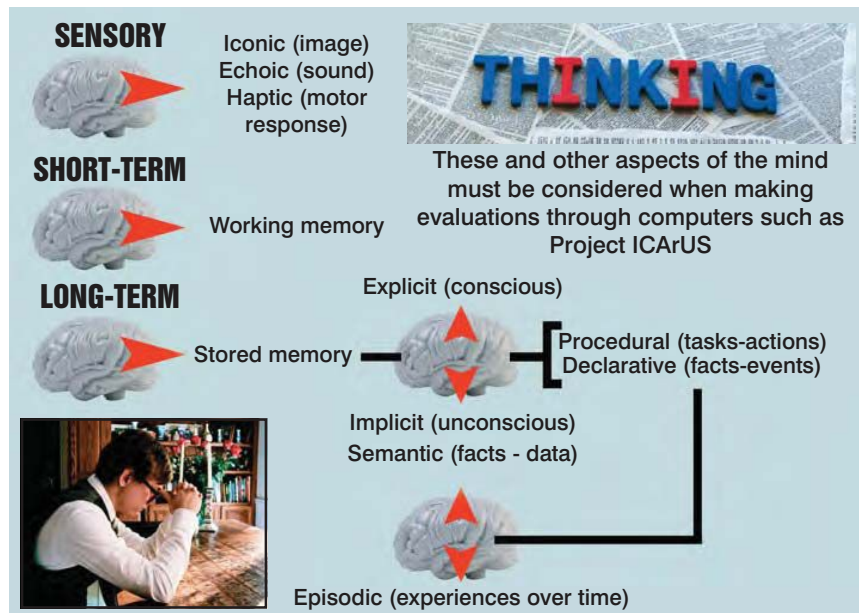


Wilhelm Wundt - and seated below
with his research group



two important intelligence elements - manipulation and exploitation - both topics have been in the news of late under various banners, including 'fake news'.

In essence, why deal in the unsavoury needs of attaining acquiescence from individuals by



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BREAKTHROUGH **DARPA** TECHNOLOGY

PAST | PRESENT | FUTURE

On 7 February 2018, DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) celebrated its 60th anniversary. The super secret organisation makes reference to the date, noting that its creation came just 'four months after the Soviet Union boosted the intensity of the Cold War by launching humanity's first space satellite'. From that moment DARPA made a commitment that it would be the 'initiator and not the victim of strategic technological surprises'.

'To cast a javelin into the infinite spaces of the future'



blackmail, coercion, intimidation, threat and so forth. Today, an individual can be made to think that changes in perspective are the result of their own ovation.

Cultural-neuroscience and neuro-marketing relate to the public sector, these are methods of manipulating the public choices, often for financial gain. Whilst briefly covered in previous articles, these issues are for comparison of method and are *not* a part of the intelligence cycle process.

There is a range of manipulation disciplines that have grown within the intelligence world, many inter-relate. Once such example stems from IARPA (Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity - intelligence wing of DARPA - Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency), which is working on a project called Integrated Cognitive Neuroscience for Understanding and Sense Making; a programme directed towards super computers analysing innumerable amounts of data in a short time, in order to predict behavioural patterns in both individuals and the population mass. This project supplies the background to the targets cognition and reasoning, it can also provide a background matrix for the implementation of deceptive skills.

NEW INTELLIGENCE WEAPON

Perhaps an easier understanding of these is to look at the Russian Intelligence term 'Maskirovka'. The research I have described in previous articles has grown and flourished into a new intelligence weapon for our modern era. Maskirovka encapsulates a concept for, among other things, political warfare; the principle has been used since early Russian politics (Pavlov's studies focused on many of these aspects). The 'spin' hinges around deception, distraction and misdirection

A reminder showing some of the basic building blocks



DISTRACTION

Redirection of attention



CONFUSION

Multiple choice outside the short-term memory limit



MISDIRECTION

Redirection of focus

(described in earlier articles). These processes are designed to alter the perception and control the mindset. With this perspective in mind there are many new tools for use in modern intelligence warfare.

The rest of this series will look at the various areas of modern technology from interrogation skills to memory implants, explaining how they function, their objectives, and the role they play in the deceptive factor of the intelligence cycle.

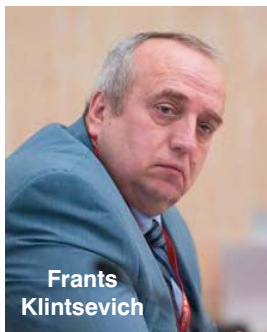
SYRIA NOTES

Russia claims US supplied missile used to shoot down fighter as retaliatory air attacks escalate



US-RUSSIA PROXY AIR WAR

For the first time since Moscow began its Syria campaign in September 2015, a Russian fighter jet was shot down. An Su-25 warplane was hit by an anti-aircraft missile on 3 February while on a bombing run over the northern town of Saraqeb, Idlib. The pilot, Major Roman Filipov, ejected from the aircraft but killed himself on the ground to avoid capture. Analysts believe the missile was fired by rebels supportive of the Al Nusra Front, an al-Qaida franchise.



Frants Klintsevich

The Russian Defense Ministry said that the 33-year-old was "fighting the rebels until the last minute" and detonated a grenade when approached. He shouted,

"this is for the guys." Filipov, from Vladivostok, east Russia has been posthumously awarded the Kremlin's highest honour - Hero of Russia medal. An estimated 30,000 people paid respect at his funeral.

Frants Klintsevich, Deputy Chairman of Russia's Defence Committee, claimed that the US had helped to supply the "effective, high-tech" man-portable air defence system, or Manpad, which downed the aircraft. "They [missiles] cannot get into the territory without serious support and outside escort," he said. "It was done by the Americans through third countries. And it will cost them dearly with this background of 'Russophobia'. We are not threatening anyone, but we are warning..."

Dmitri Sablin, co-ordinator of the Russia-Syria parliamentary friendship group, added: "There is information that the Manpad used to bring down our jet was brought into Syria from a neighbouring country several days ago. Countries from whose territory weapons arrive, which are then used against Russian



Major Roman Filipov chose to die fighting rather than be captured

servicemen, must understand that this will not go unpunished."

Syrian Special Forces were despatched to find remains of the launcher, but provided no solid evidence of the weapon's origin. The US has repeatedly denied supplying Manpads - a weapon that, were it to fall into the wrong





Major Roman Filipov. Below, still from video showing downed Su-25



hands, would be a direct threat to civil aviation. "The United States has never provided Manpad missiles to any group in Syria," Heather Nauert, a State Department



Damage to a building in Ghouta following the joint Russian-Syrian air attack

spokeswoman, said. "We are deeply concerned that such weapons are being used."

TIT-FOR-TAT = CIVILIAN DEATHS

Following the incident, Russia stepped up air attacks on Idlib, with reports of bombing runs on Saraqeb and other towns including Kafr Nubl, Maasran, Maarat-al Numan and Idlib. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported a "foul smell after government helicopters struck several areas of Saraqeb in Idlib province, causing five civilians to suffer from suffocation." Syria was subsequently accused of launching a chemical attack.

Videos supplied by the White Helmets, a civil defence and rescue organisation, showed civilians being washed down and treated for gas exposure. US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said he was concerned sarin gas

may have been recently used in Syria, citing reports from NGOs and rebel groups. Syria's Foreign Ministry denied the accusations calling them "lies."

News then emerged of a joint US-Kurdish operation on or around 12 February which reportedly resulted in the deaths of "dozens," perhaps as many as "100 Russian mercenaries," fighting alongside pro-Syrian government forces. In response, Syria and Russia launched one of the deadliest-ever air attacks in the country. Some 350 people, mostly civilians, were killed in raids on the outskirts of Damascus (Eastern Ghouta - rebel held). Imagery showed the dropping of barrel bombs packed with nails and shrapnel on civilian targets. Reports state 57 children were amongst the dead. One resident said it was "raining bombs." UN official Panos Moutziz, said the "situation is spiralling out of control."

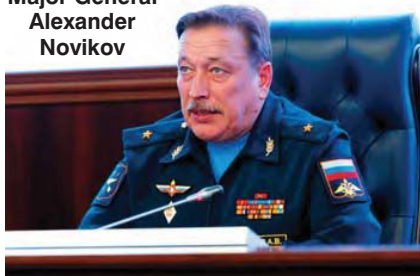
ADAPTED MUAV MENACE

Russia Presents Evidence of 'Modified' Aerial Threat

The head of Russia's General Staff Office for UAV Development, revealed his agency has identified 13 different types of MUAVs (Miniature Unmanned Aerial Vehicles), used by fighting forces opposed to President Assad.

Major General Alexander Novikov said all had been modified to carry explosives or used in a surveillance capacity. Interestingly, he said, "rebel use of drones began in 2016 when they became easily obtainable on the open market."

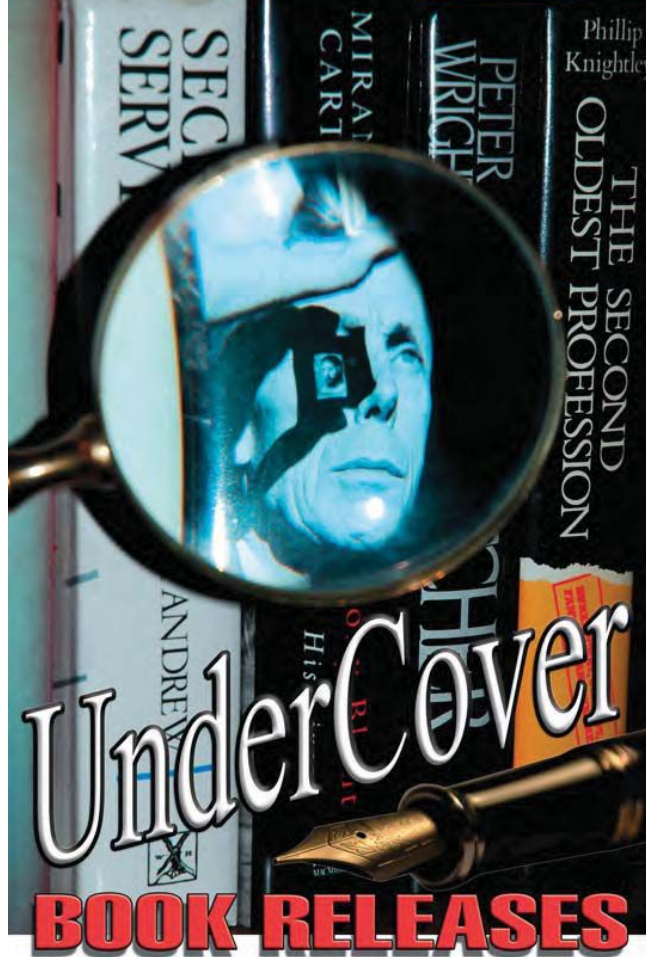
Major General Alexander Novikov



He identified a plethora of systems, some simple, others more advanced, that had been recovered or shot down. A number were built to drop explosives, while others

were packed with "self-detonating bombs" using pre-programmed coordinates or flight plans. He referenced PETN explosive and "special fragmentation bombs" carried by some MUAVs. Novikov hinted that only specialists from elsewhere could have produced the devices and that they pose a threat to other countries outside Syria.





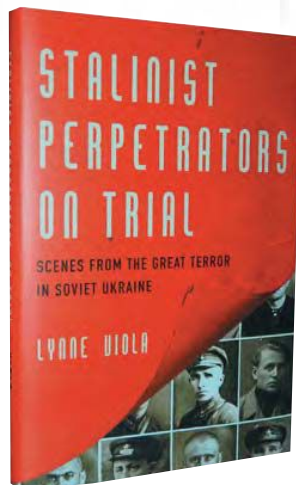
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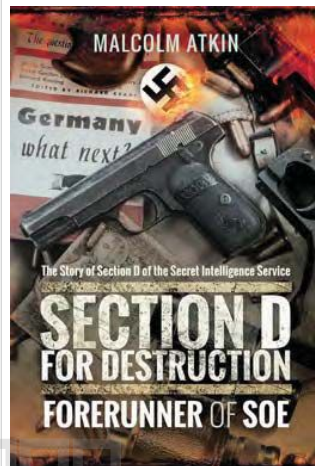
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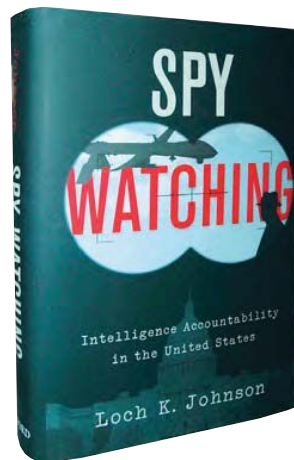
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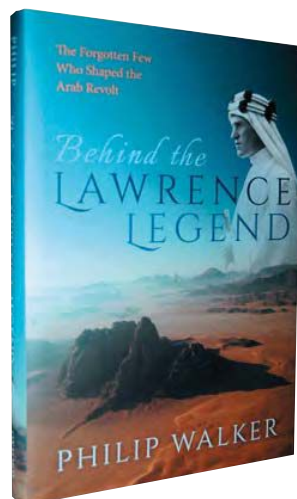
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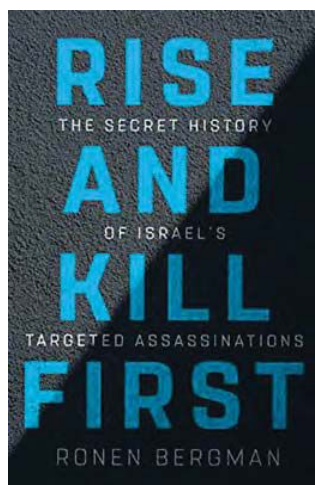
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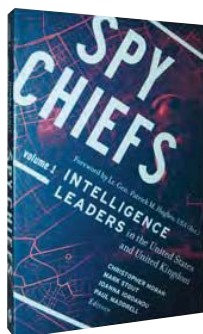
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NEW PUPPET MASTERS



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Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime leader aptly summed up the need for secrecy and the careful management of information - laced with a good portion of disinformation and propaganda - "In wartime, truth is so precious that she should always be protected by a bodyguard of lies."

Information manipulation, disinformation and propaganda are key and crucial intelligence elements; today the public know of such actions under a simplistic and misleading banner - 'fake news' - which hardly encapsulates its often complex beginnings or ulterior objectives. In decades past, countering disinformation was a far easier task, especially through media houses supportive of government and even those created by government to counter bogus news. The Internet, social media sites and instant communication have made the task of countering misleading, and in many cases, outright false stories, far more difficult. This has been evidenced in recent months by events involving Russia and America. Moscow is thrilled with the confusion and mistrust such information has created and sown, especially between the US Government and its intelligence community. However, it is a global phenomena.

And in response to the use of disinformation, imagery manipulation and other actions performed by some state-owned Russian



RAPID RESPONSE

Alex Aiken, Executive Director of the Government Communications Service



President Putin

media houses and individuals, the UK has launched a new initiative aimed at the new puppet masters or controllers of information.

COUNTERING FAKE NEWS

Prime Minister Theresa May has previously accused Russia of waging a fake news war against the West - "meddling in elections," and "seeking to weaponise information." May said the West needs to tackle Putin's regime which had become the biggest threat facing "open economies and free societies."

"Russia is deploying its state-run media organisations to plant fake stories and photo-shopped images in an attempt to sow discord

in the West and undermine our institutions," May said last November.

Now news has surfaced of a government-sponsored counter-measure. A new unit will reportedly be based in Whitehall and have government authority to protest, respond and counter disinformation being posted on the Internet. Some reports suggest it could even replace such materials with online public debates that are fact-based.

A spokesman for the Prime Minister said: "The government will respond with more and better use of national security communications to tackle these interconnected complex challenges. We will build on existing capabilities by creating a dedicated national security communications unit. This will be tasked with combating disinformation by state actors and others. It will systematically deter our adversaries and help us deliver on national security priorities."

Alex Aiken, Executive Director of the Government Communications Service (GCS), has been tasked to build the 'rapid response social media unit' to deal quickly with all types and forms of perceived disinformation and reclaim a fact-based public debate with a new team to lead this work in the Cabinet Office.

"The government is committed to tackling false information and the Government Communications Service (GCS) plays a crucial role in this," a Cabinet Office spokesperson said. "Digital communications is constantly evolving and we are looking at ways to meet the challenging media landscape by harnessing the power of new technology for good."

No doubt the historical books on Britain's use and manipulation of information by organisations such as the LCS will be dusted off in preparation of the new initiative... a new war of words is set to ensue.



WAR OF WORDS

Prime Minister Theresa May

DEEP IMPACT

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Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also surprised delegates by displaying a piece of an Iranian UAV which he said was shot down over Israel in an incident which saw the loss of an Israeli warplane. Netanyahu said his country was prepared to go to war with Iran. "Israel will not allow Iran's regime to put a noose of terror around our neck," he said. Lifting the debris above his head, he proclaimed: "This is a piece of that Iranian drone, or what's left of it, after we shot it down."

He called Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who listened impassively to his comments, the "smooth-talking mouthpiece of Iran's regime." Netanyahu said: "Mr Zarif, do you recognise this? You should, it's yours. Israel will not allow Iran's regime to put a noose of terror around our neck. We will act if necessary, not just against Iran's proxies that are attacking us but against Iran itself."

There was tension in the conference room as Netanyahu warned world leaders: "The unfortunate thing is that as ISIS compresses and Iran moves in, it is trying to establish this continuous empire surrounding the Middle East from the south in Yemen but also trying to create a land bridge from Iran to Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Gaza." He also referenced the



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

2015 nuclear agreement allowing Tehran to continue research. "The agreement with Iran has unleashed a dangerous Iranian tiger in our region and beyond."

Numerous private meetings also took place, these were attended by important intelligence heads, including CIA Director Mike Pompeo.

THE KGB WISHLIST

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threads of persons sympathetic to Communism. Perhaps the most famous (though never confirmed), target of recruitment was Labour Prime Minister Harold Wilson. In 1956 he was given the codename OLDING by the KGB.

Another suspected target was Roger Hollis, head of MI5 itself. Equally as important, following the collapse of the 'Iron Curtain',

agencies such as MI6 and the CIA engaged with a whole host of former intelligence adversaries to try and identify those in the West who were either working for Moscow and its friends, or those who were targeted. If there was any tangible evidence on Corbyn, such as a 'payment slip', it would have surfaced - after all, he was not designated 'Senior Service' by Dymic. And for years, former officials and employees of the StB have cooperated with British Intelligence.

As for his name appearing in a CIA Cold War document, a cursory examination of Langley's archive throws up thousands of names and reports on politicians. And of course, attention is paid to those involved or participating in events linked to the Soviet Union. This does not make him a spy!

Members of the Labour Party and union associations were undoubtedly targeted, as were others. Sarkocy's claim that Corbyn was

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a willing asset has been seized upon by his political opponents and the media, but in reality, I suspect the KGB wishlist was a lengthy paper containing the names of hundreds of people. If Sarkocy has further evidence, including proof Corbyn received financial reward from his spy agency, as he claims, then it has yet to surface and I doubt it ever will. However, I believe further information will appear as the media are finding this story simply too fascinating and difficult to file. And one can't ignore former MI6 Chief Sir Richard Dearlove's comments.

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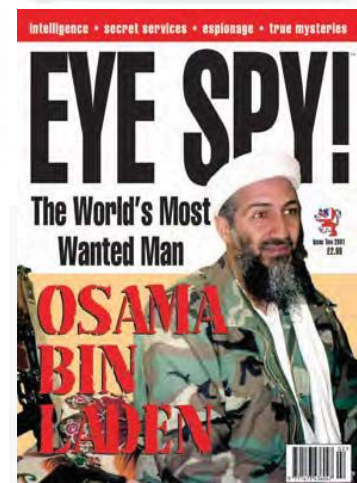
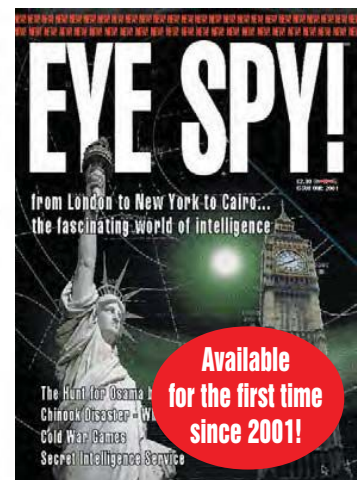
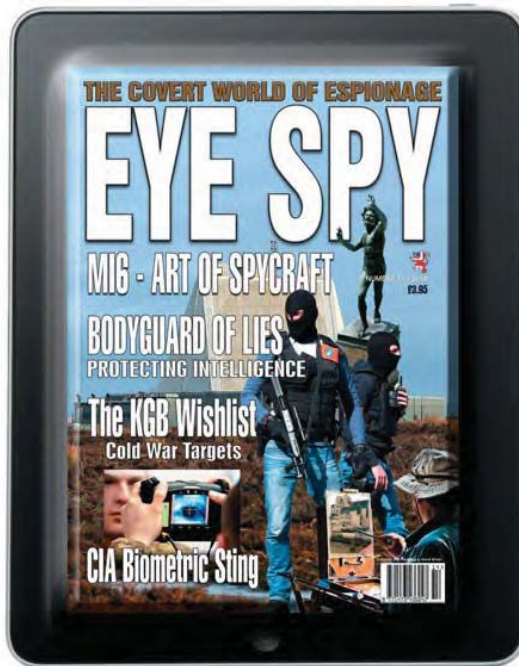
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