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Sergei Skripal: "The measures we have taken will fundamentally degrade Russian Intelligence capability in the UK for years to come..."

Prime Minister Theresa May



THE RUSSIAN ASSASSINATION LIST



and United States.

I've often been asked, 'does the Russian List really exist?' My response has always been in the affirmative, though this does not necessarily mean the file, which we learned of five years ago, is not a one-off document. Eye Spy was the first publication to reference the document which surfaced in the former Yugoslavia. We were told it contained the names of around 100 spies, politicians, businessmen, entrepreneurs and others working in financial arenas who were regarded as 'enemies of the state'. Some lived in Russia, but many were based outside the country, including a fair number in the UK

We could not prove the list was authentic or produced by a state agency in Russia, but gradually our interest increased as the number of deaths and attempted assassinations linked to the file grew. Thus did it surprise anyone in the intelligence business when a former KGB man and MI6 spy was targeted in southern England? Not really. However, the circumstances surrounding the targeting of Sergei Skripal were extraordinary and could have affected so many innocent civilians.

Relevant to all of this, spy organisations in the UK and USA have joined forces to probe what we were told, is a 'Russian List' that can be added to or amended accordingly. A clue to the authenticity that such a list exists can be found in an under-reported official US document which surfaced earlier this year in Washington DC, and is discussed in our extensive investigation and summary of the Skripal Sanction.

Also of much interest to the planners of intelligence operations, though both very different, the CIA's carefully crafted back-channel which paved the way for a meeting between the two Koreas, and the Mossad's daring raid on a warehouse in Tehran containing its nuclear secrets. Both are examined by Eye Spy specialists.

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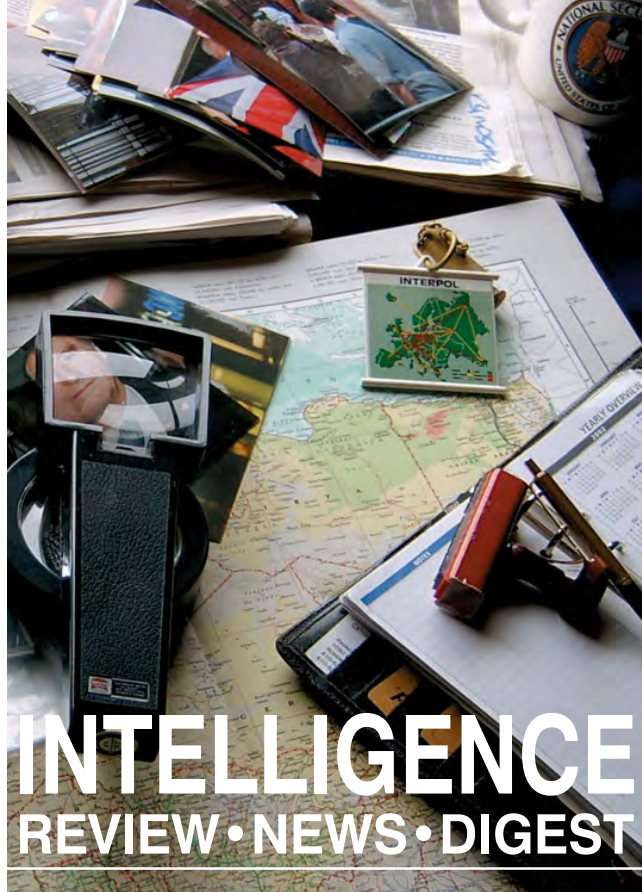
IRAN'S QUEST FOR THE ULTIMATE WEAPON

The Mossad is a legendary spy organisation feared for its prowess and willingness to engage in the dark arts, but also respected for its ability to perform operations beyond the scope of most intelligence services.

And in 2016, it embarked upon one of the most audacious journey's ever undertaken by The Institute. In this case agents surveilled the comings and goings at a non-descript warehouse in Tehran. Here it learned Iran stored its nuclear secrets - away from the prying eyes of inspectors. In early 2017, operatives broke into the building and secured over 100,000 papers which many believe is proof Iran continues to seek a nuclear bomb...



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A HIGHER LOYALTY

Intelligence World Divided Over Comey's Book

Former FBI Director James Comey's *A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies, and Leadership* hit bookstores, receiving mixed reviews from those in the intelligence world. Critics and supporters agreed it offered no new information and that Comey lost credibility as an objective witness in the Russian investigation by entering the political fray and criticising President Trump publicly.

The book also reminded people on both the left and the right of how unhappy they were with Comey's handling of the investigation into Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton's emails during the 2016 election. "Comey's book surrenders the higher ground and his book tour continues his descent," the once supportive *New York Times* columnist Frank Bruni wrote.



Daily Kos writer Joan McCarter said Comey's "revenge tour" shows he is not the noble defender of justice and truth that he tries to portray himself as.

"If Trump's conduct is to be scrutinised, James Comey is not the man for the job," said the *National Review's* David French

Many intelligence officials were surprised a former senior intelligence officer would discuss what are clearly internal agency and security matters.

ALL CHANGE AT MI5 AND MI6?

British Intelligence expands its female workforce as sources claim next MI6 Chief will be a female

Several UK media houses have reported that the next Chief of MI6 could well be a female. This follows a spate of promotions in several international spy agencies of women as head of service, including the CIA. Now intelligence sources state MI6 Chief Alex Younger, has personally selected a female candidate as his successor. However, all the sources have been described as "anonymous" and MI6 naturally chose not to comment on the speculation. Nevertheless, she is



said to be a long-term career staffer who has risen through the ranks and has received an honour from HM Queen Elizabeth.

Similarly, she served as Station Chief in an unspecified country and was engaged in important operations.



The decision follows a directive issued by British Intelligence to increase the number of female staffers in all three primary British intelligence agencies to at least 30%.

MI5 STRIVING FOR DIVERSITY

On 6 March, MI5 once again hosted a meeting of the 30% Club. Established in 2010, the 'club' was established to take action to create a better balance of men and women at all levels of their organisation as a business



Alex Younger



MI5 D-G Andrew Parker at the 30% Club meeting

ISIS STRIKES IN KABUL

MEDIA TARGETED AS ELEVEN JOURNALISTS KILLED

Terrorists launched a series of deadly attacks in Kabul, Afghanistan, during April. The first on 21 April, occurred when a suicide bomber blew himself up at a voter registration centre. The explosion resulted in the deaths of 32 people. All were waiting in line to receive their voting cards for forthcoming elections in October.



Shah Marai



Ashraf Ghani, President of Afghanistan pictured with US President Donald Trump. Ghani also heads the NDS

On 30 April, a terrorist riding a motorbike approached the main intelligence building housing the National Directorate of Security in the city and blew himself up. This

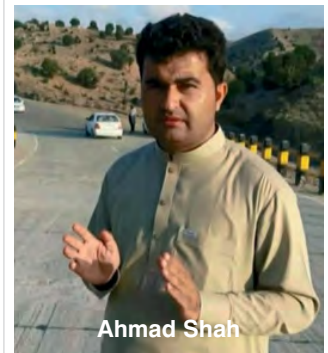
attracted the attention of journalists who gathered to report on the incident. Moments later, one of the 'cameramen' blew himself up killing at least eight media men. It later transpired the attacker had disguised himself as a member of the media pool and was carrying bogus credentials. Around 28 people were reportedly killed, including noted AFP chief photographer Shah Marai. Four members of the security services also perished. On the same day in eastern Khost province, BBC reporter Ahmad Shah, 29, died in another suicide bombing.

The attacks follow an extraordinary week-long period in which Afghan security forces launched 110 counter-terrorist operations killing over 250 terrorists from various groups, including ISIS, al-



Shield of the NDS

Qaida and the Taliban. ISIS, an emerging force in the region, claimed responsibility for both Kabul attacks.



Ahmad Shah



MI5 Thames House headquarters

imperative rather than a 'women's issue'. Director-General Andrew Parker took part in a panel discussion about the importance of inclusion. "I have spoken before about the need for MI5 to have the richest mix of talents in order to keep the country safe. In the face of diverse and multi-dimensional security threats, this remains more important than ever," he said.



Andrew Parker

Two years ago Mr Parker said: "We need to draw on the richest mix of talent available - whoever and wherever they are - because innovation, perspective and quality always comes from diversity and are essential to our job."

Over recent years MI5 has made strong progress becoming an even more diverse and inclusive workplace. It featured in the *London Times* 'Top 50 Employers for Women 2018', received Business in the Community gold standard awards for gender and BAME equality and is currently Stonewall's 'Employer of the Year'.

To reach its objective, MI5 has begun using more varied advertising channels to recruit women. It also offers mentoring and coaching to strong performing female staff to encourage them to apply for promotion.

GCHQ REVEALS NEW LOGO

Modern Design Inspired by Digital World

From 1953 the blue globe, lightning bolts, and golden crown appeared on letters to ministers and on intelligence reports to partners and allies reflecting GCHQ's global importance. In 2004, the logo was changed to mark the opening of the organisation's new doughnut-shaped headquarters.

IMAGE COURTESY: GCHQ

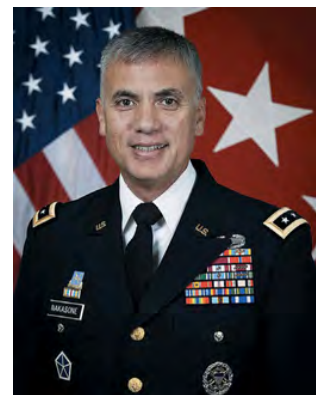


GCHQ

With its centenary approaching in 2019, a new logo has been designed to reflect GCHQ's past, present and future and went into use 30 April. Design considerations included how it would sit with the logos of the National Cyber Security Centre, MI5 and MI6 and how it would work for possible recruits looking at job adverts on the Twitter feed on mobile phones; and how it should be adaptable for their sites across the UK.



Its creators believe the badge works in a more digital world; a modern font and colour have been chosen; and something innovative and unique has been added in the 'Q'. The designers took their inspiration for the Q from a variety of sources including the dials of the original Bombe (decoding machine) at Bletchley Park. Their reputation for codebreaking, analysis and problem solving, and some of the features of the building in Benhall (headquarters complex), bring together GCHQ's past, present, and future.



Lt. General Paul Nakasone



Lt. General Paul Nakasone, 54, is the new head of NSA and its enlarged sister organisation - US Cyber Command (USCC). Nakasone departed his post as commander of Army General Cyber Command in late April.

His appointment coincides with ripples still expanding over alleged Russian contact with some US officials and former intelligence people. The US Intelligence Community is still embroiled in various distractions in connection with the 2016 General Election, and Nakasone has already been briefed on a number of deeply private liaisons and controversies ahead of his new role. "We want them to pay a price," he said, in reference to Russian interference, noting no action has thus far been taken against Moscow. Interestingly, the man whom he replaces, Admiral Michael Rogers, has already acknowledged USCC has options to react to any perceived aggression from foreign entities.

Nakasone, a 30-year servant of the US military, was a supporter of the development of US Cyber Command, and some sources say he actually helped create the agency. This was between 2009-2010 when, as part of a small team working out of an office at NSA dubbed the 'Four Horsemen', they brought together a plan to build a national cyber defence organisation whose weapons

were simply numbers and codes. Thereafter he took a storyboard outlining the work to sceptical Pentagon chiefs and senior officials who were briefed on the need of such an agency. And he won - thus enabling the launch of US Cyber Command.

Nakasone is an experienced military intelligence man who



Admiral Michael Rogers

moves comfortably between tasks. He has operated in various theatres collecting intelligence, including Iraq and Afghanistan.

In the area of counter-terrorism, Nakasone has been central to Joint Task Forces Ares, a multi-agency endeavour which together with US Special Operations Command and various intelligence services, including GCHQ, launched Operation Glowing Symphony. This sought to sabotage media wings of ISIS and disrupt its online output of

propaganda videos, literature and weapons and explosives guidance.

Internally, he will also have to address the worrying loss of experienced staffers at NSA, which since 2015, has seen several hundred cyber specialists depart for the private sector. One NSA employee said: "It comes down to death by a thousand cuts... when one person hits their breaking point and leaves, the dominoes start falling."

The NSA has a task force of around 20,000 staff, of which between 6-7 per cent specialise in

science, mathematics, technology, codebreaking and codemaking, and is regarded as the biggest 'producer' of intelligence in the US Intelligence Community's 17-service composite.

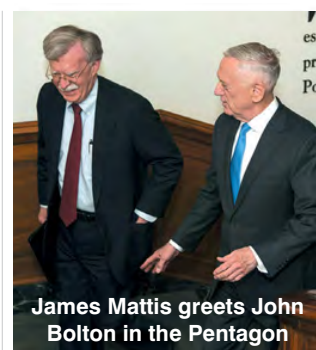
Former NSA Deputy Director Chris Inglis said of Nakasone: "He is humble and forthright. He supports his people. Most importantly, he's the kind of person who will inspire you."

THE HAWK RETURNS

Key Figure in Washington DC Appointed

One of the most experienced and perhaps controversial security figures has been appointed by President Trump as National Security Advisor. John Bolton, a key diplomatic figure in the 2003 invasion of Iraq and former US Ambassador to the UN, has replaced Herbert R. McMaster. His departure follows quickly on the heels of US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

Bolton's views differ to those of US Defense Secretary James Mattis on a number of key intelligence subjects. For example, only recently he called for pre-



James Mattis greets John Bolton in the Pentagon

emptive military strikes against North Korea to help thwart its nuclear programme. In Syria and Libya he thought it best that regime change is the best option

AN UNHAPPY CIA SPOOK

WHISTLEBLOWER LOSES COURT CASE ABOUT HIS POSTING

A complaint by a Cuban-American employee of the CIA, who goes by the pseudonym James S. Pars, has been dismissed by a federal judge. Pars alleged that his career at the CIA had “gone off track” after complaining of conditions at a remote Langley foreign posting that he said were akin to a “college dorm,” and that the Agency failed to conclude an inquiry into his charges after nearly three years.

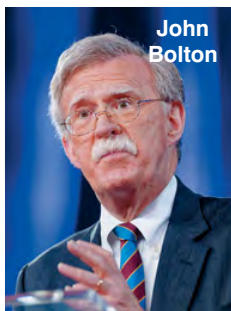


President Obama

The dispute partially rests on action taken by former President Barack Obama in 2012 when he signed a directive ensuring that intelligence agency employees could report

waste, fraud or abuse and be protected from workplace retaliation as long as they acted through government channels.

Federal Judge Trevor N. McFadden ruled that Pars’ lawsuit failed to establish that the CIA had a legal obligation to conduct an inquiry and that Pars could ask courts to compel action. CIA spokesman, Dean Boyd, told journalists the judge’s memorandum opinion “clearly spells out the reasons for the court’s decision in this matter. We have no further comment for you.”



John Bolton

to stop the fighting once and for all. In both these sensitive areas, Mattis wants a diplomatic solution. Pentagon officials fear the ‘hawkish’ Bolton, will convince President Trump that “solutions to many world problems can be solved with military action,” one former Pentagon official said. Another White House source asked who will Trump listen to? “Mattis is doing his job, but Bolton is always going to have his ear. And sometimes the last person in your ear is the one you remember.”

However, Mattis dismissed suggestions of conflict. “He’s an American last time I checked... I can work with an American.

TUBE BOMBER GUILTY OF TERROR ATTACK

Parsons Green Tube train bomber Ahmed Hassan, 18, an Iraqi asylum seeker whose actions in September 2017, could have resulted in many deaths, has been found guilty of attempted murder and given a life sentence. In court, images were shown of Hassan calmly shopping to secure components of the bomb, which was packed with numerous bolts, metal fragments and knives. “Bored and



Recovered fragments from the IED



Ahmed Hassan

frustrated,” he assembled the device while the Jones’ were on holiday. Thankfully the IED only partially detonated, sending a fireball through the carriage injuring 30 people.

Hassan was arrested at the Port of Dover as he attempted to flee Britain.

RUSSIAN JOURNALIST ‘FALLS FROM BALCONY’

DEATH NOT BEING TREATED AS SUSPICIOUS - BUT ASSOCIATES FEAR HE WAS MURDERED

A Russian journalist who reported on political scandals linked to President Vladimir Putin died after a fall from his apartment balcony. Maxim Borodin, 32, who worked for news agency Novy Den (New Day), failed to regain consciousness and succumbed to his injuries on 15 April, three days after the incident.

Police are treating his death as suicide, but officers did not recover a suicide note. Sverdlovsk Oblast police spokesman said his Yekaterinburg apartment was locked from the inside and there was no sign of forced entry.

Vyacheslav Bashkov, a friend of the deceased journalist, said that Borodin had called him



Maxim Borodin

early on the morning of 11 April, saying there was “someone with a weapon on his balcony and people in camouflage and masks on the staircase landing.”

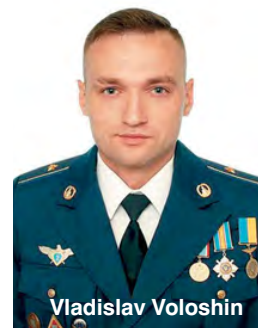
His latest articles concerned electoral fraud, and the deaths of Russian mercenaries in Syria amid escalating bombing campaigns in the region.

MH17 LEGACY PILOT FOUND DEAD

A Ukrainian pilot blamed by Moscow for shooting down Malaysian Airlines Flight MH17 has been found dead at his home. Captain Vladislav Voloshin always maintained he was the victim of a grotesque smear by Russia. The 29-year-old was a Su-25 pilot in the Ukrainian Air Force when the Boeing 777 was shot-down on 17 July 2014, killing 298 people.

Reports in Ukraine say he was found dead at his home in Mykolayiv from a gunshot wound. A murder probe has been launched by the Ukrainian authorities although initial reports suggest he took his own life.

Voloshin said last year: “I did not shoot down the MH17 Boeing. A former military friend of mine called (Evgeny) Agapov, a mechanical engineer, falsely gave evidence against me.”



Vladislav Voloshin

Secretary of Ukraine’s National Security and Defence Council, Oleksandr Turchynov, said Moscow was using propaganda to “hide the crimes organised by Russia, including against civilians” in relation to flight MH17.

ANATOMY OF THE SKRIPAL SANCTION



British Intelligence move quickly to advise Downing Street that it has no doubt agents deployed or operated by the Kremlin, attempted to assassinate one of MI6's former spies. The incident leads to the biggest international expulsion of Russian spies in history...

More than twelve years ago former Russian intelligence officer and MI6 agent Alexander Litvinenko, died in London. He was poisoned with Polonium-210 prepared at the Avangard facility in Sarov, Russia. A public inquiry subsequently concluded that Russian President Vladimir Putin personally approved his murder. Five years ago, the anti-Putin billionaire Boris Berezovsky was found hanged at his home in Berkshire; the coroner recorded an open verdict. Both men had turned against Moscow. These are just 'moments' in a long campaign that has seen many Kremlin opponents targeted on British soil and elsewhere.

THE RUSSIAN LIST

Six years ago, Eye Spy was informed a list containing the names of around 100 Russians and Russian-linked persons had surfaced. All were designated 'enemies of the motherland', and deemed 'legitimate targets'. Known as the 'Assassination' or 'Russian List', soon the names of many contained on the document began to be crossed off.

And just recently, one more name could easily have been removed (and may still be). We are of course speaking of MI6 spy Sergei Viktorovich Skripal, 66, a former Russian GRU officer, who together with his daughter, Yulia, 33, were targeted in Salisbury, in the southern county of Wiltshire. The 'tool' used in this case being a military grade VX nerve agent. As in previous cases, be they in the UK or elsewhere, the poisoning of the Skripals follow a pattern of alleged Russian violations of

international law, implausible claims of innocence, hostile denials, tit-for-tat reprisals and open threats.

Relevant to all of this, and following a quiet two-year investigation conducted by several American intelligence agencies, supported by MI5 and MI6, a further 15 deaths in the UK over the past 15 years have been linked to Russia.

THE HIDDEN HAND OF THE KREMLIN

Russia has an unwanted association with acts of subterfuge and covert happenings. In 2014, its forces invaded Ukraine and took Crimea - Putin claimed they were 'local volunteers'. Moscow continues to deny any involvement in the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 with a Russian-made Buk missile fired by pro-Russian separatists, also in 2014. Political opponents of the Kremlin and several outspoken journalists have also been assassinated. All were killed by events brought about by themselves, or simple acts of violence by criminals, according to Kremlin officials, whose hands remain untainted. In the Skripal case, Russian UK envoy Vassily Nebenzia denied that Russia had ever manufactured the agent, and accused "the countries who have carried out research on these weapons, including Britain."

The 'VX weapon' used on the Skripals was quickly identified by specialist military experts at the Defence, Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) at Porton Down. It originates from a group of nerve agents known as Novichok, roughly translating to 'newcomer' in English. Russia's covert Novichok chemical





Sergei Skripal - former GRU military intelligence officer and MI6 agent

programme was revealed by defectors who fled to the US including Vii Mirzayanov, a chemical weapons developer.

Dr Mirzayanov said as many as 40,000 people worked on the VX programme and at least 1,000 on Novichoks specifically. "Novichok was invented and studied and experimented



Porton Down gateway



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Alexander Litvinenko and Boris Berezovsky. Based in the UK, both men were opponents of the Kremlin who lived perilous lives

[with] and many tonnes were produced only in Russia - nobody knew in this world," Mirzayanov said. He argues that only the Kremlin would have the capability to deploy this particular agent.

Dr Patricia Lewis, Research Director for International Security at London-based think tank Chatham House, said Novichoks could be identified because they have distinct chemical formulae. "There could be contaminants that would give away where it has come from," she said, adding that high-resolution trace analysis could detect pollen and other clues.

British UN Ambassador Jonathan Allen, said Novichok was not a weapon which can be manufactured by non-state actors. "It is so dangerous that it requires the highest-grade state laboratories and expertise," he said.



Ambassador Jonathan Allen blames Russia in a speech delivered at the United Nations

"Based on the knowledge that Russia has previously produced this agent and combined with Russia's record of conducting state sponsored assassinations - including against former intelligence officers whom they regard as legitimate targets - the UK Government

THE SECRET SAROV AVANGARD PLANT

INTEL INSIDE

Sarov - location of the VNIIEF-Federal Nuclear Centre and Avangard Electromechanical Plant and likely production facility used to manufacture the VX agent used in the attack on the Skripals.



Sarov is a closed town in Nizhny Novgorod Oblast, Russia, formerly known as Arzamas-16 from 1946 to 1991. Until 1995, it was known as Kremlyov. The town is designated 'closed' due to the nuclear research conducted here. Many of its residents are attached to the plant.

During the protracted inquiry and investigation into the death of Alexander Litvinenko, his legal team said that a private researcher hired by the family claimed to have traced the source of the deadly Polonium-210 used in his demise, to the Avangard Electromechanical Plant.

In more recent times, a super-computer located at a Russian nuclear research facility in Sarov was reportedly targeted by two site engineers who wanted to use



Tsar Bombe (casing) - NATO reporting name of the Soviet hydrogen bomb on display at the Museum of Sarov

it to mine cryptocurrencies. "There has been an attempt of unsanctioned use of workplace computing capacities for personal gain, including for so-called mining," the press service of the Sarov nuclear weapons facility explained. The statement said the employees involved had been arrested and are facing criminal charges.



British specialist chemical experts (some military) pictured visiting several sites in Salisbury



The bench where the Skripals were found ill is removed for testing



concluded that it was highly likely that Russia was responsible for this reckless act."

A NETWORK OF SPIES

Speaking in Parliament, Prime Minister Theresa May, armed with a plethora of intelligence supplied by MI5, MI6 and the Skripal police investigative team, spoke of Russia's spy network and intelligence collection endeavours in the UK. She referenced Litvinenko and 23 Russian diplomats who were identified as undeclared intelligence officers, before giving Moscow 24 hours to provide an explanation of how Novichok was used on the streets of Salisbury. "These [UK]

actions would fundamentally degrade Russian Intelligence capability in the UK for years to come," she said. May also warned Moscow not to attempt to rebuild its powerful spy network in London.

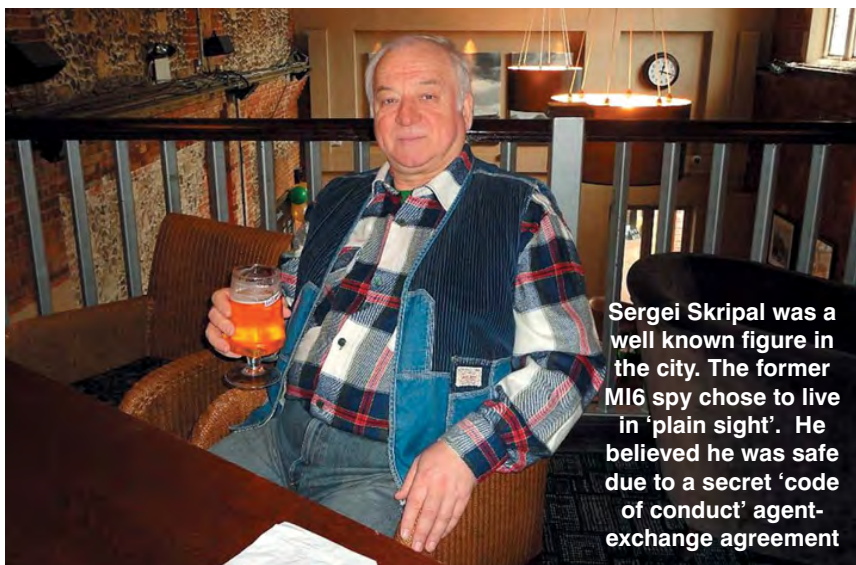
The Russian Government refused the demand, instead calling on Britain to hand over a sample of the nerve agent and accusing it of unacceptable "provocations." This type of rhetoric continues today.

VERBAL SUPPORT AND RESPONSE

US President Donald Trump, Prime Minister Theresa May, French President Emmanuel



Yulia and her father Sergei



Sergei Skripal was a well known figure in the city. The former MI6 spy chose to live in 'plain sight'. He believed he was safe due to a secret 'code of conduct' agent-exchange agreement

Macron, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel issued a joint statement agreeing that there was "no plausible alternative explanation" than that Russia was to blame for the attack. The leaders described the poisoning as "the first offensive use of a nerve agent in



The Mill public house



Defence Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Centre (CBRN), some four miles from Salisbury. A number of the 'substance' search teams came from this facility



Much attention was paid to Sergei Skripal's vehicle

Europe since the Second World War," adding that Russia's actions "threaten the security of us all."

At the United Nations, US Ambassador Nikki Haley called for immediate action: "If we don't take immediate concrete measures to address this now, Salisbury will not be the last place we see chemical weapons used. They could be used here in New York, or in cities of any country that sits on this council. This is a defining moment."

THE PUBLIC RUSSIAN RESPONSE

Alexander Yakovenko, the Russian Ambassador in London tweeted: *'The temperature of Russia-U.K. relations drops to minus 23, but we are not afraid of cold weather'.*

Russia responded in kind by initially expelling 23 British diplomats and ordering the closure of the British Council in Russia as well as ending an agreement to reopen the British Consulate in St Petersburg. A statement was then routed to news agencies: *'If Britain makes any more unfriendly moves the*



Vladimir Chizhov, Russia's European Union Ambassador

government could take further measures... don't threaten a nuclear country'. By mid-April, the number of British diplomats ordered to leave had risen to 54.

Russia continues to deny involvement; its politicians have contradicted each other, with some claiming that Novichok stockpiles were destroyed and others claiming that it was never developed in the first place.

Vladimir Chizhov, Russia's EU Ambassador, said: "Russia had nothing to do with the

poisoning in Salisbury of Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia. When you have a nerve agent or whatever, you check it against certain samples that you retain in your laboratories. And Porton Down, as we now all know, is the largest military facility in the United Kingdom that has been dealing with chemical weapons research. And it's actually only eight miles from Salisbury."

The Russian Embassy in the UK then posted a tweet showing an image of fictional Agatha Christie detective Hercule Poirot saying: *'In absence of evidence, we definitely need Poirot in Salisbury!'.*



British Prime Minister Theresa May outside The Mill public house - one of the locations visited by the Skripals

THE INTELLIGENCE MAN

SERGEI SKRIPAL

1993. Colonel Sergei Skripal begins work for Russia's GRU military intelligence service. Transferred to Spain, it is here where he is reportedly recruited by MI6 as a double agent.

1995. Given the codename Forthwith (unconfirmed by Eye Spy) by MI6, he starts to produce volumes of high-grade intelligence in return for money and a promise of a 'Western gateway' if his role is compromised or threatened.

2000. Skripal exits the GRU and secures work with the provincial Government in Moscow. He continues to act as an MI6

contact man passing information through various people.

2004. A mole inside Spanish Intelligence provides Moscow with intelligence on his threads to the UK and Skripal is detained and subsequently charged with espionage. His arrest follows the discovery of a secret bank account in Spain in which an MI6 paymaster deposited around \$100,000 for his services. Of interest, Alexander Litvinenko was also engaged in some form of activity on behalf of MI6 in Spain at the time.

2006. Skripal is found guilty of high treason by a Moscow court



FSB counter-intelligence officers arrest Sergei Skripal

and jailed for 13 years. He is despatched to a penal colony following a two year internment. The conclusion of the case is celebrated in Moscow and follows quickly on the heels of another FSB success over MI6 - the discovery of a British Intelligence communication device disguised as a rock in a Moscow park.

2010. He is unexpectedly pardoned and released as part of a spy-exchange to the West in

exchange for 10 Russian SVR, GRU and FSB sleeper agents in the United States. Skripal, his wife Lyudmila and daughter Yulia, settle in Salisbury, Wiltshire, England where he 'buys' a house. He is given an annual pension of between £30-40,000.

2011. Lyudmila, 59, dies of cancer.

2017. His son Sasha, 43, dies of liver failure in St Petersburg.



Sergei Skripal was forcefully detained in 2004



MI6 'spy rock'



Lyudmila's grave stone



Gary Aitkenhead - CEO Dstl - denies any security breach at Porton Down

Mr Chizhov's comments came after Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said, the UK was one of the most likely sources of the nerve agent, along with the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Sweden or possibly the United States. Speaking to journalists Zakharova said: "A large number of ex-Soviet scientists had gone to live in the West, taking with them the technologies that they were working on." Czech Foreign Minister Martin Stropnický said the claims were "unsubstantiated" and "a classic way of

manipulating information in the public space," while Sweden also forcefully rejected the suggestion.

DISINFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Russian news articles considered by intelligence analysts to be part of a long-running and cleverly managed Kremlin disinformation campaign, included interviews with 'former' unnamed security chiefs and unknown commentators with no expertise or credibility.

One analyst said: "You can think of them as dismiss, distort, distract and dismay. You insult the critic, then distort by falsifying the evidence. 'Distract is the whole 'if they accuse you, you accuse them' method, and then there's the conspiracy theorists. Dismay comes when they threaten 'horrible things will happen if you do this'."

Analysts note the similarities in the Skripal disinformation techniques to those used following the downing of Flight MH17.



Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova with President Putin

THE CONSPIRACY FILES

Throughout April and into May, Russian media houses have spawned a multitude of conspiracy theories including that the US stole samples of Novichoks while decontaminating a former Soviet Union testing plant in



Police arrive at the Zizzi restaurant. At this moment the security services seem oblivious to the actual nature of the threat - note the public presence. The government says more than 130 people could have been exposed to Novichok

Uzbekistan from 1999 onwards; that it was the Ukraine trying to discredit Moscow; the UK trying to distract from Brexit; that Britain used it to 'smear' Putin ahead of the recent 2018 Russian elections, and that the US may have launched the attack, either through the 'deep state' (underworld actors) or because of Mr Skripal's potential links to the private security firm that compiled a dossier of allegations against Donald Trump.

CORBYN'S UNWELCOME SIDESHOW

UK Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn originally suggested that the nerve agent attack could have been carried out by



Jeremy Corbyn

Russian-linked gangsters rather than ordered by Moscow and continues to question both the intelligence and evidence against Russia. Corbyn questioned Boris Johnson's claim that Porton Down officials were "absolutely categorical" in linking the Novichok agent to Russia. "Either he has information he is not sharing... or it was an exaggeration," Corbyn said. His remarks were widely condemned by ministers. And intelligence analysts agree, some intelligence is naturally being withheld for security and future evidential purposes.

THE RUSSIAN LIST

Further questions are now being raised on previous incidents and deaths, including one just days after the Skripal incident on 12 March - Nikolai Glushkov. Like Litvinenko, Glushkov was an associate of the late Boris Berezovsky, who was questioned as part of the British inquiry into the poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko.

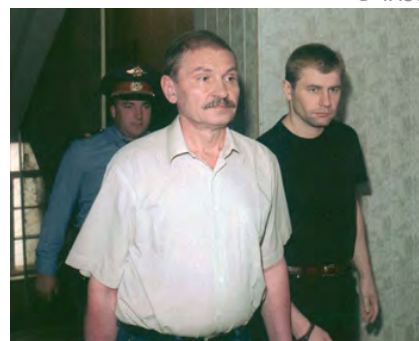
Glushkov, based in London, had been last seen in a "perfect mood" as he prepared for a court case against the Russian state airline Aeroflot. He was found suffocated, though it was subsequently discovered he had been strangled and hung post-mortem in an act to make it look like a suicide. And Glushkov and his associates told Eye Spy he was never convinced of the police explanation that Berezovsky had "simply killed himself."

BACKGROUND

Glushkov was sentenced in 2004 by the Savelovsky Court of Moscow to three years and three months in prison and released for time served. Thereafter the former Deputy Director of Aeroflot was granted political



Nikolai Glushkov



Glushkov is detained in Moscow

asylum in the UK in 2010. In February 2016 Britain refused a request from Russia to extradite him on fraud and other charges. According to Tass, a Moscow court tried him in absentia for embezzlement from Aeroflot. Court papers suggest Glushkov conspired with Berezovsky to restructure and embezzle loans worth an estimated \$122.5 million.

SKRIPAL - MI6 OR FREELANCE?

Sergei Skripal operated as a double agent - working for Russian military intelligence (GRU) while also providing secrets to MI6. He is said to have revealed the identity of numerous Russian agents in overseas countries, who were duly asked to depart. That in itself may have given rise to suspicions that 'somewhere' in Russia a mole was operational. In 2010, he was pardoned and released as part of a spy swap for 10 Russian agents. Skripal continued to be viewed as a traitor by Moscow, and some reports suggest he may have been 'freelance' - spying for private intelligence firms in the UK. Either way, Eye Spy has been told he maintained links to former associates in Moscow and elsewhere.

KREMLIN DENIAL - ANALYSIS OF LANGUAGE

The fact that Russia is responsible may seem obvious, but it will be difficult to prove. Even when the evidence is overwhelming Moscow's best defensive tactic is often a simple rejection. Denial of responsibility is a Kremlin trait, without any framework or evidence to make the said denial plausible. It is often delivered with a 'knowing sneer'. Refusal to be held accountable for actions is combined with "satisfaction at giving an impression of deliberate menace," said one commentator.

THE LENGTHENING HAND OF MOSCOW

Assassination attempts, cyber-attacks, military interventions - Russia is once again playing a deadly game with the West. After the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, it was hoped that the super-powers and their respective allies would enter a period of peace. Russia

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PARLIAMENT SPIES



GAMES OF THE StB

RECRUITMENT, DEFECTORS, ENTRAPMENT & DENIALS

Czechoslovakia's infamous StB (Statni Bezpecnost) Cold War spy agency has received plenty of attention in the media of late, this in connection with allegations that attempts were made to recruit a number of Labour Party politicians in the 1980s, including today's official opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn.

Far from being an isolated incident, Eye Spy Associate Editor PAUL BEAUMONT and EDITORIAL delve back in time to present details of a protracted operation by the KGB proxy StB, to infiltrate the highest echelons of British society, armed forces, political movements, unions and its intelligence services...

The Czechoslovak StB was created in 1948, and efficiently managed long-term agent operations amongst émigré families and actively recruited Czechoslovak expatriates. One such figure was 42-year-old RAF Sergeant Nicholas Prager, who served in a technical capacity in the secretive BCDU (Bomber Command Development Unit) engaged with work on Project Blue Diver, the latest Electronic Counter Measure (ECM) for Britain's primary nuclear deterrent - the V-Bomber Force. He also worked on Project Red Steer at RAF Finningley in South Yorkshire.



Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn with his deputy Tom Watson

Blue Diver operated as a UHF (ultra high frequency) barrage noise jammer, targeting and actively jamming Soviet radar systems (codenamed TallKing) and had replaced the rapidly obsolescent Green Palm, a VHF (very high frequency) jammer. Another project, Red Steer, worked in the microwave X Band as a rearward looking radar for V-Bombers and replaced Orange Putter which was also known to have been fitted to RAF Canberras of 51 Squadron detailed for ELINT (electronic



Vasili Mitrokhin



English Electric Canberra

intelligence) collection. All highly important projects essential to British security.

During his service from 1959 to 1961 Prager, who used the agent codename MARCONI, supplied photographs of wiring diagrams, circuitry and fittings from a Blue Diver manual to the StB. He possessed expert electronic knowledge and was well qualified for his dark dealings. For reasons only known to the RAF, and despite being in a position of some trust, he was subjected to only basic vetting; such secret work usually requires personnel to undergo a far deeper vetting process.

Although Prager passed the photographs to an embassy official in Britain, he also visited Czechoslovakia with his wife Jana - and without notifying the RAF Provost (service police). Some intelligence historians have considered the possibility that Mrs Prager was also a spy.

Prager was arrested in 1970 and convicted in June 1971 of espionage. He received a 12-year prison term and was stripped of his citizenship.

BROADER STB TARGETS

The use of Czechoslovak expatriates as agents for the StB was not their only skill. Using contacts in British trade union movements and elsewhere, StB officers met, courted and

some say recruited British Members of Parliament (MPs) who they stated had "succumbed to StB pressure" likely to be blackmail or financial reward.

Several politicians have been accused of having threads or serving the StB: Tom Driberg

is listed in a KGB file and codenamed LEPAGE. Renowned spy author Chapman Pincher, said he was a "Kremlin agent of sympathy and a supporter of Communist front organisations." Others say he was an MI5 agent or even a double agent.



Tom Driberg

Raymond Fletcher, codename PETER, was identified by former KGB defector and MI6 contact man Vasili Mitrokhin as an agent for the KGB and StB. Fletcher passed away in 1991, but his wife, Catherine, denied he was a spy. She said he had actually performed work for MI6. Mitrokhin was well placed to identify Fletcher, however. He was the senior archivist

Handley Page Victor

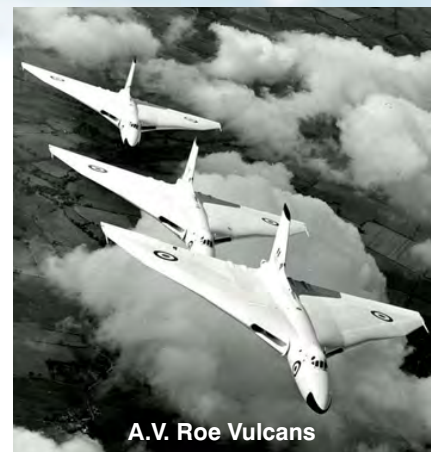


BRITAIN'S V-BOMBERS

'V' - the designation used to identify RAF aircraft operating with Britain's strategic nuclear strike force, officially called the V-Force or Bomber Command Main Force. The strategic bombers, whose title began with 'V', included the A.V. Roe Vulcan, Vickers Valiant and the Handley Page Victor.



Vickers Valiant



A.V. Roe Vulcans



11 December 1967. Sud Aviation Workshops (Saint-Martin-du-Touch). John Stonehouse is pictured with various dignitaries at the official presentation of the French prototype of Concorde, including Maurice Papon, President of Sud Aviation



John Stonehouse

For the record, Stonehouse will forever be remembered for faking his own death in November 1974, after leaving his clothes on a beach in Miami, Florida. Investigators presumed he had drowned or was killed by a shark. Either way, obituaries started to appear - this as he covertly wended his way to Australia using false identities where he hoped to start a new life with his mistress and secretary. He was arrested in December 1974, just four weeks after disappearing.

Czechoslovakian-born Sir Barnett Stross is another politician who allegedly supplied the StB with materials on UK domestic and foreign policies of the Labour Party. Some intelligence historians believe such information could just as easily have been acquired by simply writing to Transport House - headquarters of the



Vasili Mitrokhin

Mitrokhin Archive: The KGB in Europe and the West, with Christopher Andrew.

Cabinet Minister John Stonehouse - a target of much MI5 surveillance during the early years

for the SVR (Foreign Intelligence Service) who came to Britain in 1992, bringing with him huge amounts of intelligence. He would go on to co-author *The*

of the Cold War is also a key figure forever referenced in spynore. In 1979, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher released information that suggested he had been an StB agent since 1962. At the time he was already in prison for fraud and legal chiefs decided there was "insufficient evidence" to bring a new trial. When the original stories started to surface about Stonehouse, then Prime Minister Harold Wilson (himself an unsuccessful target of the StB, KGB codename OLDING) denied that Stonehouse ever spied for the StB. Stonehouse too rejected the claim, but his engagement with the USSR is documented in the 2009 official history of *MI5: The Defence of the Realm*, by Christopher Andrew.



LEFT: Arrival of officials in the hangar for the inauguration of the prototype. L-R: Anthony Neil Wedgwood Benn (English Minister of Technology), Jean Shamant (Minister of Transport) and John Stonehouse



Prime Minister Harold Wilson defended Stonehouse

party near Parliament. Nevertheless, Stross's name also appears in intelligence files under the codename GUSTAV. He had been identified by defector Josef Frolik in 1969 - two years after his death.

Besides his political career, Stross is also remembered for his leadership of a campaign to rebuild the village of Lidice in Czechoslovakia, which was destroyed on the orders of Adolf Hitler in WWII.

SECRETS AND TECHNOLOGY

Politician Will Owen, codename LEE, was also linked to the StB. Intelligence files suggest he operated for Moscow's proxy for well over a decade.

At the subsequent trial of Owen in 1970, an StB officer and defector gave evidence. Stonehouse's name was mentioned again. He had allegedly passed technical details of British and NATO aircraft to the Czechs; some historians said this included material on Concorde of which the result was the somewhat technically challenged Russian Tupolev TU-144 'Concordski' - NATO reporting name - CHARGER. An agent codenamed ACE was identified (see sidebar), and some intelligence analysts believe this was Stonehouse himself.

Stonehouse's business and political links with Czechoslovakia and aviation began in the early 1960s. He was involved in deals involving BOAC (British Overseas Airways Corporation) purchase of US aircraft; and in 1968 negotiated an aircraft technology programme between the UK and Czechoslovakia. This led to an 'exchange' of information and further projects of cooperation. By 1967, the year Concorde was officially rolled out, he had



Concorde at the 1967 inaugural ceremony. Inset: First flight 1969

LOSS OF CONCORDE INTELLIGENCE OR MI6 MISCHIEF?

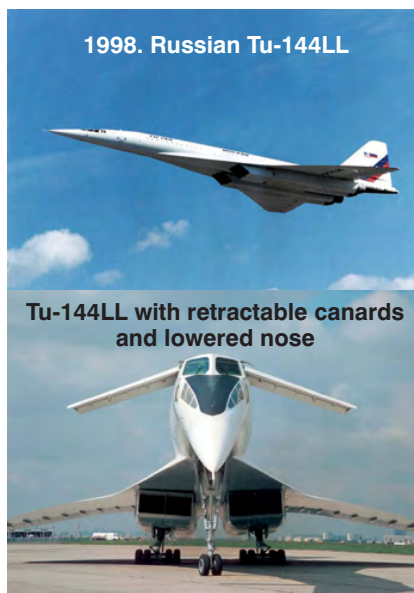
There is much evidence to suggest that over 100,000 pages of technical data, information, analysis notes and diagrams were secured by the KGB on the Anglo-French endeavour and other advanced aircraft such as Lockheed's L-1011. The Concorde material was undoubtedly used by the Russians to hastily produce their own 'cloned' version of the supersonic aircraft - the Tupolev Tu-144.

Intelligence files provided by MI6 agent and defector Vasili Mitrokhin names an aircraft engineer codenamed ACE as the culprit. However, his true identity was never revealed; a puzzle in itself. This fact led to some conspiracy theorists suggesting it was all a ruse and that MI6 had actually inserted bogus papers into the mix, which resulted in the Russian variant crashing at the 1973 Paris Air Show.



Space age cabin crew

Agent ACE was but one of around a dozen Soviet spies operating in Britain who passed technical secrets to the KGB at the height of the Cold War. He reportedly died in the early 1980s.



1998. Russian Tu-144LL

Tu-144LL with retractable canards and lowered nose



1969. Soviet Tu-144 prototype

The 'real thing' - Concorde

**Intelligence
windfall - Moscow
secured intimate
details of inside
Downing Street**



Raymond Mawby

risen to Minister of State for Technology. Two years later the spy stories started to surface.

To summarise, a cursory examination of historical archive papers lists dozens of politicians with alleged links to Moscow, including right-leaning figures. One such person was Conservative politician Ray Mawby.

In files contained in the StB Archive in the Czech Republic, (released in 2012 - see Eye Spy 80), Mawby is identified as agent LAVAL who operated throughout the Cold War. These proved he was an agent and documents even show receipts of payments. Amongst intelligence 'gems' provided to the StB, floor

plans of Downing Street. And interestingly, there is nothing in MI5 material to suggest they knew of his covert role.

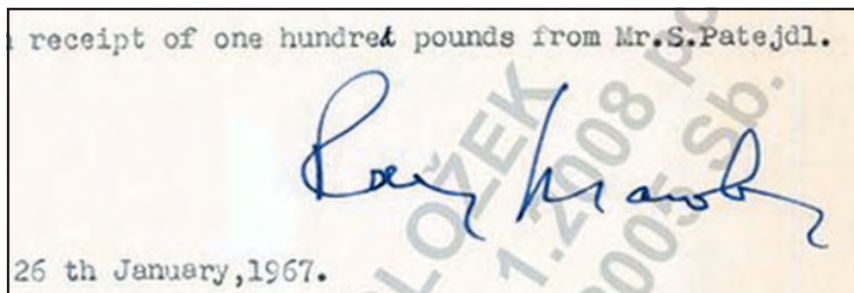
PROMINENT TARGETS AND ENTRAPMENT

One of the more cavalier operations planned by the StB, was the entrapment of the prominent Conservative politician Edward Heath, who would rise to become Prime Minister.

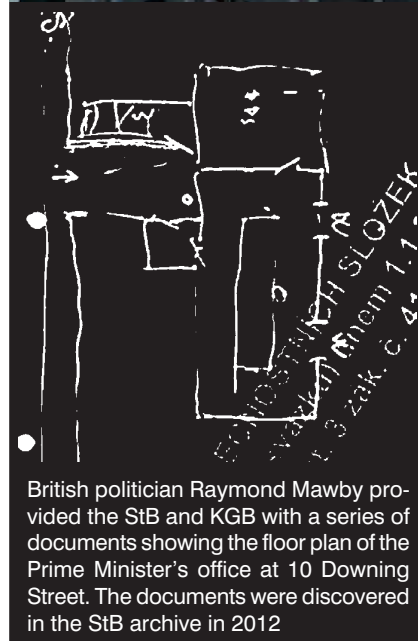
Heath was unmarried and a plan was constructed to lure him to Czechoslovakia after a 'constructed' meeting with a fellow musician, who like Heath, had a love of classic organ music. That StB musician was Professor Reinberger. At a recital in London, Heath met the professor and was offered the chance of playing the classical organ at the Church of St James in Prague. Although he accepted the offer, it is believed MI5 warned him not to attend since the professor was believed to be bisexual and chosen specially for the meeting.

END DAYS OF THE STB IN BRITAIN

Another StB agent was arrested in Britain as late as April 1988, as he received a Morse message on a receiver in his north London apartment. Ever the true professional, 'Erwin van Haarlem', an 'art dealer', refused to reveal his real name - Vaclav Jelinek, but was



A signed receipt by Mawby for £100 showing payment by the StB

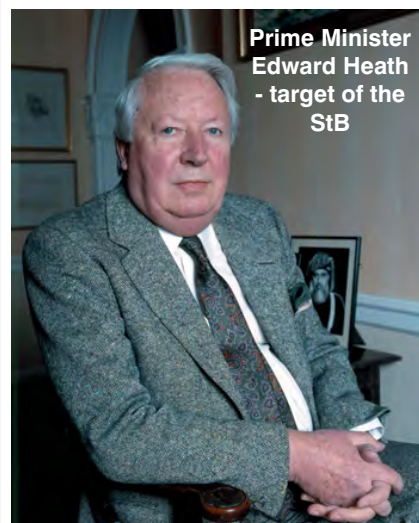


British politician Raymond Mawby provided the StB and KGB with a series of documents showing the floor plan of the Prime Minister's office at 10 Downing Street. The documents were discovered in the StB archive in 2012

convicted and jailed for 10-years. At his trial, one of those who testified against him was Stella Rimington, she would become the first female Director-General of MI5.

Released in 1993, Van Haarlem returned to a very different Prague to the one he had left. The StB he had worked for so effectively, had been dissolved and a new State controlled security bureau - UOUD (Urad pro Ochranu Ustavy a Demokracie) had replaced it.

Van Haarlem, according to misleading snippets filtered to the media by MI5, had



**Prime Minister
Edward Heath
- target of the
StB**

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Left: Museum exhibit. An StB steamer for surreptitious letter opening. Right: MI5 too operated various 'letter opening' desks to monitor communications to and from Soviet Bloc countries



'Erwin van Haarlem's' Dutch passport

come to the notice of the authorities due to interference to local television reception from his transmitter as he sent Morse. However, that was not the case, van Haarlem never

possessed a transmitter. Van Harlem was actually denounced and 'outed' by a defector who operated in faraway India.

On December 1988, StB officer Vlastimil Ludvik left the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Delhi and met with British Intelligence representatives (MI6) who flew him to Britain where he claimed political asylum. As is usual in such cases, the claimant was debriefed and intelligence flowed. Ludvik passed details on a Vaclav Jelinek otherwise and also known as Erwin van Haarlem.

UNION STREET AND MI5

The StB operation to ensnare Jeremy Corbyn, political associates and union figures, was certainly not an isolated one. In the 1960s and 1970s, MI5 counter-intelligence officials had at least two-dozen UK nationals linked to union organisations and high-profile politicians under surveillance. And though the Security Service may be reticent to discuss such operations, they were very real indeed. One high profile figure was Jack Jones, a member of the Communist Party of Great Britain

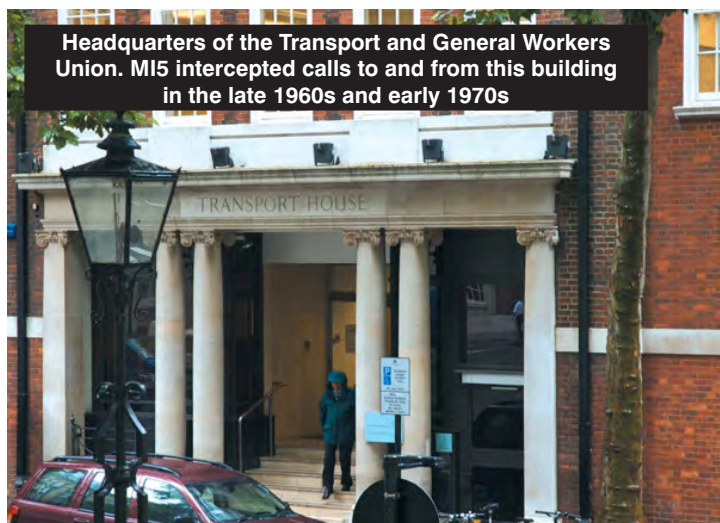


Stella Rimington - MI5's first female Director-General. She helped build the spy case against 'Erwin van Haarlem' and testified in court

(CPGB) and General Secretary of the powerful Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU). Telephone lines at the union's



The magnificent organ at the Church of St. James, Prague



Headquarters of the Transport and General Workers Union. MI5 intercepted calls to and from this building in the late 1960s and early 1970s

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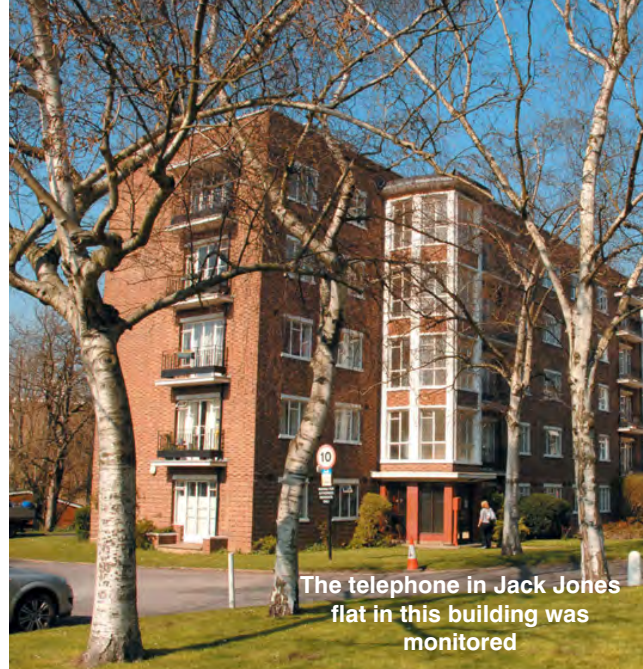
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The telephone in Jack Jones flat in this building was monitored

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Jack Jones

headquarters at Transport House close to Parliament, were almost certainly monitored and conversations recorded - such was the mistrust of Jones and others. The CPGB headquarters in London were also bugged in 1970. Perhaps more interesting, the actual home of Jack Jones and his wife, Evelyn, were also bugged - reportedly on the direct orders of Prime Minister Edward Heath who the StB had tried to lure to Prague.

The operations and events have been disputed by some historians, but Eye Spy sources are adamant they took place. And just for good measure, one couldn't really dismiss one of the main sources of the story - the KGB handler of Jones' himself - who just happened to be MI6 agent Colonel Oleg Gordievsky.

As for MI5's Registry [Persons of Interest], Jack Jones is listed and so too Prime Minister Harold Wilson. Though given the codename OLDING by the KGB, Wilson is listed by MI5 as Norman John Worthington.

Although Ludvik was the last StB officer to defect; there were several before him of which Frantisek August and Josef Frolik were prominent persons. It was Frolik, who with the assistance of a CIA agent in Turkey made his way to the United States via Incirlik Air Base. During his debrief he passed on details of the British politicians he was instrumental in 'recruiting' and of the plot to ensnare Edward Heath.

INSIDER END NOTES AND AN IMPORTANT OVERVIEW

Former KGB Colonel and MI6 agent Oleg Gordievsky (below) has always maintained the spy agencies of the Soviet Bloc had contact and were given information by British politicians, sympathetic to Moscow and



Communism. He said various levels of liaison existed. Besides fully 'turned' spies who met with handlers, others provided basic information on political and defence happenings; some "ran errands." A number were targeted by undercover StB officers serving at the Czechoslovakian and Russian Embassies who would 'draw' commentary - "loose gossip" a term used by Gordievsky - and often in the bars of Parliament or the gentlemen clubs of London.

KUALA LUMPUR ATTACK



FOOTPRINT OF THE MOSSAD?

Hamas Blames Israeli Spy Agency for Death of UAV Specialist

Malaysian police have released images of two suspects in the killing of a leading Palestinian engineer on 21 April 2018. Gaza's ruling Hamas group has accused Israel's Mossad of being behind the shooting of Fadi Al Batsh, a rocket and UAV expert for Hamas. Political head of Hamas, Ismail Haniyeh, said the killing was a "terrible crime committed by the Mossad." Speculation is rife in intelligence circles that he was in some way involved in talks with a North Korean agency about the supply of weaponry to Gaza.

Malaysian National Police Chief Mohamad Fuzi Harun said the

composite images of the suspects, who appeared to be European or Middle Eastern, were based on eyewitness descriptions. He said the suspects, clad in black jackets, were fair-skinned, well-built and had beards.

Security services said Batsh, 34, was hit with 14 bullets fired by the two assailants, who shot from a motorbike as he was heading to a mosque for dawn prayers in a suburb near Kuala Lumpur. Police said security video showed the suspects had waited for him for almost 20 minutes. In the past decade, a number of similar assassinations by unidentified operatives using motor cycles, have been carried out - primarily



E-fits of the two gunmen wanted in connection with the incident



Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh

targeting Iranian nuclear scientists and defence workers. All have been blamed on the Mossad.

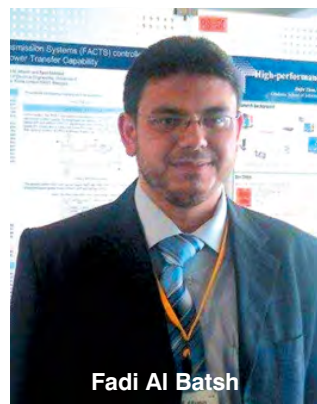
Al Batsh had lived in Malaysia for seven years and lectured at a local museum. He was due to attend a conference in Turkey in May.

In Tel Aviv, Israeli officials have neither confirmed nor denied whether its premier spy agency was responsible for Al Batsh's death. However, Israel's Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman blamed internal factions inside Hamas. "The man was no saint," he said. "He was involved in improving a rocket's accuracy... and we often see a settling of accounts between various



Avigdor Lieberman

factions inside terrorist groups. I suppose that is what happened." Lieberman's overview was rejected by Hamas officials.



Fadi Al Batsh



Ababil UAV (Hezbollah variant)
Inset: Mohamed Zouari

The assassination followed the death of another Hamas UAV expert. Mohamed Zouari was a Tunisian-based specialist who was killed by gunmen on 15 December 2016. In this case he perished when assassins fired several shots into his car using silencers. Zouari was a member of the Izz al-Din al Qassam Brigades and was a prominent figure in the development of the Ababil UAV. Hamas blamed the Mossad for that attack.

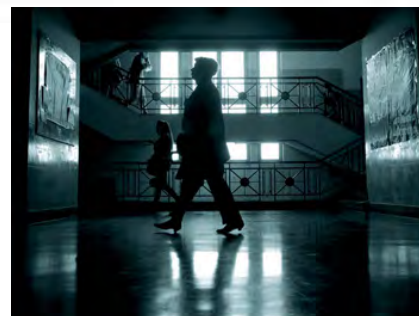


FBI indicts nine Iranians of worldwide cyber attacks sponsored by Tehran's military and intelligence agencies

Agents of a cyber spy cell operated by Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and its spy agency - Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS), have been indicted by the FBI, following a near five year investigation. The charges relate to an extensive operation in which the men attempted to hack into government offices, US and international universities and dozens of companies. At the

centre of the operation was the Tehran-based Mabna Institute; this front, according to the Bureau, assisted Iranian universities and scientific and research organisations in securing access to non-Iranian scientific resources.

"The Mabna Institute, through the activities of the defendants, targeted more than 100,000 accounts of professors around the world," a



spokesperson said. "They successfully compromised approximately 8,000 professor email accounts across 144 US-based universities, and 176 universities located in 21 foreign countries." Other organisations targeted included the United Nations, US Department of Labor, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the State of Hawaii and the State of Indiana. Investigators from the Justice Department have valued the information stolen from US universities alone at \$3.4 billion.

RECONNAISSANCE AND TARGETING

A complex operation enabled by MOIS saw the cell target specific high profile figures and those thought useful in a variety of specialist fields, from science to technology. Background profiling and reconnaissance then ensued and masses of material allowed the cell a deeper understanding of their interests. Thereafter posing as colleagues contact was



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FBI Deputy Director David Bowditch, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein (right) and FBI New York Assistant Director in Charge William Sweeney, discuss the operation which resulted in the demise of a major Iranian cyber spy ring



**Major General Mohammad Ali Jafari,
Commander of Iran's IRGC**

made (phishing e-mails) and credentials compromised, allowing huge amounts of information to be secured and in some cases resold.

In respect of the volume of data obtained, US Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein said: "These nine Iranian nationals allegedly stole more than 31 terabytes of documents and data. For many of these intrusions, the defendants acted at the behest of the Iranian government and, specifically, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps." In plain language the theft was approximately equivalent to the disk space necessary to hold a digitised version of the entire print collection of the Library of Congress - 830 miles of book shelves holding 39 million books.

US Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman for the Southern District of New York described the effort as "one of the largest state-sponsored hacking sprees in history."

In recent times, the CIA and MI6 have reported upon the expansion of the Iranian intelligence services and launched operations around the world to thwart the activities of MOIS. President Trump described Iran as the "world's leading state sponsor of terror."

The US Treasury said on its website that it was placing sanctions on those accused and described the nine men as "fugitives." They may face extradition in more than 100 countries if they travel outside of Iran.

Britain's Foreign Office supported the US action. Foreign Office Minister for Cyber, Lord Tariq Ahmad said: "The action is a further step demonstrating that malicious cyber activity will not go unpunished. Mabna Institute employees can no longer travel freely, curtailing their career prospects outside of Iran." The UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), also confirmed the Mabna Institute had targeted British universities. GCHQ security officials said the tools used by the Iranians allowed Tehran to carry out surveillance on millions of people.



**Lord
Tariq
Ahmad**



The individuals named have been charged with conspiracy to commit computer intrusions, wire fraud, unauthorised access of a computer and aggravated identity theft.

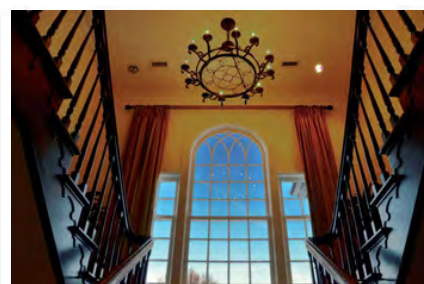
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When the US Government began buying up property in the late 1940s to construct what would eventually support the main CIA compound, they encountered two women, Florence Thorne and Margaret Scattergood, who owned the Calvert Estate within the Langley area. A deal was struck with the intelligence service that would see the pair continue to live in their house until their deaths. Thereafter, ownership would transfer to the government. Both women lived there for

decades, surrounded by the headquarters of the CIA and its numerous annexes and training grounds, until they passed away in their 90s. Whilst apparently polite, they were a persistent thorn in the CIA's side.

Margaret was a Quaker and pacifist and felt the CIA's mission violated her beliefs. She used her trust fund money to support anti-war causes and lobbied Congress to cut the US Intelligence and military budgets. In the 1980s, when the CIA supported the Nicaraguan Contras, the two women opened their



home to the Sandinistas - who on more than one occasion turned up at CIA's main entrance, only to be directed to the Calvert Estate.

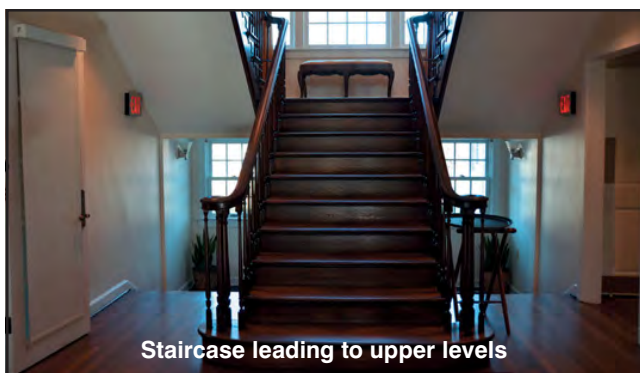
Florence passed away in 1973 aged 95, leaving Margaret on her own. CIA DDA at the time, Harry Fitzwater, instructed CIA security officers, as part of their routine patrols, to check on her and make sure she was comfortable and secure. Over the years, several Agency officers befriended Margaret, and would regularly stop by her house to help with chores like gardening and grocery shopping.

On 29 October 1984, aged 90, she was the guest of honour at a lunch Fitzwater and CIA Director William Casey held in the Director's dining room. Her niece Sylvia joined her and





Overhead view of CIA headquarters Langley, Virginia, showing extensive grounds. Inset: D/CIA William Casey held an honorary lunch for one of the residents of the 'big house'



Staircase leading to upper levels



The CIA has built a museum on the upper floor of the house



CIA-backed Contras

both were given a tour of Langley. On Thanksgiving Day, Fitzwater delivered a joint of ham to Margaret and at Christmas she received a roasted turkey from the DDA!

Margaret passed away aged 92 on 7 November 1986, by which time her neighbours - the CIA - had been operating over 25 years out of Langley. Fulfilling the legal agreement, CIA acquired the property and over the next few years, there were debates and proposals on what should be done with the house and estate.

CIA Security Protective Officers (SPOs) slowly took over the main house and brought with

them their K-9 unit. The house, over 60 years old, was not in good condition. For the next 15 years, the SPOs and their dogs occupied the building, using it to house and maintain their motor bikes, converting the rooms into makeshift maintenance areas and erecting workbenches. Eventually the SPOs built outdoor dog kennels near the Calvert Estate, which are still in use today.

The residence was now considered old and dangerous and a decision was made to tear it down. However, many of the employees loved the property and the then head of facilities management decided to have the house professionally evaluated. It was found that it was not only structurally sound, but its outstanding design, workmanship, and materials made it eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2003, the Calvert Estate underwent a complete renovation and rooms converted to a state-of-the-art conference centre. To preserve the original house and to pay homage to its occupants, the renovation team designed a discreet tribute just outside of the dining room. If someone didn't point it out, you would never think to look up at the ceiling. But if you did, you would see a 3x3 foot-wide square cut-out in the ceiling, covered by a thick piece of glass. When you position



'Ranson' - one of today's operational CIA dogs

yourself correctly, you can look up through the glass and see the original wood frame of the Calvert Estate, still intact, just as it stood in 1926.



WMD SYRIA

SPY GAMES, RHETORIC AND PROPAGANDA



Vassily Nebenzia, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, addresses the Security Council meeting on the situation in the Syria



US Defense Secretary James Mattis delivers a news conference at the Pentagon following the US, French and British attack

S yrian regime helicopters were accused of launching a gas attack on 7 April on the rebel held town of Douma. Western estimates put the death toll around 75, including children. In response, US

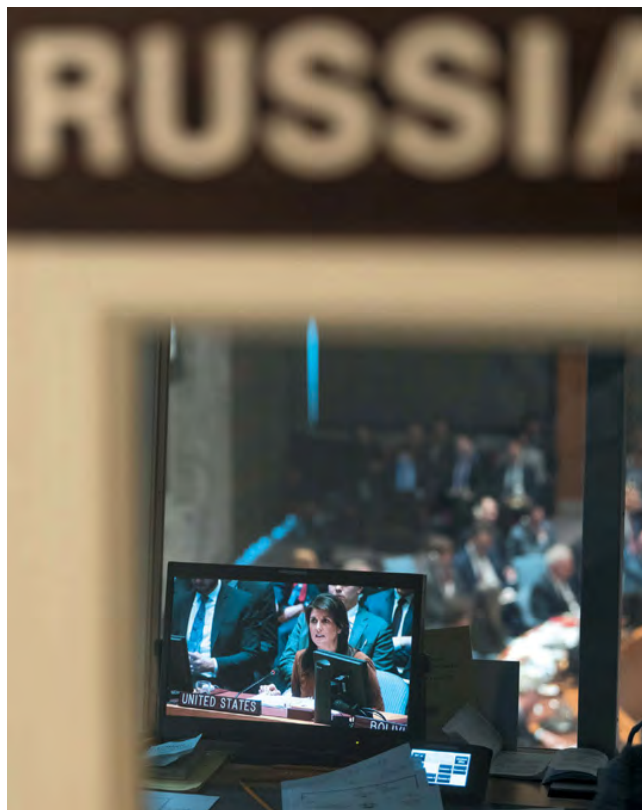
President Trump, backed by Prime Minister Theresa May and French premier Emmanuel Macron, authorised a military response which resulted in a 103 missile blitz on three chemical weapons sites in Syria on 14 April.

Asked by the press corps in Washington to explain the near-immediate response, White House Homeland Security adviser Tom Bossert said: "This is one of those issues on which every nation, all peoples, have all agreed, and have agreed since WWII, is an unacceptable practice. I wouldn't take [further military action] off the table."

Both the Syrian and Russian governments denied any involvement in the chemical attack and have gone as far as claiming it never happened or was staged by "dark forces in British Intelligence" in a bid to bring the West into the Syrian Civil War. Syrian Deputy



13 April 2018. A USAF B1B Lancer is readied for attacks against known Syria WMD sites



EYES ONLY: 17 April 2018 - United Nations. An interesting photo of the UN Security Council Emergency meeting following the WMD attack, shows Nikki Haley (on screen), United States Permanent Representative to the UN, as seen through the Russian interpretation booth

Primary strike aircraft used in the attack



RAF Tornado GR4



USAF B-1B Lancer



French Air Force Rafale



**Marine Corps
Lt. General
Kenneth
McKenzie**

Foreign Minister, Faisal Mekdad said, "Britain was absolutely involved in faking a chemical attack in Douma to justify the Western air strikes" against Assad's regime. In Moscow, Russian Ministry of Defence spokesman Major General Igor Konashenkov said Britain was "directly involved in the provocation."

As for the actual attack, Syria claimed many of the missiles launched in the strike were shot down before they had reached their final target - a claim ignored by military intelligence

analysts in London and Washington. Media houses in Moscow said 71 cruise missiles launched in the attack had been intercepted and destroyed. Russia's Ministry of Defence confirmed the reports, claiming Syrian air defences, supplied by the USSR over 30-years ago, were responsible.

However, aerial imagery secured over designated target areas reveal severe impact damage and building destruction. One target was Syria's primary research and development centre for WMD at Barzah. This was completely destroyed. Assessments continue to be made on other sites, but a Pentagon official said: "We selected these targets carefully to minimise the risk to innocent civilians." Marine Corps Lt. General Kenneth McKenzie referenced the three WMD sites - "We successfully hit every target," he said.

INTELLIGENCE

US sponsored operatives, including private independent Syrian-based concerns, collected blood and urine samples from victims of the attack - most tested positive for chemical weapons, according to officials. The samples suggested the presence of both chlorine gas and an unnamed nerve agent. Typically, such



**Syrian
Foreign
Minister
Faisal
Mekdad**

samples are obtained through hospitals and collected by US or foreign intelligence assets on the ground. Western officials said they were "confident" in the intelligence.

Syria is known to have stock piles of the nerve agent sarin, and has previously used a mixture of chlorine and sarin in attacks, a US official said. Five years ago, Eye Spy was given GPS data of suspected locations of WMD stockpiles. Most were stored near air bases. ➤



A building destroyed in the allied attack on Syrian WMD sites

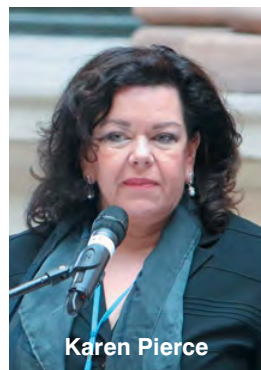
DEFUSING THE ATTACK

Moscow continues to insist the alleged WMD attack was staged to discredit its ally President Bashar-al Assad and brought a group of Syrians to the global chemical arms watchdog to back its claims.

As for the 'collected evidence', Russia paraded several Syrian witnesses, including an 11-year-old boy, in a bid to prove the chemical attack in Douma was faked. Young Hassan Diab was filmed being doused in water at a hospital following the horrific attack. However at a joint press conference with Syrian officials at the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Russian diplomats claimed the video was fake and Hassan had been tricked into taking part. To counter further Western claims of WMD use, Russia's permanent representative to the UN, Vassily Nebenzia, told the Security Council Moscow's own military specialists had visited Douma and taken soil samples. According to its specialists, they found no evidence or presence of nerve agents or substances containing chlorine. "No one with these symptoms had been admitted to local hospitals," he said. "No bodies of people who

had died from being poisoned were found." Russia's Foreign Minister, Sergei Lavrov called the evidence secured by Britain as a "blatant lie" and "bizarre." However, he refrained from suggesting the UK was responsible.

Britain's UN Ambassador Karen Pierce, said



Karen Pierce

the suggestion was "grotesque and a blatant lie," following an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council. Inspectors have now finally visited one of the sites of the alleged attack - but their visit

was heavily delayed after they were shot at when approaching the area.

DIVIDING ALLIES

On 28 April, the foreign ministers of Russia, Iran and Turkey held talks on Syria in the wake of the attack. The three nations have been



Civilians flee following the WMD strike in Douma, Syria

attempting to find a political solution to the Syrian conflict at talks that started in 2017 in Astana, Kazakhstan, in competition with the US and UN-backed Geneva initiative. Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei called Trump, Macron and May "criminals."

However, Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan welcomed Western air strikes in retaliation as appropriate. "I curse those who carried out this massacre," he said.



Recep Tayyip Erdogan called the West's response "appropriate"

French president Emmanuel Macron suggested the air strikes had driven a wedge between Ankara and Moscow as they have been building increasingly close ties. This prompted an angry denial from Turkey Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, who said the countries' relations "are not so weak that the French president can break them."

Alexander Shumilin, a West Asia expert at the Institute for US and Canadian Studies in Moscow, however, said Douma fallout had "caused a crack in the alliance of the three countries." He added: "If the trio falls apart entirely, the ensuing events could be really bad. Turkey has a completely different attitude to resolving the conflict and Assad's fate." Other intelligence analysts believe Iran is seeking to destabilise the region and have described the trio as a "very shaky alliance."

The new chemical attack came just over a year after a similar Syrian operation targeted the town of Khan Sheikhoun. US forces in this case bombed a Syrian air base from whence the air attack had been launched. At the time, President Trump said the action was taken to deter further Syrian use of illegal weapons.



United Nations Security Council meet to discuss the alleged use of WMD on civilians in Syria

the great war REMEMBERED



Events, movies and displays to raise awareness of the sacrifice of those who participated in securing freedom

Silhouettes of WWI 'Tommies' have appeared in sites across the UK as part of a fundraising campaign to commemorate the war dead and educate the public about the conflict and sacrifice made by millions. The Tommies will appear at four sites across the country and tour until Armistice Day (11 November). Members of the public are being encouraged to buy their own 10-inch versions to remember their own relatives, a century on from the end of the Great War (1914-1918).

Founded last year, the charity Remembered is also raising funds for those suffering from PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) or 'shell shock' as it was known in WWI and other legacies of combat. It aims to play a significant role in helping build better futures for

veterans and those suffering from mental illness.

Remembered has three simple but significant objectives: To commemorate the fallen through highlighting the sacrifices made; to educate all generations, particularly today's youngsters, and to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 British and Commonwealth men in the Great War.

The UK's 2018 Armistice Project, 'There But Not There', will be the Centenary Commemoration for the end of the war.

Support the charity by purchasing a soldier silhouette.

LINKS: www.therebutnotthere.org.uk



RAF raid on Cologne

RAF 100 Commemorations - Happy 75th Birthday to the Lancaster Bomber

Seventy five years ago the RAF's most daring mission of the Second World War was given the go-ahead. Operation Chastise became known as the 'Dam Busters Raid' and was immortalised in the classic 1955 film. It's now been re-versioned for a special gala screening at the Royal Albert Hall in May, where historian Dan Snow will be hosting the event. The picture will be simultaneously screened in 300 cinemas across the UK.

The reconstructed cockpit of a Lancaster Bomber was parked outside London's Royal Albert Hall to celebrate the iconic aeroplane's special anniversary - the cockpit of which is one of only 18 substantial parts left in the world. Historian Paul Beaver said of the bomber's significance: "This was an air force made up of people who were conscripted, or who volunteered to go and fly. Over 55,000 lost their lives - not just in the Lancaster, but in other aircraft, so it's a significant part of social history."



On stage, Dan and Paul will recreate the original experiment which led to the bouncing bomb, invented by Sir Barnes Wallis and credited with the success of the Dam Busters raid.

Tickets for 'The Dam Busters with Dan Snow' showing at the Royal Albert Hall and in cinemas nationwide are available via:

LINKS: www.thedambusters75.co.uk



Clockwise from top left: Tower of London, Giants Causeway in Bushmills, County Antrim, Big Pit National Coal Museum, South Wales, Hearts FC, Edinburgh

RAF crew of 617 Squadron which carried out Operation Chastise



A PIVOTAL MOMENT IN THE STORY OF US INTELLIGENCE EVOLVEMENT



Climbing The CIA Ladder

ALL CHANGE AT LANGLEY



President Trump nominates Gina Haspel as new Director of the CIA. If the selection is approved, Haspel will become the first female to lead a premier US Intelligence service

Just hours after announcing serving Director CIA Mike Pompeo will replace Rex Tillerson as US Secretary of State, President Trump opted to 'tweet' details of one the most significant chapters in the spy agency's history - the nomination of Gina Haspel as its first ever female Director. Haspel, 61, whose career began in 1985, served as Pompeo's Deputy Director.

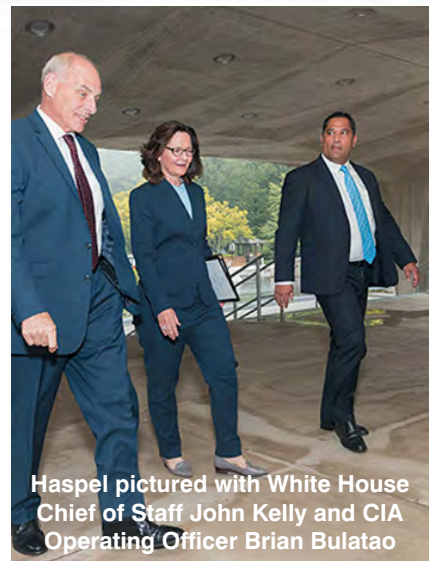


Mike Pompeo - from CIA to State Department

CLANDESTINE OPERATIVE

Amongst her many overseas posts, Haspel served as Chief of Station in London and Deputy Director of the Agency's National Clandestine Service (from 2015 known as Directorate of Operations - DO).

She said of the nomination: "After 30 years as an officer of the Central Intelligence Agency, it has been my honour to serve alongside Mike Pompeo for the past year. I am grateful to President Trump for the opportunity and humbled by his confidence in me to be nominated to be the next Director of the CIA. If confirmed, I look forward to providing President Trump the outstanding intelligence support he has grown to expect during his first year in office."



Haspel pictured with White House Chief of Staff John Kelly and CIA Operating Officer Brian Bulatao

A CONTROVERSIAL CHAPTER

Already some critics have attacked Trump - primarily because Haspel, who operated as a global operational undercover agent - was involved in Langley's Extraordinary Rendition programme of the early-mid 2000s.

One location frequently cited by opponents and allegedly headed by Haspel was the 'black site' in US-friendly Thailand. Codenamed 'Cat's Eye', it was here several al-Qaida terrorists captured in Afghanistan, including some involved in 9/11, were sent. One intelligence source said she "oversaw the waterboarding programme." Materials and reported video of such interrogations were destroyed over a decade ago, with some commentators alleging Haspel herself



February 2017. Rex Tillerson is sworn in as Secretary of State. His tenure lasted a little over a year



authorised the move. Others say she was directed to do so by then President George Bush.

However, not all commentary and analysis was destroyed. An example being a CIA document which shows senior AQ man Abu Zubaydah was subjected to EIM (enhanced interrogation methods) on no fewer than 83 occasions at the Thai site. This included waterboarding and sleep deprivation. However, Eye Spy was informed by senior sources that Haspel's tenancy of Cat's Eye started after the



Abu Zubaydah following his arrest

Zubaydah affair and her description as "head of the facility" is flawed.

CLARIFICATION

Senator John McCain, noting that the CIA now outlaws EIM, asked that Haspel expand upon her role in the Thailand operation. "The torture of detainees in US custody during the last decade was one of the darkest chapters in American history," he said. "Ms. Haspel needs to explain the nature and extent of her involvement in the CIA's interrogation programme during the confirmation process." McCain, also commented on Pompeo's appointment: "With the world order rapidly giving way to chaos, it is more important than ever for our nation to lead from a position of strength on the international stage. I am confident Mr Pompeo can meet that challenge as Secretary of State."

Senator Ron Wyden insisted Haspel's background made her unsuitable. "If Ms. Haspel seeks to serve at the highest levels of US Intelligence, the government can no longer cover up disturbing facts from her past." Human Rights' chapters also joined the debate. Reprieve said that her involvement in interrogation made her "unfit to run the



John McCain with President George Bush. McCain has asked for "clarification" of Haspel's links with 'Cats Eye' - the Thai CIA Black Site



Senator Ron Wyden

After winning the presidential race, one of President Trump's first destinations was CIA headquarters, Langley, Virginia



LEGACY OF CAMP X-RAY

THE 'MELT DECISION'

A controversial decision to destroy filmed recordings of two senior al-Qaida figures still causing ripples at Langley and amongst Washington's Establishment

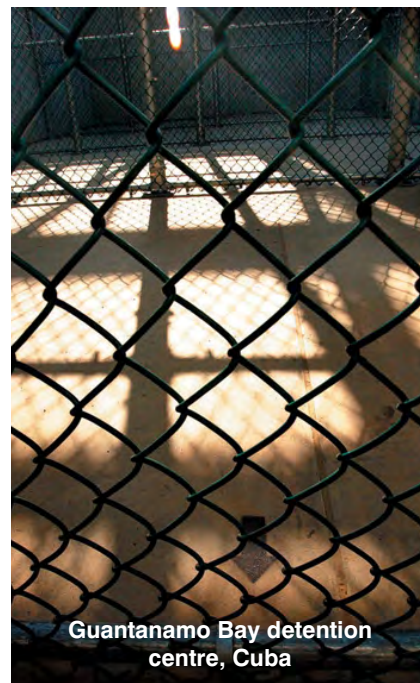
Over a decade ago Michael Hayden, former D/CIA acknowledged tapes made in 2002 containing tough interrogation techniques used on al-Qaida suspects, including Abu Zubaydah were destroyed at the end of 2005. The tapes were reportedly melted to protect the identity of the Agency's senior interrogation officers, and because it was thought there was little worth in keeping them. Critics of the



Jose Rodriguez Jr.

decision note that the timing of the tapes destruction coincided with major pressure being exerted on the CIA over its Extraordinary Rendition programme.

According to intelligence sources, the 'melt decision' was taken by Jose Rodriguez Jr, then Director of the CIA's National Clandestine Service. Others believe the CIA was instructed by White House advisors on behalf of President Bush.



Guantanamo Bay detention centre, Cuba

THE CIA MEMORANDUM

After the story surfaced in the media in the mid-2000s, following a leak, Mr Hayden posted an internal memo on the affair. Part of it read:

CIA's terrorist detention and interrogation programme began after the capture of Abu Zubaydah in March 2002. Zubaydah, who had extensive knowledge of al-Qaida personnel and operations,

ALL CHANGE AT LANGLEY



CIA," while Christopher Anders of the American Civil Liberties Union (Washington DC office), said she was "up to her eyeballs in torture."

McCain (and others) who oppose EIM also mentioned the president's feelings towards this controversial subject. Mr Trump wanted to "bring back waterboarding because it works" but this was resisted by US Defense Secretary James Mattis.

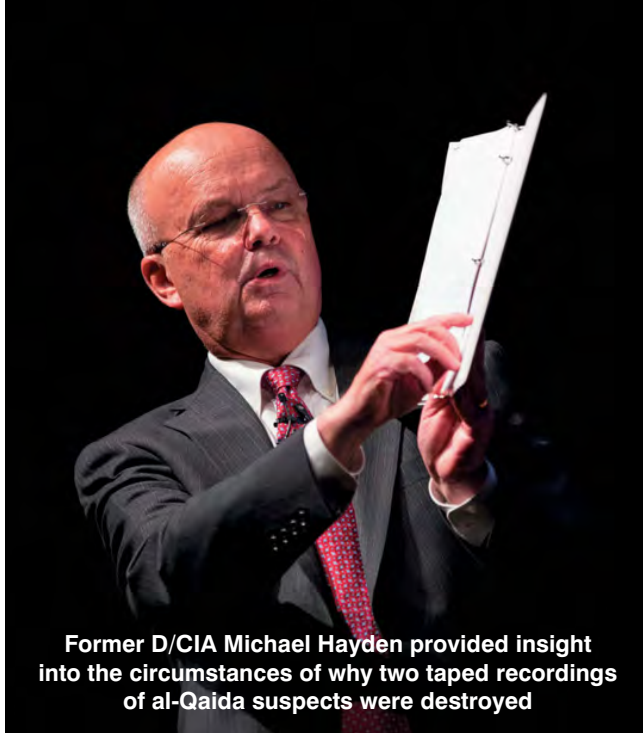
EXPERIENCED AND RESPECTED

Despite the expected criticism from some quarters, Haspel is well liked at Langley and few can deny she is a vastly experienced and informed officer. Some CIA sources have already condemned the stories that link her with events in Thailand saying they are "untruths" intended to derail her selection. One former CIA spy who is well placed to com-

ment is Michael Morrell. He served as both Acting Director and Deputy Director under President Obama. Speaking about Haspel's nomination and stories concerning the destruction of evidence from events in Thailand, Morrell said: "She did so at the request of her direct supervisor and believing it was lawful to do so." And to add credibility to Haspel's standing in Langley, Morrell said: "I personally led an accountability exercise that cleared Haspel of any wrongdoing in the case."



Abu Zubaydah featured on destroyed CIA tapes



Former D/CIA Michael Hayden provided insight into the circumstances of why two taped recordings of al-Qaida suspects were destroyed

had been seriously wounded in a firefight. When President Bush officially acknowledged in September 2006 the existence of CIA's counter-terror initiative, he talked about Zubaydah, noting that this terrorist survived solely because of medical treatment arranged by CIA.

Under normal questioning, Zubaydah became defiant and evasive. It was clear, in the President's words, 'Zubaydah had more information that could

save innocent lives, but he stopped talking'.

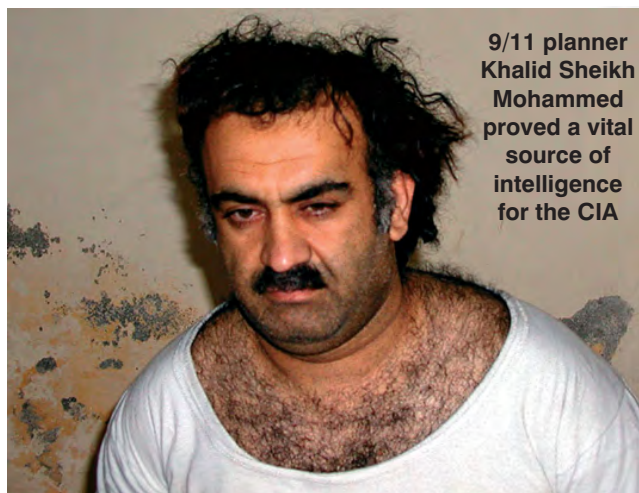
That made imperative the use of other means to obtain the information - means that were lawful, safe, and effective. To meet that need, CIA designed specific, appropriate interrogation procedures. Before they were used, they were reviewed and approved by the Department of Justice and by other elements of the Executive Branch. Even with the great care taken and detailed

preparations made, the fact remains that this effort was new, and the Agency was determined that it proceed in accord with established legal and policy guidelines. So, on its own, CIA began to videotape interrogations.

The tapes were meant chiefly as an additional, internal check on the programme in its early stages. At one point, it was thought the tapes could serve as a backstop to guarantee that other methods of documenting the interrogations - and the crucial information they produced - were accurate and complete. The Agency soon

determined that its documentary reporting was full and exacting, removing any need for tapes. Indeed, videotaping stopped in 2002.

D/CIA Hayden said the CIA only ever taped the first two captured al-Qaida suspects, one of whom was Abu Zubaydah. Zubaydah, did provide intelligence on his 9/11 accomplice Ramzi Binalshibh. Binalshibh was captured thereafter, and with information provided from himself and Zubaydah, this led to the arrest of the 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in 2003.

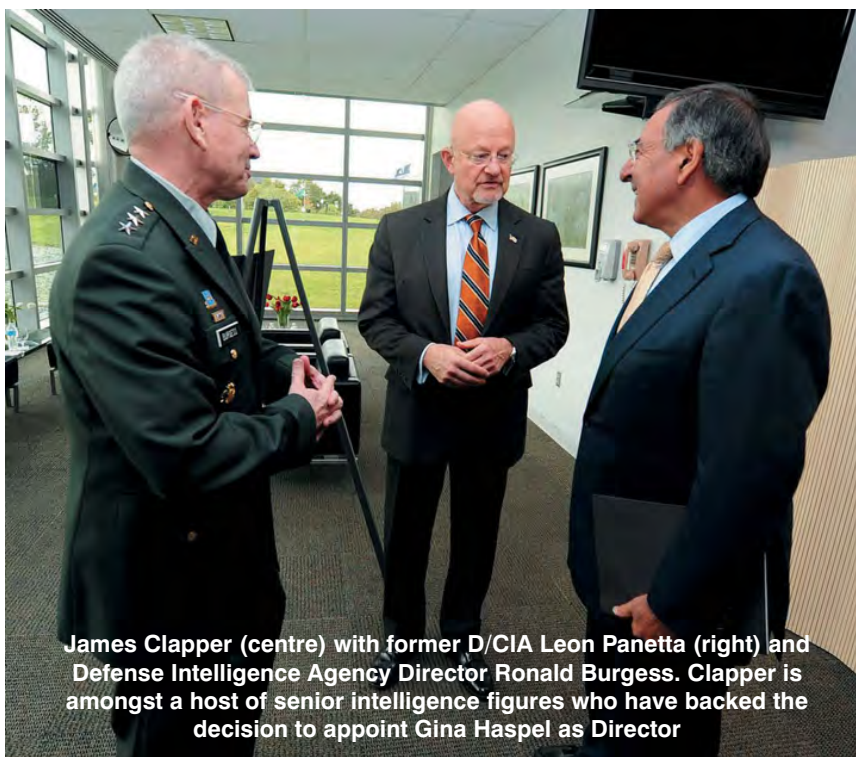


9/11 planner Khalid Sheikh Mohammed proved a vital source of intelligence for the CIA

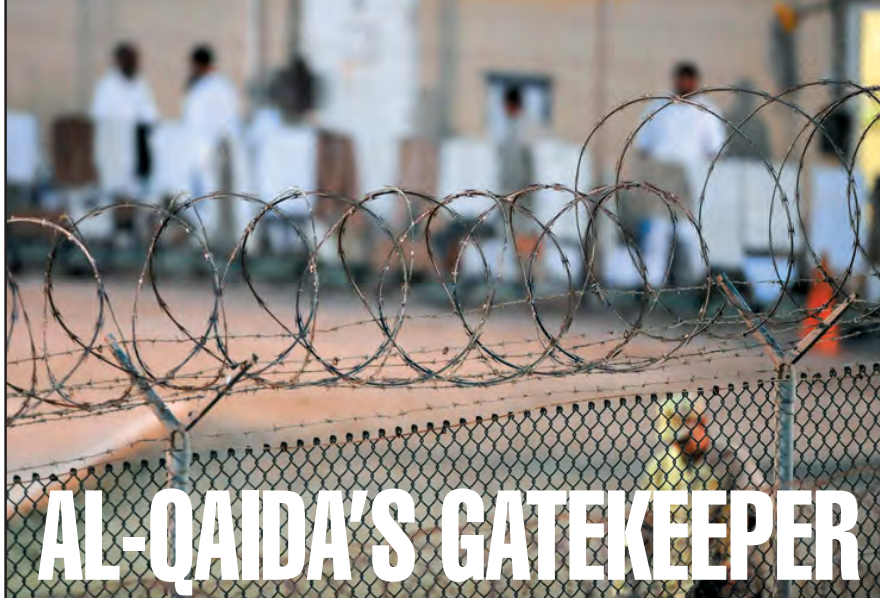


Michael Morrell - former Acting Director CIA

Other senior intelligence people have already welcomed the president's choice. Former Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), James Clapper said he was "very pleased" and that she is "widely and deeply respected by the workforce." Former CIA and NSA Director Michael Hayden said it was a "wonderful ➤



James Clapper (centre) with former D/CIA Leon Panetta (right) and Defense Intelligence Agency Director Ronald Burgess. Clapper is amongst a host of senior intelligence figures who have backed the decision to appoint Gina Haspel as Director



AL-QAIDA'S GATEKEEPER

Abu Zubaydah - Man With a Thousand Secrets

Abu Zubaydah, arrested in March 2002 in Pakistan, used many aliases. He left the Middle East in the mid-1990s to help Afghanistan in its fight against the former Soviet Union. By the time Osama bin-Laden returned to Afghanistan in 1996, Zubaydah had already gained a huge reputation.

The CIA learned that he was once based in Pashawar at a facility known as The House of Martyrs. By 2000 he had been provided with an elite training camp and was already organising operations against US targets.

This followed a CIA report that indicated Zubaydah had been given safe passage to Iran along with other al-Qaida leaders. The CIA believed Zubaydah was of key importance to Osama bin-Laden as a planner. In 2001, a CIA official said, "he is the number one person that we are looking for." Codenamed 'The Gatekeeper' by the CIA, he was in charge of routing al-Qaida recruits to various training camps in Afghanistan and elsewhere. He would select the best candidates and invite them for extensive training at his home camp in Khalden in Tora Bora. Here, Zubaydah and associates would provide the agents with all



Abu Zubaydah - real name Zayn al Abidin Muhammad

they needed to conduct operations in the West.

Zacarias Moussaoui, the 20th 9/11 hijacker also passed through Zubaydah's Khalden camp. So too did Jamal Beghal, detained in Dubai before leaving for Paris. He was set to blow up the US Embassy in Paris.

Other damning evidence on Zubaydah found by the CIA related to an attempted operation to destroy the US Embassy in Bosnia in 2001. When officials analysed the contents of a mobile phone used by the head of the al-Qaida unit sent to Bosnia, they discovered Zubaydah's private satellite phone number.

Since his arrest, Zubaydah has been involved in various legal challenges. In 2014, he was awarded around £90,000 by the European Court of Human Rights. In this case, Poland was ordered to pay him the money because of its liaison with the CIA in running a detention centre in the country in which the terrorist was allegedly held.



Osama bin-Laden



Former CIA National Clandestine Service officer Stephen Slick

choice" and referenced her "dignity, professionalism and honour." Outgoing D/CIA Mike Pompeo, who is thought to have recommended Haspel said: "She is an exemplary officer with an uncanny ability to get things done and to inspire those around her."

Former CIA man Daniel Hoffman, who was Chief of Station in three countries, also praised the president's nomination, noting Haspel had climbed from the lowest ranks at Langley. "She is somebody who tries to bring disparate elements together... an important intelligence consideration. She's got the highest level of intellectual integrity and honesty."

A PIVOTAL MOMENT

The nomination of Haspel as the first female officer to lead one of America's premier intelligence agencies is seen as a pivotal moment in US intelligence history. Stephen Slick, a former CIA agent who worked with Langley's National Clandestine Service explained why the move is so significant.

"If confirmed, it would send a powerful signal to the many accomplished female officers at the CIA. She would also be the first career Agency officer with a background in operations to serve as Director in more than four decades.

As for Tillerson's departure, who remarkably becomes the 30th senior Trump official to be sacked in the last 12 months, few in Washington are surprised. "They had a difficult and frosty relationship from the outset" said one White House source. And President Trump never forgave him for calling him a "moron" in 2017. Just recently, there were more words spoken when Tillerson said he did not believe the time was right for the president to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

- In 2009, all CIA interrogation and detention sites were closed on the order of President Obama.

ANATOMY OF THE

SKRIPAL SANCTION

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however, complained about the West demanding a rules-based international order while regularly breaking its own standards.

Since the annexation of Crimea in March 2014, Russia has received sanctions and 'ridden out' any punishments from the international community. In addition, President Putin recently announced a collection of new nuclear weapons, including a cruise missile that could "reach anywhere in the world" and bypass all forms of defence. "These will make the West hear us," he said.

COLD WAR ARCHITECTURE

The Cold War 1.0 security architecture is crumbling in Europe. While the United States has shrunk its commitment to Europe's security, the European Union itself has failed miserably to generate a common security policy. And while NATO funding continues to be a sore point amongst alliance members (some contribute virtually nothing), Putin is aggressively pushing into the power vacuum in Europe and the Middle East, and the Skripal incident is a square on the chessboard just as Syria is.

Intelligence analysts say Cold War 2.0 is not going to end any time soon and there is the very real possibility of incidents escalating into something much, much worse.

LIST OF MISCHIEF

STEPHEN MOSS, 2003. Moss, a British lawyer, had an apparent heart attack and died in 2003. US Intelligence officials allegedly believe he may have been assassinated.

STEPHEN CURTIS, 2004. Curtis, a lawyer who represented an imprisoned Russian oil tycoon, was killed in a helicopter crash in England in 2004.



Again, US Intelligence suspects that Russia may have played a hand in his death.

IGOR PONOMAREV, 2006. Ponomarev died shortly before Litvinenko, just before he was due to meet with someone investigating Russian activities in Italy. US Intelligence may have evidence that the diplomat was assassinated.



ALEXANDER LITVINENKO, 2006. Litvinenko's death made international headlines after the defector was poisoned in 2006. It contributed to hostile relations between Russia and the UK. Polonium, a radioactive isotope, was slipped into a cup of tea that he drank. Russia has always denied any part in his death, despite a public inquiry formally accusing two Russians of carrying out the killing on behalf of the Kremlin.

YURI GOLUBEV, 2007. An oil tycoon and friend of jailed political dissident Mikhail Khodorkovsky, Golubev died in London. An obituary at the time said he "felt unwell," returned from a trip early, and subsequently "died peacefully." US Intelligence suspects foul play.



DANIEL MCGRORY, 2007. McGrory was a foreign correspondent for *The Times of London* and was found dead in his north London flat. He had reported extensively on Litvinenko's death. While his family believe he died of natural causes, British Intelligence officials later asked their US counterparts to investigate his death.

BADRI PATARKATSISHVILI, 2008. The best friend and former business partner of Boris Berezovsky, Patarkatsishvili lived close to his friend in Surrey, southern England until he died of a heart attack after a family dinner. Like in the case of Daniel McGrory, UK intelligence officials asked their counterparts in the US for information about Patarkatsishvili's death, and any possible links to Russia.



THE BRITISH RESPONSE IN FULL

- 23 Russian diplomats were expelled. A large number, if not all, were intelligence people.
- The creation of new powers to detain those suspected of Hostile State Activity at the UK border.
- Increase checks on private flights, customs and freight.
- A freeze of Russian State assets wherever the UK has evidence that they may be used to threaten the life or property of UK nationals or residents.
- A suspension of all planned high level bi-lateral contacts between the UK and Russia, including revoking the invitation to Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to visit to the UK.
- No attendance by Ministers or Members of the Royal Family - at the 2018 World Cup in Russia.
- The creation of a new £48 million chemical defence centre based at Porton Down to face the "increasing" threat from Russia and North Korea.
- All UK Special Operations troops to receive anthrax vaccine.

GARETH WILLIAMS, 2010. The body of GCHQ officer Williams, who was on secondment to MI6, was found in a suitcase in his London flat in 2010. While New Scotland Yard said they think it was an accident, intelligence agencies and those close to the case believe he may well have been assassinated.



PAUL CASTLE, 2010. A property dealer with flamboyant spending habits, Castle died by suicide after stepping in front of a tube train. Sources say he may have been threatened



with a "slow and painful death" by people linked to the Russian (and Turkish) mafia if he didn't kill himself.

ALEXANDER PEREPILICHNY, 2012.

Perepilichnyy was a financier who helped expose fraud by Russian Government officials. He died in Surrey, England in 2012 after visiting Paris; it was reported that there were "signs of a fatal plant poison" discovered in his stomach. The probe into his death continues today.



JOHNNY ELICHAOFF, 2014.

Elichaooff was a businessman and the former husband of TV presenter Trinny Woodall. He had battled painkiller addiction, and reportedly rolled himself off a shopping centre roof in London after a string of oil investments went wrong in 'Project Moscow'.



MATTHEW PUNCHER, 2016.

Puncher was the radiation expert who discovered that Alexander Litvinenko had been given Polonium-210. Five months after a trip to Russia, he was found dead by multiple stab wounds. A coroner ruled suicide.



ROBBIE CURTIS, 2012. Curtis was a friend of Paul Castle, and like him, worked in property. He too killed himself, with US Intelligence reportedly believing he may have been driven to suicide by underworld players in Russia.



BORIS BEREZOVSKY, 2013. Berezovsky was an expat businessman and vocal critic of Putin. He was found dead at his home in an apparent suicide by hanging.



SCOT YOUNG, 2014. Young was a wealthy 'fixer' to the super-rich and often fronted deals for Russian oligarch Boris Berezovsky. He was part of a network of

associates who funnelled Berezovsky's cash through offshore companies, and repeatedly worried about being targeted by the Russian mafia. He was found impaled on railings beneath a London flat.

NIKOLAI GLUSHKOV, 2018. Glushkov was an associate of the late Boris Berezovsky, and was questioned as part of a British inquiry into the poisoning of Litvinenko. He was found suffocated, just days after the Skripal attack. Some suggest he was the victim of a sex game which went wrong, and liken it to the demise of Gareth Williams.

MIKHAIL LESIN, 2015. In the US, meanwhile, Lesin, a former adviser to Putin and founder of Kremlin-sponsored



MI6 and MI5 worked together to thwart a previous assassination attempt on Boris Berezovsky at the Hilton Hotel in London. This too involved a Russian national

MORE CONTROVERSY

UNDIPLOMATIC LANGUAGE OR AN ACCURATE COMPARISON?

UK politician Ian Austin, compared the upcoming World Cup in Russia to the Berlin Olympics in 1936 and called for England to pull out of the tournament. British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson agreed saying: "I think the comparison to 1936 is certainly right... I think it's an emetic prospect, frankly, to think of Russian President Vladimir Putin glorying in this sporting event."

Hitler used the Olympic Games as a propaganda tool to project an image of a new, strong and unified Germany. He also attempted to ban Jewish and non-white athletes. However, he gave up after threats of a boycott grew too large.

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson. Inset: Jesse Owens at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin





Lesin and President Putin

network Russia Today, was found dead in Washington DC in 2012. US authorities have said his death was the result of a drunken fall, but some FBI agents reportedly believe he was beaten to death.

FOURTEEN DAYS

3 MARCH 2018

2.40pm. Sergei Skripal's daughter Yulia, 33, (below) arrives at Heathrow Airport on a flight from Russia.



4 MARCH 2018

1.40pm. Mr Skripal and his daughter arrive at Sainsbury's supermarket upper-level car park in Salisbury town centre. At 2.20pm they enjoy a drink at the Bishop's Mill public house before going to the Zizzi restaurant. They remain here until 3.35pm.

At around the same time a CCTV camera captured 'two people of interest', including a woman carrying a red handbag.

At 4.15pm, an eyewitness said she saw a man and a woman looking unwell on a bench. Medics attend and the two people are taken to Salisbury District Hospital.



Salisbury District Hospital

LITVINENKO II LESSONS NOT LEARNED?

The widow of poisoned former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko criticised Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn for his failure to condemn Vladimir Putin. In addition she said lessons hadn't been learned.

"I think something more should be done, it's not enough," Marina said. "Even though (the reaction) is stronger than it was in [the] case of my husband, it is still not enough.

"For all the people in UK it was a shock. We were promised after the public inquiry that it would not happen again. It was difficult to see what happened to Sergei Skripal."



Marina Litvinenko (right) at the Foreign Office

5 MARCH

Wiltshire Police declare a major incident. Doctors are baffled by the Skripals symptoms and have no idea what substance they've been exposed to. Senior MI5 and New Scotland Yard detectives arrive to assist colleagues, along with scientists from PHE's Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards. Some 250 military and counter-terrorism officers arrive, many skilled in chemical weapons training and are deployed in the city and surrounding areas. Various known locations visited by the Skripals are cordoned off and secured.



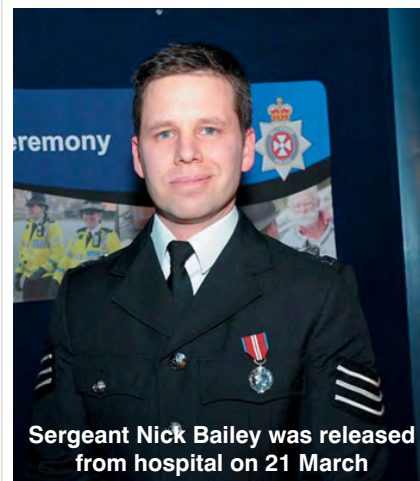
The evidence points to a criminal act, leading Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson to state: "Britain will respond appropriately and robustly if evidence emerges of Russia's involvement in Skripal's suspected poisoning." His reference to 'Russia' leaves no one in doubt about the serious circumstances of the case.

7 MARCH

New Scotland Yard Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley, the outgoing head of national counter-terror policing, reveals that Sergei and Yulia were poisoned with a nerve agent. He also said that a police officer - Sergeant Nick Bailey - was infected. Early reports state he was one of the first officers to attend the scene at the bench, others said he fell ill after visiting Mr Skripal's house in the city.



Chief UK Medical Officer Dame Sally Davies and Mark Rowley issue statements on the Salisbury incident



Sergeant Nick Bailey was released from hospital on 21 March

8 MARCH

Home Secretary Amber Rudd visits police in Salisbury and said that the use of a nerve agent on UK soil was a "brazen and reckless act of attempted murder in the most cruel and public way."

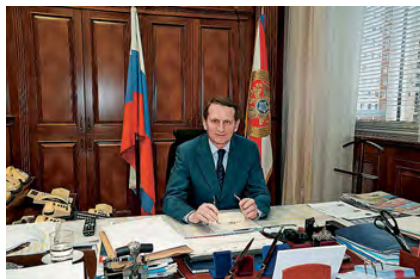
She later chairs a meeting of the National Security Council and Prime Minister Theresa May calls a meeting of the Government's emergency response coordination unit COBRA. In attendance, MI6 Chief Alex Younger and MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker.



Embassy of Russia, London

SVR DIRECTOR

"YOU CAN'T STOP US SPYING"



MOSCOW: SVR Director Sergei Naryshkin, 63, was asked if the expulsion of so many of his officers working undercover at various Russian embassies, will impact on his agency's intelligence collection capabilities in future months and years. Mr Naryshkin responded:

"The SVR of Russia has a whole set of very effective means for conducting intelligence gathering in various conditions and under any circumstances. This guarantees the possibility of solving tasks assigned to us by the President to protect the national interests of Russia, our citizens abroad, counter-terrorism work and other areas within the competence of the intelligence services."

12 MARCH

Public Health England (PHE) advise anyone in the area at the time of the attack that clothing should be washed and personal items such as cell phones wiped as a precaution. In London, May tells the House of Commons the poison used in the attack was a military-grade nerve agent developed by Russia. She said it was part of a group of nerve agents known as Novichoks.

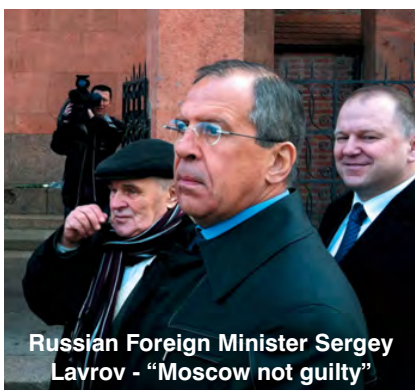
13 MARCH

Police focus on the Skripals movement, appealing for any witnesses who had seen the Russians in their car between 1.00pm and 1.45pm on 4 March to come forward.

New Scotland Yard Counter Terrorism Command (CTC) announce probe into the



SVR Director Sergei Naryshkin. Most of the spies asked to leave Britain and elsewhere were from his agency



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov - "Moscow not guilty"

death of exiled anti-Putin opponent Nikolai Glushkov in London.

At 6.00pm, the Russian Embassy issued a number of scathing tweets which directly threaten the 'crooked' UK with retaliation. Moscow said it will take action if the British Government continues to suggest it was Russia involved in the poisoning of the former spy. Seven more embassy tweets follow, one states: *'Russia will not co-operate with the UK inquiry into how Mr Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, were poisoned in Salisbury, until it has been given a sample of the substance used'*. Another read: *'Any threat to take 'punitive' measures against Russia will meet with a response. The British side should be aware of that'*.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov says that Moscow is "not guilty of the poisoning" and is "ready to cooperate with London."

14 MARCH

London says "Moscow is culpable" and announces it will expel 23 of the 59 Russian diplomats present in the United Kingdom. It also suspends high-level diplomatic contact with Moscow. Russia's Foreign Ministry criticises London's "choice for confrontation," adding that "retaliation will follow shortly."

15 MARCH

As Prime Minister May visits Salisbury, the UK, France, Germany and US release a joint statement blaming Russia for the nerve agent attack.

Lavrov's deputy Sergei Ryabkov says Moscow never had any programmes to develop the Novichok nerve agent. This caused UK Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson to comment, perhaps inappropriately:



Igor Konashenko

"Russia should go away and shut up." Russian Ministry of Defence spokesman, Major General Igor Konashenko, said that the "extreme level of intellectual importance" shown by Williamson, "confirms only London's accusations amounted to nothing."

The 29-member NATO alliance expresses solidarity with Britain over what it calls the first offensive use of a nerve agent on the military alliance's territory since World War II.

16 MARCH

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson continues to insist it is "overwhelmingly likely

British Embassy, Moscow. On 23 March UK intelligence officers, diplomats and their families exited the building and were flown home (inset)



Russia's Ambassador to Britain, Alexander Yakovenko

that Russian President Vladimir Putin was behind the poisoning. The Kremlin says the accusation is "unforgivable."

Russia opens a probe into the "attempted premeditated murder" of Yulia Skripal. It also says it has begun a separate probe into the suspected murder of Nikolai Glushkov.

17 MARCH

Russia formally issues a response to Britain's action, summoning UK Ambassador to Russia, Laurie Bristow, to its Foreign Ministry headquarters in Moscow. Mr Bristow is told that 23 British diplomats will be expelled and that all activities of the British Council in Russia should cease. He has advised that the measures follow London's "provocative actions."

Russia's Ambassador to the UK, Alexander Yakovenko, described the events as "tragic" and noted Britain should have involved Russia

more because Sergei Skripal has dual nationality. Like his associates in Moscow, he said that the UK has no evidence Skripal was killed on the instructions of Moscow, and

launched into a blistering attack of "Britain's violation of international law and misleading the international community." He referenced "invading Yugoslavia, (78 days of bombing), Iraq and Libya (under false pretenses) and supporting elements in Ukraine." At a ➤

A canopy covers the bench where the Skripals were found in distress

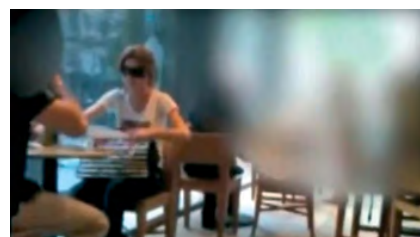


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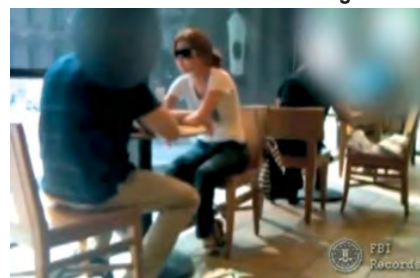
THE FBI'S OPERATION GHOST STORIES



Sergei Skripal was exchanged along with three other MI6 and CIA agents, for 10 Russian spies (above) operating in America, though some intelligence sources believe the actual number could have been 11. The other Western agents freed were SVR Colonel Aleksandr Zaporozhsky, Igor Sutyagin, a nuclear specialist, and Gennady Vasilenko.



SVR spy Anna Chapman unwittingly starts to chat to an undercover FBI agent





Sergei Skripal caught on CCTV a few days before he was attacked

gathering of media people, Yakovenko then dived into the Cold War book of legendary statements: "I would like to quote President Reagan who said 'history shows that British statements must be verified.'"

Despite Yakovenko's commentary, investigators from the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) arrived in the UK and visited sites where forensic evidence had been collected. They were also given samples for independent verification.

Initial media reports suggested Skripal and his daughter Yulia may have been exposed to the deadly nerve agent through the Skripal's BMW saloon's ventilation system. Other sources

claim the VX was sprayed into the car, or as a dust compound on the vehicle's handles. However, on 28 March, NSY Deputy Assistant Commissioner Dean Hayden, Senior National Coordinator for Counter Terrorism Policing said: "We believe the Skripals first came into contact with the nerve agent from their front door. We are therefore focusing much of our efforts in and around their address." Investigators who searched locations in the city where the Skripals visited, discovered the highest concentration of VX on the front door, suggesting it was here the victims first touched the nerve agent.

There are also theories the attack may have been carried out in similar fashion to that which resulted in the demise of Kim Jong-nam, the half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un in Malaysia, 2017. He was killed when VX was sprayed into his face by assailants at Kuala Lumpur International Airport. Another point of inquiry surrounds a number of items recovered at the Skripals residence which were brought into the country by Yulia. These include clothing, cosmetics and a few gifts given to her father.

The scale of the Skripal investigation is immense. New Scotland Yard announced it was examining over 5,000 hours of recovered



High levels of VX were found on the front door of Skripal's house - these have now been removed (below)



CCTV footage; that 250 officers have been assigned to the case; 600 statements taken and over 1,500 'exhibits' recovered. Since the attack, of course, the West has responded by ejecting nearly 150 Russian spies.



AFTERMATH
WORLDWIDE RESPONSE
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KGB SPIES: 'METAL EYES AND AN ALUMINIUM GLINT'

Following events in Salisbury, the son of a former Soviet chemical specialist and defector, wants his father's body exhumed. Vladimir Pasechnik, who lived a few miles from the Skripal incident, was once one of the Soviet Union's most valued germ warfare scientists. He spent the last 12 years of his life convinced the KGB would kill him.

According to his son, Nikita, 53, Pasechnik defected in 1989, and revealed a network of laboratories whose 10,000 scientists and technicians were working on ways to disperse disease in second wave attacks following a nuclear strike. "There were facilities from St Petersburg to Novosibirsk making tens of thousands of litres of biological weapons agents; munitions factories modifying missiles to spread anthrax, ebola and smallpox." Pasechnik's own laboratory was developing a strain of plague.

In 1989, Pasechnik fled to the UK and shared all he knew with British Intelligence. He found work at the



Nikita and Vladimir Pasechnik

Centre for Applied Microbiology and Research at Porton Down, developing vaccines. In 2000, one year before he died, he established his own biotechnology company, Regma Biotechnologies. Ironically, according to his son, he became close friends with fellow weapons expert, Dr David Kelly, who debriefed him after his defection. Kelly was found dead in suspicious circumstances in Oxfordshire in 2003 following events surrounding the Iraqi WMD probe.

"My father told me he knew there had been a decision in a closed court of the FSB to kill him, I couldn't believe

it." Nikita said: "I said, don't play 007 games, who is going to kill you? I was young and didn't understand."

In 2001 Pasechnik had a stroke, aged 64. He died in hospital three weeks after being admitted with dizzying headaches. His son said that during one of his lucid moments "he said he needed to speak with Dr Kelly."

TOXICOLOGY TEST

Nikita now wants his father's body exhumed for toxicology testing. He concedes that defectors are not immortal, but another Russian being

poisoned in the same city has made him suspicious. "If you look at all the cases in isolation, you'll never see the full picture."

Nikita added: "My father said he could spot a Russian in any crowd... he thought he could identify KGB intelligence officers just by their stare - it's something about the way they look at you - the KGB have eyes like metal... there is this aluminium glint."

Pasechnik's intelligence was confirmed by another defector who was deputy of Russia's biological weapons programme - Colonel Kanatzhan Alibekov.



Colonel Kanatzhan Alibekov

POISON DEDUCTION

The Assassins Playground

The laboratories and chemical facilities of international scientific institutions and other secret facilities that remain unidentified, have long been a source of 'weaponry' sought by the underworld and those engaged in deeply disturbing acts. Unlike the tools of 'conventional' assassins (firearms, bladed weaponry, neck chokes, poisons etc.), numerous others have been developed which are invisible and are often 'delivered' in unconventional ways, making detection even more difficult. Besides their menace, they also have a deeply psychological edge

POLONIUM-210

Impossible to purchase through normal channels and in time, virtually impossible to detect. Polonium-210 can only be produced by nuclear powers in sufficient quantities that could kill. Safe to transport if properly secured, scientists acknowledge that its radioactivity is not enough even to penetrate an envelope, for example. However, once ingested or inhaled, internal damage begins immediately and the victim will die in days, or weeks. Former FSB officer and MI6 agent Alexander Litvinenko was killed by Polonium-210 in London, 2006, after it was slipped into his tea. British forensic investigators initially had difficulty in detecting



Alexander Litvinenko



Yasser Arafat

Polonium in Litvinenko, believing he had been poisoned by Thallium, a radioactive isotope.

Another alleged victim of Polonium-210 poison was Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in 2004. He died in a Paris hospital. However, in 2016 a French court dismissed calls for a murder investigation, and that the Polonium found in his grave was of an "environmental nature."

VENOMOUS AGENT X

VX - perhaps the most dangerous of all known nerve agents, and one used in the attempted assassination of Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia.

VX is a dangerous toxic synthetic chemical compound, first discovered in 1954 by

scientists engaged in a programme to research pesticides at the laboratory of British Imperial Chemical Industries. Less than half-a-milligram is needed to kill an adult. Variants exist. At the height of the Cold War both Russia and the United States produced VX. Banned in 1997 under the Chemical Weapons Convention, VX was used recently in February 2017, to assassinate Kim Jong-nam, the half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. For the record, NK is not a signatory to the UN CW Convention.

The highest number of VX fatalities occurred in 1988, when Saddam Hussein used the agent to kill around 5,000 Kurds in northern Iraq.

Sarin, another nerve agent, has also been used as a terror weapon and assassins tool. In 1995, Japanese cult Shoko Asahara killed 13 people in a Tokyo subway attack.



Kim Jong-nam
- dead in 20 minutes



An impactful mural to the 5,000 Kurds killed in Halabja, northern Iraq, chemical attack in 1988. The operation was green-lighted by Saddam Hussein and remains the worst single WMD attack in history



A US specialist testing for chemical and poisons

RICIN

Popular amongst the terrorist and criminal fraternity because this is one poison that can be manufactured with relative ease by experienced operatives. A few grains of the naturally occurring carbohydrate-binding protein can kill if ingested, inhaled or injected. Organs will fail as will the central nervous system. The poison can be extracted from seeds of the castor oil plant. In 2006, MI5 and

MI6 probed a number of al-Qaida terrorists in north London who engaged in the production of ricin at a safe house in London.



Ricin was used in the infamous London 'umbrella assassination' of Bulgarian dissident Georgi Markov (above) in 1978. Here a KGB assassin jabbed Markov with a specially adapted umbrella. He died 72-hours later.

AQ - ricin production house (centre top)



Castor seeds. Inset: Castor oil plant

Another KGB ricin attack occurred just three years later. In this case, KGB double agent Boris Korzak, operating for the CIA, was struck by a ricin pellet fired from an air gun in Vienna, Virginia. He survived the attack.

BOTULINUM

A product of *Clostridium Botulinum* - described as an anaerobic, spore-forming motile bacterium that can produce the neuro-toxin botulinum. One usually associates the product with the cosmetic industry (Botox) and 'bulging tins', in this case caused by bacteria.

However, if delivered (absorbed, inhaled) in incorrect quantities, it can result in various disorders associated with poisoning, including paralysis. Rumours abound that the CIA planned assassinating Cuban leader Fidel Castro with a Botox-contaminated cigar.

Saddam Hussein also recognised its potential as a weapon of mass destruction (WMD), building a covert plant to manufacture



The CIA allegedly created a plot to contaminate Fidel Castro's cigars

Botulinum as well as Anthrax and Aflatoxin. The facility was just one of a number overseen by intelligence man Ali Hassan al-Majid, known to his adversaries as 'Chemical Ali'. He was sentenced to death by an Iraqi court for his involvement in a plethora of incidents involving WMD and toxin attacks. Al-Majid was executed in January 2010.



Ali Hassan al-Majid. Inset: Clostridium Botulinum bacteria



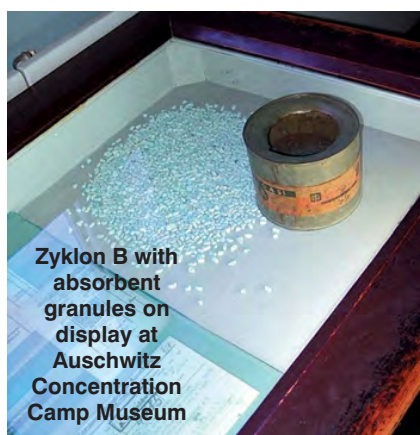
Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, USA. Scientists analyse samples (evidence) to determine if chemicals or biological warfare agents are present

CYANIDE

Though a popular method to eliminate targets in film and books, in 2013, for example, data produced by scientific and security organisations revealed that of 2.3 million poison cases, only 294 were attributed to cyanide, and most of these were from “occupational exposures.” Along with strychnine and arsenic, cyanide has been ‘bracketed’ by the international community as “one of the big three poisons.”



And of note, by mass and quantity, Polonium-210 is a quarter-of-a-million times more deadly than cyanide, a chemical compound that has many forms. However, cyanide has a very dark association with those intent on



Zyklon B with absorbent granules on display at Auschwitz Concentration Camp Museum



Zyklon labels from Dachau concentration camp. The label reads: 'Poison Gas! Cyanide to be opened and used only by trained personnel'

murder, and the 2013 data pales in respect of its use in other theatres.

It remains therefore a favourite with those engaged in murder and terrorism, and there are numerous cases where cyanide, in all its variants, have been used to kill. Similarly, it has been taken deliberately in cases of suicide. It is produced by certain bacteria, fungi and algae that are prevalent only in but a few plants. Cyanide is a natural poison that also exists in apricot pits and apples, with traces in almonds and lima beans.

The most infamous use of hydrogen cyanide in the form of Zyklon B, was used by the Nazis in concentration camps in WWII. During the Cold War it was stockpiled by the Soviets, and in 2003, al-Qaida sought to release cyanide gas into the New York Subway (below).



ANTHRAX

Anthrax is an infection created by bacteria - *Bacillus anthracis*, usually transmitted from animals (goats, cattle, sheep, and horses). There are four types of anthrax delivery: cutaneous, inhalation, gastrointestinal, and injection. Pulmonary anthrax is often lethal. The greatest threat posed by anthrax is through a bioterrorist attack.



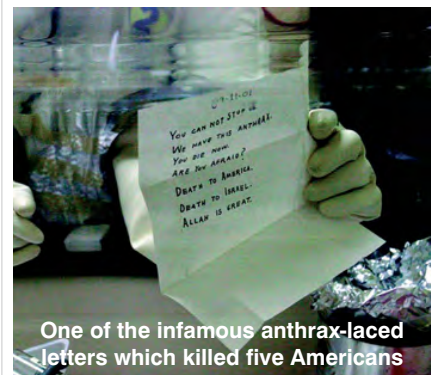
2003. US Secretary of State Colin Powell holds aloft a 'dummy' vial of anthrax as the UN debate if Saddam Hussein has chemical weapons

If the spores of anthrax are inhaled, they migrate to lymph glands in the chest where they proliferate, spread, and produce toxins that often cause death. Treated by antibiotics, whilst effective in killing the bacteria, they do not destroy the deadly toxins that have already been released by the anthrax bacteria.

It is considered a viable choice as a biological weapon as its spores are inert and easily stored until ingested. Anthrax spores can be put into powders, sprays, food and water, but is most dangerous when inhaled.

In September 2001, anonymous letters laced with deadly anthrax spores were sent to media companies and congressional offices on the eastern seaboard of the United States, killing five people and infecting 17 others.

In 1979, the accidental release of anthrax from a bioweapons production facility in the suburbs of southeast Sverdlovsk, Russia, killed 68 people and injured a further 300. Moscow denied anthrax was responsible.



One of the infamous anthrax-laced letters which killed five Americans

FIFA WORLD CUP 2018



September 2017. President Putin holds the World Cup trophy in a pre-tournament event in Moscow



ISIS safe house used in planning attacks during the 2018 World Cup



FSB officers detain ISIS suspect



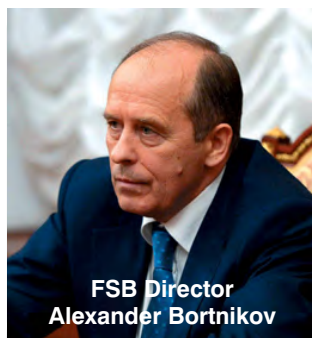
FSB Launches Series of Counter-terrorism Raids to Thwart ISIS

Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) revealed details of several counter-terrorism raids against ISIS cells who plotted attacks in Stavropol and Derbent as well as Rostov and St Petersburg - two cities hosting the 2018 FIFA World Cup football tournament. The pre-emptive strikes took place following the interception of communications between cell members and a primary contact in the Middle East.

In Stavropol, 21 April, counter-terrorism officers killed an ISIS terrorist who plotted an attack on the local FSB headquarters and an administrative building. The man, who has not been named, was in possession of a sawed-off 16-gauge shotgun, IED components, an Islamic State flag and a written pledge of allegiance to the terror group. Also of interest, layout plans of the FSB HQ and government building were recovered. The suspect was killed when he resisted arrest.



A suspect is led away by an FSB CT officer



FSB Director Alexander Bortnikov

On the same day, in the town of Derbent, Dagestan, which lies immediately east of Chechnya, nine terrorists were killed and one Special Forces officer slightly wounded during a CT operation. The group was allegedly planning an attack on 1 May to coincide with a traditional holiday in Russia, according to a statement from the country's National Anti-Terror Committee. "Nine outlaws have been neutralised following brief exchanges of fire with law enforcement," a committee official said.

Several days earlier in the Rostov Region, just 290 miles from Volgograd where England will play their first qualifying game against Tunisia on 18 June, three ISIS-linked terrorists, who plotted gun and bomb attacks, were captured. The leader of the cell, however, blew himself up with a homemade



Two suspects are detained during the raids

bomb when security officers tried to detain him.

In St Petersburg, close to where the England team will be based for the contest, seven suspects were detained following another CT raid. The men had been communicating with a terrorist recruiter using the Telegram Messenger app and were expected to be "sent for terrorism training," an

official said. Passports, mobile phones, an AK-47 rifle, hand grenades and instructions for the manufacture of IEDs were found as well as means of communication and electronic data storage devices containing terrorist propaganda materials.

In Moscow, senior FSB officials have identified terrorism as the main threat to the World Cup.



Suspected ISIS cell members caught in an early morning raid

Intelligence and Quantum Computing

AN INVISIBLE MILITARY ARMS RACE



Players in a new intelligence theatre with major implications for the cyber world and all users of the Internet

Imagine the value of a computer that takes about a hundredth of a second to solve a problem which would take 100 days to answer with a conventional computer. For the Pentagon and US spy agencies - priceless. And far from being science fiction, Google and NASA have already conducted laboratory tests that prove quantum computers could be an astonishing 100 million times faster than today's technology. Mind boggling statistics. But like any emerging technology, intelligence officials and scientists have warned that the country that dominates the quantum arena and era will have an edge in everything from national security, intelligence collection, military

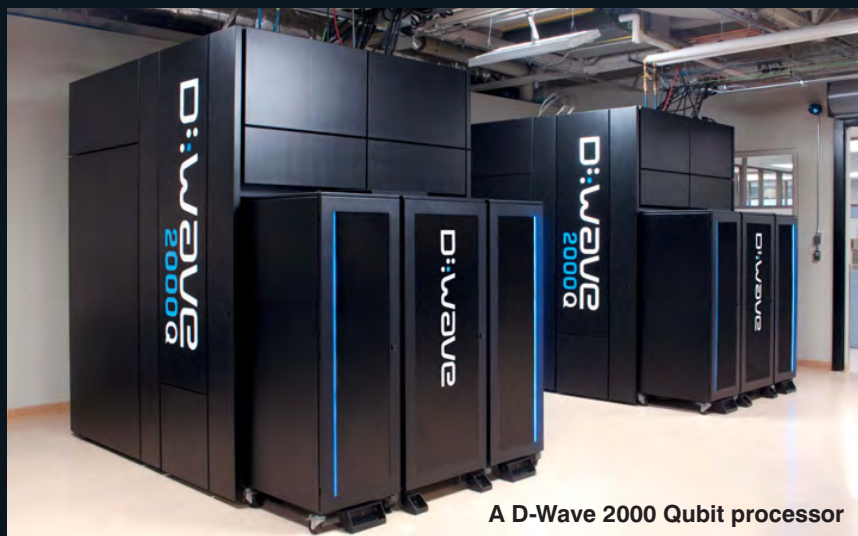
theatres and of course, business and technology. Little wonder, perhaps, that leaked NSA documents reveal the super secret agency is engaged in a programme to switch to quantum computing. In the United States, the Pentagon and US Intelligence Community (USIC) have long been the lead funders of quantum computing. And the spy world, in particular, has looked to quantum computing for its use in encryption and codebreaking.

ORIGINS

D-Wave Systems, a Canadian-based company, came to prominence in 2007 when it stunned the scientific community by announc-



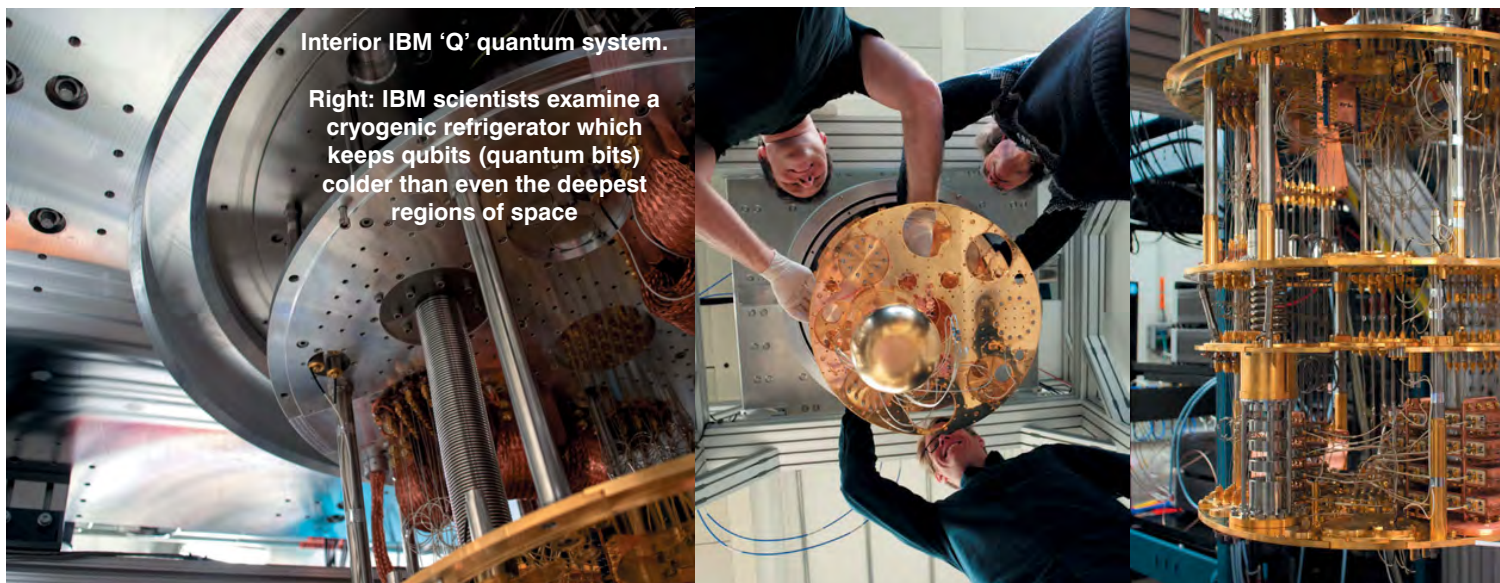
A D-Wave 'wafer' of processors on display at the 2018 Age of AI (Artificial Intelligence) Conference



A D-Wave 2000 Qubit processor

ing that it had built the world's first quantum computer. Although the announcement was met with scepticism by some, it also won important customers. The first was Lockheed Martin, the world's largest defence company.

In 2013, a D-Wave Two system was installed at the new Quantum Artificial Intelligence Lab, a collaboration between Google, NASA and the Universities Space Research Association (USRA). The facility is housed at the NASA Ames Research Center in California. In September 2015, the system was upgraded to



Interior IBM 'Q' quantum system.

Right: IBM scientists examine a cryogenic refrigerator which keeps qubits (quantum bits) colder than even the deepest regions of space

a 1000+ qubit D-Wave 2X quantum computer. In addition, there are already government 'customers', including the US Navy who are 'renting time' on D-Wave owned computers. Their work remains secret. Another company at the forefront of Quantum computing is IBM.

PROTECTING COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERNET TRANSACTIONS

Quantum technologies offer major potential across many industries, but could be particularly game changing when it comes to concepts such as protecting communications. Public-key cryptography already protects much of today's Internet traffic, providing security for banking transactions, encrypted chat, secure Web browsing, and so on. Breaking these codes currently requires significant conventional computer time and power to make it feasible, but all that changes in the quantum era.

Intelligence analysts agree there is a looming cyber crisis. The first and most obvious military concern for a modern, fully functional quantum computer is the capability to engage in near-instantaneous hacking into encrypted military servers, and those controlling the national infrastructure systems of an adversary. "In the case of a military conflict, [having

this capability] would give one side a huge advantage," one commentator said.

CHINA

John Costello, senior analyst for Cyber and East Asia at Flashpoint and a Cybersecurity Fellow for New America, warned that the United States' narrowing lead in this crucial area is endangered by China's aggressive funding and research in quantum computing. Losing the lead to China would have far-reaching consequences for both countries. US scientists and security analysts are voicing concern that recent reductions in government funding and other challenges are threatening the country's narrowing lead over China.

"America remains at the forefront of quantum information science, but its lead has slipped considerably as other nations, China in particular, have allocated extensive funding to basic and applied research," Costello said in a written statement to the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. "Consequently, Chinese advances in quantum information science have the potential to surpass the United States. Once operationalised, quantum technologies will also have transformative implications for China's national security and economy. As the



John Costello

runner in emerging technologies like quantum information science."

To put context to China's entry in quantum computing, earlier this year, Beijing announced a staggering \$11 billion has been set aside to fund future projects. This, compared to the NSA's \$70 million fund.

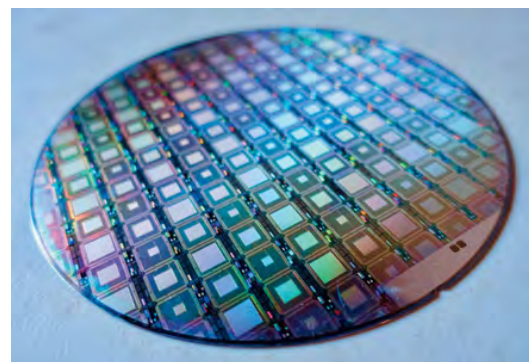
RUSSIA'S EMERGENCE

Researchers in Russia have recently demonstrated 'quantum-safe' cryptography. Maxim Vakstein, project leader of The Foundation for

United States has sustained a leading position in international affairs due in part to its technological, military, and economic pre-eminence, it is critical to take swift action to reverse this trend and once again place the United States as a front-



Chinese quantum computer



A 'wafer' of D-Wave processors



Sergey Kiriyenko, head of Rosatom. Ironically, during his Communist days, he was known as the 'little human computer'. Kiriyenko said he "recognises the implications of quantum computers"



Advanced Research, said Russia had started work on the creation of a quantum computer-based superconductor, with "the technology that the project aims to create [allowing] our country to take a decent spot in the race to create the computer of the future." He also referenced the 'Quantum Arms Race': "All leading countries are aiming to be the first to create such machines."



Two leading Russian quantum computing research institutes - the Russian Quantum Centre and the MISiS National University of Science & Technology, also announced the creation of a joint project known as Quantum Centre, which aims at combining their efforts to create quantum computers. ➤



Logo of the All-Russia Research Institutes of Automatics (VNIIA)



Support structure for installation of the D-Wave Vesuvius processor - NASA Quantum Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (QuaAIL)



Bo Ewald, President of D-Wave and former chief at Los Alamos. The US site operated the world's most powerful Cray super computer. In 1983, Richard Feynman, an American theoretical physicist known for his work on quantum mechanics told Ewald: "You know, one day all of these Crays will be replaced by quantum computers."



Richard Feynman

of a quantum computer. Rosatom's nuclear weapons research institute at the All-Russia Research Institutes of Automatics (VNIIA) has been charged with taking the lead in organising the project.

A GLOBAL ENDEAVOUR

Europe too is also focusing on the creation of its own quantum computer over the next ten years, investing the equivalent of about a

In 2017, the Russian state atomic energy corporation Rosatom, the Foundation for Advanced Studies and the Ministry of Education and Science signed a joint three-year project on the development

billion dollars into its Quantum Technologies Flagship Programme.

With the possible benefits of quantum computing self-evident, there are multiple players, including Russia, China, the US, Canada, Japan, Israel and Europe - all striving to get the upper hand, with China and the US battling for the top spot. White House officials admit that Washington's superiority in computer technology was "under siege," and that more investment was needed specifically in the area of quantum technologies.

Ian Levy, from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), an agency within GCHQ, believes perfecting quantum computing will take 20-years to perfect. Much of this is down to cost: "The first generation of these things will be bloody expensive so it will be nations that have them, without a doubt," he said. "If a state has invested a huge amount in a quantum computer, the logical thing is to attack cryptosystems."

The good news is that not all encryption will be broken in the quantum world: some

NSA & QUANTUM COMPUTING

INTEL INSIDE

One of the documents leaked by NSA traitor Edward Snowden, contains information on a secret programme or operation codenamed OTN - *Owning the Net*. It reveals around \$80 million has been budgeted for the development of a quantum computer capable of 'owning the net and providing the technological means for NSA/CSS to gain access to and securely return high value target communications'.

The documents warn that despite the US being a world leader in quantum computing, other countries are catching up, including EU states, Russia and China.



Ian Levy - NCSC

algorithms that do not use factorisation as their mathematical base will remain robust. Symmetric algorithms will still be cryptographically secure, as long as their keys are doubled in length. Inventing new algorithms will take time, but the vetting, selection, adoption, standardisation, and roll-out will take even longer. This is the biggest concern. Analysts agree that while it's important to keep up to date with the fast-paced developments in quantum computing, the intelligence and defence industries can't take their eye off today's threats.





Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks of the Mossad operation

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Candid presentation reveals Mossad's two-decade long pursuit of Iranian nuclear secrets

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in a dramatic press conference, said his security services had obtained around 100,000 secret documents that prove Iran lied to the world about its past nuclear work. The Israeli leader further presented information on how the Mossad secured material purporting to show that Iran continues to build on its nuclear know-how in pursuit of a fully functioning nuclear bomb.

Netanyahu's claims are based on documents relating to a 1999-2003 operation in Iran that, while it falls outside the parameters of the current international-backed nuclear deal, allegedly demonstrates that Tehran is acting in bad faith with regard to its nuclear programme codenamed Project Amad.

Netanyahu stood on a stage with a pointer. To one side was a bookcase packed with files that he said were Iran's secret nuclear

records, covertly obtained by Israeli Intelligence; alongside, a display cabinet of compact discs.

Netanyahu then engaged in a slide presentation disclosing imagery, data and facts that revealed the breadth of the Iranian nuclear programme. Showing excerpts from what he said was sourced from "half a tonne of documents," Netanyahu said they demonstrated conclusively that Iran had not "come clean" about its nuclear programme and ambitions. For its part, Iran insisted that it never has had and never would have a weapons programme.

CIA AND MOSSAD LIAISON

A US State Department (USSD) official stated: "The United States has reviewed many of the documents Israel has obtained relating to Iran's nuclear weapons programme. We assess that the documents that we have

This plan came directly from Iran's top leadership

"Following the new directive of Iran's Minister of Defense (Shamkhani)... the work would be split into two parts: covert and overt [dual use] (2003)

Original Iranian documents

reviewed are authentic." This commentary reveals both the CIA and the Mossad have cooperated in sourcing the material and its subsequent analysis.

The State Department added that "new details in this information are consistent with a large body of evidence and intelligence the US Government has amassed over many years on Iran's past clandestine nuclear weapons programme." A further admission that the CIA knew the Mossad were engaged in operations in Iran. Analysts said Iran's efforts to "obfuscate this information will be a key factor" in Trump's decision on staying or withdrawing from the nuclear deal on 12 May, the USSD official said.

Watching intelligence officials from several countries believe the documents confirm a long-standing US suspicion that, Iran has systematically hidden evidence of clandestine weapons work from international inspectors.

"If there was ever any doubt, every struggling Iranian citizen must now realise that Iran has lost countless dollars from nuclear sanctions for one reason, and one reason alone: the Iranian regime's reckless pursuit of nuclear weapons, weapons that Supreme Leader Khamenei personally insists are un-Islamic," the USSD official said. "It is long past time for

Netanyahu discusses the Middle East conflict areas with US Secretary of State and intelligence man, Mike Pompeo





Mike Pompeo
and Benjamin
Netanyahu

Plan of Action. Under US law, the President has to recertify the deal every few months.

As part of the 2015 pact - agreed by Trump's predecessor Barack Obama, some European countries and Russia and China - Iran must reduce its uranium stockpile in return for international sanctions being lifted.

Iran to come clean and cooperate with international inspections into its past weapons work in order to convince the world it is serious about never again pursuing nuclear weapons."

INTELLIGENCE TALK

Secretary of State and former CIA Director Mike Pompeo called Iran "the greatest sponsor of terrorism in the world," during a joint press conference with Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir in Riyadh, in a further signal the United States intends to pull out of the international Iran nuclear deal. "We are determined to make sure it never possesses a nuclear weapon," Pompeo said of Iran during his first visit to the Middle East since being sworn in as Secretary of State. "The Iran deal in its current form does not provide that assurance... we will continue to work with our European allies to fix that deal. But if a deal cannot be reached, the [US] President has said that he will leave that deal. We remain deeply concerned about Iran's dangerous escalation of threats to Israel and the region, and Iran's ambition to dominate the Middle East remains."

US President Donald Trump will now decide whether to continue waiving sanctions on Iran that were lifted under the Iran agreement, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive

WIDER FOCUS

The US Secretary of State also outlined what he called the President's comprehensive strategy for Iran, which includes efforts to counter a broad array of non-nuclear threats, including Iran's conventional missile systems, support for Hezbollah, importation of thousands of proxy fighters into Syria, and assistance to Houthi rebels in Yemen.

"Iran has only behaved worse since the deal was approved," said Pompeo, accusing Tehran of carrying out cyberhacking campaigns and supporting what he described as "Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's murderous regime." Pompeo said the United States would continue to assist its ally Saudi Arabia with its defence needs. "We look forward to working closely with strong allies in counter-acting these threats and rolling back the full range of Iranian malign influence," Pompeo said. He also urged unity between the Gulf States, after Saudi Arabia - who along with Bahrain, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates, severed ties with neighbouring Qatar.

ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

Former CIA Director Michael Hayden said: "What Israel has in its possession just confirms what US Intelligence found more



29 April. Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir and Mike Pompeo

than a decade ago. Late in 2007, we published a controversial National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) that said Iran had stopped its weaponisation programme, it was doing other stuff - the centrifuges, the missiles, and so on." Hayden explained the US had evidence that Iran had stopped that work in 2003.

UNSUPPORTIVE



Michael Hayden

"This wasn't absence of evidence, this was evidence of absence - that they were no longer working on the weapons programme," Hayden said. And he recalled that US Intelligence had called Iran's

denials that it was working on a weapons programme 'a lie', adding: "We always said that although they had stopped this core activity, they kept some other what we called 'dual-use' things under way."

The intelligence community concluded at the time that Iran was "at least keeping the option open" of resuming the construction of a specific weapon.

What Netanyahu has, Hayden believes, is documentation that supports and concludes the story that the US and the Israelis have long told. "Iran is further away from a weapon with this deal than they would be without it," Hayden said. "And we know more about the Iranian nuclear programme with this deal than we would know without it." Hayden is concerned of the implications if the United States "walks away from the current deal."

EU diplomatic head Federica Mogherini said Netanyahu's allegations of a secret Iranian atomic weapons programme do "not put into question" Tehran's compliance with the 2015 Iran nuclear deal. Her viewpoint seemed to be shared by Pompeo just a few weeks ago during his confirmation hearing on 12 April. Speaking about Iran's nuclear intent, Pompeo



US and Israeli officials discuss the Iran nuclear deal



Federica Mogherini

said: "I've seen no evidence that they are not in compliance today." The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said Netanyahu's announcement was

"old news." And many countries, despite the

Israeli presentation and intelligence deception, appear committed to the Iran nuclear deal.

Despite the political jargon, manoeuvres and interjection by commentators and politicians who are obviously uninformed about just what the Mossad has collected (and delivered covertly to its intelligence counterparts in America, Britain and elsewhere), some of the evidence against Iran is compelling.

"Only Iran's leadership knows what else they're hiding, but the revelations by Israel don't give us much confidence in their protestations that they have never had interest in militarising their nuclear programme," Mike Pompeo said. "They're showing us in Syria how they plan to deploy their existing arsenal - we would be foolish to think that behaviour is going to change because of a deal that was implemented two years ago and was based on a lie."



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES COVERT AND OVERT

According to Netanyahu, his spy agencies sourced a cache of Iranian nuclear documents weighing "half a tonne." At the press briefing he revealed the location of the files - in a "dilapidated warehouse" in the Shorabad district of Tehran. "This is where they kept the atomic archives... right here," said Netanyahu. "Very few Iranians knew about it. From the outside this was an innocent looking building. But inside it contained Iran's secret atomic archives locked in massive files."

It's since transpired that the Mossad placed agents in and around the building. This, the spy agency learned from its own agents inside Iran's nuclear industry, was used as the holding point for nuclear documentation secreted away before IAEA inspectors could gain access to it at known and declared sites. The suggestion therefore being, that it was simply too volatile and revealing, and may have sent alarm bells ringing in the IAEA, thus derailing the nuclear deal.

In February 2016, a surveillance operation was initiated around the warehouse. Details of the building,

security, access and exit doors and other useful intelligence was gleaned. At the same time planners began discussing how they would enter the building and recover the material. Other tactics such as creating a diversion were also carefully researched.

A year later in early 2017, a daring night-time operation was launched to gain access to the building - sanctioned and overseen by Mossad Director Yossi Cohen. No details were given about how the agents gained access, but they broke into "long rows of safes." Some 55,000 pages of printed material was stolen along with 183 CDs - also containing around 55,000 pages of documentation. These were displayed at the prime minister's press conference.

The operation was performed in a single night and by daybreak sensitive, classified and top secret information on Iran's nuclear programme, past, current and future ambitions, charts, photographs, blueprints, video and the agencies and scientists involved was in the hands of the Mossad's analysts.

And it is this material that is central to Israel's new claims. Some intelligence people and officials in the West who are still supportive of the current deal with Iran, asked why it had taken over a year for Israel to reveal its findings. Eye Spy Tel Aviv sources said it was because most of the secured pages were all written in Persian. Once translated, "a massive task in itself," the information then had to be assessed and analysed by scientists, before being re-routed to intelligence analysts.

In January 2018, Cohen travelled to Washington and discussed the operation with President Trump personally. He brought with him the material which was duly handed to the CIA, Pentagon and Department of Defense. This is why the US seems more informed about Iran's nuclear deceit than other nations.

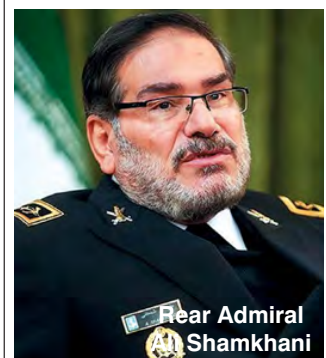


**Benjamin Netanyahu
and Mossad Director
Yossi Cohen**

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PROJECT AMAD

GOING UNDERGROUND



Rear Admiral Ali Shamkhani, Secretary of the Supreme Council of Iran. He was Iran's Minister of Defence during Project Amad. In 2003 he said the project was to close, but one recovered document by the Mossad in January 2017, quotes him saying the endeavour would continue in two parts - covert and overt. A note read: 'The general aim is to announce the closure of Project Amad... special activities will be carried out under the title of scientific know how developments (SPND - MOD)'. The 'covert' element was, and still is reportedly headed by Dr Mohsen Fakhrazadeh-Mahabadi.



Dr Fakhrazadeh



Today, host nations find little reward in killing each others' spies and many people convicted of espionage are given penal sentences rather than the finality of execution. Others, even those suspected of espionage, are asked to leave the country. In the 2010 spy swap between the United States and Russia (see Operation Ghost Stories Eye Spy 76) of 10 Russians for four US and UK spies, officials said no substantial benefit to national security was seen from keeping the captured agents in prison for years. Analysts speculate that the hasty exchange was beneficial to Moscow, Washington and London as it precluded lengthy trials that could have proven an embarrassment for all countries. Politically, it could have been an obstacle for future relations between Russia and the West and created a new and unwanted platform for numerous 'tit-for-tat' actions.

DIPLOMATIC COVER

Not all exchanges are so simple, nor do they always involve accredited spies. An enlarged example can be found in events following the surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 and Hitler's declaration of war which brought America into World War Two. These actions left hundreds of diplomats stranded behind enemy lines.

After the attack, which resulted in the deaths of 2,335 personnel and some civilians, the US First Secretary said: "On Sunday morning, 14 December, all staff and their families collected at the (Berlin) embassy only to find the building, inside and out, already guarded by members of the Gestapo, and ourselves their prisoners. Then, the entire assemblage moved by bus and rail to Bad Nauheim, near Frankfurt am Main." American Diplomat George Kennan said, "most of us were emaciated when we emerged from the experience."

Under the terms of the Geneva Convention of 1929, the US (and other nations) were bound to protect diplomats and their families. In America, German diplomats were relocated to various 'resort' locations, including the Greebrier Hotel in West Virginia. This would later be turned into a secure site used by US Intelligence and senior officials. In total, the FBI, State Department and other agencies moved some 2,000 diplomats to these resorts.



SPY EXCHANGE

Eye Spy presents 10 case files which reflect the complex intricacies, covert dealings, dangers, advantages and sometimes unknown circumstances and reasons for the exchange of spies

INTRODUCTION

The exchange of prisoners is not a new concept - far from it. However, for most of human history, depending on the culture involved, a prisoner of war (PoW) could expect to be either slaughtered or enslaved. The rules were very different for spies: from ancient times, the penalty for espionage in many countries was execution without any defining rules. After World War Two, the political and intelligence mindset changed, when countries recognised the potential and value of a captured spy in future negotiations. Importantly, the building bricks of 'exchange protocol[s]' were established, and most had a political dimension with all 'pros and cons' examined

thoroughly, as well as the wider implications, such as public perception, for example. The words 'setting precedents' being carefully examined in the case of future happenings.

In military conflicts, espionage is considered permissible as countries recognise the inevitability of opposing sides seeking intelligence about the other. Soldiers or agents often used disguises to conceal their true identity; if caught behind enemy lines, however, donning such attire or using false identities, they were not entitled to PoW status and subject to prosecution and punishment - including execution. Operatives of Britain's WWII Special Operations Executive (SOE) being a good example. Though working for a military element, if caught, they were often executed.



German diplomats and their families at Greenbrier



Union spy chief Allan Pinkerton (left) with Abraham Lincoln

And there they would remain for around six months, until an exchange agreement overseen by the International Red Cross was put in place. In Germany, US diplomats were moved through neutral countries until they reached New York. Japan, of course, as an Axis nation was also involved.

Intelligence historians recognise that even in the dark days of WWII, a number of key intelligence people were 'inadvertently' exchanged in this remarkable chapter. "Eyes and ears that both sides could have used were now gone," commented one observer. Today, a far simpler term is applied to those diplomats who the host nation no longer wants and suspects are spies - 'persona non grata'. They are asked to depart within days.

IMBALANCE

Spy swaps have evolved since then, and nations are fully aware of the importance of securing the return of operatives, though in



KGB agent
Rudolf Ivanovich

some cases there is could be an 'imbalance'. A good example being the exchange of CIA flyer Francis Gary Powers in return for the important KGB spy 'Rudolf Ivanovich Abel' (Colonel Vilyam Fisher).



As strange as it may seem, some intelligence analysts point to events in the American Civil War (1775-83), when both sides set about establishing rules and protocols which would address this 'imbalance'. Senior officers would negotiate with their opposite number and often name the person they wished to exchange. In 1862, Union General John Dix and Confederate General Daniel H. Hill agreed to assign a 'value' to each soldier according to rank. A table was created in which one private was worth another private; corporals and sergeants - two privates; lieutenants - three privates and so forth. A general was worth 60 privates. And it worked for both sides as they had fewer PoWs to watch and the benefit of returning soldiers to the frontlines. Today of course, such a 'manoeuvre' would be viewed

as 'politically incorrect' - valuing the life of one individual greater than the other.

And to summarise, it is also of vital importance to recognise that many exchanges are conducted in utter secrecy and without the prying eyes of the media.

THE TRAVELLING MAN

Greville Wynne was a well-travelled businessman recruited by MI5 just before the outbreak of WWII as an agent. By 1959, he was in the 'employ' of MI6 and helped KGB officer Major Kuznov to defect. His next task was far more important and dangerous. In the early 1960s he was used as a contact man in the operation to secure the services of Oleg



Greville Wynne



Fog envelopes the famous Glienicke Bridge, Berlin
- scene of several Cold War spy exchanges



MI6 agent Oleg Penkovsky at his trial

Penkovsky, a Russian Army intelligence officer who would go on to pass valuable information to the US and UK. Some of the material included false claims by Soviet leader Krushchev about the number of nuclear missiles the Soviet Union possessed at the time of the 1962 Cuba crisis. Penkovsky was arrested and identified Wynne as his contact man who was given an eight-year prison term.

At his subsequent trial, Penkovsky was found guilty of treason and duly executed, despite covert attempts made by the Foreign Office on the suggestion of MI6 to arrange an exchange of sorts. Wynne was luckier, he was released in 1964 in exchange for Konon Molody, a Russian spymaster who used the name Gordon Lonsdale.



KGB spy handler Konon Molody

Wynne would go on to write a number of spy books, including *The Man from Moscow: The Story of Wynne and Penkovsky*. It caused quite a stir at the time, because of its intimate portrayal of the espionage business. In one of his books, he also said Penkovsky committed suicide in jail. Other stories from behind the Iron Curtain also emerged about the end days of Penkovsky, including one which said he had been burned alive, naked in an incinerator for his crimes against 'Mother Russia'. This was probably a story filtered to the media by the KGB intended as warning to other would-be spies.



Konon Molody (right) with exchanged spy Rudolf Abel

SECRET AGENT OR ACTIVIST?

The spy agencies of Britain and Russia would engage again just a few short years later after the Penkovsky and Wynne affair. In 1969, the countries struck a deal to release KGB spies Peter and Helen Kroger from prison early in exchange for the freedom of lecturer Gerald Brooke. He had been jailed in the Soviet Union for distributing 'subversive' literature. The Krogers were far more important of course, they were part of a group of five agents known as the Portland spy ring. They had been arrested for passing secrets from the Royal Navy's underwater warfare establishment in Dorset.



Peter and Helen Kroger



The Kroger's home

Many opponents of then Prime Minister Harold Wilson, who had sanctioned the exchange, were furious. They saw only one winner in this case - Russia.



Gerald Brooke

However, in later years it emerged Brooke had secreted concealed documents including some written in code, to and on behalf of operatives of the National Alliance of Russian Solodarists (NTS). Founded in 1930, the group were anti-Communist.

AGENT OF INFLUENCE

Guenter Guillaume, a deep cover agent for East Germany's Stasi, was one of West German chancellor Willy Brandt's closest aides. Guillaume was inadvertently blamed for helping to topple the Brandt administration - this after he was outed as a spy in 1974. It was an action some former contacts with the Stasi now acknowledge was a "major turning point in the effort to infiltrate the West German Government." One source



Guenter Guillaume (right) with, West German Chancellor Willy Brandt

said, "having worked so hard to get him close to the mechanisms of government, it was a disaster to see Brandt go." Even Markus Wolf, the legendary Stasi spy chief said "it was something we did not intend and certainly never imagined would happen."

Guillaume served eight years of a 13-year jail sentence (his wife also received an eight-year term) before he was handed over to East Germany in 1981, in exchange for captured Western agents. West Germany's entire counter-intelligence 'mindset' changed after the incident, causing a much more aggressive policy in identifying Moscow-backed foreign spies.

As a sidenote to the spy affair, when the two Germany's were reunited, Guillaume supported Wolf at his treason trial in 1993.

THE KGB'S 24-HOUR RUSE

American journalist and Harvard graduate, Nicholas Daniloff, was arrested in Moscow by the KGB on 2 September 1980. His reporting on Soviet affairs had upset many in the Kremlin and the KGB set about inventing a spy drama which saw him accused of securing classified papers and espionage. But there was also



another reason for his arrest - Moscow wanted one of their own spies back.

The Kremlin's move led the United States to negotiate his speedy release. During this liaison, and just hours after Daniloff's arrest, the case of jailed Soviet spy Gennadiy Zakharov, a physicist who worked for the United Nations, was raised by the KGB. He had been arrested following an FBI sting operation in 1986. In this case, Zakharov accepted an envelope containing classified papers on USAF jet engines in return for \$1,000. Both Daniloff and Zakharov were released a day apart after the negotiations between Moscow and Washington.

Spy watchers now recognise 'Russia's ruse' had worked perfectly.

THE MACHINIST

A year before the Daniloff-Zakharov exchange, 1985 would witness the largest Cold War spy swap in history. Moscow agreed to release 25 Westerners jailed for espionage in East Germany and Poland. Observers acknowledge that not all were spies or intelligence contact people. In return, however, the United States and its allies agreed to release four Eastern Bloc spies, including Marian Zacharski, Poland's most famous (or infamous) spy. He had been arrested in 1981 whilst operating under cover as President of the Polish American Machinery Corporation (POLACO) and convicted of espionage activities against the United States. He had arrived in the USA in 1975, and his primary objective was to secure intelligence on rocket and missile technologies. The exchanges took place on Berlin's famous Glienecke Bridge.

As a footnote to the case of Zacharski, a decade later he leaked details of a number of



Marian Zacharski - he was another spy exchanged on the Glienecke Bridge



KGB spies in Poland, which ultimately led to the downfall of Poland's Prime Minister Jozef Olesky.

THE MONEY MONITOR

In 1982, a most unusual multi-nation spy exchange took place. KGB man Aleksey Kozlov was exchanged for ten Western spies and a South African Army general. Kozlov had been despatched by Moscow to monitor how funds transferred by Russia to anti-apartheid movements in South Africa, were being appropriated. His activities soon came to the attention of the powerful National Intelligence Service (NIS) and he was arrested.

Interestingly, the spy exchange took place following face-to-face meetings with NIS Director Niel Barnard and senior KGB personnel. The liaisons were sponsored by various Western nations, but the lead country

was West Germany. Perhaps Kozlov's health was also a factor, in just two years the spy had lost 70lbs in weight, and despite harsh interrogation, had not revealed any secrets. In 2000, he was declared a 'Hero of the Russian Federation' for his role in Special Operations. As for the identity of the Western nationals, this remains a secret.



KGB spy Aleksey Kozlov

MOSSAD'S HORSE RIDER

Military conflicts more than most create 'arenas of espionage'. Intelligence is more valuable than ever as adversaries scheme to place agents in areas and positions which enable participants to gain insight into operations, troop strength and tactics. One figure who could claim such a position was former British Army man Wolfgang Lotz, who would go on to spy for Israel against Egypt in the tense Middle East theatre of the 1960s.

Lotz, who was born in Germany, had been 'schooled' to participate in post-WWII spy operations in Egypt by the Mossad to gather intelligence on its military strength and secure contact with the scientific community, many being exiled Germans or those with links to the country. The Mossad created a ruse whereby in return for his espionage role, the



In respect of the world's second oldest profession - the exchange of spies is a relatively new event



1967. Israeli Defence Force soldiers pictured at a PoW camp in Cairo following their capture



1950. Wolfgang Lotz with his son Oded

organisation would fund his horse riding project. This Lotz used to befriend all manner of people, including elite Egyptians who duly showed him missile sites and important industrial buildings. Besides collecting useful intelligence on such locations, he also organised attacks on scientists. However, in 1965, two years before the Israeli attack on Egypt, and as a

result of closer cooperation with East Germany, Egypt detained around 30 West German nationals on security grounds. Amongst them was Lotz and his wife.

The Mossad secured the services of a top solicitor at his trial, but it was to no avail. He was sentenced to life in prison in 1965. Ironically, he was released in 1968 as part of a prisoner of war exchange following the Israel-Egypt conflict, better known as the 'Six Day War'.

Known in intelligence circles as the 'Champagne Spy' because of his lavish lifestyle, Lotz described espionage as "the greatest game in the world."

CHESS AND SECRETS

Natan Sharansky (born Anatoly Shcharansky) was not a spy, but a brilliant Jewish chess player. Born in Donetsk in the Soviet Union, he graduated in applied mathematics at the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology. In 1973 he applied



President Ronald Reagan with Natan Sharansky at the White House

for a visa to visit Israel, but the KGB, fearful he would impart technological and national security secrets to Tel Aviv, refused him leave to travel. In 1977, after becoming a human rights advocate, he was arrested for spying on behalf of America. One charge included handing to the CIA, a list of 1,300 interned people, who like himself, had been detained because of their knowledge of 'state secrets'. Sharansky would spend the next nine years in Soviet prisons during the 1970s and 1980s.

He was the first political prisoner released by Mikhail Gorbachev on 11 February 1986, as



1986. Ben-Gurion Airport. Israel Prime Minister Shimon Peres welcomes home Sharansky following his release

part of a larger exchange of detainees, due to intense pressure from US President Ronald Reagan. He was flown to Washington where he thanked the president personally.

A decade later, he would go on to beat then world chess champion, Russian Garry Kasparov, in an exhibition tournament in Israel.

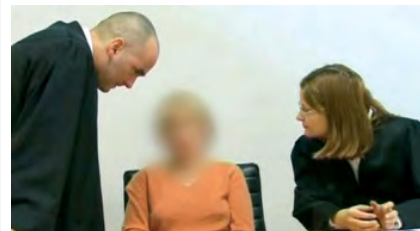
NEIGHBOURLY SPIES

That Russia continues to operate deep cover agents around the world was evidenced in the recent case of two 'German nationals'.

A Russian spy, jailed in Germany along with her husband was released in 2014. The 48-year-old woman, known only by the alias 'Heidrun Anschlag', was freed and deported to Russia after serving only part of her prison sentence. Her husband, 'Andreas Anschlag', remains behind bars.



The Anschlags pictured in court



The married couple, who Eye Spy believes are South African and the holders of Austrian passports, were arrested in October 2011 on suspicion of operating as Russian spies in Germany for more than two decades. They reportedly earned £80,000 a year for their



A satellite phone, shortwave receiver, radios and modified tennis racquets to hide items and documents, were found at the Anschlags home (below) in Meckenheim, Marburg



work and operated as liaison or contact agents for associates in Europe and America. Some evidence suggests they also communicated with the SVR spy ring in New York, which was broken by the FBI in 2010.

In July 2013, they were found guilty of espionage by a court in Stuttgart where they were addressed as 'Pit' and 'Tina'. Andreas was sentenced to six-and-a-half years in prison, while his wife was given a five-and-a-half-year sentence. It's not clear why Heidrun was set free halfway through her prison sentence.

According to intelligence sources, Heidrun's premature release could have been the result of a secret deal involving captured agents of Russia and the West. The persons involved in this exchange remain unidentified.

THE MAN IN BLACK

The exchange of spies is not confined to the West and East, it is a global activity. Some events are localised others are conducted through third parties.

An example of the international dimension of such exchanges can be found in a 2015 case involving the intelligence agencies of China and Taiwan. Here both nations, through protracted negotiations involving so-called 'third parties' agreed to free a number of jailed spies.



The Unsung Heroes Memorial Square in Beijing's Western Hills. At the centre of the monument is the stone likeness of four people considered 'martyrs' by China, along with the names of 846 people. All were agents sent to Taiwan to spy on Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces after they lost to the Communists during the civil war in 1949. The Taiwanese military captured the four agents the following year, and, together with the 846 other agents, they were executed

The exchange was the first since the rivals split in 1949 at the end of the civil war. Beijing freed Chu Kung-hsun and Hsu Chang-kuo, the highest-ranking intelligence agents to be jailed in China after they were imprisoned in 2006. The release of the pair, who were held on espionage charges, was in exchange for a Chinese double agent, Li Zhihao, who was jailed by Taiwan 16-years ago and sentenced to life in prison. He was known in the intelligence world as 'the man in black'.

Taiwan's Military Intelligence Bureau confirmed the spy swap, which coincided with the appointment of Chen Wenqing as head of China's intelligence service under the Ministry of State Security. Despite the act of goodwill, the CIA estimate upto 250 alleged Taiwanese spies are still being held in China. No doubt in

future days, some will be used as 'bargaining chips' when Chinese agents are rumbled.

The dangers of espionage are evidenced in this part of the world. China claims that of 1,500 agents sent to Taiwan since 1950, a staggering 1,100 were caught and duly executed. A granite memorial to the spies was built in 2013 on the outskirts of Beijing and includes the names of 850 deceased agents, with sufficient blank spaces to insert other names once their fate has been deduced.



Communist Party agents Zhu Feng (far left) and Wu Shi (holding a pen) in front of a Taiwanese military court after receiving their death sentences on 10 June 1950



AFTERMATH

SKRIPAL SANCTION

Dear ambassador... persona non grata

Skripal assassination attempt recognised by West as a Kremlin sanctioned act and leads to the expulsion of nearly 150 unregistered 'diplomats' (intelligence officers) by UK allies

Perhaps a little surprisingly, the international community responded robustly to the poisoning of Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia. In addition to the United States, France and Germany - the first to take a stand, the EU's 27 leaders unanimously backed the UK's assessment that the Kremlin was directly responsible for the assassination attempt.

While denying any part in the poisoning of the Skripals (direct or indirect), Russia in recent years has built a reputation of flouting international norms, notably with its 2014 annexation of Crimea, the shooting down of a Malaysian passenger plane over eastern Ukraine, and multiple instances of cyber warfare. In all cases, Russia simply responded with a denial, an alternative conspiracy theory or placing blame elsewhere. Either way, few outside the intelligence community really understand the prowess of

Russia and its powerful intelligence collection system... and global reach.

COMMENTARY

Britain's Defence Minister Gavin Williamson said: "The world's patience is wearing rather thin with President Putin and his actions." He said this was evidenced by the fact that "right across the NATO alliance and across the European Union, nations have stood up in support of the United Kingdom." He believes the response was the best that the UK could ever have received. "Their (the Kremlin's) intention is to divide and what we are seeing is the world uniting behind the British stance and that in itself is a great victory and sends an exceptionally powerful message to the Kremlin and President Putin."

Vladimir Inozemtsev, a Russian scholar at the Polish Institute of Advanced Studies in Warsaw, agreed: "The attempted murder of Mr Skripal on British soil was the straw that broke the camel's back. Western leaders finally decided that enough is enough because Moscow has played the denial game so many times and showed no real interest in establishing the truth."

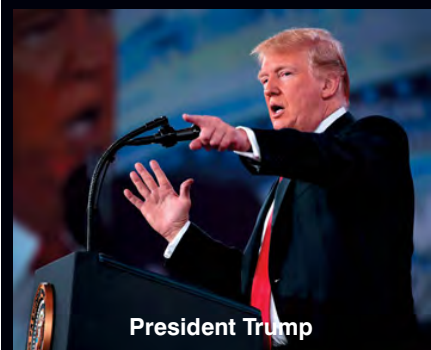
America's response was dramatic. A senior US administration official said: "We stand in solidarity with America's closest ally, the United Kingdom. To the Russian government we say: 'When you attack our friends you will face serious consequences.'" President Trump expelled 60 Russian diplomats - 48 based at the Russian Embassy and 12 at Russia's United Nations' mission. The Russian consulate in Seattle will also be closed.



A White House statement read: *'The actions make the United States safer by reducing Russia's ability to spy on Americans and to conduct covert operations that threaten America's national security. With these steps, the United States and our allies and partners make clear to Russia that its actions have consequences. The United States stands*



Gavin Williamson
"delighted" with
international
response



President Trump



NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said: "This is a broad, strong and coordinated international response. As part of that response, NATO is unified in taking further steps. I have withdrawn the accreditation of seven staff at the Russian Mission to NATO. I will also deny the pending accreditation request for three others."

"This sends a clear message to Russia that there are costs and consequences for its unacceptable and dangerous pattern of behaviour. We have seen the illegal annexation of Crimea, the destabilisation of eastern Ukraine, cyber attacks, we have seen hybrid tactics, we have seen Russia investing heavily in modern military equipment and the willingness to use military force against neighbours."



EU President Donald Tusk

ready to cooperate to build a better relationship with Russia, but this can only happen with a change in the Russian government's behaviour'.

European Union President Donald Tusk said 14 member nations are expelling Russian diplomatic staff. He added additional measures may follow including further expulsions in the coming weeks.

UK Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson stated: "The extraordinary international response by our allies stands in history as the largest collective expulsion of Russian intelligence officers ever and will help defend our shared security. Russia cannot break international rules with impunity."

In response, a Russian Foreign Ministry source said: "The response will be symmetrical. We will work on it in the coming days and will respond to every country in turn. Russia, has already said it will expel 60 US diplomats. Moscow's ambassador to Washington, Anatoly Antonov, said the United States was "destroying what little is left" of the relationship between the two countries, warning that when it comes to Russia's response "America only understands force".



Andrey Yushmanov Consul General and staff at Russia's Seattle Consulate

New Zealand is the only member of the 'Five Eyes' intelligence sharing network not to expel any suspected Russian spies working under diplomatic cover, only because, "they had failed to identify any."

US troops participate in a Europe-based exercise. Inset: Soldiers from the US, UK, Canada, Poland and Ukraine pose for a group photo following a joint exercise in the Ukraine. The country ejected the highest number of spies outside America and Britain following the Skripal incident





EUROPEAN UNION ACTION

CROATIA: Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic said Croatia will expel one diplomat.

CZECH REPUBLIC: The Czech Republic will expel three diplomats. The Czech Foreign Ministry tweeted that it declared the diplomats 'personae non gratae'.

DENMARK: The Foreign Ministry announced two diplomats would be expelled. "We stand shoulder to shoulder with Britain and clearly say no to Russia at a time when Russia is also threatening and seeking to undermine Western values and the rule-based international order in other areas," Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen said.



ESTONIA: Estonia's Foreign Ministry announced a Russian defense attaché will be expelled.

FINLAND: "Finland will expel one diplomat," a Foreign Ministry official said.

FRANCE: French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian announced the expulsion of four diplomats, who were told they had seven days to leave. He said that the decision followed the European Council's conclusions that the attack "posed a serious threat to our collective security" and that France was acting "in solidarity with our British partners."



GERMANY: The German Foreign Ministry said it would expel four diplomats. "In close coordination within the European Union and with NATO allies, the Federal Government has decided to ask four Russian diplomats to leave Germany within seven days. The request was sent to the Russian Embassy today," the ministry said in a statement.

HUNGARY: The Foreign Ministry said Hungary would expel one diplomat over "what has been discussed at the European Council meeting," adding that the diplomat was "also conducting intelligence activities."

ITALY: Italy's Foreign Ministry said two Russian diplomats from the embassy in Rome will be expelled "as a sign of solidarity with the United Kingdom and in coordination with the European partners and NATO."

LATVIA: One Russian intelligence officer and a 'private citizen' who runs the office of a Russian company in the capital, Riga, are being ejected.

LITHUANIA: Foreign Affairs Minister Linas Linkevicius said on Twitter the country would expel three diplomats 'in solidarity with the UK over #SalisburyAttack'. Lithuania would also sanction an additional 21 individuals and ban 23 more from entering the country.



NETHERLANDS: Prime Minister Mark Rutte announced the expulsion of two diplomats, saying the use of chemical weapons was unacceptable.

POLAND: Poland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said it would expel four diplomats and said the attack showed how "a similar immediate threat to the territory and citizens of EU and NATO member states can happen anywhere."



Markus Ederer, formerly of the German Foreign Ministry and serving European Union Ambassador to Russia, was recalled

ROMANIA: Romania's Foreign Ministry announced one diplomat would be expelled.

SPAIN: The Foreign Ministry said Spain will expel two diplomats. "From the outset, we have considered the nerve agent attack in Salisbury to be an extremely serious development that represents a significant threat to our collective security and to international law," an official said.

SWEDEN: The Foreign Ministry announced one Russian diplomat was being expelled.

NON-EU COUNTRIES

ALBANIA: A Ministry of Foreign Affairs statement was released regarding two expulsions declaring two diplomats 'persona non grata'. "The pair's activities were not compliant to their diplomatic status an official said."

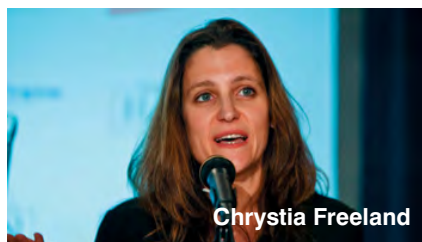
AUSTRALIA: Canberra released a statement announcing it will expel two Russian diplomats "for actions inconsistent with their status, pursuant to the Vienna Conventions." Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said his country "will not stand by and watch when the sovereignty of our allies is threatened."





Anatoly Kargapolov Senior Consul Consulate General of the Russian Federation and staffers in New York City

CANADA: Ottawa said it was expelling four Russian diplomats alleged to be intelligence officers "or individuals who have used their diplomatic status to undermine Canada's security or interfere in our democracy." Additionally it was refusing three applications by Moscow for additional diplomatic staff. "The nerve agent attack represents a clear threat to the rules-based international order and to the rules that were established by the international community to ensure chemical weapons would never again destroy human lives," Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland said.



Chrystia Freeland

MACEDONIA: The Macedonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said it would be expelling one Russian diplomat in response to the Skripal case.

NORWAY: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expelled one Russian diplomat in response to the attack. "The use of a nerve agent in Salisbury is a very serious matter," Norwegian Foreign Minister Ine Eriksen Soreide said in a statement. "Such an incident must have consequences."



Ine Eriksen Soreide

Ukraine / Україна @Ukraine Following

Ukraine expels 13 @Russia diplomats in coordinated effort with 14 EU member states and U.S. condemning #Salisbury attack and poisoning of Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia



UKRAINE: President Petro Poroshenko said Ukraine, which has experienced years of hostility from Russia, including the annexation of Crimea, would expel 13 diplomats. "Russia has again reconfirmed its disdainful attitude to the sovereignty of independent states and the value of human life," Poroshenko said.



Petro Poroshenko

UNITED STATES: Acting on intelligence dossiers provided by the CIA, FBI and NSA, America expelled 60 Russian intelligence people and announced the closure of the Russian consulate in Seattle.

EYE SPY EDITORIAL NOTES

MYRIAD OF POSSIBILITIES AND EXCUSES - CODE OF CONDUCT BROKEN

Those engaged in the world of espionage are always vulnerable to capture or worse. However, there is an unwritten code of conduct between adversaries that any captured spy exchanged for another, will not suffer retribution. Russia seems to have opted out of this order. The mass expulsion of Russian intelligence officers from over 20 countries may seem impressive, but losing the odd spook from most embassies or missions affected, will



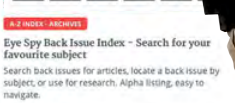
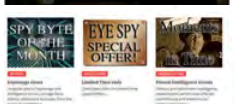
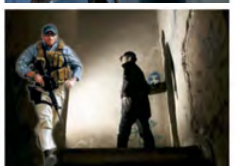
hardly dent Russia's intelligence collection capability. One former MI6 man told Eye Spy: "Collectively the figures seem impressive, but the United States, Britain and Ukraine withstanding, the actions could be viewed as 'token gestures' - and it certainly won't stop Russia spying. Within a short period of time, the single expelled officers will be replaced."

Satire, propaganda, distasteful language (from both Russia and the UK), plus the odd reference to nuclear weapons. Kremlin-sponsored media fronts have certainly fought President Putin's corner and are dismissive of the international response.

Kirill Kleimenov, a newsreader on Russian state-controlled television Channel One, presented a story on the poisoning of Sergei Skripal and carefully inserted a Kremlin



Russia's Ambassador to America, Anatoly Antonov, issued a stern warning to the UK and USA



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Channel One media man Kirill Kleimenov with President Putin

warning to anyone who had "visions of becoming a double agent." Kleimenov said "those who dream of such a career be aware... traitors rarely live a long and peaceful life, and don't choose Britain as a place to live." He seemed oblivious to the 'code of conduct'. Yet such commentary and using 'fear' as a central theme has been replicated in many Russian newspaper features and in television and radio broadcasts. "Why bother if you are going to be killed anyway," said one radio presenter. Others said, "Britain is a very dangerous place to visit."

WAR OF WORDS

But despite the 'lighter side' and war of words in this dark and deeply disturbing spy story,

Embassy of Russia, Kiev, Ukraine.
Relations between the countries are poor
- even before the spy expulsions





objective commentators continue to remind the media of the serious nature of the Skripal affair, and its wider implications. A chemical agent was released deliberately in the UK. It is an incident which could have affected so many people. And it could happen anywhere, a reason why the international community thought it best to respond with haste and objectivity.



Anna Chapman in Red Square

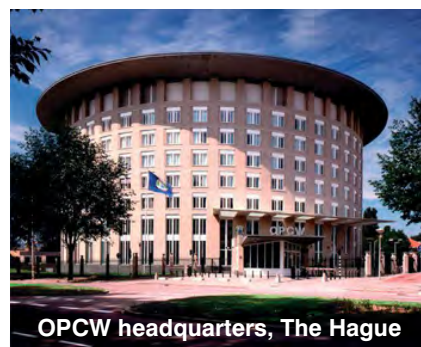
The reporting and politically-laced rhetoric coincided with numerous Moscow media houses backing President Putin - all were dismissive and angry at the expulsions and the suggestion that their president himself green-lighted the assassination attempt. However, most continue to warn of the dangers of betrayal, and referred to Sergei Skripal as an enemy. Anna Chapman, one of the SVR spies who was exchanged in the

OPCW CONFIRMS UK INTEL FINDINGS



Forensic evidence secured by Porton Down and independently checked by OPCW investigators was sufficient to convince UK allies that its source was Russia

Following an investigation by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in Salisbury, officials confirmed Novichock was used in the operation targeting Sergei Skripal. And whilst the executive summary released by the OPCW does not name the nerve agent, it does support the findings of British investigators. Part of the report states: *'The results of the analysis by the OPCW designated laboratories of environmental and biomedical samples collected by the OPCW team confirms the findings of the*



OPCW headquarters, The Hague

United Kingdom relating to the identity of the toxic chemical that was used in Salisbury and severely injured three people'.

In response, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said: "There are no grounds to believe that all this is not a continuation of the crude provocation against the Russian Federation by the security services of Britain." She again accused British Intelligence of a wider propaganda war intended to isolate Russia and said the Russian Embassy in London had offered to help Yulia following her release from hospital.



The OPCW Executive Council consists of 41 member states

United States for Skripal in 2010, also spoke out. She posted a photograph of herself on social media, and called her one-time intelligence associate a "traitor." Chapman wrote: *'As always, Russia is guilty by default. Despite the fact that traitor Skripal was pardoned by the President and released'.*

INTELLIGENCE WINDFALL

The health of Sergei Skripal remains a guarded secret, and though he has reportedly shown signs of improvement (he is no longer in a



Medical Director Christine Blanshard announces Yulia Skripal has been discharged from hospital and Sergei is no longer in a critical condition



THE PACKAGE HAS BEEN DELIVERED

Intel analysts question signal confirmation of Skripal sanction

On the very same day as the Skripals were attacked, Britain's *Daily Express* newspaper reported that the RAF listening post in Cyprus intercepted messages from Syria to Moscow - 'the package has been delivered' and 'two individuals had made a successful egress'. However, intelligence analysts have cast serious doubts about the validity of the alleged communications.

Alex Thomson, who served at GCHQ from 2001-2009, said it was unlikely local officers at RAF listening stations had the capability of piecing together, let alone deciphering, highly encrypted communications. Thomson said: "RAF signals intelligence officers do exist and include some skilled cryptologists and linguists, but - unless something radical has changed in the past few years, which I doubt - they are focused upon intercepting military radio communications. The *Express*' source

mentions an 'electronic message' [and] implies what Siginters call C2C (computer-to-computer communications) - an umbrella term for emails and

(packets of) all Internet protocols, such as instant messaging. Now, are we supposed to believe that a crucial 'the deed is done' message regarding a GRU assassination in Britain was sent in the clear or in a low-grade, locally-crackable cipher from a Russian military operative in Syria to a Russian MOD staff officer?"

Craig Murray, former British Ambassador to Uzbekistan, also questioned the report. "If you were sending a cryptic message back from Salisbury to Moscow, you wouldn't route it back via Syria, in the certain knowledge that all such calls from Syria are picked up..."

He also deconstructs the account from a linguistic point of view. "As for the phrase 'two people have made their egress', presumably this was said in Russian and I cannot understand the translation at all. Exit, egress, go out, leave to go outside - there is only one Russian word to express all of these and that is phonetically from the stem 'vihod', either as noun or verb. There is no egress/exit choice in Russian."

The intercepts, we are led to believe, were made by Britain's SIGINT centre based near to Famagusta, southern Cyprus in Sovereign Base Areas (SBA). * And in other press coverage, MI6 Chief Alex Younger is said to have sent a "well done" message to the RAF



BBC World Service transmitter facility - Akrotiri

signals unit which secured the Russian message. How that leak occurred is bizarre and it simply does not make sense.

The thrust of the story implies British Intelligence signals elements linked the communication to the assassination attempt, proving Moscow was responsible. However, Eye Spy associate editor and signals authority Paul Beaumont also raised serious doubts. His knowledge of the Cyprus base and its electronic capability is extensive. "The message suggested by the *Daily Express* and later repeated with some cerebral input in the *Observer* raises serious concerns as to source. Given the air of secrecy at the base, would an insider blow the whistle and give details of another's intercept, and rank and service - or was this information released for its propaganda worth - not only amongst the British public but also internationally?

* See Paul Beaumont's indepth reporting on the capabilities of Britain's spy facilities in Cyprus - Eye Spy 81 and 87.



Craig Murray



US Marine Corps Sikorsky CH-53 Sea Stallion - RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus



SKRIPAL SANCTION

critical condition), the situation remains unclear. Thankfully Yulia has recovered sufficiently and was released from hospital on or around 10 April. Eye Spy sources believe she has left the UK and is probably in hiding in the United States. Yulia, via intelligence channels, has declined to be interviewed by Russian officials, though has given MI5 and NSY officers a full and detailed dossier of her time in the UK, and other useful information.

A DANGEROUS OCCUPATION

Theories (an abundance), motives, culprits and VX delivery. All of this is speculation at the moment, and much depends on how quickly the agent affected the couple and from whence it came and arrived in the UK. There are snippets of interesting information emerging on Skripal himself, including that he was still in contact with intelligence people in Russia and that he held a monthly meeting with a Russian-speaking MI6 officer. The latter suggestion is highly unlikely because the MI6 person would be open to compromise. However, Eye Spy was told Skripal visited Langley in the United States on more than one occasion and was still engaged in some aspects of the 'great game'.

TALES FROM THE DARK SIDE

Former Russian spies have given their own thoughts on the incident and other related case files associated with the 'Russian List'. One former intelligence officer said Yulia was surveilled in Russia allowing the FSB to track Sergei in the UK - coded speak for a 'gateway'. However, his residence was not secret, nor too inter-actions with associates. Other Russian 'gangsters' have boasted had they really wanted [the Kremlin] to assassinate Skripal, they could have done so in a more "rudimentary fashion" and "at any time."

AGENT GORDON

Some UK media houses have said MI5 has already identified the culprits responsible for depositing the nerve agent at various locations frequented by Sergei Skripal. One of the 'assassins' supposedly used the cover name 'Mihails Savickis', and is codenamed 'Gordon'. How accurate this information is Eye Spy does not know. However, it was presented to a journalist by a former FSB/KGB man Boris

TARGETING ENEMIES OF THE STATE

Russian Embassy,
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THE SECRET KREMLIN 'PREPARATION' TEAM

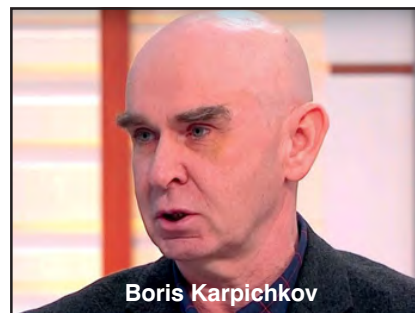
Senior US intelligence sources have revealed that amongst the 50-or-so Russian diplomats expelled from the United States, a number were part of a Kremlin team placed in the country to identify the location and new identities assigned to several defectors. One such target was still operational and active within a CIA programme that provided covert assistance in a 'resettlement' programme for former Russian spies.

Officials believe the Russian team may well have been "preparing the ground to target emigres," designated 'enemies and traitors' by the Kremlin'. Though little evidence

in the form of documentation exists regarding the claim, by coincidence, earlier this year, the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee produced a report regarding the suspicious deaths of around 25 critics of President Putin. A note in the report references a law passed in Russia that states... *'permits the assassination of enemies of the Russian regime who live abroad'*. It continues: *'The trail of mysterious deaths, all of which happened to people who possessed information that the Kremlin did not want public, should not be ignored by Western countries on the assumption that they are safe from extreme measures'*.

Karpichkov, 59, who defected to Britain and is now living in the UK. He worked with Gordon in Russia and described him as "ruthless." Karpichkov was allegedly interviewed for five hours by police. And like other defectors, his name too appears on the Russian List. Either way, Gordon is now said to have returned safely to Russia.

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Boris Karpichkov



Media and police at the location
where the Skripals fell ill

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The FBI and MI5
sting operations
which prevented
the PIRA from
obtaining surface-
to-air missiles

By Steven Taylor

LOCK ON

THE WORLDWIDE SEARCH FOR A DEADLY WEAPON



Shortly after 2.00pm on 19 July 1991, the pilot of an RAF Wessex helicopter was on a routine flight near the village of Kinawley in County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, when suddenly a trail of smoke streaked past his helicopter. It turned out to be a heat-seeking missile from a Russian SA-7 Strela surface-to-air missile (SAM) launcher, fired by a Provisional IRA (PIRA) terrorist. Although the missile failed to lock-on to the helicopter, which landed safely



FIM-43 Redeye SAM

in a field, the attack signalled a dangerous new phase in the conflict. It was the first time the PIRA had targeted a British military aircraft with a SAM during the protected war known as 'The Troubles'.

For many years the intelligence services of both the US and UK had been mounting covert operations aimed at preventing the PIRA from obtaining guided anti-aircraft missiles for use against the British military in Northern Ireland, which is now examined in a new book about British air operations during the conflict - *Air War Northern Ireland*.

ROAD TO NEW YORK AND TRIPOLI

Having effectively forced the British Army off the roads in the border region of South Armagh - a PIRA stronghold known as 'bandit country' to the British troops stationed there - by inflicting heavy casualties on vehicle patrols with roadside IEDs (improvised explosive devices) during the 1970s, the security forces were almost entirely dependent on helicopters in this area. The PIRA in South Armagh then became determined to force the British out of the skies as well, thus paralysing Army operations in the area. To do so, they would require SAMs.



In 1981, the IRA sent one of its top men, Gabriel Megahey, to New York. His mission? To procure surface-to-air, shoulder-launched missiles on the arms black market. Eventually Megahey and several accomplices made contact with a group of Latin American arms dealers, from whom they negotiated to buy 60 assault rifles and five Redeyes, an infra-red

**RAF Wessex
helicopter**



guided SAM used by the US military and capable of hitting aircraft at heights of up to 8,500 feet.

The IRA team agreed a price of \$50,000 for five Redeye missile launchers. But Megahey had a hunch that something wasn't quite right. At a meeting with the dealers in a New York hotel room in June 1982, he voiced his concerns that they could be undercover police officers. Nevertheless, despite the risk that the contact could be a set-up or ruse, so desperate was the PIRA to get their hands on SAMs, that he went ahead with the deal.

Megahey's suspicions were well-founded. The 'arms dealers' were all undercover FBI agents. The Bureau had been mounting round-the-clock surveillance of Megahey and his fellow conspirators for 12-months and had secretly recorded all their incriminating conversations discussing the purchase of the missiles. A few days after the New York meeting, Megahey and his cohorts were arrested, and in May 1983 he was convicted and sentenced to seven-years for attempted arms-smuggling. It was one of the most successful 'sting' operations mounted by a special FBI task

force established in 1980 to clamp down on the PIRA's gun-running activities in the United States, where the group had traditionally acquired most of their weaponry.

THE REDEYE STING, PART II

But the arrest of Megahey's team did not deter the PIRA. Three years later they made another attempt to buy SAMs in America. In March 1985, Noel Murphy, a small-time operative based in Boston who was trying to advance his position within the organisation, entered negotiations with an arms dealer known to him as 'Bill' to buy 100 M16 rifles. But 'Bill' was in fact Joseph Butchka, another undercover FBI agent. When it seemed Murphy was going cool on the deal, Butchka tried to revive his interest by offering to throw in a SAM. "This might change things," said Murphy.

Believing that Murphy was on the verge of securing a SAM launcher, the IRA sent a more senior figure, Kieran Hughes, across the Atlantic to assist in the negotiations. A fee of \$73,000 was eventually agreed for the rifles and a Redeye SAM. On 20 May 1986, at Hanscom airfield in Massachusetts, where the



General John Zierdt (left) of US Missile Command (MICOM) inspect an early design model of the FIM-43 Redeye

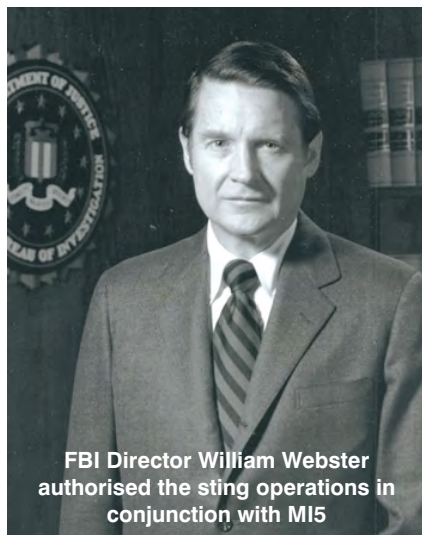
arms shipment was loaded onto a private jet to be flown to Ireland, FBI agents posing as ground crew sprung their trap, arresting the two PIRA men along with several of their associates.

THE LIBYAN CONNECTION

But around this time the IRA did finally get some SAMs. Not from America, but from Libya. The country's dictator Colonel Gaddafi had long supported the Provisionals, and in the mid-1980s he sent several major arms shipments to the group. Although one of the gun-running ships, the MV Eksund, was captured off the French coast in November 1987, four other shipments arrived safely in Ireland. Amongst the 120 tonnes of weapons in these cargoes was a small number of Soviet-made SA-7 Strela SAMs. ➤



Afghan Mujahadeen demonstrating a Soviet-built SA-7 Strela SAM



FBI Director William Webster authorised the sting operations in conjunction with MI5



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Colonel Muammar Ghaddafi - long-time supporter of the Provisional IRA

Fortunately for the British, however, Gaddafi's SA-7 missiles proved unreliable, and after the failed attack on the RAF Wessex in County Fermanagh in July 1991, the PIRA never used them again in Northern Ireland.

STUNG BY THE STINGER

But in faraway Afghanistan, where the US-backed Mujahadeen was fighting a bloody guerrilla war against the occupying Soviet forces in the 1980s, a new shoulder-launched

Redeye SAM





Russian Mi-24 gunship - NATO reporting name Hind

SAM was proving far more effective. Developed from the Redeye, the FIM-92 Stinger had considerably greater range and its advanced seeker head could also penetrate anti-missile defences. With the Mujahadeen suffering heavy casualties at the hands of Soviet Mi-24 gunships, from 1986 the CIA supplied hundreds of Stingers to the Afghan guerrillas. The Stinger had an immediate impact, taking a heavy toll of Soviet helicopters, and some defence analysts even attributed the Soviet defeat in Afghanistan to the success of the Stinger.

Taking note of the missile's success in Afghanistan, the PIRA set out to buy a Stinger on the black market. In November 1989, Kevin McKinley met with two arms dealers - known to him as 'LJ' and 'Greg' - in a Florida bar to negotiate an arms deal. McKinley asked the men if they could supply a Stinger, telling the dealers that it was "number one on our list." The dealers confirmed they could get hold of a Stinger and quoted him a price of \$50,000, which he readily accepted.

Once the money was in place, and two months later, PIRA weapons specialist Joseph McColgan arrived from Belfast to check out the merchandise in a Florida warehouse before any cash was handed over. Once again, however, all was not what it appeared. LJ and Greg were Federal agents, part of a joint operation between the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). As McColgan prepared to drive off with the



Stinger SAM missile launch

Stinger (which had been loaned to the FBI by the US Marine Corps), armed Federal agents swooped, arresting the PIRA man. McKinley and another conspirator, Seamus Moley, were arrested soon after. All three each received four years imprisonment.

MI5 AND THE DISSIDENTS

Lacking an effective SAM, the PIRA were unable to clear South Armagh's skies of British military helicopters, and eventually called a ceasefire in 1997. But dissident Irish republican terror groups opposed to the Northern Ireland peace process have continued where the Provisional IRA left off and have also attempted to procure SAMs, for use against the small fleet of Army Gazelle observation helicopters still based in Northern Ireland and the helicopters operated by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI).

In a complex sting operation that lasted two years, an MI5 agent posing as a Pakistani



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1983. British Army Gazelle. Inset: Gazelle over Belfast City Hall



PIRA volunteers at a funeral

arms dealer held a series of meetings with members of the dissident Real IRA (RIRA), which carried out the 1998 Omagh bombing and attacked MI6's Vauxhall Cross HQ with an RPG in September 2000. Among the weapons the terrorists wanted to buy from him were AK-47s, sniper rifles and SA-7 missile launchers. The sting ended in June 2006 with the arrest of three suspects, two of whom were convicted and given heavy prison sentences.

Despite such Intelligence successes, with dissident Irish republican groups remaining determined to acquire sophisticated modern weaponry, including SAMs, with which to intensify their ongoing terror campaign, the secret Intelligence war waged by MI5 and its allies looks set to continue.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Steven Taylor's *Air War Northern Ireland: Britain's Air Arms and the 'Bandit Country' of South Armagh, Operation Banner 1969 - 2007* is an utterly engaging and descriptive work which details fully one of the darkest and most dangerous periods faced by those operating in Northern Ireland.

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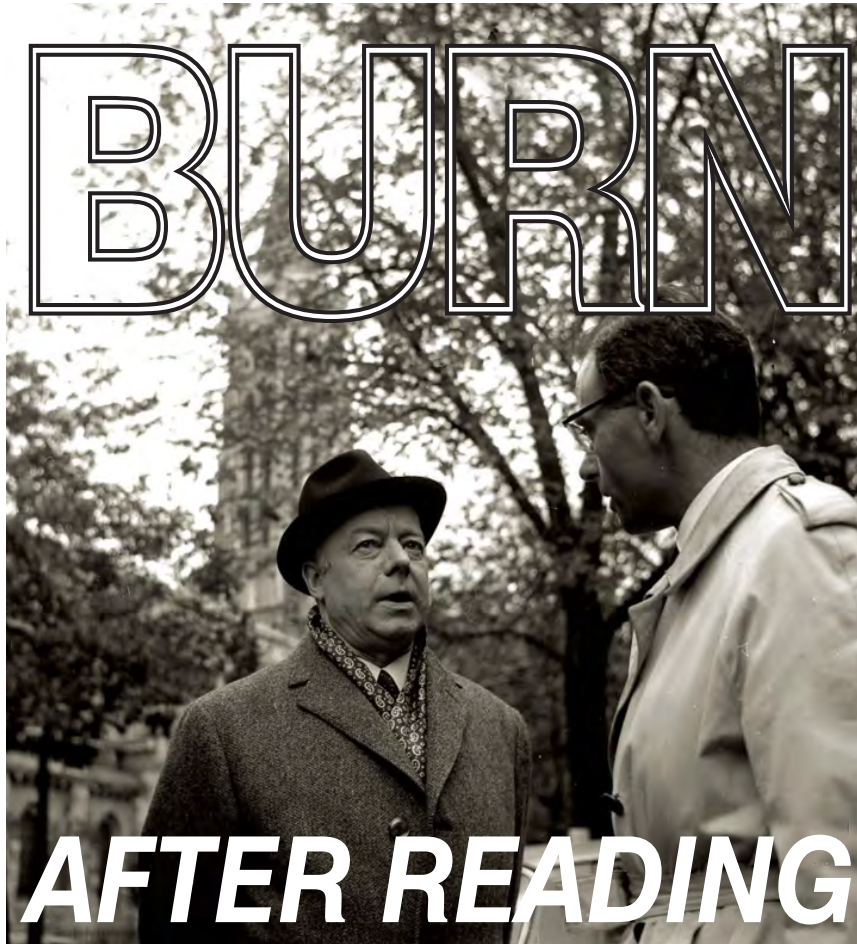
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UK DIPLOMAT AND JOURNALIST UNCOVERED AS SOVIET SPY

Classified documents released by the UK Government under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), reveal the extraordinary story of David Floyd who admitted spying for Moscow when he worked at UK military missions and embassies between from 1944-1947

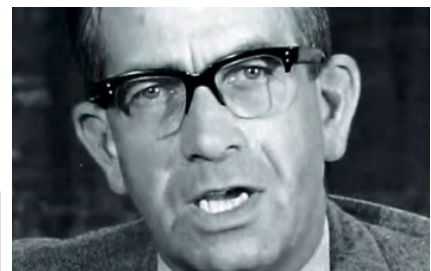
There is much evidence to suggest Floyd's spying career was far more prolonged and complex than the papers reveal. And perhaps equally as relevant, the material shows Britain's Foreign Office enabled a plan to downplay and then file the story. Some intelligence watchers believe this was a "cover-up," but Eye Spy sources suggest otherwise... it was a ruse to keep him operational.

Floyd was an Oxford student, a fully-fledged Communist and anti-war protester who went to prison, yet still managed to secure work placements at three British embassies during the Cold War. Following his 'spy engagements', he spent the next three decades in the employ of *The Daily Telegraph* as its Communist Affairs correspondent.

His story surfaced in the summer of 1951, a few weeks after Cambridge spies Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean disappeared and turned up in Moscow. At this time, the Foreign Office was under siege by the media, all keen to ask questions how the spies could have operated in the corridors of power without detection.

Floyd came forward voluntarily and confessed. A released Foreign Office summary of the case stamped 'Top Secret' states:

'Mr Floyd claims that he has turned King's evidence [provided information to clear or lessen any punishment] because he had come to the conclusion that he was unfit[ted] to remain in the foreign service and it was the honest thing to do. He has also been influenced by the Maclean and Burgess



David Floyd

episode. There is also an indication that he was frightened that the Russians might kidnap him'.

Despite his confession, it took less than a month for the Director of Public Prosecutions to conclude the evidence was "clearly insufficient" to support criminal charges. Intelligence historians believe UK officials were concerned about yet another spy scandal that would jeopardise the strained relationship between London and Washington. Senior US intelligence officials had already publicly acknowledged they were "appalled by the Burgess/Maclean affair." During this time,



Malcolm Muggeridge

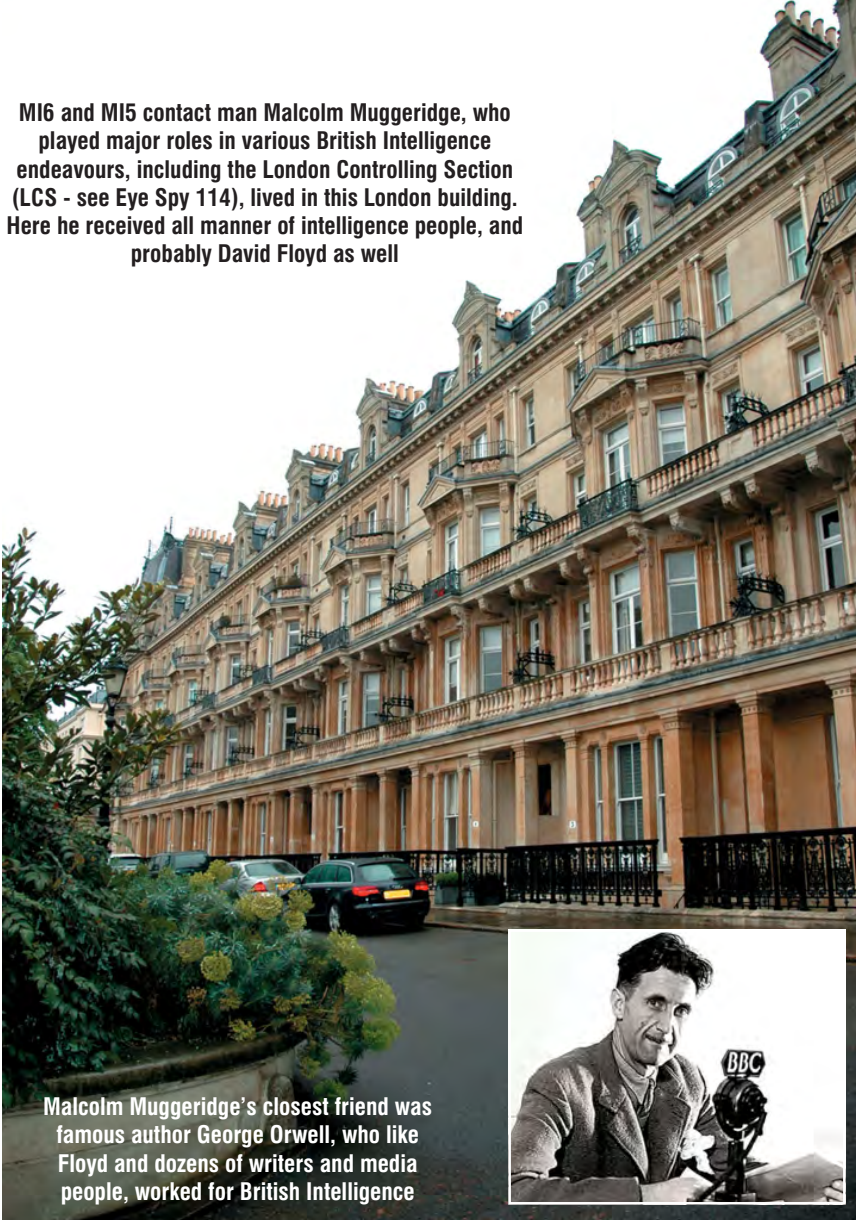
Floyd was released from his position at the Foreign Office.

One would have thought this was the end of his time in the shadows, but not so. Another released Foreign Office memorandum written shortly after states: *'He is already in touch with MI5, who want to find him a job'*. And a further communication, intended to reassure UK and other friendly ambassadors who may have picked-up gossip about the case wrote: *'There is no evidence of [Floyd] having received any material reward from the Russians. We believe him now to be sincerely repentant and we consider that his action in confessing did him credit'*. The author concluded: *'Would you please destroy this letter as soon as you have read it?'*

Within a year, Floyd was hired as Communist Affairs correspondent by Malcolm Muggeridge, then Deputy Editor of *The Daily Telegraph*. Muggeridge, was of course British Intelligence, and the newspaper's editor, Colin Coote, was also an MI6 contact man. Speculation abounds that Floyd was given the position as perfect cover to continue spying - this time for Britain as a double agent in exchange for his freedom. It was the type of ruse played out by numerous intelligence agencies, and could be bracketed in the archives of the 'Fourth Estate' - the use of journalistic cover to gain access to countries which intelligence agencies found difficult to penetrate. It was also a position to secure interviews with senior world figures - all at the behest of the controlling agency, of course. However, many questions remain as the 70-year-old documents are still heavily censored.



MI6 and MI5 contact man Malcolm Muggeridge, who played major roles in various British Intelligence endeavours, including the London Controlling Section (LCS - see Eye Spy 114), lived in this London building. Here he received all manner of intelligence people, and probably David Floyd as well



Malcolm Muggeridge's closest friend was famous author George Orwell, who like Floyd and dozens of writers and media people, worked for British Intelligence



As for the initial harm caused by Floyd's adventure with Moscow, it later became clear he was part of the Russian Embassy secretariat, with access to a wide range of confidential papers. Roger Allen, who was then First Secretary at the British Embassy in Moscow, reported to his superiors that Floyd "would probably have had no difficulty in getting hold of almost any file, with a few exceptions, on legitimate grounds."

A decade later, and firmly established with *The Daily Telegraph*, Floyd played a small role in the Profumo affair that rocked Harold Macmillan's government in the early 1960s. The incident centred around John Profumo, Macmillan's Secretary of State for War, and London socialite Christine Keeler who was also sleeping with Captain Yevgeny Ivanov - a Soviet intelligence officer.

The case is forever embedded in spylore and has been widely covered by Eye Spy, but there is a thread to Floyd. London osteopath Stephen Ward who knew both Keeler and Profumo, was introduced to Ivanov by one of

his clients - *The Daily Telegraph* editor Colin Coote. Coote had met Ivanov previously and arranged a lunch at the Garrick Club so that Floyd, his Communist Affairs correspondent might make a useful contact. The rest is history...



Colin Coote

Was Floyd still operational as a British double agent - or as some suggest, more cunning than anyone realised and still working for Moscow, now as a triple agent? Decades later this absorbing Cold War spy chapter continues to throw up surprises, and we still can't be certain if the whole story has been told.

LANGLEY'S CAREFULLY CRAFTED BACK-CHANNEL



KOREAN ENCOUNTER

The day-long summit on 27 April inside the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) that divides the Koreas was a major step forward for international diplomacy - the first summit in more than a decade between the two Koreas and marks a significant change from North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un's previous statements that he would continue to expand his nuclear arsenal.

THE INTELLIGENCE CONNECTION

Despite protracted communications between various countries and North Korea, the CIA is quietly taking credit for arranging the historic meeting - this after months of careful negotiation between senior US intelligence officials - led by former Director CIA Mike Pompeo, and their NK counterparts from its secretive Reconnaissance General Bureau

(RGB). Besides the CIA and RGB, intelligence sources also said that South Korea's National Intelligence Service (NIS) played a "significant part" in paving the way for the creation of a tri-nation back-channel which enabled diplomats to comment, give opinion and ultimately agree to talk face-to-face. Some commentators believe Pompeo's careful delegation and diplomatic prowess impressed President Trump - thus he was offered the job



Kim Jong-Un and President Moon Jae-in with South Korean military honour guard



The Korean summit paves the way for crucial talks between the USA and North Korea over its nuclear missile ambitions



of Secretary of State - replacing Rex Tillerson. Tillerson had of course famously tweeted the President was 'wasting his time trying to negotiate with Little Rocket Man' - a reference to Kim Jong-Un.



'Bridge of No Return' at Panmunjeon (DMZ North-South Korea)

Since December 2017, there has been much talk in Washington that President Trump and Kim Jong-Un had secretly agreed to meet. And the Korean agreement now paves the way for that liaison. Asked about the possibility of such a meeting, Pompeo said: "President Trump isn't doing this for theatre... he's going to solve a problem."

THE PANMUNJOM DECLARATION

Jong-Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in signed a three-page 'Panmunjom Declaration' named after the truce village in the demilitarised zone (South Korean side), stating that 'South and North Korea confirmed the common goal of realising, through complete denuclearisation, a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula'.



Kim Jong-Un and President Moon Jae-in

The two Koreas agreed 'to actively seek the support and cooperation of the international community' in that endeavour, it said. But the agreement was short on details, and the phrase 'a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula' will probably cause alarm in some US spy ➤



28 April 2018. Brussels, Belgium. US Secretary of State and former D/CIA Mike Pompeo pictured with his security delegation



The leaders of both
Koreas have agreed
to meet again

agencies because it implies that nuclear weapons will not be allowed in South Korea, either.

Previous inter-Korean agreements have also pledged denuclearisation, and there remains significant scepticism in Washington and Tokyo, in particular, about whether this time will be any different. However, on 29 April North Korea publicly announced it was closing its primary nuclear weapons test site at Punggye-ri in May. A spokesperson said: "International experts and foreign correspondents would be invited to watch its dismantling." The site has been carefully monitored by several countries and has conducted six nuclear tests in the last decade or so, the last being in September 2017.

Analysts believe North Korea, for the foreseeable future, will retain its nuclear weapons and arsenal of missiles capable of reaching the US mainland. While Jong-Un may refrain from any new missile or nuclear tests for the time being, as Seoul has indicated, he has said repeatedly that he has no intention of giving them up or of using them as a bargaining chip

to improve ties with Seoul, Washington or anybody else. However, Jong-Un, through the CIA intelligence back-channel, has insisted that there would be "no need to keep the missiles if trust could be built with America," and that the "war in the Korean peninsula is formally ended."

President Trump has previously insisted that Washington will not accept anything less than a deal that is "deliverable and verifiable," which would mean foreign inspectors at North Korea's nuclear facilities - "every single one of them."

Whilst the historic meeting between the Koreas has been hailed as a major breakthrough, intelligence analysts note that Pyongyang has broken previous agreements. However, some commentators have said this is the "end game" and if nothing of note materialises, "there really will be consequences."

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy famously said of the CIA: "Your successes are unheralded... your failures are trumpeted." In this



Yongbyon, North Korea - Nuclear
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case, Langley's involvement in the Korean encounter was just too tempting for the Agency's hierarchy not to leak! The intelligence world is hoping Jong-Un really is a man reformed and that the 'Korean encounter' heralds a new dawn in relations between the West and one of the last remaining Communist countries.

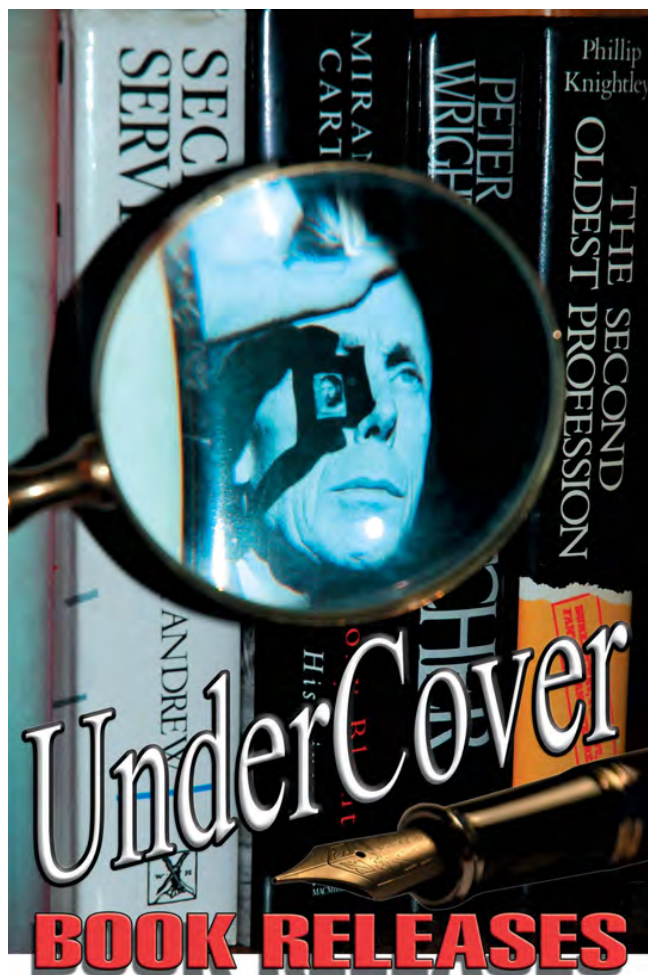


Mike Pompeo



North Korean ballistic missile





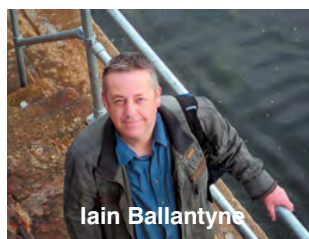
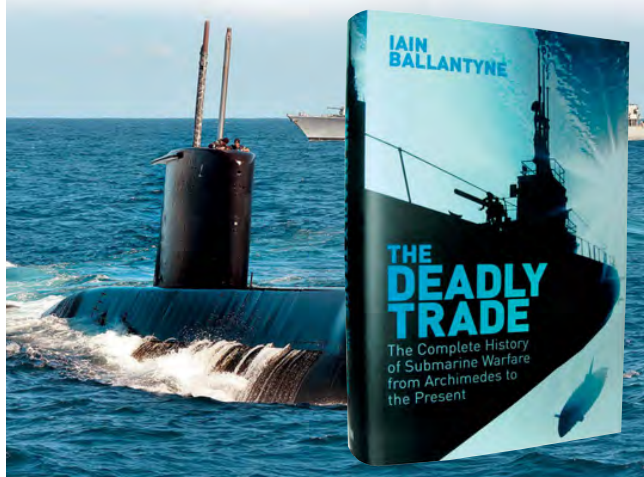
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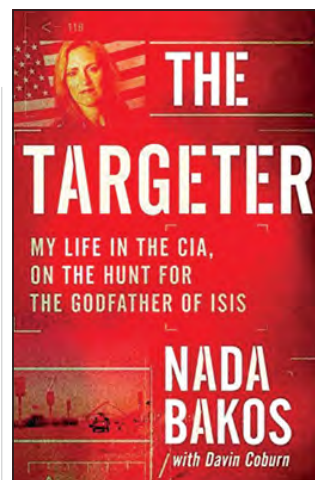
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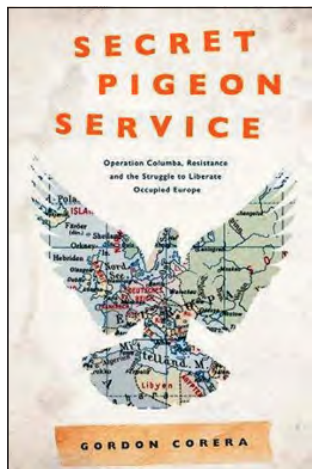
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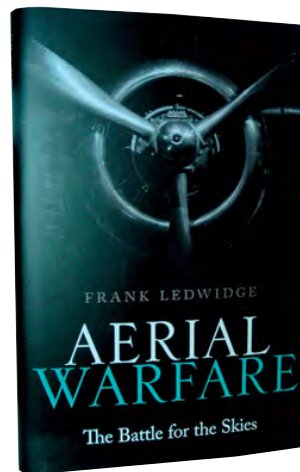
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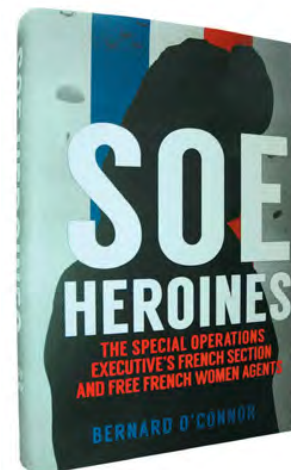
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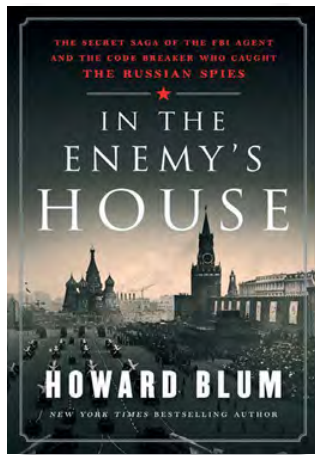
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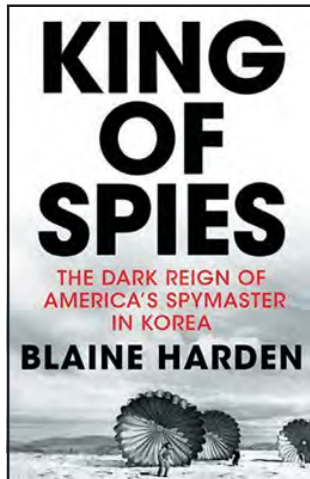
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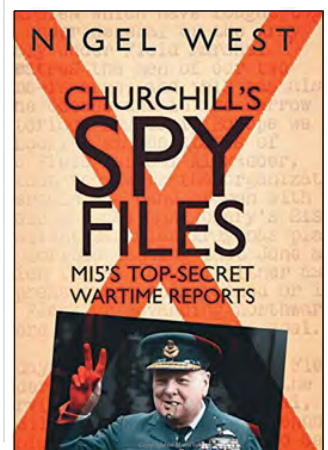
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To understand the advancements in the intelligence world's research into mind manipulation technology, we will first show the malleability of the mind by opening the door of memory implants to you the reader. Memories are stored in the brain like the frames of a cine film, at speed they appear as one continuous chain of events, it's easy to slip a few frames into this set-up. In fact you do not remember the original moment of an event, just the last memory of that moment; time can also erode the stability of a memory.

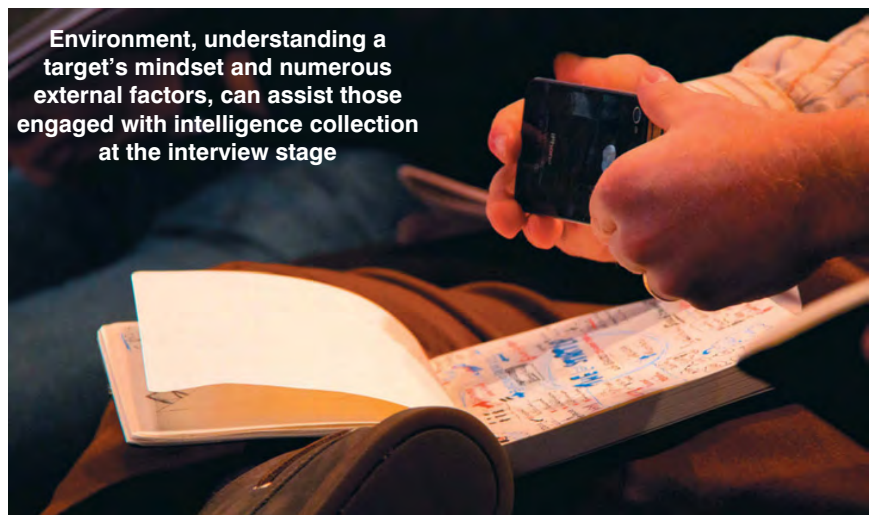
In respect of the external factors to memory implant, there are two main elements, the first is the subject's perspective and the second is the initiator's (interviewer's) approach. In the first instance tiredness, confusion, and misconceptual uncertainty can make the memory implant easier. In the latter element, blurring truth and illusion, being a believable and trustworthy source, and reinforcement are all components factors.

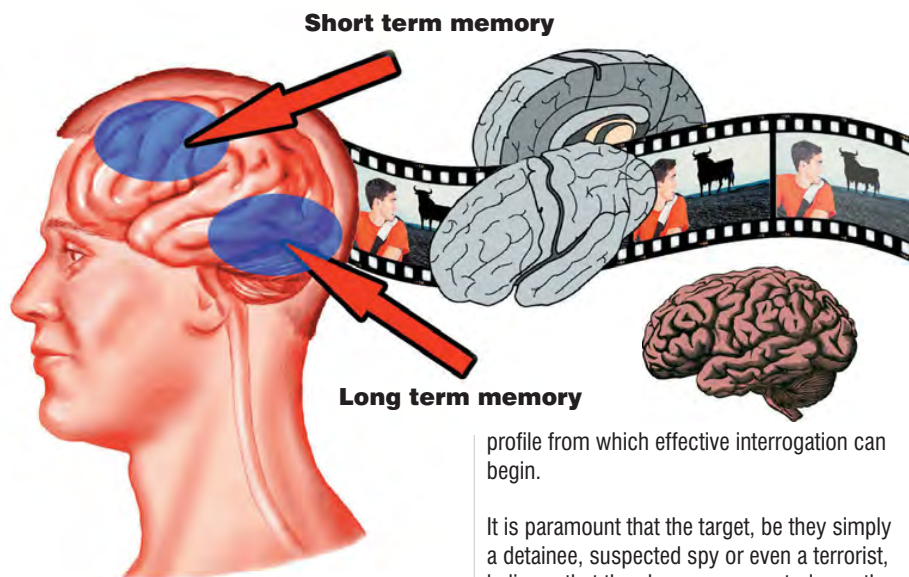
Without any external influence, witnesses to an accident, for example, inadvertently create

conflicting versions of events. Misinformation or false news is often reinforced into an illusion of truth; it's why contrived memory implants are quite feasible. Let's take an experimental example; four people who enjoyed a fishing trip several years ago, eventually got together and after a few drinks, they begin to reminisce. The most trusted

friend related a false memory, which was about distracting an aggressive bull as they all crossed a field. If this merges with a real memory of crossing a field, the 'hero factor' will reinforce the event. Further reinforcement can be obtained as the other members recall the event, by praising their friend for his actions. Over time casual reinforcement

Environment, understanding a target's mindset and numerous external factors, can assist those engaged with intelligence collection at the interview stage



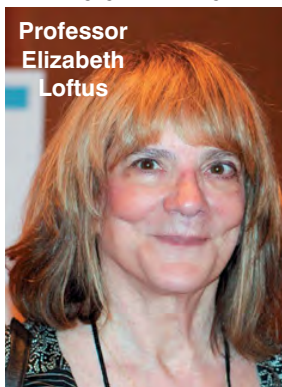


will help to consolidate the memory. Success with such concepts can be as great as 30 to 40 per cent, according to research by Professor Elizabeth Loftus of California University.

INTERROGATION AND INTELLIGENCE

With the above in mind, let's examine how those engaged in Intelligence work in respect

**Professor
Elizabeth
Loftus**



of interviewing a subject. The intelligence service skills are not to implant, but secure accurate information. There are many common denominators.

Understanding the individuality of the person or target is paramount, this first step falls into the category of behavioural science. The first barrier in interrogation is often dealing with silence, knowing and focusing on the person's interests and beliefs are one lever to open the door to the mind. Once an accord has been established the relationship between interviewer and target can begin.

A study of the person's persuasion susceptibility will build a framework from which to launch the interrogation. Showing a familiarity with his/her beliefs and ideals can create a workable affinity; by appearing to reciprocate information a feeling of indebtedness can be created. The environment in which the detainee is held captive also plays an important role in intelligence interviews; this is compounded with favours, conditions, facilities, and so forth. The response to these things should be closely monitored and studied, behavioural science can build a

profile from which effective interrogation can begin.

It is paramount that the target, be they simply a detainee, suspected spy or even a terrorist, believes that they have some control over the interview, in this way a greater accord can be forged by the interviewer. Of course such things as fatigue and natural bad memory can also be a part of the equation, accounting for what may otherwise be seen as non compliance. However, the suspect could also be playing their own counter-interrogation strategy and this must also be considered as part of the equation.

NEW METHODOLOGY & HUMINT

Hanns Scharff (1907-1992) was a noted German Luftwaffe interrogator, dubbed the 'Master Interrogator' during WWII, later to become a senior Pentagon instructor and advisor on interrogation for the American military. His approach was to show respect and dignity to his suspects, slowly drawing out information in a casual manner. This was a forerunner to modern methods.



Hanns Scharff

Putting aside various nations' rules of convention, the issue of torture must be a reviewed from the perspective of making a suspect elicit information. Apart from international repercussions and conventions, the severe stress of torture can cause loss of memory, and/or make the detainee elicit false information to simply obviate the pain. Terrorists for example, may even see this as their door to martyrdom.

HUMINT (human intelligence) experts understand that counter-interrogation skills also exist, and should know how to accommodate these phenomena. An intelligence examiner may reinforce previous techniques, but if this does not work, they must re-

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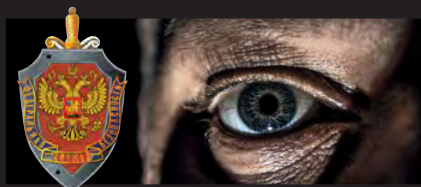
evaluate and use other sourced counter-measures.

Cognitive interviewers may ask the same question from different perspectives; for the person being interviewed, this can be like being hit by two or three cars at the same time in an accident. Such kinaesthetic cues, be they visual, auditory, or sensational can stimulate memory, as well as obviate false memory.

Just like the concept of memory implant, the interplay between 'recipient and initiator' has a parallel with 'suspect and interrogator' in terms of human manipulation. Human intelligence collectors are now opening their doors to studies in neuroscience, behavioural science, and similar fields of research. In today's world of terrorism and similar mayhem, securing accurate intelligence or information from detainees and suspects is paramount. It is a subject barely recognised as an intelligence element, nevertheless it is and one of vital importance.

If you have followed the previous articles you will begin to see how the knowledge of mind manipulation and the deceptive factor has grown from the seed into the flower. It heralds a new perspective, not only to the intelligence world, but the theatre of modern warfare.

This article describes just one use of the deceptive matrix. However, it is a panoply of diversity in the intelligence cycle. Areas of research that few know exist forge new perspectives, many almost verge on science fiction. In a future article, I will be exploring these dark corridors.



ANATOMY OF THE SKRIPAL SANCTION

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UK National Security Advisor Mark Sedwill



Agent Gordon

As for the 'delivery person[s]' of the nerve agent itself, some analysts have considered the possibility that the attacker was a former Russian associate, or someone who had been personally affected by his defection to Britain. But that still does not explain how he, she or they, obtained the VX.

New Scotland Yard has already admitted the investigation will take months, thus speculation should be set aside until the investigative

teams and MI5 conclude (if that will ever be possible) their enquiries. Nevertheless, the UK Government and its allies, must have received information and evidence of note, to respond so quickly in the way they did. This was undoubtedly supplied by MI6, MI5, GCHQ and US Intelligence.

The over-riding implication of the mass expulsions is that the international community has reached a common assessment on Russia and its disruptive activities - more broadly through hacking, information warfare, and by backing extremist political parties. Eye Spy understands at least 40 of the expelled intelligence officers were engaged with cyber directorates in various Russian spy agencies, including the FSB, GRU, SVR and Kremlin-sponsored 'civilian' organisations.

A period of 'frosty' relations between Moscow and the West beckons, but the Salisbury incident is a defining moment. Russia has its strengths but also its weaknesses, not least its economy. Besides the tit-for-tat expulsions, the Kremlin must now ponder what additional actions it will take in response. And whilst President Putin could never have imagined there would be this degree of solidarity, he is a very cunning intelligence operative. The state-run media houses in Russia have also rallied behind him, blaming the UK Government for initiating a propaganda campaign intended solely on damaging the country's international image.

On 1 May, UK National Security Advisor Mark Sedwill admitted no suspects had yet been identified for the poisoning. However, he said Britain is stepping-up security for other defectors who may be at risk.

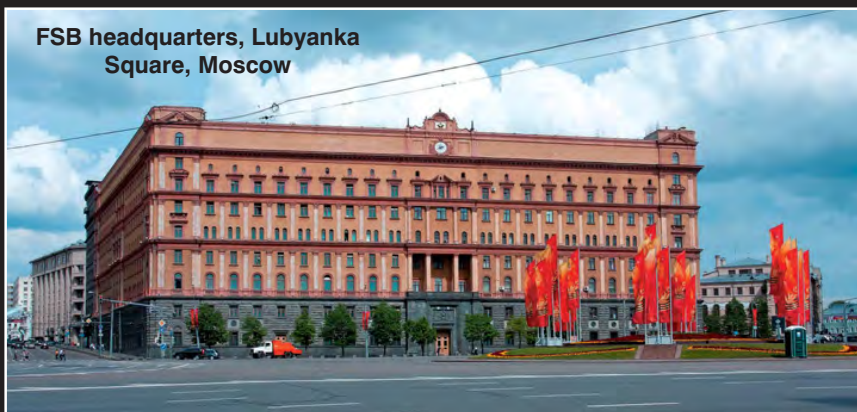
LAST WORD

Perhaps the last word should go to Sir Andrew Wood, UK Ambassador to Russia 1995-2000. He was asked if it would be fair to compare the Russian Government to the Mafia. "That's a little unfair on the Mafia," Sir Andrew replied.



Sir Andrew Wood

FSB headquarters, Lubyanka Square, Moscow



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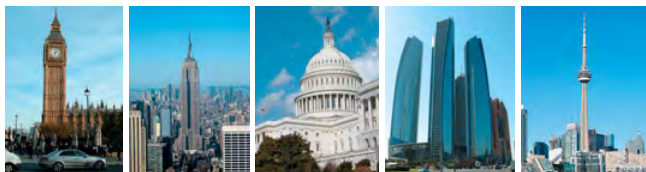


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