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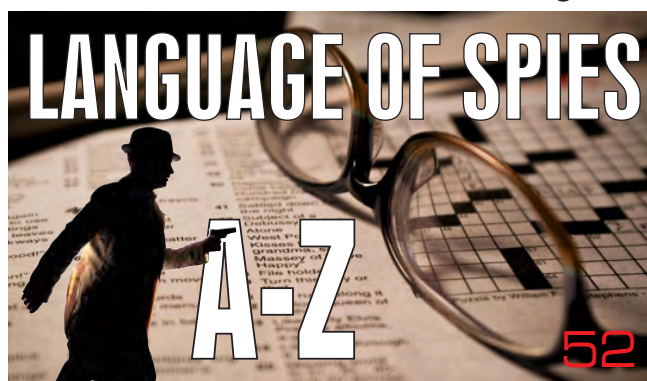




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"...The United Kingdom has been instrumental in making NATO the most successful Alliance in history."

JENS STOLTENBERG, NATO SECRETARY GENERAL



GAMES OF ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE IGNORANCE



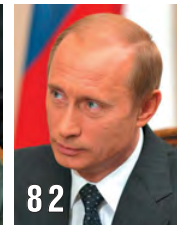
People engage in the world of espionage for many reasons. Most of course work for and on behalf of their respective intelligence services - a legitimate and necessary occupation that helps protect national security. However, for some, the lure of 'added financial reward' can often turn an official, operative or spy to act in ways that are dangerous and have implications for many. And, money, lots of it, appears to have been the 'trigger' in several US espionage cases that have come to light recently. A number of these appear in the pages of this edition, and reflect properly the dangers of foreign agents and companies offering tempting sums of money - far greater than the average intelligence officer can earn. It's my understanding that the actions of one such individual, was the catalyst that eventually resulted in the demise of the CIA's main spy network in the Far East.

Another topic high on the agenda of those involved in the intelligence business, is the future relationship between Britain's primary spy services and Europe, once all the protracted arrangements are in place following the UK's departure from the European Union. Some EU politicians are demanding that London is "ejected" from at least four crucial security mechanisms, including the communications platform under the auspices of the Galileo project. This is used by various militaries and most intelligence services. Most European intelligence chiefs want Britain to remain in the intelligence sharing system, but their opinion is not shared by a number of powerful and very ill-informed politicians who simply do not understand the crucial role and input of British Intelligence. Thankfully, key military intelligence figures such as NATO Secretary Jens Stoltenberg do, and he has offered vital backing to the UK.

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INTELLIGENCE CHOICE

THE EDICT: 100 YEARS OF INTEL COMMITMENT

Over 100 years ago, Vladimir Lenin said that one particular arm of Russia's Communist military should have the ability to act with impunity. Thus an edict was effectively written into law that has remained a constant today - enemies and traitors would be hunted down and eliminated. Throughout the Cold War that responsibility was given to the GRU - Russia's military intelligence service, and today's intelligence analysts agree that the edict remains in place.

The GRU can call upon various specialist arms of sister intelligence organisations, and more importantly, all of its Special Forces who are skilled in overseas operations - some using agents-in-place in foreign lands. This special feature examines the prowess and power of the GRU.



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EIFFEL TOWER SECURITY

New Terrorist Counter-measures Introduced



In an effort to curb terrorist attacks against the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris, French authorities are building a surrounding bullet proof glass wall and a metal fence.

The permanent security belt will replace the current metal fencing installed in 2016 after a series of terror attacks in the country.

The armoured glass panels are nearly 10ft high and more than two inches thick weighing 1.5 tons.

Bernard Gaudillere, president of The Societe d'Exploitation de la Tour Eiffel, which manages the tower said, "we decided to build a new perimeter around the Eiffel Tower to increase security."

DOWNING STREET PLOTS

MI5 Thwart 'Authentic' Plan to Kill Prime Minister

A 20-year-old ISIS supporter from London, has gone on trial accused of plotting to assassinate Prime Minister Theresa May. A court heard how Naa'imur Zakariyah Rahman plotted to kill the premier by use of lethal force, in this case by "blade and explosion."

MI5 used its cyber section specialists to create a fictitious ISIS official called 'Amir' from Syria, who befriended Rahman on

a messaging app in September 2017. The ruse has been used successfully in several recent cases, whereby the target believes his communication is secure.

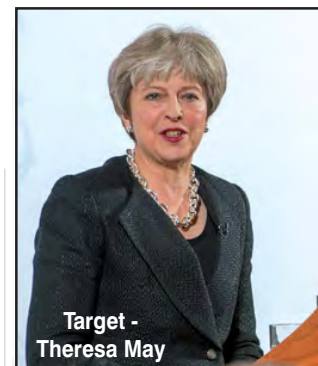
In one liaison, he spoke to the agent allegedly congratulating Manchester Arena bomber Salman Abedi who killed 23 people in May 2017, "he done well," he said. In another exchange he asked Amir, "can you put me in a sleeper cell ASAP." He also explained to his new found ISIS friend, that he was being

investigated because his uncle had joined ISIS and encouraged him to launch an attack in the UK. His uncle was allegedly killed by an armed CIA-controlled UAV.

"I want to attempt to kill Theresa May," Rahman said. "I want to do a suicide bomb on Parliament... my objective is to take out my target." The plan was essentially to attack the guarded gates of Downing Street and then gain access to the premier.

By now the Security Service, convinced Rahman's plan was advancing beyond simple commentary, decided to act when the agent said he was "just days away" from carrying out the attack. He was duly detained by officers from New Scotland Yard's Counter Terrorism Command. He was charged with terrorist offences, including conducting reconnaissance, recording a pledge of allegiance to ISIS, and delivering a rucksack and jacket to be adapted to conceal explosives.

Rahman, who has pleaded not guilty, is also charged with helping

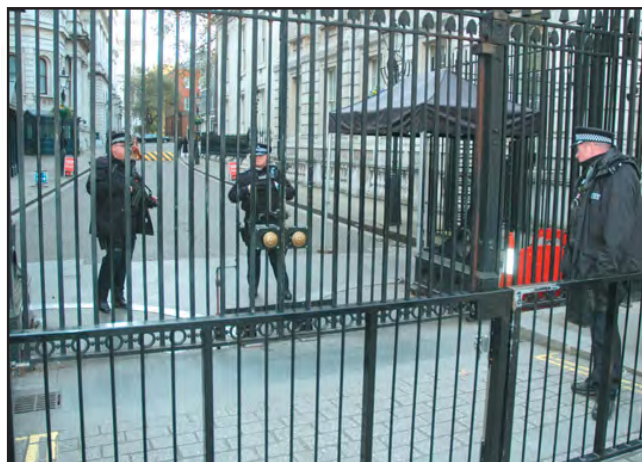


Target -
Theresa May

another defendant, Mohammad Aqib Imran, 22, to join ISIS, by recording a "sponsorship video." Like Rahman, Imran pleaded not guilty to charges of preparing terrorist acts, and possessing a document - 'How to Survive in the West - A Mujadid's Guide'.

GATES OF DOWNING STREET

Another man who was interested in the gates of Downing Street, has been convicted of planning a terrorist attack and making explosives. Khalid Ali, 28, from London, has been found guilty of preparation of a terrorist act - namely plotting to carry out a violent attack on police officers, politicians and military personnel in London - and two counts of making an explosive substance. He became a person





The renovation, part of a £350 million project announced last year, will also include embellishment of the gardens beneath the tower and is expected to be completed by September. Jose Luis Fuentes, an architect at Dietmar Feichtinger Architects, the company in charge of the project said: "It will really look as if the square [beneath the Eiffel Tower] was open."

Around seven million people visit the historic tower every year.



NSA & TRACKING DOTS

Contractor Faces Jail After Plea Deal

Reality Winner, 26, the former National Security Agency contractor who was accused of leaking a classified report to online news publication *The Intercept*, will reportedly change her plea from non-guilty to guilty as part of a plea deal.



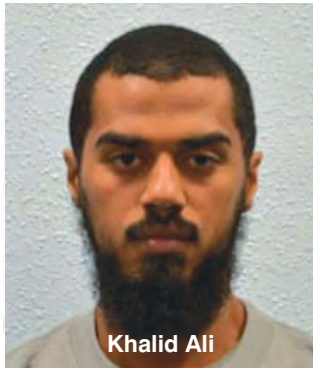
Reality Winner

Winner, a federal contractor with Pluribus International Corporation in Augusta, Georgia, was arrested last June on charges of violating the Espionage Act by "removing classified material from a government facility and mailing it to a news outlet." She allegedly copied a classified NSA report suggesting that Russian hackers attacked a US voting software supplier before the 2016 Presidential Election.

NSA officers were able to determine, by analysing creases in the

pages and a secret series of 'tracking dots' on the paper, that they had been printed at the NSA's Georgia offices. Only six people had access to those printers, making it easy for federal agents to narrow down the suspects.

Court documents did not indicate what exact charge Winner will plead guilty to, although she was indicted for one count of violating the federal Espionage Act.



Khalid Ali

of interest after his fingerprints were found by FBI investigators on bomb components manufactured in Afghanistan. Thereafter he had been surveilled by MI5 A4 Watchers outside various buildings in Whitehall.

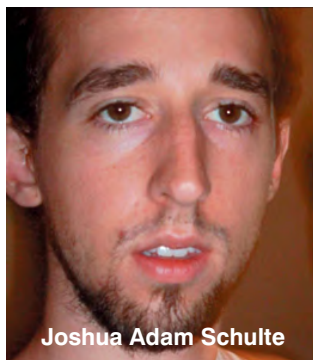
Ali was arrested during an armed police operation on 27 April 2017 as he approached Whitehall from Parliament Street equipped with three knives. He admitted his liaison with al-Qaida and the Taliban during his trial, and said that he had detonated more than 300 bombs in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

In an interview with New Scotland Yard detectives, Ali said he wanted to "deliver a message to British authorities." He claimed the knives were for his protection.

CIA: VAULT 7 LEAKS

FBI Trace One Alleged Source of WikiLeaks CIA Archive

Joshua Adam Schulte, 29, a former CIA employee from New York City, has been indicted by the US Justice Department for unlawful disclosure of classified material to an outside organisation. Schulte is accused of leaking classified documents to WikiLeaks, which posted thousands of pages of CIA documents containing secret cyber tool data. Schulte also worked for the NSA for five months in 2010 as a systems engineer, he then joined the CIA as a software engineer developing programmes to support clandestine CIA operations. He departed Langley in November 2016.



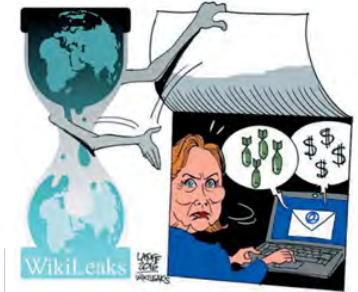
Joshua Adam Schulte

New York US Attorney Geoffrey Berman said: "Schulte allegedly used his access at the CIA to transmit classified material to an outside organisation. During the course of this investigation, federal agents also discovered alleged child pornography in Schulte's New York City residence.

"Unlawful disclosure of classified intelligence can pose a grave threat to our national security, potentially endangering the safety of Americans."

Schulte is accused of stealing almost 9,000 classified documents that detailed 'cyber tools' used by the CIA. Much of the content was uploaded by WikiLeaks in March 2017, including revealing documents of coded data known as 'Vault 7', in more than 25 instalments.

Schulte was arrested following an FBI investigation and found with over 10,000 items of child abuse material. He was charged with three counts of receipt, possession and transportation of child pornography



WikiLeaks has secured an intelligence 'treasure trove'



in August 2017. He was released in September 2017, but in December he was re-arrested for violating the conditions of his release. Currently in a Manhattan jail, he has been indicted on 13 criminal charges relating to the leaks.

Schulte's legal protector, Sabrina Schroff, reportedly told the *New York Times*: "As the evidence is flushed out, it will become clear that Mr Schulte is hardly the villain the government makes him out to be."

Mr Schulte, who has pleaded not guilty, faces charges punishable with up to 135 years in prison.

IRANIAN INTELLIGENCE COUP

Israel's Shin Bet security service has accused Gonen Segev, a former Cabinet Minister who served as Energy and Infrastructure Minister from 1992 to 1995, of spying for Iran and aiding the enemy during wartime

Segev was jailed in 2005 for smuggling 30,000 ecstasy tablets into Israel from the Netherlands and forging a diplomatic passport. Released in 2007, he moved to Nigeria (where contact with Iranian agents was allegedly established in 2012), then to Equatorial Guinea. Police there handed him over to Israel after refusing to admit him into the country based on his criminal record. He was arrested upon arrival in Israel based on information gathered indicating that Segev may have been in communication with Iranian intelligence and



Gonen Segev - arrested on suspicion of spying for Iran



Gonen Segev pictured with former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

assisting Tehran in "activities against Israel."

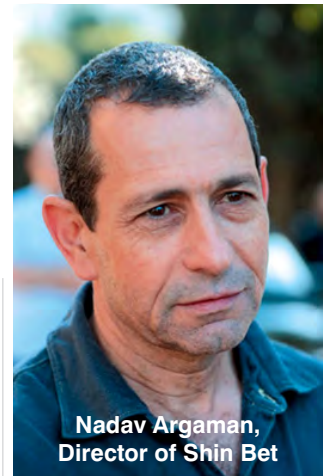
According to the Shin Bet, Segev travelled to Iran to meet his handlers. The statement from the Jerusalem District Prosecutor's Office said that he was "recruited by Iranian intelligence and served as an agent." Investigators believe the connection was first formed between Segev and sources in Iran's embassy in Nigeria. Later, Segev met with his handlers twice in Iran allegedly passing information regarding Israel's energy sector, security sites in Israel, structures, and the identity of

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officials in the security and political establishments in Israel, among other things.

Eye Spy sources said that whilst the information allegedly given to Iran was of "low value," bearing in mind Segev had been "out of the political arena for over a decade," the case is unique in that never before has such a high-ranking Israeli official (serving or otherwise), ever been accused of "working for an adversary."

Chuck Freilich, a former official at Israel's National Security Council said the espionage case is one of



Nadav Argaman, Director of Shin Bet

the most damaging in Israel's history. "It's quite a coup for the Iranians," he said.

In Iran, newspaper editors hailed the event, despite the "outing" of Segev. One media house described the espionage as "more damaging to Israel than Mordechai Vanunu." In this case, of course, Vanunu released information on Israel's nuclear programme.

Interestingly, just as in the case of a number of recent alleged CIA and DIA officers accused of spying for the enemy (see elsewhere in this edition), Segev told Shin Bet interrogators he was "trying to install himself as a double agent with Iranian Intelligence." Officials at Shin Bet, were having none of it and said he was in contact with undercover Iranian agents who were disguised as "businessmen."

IRAN INTELLIGENCE BLOW

Tehran's Proxy Force Lose Strategic Port in Yemen

Saudi Arabia, UAE and Alliance forces have captured the airport in Yemen's key Red Sea port of Hodeidah from Iranian-sponsored Houthis, the group with threads to various terrorist factions, including a large force of al-Qaida. The assault, backed by US Special Forces and Apache helicopters which struck



Martin Griffiths

more than 40 targets, has raged for several weeks, resulting in a major blow for Tehran.

The on-going conflict, dubbed a 'proxy war' by some analysts between Iran and Saudi Arabia, has already cost 10,000 lives, most due to the actions of the Houthis. UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Anwar Gargash said: "We are waiting for them [Houthis] to realise the sort of military and psychological blow that has resulted from the freeing of the airport, we are giving them some time to decide if they want to save the city and pull out." He said the Alliance action was taken with "full consideration of the fragile humanitarian situation," and added the military action was



UK Foreign Office Minister Hugh Robertson with UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Anwar Gargash

"calculated to avoid civilian casualties."

United Nations peace envoy Martin Griffiths, from the UK, who wants to place the port under control of the UN, has created a back-channel with Iran in the hope of persuading around 2,500 Houthi fighters to depart, but this looks unlikely.

Following the successful operation to liberate large swathes of the city, Griffiths met with senior Alliance and Yemeni officials.

Both the CIA and MI6 have described Iran's involvement in the region as "expansionism." As for its proxy forces, the Houthis deny they are "puppets of Iran."

MOSSAD & MI6

IRAN MATERIALS RE-EXAMINED

Mossad has provided its counterparts in British Intelligence with yet "more evidence" of Iran's quest for a nuclear bomb - this ahead of a key meeting at Downing Street between Prime Ministers Theresa May and Benjamin Netanyahu. The exchange follows the Mossad operation in Tehran, January, when its agents supported by operatives from at least one Middle East country, raided a warehouse where Iran has stored its main archive containing dated and modern information on its nuclear programme.

Despite "overwhelming evidence" that Israel claims proves Iran remains intent on securing a nuclear weapon, most countries (USA excluded), still believe Iran, should remain in the 2015 agreement. This allows the

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) officials access to Iran's nuclear plants in return for the withdrawal of many tough sanctions.

Netanyahu has focussed his attention on Britain, who he believes will be more understanding in respect of the intelligence materials secured by the Mossad. Sources in Tel Aviv said the UK has acknowledged the material is "convincing" and officials have paid "great attention to certain sections." This includes signed-off papers putting much of the secret and future nuclear work in government branches, including weapons-grade uranium enrichment.

Netanyahu has urged the IAEA to reinvestigate the evidence against Iran. "What Iran told the IAEA about



Benjamin Netanyahu and his spy chief Yossi Cohen

its nuclear capacity is almost comical to what we have here (secured intelligence). Iran ran a fully fledged nuclear weapons programme." One intelligence document shows that Iran increased its uranium from 3% to 90% - evidence the Mossad believes proves its nuclear weapon ambition. Another file reveals the task of enrichment was passed from civil branches to the military.

To add to the ongoing sensitivity of the affair, which some intelligence analysts warn could lead to a military strike against Tehran, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei has said Iran would not tolerate external pressure and had the right to "re-energise" its nuclear programme and increase uranium enrichment. "If the deal is broken, Iran has put in place measures to reignite and increase the process of uranium enrichment," said a Mossad source.



President Hassan Rouhani

Mossad Director Yossi Cohen said his organisation was "100% convinced Iran still seeks the bomb." This follows an 'off-the-cuff' remark he made recently about its operation in Tehran. Cohen said, "it is a great pleasure to steal from the Persians."

- Iran's President Hassan Rouhani is scheduled to meet with senior Swiss and Austrian officials in Vienna, headquarters of the IAEA, as he seeks additional funding to keep his country within the 2015 agreement.



Iran Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif pictured with IAEA officials at the nuclear watchdog headquarters in Vienna

A TICKING TIME BOMB

Former Director CIA on Iran and Cyber Threats

Former CIA Director David Petraeus, recently attended a conference at Israel's Tel Aviv University on national security and cyber issues.

In his remarks, Petraeus said he welcomes the United States' recent withdrawal from the Iran nuclear agreement because, "it will see much greater pressure put on Iran, not just in areas covered by the nuclear deal, but also with regard to its missile programme

and Iran's malign activities in the rest of the Middle East."

Petraeus was asked what three pieces of advice he would give President Trump if he had a few minutes with him. "I think I'd just limit it to one, and I would focus on the threats to America's critical infrastructure. My concern is the concept or idea of a cyber weapon of mass destruction in the hands of an entity that's very hard to deter," he said. "Nation



Former D/CIA David Petraeus at the Tel Aviv conference

states can be deterred but I don't know how you deter an extremist element like ISIS which is willing to blow itself up on the battlefield to take us with it. How do you

keep an organisation from hitting the send key if they have the ability to shut down the electrical grid of the eastern United States and to keep it down?"

Spymasters Lay Foundation For NK Nuclear Breakthrough

THE INTELLIGENCE MEN

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

12 Months of Back-Channel Negotiations Between Spy Chiefs of Five Nations Leads to Trump-Kim Jong-un Summit

Late last year, Vice Chairman Kim Yong-chol - former head of North Korea's Reconnaissance General Bureau, the country's main intelligence service, met with CIA Director Mike Pompeo. The men discussed various military and intelligence topics, not least Pyongyang's charge towards securing long-range ballistic and nuclear weapons - and America's likely response. The 'bridge card' talks followed guidance from South Korea's National Security Advisor Chung Eui-yong and China's Chen Wenqing, head of the Ministry of State Security. Thereafter all manner of meetings followed involving CIA and defence officials with their counterparts from North Korea, including plans for a reciprocal visit to the United States in May this year. This duly culminated in a meeting at the White House on 1 June between Trump and Yong-chol - here a letter of intent and willingness of North Korea [to discuss peace] was 'hand-delivered' to the President in the Oval Office.

VEIL OF FOG

To keep face, it was necessary for Trump and Jong-un to issue strong 'nationalistic' statements. In April 2018, the US President said "there was a chance we could end up



having a major conflict with North Korea. Kim Jong-un responded just weeks later by telling his people: "If the US awkwardly attempts to provoke North Korea, it will not escape from the biggest disaster in history." Clever rhetoric and a 'veil of fog' - all the while of course - the planners of an historic meeting discussed a pivotal agenda.

Parallel to the intelligence back-channel talks, were other meetings; Jong-un travelled to China in March where he was briefed and guided by Chinese leader Xi Jinping. He also met with South Korea's President Moon Jae-in a few weeks later where both Korea's formally agreed to end the Korean War and work towards a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula.



Kim Jong-un and Mike Pompeo



Former D/CIA Mike Pompeo watches President Trump arrive on Air Force One at Paya Lebar Air Base, Singapore



Former NK spy chief Kim Yong-chol. His 12-month liaison with the CIA was crucial



Chen Wenqing

Another key player in the intelligence planning of the summit, was Japan. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe along with his intelligence chiefs provided valuable information on North

Korea's nuclear and inter-continental missile programmes.

By the summer of 2018, of course, Pompeo had left Langley and taken on the role as Secretary of State, but his relations, fostered with the intelligence people in North and South Korea, as well as China, made him an integral player in opening doors and laying the foundation for President Trump's historic meeting with NK leader Kim Jong-un in June 2018. All of these liaisons were the stepping stones, of what many defence leaders hope will lead to calmer waters in the Far East, though tensions remain in disputed areas such

THE LIAISON MAN

12 June. Pompeo discusses the outcome of the summit with key parties in South Korea and Japan



March 2018. South Korea's National Security Director and Kim Jong-un. Jong-un is holding a key document from SK President Moon-Jae-in - one of but a number which paved the way for the United States-North Korea agreement

as the South China Seas. These face-to-face encounters were the result of a myriad of complex networks and unreported communications 'manufactured' and controlled by intelligence and military commanders guided

by all manner of intelligence and political analysts. It is a world rarely reported upon by the media - but crucial to engagement and the planning of such high-profile meetings. ➤



President Trump meets Kim Jong-un flanked by key US intelligence people, including Pompeo and National Security Advisor John Bolton



April 2018. Korea Liaison. The leaders of both Koreas, Kim Jong-un and Moon Jae-in meet to discuss peace and the ending of decades of mistrust and conflict



Sign of the times... President Trump receives a letter from Kim Jong-un from NK intelligence man Kim Yong-chol

At the Jong-un-Trump summit itself, held in Singapore, a carefully scripted agenda was adhered to, with the occasional 'off-the-cuff' remark being made. A number of key agreements were made, perhaps the most surprising being the United States commitment to provide security guarantees to North Korea. Other activities, such as joint military exercises between the United States and South Korea were also discussed, and both countries agreed that they will be phased out or involve the North [observ-

ers]. All parties agreed to continue to hold on-going meetings and meet regularly.

After the successful meeting, one crafted and engineered by all manner of gifted intelligence people, who also had to project their thoughts on future horizon threats should the agreement derail, falter or collapse altogether (as have others in the past) President Trump declared "North Korea is no longer a nuclear threat to peace."



THE SUMMIT OUTCOME

Following the Trump-Jong-un meeting, a document was released outlining various points debated and proposed:

- The United States and the DPRK commit to establish new US-DPRK relations in accordance with the desire of the peoples of the two countries for peace and prosperity.
- The United States and the DPRK will join their efforts to build a lasting and stable peace regime on the Korean Peninsula.
- Reaffirming the 27 April 2018 Panmunjom Declaration, the DPRK commits to work towards the complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.
- The United States and the DPRK commit to recovering POW/MIA remains including the immediate repatriation of those already identified.



THE SIXTH BRANCH COUNTERING HORIZON

Nearly 20 years have passed since then US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld proposed that the US military have a dedicated organisation whose primary work theatre would be in space - "a Space Force," he declared. Defence and intelligence officials moved away and the idea was quietly shelved. Now the subject has been raised again in Washington.



Donald Rumsfeld

President Trump has ordered senior Pentagon and Department of Defence officials to establish a sixth branch of its armed forces - a 'Space Force'. Mr Trump said it would be "separate but equal" to the USAF. The proposal comes from a growing debate inside military and political circles about how best to counter threats posed to American space assets by potential enemies: namely Russia and China. Pentagon officials, armed with credible intelligence secured from various organisations, have long warned that a number of adversaries have built, or are in the process of creating advanced weaponry that will enable them to destroy US satellites - thus disabling vital infrastructure that provides the military with communications, navigation, and intelligence capabilities the US and its allies will need in a future war.



COURTESY NASA

18 June 2018. President Donald Trump holds up Space Policy Directive - 3 after signing it during a meeting of the National Space Council in the East Room of the White House. Chaired by the Vice President, the council's role is to advise the President regarding national space policy and strategy, and review the nation's long-range goals for space activities

BRANCH ZON THREATS

United States to Establish a Space Force

"Some of the threats are physical and advanced, others are inextricably linked to cyber warfare," a source close to the new project said. Speaking ahead of a meeting with the National Space Council, Mr Trump said: "This time, we will do more than plant our flag and leave our footprints. We will establish a long-term presence, expand our economy, and build the foundation for the eventual mission to Mars. It's not enough to merely have an American presence in space, we must have American dominance in space."

Analysts recognise that in space, the environment is a world away from other theatres - air, sea, and land where US armed forces are accustomed to fighting. This conclusion has led senior officials to request that a special pseudo-military and space force be established whereby its focus will be both defensive and pro-active, giving the US a "dynamic edge" in the future.

Amongst an array of topics which a newly established Space Force will encounter, is creating credible counter-measures to protect



Joseph Dunford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



MDA interceptor



USAF Vice Chief of Staff General David Goldfein

"Any move that actually ends up separating space as opposed to integrating space, is a move in the wrong direction..."

satellites and other platforms. This will require a fully functional defensive shield to destroy, if necessary, "enemy satellite killers." Similarly, officials believe that by operating such a system, it will deter opponents from launching attacks on US satellites.

Besides its operational role in space, officials believe the Space Force will augment conventional arms of US defence, security and monitoring organisations, such as those within the US Intelligence Community (all agencies). Other agencies such as the Coast Guard, weather units and police services will also benefit. However, how this will impact on other space-orientated organisations such as the Air Force Space Command, Space and Missile Defense Agency (MDA), plus army and air force space agencies, is unknown. One official seemingly opposed to the Space Force is USAF Vice Chief of Staff General David Goldfein. He warned, "any move that actually ends up separating space as opposed to integrating space, is a move in the wrong direction."



1986. A Defense Intelligence Agency illustration depicting a Soviet 'killer satellite' destroying a satellite

Whilst the main focus of the Space Force will undoubtedly be threats posed by other nations intent on damaging America's military capabilities, analysts have also said it could be used to protect the planet as a whole - this from threats arriving from outer space. Commentators who are backing the organisation have highlighted moments in time when civilisation itself could have been wiped out. "Sixty-five million years ago, an asteroid hit the Yucatan region on Earth - resulting in the complete demise of the dinosaurs," warned one commentator. A similar event today, note scientists, would destroy the human race.

Speaking of deep space threats, a NASA analyst declared: "To paraphrase the statement made by the Roman author Publius Flavius Vegetius Renatus, if we want to continue to live, prepare for our annihilation."

Sources claim the official responsible for establishing the Space Force, or at least in laying down its foundation, is Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Joseph Dunford, one of the country's most experienced and respected military commanders. Another key player is Defense Secretary James Mattis. He has already been granted a slice of the Pentagon's astonishing \$700 billion funding.



President Trump pictured with Defense Secretary James Mattis and Vice President Mike Pence

LIBYA SANCTION

THE MOSSAD CONTRACTORS

Middle East Media Houses Report on the Assassination of Two Iranian Nuclear Contact Men in Libya

As Iran threatens to re-energise its nuclear programme if the IAEA deal falters, Tehran has once again started its search for uranium for enrichment purposes.

In early May, Iran's most senior nuclear official, Akbar Salehi warned if the US pulls out of the deal Iran would forge ahead with increased uranium production.

"Technically, we are prepared to enrich uranium higher than we used to produce before the 2015 deal was reached," he declared. On 6 June, Iranian intelligence officials told the United Nations the "process had begun."

Israel's intelligence czar, Yisrael Katz, called for a "broad coalition" to oppose Tehran's new mind-set. "If the Iranians return to enriching

uranium that could enable them to build a nuclear bomb, a military coalition will be formed to oppose them," said Katz.

NEW MOSSAD OPERATION?

Almost certainly connected to this ambition - the alleged assassination of two suspected Iranian intelligence officials in Libya in early June. Media houses in the Middle East (including Israel) state the men were attached to an Iranian diplomatic mission which had been despatched to the North Africa country by the intelligence division of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. No reference to the Mossad was made.

The Iranians who had arrived in Libya from neighbouring Tunisia, were shot at close range. The gunmen calmly exited the area. Media sources claim the Mossad had tracked their movements from the very moment they arrived in Tunisia. Several unreported meetings took place between the Iranian delegation and unidentified figures attached to pro-Iranian Shi'ite militias. The Libya group allegedly having access to working uranium mines.

In Libya, officials acknowledged the assassination of two Iranians. Sources claim they were negotiating with rebel groups to determine the best option of actually transferring mined uranium out of Libya to Iran. Also part of the delegation's wider agenda - meetings to forge links with groups intent on seizing power.

Eye Spy believes the Mossad operates one of its largest field stations in the world in Tunisia - monitoring terror groups and interaction of militias and groups intent on exploiting instability throughout the region.

In 2014, IAEA investigators discovered nearly 6,500 barrels of uranium yellowcake stored in a former Libyan military facility. This stockpile was part of Colonel Gaddafi's covert attempt to build a nuclear bomb which ended in 2003. While most of Libya's enriched uranium was destroyed and removed by 2009, intelligence officials believe large stockpiles of yellowcake exist in the country. Similarly, the CIA believes that shadowy militias in Libya can still obtain uranium from neighbouring Niger - a "traderoute not fully



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Minister for Intelligence Yisrael Katz



Major General Mohammad Ali Jafari head of the IRGC pictured with former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad



Iranian politicians burn the American flag after President Trump announced he was pulling the United States out of the 2015 IAEA deal with Iran



Olli Heinonen

understood, but one that could be exploited," a former Langley officer from its National Clandestine Service (NCS) said.

Another on-going concern for the intelligence community is the possibility that spent nuclear materials from the Gaddafi-era remain in Libya and could well fall into the hands of terrorist factions, including ISIS. Indeed, the terror group now has a large concentration of fighters in Libya who have fled the Middle East arena, and are intent on gaining a firm foothold in North Africa.

The Mossad, MI6 and CIA - all have prepared summary reports that state ISIS could prepare radiological weapons ('dirty bombs') for distribution in Europe and elsewhere.

Much of the material was once stored at the country's Tajoura Research Centre - radioactive waste, radioisotopes and other tools deeply contaminated. Most of this has disappeared over time. Mark Fitzpatrick of the International Institute of Strategic Studies

(IISS) admitted that there was enough radiological materials left at Tajoura, a coastal location 25 miles east of Tripoli, "to create dirty bombs."

Olli Heinonen, former chief of the UN nuclear inspections team and IAEA official, commented on Mossad intelligence secured following a daring raid on a Tehran 'documents' warehouse' in January 2018. "I just saw a lot of pictures I had seen before," he said. He claimed the material (documentation and imagery) was first delivered by Iran to inspectors in 2003. Whilst he acknowledged the Iranian work was "credible" it had all ceased.

As for Libya, the general consensus of the intelligence community is that a great many nuclear materials have not been fully recovered in Libya.



Fayez al-Sarraj, Chairman of the Presidential Council of Libya and Prime Minister. Analysts warn he remains largely a "figurehead" with little control over militias and fragmented alliances

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WAR OF WORDS

INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION



British Intelligence Warn European Counterparts Over Threats to Block Access to Security Platforms

At the annual security conference hosted by Germany's domestic intelligence service - BfV - in Berlin, MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker, took a side-swipe at Kremlin spy chiefs and told his counterparts in European Union countries, that intelligence cooperation was more necessary than ever.* This follows a further clash between the UK and EU security officials who are looking to evict or block Britain from entry into the important 10 billion euro Galileo global navigation satellite system (GNSS) and associated programmes. The European Commission has said a Galileo control centre will be moved from the UK to Spain. In response, Downing Street warned

that Britain would lessen security cooperation if access to Galileo was stopped.

Headquartered in Prague, Czech Republic, and operated by the European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency (GSA) and the European Space Agency (ESA), the stand-alone Galileo GPS system is used by Britain's armed forces and some 'commercial' endeavours for navigation. The UK has already contributed 1.5 billion euros to Galileo.

The dispute stems from the UK vote to exit the EU (Brexit). Some intelligence agencies in Europe have already referenced the "guarded and unique" intelligence relationship that exists between Britain and the United States,



and see the UK wanting "the best of both worlds." However, UK intelligence and political figures have warned if Britain is "ejected" from Galileo, or Europe restricts its organisations from some of its security platforms, it will embark on a major navigational satellite system of its own.

UK INTELLIGENCE INPUT

For the best part of eighteen months, UK and European ministers, often joined by their respective intelligence officials, have engaged in conversation and held several meetings to work on a new system of post-Brexit intelligence sharing. Britain's intelligence services are easily the biggest contributor to civilian and military intelligence into the European 'pool'. Speaking of the importance of intelligence collection, analysis and cooperation, Parker told his international colleagues: "European intelligence cooperation today is simply unrecognisable to what it looked like five years ago. In today's uncertain world we need that shared strength more than ever."

Mr Parker's predecessor, Lord Jonathan Evans, who headed MI5 from 2007 to 2013, also attacked the current "intelligence sharing negativity." He too said the UK contributed far



European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency (GSA) HQ, Prague, Czech Republic



ESA Mission Control at the European Space Operations Centre, Darmstadt, Germany



European Space Agency (ESA) headquarters in Paris



Galileo GOT Station, Redu, Belgium



Lord Jonathan Evans

more intelligence to Europe than was received in return. "It's not something where we are coming with nothing to add," he said. "In fact, we add, I would think,

considerably more than we get in a number of areas of cooperation in Europe on national security. This means we are able to contribute heavily to the security of our European friends."

As for the war against terrorism, the Mr Parker referenced what is in fact, the "world's largest counter-terrorism enterprise." Thirty nations make up the Counter Terrorism Group - "where real-time intelligence sharing involving

thousands of exchanges on advanced secure networks [take place] every week." Besides intelligence agency liaison, other information is drawn from an array of areas - and it would be ignorant to dismiss the impact on UK security if spy agencies such as MI5 and police organisations, including New Scotland Yard, if they were blocked from receiving or sourcing intelligence.

Primary European entities currently sourced for intelligence are: EUROPOL, the EU's police and security agency; European Criminal Records Information Centre (ECRIS); European Arrest Warrant (a system allowing

hasty extradition of individuals) and a new and tighter regulated Schengen agreement - dubbed the Second Generation Schengen Information System (SIS II). Schengen essentially allows free border access to anyone travelling in Europe and has been widely criticised, not just by British security chiefs, but also by their counterparts on mainland Europe. Schengen allows terrorists to enter and pass through European borders with little chance of being caught. It has also been criticised for allowing the easy movement of weapons from outside Europe. Organised criminal gangs too have utilised the system. *See also page 62 ➤



MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker and his counterpart in Germany's BfV, Dr Hans-Georg Maassen

SKRIPAL SANCTION



THE FOG OF LIES

MI5 Director-General Launches Vociferous Attack on Moscow's Spies

The fall-out from the attempted assassination of ex-Russian intelligence officer and MI6 spy, Sergei Skripal continues. At the BfV conference, MI5 D-G Parker launched into a vigorous speech warning of "rising state aggression." The focus of his comments - Russia. He said the Kremlin is "pursuing an agenda through aggressive and pernicious actions by its military and intelligence services." He called the Skripal incident a "deliberate and targeted malign activity." He said Moscow's actions undermined European democracies and accused the Kremlin of "flagrant breaches of international rules." Parker said: "The reckless attempted assassination of Sergei Skripal, using a highly lethal nerve agent put numerous lives at risk, including that of his daughter [Yulia]."

DISINFORMATION WAR

References to the dark arts and propaganda, cyberwarfare, plus the misuse of media houses were also highlighted. He condemned the "unprecedented level of disinformation" which was out-poured following the assassination attempt. This he said, "highlights the need to shine a light through the fog of lies, half-truths and obfuscation that pours out of their propaganda machine." And in relation to this, he thanked the 28-members of the EU for their immediate support following the incident,



Yulia Skripal - still in hiding



Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov

whereby many nations expelled Russian diplomats and spies.

Russia responded to his "fog of lies" comment in typical fashion. A London Embassy tweet read: *'By the way, it's Britain that is notorious for fogs...'* And Russia's UK Ambassador Alexander Yakovenko has twice said "Britain abducted the couple."

FORCEFUL CONTAINMENT

In Moscow, attempts are still being made to seek consular access to the Skripals. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said: "Russia is worried over the health and position of the Skripals, whom the British authorities dragged into this provocation. The British authorities' refusal to grant consular access is a reason enough to consider the current situation as abduction or intentional isolation. This is utterly unacceptable."

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova dismissed Mr Parker's comments and said British Intelligence was casting a "veil of secrecy" over the incident. She also claimed the Skripals are being held against their will at secret locations.



Sergei Skripal

Ambassador Alexander Yakovenko



"We see it as a murder attempt of Russian citizens and huge political provocations and burden of proof lies with the UK side," said Zakharova. "They still refuse to provide consular access saying Yulia does not want to communicate with any Russian representatives while Sergei is a national of [the] UK. We see it as forceful containment..."

The continuing war of words between London and Moscow comes amidst alleged covert attempts by the Kremlin, to make contact with the Skripals using family members based in Russia. In the latest inter-action, Yulia's cousin Victoria Skripal has been refused a visa on two occasions.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova



INSIDE OUT



THE LIEGE RECRUIT: CRIMINAL TURNED TERRORIST

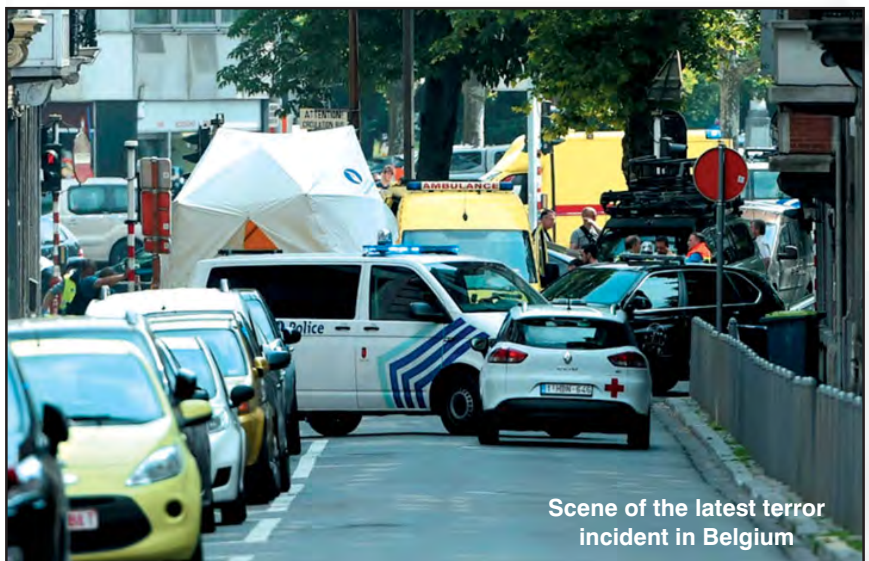
Police targeted again in Belgium by ISIS lone wolf, as intelligence and security officials question if much more can be done to stop prison inmates falling for the rhetoric and ideology of ISIS

Lone wolf ISIS supporter Benjamin Herman, 36, was shot and killed after launching a vicious knife and gun attack in the city of Liege, Belgium. He also briefly took one civilian hostage. Herman, a Belgian citizen, was a known violent criminal, but authorities had not understood or recognised his growing links to terrorism. However, security sources now acknowledge he was radicalised by an ISIS recruiter, referred to as 'Fouad D', 39, whilst in prison, where he was

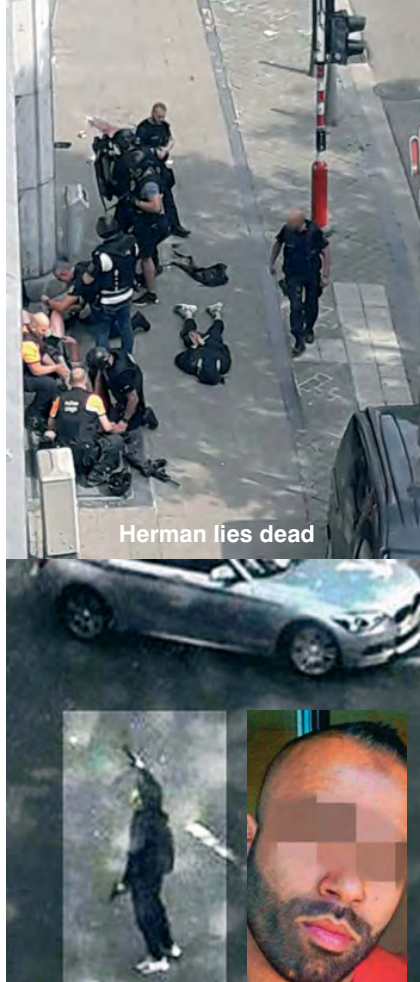
serving time for drug offences. Fouad had reported threats to Syria, in respect that he told jail staff he would "cherish the opportunity" to visit the country and fight for ISIS. Eye Spy sources say his name was on a terrorist watchlist. Other names linked to terrorism and former inmates in Lantin Prison, where Herman was being held, include Khalid El Bakraoui. He participated in the 22 March 2016 attack which left dozens dead after terrorists detonated body-worn IEDs at Maalbeek Metro Station in Brussels, 2016. ➤



Police officers Lucile Garcia and Soraya Belkacemi



Scene of the latest terror incident in Belgium



Herman lies dead

Herman brandishes two firearms taken from his police victims: Inset: alleged recruiter Fouad

BACKGROUND

Herman was given two days of family leave from Lantin Prison in order to prepare him for life outside prison (he was due for release in approximately 18 months). This was despite a lengthy criminal record including armed robbery to fund his heroin use, assault and drug charge convictions. He had also been referenced and named by Belgian security services in three reports on radicalism. A prison service assessment official said that he was "ultra violent." Asked about such concerns, Prime Minister Charles Michel said Herman was "not on a terror watchlist because there was no reason to give him such a qualification." His comments have been disputed by opponents. Others want to know why Belgium lowered its threat level in January 2018, this despite concerns from domestic intelligence agencies, and even MI5. The move resulted in hundreds of troops being removed from city streets and security lowered at police stations.

Belgium federal magistrate Wenke Roggen said that the attack was considered "terrorist murder and attempted terrorist murder." She said it's being treated as such due to the actions of Herman, which she says mimicked ISIS calls via video to attack police with knives and steal their weapons. Roggen confirmed



Philippe Dulieu

public statements that as he launched his attack, he shouted "Allahu Akbar" and was in contact with known radicalised people.

THE ATTACK

On 28 May, just hours after his release from Lantin Prison, police said Herman murdered one-time fellow inmate and heroin user Michael Wilmet, 29 in his home town of Marche-en-Famenne. Hours later at 10.30am, Herman struck again outside the Café des Augustins on the central Boulevard d'Avroy in Liege, a city close to the German and Dutch borders. Belgian officials said Herman began his attack by hunting down two policewomen who were checking parking meters, slashing them from behind with a boxcutter.

"An individual with a knife stabbed the two policewomen, assaulted them from behind, inflicting multiple stab wounds," said Liege prosecutor Philippe Dulieu. "He then seized their service firearms, used them on the police officers, who were killed, then continued to attack a parked vehicle and fired on a 22-year-old man who was occupying the passenger seat. This young man was killed." He was



2016. Maalbeek Metro Station in Brussels. Inset: Khalid El Bakraoui



2016. Belgian troops on the streets of Brussels. Earlier this year hundreds were recalled to 'normal duties' following the lowering of the threat level in Belgium



Prime Minister Charles Michel

BEHIND CLOSED WALLS Radicalisation and Recruitment



Lantin Prison near Liege

The threat of an individual becoming radicalised or recruited by a terror group to a certain cause, is historical, rather than a modern phenomena. However, in the past two decades much focus has been on countering the threat of al-Qaida and more recently, ISIS supporters.

Countries around the world have launched initiatives, and though some intelligence services report success in a number programmes, the threat is still evolving. In the UK, the latest endeavour was rolled out in April. A specialist force of around 100 experienced counter-terrorism officers drawn from New Scotland Yard and MI5, have traversed the country training and advising prison staff on how to deter inmates on joining groups such as ISIS. Other training includes noting signs that they have already decided to join a terror cause.

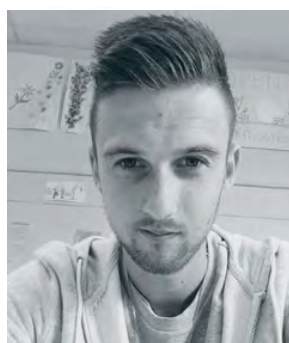
The initiative, authorised and controlled by the Ministry of Justice, follows an intelligence overview that '*Islamic extremism is a growing problem in UK prisons*'. As part of the new programme, those inmates who are regarded as dangerous or recruiters are being held in separate detention buildings.

In late 2017, literature which may influence people was also outlawed, as were those inmates who engaged in worship which promotes anti-British beliefs or is supportive of violence.

Speaking of the new initiative, former Prisons Minister Sam Gyimah said the new specialist team and its work will "bolster our response to threats posed by radicalisation behind bars."

The first call to place extremists in special units was made in 2016, after several investigations by undercover MI5 operatives identified ISIS recruiters targeting inmates vulnerable to radicalisation.

Sam Gyimah



later named as trainee teacher Cyril Vangriecken (left) who had been travelling with his mother who was outside the vehicle. Liege Police chief

Christian Beaupere said he was convinced the sole objective of Herman, who he described as an assassin, "was to kill police officers."

The two dead police officers were named as Lucile Garcia, 45, and Soraya Belkacemi, 53.



Belkacemi was the mother of 13-year-old twin daughters whose father was deceased. He also served as a police officer. ➤



Belgium federal magistrate Wenke Roggen (left) and investigating magistrate Eric Van der Sypt speak about the incident



**Liege Police chief
Christian Beaupere**

Herman then ran into the nearby Athénée Léonie de Waha high school and took a cleaner hostage. He asked her if she was a Muslim. She replied in the affirmative and he released her. Belgian CT specialists arrived at the scene within minutes as police surrounded the building. In an exchange of gunfire, four police officers were injured in the attack, one seriously. "He came out firing at police, wounding a number of them, notably in the legs - he was shot dead," said a prosecutor from Dulieu's office. Herman was struck by a minimum of 20 bullets. Investigating magistrate Eric Van der Sypt said the incident had all the hallmarks of an ISIS attack. "The facts are qualified as terrorist murder and attempted terrorist murder."

Belgium's Deputy Prime Minister Alexander de Croo questioned why Herman had been

TERRORISM

granted temporary release from jail. He said: "Everyone in Belgium is asking the same question: 'How is it possible that someone convicted for such serious acts was allowed to leave prisons?'"

Senior intelligence officials in Belgium are also under pressure to explain why a suspected terrorist was not surveilled after he was given a 48-hour pass. "It happens [surveillance] in other countries," a police source said, "why not in Belgium?"

Belgium has suffered a number of fatal terrorist incidents involving ISIS supporters in the last few years. A terror cell based in Brussels orchestrated the attacks in Paris in 2015, resulting in 130 deaths; and in the city itself, 32 were killed by ISIS in 2016. In the same years, ISIS fanatics stabbed police officers in Charkeroi, Molenbeek and Brussels. Western intelligence agencies believe some cells remain undetected in the country.

Forty-eight hours later, various websites operated by ISIS followers, published a press



**Questions - Deputy Prime Minister
Alexander de Croo**

release by ISIS 'media arm', Aamaq, claiming it was behind the shootings, but offered no supporting evidence. A statement said Belgium was targeted because it was part of a group fighting ISIS in the Middle East. "That's hardly likely," a Belgium security official said.

2011 LIEGE TERROR ATTACK

Latest Terror Incident in Belgium Rekindles Painful Memories for Citizens of Liege

In December 2011, non-aligned terrorist, 33-year-old Nordine Amrani, a French-speaking Belgium national of Moroccan descent, embarked on a deadly action that would result in the deaths of six innocent people.

As shoppers gathered at the Christmas market in Saint Lambert Square, Amrani, climbed on to the roof of a bakery and

began a shooting spree with an automatic rifle which killed five people and injured over 100 others. During his attack, he also threw at least four hand grenades. As counter-terrorist police arrived, he took out a high-powered Magnum revolver and calmly shot himself in the head.

It later transpired that Amrani had earlier killed a cleaning lady in his apartment block and hidden her

body. Some analysts are comparing his life-style to that of Herman, for just like him he had no known links to any terrorist group, nor any mental illness problems, but was fixated on drugs and weapons. No real reason for his actions has ever been presented.



Saint Lambert Square, Liege. Inset Nordine Amrani



Earlier this year, President Trump revoked his predecessor's closure notice of Camp X-Ray at the Guantanamo Bay Navy Base in Cuba. Far from scaling down the high security prison, plans are underway to accept more inmates until at least 2050. This analysts believe is an indication that the threat of terrorism from groups

such as ISIS, al-Qaida and others, will be around for decades. US Navy Rear Admiral John Ring, the prison commander, says staff are now preparing for an "enduring mission."

Once the home to over 100 dangerous terrorists, most aligned to al-Qaida, Guantanamo today has just 40 prisoners and a staff

of 1,800 military and civilians personnel. With the maximum-security Camp 5 prison just recently reopened, after a cellblock was reworked into a clinic and mental health ward, the detention centre has been expanded to take in another 40 men.

A UNIFORM CHANGE

However, gone are the 'infamous' orange uniforms that were used as a recruiting symbol for al-Qaida, ISIS and protesters of the facility. "ISIS, you know, have used and executed people in orange jumpsuits," said the admiral's cultural adviser - identified only as 'Zaki. Sources say three versions of prisoner uniform, navy blue, white and beige versions are being intro-



duced, as a new kind of colour coding for the guard force.

Two possible new inmates are Alexandra Kotey and Elsheikh, currently being held by Kurdish Alliance forces in Iraq. The operatives were allegedly part of an infamous ISIS terror cell dubbed 'the Beatles' called as such because of the nationality and accent.



Elsheikh and Kotey

Cell members have been charged with the torture and murder of at least four US nationals in Syria. In February 2018, the two captives were stripped of their British nationality, opening a corridor for their removal to Cuba.

NEW RICIN THREAT ISIS INTERNET CALL HEEDED

A 29-year-old Tunisian-born ISIS sympathiser, named by authorities as Sief Allah H., has been arrested in Cologne, Germany, on suspicion of planning an ISIS-inspired attack and building a "biological weapon using ricin." A source in Germany's BfV intelligence service, said ISIS militants had experimented with ricin in the past and had also manufactured it. ISIS have produced detailed instructions on the Internet on how to produce ricin in a handbook.

The BfV received a tip-off that the man had made online purchases

of a coffee grinder and 3,150 castor seeds. Ricin is 6,000 times more potent than cyanide - and there is no known antidote.



Holger Muench



Authorities placed the target under surveillance in the city of Cologne, near the Belgian and Dutch borders. By June, police discovered he had produced enough ricin to dispense as many as 1,000 lethal doses.

Holger Muench, President of the Federal Criminal Office (FCO), said that the suspect had manufactured the biological weapon, a poison found in castor beans, and that "objects had been found in searches that could be used to make a bomb." Search parties

consisted of members of the local police, intelligence officers and scientists from the Robert Koch Institute, Berlin, the German Government agency tasked with monitoring hazards to public health.

German officials said that the man remains in custody and has been charged with violating Germany's War Weapons Control Act (known as Kriegswaffenkontrollgesetz) and "preparing a serious act of violence against the state."



Robert Koch Institute, Berlin

THE NSA WATCH TOWER



New Intelligence Building Marks Separation of NSA from US Cyber Command



In early May, the NSA and US Cyber Command (USCC), both headed by new Director General Paul Nakasone, announced the official opening of the NSA's Integrated Cyber Center and Joint Operations Center (ICC/JOC) - a half billion dollar venture which began almost eight years ago. The move is another indication the organisations are set to divide, with USCC eventually becoming a stand-alone intelligence agency within the vast framework of the US Intelligence Community (USIC). Eye Spy sources believe this will happen late in 2018, or early 2019. And of course, a new chief of USCC would be appointed.

The ICC/JOC headquarters at the Fort Meade, Maryland site, represents a strengthening of America's cyber force and is part of a new decade-long programme on the site's East Campus, which incorporates the new

headquarters of the important Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command. The building, set to become fully operational in August, is the first completed project that will eventually house 20,000 staffers.

A NEW INTELLIGENCE THREAT

US Cyber Command evolution follows increasing concern that adversary states (hackers) have targeted, and in many cases, penetrated US institutions, from business and energy to political parties. However, government and military institutions are not immune, nor too contracting companies and education. In all these fields NSA has reported an increase in cyber attacks.

US Deputy Secretary of Defense, Patrick Shanahan, commenting on the opening of the new USCC headquarters said: "Today we are



NSA Director
General Paul Nakasone





ICC/JOC headquarters, Fort Meade. The building is just part of a major expansion at the crucial intelligence site

at the dawn of a new era, facing the reality of wars changing character. The emergence of cyberspace and outerspace is not bound by geography, it is not bound to the physical presence of our adversaries. The next ten years will look significantly different from the last decade than any of us can likely imagine."

CYBER UNIFICATION

White House Cyber Security Coordinator Rob Joyce believes the centre is crucial to America's intelligence endeavour. At the ceremony he said: "I'd really like to reinforce

the way the nation has recognised that cyber space is an element key and vital to security. For those reasons we've made the investment in things like the facilities here."

The USIC and armed forces have over 20 unique cyber elements, and the new ICC will focus on coordinating all efforts to collectively



Rob Joyce

create a barrier to counter future threats, while other sections will augment parts of the NSA's global operational brief (proactive). New laws passed in Washington have already given USCC widespread authority to use its prowess in assisting and conducting unique operations abroad, including responding to acts of aggression. Most of America's numerous cyber elements will have at least one representative based in the building.

In the last five years, a dedicated team within USCC has focused on disrupting the activities of terrorist groups such as ISIS, ➤



Out-going NSA Director Mike Rogers and General Paul Nakasone at the change of command ceremony





General Paul Nakasone and Admiral Mike Rogers

but the new centre will have the capacity to operate in fields (including conflict areas and war zones), way beyond its previous potential.

Journalists were provided with an overview of the ICC. Officials said the building will “provide a 24/7 worldwide cyber watch that facilitates real-time coordination, deconfliction and situational awareness to achieve national security objectives.” Inside is a state-of-the-art ‘watch floor’ with three ‘knowledgeable walls’ enabling real-time comprehensive intelligence collection.

Interestingly, the NSA has already acknowledged that a number of foreign cyber

organisations such as Britain’s GCHQ, will also be represented at the ICC. Eye Spy believes these officers work within the ‘Five Eyes’ community (USA, UK, Australia, Canada and New Zealand). Other agencies from NATO and the wider international community (friendly and allied nations), will be linked virtually.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

General Paul Nakasone is the NSA’s eighteenth Director since the Agency was established in 1952. At the change of command ceremony, Nakasone spoke to officials and staffers: “NSA and US Cyber Command’s greatest strength

has been its people. Your agility and ability to solve the unsolvable challenges are more critical than ever, and perhaps even our mission has never been more demanding. But we are up to this task and I look forward to leading you in this new chapter of our history.”

Nakasone assumed command on 4 May from Admiral Mike Rogers, himself responsible for many new achievements at the NSA, including the creation of an Office of Equality and a Civil Liberties and Privacy Office. However, it is his secret work that has brought about the unification, integration and coordination of so many of the country’s cyber intelligence elements that he will be remembered for.



NSA SURVEILLANCE STILL RECORDING BUT NOT LISTENING

Newly released statistics from the NSA reveal the listening and communications’ agency secured around 534 million records of telephone, cell and text messages from US telecommunications firms such as AT&T and Verizon in 2017. According to its Statistical Transparency Report published by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), that is an increase of 300% compared to the previous year (151 million). Some analysts suggest the sharp rise in the number of accounts held by American citizens could be responsible.

The monitoring of NSA telephone data collection and subsequent reporting of its mainland activities, was made available by changes implemented in the Freedom of Information Act in 2015. This

followed leaks by NSA/CIA contractor Edward Snowden, which showed the NSA was securing billions of US-made communications every week. This forced Congress to enter into a debate on the surveillance and subsequently close down the programme.

It should be noted, according to NSA and ODNI, the data contains only the numbers from where the call was made and the contacted number, as well as the time of the call - not the actual conversational content. This is described as ‘Telecom Metadata’ in the intelligence world. The ODNI report explained: ‘Call detail records provided to the government do not include the content of any



communication, the name, address or financial information of a subscriber or customer, or cell site local or global positioning system information’.

However, there remain many privacy advocates who believe the figure is still far too high, whilst others remain suspicious that the content data is not being recorded and stored, a suggestion dismissed by NSA officials.



MH17 SHOOT-DOWN

Russia's 53rd Anti-Aircraft
Missile Brigade in the
Cross-Hairs of Malaysian
Airlines Flight MH17
Investigators

A Joint Investigative Team (JIT) consisting of experienced investigators and intelligence representatives from Holland, Australia, Ukraine, Belgium and Malaysia, have backed an earlier Dutch Safety Board (DSB) air accident investigation report, that Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 was shot down by a missile on 17 July 2014 over eastern Ukraine. However, the JIT investigation, based in Kiev, Ukraine, has also concluded the missile used to down the Boeing 777, enroute from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur was manufactured in Russia. The new findings leave little doubt the missile involved could be traced back to the 53rd Anti-Aircraft Missile Brigade in Kursk, western Russia, and was undoubtedly fired from a BUK surface-to-air (SAM) missile system.

INTELLIGENCE AND EVIDENCE

All manner of previous and new intelligence findings were used by the JIT to reach their conclusions, including crucial satellite imagery which showed a Russian armed forces vehicle convoy travelling into eastern Ukraine with a BUK system. Other lesser publicised evidence came in the form of intercepted communications, a number ➤



Self-propelled
launcher of BUK-M2
surface-to-air missile
system





General Vasyl Hrytsak, head of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU), speaks about the findings of the Dutch-led JIT

of which indicate efforts were made within hours to shield Russia from any involvement. However, Internet-posted communications by Russian-backed militias were not so easy to remove and their 'footprint' led to Moscow. However, the JIT primarily focussed on physical evidence, and this too may prove difficult for Kremlin officials to dismiss.

SERIAL NUMBERS

Thus the JIT report points the finger of suspicion firmly in the direction of Moscow, and said any attempt to dismiss the findings would be futile as the evidence is *'legal and convincing [and] will stand up in a courtroom'*. Part of this evidence includes serial numbers and data references found on recovered fragments of the spent missile, as well as distinct markings - all of which belong to the 53rd Brigade. Holland's head of the National Police Crime Squad (DNR), Wilbert Paulissen said: "The investigation team examined all images available and determined that the BUK unit has a number of unique features." However, the JIT could not conclusively say that the system was deployed as part of a Russian operation, but the evidence within suggests this was the



Mobile JIT CT scanner used to examine forensic evidence recovered by investigators from the wreckage of MH17



DNR Chief Wilbert Paulissen - he says "investigation is ongoing"

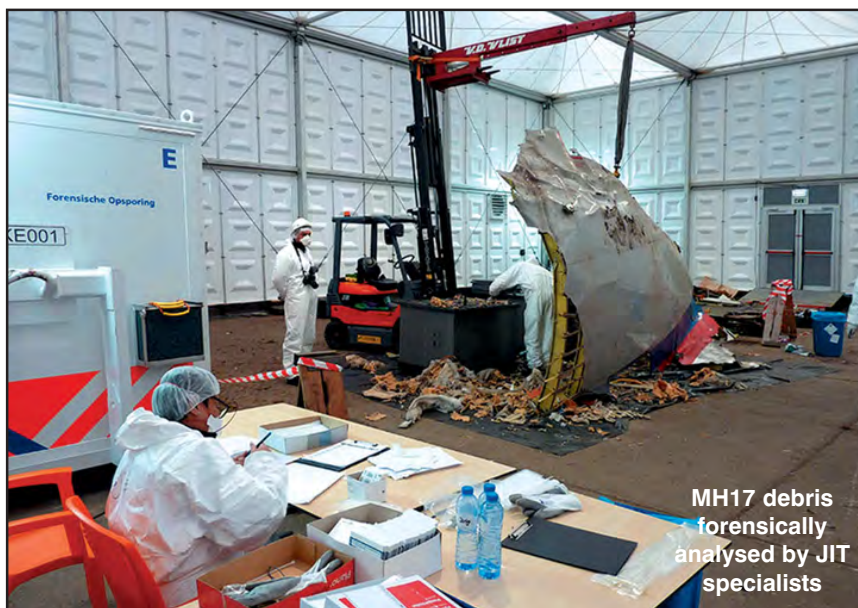


JIT specialists prepare a BUK missile for a detonation test

case. Nevertheless, Moscow believes this is important and that despite all efforts to conclude the shooting down of MH15 was officially sanctioned by Russian, the "picture is unclear."

Analysts also note that the JIT repeated an earlier call for anyone with information about events surrounding the 53rd Brigade, to come forward, promising anonymity for informants.

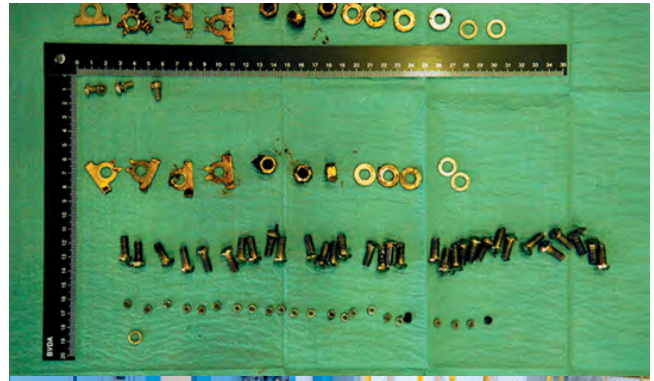
A JIT spokesperson said. "We are convinced many people have this information, such as staff members of the 53rd Brigade, but also family members, friends or acquaintances. And even people who have no connection at all with the 53rd Brigade. If you know the answers to these questions or if you know people who can provide answers, please contact the JIT. The JIT is getting close, so this is the time to come forward with your



MH17 debris forensically analysed by JIT specialists

Load and Launch vehicle for BUK-M2 Air Defence System





JIT investigators compared components from the rogue missile which brought down MH17 with a disassembled BUK-launched missile. They concluded the missile was Russian and formerly in possession of the 53rd Anti-Aircraft Missile Brigade based in Kursk. This has been rejected by Kremlin officials who have claimed the missile was “outdated” and could have been sourced from a number of countries. However, it is the crucial serial numbers (below), plus an array of supporting evidence and intelligence, which most analysts believe prove it came from Russia.



information. We will handle your information with ultimate care.”

As for possible charges to the crime which resulted in the deaths of nearly 300 people, Fred Westerbeke, Holland’s Chief Prosecutor and Coordinator of the JIT team, admitted that although the investigation is coming to a close, he had no idea when indictments would be ready to file. Intelligence sources have told



Eye Spy that at least 15 people have been singled out by Western security agencies for their part in the operation. Initially, between 80 and 100 names were proposed, but this has been reduced over the years by the Dutch authorities. As for the suspects, Westerbeke said: “Everything must be kept secret for now... we don’t want to reveal our cards just yet to the other side.”

AN ARRAY OF DISINFORMATION

Intelligence analysts fear that if prosecutors have sourced the names of some senior participants from the 53rd Brigade who authorised the deployment of the BUK system in Ukraine, then Moscow will certainly refuse to extradite the men. Russia has always denied any involvement in the downing of MH17, and backed an array of unlikely scenarios which the Kremlin’s propaganda



JIT INFORMATION APPEAL About 53rd Anti-Aircraft Missile Brigade

The JIT continue to search for information and witnesses to the incident. This questionnaire was recently posted by investigators:

The BUK TELAR that shot down Flight MH17 originated from the 53rd Anti-Aircraft Missile Brigade from Kursk in the Russian Federation. The JIT would like to know the following about the deployment of this BUK TELAR on 17 July 2014.

- Who was part of the crew on 17 July?
- What was the instruction given to them?
- Who was in charge of this crew?
- Who was giving the orders?
- Who was part of the crew during the movement of the BUK TELAR from the Brigade in Kursk in June 2014?
- What was the instruction given to this crew (in June)?
- Who was in charge of this crew (in June)? Who was giving the orders?
- Who was responsible for the operational deployment of this BUK TELAR on 17 July 2014?
- Who can give us more information about procedures and responsible persons within the 53rd Brigade?
- Who is in the possession of images and/or videos from the BUK and/or members of the 53rd Brigade and their location between 25 June and 18 July 2014?

MH17 Continued

arm has sponsored. These involve a rogue Ukraine pilot, an internal explosion and the launch of a land-based missile from a Ukraine-friendly militia. There was also an earlier report, provided in error by German Intelligence sources, that a renegade force in the Ukraine had stolen the missile from a Ukrainian military base. Perhaps the most bizarre of all, claims the CIA or MI6 were involved to further isolate Russia from the international community.

British Intelligence (MI6), which has fostered good relations with the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU), along with the CIA, has few doubts who was responsible. In late 2017, a 100pp report prepared by the British Intelli-



gence and Security Committee (ISC) of Parliament, also referenced the MH17 incident. With notes (intelligence) undoubtedly prepared by MI6, Russia was mentioned on a number of occasions. *'Russia conducts information warfare on a massive scale. An early example of this was a hugely intensive, multi-channel propaganda effort to persuade the world that Russia bore no responsibility for the shooting down of [Malaysian Airlines flight] MH-17 (an outright falsehood: we know beyond any reasonable doubt that the Russian military supplied and subsequently recovered the missile launcher).'*

Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said the JIT was examining all its options, following completion of the investigation. "That a sophisticated weapon belonging to the Russia Army was dispatched and used to shoot down a civilian aircraft should be of grave international concern," she said.

Army General Vasyl Hrytsak, head of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) said it was now crucial that those from the 53rd Brigade who were involved in the operation or the transfer of the BUK system into Ukraine, were identified.

RT UNDER INVESTIGATION RUSSIAN MEDIA HOUSE FACES BAN

Undoubtedly prompted by British Intelligence foreign media watchers, Ofcom, the UK communications regulator, has launched three new investigations into the reporting of Kremlin-sponsored media outlet - RT (formerly Russia Today). This follows a further seven investigations it announced in April 2018, one of which questioned an RT suggestion that the US policy on Syria's civil war is a "poorly thought-out option."

One of the three latest probes is almost certainly connected to RT's reporting and analysis of the Sergei Skripal poisoning

which Britain has blamed on Russia. An Ofcom spokesperson said that it had discovered "multiple potential breaches of the UK Broadcasting Code."

Some intelligence watchers believe a total ban on RT would be a disaster, for this would inadvertently support the Kremlin's view that Russian media comment is being suppressed because it is "telling an unpalatable truth." Professor Stephen Hutchings of Manchester University who is conducting a research project into RT said "they would love for Ofcom to ban them."



**President
Putin visits
an RT studio**

EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION

THE TELEPHONE CALL

UK Officially Apologies to Rendition Victims

The British Government has settled a dispute involving Abdel Hakim Belhaj, a senior opponent of former Libyan leader Colonel Gaddafi, and his wife, Fatima Boudchar. The couple claim MI6 was involved in a Far East Asian operation which resulted in their return to Libya and subjection to torture. Belhaj further alleged MI6 officers were present when he was interrogated. Following a lengthy legal dispute, Prime Minister Theresa May acknowledged UK involvement in the rendition and confirmed (without referencing MI6 or the CIA), that it “had shared information about you with its international partners.” Belhaj and



Dominick Chilcott and Abdel Belhaj

Boudchar both received an official apology, with the latter being awarded £500,000 (\$650,000) in compensation.



In Istanbul, UK Ambassador Dominick Chilcott met with Belhaj and handed him an official letter of apology, while in Parliament Attorney General Jeremy Wright (left) read a similar

statement (no admission of liability was included).

Belhaj and Boudchar said their “dark journey” began when they attempted to fly to London from Beijing, China in 2004. It was at this point that MI6 learned of his whereabouts. At the time, Belhaj was being sought by various intelligence agencies for alleged terrorism connections.

At Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Malaysia, they were detained for reportedly



Abdel Hakim Belhaj

carrying bogus British passports. A short while later the couple were flown to Bangkok, Thailand. Thereafter they were taken to a CIA Black Site and questioned. And following this episode, MI6 allegedly notified Libyan Intelligence through one of its contacts - spy chief Moussa Koussa - that Belhaj was in detention. The couple were then flown to Libya using a CIA rendition flight. Boudchar spent a few months in prison, while Belhaj, after receiving a death sentence, was freed in 2010.

‘The intelligence on Abu Abd Allah was British. I know I did not pay for the air cargo... but I feel I have the right to deal with you direct on this and am very grateful for the help you are giving us’



Belhaj claims MI6 officers (on an unspecified number of occasions) were present when he was interrogated

BACKGROUND

Belhaj was a senior commander in the outlawed and now defunct Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG), considered a terrorist outfit. The group had attempted to assassinate



Sir Mark Allen

Gaddafi on three previous occasions and a number of its operatives had links to al-Qaida. For his part, Koussa had become a pivotal MI6 and CIA contact man

regularly visiting London, the USA and other



Prime Minister Theresa May acknowledged Britain's role in the Belhaj affair

European cities. He was providing much needed intelligence on emerging and existing terrorist groups in North Africa and elsewhere.

DOCUMENTS

Information on the 2004 rendition was secured after a building in Tripoli housing Libyan intelligence files, including thousands from its former primary agency - Mukhabarat el-Jamahiriya and External Security Organisation (ESO) - was overrun and ransacked by hostile forces. A short while later, members of a human rights group were allowed access, and soon they began analysing the recovered papers. Amongst them, a number containing comments from Sir Mark Allen, who headed MI6's Counter Terrorism Desk. A paragraph congratulated Koussa - *'The intelligence on Abu Abd Allah [Belhaj alias] was British. I know I did not pay for the air cargo... but I feel I have the right to deal with you direct on this and am very grateful for the help you are giving us. This*

was the least we could do for you and for Libya to demonstrate the remarkable relationship we have built over the years'.

Other files reveal MI6 asked Libya to assist in operations to infiltrate terrorist groups. One document was signed by Allen.

These, claimed Belhaj and his supporters, "proved Britain was complicit in his abduction." At the time, he requested that the UK should issue an



Gaddafi spymaster Moussa Koussa

apology and pay just £3 in compensation - £1 each from three named defendants.

All manner of legal moves followed and various human rights' groups entered the debate. Other senior figures were also drawn into the affair, including then UK Foreign Secretary Jack Straw. In 2017, he said: "I repeat what I said in the House of Commons in December 2013. That as Foreign Secretary I



February 2005. Jack Straw with US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice outside Downing Street



UK Ambassador to Turkey Dominick Chilcott, hands Belhaj his letter of apology from the Government

Most importantly I congratulate you on the safe arrival of Abu 'Abd Allah Sadiq. This was the least we could do for you and for Libya to demonstrate the remarkable relationship we have built over recent years. I am so glad. I was grateful to you for helping the officer we sent out last week. Abu 'Abd Allah's information on the situation in this country is of urgent importance to us. Amusingly, we got a request from the Americans to channel requests for information from Abu 'Abd Allah through the Americans. I have no intention of doing any such thing. The intelligence about Abu 'Abd Allah was British. I know I did not pay for the air cargo. But I feel I have the right to deal with you direct on this and am very grateful to you for the help you are giving us.



Part of a British Intelligence file that was used by Belhaj's legal team recovered in Tripoli. Its content reflected UK involvement in identifying his location and was a central piece of evidence that became too problematic or convincing to dispute

acted at all times in a manner which was fully consistent with my legal duties, and with national and international law. I was never in any way complicit in the unlawful rendition or detention of anyone by other states." Both Mr Straw and Allen continue to reject any wrongdoing today.

The operation targeting Belhaj, now a senior pseudo-political-military figure in Libya, followed quickly on the heels of the famous 'desert encounter' between Prime Minister Tony Blair and Colonel Gaddafi. Here the

Libyan leader agreed to stop his pursuit of nuclear and other advanced weaponry, in return for better relations including expanding and creating trade links.

Just days after that liaison, another anti-Gaddafi leader, Sami al-Saadi, was abducted in Hong Kong and flown to Libya along with his pregnant wife and children. Saadi was held and allegedly tortured. Saadi received an alleged £500,000 in compensation from Britain in an out-of-court settlement.



Welcome to Our World of Spies

MI6 Engages with Potential Recruits in its First Public Television Advertisement



A 30-second MI6 recruitment advertisement which aired at around 7.30pm on Britain's Channel 4 station on 24 May, has been welcomed by the majority of intelligence watchers. The advert begins showing a mother and child observing sharks swim in an aquarium tank. As one shark moves around the tank to face the couple, the youngster steps back and is comforted by its mother - a subtle manoeuvre intended to show viewers that they are interested in people who can understand situations and act accordingly.

Aimed primarily at those wanting a career as an intelligence officer, a voice says: "We are intelligence officers, but we don't do what you think. It is not keeping your cool in the shark tank... it is picking up the silent cues that matter." The male voice ends, "secretly we're just like you."

Sources say the intention is to attract talent from those areas of society who do not usually attempt to join MI6 via its website or those recruited through other channels. This recruitment page on the SIS website has been functioning since 2005 and attracts tens of thousands of applicants every year. ➤

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MI6 emphasised the world of screen spies is very different, though no less absorbing than the work of a real Intelligence Case Officer



OXBRIDGE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT

In recent years MI6 has been keen to reflect the organisation as a modern work platform which is open to all peoples regardless of colour, religion, race or creed. Similarly, the advert hopes to attract more applicants from the ethnic community and women. This is a far cry from years goneby when the Service was male dominated and many recruits came from 'Oxbridge', the Establishment, associates and families of serving officers. "I want this opportunity to dispel the myths that still too often see potential candidates rule themselves out," said MI6 Chief Alex Younger. "My message remains simple... there is no 'standard MI6 officer'. If you have what it takes, then apply to join us. Our work is exciting, intellectually challenging and it matters." He emphasised that the Service is open to everyone: "Regardless of background, if you have the skills we need and share our values, I want you to consider a career in intelligence, in a Service that reflects today's UK society."

The television advert, though unique, is not the first time MI6 has chosen to target 'ordinary'

A mother shields her child from sharks - a still from the MI6 advert which played on British television

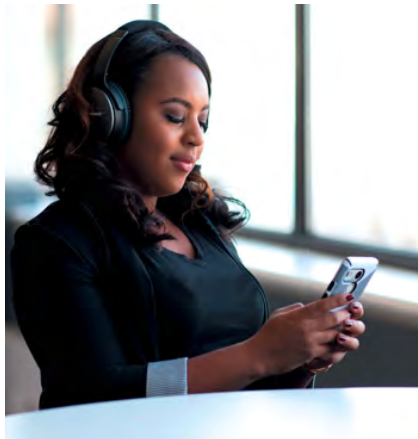
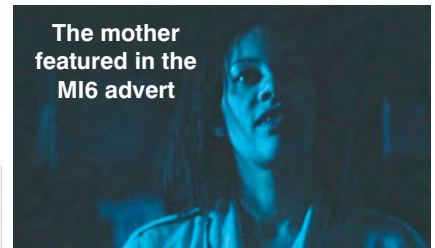




A frame from probably the greatest spy movie ever made - *'Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy'*. The image shows 'C' played by John Hurt (centre) holding a meeting with his all-male inner circle - dubbed 'The Circus'. MI6 is keen to open doors for persons from across society and dismantle the myth it is an organisation but for a select few... and predominantly male - unlike in years goneby



The mother featured in the MI6 advert



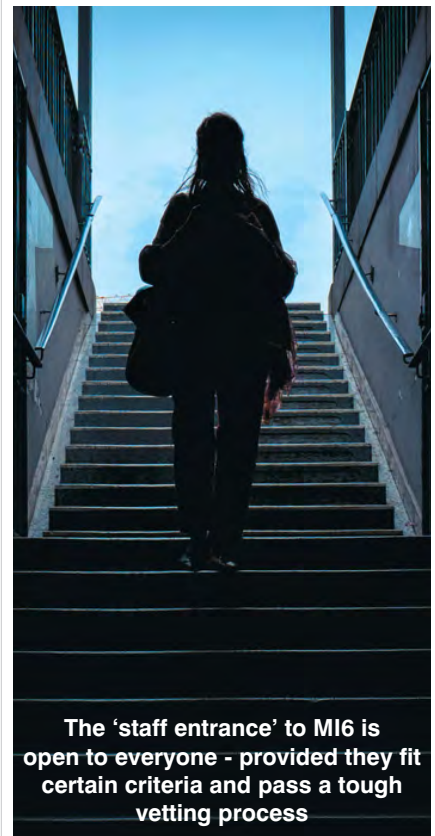
Here they warned that *'If the qualities that make a good spy were obvious, they wouldn't make a good spy'*. There then followed billboard adverts on the London Underground. On 6 March 2017, the Service created its first movie advert which played in cinemas in Britain. Called *'But She Could'*, the clip voiceover emphasised that it was "not easy to define an intelligence officer," nor was there a "standard officer." Nevertheless, MI6 said it was seeking persons able to display "emotional intelligence, excellent inter-personal skills, a public service ethos, mental sharpness, an interest in foreign affairs and culture, curiosity, influencing skills, integrity, team work and be technically 'savvy'." Thereafter in an effort to attract more females, Mum's Net was approached.

some obscure publications in the hope that the more inquisitive and educated thinkers can see through the ruse. And some intelligence sources say this still happens. This recruitment tool, however, is increasingly regarded as dated and ignored a pool of potentially brilliant recruits. ➤

people. Its first venture into public platform recruitment was in 2006. And few were surprised that the Service chose the *London Times* 'career supplement' to advertise for 'operational intelligence officers', 'technology experts' and 'thoroughly efficient administrators'. In 2012, the Service targeted another 'educational publication' - *The Economist*.

SECRET SIGNALS

MI6, like its friends across the River Thames (MI5), has in the past used 'strange' and seemingly nonsensical and cryptic adverts in



The 'staff entrance' to MI6 is open to everyone - provided they fit certain criteria and pass a tough vetting process



The work of a 'certain' type of Intelligence Case Officer, MI6 insists, may involve travel to foreign locations

The latest mainstream venture appears to be targeting the ethnic community, and for the first time ever, the Service is opening its 'staff entrance' doors to children born in Britain with migrant parents. In previous years, parents needed to show they had lived and worked in the UK for several years. A few months ago, Alex Younger famously said he was going to reintroduce the 'tap on the shoulder' to recruit spies from black and minority ethnic groups - this as another subtle prompt to show all nationals in Britain the Service was open to everyone. Younger, who admits he was recruited in a similar fashion said, "we have to go to people that would not have thought of being recruited to MI6."

Younger acknowledges that the glamour and glitz of 007 movies is both a curse and blessing - a useful tool that attracts applicants, but he is keen to dispel the myth that the screen spy is representative of all field agents. "I want to take this opportunity to dispel the myths that still too often see potential candidates rule themselves out. My message remains simple, there is no standard MI6 officer. If you have what it takes, then apply to join us."

INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS

As for the actual role of an intelligence officer, the Service gave an insight into some of the activity, revealing three roles. 'R [Requirement] Officers' oversee the distribution of intelligence to relevant users, making sure it has been authenticated and analysed. A BBC

MI6 Chief
Alex
Younger



'007' a useful, but
'troublesome' recruiting tool

security correspondent said much more emphasis and control was placed on such officers following the controversy of MI6's engagement and management of WMD intelligence in Iraq. In this case, of course, the WMD intelligence was used as a reason to invade Iraq and topple Saddam Hussein. A 'Case Officer' will secure, expand and manage relations with agents and informants, as well as actively seek new opportunities. They perform similar tasks to dedicated 'Targeters', who will seek out persons willing to spy for Britain, and those who have access to intelligence. They are often assigned overseas or despatched when an opportunity arises.

Statistics released by the Service reveal nearly 40% of all non-senior staff are female, with only 25% occupying senior posts. Around 7% of non-senior staff are from black, Asian or ethnic minority groups, none of whom, we understand, holds a senior position in MI6. The Service has previously announced it intends to recruit between 800-1000 staff giving it a pool of around 3,750.

As for the 'reward', an intelligence officer beginning his or her career can expect to receive around £35,000 (\$42,000). However, all this depends on selection and recruits must successfully navigate the interview and vetting process, which can take up to 12 months.



GENUINE FEARS

Key figures from NATO and GCHQ warn that Europe and Brexit must not destabilise security and intelligence sharing

GCHQ Director Jeremy Fleming issued a veiled warning to European officials who believe the UK should be sidelined following the vote to leave the European Union. Speaking at a gathering of security chiefs at NATO's Brussels headquarters, Fleming said his organisation thwarted and disrupted several terrorist plots on the continent in 2017. However, this hardly reflects the importance of GCHQ to the intelligence gathered, distributed and shared by this global listening agency - a





LIANCE S OF FRACTURE

key member of the worldwide collaboration known as 'Five Eyes'.

For several months, European security chiefs, prompted by their political masters, have argued that the UK should not be allowed entry into Europe's Galileo GPS system and other systems of intelligence and security importance (see Page 14). Fleming argued strongly against comments made by EU chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier, who insisted Britain will be forced to leave such mechanisms, including the European Arrest Warrant (EAW). Fleming said, "Britain is leaving the EU but not Europe."

Dismissive of comments made by ill-informed officials in Brussels of the huge importance of intelligence sharing, Fleming said "we have excellent relations with intelligence agencies



Jens Stoltenberg with UK National Security Advisor Mark Sedwill

right across the continent. For example, in the last year we played a crucial role in the disruption of terrorist operations in at least four countries. Those relationships and our ability to work together saves lives. That will continue after Brexit for the benefit of the UK and for Europe."

Fleming said it was improbable that any single country could counter such threats as ISIS as a stand alone nation. "It requires a 'pooling' of resources, expertise and critical data so that we can investigate and disrupt our adversaries." Fleming drew attention to the covert and huge global GCHQ operation which damaged ISIS's propaganda campaign on the Internet, noting that at times, "it was impossible for Daesh to spread its rhetoric." He referenced increased state-sponsored cyber threats and acts of "aggressive foreign powers" - a subtle side-swipe at Moscow, and a warning to Brussels over increased Russian military operations close to the eastern flanks of the European Union. He said Moscow has shown "a blatant disregard for the consequences of its action," a likely reference to the assassination attempt of a former GRU officer and MI6 spy in Wiltshire, England, a few months ago.



GCHQ Director Jeremy Fleming

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Jens Stoltenberg at Lancaster Gate



NATO CONCERNS

Mr Fleming also highlighted the importance of his organisation to NATO, from providing intelligence to helping develop its cyber capabilities.

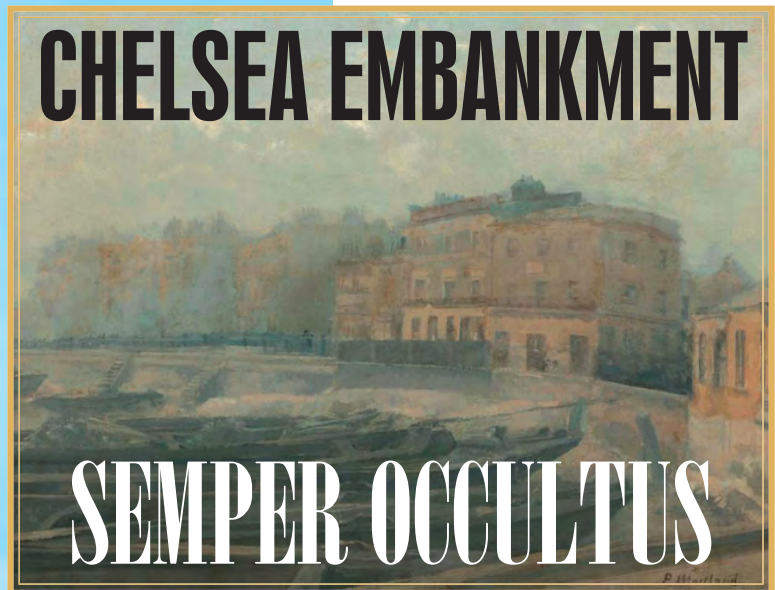
UK Foreign Secretary Sajid Javid has already warned Brussels immense damage would be caused if intelligence cooperation was withdrawn. He too wants politicians involved with Brexit not to interfere with intelligence collection and current agreements. Just hours after the Brussels event, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg flew to London where he met various defence officials and intelligence people and delivered a key note speech at Lancaster House. Stoltenberg highlighted the importance of NATO and the bond between the United States, UK and Europe. "The principle at the heart of the Alliance remains strong," he said. And unlike some political figures in Brussels, he referenced the importance of working together. "As such, the United Kingdom has been instrumental in making NATO the most successful Alliance in history," he said. "Again and again, we unite around a common goal. We stand together... we protect each other." Stoltenberg noted that some key players in Europe "doubt the bond," but said that history has proven that differences can be resolved, and NATO will survive.

Eye Spy sources state numerous intelligence and security agencies in Europe are opposed to "blocking or reducing current intelligence and security sharing procedures." Some nations, such as Holland, have already highlighted the importance of intelligence provided by Britain.



**DEMYSTIFYING
A PIECE OF
MI6 ARTWORK**

PART 2



*"There is nothing
more deceptive than
an obvious fact..."*

**Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's
Sherlock Holmes**

Sir Thomas Maitland, known as 'King Tom', was successively appointed Governor General of Ceylon, Malta and Ionian Islands. He was the head of defence forces in the Mediterranean and formed the Malta Police Force in 1814. He also originated the idea to create the British Order of St. Michael and St. George (1818). That honour is now reserved for members of the Diplomatic Service who attain high rank, some undoubtedly with threads to British Intelligence.

AN EYE FOR DETAIL

While in Ceylon, Maitland was attracted to a location at Galkissa (Mount Lavinia) and decided to construct his palace there. During this time, Maitland fell in love with a mixed-race dancing-girl named Lovina. During the construction of the palace, Maitland gave instructions that a secret tunnel to Lovina's house should be built, which was located



Order of St. Michael and St. George

THE ART OF SPYCRAFT THE 100-PIECE JIGSAW

In Eye Spy 114 we examined a number of paintings currently on loan to Britain's premier spy service - MI6 by the UK Government. Our editorial also provided a few reasons why they were selected by the Service's 'top floor'. All had some sort of relevance to the history of MI6 and intelligence happenings in the UK, from operations, individuals and moments in time. Others had an international 'flavour' or were laced with intrigue. And one of these in the latter bracket in particular caught our attention, 'Chelsea Embankment' by Paul Fordyce Maitland. Purchased from the Leicester Galleries in 1960, it is this splendid artwork that we decided to explore in a little more detail.

Was the decision to request the loan of this painting based on the obvious? Just a nice painting of a London embankment; perhaps representative of the location of the current headquarters of MI6 in Vauxhall? Or does it have deeper significance - perhaps connected to more than one family of spies?

A HISTORY OF SERVICE

It soon became clear there were numerous reasons why the Service could have wanted a Maitland to add to its collection of artwork which adorn the rooms, corridors and halls of MI6. We discovered several connections to the Maitland family and Britain's early spy and military services.



**1790s. General Thomas Maitland
(third from left)**



Governor's Palace, Mount Lavinia

close to the governor's palace. One end of the tunnel was inside the water well of Lovina's house and the other end conventionality situated in the wine cellar inside the governor's palace. When the governor came to reside there, he would often use the tunnel to meet Lovina. The village that surrounded the Governor's mansion developed into the modern city of Galkissa, later renamed Mount Lavinia in honour of his secret lover Lovina. In 1920 the tunnel was sealed.

THE MAITLAND ROTUNDA

Sir Thomas, arrived in Corfu on 16 February 1816, and eight months later, on 25 October 1816, 46 noble Corfiots made a proposal for the construction of a triumphal arch in his honour. The Maitland Monument, also known as the Maitland Rotunda or the Peristyle of Maitland is located at the end of Spianada Square in Corfu. There are distinct similarities between the Maitland rotunda and parts of MI6 headquarters' building on Albert Embankment. The MI6 facade, facing the River Thames on the Embankment includes a Maitland rotunda-like structure in the centre. Some spy aficionados also believe there exists a secret tunnel from the building to the busy diplomatic buildings in Whitehall and likened it

Some spy aficionados also believe there exists a secret tunnel - from the building to the busy diplomatic buildings in Whitehall



MI6 headquarters, Vauxhall

to the tunnel in Ceylon. Perhaps a fanciful rumour and one Eye Spy has heard on many occasions, but vigorously rejected by intelligence people.

Interestingly, the painter of *'Chelsea Embankment'*, Paul Fordyce Maitland, who suffered from spinal problems throughout his life, left all his worldly goods to Margaret Lavinia Maitland, spinster, in his will when he died in 1909 - the same year MI6 was created. It should also be noted, his subject matter consisted almost entirely of scenes of London, parks, buildings, streets etc. Many of these too could be associated with intelligence happenings and people in the city.



Embankment Memorial, MI6 HQ

Elsewhere in the family tree, there was Edward Maitland Wright, Principal Scientific Officer with Air Ministry Intelligence at MI6 headquarters in London from 1943 to 1945. Also,



Maitland Monument, Corfu



Christopher Lee pictured in Rome after the city was liberated

ment British Foreign Office, 1943 to 1945.

SHAKE THE TREE

Shake the Maitland family tree with a little more vigour you will find Jane Fordyce who married into the Fleming family of Scotland. Ian Fleming of course wrote the James Bond novels and in the 1967 film version of *'Casino Royale'*, Bond's gadget maker 'Q' is assisted by a Fordyce. In *'Man With a Golden Gun'*, written in 1965 and the film in 1974, the actor Marne Maitland played Lazar: A Portuguese gunsmith based in Macau who manufactured golden bullets for the villain Scaramanga - played by actor Christopher Lee. Lee of course served in North Africa where he was a cipher officer attached to the Long Range Desert Group, a reconnaissance and raiding unit considered a forerunner of the SAS. For the remainder of the war he worked in intelligence as an officer and ultimately served with the Special Operations Executive (SOE).

Lee was also related to Ian Fleming by marriage. After Lee's parents divorced when he

was six, his mother went on to marry her second husband, a banker called Harcourt Rose, who was the uncle of Ian Fleming. Thus, Lee was now related by marriage to the man who would go on to create not only James Bond, but also the Bond villain and would-be nemesis that Lee would play with such aplomb.

SCREEN SHOW

The Maitland Monument is also visible in the 1981 Bond film *'For Your Eyes Only'*. Here Bond and a beautiful woman called Melina Havelock walk past the famous Maitland rotunda. And finally, back to Maitland in Corfu; the first Freemason's Lodge in Greece was created in 1782 on Corfu. Interestingly, there sits in front of the MI6 building on the embankment, a statue of 'the arch' - some say a reference to the long rumoured association with the Royal Arch Freemasons - of which former MI6 spies as well as other members of the security services are members. There are other associated tales but that's for another day.

In truth, only MI6 and those involved in selecting its artwork can truly answer to the historical importance of the *'Chelsea Embankment'* painting.

Perhaps Agatha Christie's character Hercule Poirot said it best, "Imagination is a good servant, and a bad master. The simplest explanation is always the most likely."

Or perhaps the wording on MI6's first crest insignia and motto - *'Semper Occultus'*, explains its legacy best - *'Always Secret'*.



THE ED



Eye Spy Editorial reports on the activities of a most feared intelligence element that for a century has been able to act with near impunity - protected by a 100-year old edict - a single line instruction from Lenin - and supported by a global network of spies

Over forty years ago, British investigative author and intelligence watcher Chapman Pincher famously said of Russian covert activities: "The KGB and GRU (Military Intelligence Directorate) have woven terrorism into the tapestry of clandestine operations against the West." His comments were related to Russian support and training organisations, most whose work



DICT: DARK SKIES

The Secret and Deadly Military Arms of Russian Intelligence



Events surrounding MI6 spy Sergei Skripal have refocused Western Intelligence eyes on Russia's secret services and their relations with Special Forces and its association with mischief and assassination

the cover off Chapman's and similar authentic works to find out just how focused and menacing the Spetsnaz and GRU were in their early 'designated tasks'.

It was KGB spy Oleg Lyalin who first gave the West a deep insight into the activities of the GRU and its active arm - the Spetsnaz. Part of a trade delegation despatched to Britain, Lyalin duly defected after being arrested by the

police in London for drink driving in August 1971. A few weeks later, he revealed his true role as a spy, and requested that in return for a new life with his wife in the West, he would provide MI6 with the names of KGB and GRU people. On 25 September 1971, Britain expelled 105 Russian spies and diplomats, many from the GRU. Lyalin was given a new identity and remained incognito for the rest of his life, living in northern England. ➤

was directed towards the West. Amongst his writings, he included reference to a little known, yet dangerous Russian entity called the International [Liaison] Department or OMS - a highly secret element of the Comintern also referred to as Russia's Illegal/Foreign Liaison Section. He also said assassination in overseas countries was "all in a day's work." His remarks, though controversial, have significance today, especially in wake of the Sergei Skripal incident and other strange deaths over the last decade - many allegedly connected to various arms of the Kremlin.

Chapman, in his lengthy career probing and reporting on British and American intelligence affairs, was convinced that the GRU was using its Spetsnaz (a Russian term and a 'catch all' phrase for the country's elite Special Purpose Forces) to perform and train rogue elements operating abroad - some in the art of assassination. Many investigative authors and no doubt, MI5 and MI6 analysts, are dusting



2015. GRU-controlled operational Spetsnaz troops



Vladimir Rezun

Throughout the 1980s, and in numerous countries around the world, dozens of GRU spies were expelled. Examples being in 1987: 47 from France and 18 from Iran and Bangladesh respectfully. In 1985 in Britain, where GRU activities have always been prevalent, acting on intelligence from MI5, 31 GRU officers and contact people were expelled.

The illegal activities of the GRU were not confined to nation states. In the mid-1980s, nearly 30 GRU officers were served notice by the United Nations for "engaging in activities not consistent with their diplomatic status." The language has the same meaning today - they were caught spying or acting in a manner likely to cause harm.

A 1987 book by GRU defector Viktor Suvorov (real name was Vladimir Rezun), *Spetsnaz: The Story Behind the Soviet SAS*, also provided a deeper understanding of their potential, menace and prowess. Other works by the same author are important.

TARGETS OF COLD WAR RUSSIA

Dig a little deeper in these and other case files, many of those deported and others thereafter,



Spetsnaz troops - 1999

were undoubtedly attached to Russia's Spetsnaz. Besides being skilled in reconnaissance, surveillance, espionage and subterfuge activities likened to the SOE, OSS and the Mossad, these forces were tasked with causing mayhem in the West. Cold War historical records show that they were given instructions to destroy and disrupt operations in numerous countries should war edge nearer. Numerous targets included GCHQ/NSA facilities, NATO bases, air and sea ports, nuclear silos and transport links, early warning stations such as RAF Fylingdales in Yorkshire, domestic communication posts and machinery to launch weapons. Interestingly,



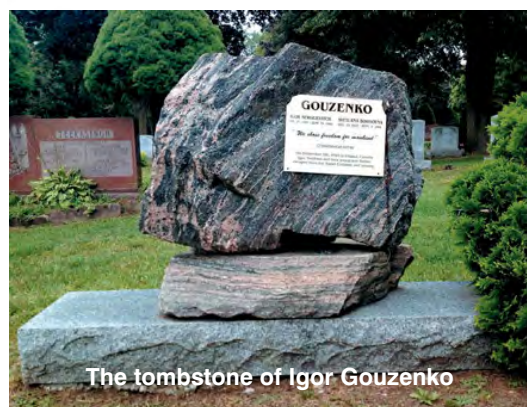
President Reagan meets with MI6 spy Oleg Gordievsky in the Oval Office, Whitehouse, 1987, following his defection



Special Rapid Response Unit (SOBR) - a Spetsnaz element

To deter defectors living in foreign lands and even those given new identities, the KGB regularly warned its intelligence officers and spies...

'Our arm is longer than the traitor's leg'



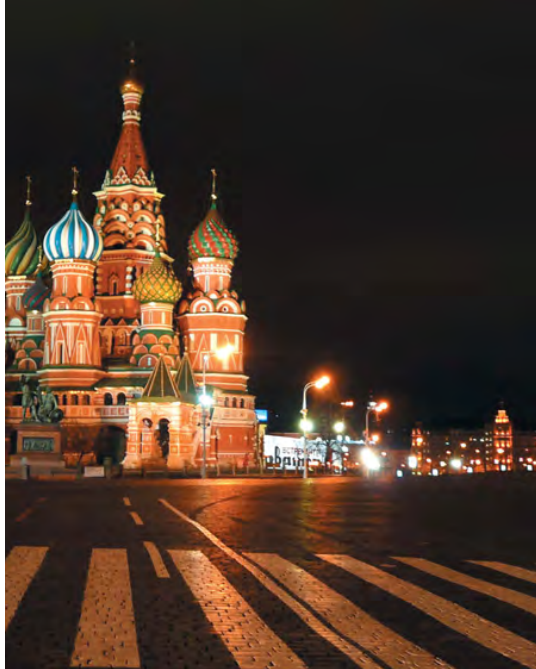
The tombstone of Igor Gouzenko

they also had a list of key personnel that would be "visited by the Spetsnaz and summarily assassinated."



Igor Gouzenko

To augment such operations (arranging travel and accommodation, for example), Spetsnaz and their GRU controllers were given vital access to other Soviet spies, many of them long-term illegals and sleeper agents, some of whom were well versed in assassination. Strange but true, they also used innocent contacts in union movements and pressure groups such as CND, who regularly protested outside military bases. All of this combined to allow access and movement. Such activities, which can be traced way back before WWII, were first brought to the attention of the West by defectors such as GRU cipher clerk Igor Gouzenko who referenced a "global underworld fifth column" to the Canadians in 1945. He always wore a hood in court, for he feared he would be recognised in public places - and duly assassinated by his former spymasters in



Moscow. Thereafter, numerous defectors started to talk, including Oleg Lyalin in 1971. He provided all manner of secrets about the KGB, GRU and its "provocation force" - Spetsnaz.

ASSASSINATION TARGETS

The GRU thread to such activities continued, but MI6 were given 'treasure' after it successfully helped exfiltrate one of its most valuable spies out of Russia in 1985 - Oleg Gordievsky. He provided the Service with details of Spetsnaz targets, including political and military leaders in the West who were to be assassinated. Also relevant, Soviet surveillance on the comings and goings of key government personnel into Downing Street, especially Americans and allied forces' leaders. Similar tasks were undertaken in Washington, Berlin, Paris and Rome. Even



2006. President Putin visits GRU headquarters - note the floor of the lobby displaying the seal of Russia's Special Forces



neutral nations were monitored for inter-action with the West, and especially NATO.

Whilst those operating under the Spetsnaz banner are undoubtedly a military force, other units are known to operate undercover and in



various environments - and in civilian attire. Few people other than those who work in the organisation, understand their true menace. However, a key insight was given by defector KGB Major Stanislav Levchenko who discussed the KGB's Illegal Service and other Russia services. He told a US Congress Select Committee: "Its [GRU] main activity is recruiting foreigners as agents... for assassinations and all kinds of things." He too went on to say that many are embedded overseas, live and work in plain sight and await instructions. His comments almost came back to haunt him. Levchenko was condemned to death in a Soviet court in 1981, and was targeted by the KGB. Two of its agents, Svetlana and Nikolai Ogorodnikov, Russian immigrants who lived in Los Angeles, were arrested by the FBI after trying to locate him.



Spetsnaz officer (Russia's prison section). Inset: Special Operations Forces (CCO) snipers. Established in 2009, the GRU can call upon the unit for missions and guidance. Western Intelligence believe it was this force that played a pivotal role in the annexation of Crimea



Some see such commentary as relevant today, and perhaps associated with the attempted assassination of Skripal and other people targeted on the Russian List. Either way, it has once again focused intelligence eyes on events in the past.

Today's GRU and Spetsnaz operatives (and other agency personnel) have a labyrinth of opportunities to act covertly abroad. Long-gone are the rules of protocol. A century



A bronze and stone monument dedicated to those who have died serving Russia's Special Forces, including counter-terrorism officers. The display features in the Park of the Internationalists, St Petersburg. Inset: Spetsnaz paratroopers

ago, those caught spying or acting against 'Mother Russia' were deemed traitors and sentenced to death - tens of thousands were killed without trial. And despite the so-called 'code of conduct' which is applied to spies who are exchanged, someone or some entity in Russia appears to have objected to its application regarding Skripal and others living and working freely outside Russia.

MI5 and New Scotland Yard remain reluctant to discuss the Skripal case further, until all lines of enquiry have been pursued or are exhausted. However, the person or persons who applied the Novichok agent on the handle of Skripal's home in Salisbury (and perhaps elsewhere), will almost certainly remain protected by the Russian system, even if he, she or they can be identified and charged. And that is proving very difficult. For the record, on 30 May 2018, doctors at Salisbury Hospital where the Skripals were treated, said they

believed the couple were not expected to live, and admitted 'external' government personnel had assisted in their recovery.

DISTANCE AND CONTRACTORS

Chapman Pincher used his MI5 and MI6 sources to build a special overview of the GRU and its Spetsnaz elements. And like those involved in the Skripal investigation, he recognised that a key word is always used in the menace of assassination - 'Distance'. The Kremlin, if responsible as the UK claims, will have used numerous contact people to diffuse the actual instruction to target Skripal and create barrier upon barrier - all of which are difficult to dismantle or even prove. And this would have undoubtedly involved the use of an embedded sleeper cell or perhaps a contracting agent from the underworld. Added to the support procedure, someone or a 'legitimate' front or government concern



Left: GRU shield (used until 2010), its motto reads - 'Greatness of the Motherland in your glorious deeds'. Right: Current GRU shield

managed to secure the nerve agent and train the operative[s] in its delivery and use. Locating known places where Skripal visited, relaxed and moved would have been relatively easy. He chose to live in plain sight, believing he was protected by the 'code of conduct', forgetting the KGB mindset that all traitors have a death sentence hanging over their head - and one that remains forever.

Today, Spetsnaz and those units which fall under its umbrella, are regarded as heroes of Russia, and in recent years the GRU has openly referred to some, from Alpha, SOBR (Special Rapid Response Unit now known as OMSN - Special Police Unit) to the Vityaz group. Many now operate in a counter-terrorism role in former Soviet satellite countries. Amongst its most famous operations, the killing or abduction of MI6 naval diver Lionel Crabb, who was charged with securing Russian naval secrets from the warship Ordzhonikidze in Portsmouth Harbour, 1956.

ESCAPE AND EVASION

If the GRU through its undercover elements were responsible for the attempted assassination of Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia,



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ASSASSINATION ANALYSIS

THE THREE VOLUMES

Within the GRU exists a unit of experienced analysts whose task it is to collate all information on suspected and confirmed assassinations; from senior political figures such as John F. Kennedy, to military advisors and even well known terrorists. Historical entries are also gathered and more modern affairs such as cases which fall under the banner of 'Government Sanctioned'. A good case example being the Mossad operation in Dubai, UAE, in 2010. This complex and elaborate mission was performed by over 20 agents and resulted in the death of Hamas agent Mahmoud Al-Mabhouh (below). However, the UAE security services soon secured data on the suspects.



Such data is used by field instructors, trainers and operations' specialists working for the GRU Spetsnaz. Planners can also take advantage of its 'rich' and forever evolving and updated content.



Ukraine President Viktor Yushchenko - note his scarred facial skin

Equally important, not only the data from successful assassinations is collated and used in planning, hundreds of unsuccessful assassination attempts can be found in the volumes. All of this provides clues and gives the Spetsnaz a hidden advantage.

A third 'volume' contains 'reactional data'. The GRU has long watched Western and other nations' responses to assassination and political fallout, which can lead to a military



1989. President Bush greets UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at Camp David

response or heightened tension in areas of dispute. In some cases the response is tough - take the West's ejection of over 150 Russian diplomatic and intelligence staff from its embassies following the attempted murder of Sergei Skripal. Compare this with other cases, including the suspected assassination attempt of Ukraine President Viktor Yushchenko in 2004. During his election campaign he very nearly died after ingesting Tetrachlorodibenzodioxin (TCDD), a dioxin found in Agent Orange. This had reportedly been secreted into his food. Many intelligence officials believe the case had threads to Moscow, but little internationally was done and the fallout minimal. Asked in April 2018, if he believed Russia was responsible, Yushchenko replied: "I have an answer, but I cannot voice it."

Though in recent years, Moscow has chosen to give the Spetsnaz a little public celebrity in honour of their Special Forces work, much still remains a closely guarded secret. "Spetsnaz has both a public and private face," a Russian intelligence source told Eye Spy. "This is not unusual when military, civilian and intelligence bodies combine."

That the Spetsnaz forces remain proactive in all manner of fields, including operations involving the so-called 'Deep State' is very real. Sources claim its operatives have specially built training centres modelled on places of interest such as Camp David and Downing Street, as well as other buildings relevant to the operations of high-profile leaders. Attacks against the mock-up sites by its personnel-in-training are conducted in the belief that one day they may very well be needed. All a little fanciful? Perhaps, but those with intimate knowledge of the collation of assassination data have confirmed their existence.



2017. President Trump holds a national security meeting at Camp David

DISMANTLING THE CIA NETWORK ORIGINS?



US CHARGES FORMER CIA OFFICER

The US Department of Justice, has formally charged an ex-CIA operative with conspiracy to commit espionage. Jerry Chun Shing Lee, 53, is alleged to have conspired with Chinese intelligence agents to “deliver national defence information to aid a foreign government.” He is further accused of secreting national defence files at his residences.

Lee, a CIA Case Officer between 1994 and 2007, is alleged to have given Beijing the names of Langley assets and contact people working in China. This, believe CIA sources, enabled China to “dismantle and destroy” a number of historical and cultivated intelligence sources. Other intelligence writers believe as many as 12 operational CIA spies were executed or imprisoned because of the fall of Langley’s intelligence network.

According to the indictment, Lee, who had lived in Hong Kong with his family since around 2008, was approached in 2010 by Chinese Intelligence (Ministry of State Security) agents who allegedly offered him “financial reward” in return for information. An



Jerry Chun Shing Lee

email address was provided and he was assigned various tasks until 2011. The spies said “they would take care of him for life,” and reportedly gave him a “gift of \$100,000.”

CASH DEPOSITS

In 2012, Lee returned to the United States with his family and stayed in hotels in Hawaii and Virginia, where FBI agents searched his room. Here they discovered a notebook with the “true names of US intelligence operatives in China along with telephone numbers.”

During subsequent interviews with FBI counter-espionage officers, Lee allegedly lied

about some facts (travel in China) and could not explain properly “unexplained cash deposits.” Lee did admit preparing a document in response to tasks placed before him by the Chinese spies.

END OF LANGLEY’S NETWORK

The FBI and CIA opted to act following the demise of America’s intelligence collection capability in China, leading to serious concerns about a mole operating within theUSIC. This initiated a widespread investigation, leading analysts to focus on former personnel with threads to the Far East. Prosecutors said Lee made suspicious deposits in accounts amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars.



Hong Kong - alleged contact point between Lee and MSS officers



Lee has pleaded not guilty to the charges and his solicitor Edward MacMahon, said his client denied being a spy and “we intend to prove he was not a spy at trial.”

Following his arrest, Lee was suspended from his job as a senior security operator for Christie’s in Hong Kong. His trial is not expected to begin until 2019. If found guilty, he could receive a life sentence.

EX-CIA OFFICER GUILTY OF ESPIONAGE

The Lee affair follows closely on the heels of another spy case involving the CIA and China. The trial of former CIA and Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) (1990-1996) officer Kevin Patrick Mallory, 61, concluded with Mallory being found guilty on espionage charges. The intelligence man, who speaks perfect Mandarin and who held Top Secret clearance, served with the CIA until 2012. He was arrested in June 2017, and accused of selling classified US Government documents to China.

Part of his charge sheet read: *‘He transmitted top secret documents using an illicit communications device’*. One contact, a man called



**Kevin
Mallory**

was in fact a Chinese spy using the institution as cover.

During the trial, all manner of tradecraft was heard in the court, including how Mallory was contacted via LinkedIn by a ‘headhunter’ also called Yang - Richard Yang. The FBI contest it was this man who then introduced him to Michael Yang.

On one occasion, Mallory was stopped at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport after returning from Shanghai. He declared \$10,000 in cash, but customs found another \$16,500 “stuffed in a large envelope in a bag, along with a cell phone allegedly given to him by Yang.” He told officials he had “miscounted the money” and the phone was a “gift for his wife.” Mallory, according to the FBI, said he

‘Michael Yang’ was a supposed representative of the Shanghai Academy of Social Service. The FBI believe this individual

GOVERNMENT COMMENT NATIONAL SECURITY AT RISK

US Assistant Attorney General for National Security John Demers, commenting on the actions of Lee, said: “When government officials violate their oath to defend our nation and protect its secrets, the National Security Division will hold them accountable. Lee, a former CIA case officer, allegedly conspired to provide information to the Chinese Government about the national defence of the United States. Lee’s alleged actions betrayed the American people and his former colleagues at the CIA. We will not tolerate such threats to our country or its national security.”



John Demers

As for Kevin Mallory, Mr Demers said: “This act of espionage is not an isolated incident. The People’s Republic of China has made a sophisticated and concerted effort to steal our nation’s secrets. This conviction demonstrates that we remain vigilant against this threat and hold accountable all those who put the United States at risk through espionage.”



contacted Yang and told him of the run-in with airport security, saying the money had been taken and all the “risk was on him.” He duly asked that the money (which had not been seized) be “replaced.”

As for how the Bureau first rumbled Mallory, FBI agent Melinda Capitano revealed that the primary clue - a concealed SIM card - was missed twice. Had this not been found, it’s unlikely the case would ever have involved espionage.

The card was contained in crumpled tinfoil in a drawer. Capitano said: “We overlooked it twice. Usually small bits of foil like this contain drugs.” On the third search, the foil was unwrapped, the card discovered and its content examined. On it were pages of top secret defence information; counter- ➤

intelligence methods; defence technology and other sensitive data, including an unclassified paper on American intelligence policy. All of this, prosecutors said, "could harm national security if given to an adversary."

Mallory's supporters say he is a patriot and was only trying to "cultivate foreign agents," which would be useful to US Intelligence. The Virginia jury disagreed. Sentencing will be in September.

THE INTELLIGENCE 'CONSULTANT'

The US has charged a former Defense Intelligence Agency case officer with espionage. Ron Rockwell Hansen, 58, a resident of Utah, was detained by FBI counter-intelligence agents in early June as he attempted to board a flight from Seattle to Beijing. On his person was classified informa-

tion which the US Department of Justice contend was destined for Chinese Intelligence.

DOJ documents state Hansen attempted to 'gather and pass on national defence information to aid a foreign government'. Fifteen charges in total were brought against Hansen, described as an "expert in HUMINT (Human Intelligence), who allegedly acted as an unregistered agent for China." The FBI state that in return for passing on the material, he would receive \$800,000 (£600,000). References to 'smuggling goods from the US, bulk cash smuggling and structuring monetary transactions' were also made.

TOP SECRET CLEARANCE

Intelligence sources say Hansen, who before joining the DIA served in the US Army (Signals Intelligence), is fluent in Mandarin-Chinese and Russian. Holding top secret clearance, the alleged spy travelled regularly between the USA and China - 2013-2017. Like Mallory, in his defence, officials say Hansen "tried to pitch himself as a double agent who would ultimately act for the United States." He was

unaware that the FBI had already begun an investigation - despite meeting US officials on nine occasions in 2014.

Authorities reportedly became suspicious of his activities after Hansen, who stopped working for the DIA five years ago, "repeatedly tried to gain access to classified information." Incriminating also, Bureau agents said he would communicate with Chinese intelligence agents using cell phones (manufactured by Huawei and Xanda - China) provided to him by his MMS handlers. Thereafter a number of meetings between Hansen and agents took place, in which he was allegedly offered an annual \$30,000 for "consulting services."

One reason suggested for his alleged actions - Hansen was "seriously in debt to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Assistant Attorney General John Demers said Hansen's actions were a "betrayal of our nation's security and are an affront to his former intelligence community colleagues." If found guilty, Hansen could receive a life sentence.



Ron Rockwell Hansen

US AND CHINA'S NAVIES CLASH

WARSHIPS SAIL THROUGH DISPUTED WATERS

The US Navy continues to patrol and manoeuvre through waters claimed by China in the South China Seas - this as intelligence analysts state Beijing is

"nearing the end of the biggest land and sea grab since WWII."

As President Trump continues to engage with North Korea in an effort to reduce the possibility of



US security specialists train Malaysian Navy sailors in the South China Seas

USS Antietam



conflict, several US warships have traversed sea corridors which Beijing has declared "belong to China."

Several vessels, including the guided-missile cruiser Antietam, came within a few miles of Paracel Island and other reefs and inlets which support various Chinese military commands, including warplanes and ships.

China responded by despatching a number of warships,

including an aircraft carrier to intercept the US Navy ships.

China's Foreign Ministry said the US action was in "breach of international law," a claim rejected by Washington. A Chinese official said, "China will continue to take all necessary measures to defend the country's sovereignty and security."

The US, meanwhile, is planning more manoeuvres in the disputed waters.

Like Mallory... officials say Hansen "tried to pitch himself as a double agent who would ultimately act for the United States."



SEA DRAGON AND AMERICA'S SILENT SERVICE

Chinese Intelligence
Secures Top Secret
Information on US
Navy Project



NAVAL UNDERSEA WARFARE CENTER TARGETED

US Navy intelligence sources have acknowledged that a "significant number of files containing details of a top secret supersonic anti-ship missile project and undersea warfare planning documents," have almost certainly fallen into the hands of Chinese Intelligence. The breach was allegedly made at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), Newport, Rhode Island, where both serving navy personnel and contractors engage in various military projects. In this case, cyber hackers allegedly focussed their attention on a single contractor who had access to a wide range of materials.

The main target of the cyber attack was to secure information on a little known project codenamed Sea Dragon. Whilst Beijing's hackers sought data on the project, they also



Chief intelligence officer in the anti-surface warfare centre on the USS Gravelly

came across all manner of classified material, much of it found in the Navy's submarine electronic warfare library.

Puzzled counter-intelligence officers from the powerful Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) service, questioned why the sensitive information - all of it crucial to planning and operations - was housed on an unclassified network used by contracting teams. Some



intelligence analysts have raised genuine concerns in recent years that China's Ministry of State Security (MSS) has infiltrated the US Defence contracting network, embedding its own spies and front companies into the burgeoning US defence (civilian) industry. However, this breach appears to be external.

DUPLICATING TECHNOLOGIES

"China is a master of technology duplication," a senior intelligence officer engaged in countering China's cyber offensive, told Eye Spy. "As Sea Dragon data was sought, the hackers came across all manner of naval systems and programmes, perhaps even names and parallel projects, crucial to the secret war which is ongoing between the US and China. All of this is especially relevant today in respect of what is happening the South China Seas." James Talent of the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission said: "China is completely focused on securing advanced weapons technology through all kinds of means. That includes secrets from defence contractors." ➔



James Talent



2016. George Maris of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center with former US Defense Secretary Ash Carter at the Newport facility



Admiral Philip Davidson



**Vice Admiral Thomas Moore,
Commander of Naval Sea Systems
Command (NAVSEA)**

Talent's words were echoed by Admiral Philip Davidson of US Indo-Pacific Command. After acknowledging Beijing is introducing much quieter submarines, sophisticated weapons and sensors, he said its spy services are charged with securing (by espionage) technology they cannot develop by their own means - targeting contractors through cyberspace as well. Davidson told the US Senate Armed Services: "One of the main concerns we have is cyber and penetration of the dot-com networks, exploiting technology from our defence contractors in some instances."

Sea Dragon (not to be confused with a 1967 naval endeavour) is most relevant to operations which involve complex strike and disruption systems on some US Navy vessels. Though few official releases have been made about Sea Dragon, it has been under development for around five years and replaced or enhanced earlier projects. Also relevant to the

NUWC DIVISION - NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND



INTEL INSIDE

One of two divisions of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, it is the Navy's full-spectrum research, development, test and evaluation, engineering, and fleet support centre for submarine warfare systems and many other systems associated with the undersea battlespace.

Newport provides the technical foundation that enables the conceptualisation, research, development, fielding, modernisation, and maintenance of systems. NUWC Division Newport is responsible for all aspects of systems under its charter, and is engaged in efforts ranging from participation in fundamental research to the support of evolving operational capabilities in the US Navy fleet. The major thrust of Newport's activities is in applied research and system development. Though headquartered in Rhode Island, Newport, it operates detachments at West Palm Beach, Florida, and Andros Island in the Bahamas. Remote test facilities are located at Seneca Lake and Fisher's Island in New York and Dodge Pond, Connecticut.

recent security breach, which is said to have occurred in February 2018, the US Navy is set to test aspects of the programme in September this year. Intelligence analysts warn that if China can understand the US system, then it can introduce counter-measures. In recent weeks there have been several incidents in the disputed waters of the South China Seas, and commentators note the 'Dragon' title in the targeted project could be relevant to its ultimate mission - against Chinese submarines and advanced navy warships.

Those with knowledge of the latest cyber attack on US naval secrets, blame an MSS contract unit based in Guangdong province.

The NSA and GCHQ regard this facility as the "cyber- hacking hub of China."

Pentagon officials are reluctant to discuss the breach, first reported in the *Washington Post*. However, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis sent out a circular to all of the country's cyber military branches to re-examine security in respect of contracting agencies.

AN UNEVEN PLAYING FIELD

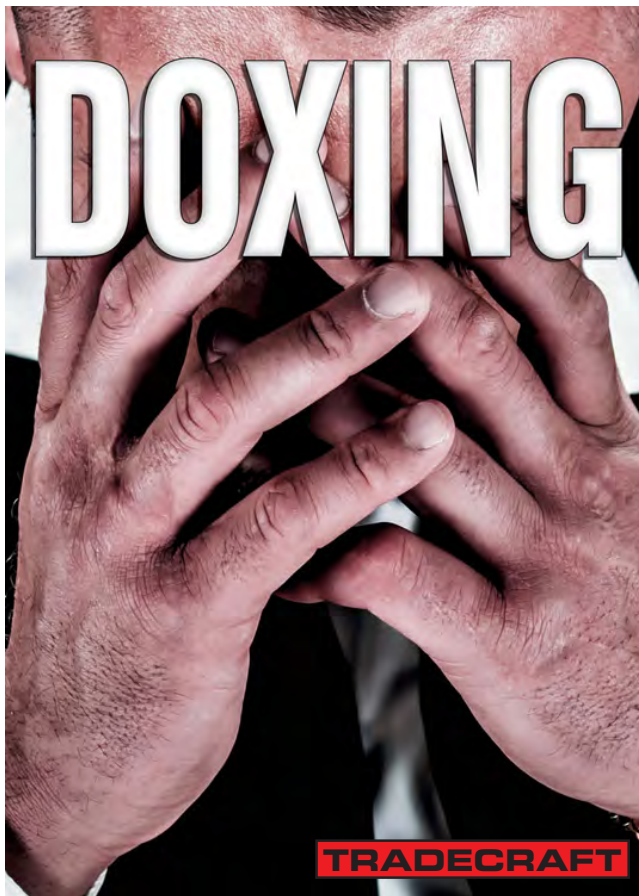
Three years ago President Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed in a "cordial manner," that both nations would refrain from cyber attacks against commercial targets. However, this placid agreement does not include any military, government or intelligence body. Many believe the cyber attack on those systems containing Sea Dragon and other related systems', has broken the 2015 pledge.



**Sailors from the USS Stockdale in the South China Seas.
Inset: General Dynamics Mission Systems - Remote Environment
Monitoring Unit (REMUS) at NUWC Division Newport**



Presidents Obama and Xi Jinping



Social Media Impact on COVER AND LEGEND

Over the past eighteen years, Eye Spy has dedicated many pages to the most fundamental tradecraft requirement of an operational spy - Cover and Legend. Essentially, legends are well prepared assumed identities that allow intelligence officers unique access where they can recruit agents, manipulate unwitting insiders, observe, report and take direct action themselves if necessary.

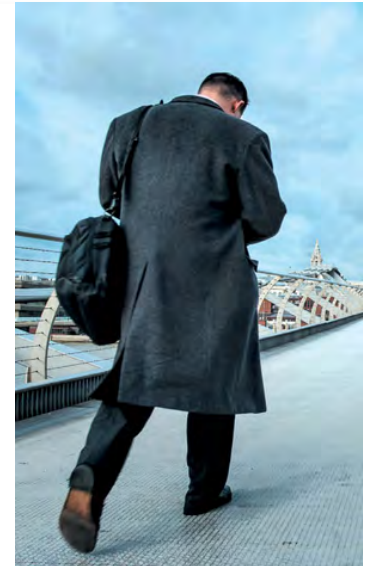
The three forms of cover - Diplomatic, Official and Non-official, have evolved because of the rapid changes in the digital age and the skills required to maintain a legend. Virtual record keeping, modern surveillance technology and the vast amounts of data on an individual's

Utilising social media to help conceal identity is a growing trait used in the intelligence world



background accessible on open-source platforms, such as social media, are affecting and impacting on intelligence agents' ability to operate covertly in foreign theatres.

Historically, many operatives assumed the identity of someone who had died at an early age and basic paper record keeping made it difficult to scrutinise such a legend. Technological advances now allow extensive information and background analysis of peoples' lives through social media, as well as identity verification at borders with biometric scanning and other measures. At the same time, the complete absence of a detailed social media presence can be a 'red flag' to a monitoring counter-intelligence agency, causing investigators to examine an individual with far more vigour.



Intelligence officers today are being taught the potential vulnerabilities of a presence on social media - or the complete lack of it. And this means that operating undercover now involves a long-term strategy and additional planning. An intelligence officer's presence on social media must be consistent with their cover and cannot be subject to historical revision.

A NEW TRADECRAFT WITH AN HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Commenting on this tradecraft element, which social media can both support and threaten, Mark Kelton, former CIA Deputy Director for Counterintelligence, said. "Young people today are on the Internet all the time and most people have a social media presence. If they don't, then you ask why and look at the nature of that presence - who are they in touch with, what are they doing, is it something they actively keep up, or is it something that sits dormant, why would it sit dormant? All of these questions come to mind."



Mark Kelton

An undercover intelligence officer's online identity and lifestyle must reflect the life they present themselves as living. While the underlying principles of cover and legend might remain the same, it also requires a change in mindset; where it was once common to keep a low



Richard Welch - CIA Station Chief in Athens - assassinated in 1975



maintain that it raises more red flags as it becomes the *anomaly*.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE QUANDARY

Nevertheless, a public online presence can create counterintelligence problems for officers operating overseas. By observing someone's social media identity, foreign intelligence services can also seek to determine whether a person of interest might be vulnerable to recruitment. In addition, when

profile, there are occasions and situations whereby it is helpful to conceal an identity or role by having a prominent and public online profile or persona. There are some analysts (and spy chiefs) who argue that intelligence officials should not be on social media at all, but far more who

an adversary reveals a spy's real identity to the public - news quickly spreads via social media and to broader audiences, embarrassing the spy's government and possibly endangering him or her. Outing spies has always been a strategic opportunity for nation states. And in recent times, there have been many well publicised events - perhaps the best example being the FBI's exposure of a Russian spy ring in 2010. (See page 39)

DOCUMENT TRACING

The practice today - known as doxing in the world of intelligence - was initially directed at clandestine cyber-spies who operate overseas. In some ways, doxing is the 21st century version of outing an intelligence officer in the media. The term derives from 'document tracing' and in the Internet age, it is more like social engineering - gathering and analysing information on an individual using publicly available sources and platforms such as Facebook. Data can also be secured through hacking. One intelligence officer compared it to "Internet hacktivism" and "vigilantism." Either way, 'compromise' is a word inextricably linked to the practise.

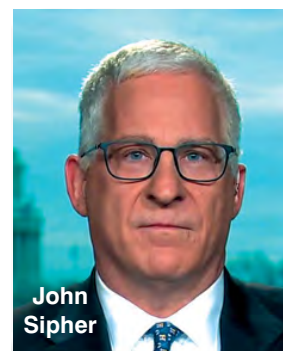
DANGERS

Philip Agee, a disgruntled former CIA officer, allegedly revealed the identity of over 1,000 CIA officers and contact people during the 1970s - this as he attempted to undermine the ability of US Intelligence to operate clandestinely in many overseas theatres. In September 1974, Agee publicly identified Richard Welch as the CIA Station Chief in Athens,

leading to the publication of his home address and phone number. A year later, Welch was assassinated by a Greek terrorist group, prompting Congress to pass the Intelligence Identities Protection Act. This in effect criminalised the intentional, unauthorised disclosure of information identifying a US intelligence agent. Similar laws and regulations are in place in the UK and elsewhere.

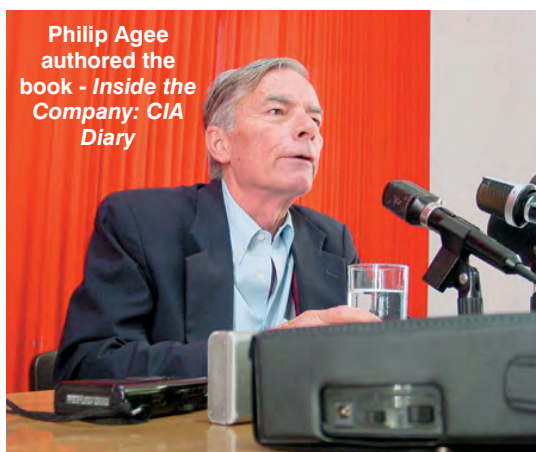
DOXING AND THE DIGITAL AGE

On the subject of doxing, John Sipher, a former CIA officer who served with Langley's National Clandestine Service (Russian Desk), said: "It seems to me that doxing intelligence officials was to be expected. The US and its adversaries have been trying to develop the unwritten rules for this new digital age. What is deterrence in the cyber age? Where are the boundaries as countries and individuals steal or attack each other? How far can we go before we trigger a retaliation? How do we



John Sipher

send signals to make clear what is acceptable, and what not? It took time for the nuclear powers to develop rules of the road, and understand the distinctions between deterrence and defence. Spy services have also developed a series of unwritten rules of how they should interact. It will likely take some time - and some pain - before the participants better understand how they can play the game in the digital age."



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A-Z

The Language of Spies

*Old, New, Forgotten
and Simply Strange*

Eye Spy delves into another collection of unusual, but authentic terms and phrases used by those who work in the 'grey' areas of intelligence, espionage and security

ACCOUNTANT (WALLET)

MONEY DISTRIBUTION

Intelligence has a price. Perhaps not surprisingly, in modern times, the actual budget and funding of many intelligence agencies, from the CIA to MI6, the public is given an insight into the cost of maintaining such services in an annual report. And though the allotment of monies to various tasks is never provided, it at least gives insight into the

general cost of running such crucial organisations. Naturally some observers are sceptical, and maintain that appropriated monies do not tell the full story, and in many cases this is perfectly true.

Intelligence has never been more important to the security of any respective nation. And in recent times, many well known agencies have increased staffing levels, or proposed longer-term projects. An example being British Intelligence, where overall, an additional 2,000



officers and staffers will be added to the 'pool'. This means more funding.

Yet there are always opportunities for spymasters to seek extra finances, especially in times of conflict or global troubles (horizon threats). And this is complemented by the funding of specialist and long-term operations which as well as being complex, can be expensive to conceal.

In the UK, there exists a little known mechanism between the intelligence services and the Treasury - a location whereby a senior official and liaison will monitor costing, and the funding of a whole manner of other topics which fall under the remit of agencies such as MI6, including providing funds to maintain agents-in-place and the maintenance and running costs of overseas buildings. Such work is designated Top Secret. A similar system exists in the United States, and a lesser known body in Germany has also been declared.



US Treasury Department, Washington DC



Here senior intelligence figures, and a person (agency employee or liaison) dubbed the 'Accountant' (in the United States the 'Wallet') can meet with the government finance people to secure additional monies that may or may not be included in the final publicly declared budget. Internally, operational officers may also contact the Accountant to seek additional money, perhaps as payment to an agent or informant, or enlarged funding to offer as a 'reward' for crucial intelligence. In other cases, the Accountant will be asked to establish a 'legitimate' bank account in a country where an operation will be conducted.

In respect of espionage, the intelligence controller has the right to debate payment for information, thus the Accountant may also seek guidance from ministers briefed on the nature of the operation. Such monetary information is important in the enticement or recruitment of a spy. Similarly, it's not unusual for the Accountant to advise an intelligence service on what a defector could expect to receive as a long-term reward (pension etc.). And whilst the annual budget of most Western intelligence agencies is now publicly disclosed, this barely tells the whole story.

AUTUMN LEAVES

AGENT OR OPS END GAME

A UK phrase for an operation which is coming to an end, either naturally or by a directive. 'Autumn Leaves May Be Falling' can be set against a whole range of intelligence topics, from an agent coming to the end of his operational usefulness, perhaps through exposure, to the objective of a specific endeavour having been achieved (or not). It has also been used in darker areas whereby a service can no longer trust an agent or indeed, a senior official is no longer regarded or respected from within.

In some cases the phrase has been spoken to identify a spy who has been purposely identified (exposed) and will be targeted. Perhaps a good example is CIA operational officer Valerie Plame. She was outed in 2003 amidst the Niger 'yellowcake' affair when all manner of deceit and spy games swept through Langley and Washington involving her husband - diplomat Joseph Wilson.



Former CIA officer
Valerie Plame Wilson

HOUSEKEEPING

IDENTIFYING A TRAITOR

The word 'Housekeeping' is closely associated with the term Stranger in the House (see over). All intelligence services of note have a dedicated number of

officers who are charged with internal and external security and protection of information. Their task also includes proper management of intelligence movement, handling, circulation and storage.

When information and intelligence appears to be mis-managed or worse, some finding its way to an adversary through careless handling, 'loose talk' or perhaps deliberately provided by a traitor within, Housekeeping is called upon to systematically engage with senior officials to ensure all efforts have been deployed to secure and protect information. All manner of procedures are investigated until those engaged in the internal effort are satisfied house rules have been followed. Staffers are briefed throughout, though in many cases the real reason for the tightening or overhaul of security will not be revealed, this to conceal suspicion that the organisation suspects a traitor is working in their midst. ➤



The task of finding potential spies within a British intelligence service or security is known as 'Housekeeping'



'House Insurance' - managing the illusion of 'normality'



If leaks, mistrust or suspicion continues, it is not unusual for specially trained operatives to be assigned tasks whereby they can monitor operations and information from within. In some cases they will befriend a suspected operative or even engage in conversation outside the agency - this is a covert attempt to monitor his or her lifestyle, movement and friends.

In more extreme cases (if leaks continue on a specific project for example), the work may even be moved to external premises or passed to another team.

HOUSE INSURANCE SECRECY AND INTELLIGENCE

In the language of spies, various words are used to describe domestic and foreign-based intelligence collection points, or actual locations used to protect 'working

premises'. In most embassies there exists at least one dedicated intelligence specialist, in larger concerns a team of intelligence officers will be deployed, often working under diplomatic cover. These are known as Field Stations.

However, it's not unusual for other buildings to house intelligence-controlled entities. In 'friendly' countries these will be declared to the host nation, others are undoubtedly secret - or will be cleverly designed front companies. Management of security and concealment is known as 'House Insurance', and is usually controlled by an experienced officer whose sole task is to manage the illusion of 'normality'.

Operationally, the task is supported by giving the appearance of a proper functional business, or diplomatic branch. Addresses, declaration of staff and the actual nature of the work carried out seems innocent enough, concealed by an authentic work practise.

House Insurance also extends to protecting safehouses. In this case smaller offices are operated and are shielded by a carefully constructed plan making their true purpose 'invisible'. Another important 'intelligence office' - those operated by individuals or couples are called 'shoe boxes' and like larger concerns (declared and undeclared) all are protected by senior officers skilled in the art of deception.

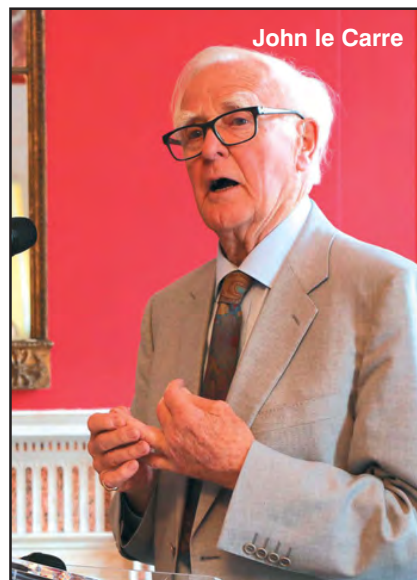
GARDENING

OPERATIONS AND PLANNING

A Cold War term still used today by those in the intelligence business who remember the secret spy games fought by the West and Soviet Union. 'Gardening' is used by intelligence officials to describe the planning for intelligence operations. In more complex affairs, including some which could well involve military elements,

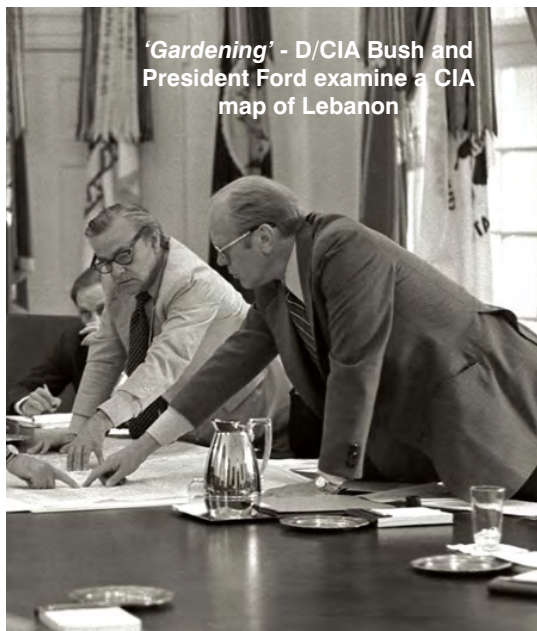


New US Embassy, London



John le Carre

'Gardening' - D/CIA Bush and President Ford examine a CIA map of Lebanon



various scenarios are discussed and the 'ground is prepared' - hence the word.

Experts from 'bespoke' or contracting companies may be called upon to help in various areas to assist in the preparation of the operation, and in some instances these individuals are called 'gardeners'. Some intelligence writers have attempted to link the phrase with John le Carre's book - *The Constant Gardener* - though this is certainly not the case. Le Carre (David Cornwall), was of course an MI6 operative.

THE LANDLORD SAFEHOUSES AND BUILDINGS

A 'Landlord' is a CIA and British Intelligence word used to describe the primary operator who oversees security and running of a safehouse or the purchase of a building to be used by intelligence officers for a specific operation. The officer or official tasked with such engagements will often adopt the persona of a civilian or business person, enabling him or her to engage with locals, estate agents or sellers. Additionally, they may opt to create a false back-story allowing the location to be used safely and without attracting attention.

Besides Field Stations within US diplomatic missions (embassies, consulates and US



advisory missions for its nationals), the CIA is believed to operate safehouses in most foreign countries. Some are active for lengthy periods, others are short-lived and once they have served their purpose, are quietly abandoned or sold in a legitimate manner, thus ensuring invisibility and not arousing suspicious.

OUT OF FRAME AGENT END GAME

Few career intelligence officers care for this expression, while others may be more willing to accept its wider meaning. *'Out of Frame'* essentially describes an operative, informant or spy no longer willing to work in an agency, or on its behalf. However, it can equally be assigned to any of the former who are no longer needed, or their usefulness (according to their respective agency) has expired.

Following the end of the Cold War, hundreds of experienced intelligence officers in the United States and Britain, began pondering their retirement, or were seen as unnecessary in the new age of collaboration and cooperation. Added to the 'mix' was emerging technology. Thus an exodus of talent and brilliant thinkers and planners believing they were Out of Frame departed - only for many to be rehired as consultants - costing agencies such as the CIA a great deal of money.

As for those in the first bracket, numerous case files exist whereby intelligence people have decided to depart, some for ethical

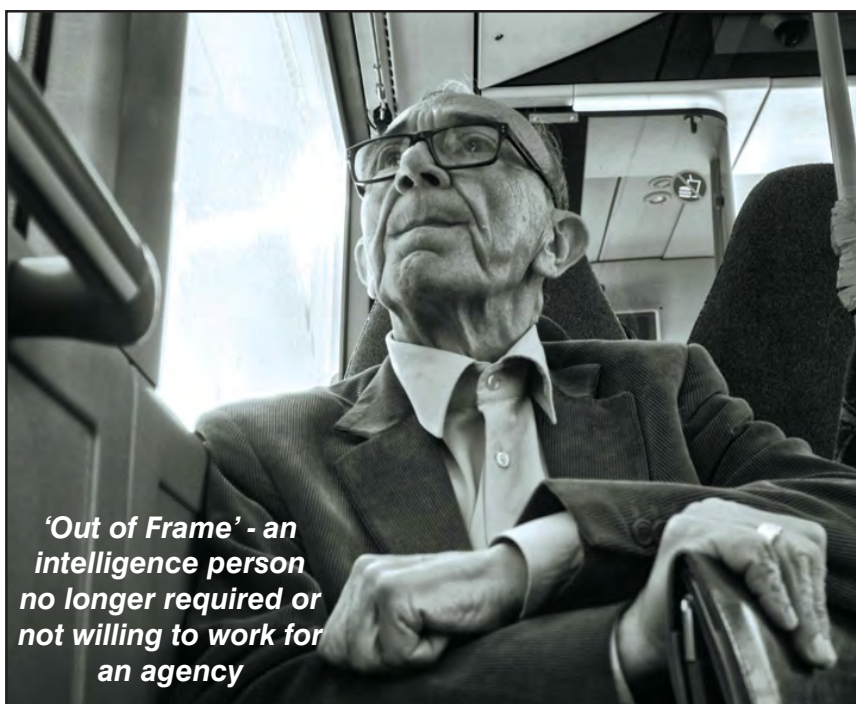


reasons, others to seek adventures new - some lured by better job prospects and financial reward in the contracting world. In both cases anyone designated Out of Frame is essentially exiting the 'official' intelligence arena.

SAND DUNES EVOLVING OPERATIONS

Intelligence officers and those planning operations often warn that unforeseen obstacles may arise at any stage. Naturally all those engaged in its preparation and delivery hope that everything runs smoothly and a successful outcome can be achieved. However, ask most intelligence people if this is usually the case, then you would be greeted with a smirk.

From implementation, agent reliability, area of operation and costing, numerous factors can deflect or upset the stability of an operation; lest we not forget inadvertent circumstances. In many cases intelligence services plan for



'Out of Frame' - an intelligence person no longer required or not willing to work for an agency



'Sand Dunes' - preparing for unforeseen changes in an operation without altering the primary objective

the unforeseen, and create 'alternative routes' which are called 'Sand Dunes' - this because the sands in a desert are blown and move - only to form again.

Ultimately, it is quite normal for operations to deflect from a pre-planned route, though an intelligence agency may view such movement as acceptable - if of course the original objective is achieved.

SIDE SHOW - SHELL GAME DECEPTION AND DISTRACTION

The words deception and distraction are constants in the world of intelligence - as evidenced by recent happenings in Russia, America and the UK. They are also closely aligned with 'Side Show' and 'Shell Game' - intelligence language for an operation of deceit enabled to protect or conceal a much wider or long-term objective. The scale and complexity of such operations are limited only by their importance and imagination of those whose task it is to protect the real deception.

Such endeavours can take the written or verbal form, or be an actual physical operation. In addition, they can be played out electronically - on the radio, television or the Internet via cyber hackers.

A good and enlarged example is the WWII effort to confuse German Intelligence where the actual landing of Allied forces would take place on D-Day. Months prior to the event, bogus armies were created, penetration operations performed in southern Europe, and all manner of false intelligence and leads simply handed to Berlin, Operation Mincemeat being a classic example (See Eye Spy 97).

All could all be bracketed in the term - Side Show.

In the climate of the Cold War, the Soviets too enabled operations which could fall within this category, this to fool its adversaries into believing its nuclear warhead numbers matched those in the West. And in later years to conceal financing and poor maintenance of its arsenal. However, even the Kremlin could not match British and later American Intelligence planners of deception.

The phrase[s] have also been used recently by the CIA and Mossad in respect of Iran's nuclear programme. Langley officials believe Tehran has carefully engaged in a skillful operation to conceal its real nuclear objective - a bomb - by opening various known test and research sites to inspectors and conforming to nuclear regulations. This, the CIA believe is a Side Show - all the while of course its most trusted scientists continue to work in secret on Iran's nuclear bomb ambitions.

The US Secret Service, Britain's Royal and Diplomatic protection services and other



international security agencies have all used Shell Games and Side Shows as a deception tool in various ways. A simple example of the usefulness of such an endeavour is by the exit of the US President from a public building - all doors will be protected - but he will use but one chosen at the last moment.

Travel to overseas countries by senior diplomatic and intelligence figures is another activity guarded by the intelligence world - 'multiple options' is a phrase which comes to mind. It's not unusual to create several



Weapons and millions of dollars in cash seized by the Drugs Enforcement Agency (DEA) in central America



2003. An EU delegation meet with Iranian officials, including senior negotiator Hassan Rouhani to discuss Tehran's nuclear ambitions

agendas, all of which are legitimate, some even leaked to the media, but only one will be used.

The use of Side Shows and Shell Games extend way beyond the intelligence and military world. For example, one US intelligence case file shows the unregistered movement of illegal weaponry in Central America; three identical carriers were selected, but only one contained the precious cargo. In this case it's a guessing game for the security services, one made even more difficult if information is deliberately released pointing to the wrong carrier (Side Show).

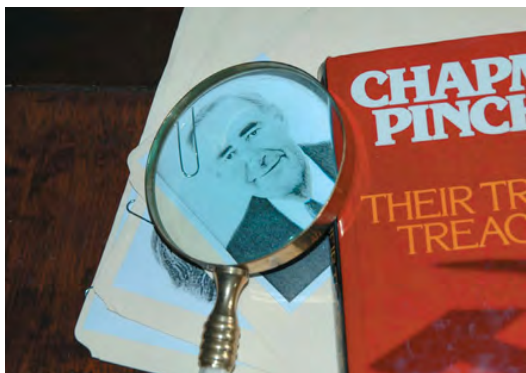
And it's not unusual for organised and professional crime gangs to sacrifice a small cargo of narcotics in order to conceal a much larger consignment being transported elsewhere.

STRANGER IN THE HOUSE THE BIGGEST INTEL FEAR

First used in the Cold War by British and American Intelligence, the term reflects operational concern that within a spy organisation lurks a dangerous traitor who has access to secret intelligence and may also seek to 'turn' associates.

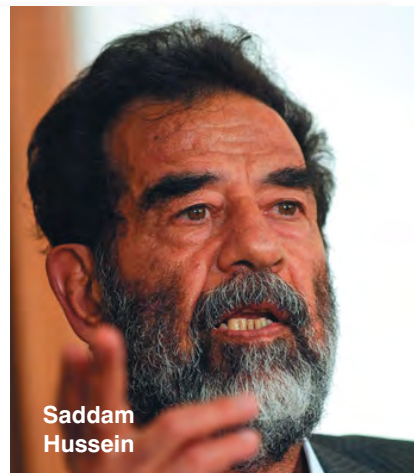
To 'out' such a person, department heads will deliberately leave harmless, or pass/circulate convincing information to those suspected of being a *'Stranger in the House'*. Observation of the suspect and monitoring of communications follow; so too any reference made of the information outside or within the sanctuary of the intelligence service.

Whilst the ruse may eventually trap an operative, more experienced traitors will sense a deliberate trap and refrain from passing the information to a handler or adversary directly. Similarly, senior staffers will, from the very beginning of the deception be aware that a trap has been set, thus if the traitor holds a position of note, it is hardly likely to work.



British spy author and investigative journalist Chapman Pincher, always believed MI5 Director-General Roger Hollis was a Russian spy - the Service's 'stranger'. He too notes that despite much suspicion and several internal investigations to determine if the organisation had been infiltrated by Soviet Intelligence, nothing could ever be proven. Chapman believed as head of the Service, Hollis was in a prime position to deflect attention.

Similar suspicion existed during J. Edgar Hoover's tenure as Director at the FBI. He was convinced Moscow had breached security. And even today, the term is used by those fearful of a breach. (See also Housekeeping)



STOVE PIPING

BY-PASSING THE ANALYSTS

CIA terminology for the passing, movement, mismanagement and often covert handling of raw intelligence to senior planning officers involved in decision making. The intention is to deceive and influence management, ultimately prompting agencies and even governments to act in a specific way.

Perhaps the first occasion when the term was used followed 9/11. A small intelligence unit called the Office of Special Plans (OPS), established under President George Bush (administration), used *'Stove Piping'* to submit raw intelligence on Saddam's WMD and nuclear ambitions. The intelligence simply bypassed analysts and other vetting specialists who were properly placed and should have had access to the material to comment

and assess its validity. Qualified intelligence decision makers were therefore kept out of the loop and had little chance or time to give their opinion. Some of the Stove Piped intelligence also suggested a direct link between the Iraqi government and al-Qaida, all of which was untrue.

Within a short space of time the WMD intelligence was used as a 'legitimate' platform to invade Iraq in 2003 and topple Saddam Hussein. Little evidence of chemical weaponry was discovered; Saddam's nuclear bomb project had been dismantled, and the CIA acknowledged there was no link between the former regime and Osama bin-Laden, thus no hidden gems relating to the perpetrators of 9/11.

Intelligence watchers also found another reference to Stove Piping in released files relating to the 2012 attack on the US Consulate building in Benghazi, Libya. Official papers note that security concerns were certainly raised prior to the attack which resulted in the death of Ambassador Christopher Stevens, diplomatic staffers and CIA contractors. A document read: *'In the months leading up to September 11, 2012, security in Benghazi was not recognised and implemented as a shared responsibility in Washington, resulting in stove-piped discussions and decision on policy and security'*.



NO FUNERAL IN KIEV

SPY GAMES TO CATCH AN ASSASSIN

EXPOSING THE FOURTH ESTATE

Ukraine journalist engages with intelligence officials
in a complex plot to identify an alleged assassin
hired by a supposed Kremlin-controlled agency



SBU - Security Service of Ukraine Logo

On 30 May, Ukrainian Government media sources revealed that Russian war reporter and Kremlin critic Arkady Babchenko had been assassinated in his apartment in Kiev. Hours later the SBU, Ukraine's primary military and intelligence service, held a press conference and announced he had staged his own death to expose a plot to murder him and perhaps as many as 30 other people. Babchenko then walked into the room to the astonishment of the press gallery - alive and well...

International response to the shadowy operation has divided intelligence and media opinion alike. Some believe it will prove a major victory for the Ukrainian authorities, especially if the SBU can provide hard evidence linking the alleged assassination plot to Russia. Others are concerned in the current environment of 'fake news' and disinformation, that the operation further damages the news media's reputation and undermined credibility in Kiev while handing the Kremlin a propaganda gift.

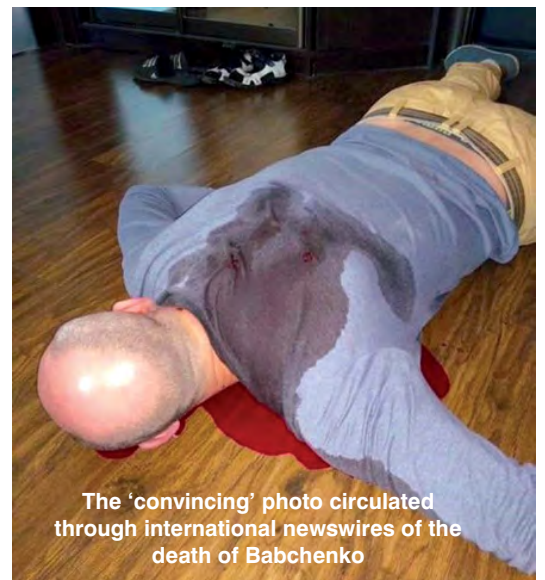
PLOT AND RUSE

Arkady Babchenko has been an outspoken critic of President Putin for some time. He was reportedly murdered in Kiev on 29 May, "shot in the back at his apartment by an unidentified assailant," according to a senior police official. Images were circulated of Babchenko, a father-of-six, lying on his front, with holes in the back of his shirt and a pool of blood underneath him. Tributes were duly paid by colleagues and friends online, and his wife was reported to be "inconsolable."

Ukraine Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman said Russia was responsible for the shooting, a statement rejected within minutes by Russia's FSB Director Alexander Bortnikov.

However, the following day, he emerged alive at an SBU press conference, and the Service admitted staging his death to investigate a Russian plot to kill him. SBU Director Vasyl Hrytsak, said an elaborate sting operation had been set up to "catch an assassin controlled and funded by Russian forces." Police

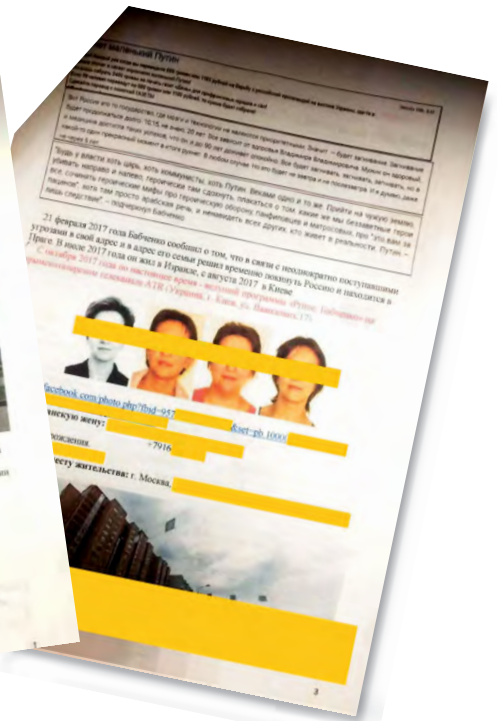
reported making one arrest. Babchenko said he had been informed a month earlier about an alleged Russian plot against him and had agreed to cooperate with Ukraine's counter-operation.



The 'convincing' photo circulated
through international newswires of the
death of Babchenko



Babchenko pictured in Tskhinvali, South Ossetia. The area saw fierce fighting between Georgia and Russia during the 2008 conflict



INTELLIGENCE BACKGROUND: Alleged personal data sheets secured from the conspirators containing a plethora of personal information on Babchenko, including frequented places, addresses, associates, friends and family...

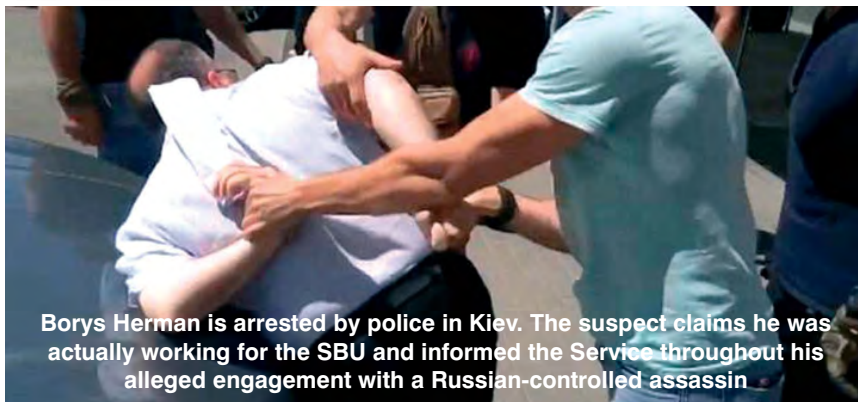


Borys Herman

Borys German [Herman in Ukrainian], 50, was arrested on 30 May and remanded in custody for two months on suspicion of plotting a terrorist attack, namely the murder of Babchenko. Prosecutor-General Yuriy Lutsenko, said that Herman had contracted a former monk in the person of Oleksiy Tsymbalyuk, who had fought in the conflict in eastern Ukraine, to kill Babchenko.



SBU Director Vasyl Hrytsak



Borys Herman is arrested by police in Kiev. The suspect claims he was actually working for the SBU and informed the Service throughout his alleged engagement with a Russian-controlled assassin

Lutsenko said: "After that, Tsymbalyuk went to the SBU and joined an 'operative game' to expose the organiser - Herman, according to our theory. A number of other SBU agents assisted with the operation."



According to Lutsenko, Herman met with Tsymbalyuk several times and at one of their meetings gave him \$20,000 as a 50 per cent down payment for the journalist's murder, and promised the remainder would be paid after the killing.

Herman, the director of a Ukrainian-German arms manufacturer called Schmeisser, claimed he was recruited by an ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin and that the plot was part of a plan by Russia to regain complete control of Ukraine - a former Soviet satellite. Speaking in Kiev's Shevchenkivsky District Court, German said: "Six months ago, ➤



my old acquaintance contacted me, an ex-citizen of Ukraine, now living in Moscow. He works in a personal foundation of Putin's - and is in charge of organising riots

in Ukraine and planned acts of terror at the next presidential elections. "He is called Vyacheslav Pivovarnik. This is not a fairy tale, there's nothing mystical here, everything has been proved."

Herman claimed he was part of the counter-intelligence operation having informed the SBU about the plot. "I reported this to the head of Ukrainian counter-intelligence because I think it's their job, and not the job of Ukraine's SBU Security Service, to address," he said. This comment has baffled intelligence watchers.

Herman also claimed he had also passed a list of 30 Russian assassination targets in Ukraine to a counter-intelligence agent called Dima. "I have personally disclosed many plans of this Putin foundation," he alleged. "We knew perfectly well that there would not be any murder of Babchenko, that everything would be staged. We did it for the sake of our country, nobody wants Russia to be active here." He also warned that at least 100 killers were on the loose in Ukraine.

MYSTERY DEEPENS

Ukraine's chief military prosecutor Ruslan Kravchenko, said Herman's claims of cooperation with SBU counter-intelligence



Oleksiy Tsymbalyuk



Tsymbalyuk, regarded as an ultranationalist by Moscow in the uniform of the Right Sector



A COMPLEX CASE

Within hours of Babchenko's death, Ukraine police released an e-fit of the suspected murderer (left) which looked remarkably similar to a Chechen assassin known as Validol, A.k.a. Valid Lurakhmanov (right), who is reportedly in the Ukraine. Both images bear a similarity to Oleksiy Tsymbalyuk, (above) the monk who was supposedly hired by Herman to carry out the sanction.



agents was "not true." In addition, he noted that information about the possible confidential cooperation of the suspect became known to prosecutors only during the court hearing. He said the information would be checked by pre-trial investigators.

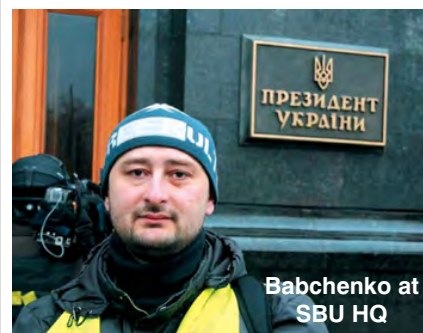
"These statements contradict the evidence itself, which is chronicled in protocols for conducting clandestine investigatory surveil-

lance, in which the suspect's intentions are clearly evident, as well as simple logic. For starters, the suspect does not know that the counter-intelligence department is part of the SBU and not a separate agency," Kravchenko said.

Tsymbalyuk said in a social media posting: 'For the first time the SBU has worked to forestall the FSB.' He claimed 'talented' investigators had worked on the case and prevented a killing. A former fighter against pro-Putin rebels and Russian forces in eastern Ukraine, he said he had cooperated with the investigation. "For the first time we overcame them (the FSB)... and this is beautiful." But he added: "Honestly, I do not know how my fate will turn out now. I'm somewhat nervous."



Babchenko pictured with Ukraine President Petro Poroshenko (left) and head of the SBU Vasyl Grytsak (military uniform) and Prosecutor General Yuri Lutsenko



Babchenko at SBU HQ



In addition to the alleged assassination plot, the SBU released the following statement together with the above images: *'The Russian intelligence agencies tasked the organiser (Herman) with another project using the money of Russia's special services [to] buy on the black market weapons and ammunition from the ATO region and organise caches on the territory of the Kiev region'.*

QUESTIONS

Both Tsymbalyuk and Herman claimed to be working for Ukraine's intelligence services. Ukrainian officials at first denied that but, in the case of Tsymbalyuk, subsequently admitted he had played a role.

Oleksiy Tsymbalyuk, once a monk and a deacon in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church who used the clerical name Aristarkh, strongly and publicly avowed enmity toward Russia. Some question why he would be selected to carry out the contract killing of a prominent Kremlin critic, others say he is the perfect candidate who would go undetected.

In court, Herman tried to link the plot to President Vladimir Putin and to claim that he too, had been working for Ukraine all along - that he "was first contacted six months ago."



Borys Herman in court

Claiming that he was working for Ukrainian counter-intelligence, he said he had known perfectly well that there would be no killing. A monk was hired "because he would not kill an unarmed man," he said in court. And once Babchenko's 'assassination' had taken place, he said, his Russian contact had given him the list of 30 more names, which he says he passed to Ukrainian counter-intelligence. The prosecutor's office has denied that Herman worked for Ukrainian counter-intelligence.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitri S. Peskov, said Russia had nothing to do with the alleged kill operation. "No such [Putin] foundation exists in Russia," he told reporters. "Any allegations about Russia's possible complicity in this staging is just mudslinging. They do not correspond to reality."

The level of international criticism and media attention was such that the Ukrainian Embassy in London felt compelled to issue a statement justifying what it called a 'special operation'. *"The hybrid war waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine demands unorthodox approaches,"* a spokesman said.

END GAME

Ukrainian authorities will, in future days, attempt to explain why they felt it necessary to stage such a complex and controversial operation. What is clear, are the very real dangers to journalists in Putin's Russia. The newspaper Babchenko worked for, *Novaya Gazeta*, decided to take a range of security measures, including arming its journalists with unspecified 'trauma weapons' in response to the threats and attacks they face.

ASSASSINATED



Pavel Sheremet



Amina Okueva



Denis Voronkov



Oles Buzina

If the assassination had taken place, Babchenko would have been the fourth Russian dissident to be murdered in Ukraine in the last two years, following the deaths of journalist Pavel Sheremet, fugitive politician Denis Voronkov, and Amina Okueva, the wife of a Chechen dissident accused of plotting to kill President Putin who later led a pro-Ukraine battalion. Ukraine has blamed all three murders

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MID-2018 INTELLIGENCE OVERVIEW

ISIS/DAESH

Eye Spy examines the current status of the intelligence war and conflict with ISIS and how world governments are cooperating to defeat its fighting forces and ideology, this as attacks continue worldwide

MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker, said Britain's security services have foiled 12 terrorist plots since March 2017. Speaking to European spy and military chiefs at the 15th symposium of Germany's national intelligence service - Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz (BfV) in Berlin, Mr Parker said since the terrorist attack in London 2013, when two ISIS supporters murdered off-duty trooper Lee Rigby, 25 major attacks in the UK have been attempted - and all of them either disrupted or stopped. Some of the targets included music venues, premier tourist attractions and government buildings. In a number of cases, the use of knives, IEDs and vehicles were to be used.

Mr Parker, whilst discussing the long-term threat still posed by ISIS, said it should not be forgotten that al-Qaida and other terror groups



have not gone away, including far-right entities. "Europe faces an intense, unrelenting and multi-dimensional terrorist threat," he said.

MI6, the CIA and other international agencies, have joined in a secret collaboration, which does in part include some elements from Russia's spy services, in attempting to infiltrate, disrupt and 'conclude' the activities of ISIS/Daesh in Syria, Iraq and parts of Northern Africa. However, Mr Parker warned: "Whilst Daesh has now lost its false caliphate in its strongholds in Syria and Iraq, tackling

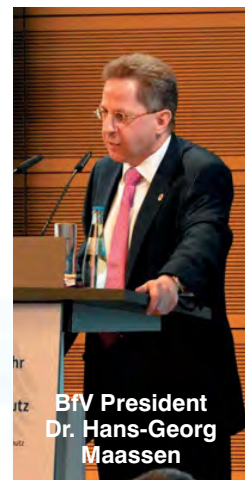


MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker addresses delegates at the BfV conference in Berlin

the group as a movement will require sustained international focus for years to come. As I speak today, they are seeking to regroup, and the threat seems likely to persist."

Mr Parker also referenced attacks on mainland Europe - 45 in the last two years - calling the situation an

"intense and unrelenting terrorist threat." And despite obvious references to the UK leaving the European Union, all the security heads agreed that continued and increased cooperation in the fight against terrorism was essential.



BfV President Dr. Hans-Georg Maassen

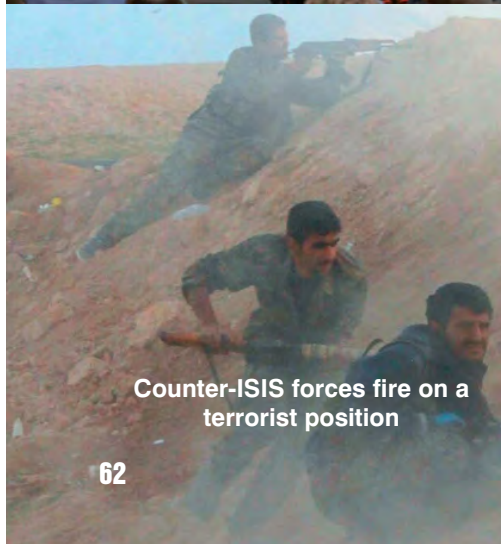


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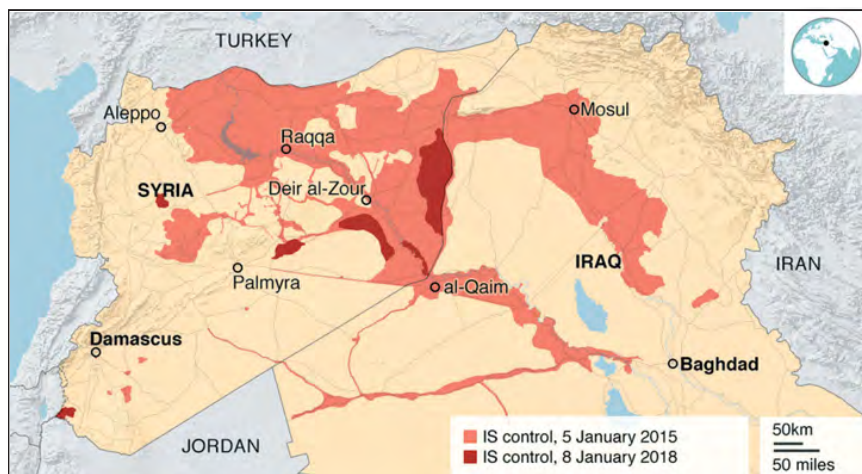
MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker



The Berlin conference focussed on hybrid threats



Counter-ISIS forces fire on a terrorist position



Graphic showing territory lost by ISIS since January 2015 to early 2018

A FAMILY AFFAIR

New Tactics as ISIS Focus on Defeating Counter-measures Using 'Unseen' Bombers

The retreat of ISIS from its former strongholds in the Middle East and return of its fighters to the countries of origin, is recognised by all intelligence officials, as a major threat. In the last eighteen months, attacks by ISIS supporters and returning terrorists have increased - from North America to the Far East - no country seems immune.

One nation which has seen many of its nationals return following the military defeat of ISIS, is Indonesia, and an attack there on 13 May 2018, reflects the menace and total disregard of human life. In the city of Surabaya, Dita Oepriarto and his wife, Puji Kuswati, opted to use their teenage sons, aged 16 and 18, as suicide bombers to carry out attacks at two churches. Thirteen people died and around 40 were injured. Dita Oepriarto then drove his explosive-laden car into the gates of another church.



Dita Oepriarto, Puji Kuswati and family - all perished

The mother also carried an IED into a church - accompanied by two other siblings - aged 8 and 9 - all perished after she exploded her suicide bomb belt.

National Police chief Tito Karnavian said Oepriarto was the head of a Jemaah Ansharut Daulah (JAD) terror cell which is supportive of ISIS, while Indonesian President Joko Widodo called the attack "barbaric and beyond the limits of humanity."

After security services searched the family's home, they discovered an array of bomb-building material. Indonesia's security service initially said the couple were among an estimated 500 ISIS fighters who have ➤



Indonesian President Joko Widodo (white shirt) examines the site at one church attacked by the bombers

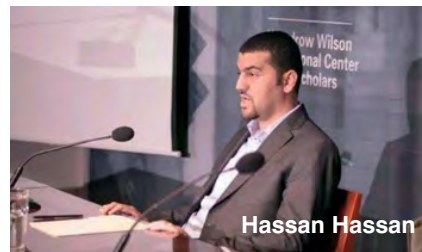
ISIS FIGHTING FORCES ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

INTEL INSIDE

In July 2017, combined intelligence from senior authorities, military and intelligence agencies operating in Iraq and Syria, revealed that an estimated 60-70,000 ISIS fighting operatives had been killed, with a further 20,000 in detention. Commanders in Iraq now believe the total today is nearer 100,000. While data on the remaining remnants of former ISIS 'battle units' is sketchy, one reported CIA Estimate said that as few as 2,000 fighters remain in the main fighting theatres.

However, other sources believe the figure may be higher, but all agree ISIS has lost its prowess and capability to launch major military attacks, primarily because of a loss of funding, transport, armaments, weapons and supplies. Other vanishing and important factors are the loss of 'command and control', 'hearts and minds' and the 'fear factor'.

Intelligence and NATO officials who attended the Berlin conference, agree this does not diminish the menace of the group, nor does it stop its supporters outside Syria, Iraq and North Africa, from carrying out acts of terror.



Syrian Hassan Hassan, who co-authored the informative book *ISIS: Inside the Army of Terror*, believes around 7,000-10,000 ISIS loyalists remain in the main theatre. He largely agrees with the CIA figure of 2,000 who remain active in conducting operations. However, Hassan believes ISIS has evolved: "They now operate almost as a terrorist insurgent group." He believes that following the collapse of its forces in Iraq, those who survived, joined colleagues in Syria.



ISIS leader - Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi



National Police chief Tito Karnavian

returned from the conflict areas in Iraq and Syria, this was later withdrawn.

ISIS's Internet-based propaganda media outlet Amaq said: 'Three martyrdom attacks killed 11 and wounded at least 41 among church guards and Christians'. The death toll was based on radio and television reports, and Amaq soon revised its figure.

The attack took place just 48-hours after a prominent group of Muslim scholars met in the country, denouncing violent extremism and terrorism.



24-FOUR-HOURS LATER

The following day another 'family suicide attack' took place at the police headquarters in Surabaya, this time a father and mother carrying their three children and an assortment of explosives on motorbikes crashed into a perimeter checkpoint. Six police officers and four civilians were injured. All but a young girl on the motorbike survived the blast.

Authorities named the adults as Tri Murtono, 50, and his wife Tri Ernawati, 43.

THE TELEGRAM STING

Five Senior ISIS Terrorists Captured by Deception

Officers from Iraq's National Intelligence Service (NIS) and security services working with colleagues from at least one US intelligence agency, lured four senior ISIS commanders from Syria into Iraq, in an elaborate sting operation using the Telegram app. The men, named as Mohamed al-Qadeer, Saddam al-Jammel, Essam al-Zawbai and Omar al-Karbouli, were all on a 'most wanted' ISIS list.

This followed the arrest of Ismail al-Eithawi, a senior aide to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-



Above: Images of four of the five senior ISIS commanders captured after the CIA enabled an operation to lure the men into Iraq

Baghdadi. He was captured by Turkish security services and returned to Iraq, where he was questioned by intelligence officials. On his person was a cell phone which was used to contact his four colleagues in Syria through a secret number. Of further interest, several secret bank accounts containing large sums of money used by ISIS to fund its fast-dissipating 'control and command' in the region, were also discovered on al-Eithawi's cell phone. The prisoner also provided the location of several ISIS training and support centres which were duly bombed by Alliance forces. In one strike, 39 ISIS terrorists were killed near Hajin, in the strategically important region of Deir al-Zour, Syria.

The 'safe' contact number enabled the CIA and Iraq Intelligence to create a ruse whereby the four would receive instructions to cross



Indonesian security forces have fought a two-decade war with terrorist factions in the country, most aligned to al-Qaida and more recently, ISIS. Upper left: Insignia of the country's counter-terrorism force - Kopassus



CIA-NIS NIGHT GAMES

A Special Forces unit captured the four ISIS commanders one-by-one as they crossed at a designated point on the Syrian-Iraq border



أربعة من أهم المطلوبين تم

the border at a secret location believing they would be part of a team planning further operations inside Iraq. One by one as they crossed into Iraq (area unknown) they were arrested. The operation began in February and is being hailed as “significant,” by intelligence analysts. The captured men were all involved in security and governing ISIS-controlled areas around Deir al-Zour. Iraq Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi called the operation a “major victory.”



President Trump with Iraq Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi



Iraq security advisor Hisham al-Hashimi believes the “noose is tightening” around ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who he believes is in hiding in the border regions between Iraq and Syria.

As for this latest setback to ISIS, President Trump tweeted: ‘Five most wanted leaders of ISIS captured’.

- Around 5,000 US security advisors and intelligence support people are still operational in Iraq.

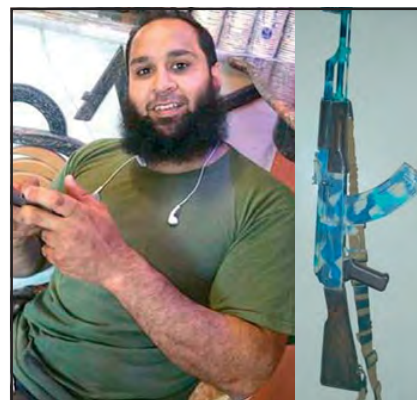
MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

First All-Female Terror Trial in Britain

The trial has concluded of three women charged with plotting an ISIS-inspired terrorist attack in London, including one targeting the British Museum. The plot was broken following an MI5 operation which involved surveillance and eavesdropping at one of the suspects’ homes in the capital and the interception of communications in the Middle East.

Eighteen-year-old* Safaa Boular, her mother Mina Dich, 44, and her sister, Rizlaine Boular, 21, have been found guilty of plotting to attack various targets. Following the death of Safaa Boular’s fiancé, Naweed Hussain, an ISIS operative fighting in Syria on 4 April 2017, the intensity of the women’s ambition increased. The court heard Safaa had planned to travel to the Middle East and join Hussain - in a suicide bombing pact. “The couple would then depart the world holding hands and taking others with them.”

MI5 and GCHQ intercepted various communications between Boular and an ISIS recruiter

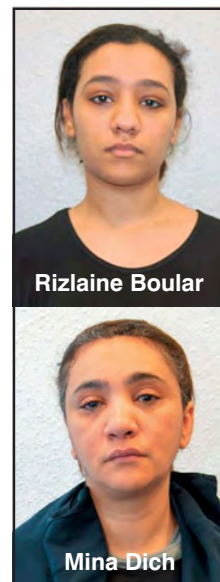


ISIS fighter Naweed Hussain sent Safaa Boular photographs of his ‘personalised’ AK-47 assault rifle which he used in Iraq

known as Umm Isa al-Amrike in Syria, in this case using the Telegram app. Al-Amrike was killed in May 2016 by an armed CIA-controlled UAV. This intelligence led the Security Service to the family.

As MI5 and New Scotland Yard probed deeper into the cell, an undercover police officer posing as an ISIS sympathiser made contact. “All I need was a car and knife to get what I want to achieve,” Safaa told him.

When Safaa was arrested, the plan to strike in London moved to her sister. In an intercepted phone call, the two sisters discussed *Alice in*



Rizlaine Boular

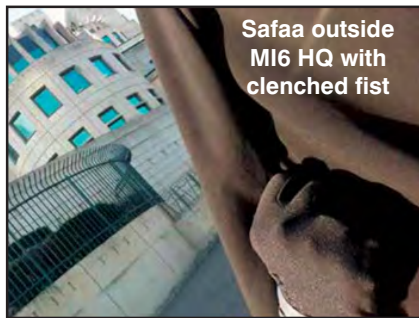
Mina Dich



Safaa Boular

British Museum, London





Safaa outside
MI6 HQ with
clenched fist

Wonderland' and having a 'tea party' on 27 April. On 25 April, Rizlaine and her mother were surveilled by MI5 A4 Watchers as they carried out reconnaissance in Westminster and at MI6 HQ. The next day they purchased several long knives and a rucksack.

MI5 sources believe the codename for the attack was 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' (Rizlaine being the Mad Hatter). Rizlaine admitted that this was the day she would kill people with "long knives in Westminster," and together with her mother had already pleaded guilty in the preparation of acts of terrorism.

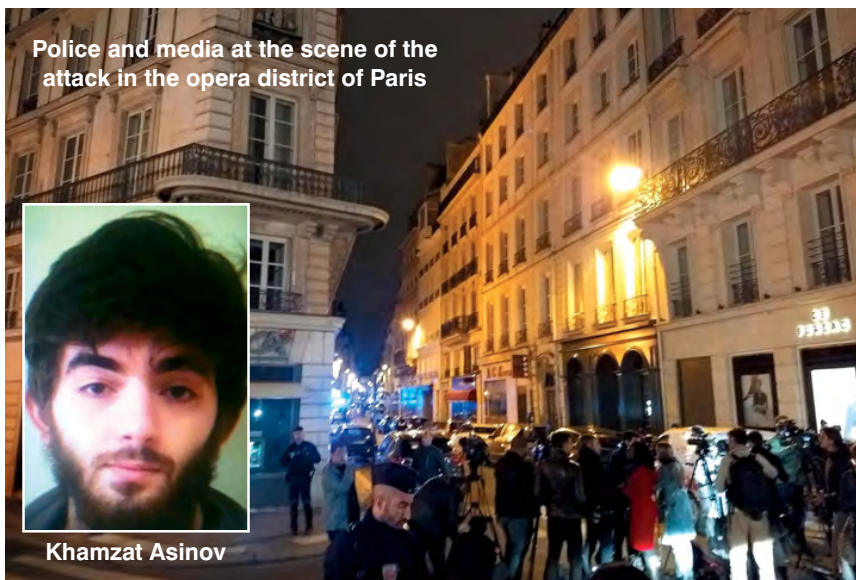
*Safaa Boular was 17 at the time.

A DANGEROUS NUMBER

Lone Wolf Strikes in Paris

An ISIS-inspired terrorist, named as 21-year-old Khamzat Asinov killed one person and injured several more in a knife attack in the Opera district of Paris on 12 May. Witnesses said as the man struck his victims, he shouted "Allah Akbar." Police arrived within minutes and shot the attacker dead.

The terrorist, born in Chechnya, featured on a security service watch list for his suspected links to ISIS, and was hailed by the terror group's media as 'one of its own soldiers'.



Police and media at the scene of the
attack in the opera district of Paris

Khamzat Asinov



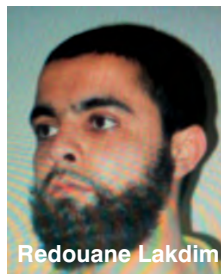
President Emmanuel Macron

The group released a video showing Asinov pledging his allegiance to its cause.

French President Emmanuel Macron tweeted: 'France has once again paid in blood, but will not give an inch to the enemies of freedom'.

FRENCH POLICE HERO

The latest lone wolf attack follows the deadly antics of ISIS terrorist Redouane Lakdim, 25. On 23 March he killed four people and injured 16, two of them seriously, during a hostage-taking incident in Trebes, southwest France. Lakdim hijacked a car in the city of Carcassonne, wounding the driver and killing the passenger,



Redouane Lakdim

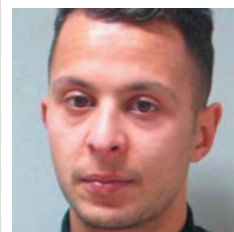


FRENCH SECURITY WATCH LIST

INTEL INSIDE Like the UK and USA, France has a security watch list called Fiche S ('S' being Security). First created 50-years ago, it is constructed and operated very differently. It contains the names of an estimated 20,000 people (various levels of security interest), who are considered threats to national security. French intelligence sources acknowledge that the list does not necessarily include just terrorist suspects, far from it - only around 50% are believed to have threats to terrorism, either supportive, ideology or regarded as 'active players'. Persons who pose any danger to France, from violent individuals to major crime sponsors are



Police at the scene of the supermarket
hostage-taking incident



Salah Abdeslam

before driving toward Trebes. There, he shot at police officers before entering a supermarket, taking several people hostage. During the resulting standoff with police, Lakdim demanded the release of Salah Abdeslam* - the only surviving member of the ISIS terror cell that attacked Paris in 2015. Two hostages were killed before Lakdim released all but one woman whom he used as a human shield.



Charlie Hebdo attackers - Cherif and Said Kouachi - both on the watch list

included, so too anti-nuclear activists - an "indication of its variety," according to French intelligence watchers. Some of those on the list are surveilled vigorously, others placed under 'passive surveillance'. Bizarrely, it does not give police cause to arrest individuals on the list.

Some intelligence officials want those involved or suspected of being involved in terrorist activities removed to a more "appropriate watch list" - similar to those operated by MI5 and the FBI and one dedicated solely to security, intelligence and counter-terrorism. They also want to remove from France current Fiche S names who are not French nationals.

Besides ISIS knifeman Khamzat Azimov's name being on the list, other recent notable terror suspects included Amedy Coulibaly, involved in the deadly 2015 Paris attacks, Cherif and Said Kouachi -



November 2015. Police at the Bataclan Theatre, Paris, where ISIS fanatics - some on the Fiche S list - killed 89 people

masterminds of the *Charlie Hebdo* attack in the same year, and Redouane Lakdim, who killed four people including police officer Arnoud Beltrame in March 2018.

French Senator Nathalie Ghoulet, emphasised that in recent times, the vast majority of those who performed terrorist acts in France were on the Fiche S. As Chairwomen of the country's Inquiry Commission into extremist jihadist groups in France, she wants the current watch list scrapped.



Nathalie Ghoulet

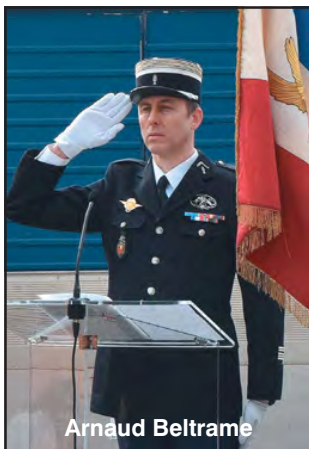
Far-right politician Marine Le Pen, also criticised the list following the Paris attack. She tweeted: *'What purpose can this fiche S serve if we don't stop these time bombs from causing damage on French soil?'*

However, intelligence analysts from the French Centre for the Analysis of Terrorism, note that 60% of those responsible for terrorist acts in France since 2014, were not on the Fiche S.



Marine Le Pen

French policeman Lieutenant Colonel Arnoud Beltrame, 44, swapped himself for the woman and kept his cell phone switched



Arnoud Beltrame

on enabling police to keep track of the ongoing situation. Sadly, Lakdim stabbed the officer and shot him in the head, prompting counter-terror officers to storm the supermarket and shoot the ISIS fanatic dead. Beltrame's immense bravery resulted in him being posthumously promoted to colonel and made a Commander of the Legion of Honour.

Since 2015, 232 people have been killed in France by ISIS supporters. The worst attack on 13 November that year, claimed 130 lives.

** Salah Abdeslam was jailed for 20-years in April.*

TEXAS MALL TARGET

ISIS Supporter Planned 'Mass Shooting'

A 17-year-old Texas student has been accused of plotting to carry out a mass shooting at a Dallas shopping centre. Matin Azizi-Yarand, was trapped following an undercover FBI operation which began in December 2017. Unbeknown to him, he revealed his intentions in support of ISIS, to

an agent on the telephone - this as he sought others willing to help him. Various targets were discussed; a school, Hindu temple and the Stonebriar Centre mall in Frisco. The FBI state he spent around \$1,400 on the purchase of weapons and tactical clothing.

US prosecutors said he was inspired by ISIS and had planned the attack for mid-May.

US intelligence has taken a pro-active stance towards preventing ISIS conducting terrorist



Stonebriar Centre mall in Frisco, Texas



Matin Azizi-Yarand

attacks in the country, and has acknowledged that surveillance of those suspected of links to the group, or those

supportive of its ideology, is taking place in 50 states.

As for Yarand, he remains in prison on a \$3 million bond. Under Texas law he is an adult and could face life in prison if convicted.

SEVEN DAYS

Operation Inherent Resolve

In a seven day period in May, Alliance forces conducted over 50 major operations against ISIS positions in Syria and Iraq, targeting vehicles, weapons dumps, IED holding buildings, safe houses, supply warehouses and a command-and-control centre. Also destroyed were tunnels and caves used in the last twelve months by escaping terrorists. Many of the strikes were in eastern Syria, where intelligence officials are “fo-



SDF fighters in Syria



Major General Felix Gedney

cussed on eliminating the remaining ISIS fighting forces.”

US and Iraqi forces working with Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) have liberated an area of nearly 2,000 square miles in the important Euphrates River Valley, previously held by ISIS. “Hundreds of terrorists have now chosen to surrender than continue fighting,” said British Army Major General Felix Gedney, the primary Task Force Deputy Commander for Strategy and Support in the region.

US intelligence sources have also revealed that one of the main financiers of ISIS operations in Syria, was killed in an air strike in late April in Dhashisha. “This has left remaining fighters with dwindling resources and in low morale,” said Gedney. “ISIS fighters continue to surrender than face certain death as the Syrian Defence Forces tighten their containment lines.”

In early May, Iraq held its first Parliamentary Election since the “full liberation from ISIS.”



DAWN RAIDER: USAF F-15C Eagle prepares to take off from an air base in Europe for a strike mission in Syria

THE MESSAGE MAN

ISIS Supporter Posts 360,000 Messages Urging Attacks

An ISIS supporter in the UK who posted “hundreds of thousands” of propaganda messages on the Internet, faces life in prison after he admitted his guilt in court. Husnain Rashid, 32, was arrested last November following a joint MI5-GCHQ-New Scotland Yard investigation. GCHQ also learned he was in contact with ISIS fighters in Syria.

In one October 2017 posting, he urged ISIS supporters to target four-year-old Prince George, shortly after he started school at St Thomas's in London. Along with the message he included a photograph of the school with a superimposed photo of two ISIS fighters. The caption read: *‘Even if the royal family will not be left alone... school starts early’.*



Husnain Rashid

Rashid initially denied all charges, despite the weight of evidence. However, just days into his trial in May, he changed his plea to guilty on four of seven counts, two of which were that he ‘engaged in conduct in preparation of terrorist acts’ and ‘encouraging terrorism’.

Senior investigating officer DCI Andy Banks, from the UK’s North-West Counter-Terrorism Unit, said Rashid had posted 360,000 messages in 150 formats using the encrypted Telegram messaging service between November 2016 and November 2017. Other posts urged ISIS supporters to attack football grounds, shopping centres, the General Election, BBC Proms in the Park (music festival) and other targets. He said operatives should use knives, homemade bombs, poisons, chemical weapons, vehicles and even a special Israeli martial art used by its Special Forces known as Krav Maga.

Judge Andrew Lees told Rashid, a former teacher in Nelson, northern England, to expect a lengthy sentence, which could well be life.



THE INTERPRETER

French Intel Officers Face Spy Charges



Breakthrough in historical espionage case reveals alleged Chinese Intelligence operation to entrap and 'turn' DGSE Beijing Station Chief



Intelligence sources in France have confirmed that two former DGSE French intelligence officers have been detained on suspicion of espionage and could face treason charges. Both men were reportedly recruited by Chinese Intelligence following a suspected 'honeytrap'. Though the DGSE and Defence Ministry have revealed few details, the case originates back to the late 1990s, but has just now surfaced. The former intelligence men were arrested in December 2017.

According to French media sources, the episode began in 1997 when Henri M., 71, then DGSE (Foreign Intelligence) Station Chief at the French Embassy in Beijing, began having an affair with a Chinese interpreter used by the diplomatic service at the embassy. Reports in France say she was an undercover Chinese agent, though this has yet to be confirmed by the authorities.

French prosecutors have requested that a number of intelligence files dating from July 2016 and April 2017, be declassified and released. A Paris prosecutor said: "These acts



of extreme gravity have been detected by this service (DGSE), which has brought these facts to our attention." French President Emmanuel Macron said the alleged conspiracy was "extremely serious." A presidential aide, however, refused to confirm China was behind the espionage, saying simply, "we're two big powers who know each other well." He also said the affair would not "derail relations between Paris and Beijing," while China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang, declined to issue a comment. ➤





President of France - Emmanuel Macron - "concerned" about spy revelations

DIPLOMATIC CONCERN

Henri M., now retired, and another DGSE man, named as Pierre-Marie H., 66, have reportedly been charged with "passing information detrimental to the fundamental national interests [of France] to a foreign power." The *Journal du Dimanche* newspaper, said when Henri M. moved to Beijing, his wife opted to stay in France, leaving him "exposed and vulnerable to the charms of the interpreter."

In the late 1990s, sources state that Ambassador Pierre Morel was tipped-off by intelligence associates about the liaison. He was so concerned about a potential breach in security,

that he asked Paris to recall Henri M. to France in 1998.

Thereafter there are gaps in what happened next, but one source claims Henri M. soon departed the DGSE but retained his threads to China, and opened a business importing Chinese furniture. By 2003, he and his wife had divorced and he returned to China. A year later he duly married his lover - the former interpreter at the French Embassy. DGSE sources report the couple then relocated to Hainan Island - close to China's primary nuclear submarine hub in the disputed South China Seas. Here they opened a restaurant. The former interpreter has been indicted for "concealment of treasonable crimes and placed under judicial control."

MEDIA AND SPY FOCUS

French media have long had an interest in the case, none more so than Franck Renaud, investigative author of the book *Les Diplomates: Derriere la Facade des Ambassades de France* (*Diplomats: Behind the Facade of the French Embassies*). Amongst a catalogue of interesting case files and life within France's outposts, he referenced a number of interesting events at the country's Beijing embassy. He said: "Did the DGSE want to avoid a crisis and at the same time let Chinese Intelligence believe that Henri M. might be a double agent feeding them false information?"

Speaking of the spy allegations, Florence Parly, the French Defence Minister said: "Two French agents in our service and probably one of the spouses of these agents are accused of serious acts likely considered acts of treason... on suspicion of delivering information to a foreign power. The compromised information could undermine the security of the state." She confirmed the charges against the agents but remained coy when asked if the men's controllers were Chinese.



'The Russian's have their moles, the Western agencies their sleeper agents; the Chinese have their 'chen diyu' - fishes swimming in deep water - which the French are painfully learning now...'



Former French Ambassador to China, Pierre Morel

Alain Chouet, former head of the DGSE praised the Service, but acknowledged foreign powers continue to "hunt for intelligence, SIGINT, HUMINT and other forms," without identifying China as the culprit in the case of Henri. M and Pierre-Marie H. "They're trying to learn what other powers intend to do in terms of politics, diplomacy etc., while of course continuing their hunt for economic information."

Information flow on the case is fragmented, which has puzzled some intelligence watchers, while other sources told Eye Spy the two-decade old case file was being "reopened and probed" and could "open more investigative avenues that might implicate other spies."

Nevertheless questions are being asked in France why the affair has taken 20-years to surface. One senior editor said the incident could lead to all manner of secret and sensitive areas, hence caution was needed. He believes the domestic service - DGSI - has



Alain Chouet. He headed the DGSE from 2000-2001



2018. French armed forces and naval exercise. French Intelligence fears important historical maritime and military intelligence may have been compromised



French Defence Minister, Florence Parly, has acknowledged a major investigation is in progress

for some time engaged in the investigation of the activities of the suspected spies, and once there was sufficient information, notified its counterpart (DGSE) and the Defence Ministry.

Intelligence specialist and former consultant on Chinese affairs to the DGSE, Francois-Yves Damon, said: "Knowing the capacity of China's secret services, seeing two former DGSE officers caught and imprisoned, doesn't surprise me in the least."



DGSE Director Bernard Bajolet

CHINESE SPY CONTACTS

Writing in a media column about the spy case, French intelligence watcher Philippe Marvalin wrote: *'The Russian's have their moles, the Western agencies their sleeper agents; the Chinese have their chen diyu' [spies and informants] - fishes swimming in deep water - which the French are painfully learning now'*. He said China has 18 spy agencies employing 7,000 people which operate 50,000 agents. "The US is their main target, and in Europe they are especially active in France, Britain, Holland and Germany," said Marvalin. From whence he secured his data on operative numbers is unclear, but Eye Spy believes the real figure of Ministry of State (MSS) personnel employed in its spy agencies is over 100,000, with access and contact to over 1 million Chinese nationals living and working abroad - all willing to help.

British and American Intelligence have circulated a number of warnings to diplomatic and intelligence staff over China's clever 'honeytrap' methods developed over the years. Similar warnings have been issued to

travelling businessmen and women, contractors and high-profile figures. In recent months, Australia has warned that Chinese spies continue to meddle in the country's affairs, including political arena. In late May 2018, Director-General of Australia's primary spy service - ASIO (Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation) Duncan Lewis, speaking in Parliament, said: "The current scale of foreign intelligence activity is unprecedented." And though he did not name China in respect of his remark, few do not believe the thrust of his commentary targeted Chinese Intelligence.



ASIO Director-General Duncan Lewis



timeless intelligence

Cold War Spy Training Film

The Danger of Soviet Spies

A fascinating film about the dangers of Soviet spies and entrapment, has been released by the United States Department of Defense. Created in 1964 at the height of the Cold War, the film was used to train servicemen who were shortly to be posted overseas.

The story follows an American soldier known as Charris who is recruited by Soviet a Intelligence officer known as Macredos while on a business trip to Vienna.

Macredos is a highly likeable Russian man who along with his KGB colleagues frequents the city's main shopping areas in the hope of befriendng American servicemen - described as 'pigeons'. After contact is initiated by buying drinks, he then promises introductions to women.

After persuading Charris to join him for drinks, the Russian picks up the bill and convinces him he is writing an article about the Seventh Army and makes a seemingly innocent request for information.

Other US servicemen get progressively more involved as the story-line continues with

Macredos, firstly stealing items from their barracks such as confidential training manuals for payment, then stealing firearms and even a low-grade nuclear weapon.

Having second thoughts, serviceman Charris becomes embroiled in a physical fight with his friend. Shortly thereafter as the film nears its end, Charris - reports the entire episode to his



commanding officer. The picture closes and all the men are arrested.



Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson with West Berlin Mayor and future chancellor of West Germany Will Brandt. The diplomats welcome troops from the US First Battle Group, 18th Army into Berlin. The United States, along with allied nations based in the city and elsewhere in Warsaw Pact counties, were concerned about KGB recruitment

OSS HONOURED

US bestows highest civilian honour upon secret agents of America's WWII Office of Strategic Services

The OSS was the first US effort to implement a system of strategic intelligence - the predecessors of the CIA. Now, after 76 years the operatives who made up its ranks have been collectively recognised for their



brave, sterling and pioneering service. A US Mint news release on a new medal reads: *'The CIA, Navy SEALs, the Army Special Forces, and the Air Force Special Operations Command all have their precursors in the OSS'*. The US Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research can also trace its creation to the OSS Research and Analysis Branch.

Established on 13 June 1942 by a military order issued by President Franklin Roosevelt, the OSS was headed by General William J. Donovan, the 'Father' of US Intelligence and the only American to receive the nation's four highest

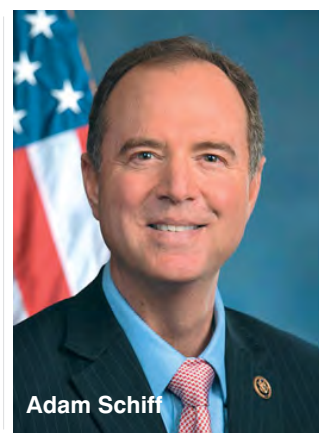


The OSS medal reflects the overt and covert work of its agents

decorations, including the Medal of Honor.

At its peak in late 1944, OSS employed almost 13,000 individuals, a third of whom were females. Today fewer than 100 members of the organisation are still alive. Twenty of them were able to attend a formal presentation ceremony at the US Capitol's Emancipation Hall.

"The men and women who served our country in the OSS are among





1. Relaxed, smart and cigarette smoking - spy recruiter Macredos searches for targets
2. Charris inadvertently introduces the Soviet spy to his colleagues - called 'pigeons'
- 3 & 4. Information is sold on weaponry, military exercises and even a nuclear warhead
5. Charris and Macredos clash after the American has second thoughts
6. West German counter-espionage officers and police arrest Macredos

NSA SECURITY POSTERS

In the 1950s and 1960s the National Security Agency (NSA) produced posters to remind Americans through its Security Education Programme, that keeping secrets was important. These declassified posters were unearthed by Government Attic, via its use of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Funded by the taxpayer, the vintage NSA posters are now in the public domain. The entire collection of posters, all 136 of them, are available to view in PDF format at:

LINKS: www.eyespymag.com/posters



OSS man Joseph Fredericks, 95, with his medal. One of his main tasks was to deliver supplies by parachute in the middle of the night to resistance groups in Europe

the most deserving of the Congressional Gold Medal," remarked House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Ranking Member Adam Schiff when the bill was passed by the House of Representatives in November 2016. "The OSS, members of our 'Greatest Generation', helped

vanquish some of the most malevolent enemies that our country, and indeed the world, has ever faced. We owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid"

Designed by Emily Damstra and engraved by Renata Gordon, the



face of the medal features the inscription 'OSS'. Shown within the letters are three figures - a woman, a paratrooper, and a man in a suit, representing the broad range of work undertaken by the OSS. Each is rendered as a shape without details, a subtle pointer at the way OSS agents sought to operate anonymously or in the shadows. Indeed, the diversity of the work conducted by OSS is

reflected by shadowy figures. Below the design - dates 1942-1945, representing the active years of OSS. The medal's reverse shows the OSS Spearhead inscribed with codewords related to important OSS missions and agents. This design was sculpted by Joseph Menna and also designed by Damstra. Bronze replicas of the medal are now available from the US Mint.



Air Force General Paul J. Selva

The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), is celebrating its 60th anniversary. Various events are underway to mark the historical journey of the organisation since its inception at a time when there was a very real possibility of nuclear war.

Air Force General Paul J. Selva, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs

of Staff said: "NORAD helped build one of the building blocks of deterrence that has served us since that day." He recognised the coming together of both the United States and Canada in creating a global organisation that could counter threats from a variety of theatres, and its importance today.

Interestingly, after referencing events in the Arctic, where Russia

is increasing operations, helped by melting ice and more accessibility, Selva said: "We can no longer guard solely against external threats. Regrettably, we must be prepared for security challenges from within our borders again."

Selva said the organisation has adapted and remains as vital and relevant today as it did on its inception 60 years ago.

THE RAF

WORLDWIDE 'RO'

The Royal Air Force has launched RAF100, a national campaign to mark its 100th year. The centenary celebrations are scheduled to run until September 2018.

One imaginative event is the RAF100 Baton Relay which visited every region of the UK and several overseas locations including the Falkland Islands, Washington DC, the United Arab Emirates and Afghanistan. The baton was carried on a variety of RAF aircraft, vehicles and sports equipment by personnel from various branches of the RAF.



MARKERS TO REMEMBER

Memorials and Support to Terror Victims

A permanent National Memorial to British Victims of Overseas Terrorism has been unveiled at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, England. On 17 May, the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall were joined by nearly 300 people who have lost relatives, friends and loved ones, as

well as senior government ministers at a ceremony to mark its opening.

Among the families attending were survivors of the deadly Tunisian beach attack at Sousse in 2015, in which 30 Britons were killed. Called 'Still Water', its design - an elliptical-shaped pool surrounded by woodland, was selected by an



'Still Water'



Lee Rigby House

independent panel, in consultation with victims' relatives. The memorial has no dominating symbolism but was chosen as it reflected the global reach of terrorism and the continuation of life. It was designed by artist Alison Wilding and sculptor Adam Kershaw.

The memorial includes the names of 28 British victims of the 2002 Bali bombings; 67 British nationals who perished in the 2001 attacks on New York and six UK tourists who died in the 1997 Luxor massacre in Egypt.

STRENGTH THROUGH SUPPORT

The UK also marked the one-year anniversary of the Manchester Arena bombing with ceremonies across the country. Twenty-two people were killed and hundreds injured when a bomb was detonated at the end of a music concert on 22 May 2017.

22 May also marked the fifth anniversary of the murder of British Army Fusilier Lee Rigby who was killed outside Woolwich Barracks in south-east London by two ISIS

F BATON

ROAD AND AIR' TRIP



Materials to construct the baton - wood, aluminium and titanium - were sourced from a WWI Sopwith Camel, the legendary WWII Spitfire and an F35 Lightning, a fifth generation combat aircraft currently in service.

In the UAE, the baton was taken by a team of RAF personnel serving in the Emirates to the war memorial in Dhadnah, Fujairah, erected to commemorate RAF serviceman, Sergeant Billy Donnelly, who died in February 1943 when his Wellington bomber crashed there during the war.

The baton was then taken to the UAE's aviation museum, which was part of the RAF base in Sharjah from early in the WWII until 1971. There it was shown to a group of students from Dubai English Speaking College who learned about the RAF's history and the story of aviation in the region more widely. Also in Sharjah, the baton was taken



10 Downing Street

to the cemetery at St Martin's Church where a number of British servicemen who died in the UAE during postings there prior to 1971 are buried, with a short service of remembrance being held.

Manal Ataya, Director General of Sharjah Museums Authority, said: "The Royal Air Force and Sharjah share a long and important history. The development of aviation in the UAE can be traced back to the establishment of the RAF airport at Al Mahatta. The Sharjah Museums Authority was therefore delighted to welcome the RAF100 baton on its journey from London and to be part of the RAF's centenary celebrations."

terrorists in 2013. Last year the Lee Rigby Foundation opened Lee Rigby House on a secluded private estate in the beautiful Staffordshire Moorlands. The facility is available to any family who has lost a loved one in military service, no matter how long ago, and for veterans and

their families who need a getaway break. Referencing the Manchester attack, a spokesperson said: "From now on, The Lee Rigby Foundation will open the doors of Lee Rigby House to victims (and their families) of domestic terrorism and provide support where we can."

COURTESY: BRITISH EMBASSY, UAE



The RAF baton in Abu Dhabi, UAE

In Abu Dhabi, the baton was carried by serving RAF personnel along the Corniche, with several displays by the RAF's aerobatics team the Red Arrows, before a reception at the British Embassy, hosted by the ambassador, Philip Parham.

The baton began its journey at the Royal Courts of Justice in London on 1 April and will be on tour for 100 days before its journey's end at Horseguards Parade, London, in July, which will formally commemorate the RAF's 100th anniversary.

THEN AND NOW

UNDERCOVER AND IN DISGUISE



LONDON: New Scotland Yard has released an iconic photograph taken in 1905. The caption read: 'Working to catch the criminals, here are a group of Scotland Yard detectives in various disguises. They were shortly to set out on a special observation mission, which resulted in the important capture of a cunning gang of thieves'. Compare this to a photograph taken of an undercover team of Bolivian police who were shortly to embark on a similar operation!



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European Union President Martin Schulz lays a wreath at the site of the Sousse terror attack in memory of those who perished

UnderCover

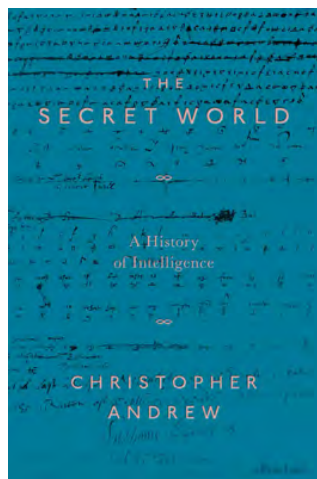
Book Releases

THE SECRET WORLD: A History of Intelligence

Christopher Andrew
Allen Lane

The history of espionage is far older than any of today's intelligence agencies, yet the long history of intelligence operations has been largely forgotten. The first mention of espionage in world literature is in the *Book of Exodus*. 'God sent out spies into the land of Canaan'.

From there, Christopher Andrew traces the shift in the ancient world from divination to what we would recognise as attempts to gather real intelligence in the conduct of military operations, and considers how far ahead of the West - at that time - China and India were. He charts the development of intelligence and security operations and capacity through, amongst



Christopher Andrew

others, Renaissance Venice, Elizabethan England, Revolutionary America, Napoleonic France, right up to sophisticated modern activities of which he is the world's best-informed interpreter. What difference have security and intelligence operations made to course of history? Why have they so often forgotten by later practitioners? This fascinating book provides the answers. Hardback 960pp

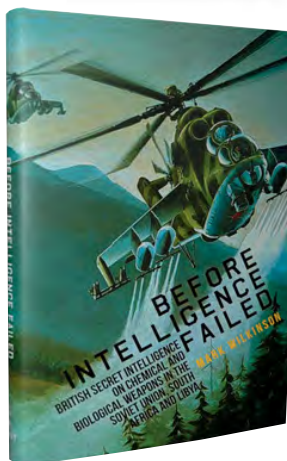
Available from Eye Spy Ref: ES/1717
UK £37.50 USA \$50.00 ROW £40.00

BEFORE INTELLIGENCE FAILED: Secret Intelligence on Chemical and Biological Weapons in the USSR, South Africa and Libya

Mark Wilkinson

C Hurst & Co Publishers Ltd

In the wake of the 2003 Iraq War, the term 'intelligence failure' became synonymous with the Blair Government and how it had used intelligence to construct a case for war. This book examines British secret intelligence over the thirty years preceding its very public failings. From the Soviet Union to



South Africa and Libya, Mark Wilkinson provides a detailed analysis and vivid account of the development and functioning of Britain's intelligence agencies in the struggle against the proliferation of chemical and biological weapons. Based on archival research and interviews with key players in the intelligence establishment, he shows how a handful of chemical and biological weapons experts battled to make their voices heard. They had evidence that illegal weapons development was taking place but were continually rebuffed by adversaries in Whitehall.

Fascinating, surprising and sometimes shocking, *Before Intelligence Failed* is a compelling account of what was known about chemical and biological weapons proliferation before the Iraq War. Hardback 240pp

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WORLD WAR II AT SEA: A Global History

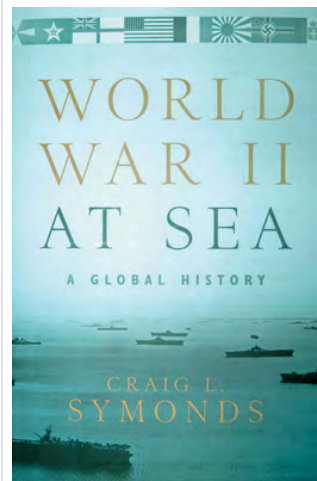
Craig L. Symonds
Oxford University Press, Oxford

Craig L. Symonds has established himself as one of the finest naval historians at work today. *World War II at Sea* represents his crowning achievement: a complete narrative of the naval war and all of its billigents, on all of the world's oceans and seas, between 1939 and 1945.

Symonds shows how any limitations on naval warfare would become irrelevant as Europe erupted into conflict once more and its navies were brought to bear against each other.

World War II at Sea offers a global perspective, focusing on the major engagements and personalities and revealing both their scale and their interconnection: the U-boat attack on Scapa Flow and the Battle of the Atlantic; the 'miracle' evacuation from Dunkirk and the pitched battles for control of Norway fjords, to name but a few.

Symonds expertly illuminates not only the mechanics of large-scale warfare on and below the sea but offers wisdom into the nature of the war itself. Hardback 792pp



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INVISIBLE AGENTS: Women and Espionage in Seventeenth Century Britain

Nadine Akkerman
Oxford University Press, Oxford

It would be easy for the modern reader to conclude that women had no place in the world of early modern espionage, with a few



seventeenth-century women spies identified and then relegated to the footnotes of history. If even the espionage carried out by Susan Hyde, sister of Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, during the turbulent decades of civil strife in Britain can escape the historiographer's gaze, then how many more like her lurk in the archives?

The very first study to analyse the role of early modern women spies, Akkerman demonstrates that the allegedly-male world of the spy was more than merely infiltrated by women. This compelling and ground-breaking contribution to the history of espionage details a series of case studies in which women - from playwright to postmistress, from lady-in-waiting to laundry woman - acted as spies, sourcing and passing on confidential information on account of political and religious convictions or to obtain money or power. Hardback 288pp

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PRINCIPLED SPYING: The Ethics of Secret Intelligence

David Omand, Mark Phythian
Oxford University Press, Oxford

The question of how far a state should authorise its agents to go in seeking and using secret intelligence is one of the big unresolved issues of public policy for democracies today. The tension between security and privacy sits at the heart of broader debates concerning the relationship between the citizen and the state. The public needs-and wants-protection from the very serious threats posed by domestic and international

terrorism, from serious criminality, to be safe in using cyberspace, and to have active foreign and aid policies to help resolve outstanding international problems. Secret intelligence is widely accepted to be essential to these tasks, and to be a legitimate function of the nation state, yet the historical record is that it also can pose significant ethical risks.

Principled Spying lays out a framework for thinking about public policy in this area by clarifying the relationship between ethics and intelligence, both human and technical. In this book, intelligence expert Mark Phythian teams up with the former head of Britain's GCHQ signals and intelligence agency to try to resolve the knotty question of secret intelligence-and how far it should be allowed to go in a democratic society. Hardback 304pp



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FAYKE NEWS: The Media vs the Mighty, From Henry VIII to Trump

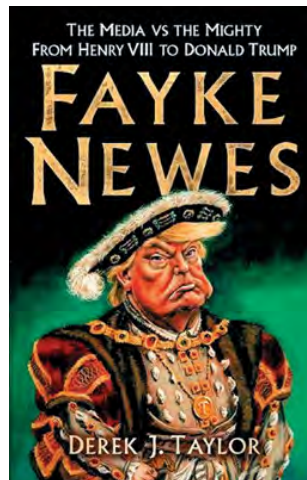
Derek J Taylor
The History Press

The insults President Donald Trump and the American news media hurl at each other are nothing new - from 'fake news, dishonest press, racist... mentally unstable etc.'.

In Tudor England, printed papers branded the monarch a 'horrible monster' and were in turn accused of publishing 'false fables'. Ever since the invention of the printing press, those in power have seen mass communication as a



Donald Trump arrives in Singapore for the historic summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un



dangerous threat that usurps their ability to tell people what to think and is capable of stirring up discontent - or even rebellion.

In *Fayke News*, historian and international journalist Derek Taylor tracks this long and bloody fight between the press and those in power, through the lives of the men and women who got caught up in the battle. On a journey through the centuries, we criss-cross the Atlantic between Britain and America and discover that neither governments nor journalists have always told the truth. Paperback 360pp

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ANTI-SOCIAL MEDIA: How Facebook Disconnects Us and Undermines Democracy

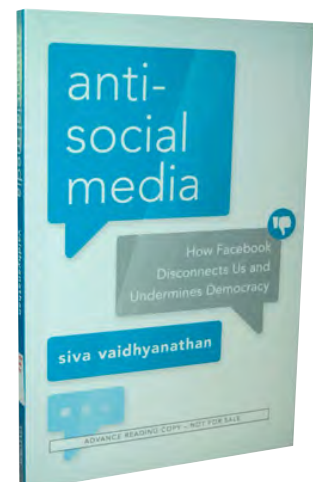
Siva Vaidhyanathan
Oxford University Press, USA

If you wanted to build a machine that would distribute propaganda to millions of people, distract them from important issues, energise hatred and bigotry, erode social trust, undermine respectable journalism, foster doubts about

science, and engage in massive surveillance all at once, you would make something a lot like Facebook. Of course, none of that was part of the plan.

In *Antisocial Media*, Siva Vaidhyanathan explains how Facebook devolved from an innocent social site hacked together by Harvard students into a force that, while it may make personal life just a little more pleasurable, makes democracy a lot more challenging. It's an account of the hubris of good intentions, a missionary spirit, and an ideology that sees computer code as the universal solvent for all human problems. And it's an indictment of how "social media" has fostered the deterioration of democratic culture around the world, from facilitating Russian meddling in support of Trump's election to the exploitation of the platform by murderous authoritarians in Burma and the Philippines.

Both authoritative and trenchant, *Antisocial Media* shows how Facebook's mission went so wrong. Softback 288pp



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The Deceptive Factor

PART 13

IN THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE

Maskirovka

MIKE FINN engages with one of the most controversial intelligence topics of the day - information warfare and its use by various parties to influence and secure an advantage

In this era, new domains of warfare are emerging, many founded on the precepts written about in my earlier articles. People receive information via a cognitive sensory mechanism, which is then processed through the brain. The brain will evaluate and respond to that information. Our first vulnerable area is cognition; five senses constantly supply us with information about the world around us, this is 'target one' and open to manipulation. The next vulnerable area is in the interpretation of that information; the brain processes are easy to deceive, by way of example: if you are attacked and shout "help," the response will be nowhere as rewarding, as if you create a loud bang and shout, "whose car have I hit?"

Every aspect of a person's life can be controlled; delivering the right manipulated messages will create the predicted response. Human malleability in turn provides the desired mental and physical reaction. Intelligence organisations such as Britain's MIB (1st Military Intelligence Brigade) and America's PSYOPS are among many agencies who pursue the new technology and develop it. Being conditioned by subliminal persuasion is a far better option than unpleasant coercive techniques, in the former the target simply believes their conclusions are self motivated and of their own ovation.



June 1945. General Georgy Zhukov (centre) with Eisenhower

Political and intelligence studies on the Deceptive Factor can perhaps be best understood by looking at just one word - 'Maskirovka'. This Russian expression refers to deception, but it is more far reaching than that; denial, disinformation, deception, confusion, doubt, unbalance, and mistrust. It's fair to say that this Russian disinformation expertise is inimitable, and can be used in both war and peace times. The concept is to change perceptions so that the target makes unrealistic decisions, based on their false (created) discernment of events.

Russia's military developed the concept of Maskirovka, within its army school of

TRADECRAFT



President Putin - a master of control and information 'management'

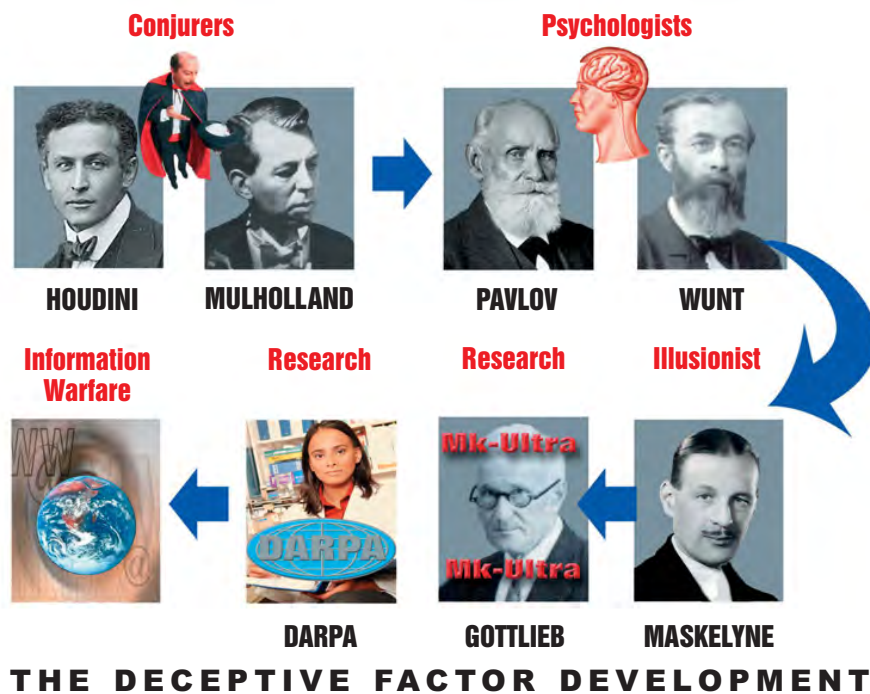
deception around 1920. To understand the military side of this skill let's use the example of the battle of Rzhev in 1942. Russian General Georgy Zhukov headed the western front troops and founded a strategy based on the principles of Maskirovka. Dummy tanks, apparent large movement of troops, and radio broadcasts were convincing enough to cause the German troops to think the main force was to the south near Yelnya, this drew the main German forces to that area. Zhukov created deceptions that clouded commander's minds, causing them to make the wrong decisions through misinformation. This allowed the main Russian troops to come undetected from the north, and then using the element of surprise victory was assured.

UKRAINE AND RUSSIA CONFLICT

A more recent event addresses the political use of the above skill. The Crimea/Ukraine crisis arose in 2014, being surrounded by turmoil of political interplay. The politics and intelligence input are complex, but in brief, there is a pattern that reflects the nature of Maskirovka.

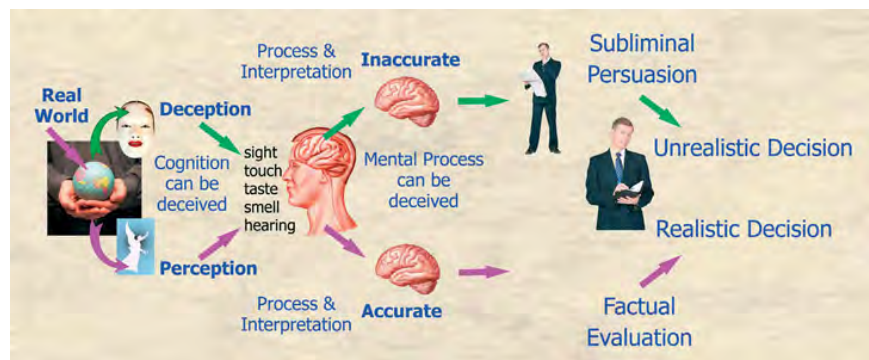
As the Ukraine events unfolded; (A) Problems with demonstrations by pro-Russian followers in the Crimea town of Sevastopol began. (B) In the Black Sea area of Crimea troops were spotted without insignia but with Russian equipment (C) Pro-Russian militia or Russian troops overthrew the parliament, but as there were no insignia, it was unclear who they were (D) It was suggested that the humanitarian convoys supplied ammunition and fuel to East Ukraine, whilst some sources suggested the humanitarian KamAz-trucks were mainly empty (E) President Putin denied the involvement of Russian forces, passing the allegation off as "complete rubbish." Whether the incident was by design or serendipity is open to conjecture. However, it is illustrative of the Deceptive Factor interplay.

Not all Deceptive Factor strategies go to plan. During the Iraqi conflicts in 2003, The US



Film still of the Jessica Lynch 'rescue'

military brought about the rescue of private Jessica Lynch, who was a prisoner of war. A propaganda campaign directed at making her a hero began. Jessica was shot and stabbed, suffering horrific injuries through Iraqi artillery fire, but fought on until she was captured. However, of her own ovation Lynch dismissed the accounts as lies (See Eye Spy 19).



Both Maskirovka and Western Intelligence skills stem from the precepts of the deceptive factor. The common denominators are undeniable. Jasper Maskelyne (1902-1973), made the Suez Canal vanish as German planes flew over, tanks looked like lorries, and aircraft carriers became merchant ships etc. Not dissimilar to the deception of General Georgy Zhukov with his tanks. The role of the Deceptive Factor is increasing exponentially in our modern era.

INFORMATION WARFARE

The truth is that the Deceptive Factor is at the forefront of modern warfare. Men such as General Vladimir Belous suggested that future conflict will be fought in the intellectual realm; I think that it is certainly being fought in the cognitive realm. Either way the new offensive has taken on the name of Information Warfare. Doctored pictures and film, misinformation through the media, social media, blogs, and forums are all tools of this 'war'. The battleground is the mind of the individual, tools such as propaganda, mimetic tactics, information manipulation, and perceptual management, are all a part of an interesting but complex strategy that is now unravelling.

Information Warfare is much more subliminal than conventional counterparts, but it is equally as dynamic in the political arena. 'Fake news' is just one example, relying on the gullibility of the individual to accept information as truth. However, even simple self-questioning can often re-establish the status quo.

When information is presented to you do you consider the following?

1. Is the source of the information reliable?
2. What do you know about the subject being discussed?
3. Is there data you can compare it with?
4. Does it sound plausible?
5. Can you see a hidden agenda?
6. Does it seem unbiased?
7. Is your judgement clouded by life conditioning?
8. Are you prepared to find out for yourself, or accept things at face value

Our tradecraft investigation now moves deeper into the arena of Information Warfare. People say a picture is worth a thousand words, it's used as proof, some even say a picture never lies. So let's see how that fits into the Deceptive Factor in the next issue.





NO FUNERAL IN KIEV

on Russia but solved none of them. The murder of pro-Russia journalist Oles Buzina in Kiev in 2015, has also to be solved. Similarly, several senior SBU officers have been assassinated.

MEDIA CONCERN

The Committee to Protect Journalists (CJP) reports there were 58 journalists murdered in Russia between 1992-2018, (motive confirmed), and seven of these occurred in Ukraine. The figures do not include those who have gone 'missing' (14 persons) or those who died in an [unspecified] 'incident' (28 persons), the nature of which has not been satisfactorily established.

One fact very evident to intelligence watchers and officials alike: The Kremlin will seize on this 'official deceit' to show the lengths to which its enemies will go to tarnish Russia's reputation. There is no chance whatsoever Russia will acknowledge any plot against Babchenko, no matter how clear the evidence. What Russia gains by this is another question.

INTERPOL

And it is not only journalists who are at risk. The recent arrest and release in Spain of British-American financier Bill Browder, provided a reminder of the actual death of



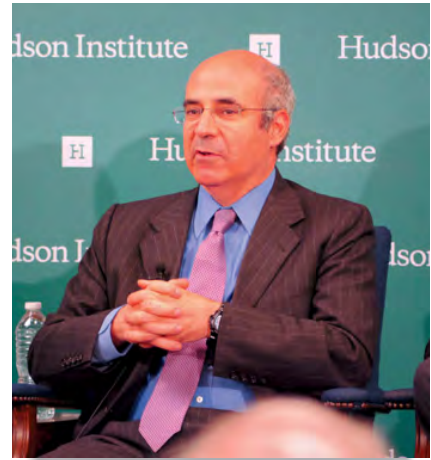
Sergei Magnitsky

someone else who was willing to challenge Moscow - Sergei Magnitsky.

As the Babchenko affair unfolded, Browder, a British businessman branded a "serial killer" by Putin was arrested in Spain on 30 May. He has been in verbal conflict with the Russian state after his solicitor, Sergei Magnitsky, uncovered a £174 million fraud involving Russian officials. Magnitsky, whose story has appeared in Eye Spy on several occasions, died in prison in 2008, in what his associates claim was an "atrocious murder." He was allegedly tortured in prison after reportedly being convicted on false charges.

Browder also testified to the US Senate Judiciary Committee about alleged Russian interference in the 2016 US Presidential election and has said on a number of occasions, he fears for his life because of his criticism of the Russian government.

Following his release just over an hour later, he posted a picture on social media of him outside a Spanish police station, along with a message: 'Good news. Spanish National Police just released me after Interpol General Secretary in Lyon advised them not to honour the new Russian Interpol Red Notice'. He also



Bill Browder

posted a defiant message on Twitter, accusing Russia of abusing Interpol. *'This is the 6th time that Russia has abused Interpol in my case'.*

Earlier this year, Browder a hedge-fund manager, and one of the Kremlin's most high-profile 'public enemies' said: "What the Russians would like to do more than anything is arrest me and get me back to Russia and then kill me in the control of their own system. I'm at risk, at high risk. I don't spend my life living in fear, but I am definitely at risk."

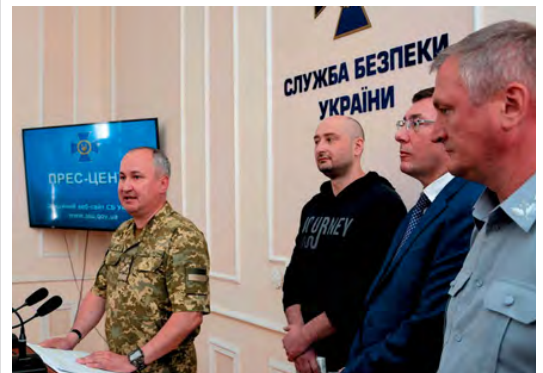
In 2012, US President Barack Obama signed the Magnitsky Act, an act to punish Russian human rights violators into law after lobbying by Browder. And two years later the European Parliament voted in favour of sanctions against 30 Russians alleged to be involved in the Magnitsky case.

Last year Russia's Investigative Committee alleged that Browder was behind the deaths of three men in connection with the fraud case named as Octai Gasanov, 63, Valery Kurochkin, 55, and Sergei Korobeinikov, 67. The men died in 2007 and 2008. In response the businessman said: "Putin is so rattled by the Magnitsky sanctions that he has completely lost touch with reality."

Eye Spy was informed at least five years ago that Sergei Magnitsky was on the so-called Russian Assassination List.

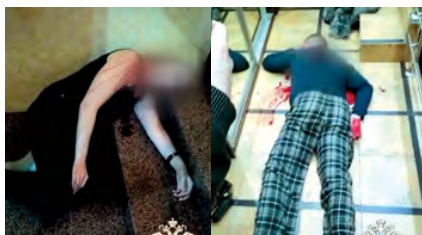


In court, Ukraine's Chief Military Prosecutor Ruslan Kravchenko read a number of charges against Herman



The intelligence and security world recognise that people fake their deaths for many reasons. Most often it is done to escape legal or financial troubles, an extreme measure designed to get a fresh start and make a clean break. On other occasions, the 'victim' just wants to be alone, to get away from daily hassles, pressures, and obligations. Some people 'die' to secure life insurance payments.

In the security world the ruse is sometimes used by police to convict people who have hired hitmen to commit murder. Earlier this year in the Russian resort of Sochi, a 22-year-old man had asked undercover police posing as hitmen to kill his parents and ten-year-old sister to secure their inheritance. His parents then completed the sting by posing for photos that appeared to show the killing had been carried out (below). After seeing the pictures of his 'dead' family, the man expressed "delight" and agreed to pay the promised £38,000 fee as soon as he had collected his inheritance. He was immediately detained by armed police and confessed, according to police in the Krasnodar region.



SUMMARY

As for the actions of the SBU and Arkady Babchenko, it's unlikely that such role play could have taken place without passive support from Western intelligence services.

The ruse of faking a person's death has and still is used by shadowy elements in intelligence planning. This allows time for a subject to be taken into witness relocation. Similarly, many suspect it is used in the case of defectors who fear assassination or retribution and others who simply want to escape from oppressive regimes. All in a bid to secure a legitimate 'out' or 'retirement' card. Some have even referenced Sergei Skripal in connection with the Babchenko affair.

A number of his associates have warned Babchenko of a "reaction" from Moscow, while others have advised that he should take a back seat from journalism and assume a new identity.

Either way, the affair may yet come back to haunt the SBU and Ukraine Government.

A CASE FOR PRECEDENCE

MIRROR, MIRROR: AN AGE-OLD INTELLIGENCE ACTION

In 1982 the Securitate - (Department of State Security) of then Communist Romania, planned to assassinate Virgil Tanase, a France-based dissident writer. Following publication of a Tanase article in French news magazine *Actuel*, highly critical of the regime of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, Bucharest dispatched Matei Haiducu to kill the author. Haiducu promptly contacted the DST (Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire) former French intelligence directorate and revealed details on the assassination plot, along with a plan to murder fellow dissident Paul Goma. It was then that French authorities staged Tanase's abduction and death.



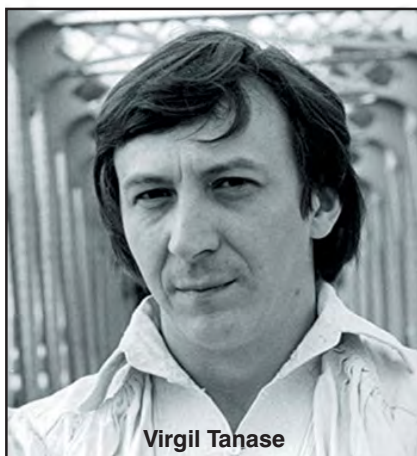
Eric Denece, Director of France's Cf2R intelligence service, said of the incident: "Virgil Tanase was a Romanian refugee in France that the Romanian (intelligence) services, the famous Securitate,

wanted to eliminate and the DST (French surveillance) hid away for a time while making out he was dead."

Matei Haiducu

At that time the Securitate was one of the most brutal organisations in the world, and feared by both nationals and adversaries alike. It was responsible for thousands of deaths and regularly engaged in torture.

Jacques-Marie Bourget and Yvan Stefanovitch authored an interesting book on the case - *Des affaires très spéciales (Very Special Affairs)*.



Virgil Tanase



Nicolae Ceausescu

'On 20 May 1982, Virgil Tanase was abducted outside his home in Paris. His wife, concerned at having no news, phoned the DST. The following day, accompanied by two policemen from the service she reported her husband's disappearance to her local police station. She was all the more perfect in the role of worried spouse in that she did not know what had happened to her husband and that a great farce was being played out'.



Virgil Tanase today

Virgil Tanase was duly spirited away to a safe house in Brittany for three months while the Romanian Securitate was accused over his killing. A Paris newspaper then found out the truth and Tanase promptly emerged on the *Actuel* magazine premises to give a press conference - a little reminiscent of Arkady Babchenko's sudden appearance in Kiev.

"In the eyes of French counter-intelligence the affair appeared a success," said Bourget and Stefanovitch. French President Francois Mitterand, fearing the "tragic hypothesis" of a state-sanctioned murder, cancelled a scheduled trip to Bucharest. Virgil Tanase, today aged 73, has returned to his career as a writer.

THE EDICT: DARK SKIES GRU AND SPETNAZ

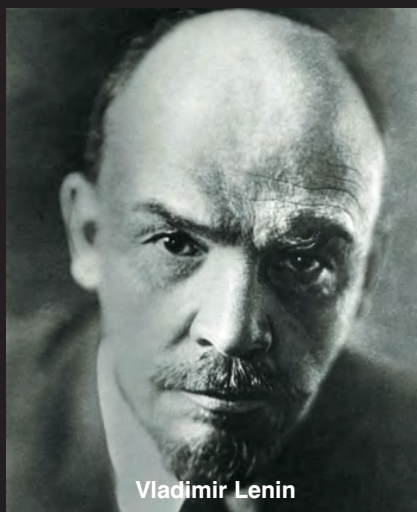
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the delivery agents (not planners) would have needed an escape route. But remembering it took several days for the British authorities to determine the actual nature of the poison, and its rarity, those agents or contractors would have a great deal of time to return to Russia, or from whence they came.

Eye Spy believes the GRU operates one of the largest spy networks in the world, far greater than its sister organisation the SVR (Russian Foreign Intelligence Service). Besides being able to draw on its vastly experienced military operatives, the GRU also controls numerous spy satellites from where it sources its communications intelligence (COMINT). It also operates other clandestine units which control or have made available, all manner of 'contracting' companies and nationals who live overseas and can be called upon to assist operations. They also can draw at any time from the vast resources of the FSB.

THE AQUARIUM

The GRU's predecessor was established in 1918 under Leon Trotsky and known as the Registration Department or RU. By 1921 it had morphed into the Second Intelligence Directorate of the Red Army. Unlike the KGB following the collapse of Communism, it remained intact. This followed the declaration of a rarely publicised and sacred instruction from revolutionary leader Vladimir Lenin. Penned exactly one-hundred years ago. Vladimir Lenin said the RU should remain independent from all other intelligence agencies. Its headquarters in Moscow was once known as The Aquarium by those who



Vladimir Lenin

worked there. In 2006, it moved its central activities to a new building, and the name has reportedly 'stuck'. In more recent times, the GRU has been credited with the annexation of the Crimea and a whole host of activities in the ongoing dispute with Ukraine, including targeted assassinations. Similarly, it is credited with the 'removal' and deaths of numerous terrorist leaders linked to ISIS - some by poisoning, others by carefully concealed IEDs in the mail.

As for its personnel strength, one intelligence estimate produced by the CIA 20-years ago said the Service had at least 'six times more agents operating abroad', and could select from a Spetsnaz force of over 25,000 operatives'.

All of this does not explain why an attempt was made to kill Skripal. Numerous theories continue to circulate amongst intelligence watchers, from his alleged association with the underworld, that he was still engaged operationally in some capacity, or indeed, the real target was his daughter Yulia who had been tracked after her departure from Russia.

Perhaps a more simpler explanation exists - that the old GRU Soviet adage still applies - "all traitors are given a death sentence." And because of its secondary boast - "because we can."

LAST WORD

PUTIN'S ASSESSMENT

As for challenging President Putin on the failure to terminate Skripal, Russia's 'untouchable' leader told journalists that if his country had done the deed, he would be dead. "If a military-grade poison had been used, the man would have died on the spot," he said. "Thank God he is still alive."



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