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"Any definition of a successful life, must include service to others..."

GEORGE H.W. BUSH - DIRECTOR CIA AND 41ST PRESIDENT OF THE USA



TECHNOLOGY - THE FOURTH GENERATION OF ESPIONAGE



2018 has played host to all manner of intelligence-laced events, many involving the spy services of Russia. It was therefore not totally unexpected when in December, at a speech given in Scotland, MI6 Chief Alex Younger warned Moscow that British Intelligence has the prowess and capability to counter Kremlin operations - with the help of friendly forces beyond the UK border.

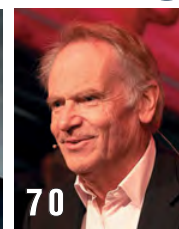
He issued a similar warning regarding China, and identified technology giants which some analysts believe and fear are undoubtedly linked to the intelligence world. A number of the companies have recently been outlawed in Australia, New Zealand and the United States. Mr Younger referenced an "industrial revolution in technology" which he believes is essential for the "fourth generation of espionage," noting that it was important to recruit the brightest of minds to counter emerging technology threats. Some of these are examined in this edition of Eye Spy - including two ventures which have been commented upon by the CIA and Mossad.

He also said cooperation with European intelligence and security services must be maintained, regardless of Britain's exit from the European Union. His colleagues in France and Germany accept that nothing should undermine a liaison that has existed for decades. Mr Younger referenced how the allied services had derailed and prevented "multiple terrorist attacks in the UK and continent." The next few months will see such cooperation tested, not by spy chiefs - but politicians - some seemingly oblivious to the real world and following their own mischievous agenda.

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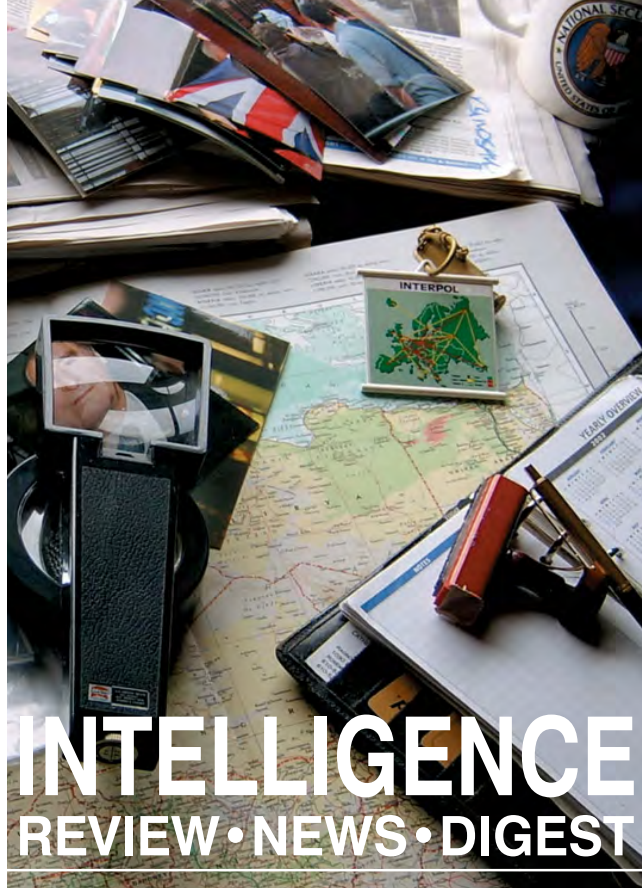
INTELLIGENCE CHOICE

ESPIONAGE: A GAME OF CHANCE

Eye Spy examines a controversial and often dark element of intelligence work, whereby government officials may be forced to comment on the work of a spy organisation, especially when an operation goes wrong or is exposed. Experienced officials do not like to offer excuses when events linked to intelligence take a turn for the worse. Every word and the manner in which it is delivered is monitored by the media and in most cases recorded and caught on camera. Thus they opt to use one of two phrases, including one more commonly associated with the underworld - 'The Code of Silence'. Alternatively, they 'Reject and Deny'.

A fascinating overview of responses when an impactful explanation can't be found.

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THE CIA MAN LANGLEY'S COLD WAR HERO

Former US President and Director CIA George H.W. Bush, credited for helping end the Cold War, passes

A decorated Navy pilot shot down in the Pacific in 1944, Bush was the Navy's youngest aviator ever and last of WWII's generation of military and political figures to reach the White House.

George H.W. Bush headed the CIA between 1976-1977 and served two terms as Ronald Reagan's Vice President, before winning the race to the Oval Office himself in 1989, becoming the 41st President of the United States. He entered the office with the longest political resume of any President in modern times: Congressman; United Nations Ambassador; Republican



National Chairman; US Liaison to China and Director CIA.

Bush first moved into the White House in 1981 at the height of the Cold War, serving as Vice President under Ronald Reagan. After assuming the Presidency in 1989, Bush, along with Soviet

UAE PARDONS 'MI6 SPY'

BRITON JAILED FOR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES FREED

British national Matthew Hedges, 31, a PhD student at Durham University, has been pardoned by the United Arab Emirates as part of package of instructions (including pardons for over 1,000 people) ordered on the country's 47th National Day Anniversary. Hedges had been sentenced to life in prison for spying on the UAE.

His family appealed for clemency in a letter to President Sheikh

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who sanctioned his release. The UAE Government however, still insist the charges brought against Hedges were authentic and accurate. An official said: "Hedges was 100% a secret service operative."

UAE SPY CHARGES

Just days earlier a federal court in Abu Dhabi had convicted Hedges for attempting to "procure sensitive information" during a trip to the

Emirates earlier this year. In court he was accompanied by his wife, Daniele Tejada, and Foreign Office officials from the British Embassy.

Sources say his research - covering security policies following the 'Arab Spring' - was cover for conducting surveillance on behalf of a foreign agency. That agency was allegedly MI6.

The full court statement read: *'The Federal Appeals Court of Abu Dhabi sentenced Matthew Hedges, 31, to life imprisonment after being convicted of spying on the UAE and providing sensitive security and intelligence information to third parties.'*

'The court also ruled that he would be deported from the country after the execution of the sentence and would be charged the costs of the legal case. The court ordered the confiscation of all his equipment, devices, research and studies. The convicted person has the right to challenge the ruling with the State Security Department of the Federal Supreme Court within a maximum period of 30 days.'



Matthew Hedges

UK Prime Minister Theresa May, commenting on the ruling in Parliament said: "We are of course deeply disappointed and concerned at the verdict."

Thereafter government ministers from the UAE and UK, two nations which have excellent relations and are strategic partners, met to discuss the affair.

UAE Ambassador to the UK Sulaiman Hamid Almazroui acknowledged the "crimes that Mr Hedges were accused of are extremely serious." He said "the UAE, like all countries, protecting national security must be our first priority." He rejected claims that the academic only had a brief court hearing and that Hedges had been provided with proper legal representation throughout.



Matthew Hedges pictured with his wife Daniela Tejada

COURTESY: DANIELA TEJADA



George H.W. Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev

leader Mikhail Gorbachev, helped plot the end of the decades-long dangerous confrontation between the two superpowers.

He responded to Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait by assembling an unprecedented coalition - victory coming in 1991. At the same time, in late 1989, Bush sent US troops to Panama to oust strongman Manuel Noriega.

In 2001, Bush became just the second US President after John

Adams to see his son, George W. Bush become President. After 9/11, he provided his son with counselling and guided him through the intelligence mire that followed the incident and the CIA's hunt for Osama bin-Laden.

After retiring from public life, Bush fulfilled a wartime pledge to one day jump out of an aeroplane for fun and famously went skydiving on his 75th, 80th, 85th and 90th birthdays. He raised funds for victims of the 2004 Asian tsunami

and the 2010 Haiti earthquake. In 2011, Obama awarded Bush the highest US civilian honour, the Medal of Freedom.

"He'll be admired for ending the Cold War on terms that Americans never could have dreamt possible for the 45 years of the Cold War," said Michael Beschloss, presidential historian.

"It would not have happened if George Bush hadn't been there. He formed a relationship with

Gorbachev of trust that encouraged him to give up a lot of concessions."

Current D/CIA Gina Haspel said: "We've lost a great champion of the Agency. On behalf of the men and women of the CIA, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the Bush Family."

George H.W. Bush passed on 30 November aged 94 - just eight months after his wife of 73 years, Barbara, died.



UAE Ambassador to the UK Sulaiman Hamid Almazroui

Under UAE law, such a sentence could have meant a maximum of 25-years prison term. The person (a foreign national) is then usually deported.

RESEARCH CONTENT

Hedges was arrested at Dubai International Airport on 5 May following questions raised about his research, which the UAE Government described as "requests for sensitive information." His electronic devices and notes were then examined - what investigators found prompted the UAE security and intelligence service to act, according to media houses and officials.

Attorney General Dr Hamad Al Shamsi said when questioned, Hedges acknowledged the claims

against him: "These were identical to evidence and information gained from his own electronic devices conducted by the UAE's security agencies."

Dr Anwar Gargash, UAE Minister for State and Foreign Affairs, said the Hedges case had been "extensively discussed with UK colleagues."

RELEASE OF HEDGES

Jaber Al Lamki a government official from the UAE's National Media Council, issued a statement which referenced Hedges private research led to recruitment by MI6: "Hedges had sought information on the ruling families and their networks. He was seeking to gather classified information on the UAE military and political role in

Yemen. In any country these are considered serious threats to national security, just as they are in the UAE. The information Mr Hedges collected went far beyond standard academic practise. He took advantage of the openness granted to academic researchers in this country."

Professor Abdulkhaleq Abdulla, a specialist in political science in the UAE who is familiar and well-versed in the mechanism of government policy, said for the UAE to have charged Hedges in the first place they must have "good and credible evidence."

A video recording of Hedges apparently showed him confessing his MI6 contact role. The record-



ing, with subtitles, has been seen by the media.

UK Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt, said he welcomed the decision. and was grateful to the UAE Government for resolving the issue so speedily.



Dr Anwar Gargash, UAE Minister for State Foreign Affairs (left) pictured with former UK Foreign Office Minister Alistair Burt

RUSSIAN SPYCRAFT



NEW STUDY WARNS OF BURGEONING INTEL ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

A major new study published by Britain's Henry Jackson Society, a respected foreign policy think tank, has claimed up to half of Russia's 150,000 expat community living in London, described as 'Informants', could well be providing information to spy organisations such as the FSB, GRU and SVR. The report titled: *'Putin Sees and Hears it All: How Russia's Intelligence Agencies Menace the UK'*, also suggests that half of the staff at the Russian Embassy in London, are actually engaged in intelligence work. That secondary figure is known and



Sir Richard Dearlove



President Putin has reinvented Russian Intelligence and is unconcerned by criticism of his agencies spy operations around the world

agreed upon by intelligence watchers, but the claim that as many as 75,000 people could be passing information is controversial. There are also estimates for the number of controlled agents in the UK - 500.

Much of the material and conclusions used in the report was sourced from dissidents and defectors, as well as intelligence people. Dr Andrew Foxall, Director of the society's Russia and Eurasia Studies Centre, the report's primary author said: "The report shines a light upon the activities of Russia's cloistered intelligence in Britain. The threat they pose harks back to a darker age." Foxall also referenced recent events such as the attempted assassination of former GRU

officer and MI6 agent Sergei Skripal. However, he believes the wider "active measures" of intelligence collection are even more dangerous, calling it "a

PUTIN SEES AND HEARS IT ALL: HOW RUSSIA'S INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES MENACE THE UK
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Dr Andrew Foxall

malevolent effort to undermine our society." He also criticised British thinking in that Moscow had ended its Cold War mindset. He said the report shows "Russia's spycraft is as audacious as it has ever been."

INTELLIGENCE STRENGTH

Statistics within the document reveal Russia's intelligence mechanism dwarfs that of their British counterpart. Estimates quoted from Victor Maderia, a specialist on Russian Intelligence, and author of *Britannia and the*



Russian Embassy, London

Sir Malcolm Rifkind



Bear: The Anglo-Russian Intelligence Wars 1917-1929, states between 280,000-480,000 people are attached to the GRU; 387,000 the FSB, and 13,000 to the SVR. This represents an intelligence community over 52

times that of the UK, which has a combined strength of around 16,000 personnel.

For MI6 Chief Sir Richard Dearlove, who endorsed the report, commented on Foxall's

findings: "The report forcefully reminds us that Russia's intelligence activity in the West is still large scale and intrusive. We need to devote significant resources to monitor and blunt the threat. As during the Cold War an effective counter-intelligence agency capability remains an essential part of our own intelligence and security community."

One man with intelligence threads who also digested the contents of the report warned of Russia's burgeoning spy presence in the UK. Former Foreign Office and Defence Secretary and Chairman of the Intelligence and Security Committee, Sir Malcolm Rifkind,

said: "Anyone who is relaxed or complacent about Russian Intelligence activity in the UK should read this report."

UK politician Ian Austin said: "The West needs to wake up to the threat posed by Vladimir Putin and his corrupt and brutal dictatorship. For too long, too many people have been blind to the scale of the Kremlin's insidious campaign of espionage on our streets."

The report concludes by urging the UK to 'redouble its efforts in combatting the threat posed by Russia'.

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THE PROFILER

AUSTRIA LAUNCHES ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION AGAINST RUSSIA

Austrian military counter-intelligence officers have detained a retired Austrian Army colonel who has allegedly spied on behalf of Russia for the past two decades. The charges include passing state information on military aircraft and artillery systems, migration flows into Europe and 'people profile files' - overviews of senior officials.

Some of the material sourced by the suspect, known only as 'Martin M' who worked at the Ministry of Defence in Vienna, came from NATO conferences and meetings, this despite Austria not being a member of the alliance.

One of his Russian handlers, believed to be either an SVR or GRU officer, was referred to in state papers as 'Yuri'. Officials said the Austrian met him at least twice a month to pass classified secrets. According to sources close to the case, the suspect has received around £250,000 from Moscow for his services.

Military police arrested Martin M after communications were reportedly intercepted by a 'friendly state'. Much speculation abounds that the service was Britain's GCHQ.

Austrian Defence Minister Mario Kunasek said: "Spying against a



'Martin M' worked at the headquarters of Austria's Ministry of Defence, Vienna

neutral country is unacceptable," and that meetings would take place with Russian officials to launch a protest. He admitted the "case might not be the only one," a candid reference to other operational Russian spies in Vienna.

Relations between Russia and Austria, which currently holds the EU presidency, have always been relatively good. Indeed, Austria was amongst only a handful of countries who did not expel Russian diplomats and intelligence officers following the poisoning of MI6 agent Sergei Skripal in March 2018. However, Vienna has toughened its stance following the spy case. Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, said: "If the [spying] suspicion is confirmed, such cases do not improve relations between Russia and the European Union. We are demanding Russia is transparent."

A not too unsurprising response came from Russia. Foreign



Mario Kunasek

Minister Sergey Lavrov said he was "unpleasantly surprised" by the allegations and that Moscow "knew nothing about the retired officer."

Several media houses in Russia have blamed British Intelligence for "igniting another spy scandal to discredit Russia" in the wake of the Skripal affair.

If found guilty, the colonel, who has not been named at time of publication, faces a ten-year prison sentence.



Sebastian Kurz and Sergey Lavrov

FSB SEA GAMES

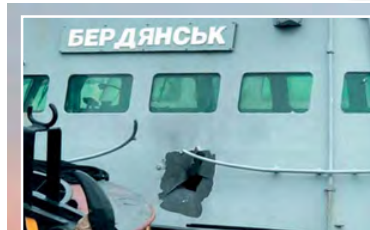
FSB SPECIAL FORCES SEIZE THREE UKRAINE SHIPS

Russian Navy Special Forces have seized three Ukrainian vessels in the strategically important Kerch Strait which links the Azov and Black Seas near Crimea, and detained their crews. The ships, two small gunboats and a tug boat have been “immobilised” a spokesman from the Ukraine Defence Ministry said. A video showed a Russian ship ramming the tug boat after gunfire was heard. Twenty sailors aboard the Ukraine ships were detained - three were treated for injuries.

The incident has once again raised the spectre of more conflict between the countries, which could also involve NATO. A spokesman for NATO said: “We call on Russia to ensure unhindered access to Ukrainian ports in the Azov Sea in accordance with international law. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said “Russia has no justification for seizing the Ukrainian ships. What we saw was Russia using military force in an open and direct way. We have to show that these actions will have consequences.” NATO promised to support Ukraine’s territorial integrity.

A spokesman for the FSB’s Border Guard Service said the ships had

“illegally sailed into Russian territorial waters and created a very dangerous provocation that required special attention and investigation.” There was no reference to gunfire.



The three Ukrainian ships arrive under guard in the port of Kerch. Inset: Shell damage is evident on one ship

Fearful of invasion, President Petro Poroshenko immediately ordered the armed forces to be on alert.

“I want to emphasise that we have irrefutable evidence that this aggression was not a mistake, not an accident, but a deliberate action,” said Poroshenko. Hours later the president met with senior military, intelligence and interior

chiefs - martial law was ordered in the border regions with Russia.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo discussed the incident with Poroshenko; thereafter President Trump cancelled a scheduled meeting with President Vladimir Putin at the G20 summit. “Based on the fact that the ships and sailors have not been returned to Ukraine from Russia, I have

decided it would be best for all parties concerned to cancel,” said Mr Trump. According to sources, Ukraine has supplied Western allies with imagery showing a major presence of Russian forces gathering on the border

The Kerch Strait is the closest point between Russia and Crimea which Moscow seized from Ukraine in 2014, an act widely condemned. A bridge has since been built connecting the two countries.

Since the annexing of Crimea, fighting has continued in the east of the country between militias loyal to both countries, claiming the lives of around 10,000 people.

The encounter came just days after the signing of an agreement between the Ukraine and UK to share information on threat levels, hold joint military exercises, train Ukraine Armed Forces (UAF) and generally provide support to Kiev. In the past 12 months, the UK has trained 2000 UAF personnel in counter-IED skills, logistics and operating in urban areas.



Ukraine President Petro Poroshenko discusses the incident with senior military, intelligence and government officials



UK SPECIAL FORCES

Green-light for Females Joining Elite Combat Units

The Ministry of Defence has announced that all positions in Britain's armed forces, including close combat, will now be open to women, this includes Special Forces and active units formed for combat duties. A ban stopping female recruits for such roles was deemed irrelevant in 2016.

Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson said: "For the first time the armed forces will be determined by ability alone and not gender."



Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson

Entry into such combat units will be phased, though female troops are already being allowed to apply for service in the Royal Marines, infantry and other services. The lifting of the archaic ban will now allow women to join elite services such as the SAS, though they will still have to pass a rigorous selection criteria.

"We very much expect women to be joining the SAS and Special Boat Service (SBS), Mr Williamson said. "The value they'll bring, the impact they will make will be phenomenal and all the services are looking forward to welcoming them."

Lt. Corporal Kat Dixon, who became the first British Army tank gunner commented on the move: "If you can meet the necessary requirements I don't think anything should be off-limits, but you should have to meet the same requirements." She said that whilst the

physical tests were difficult to pass, "it presents different challenges for women, but they are not unsurpassable."

Commander Field Army, Lieutenant General Patrick Sanders CBE DSO, said: "Some of the best soldiers and most promising officers I know are women. And let's not forget that women have been serving on the front line in combat, often under fire for the last 15 years. Simply put the Infantry will be more effective in war if we include the best talent our country can breed - male and female."

Not all troops are keen on the move, including retired veteran Colonel Richard Kemp. He said the new policy would cost lives. "My experience is if you have a team of men, even with one or two women, it could lead to divisiveness... anything that undermines teamwork will cost lives."

THE UKRAINIAN 'LANGLEY'

Work Begins on New Intel HQ Buildings

KIEV: Work has begun on a total restructuring of the country's primary intelligence agency - SZRU (Foreign

Intelligence Service) and new headquarter buildings dubbed the 'Ukrainian Langley'.



Oleksandr Turchynov buries time capsule



Oleksandr Turchynov, Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council laid the foundation stone at the Kiev site, which President Poroshenko said will "create a modern infrastructure and meet NATO standards." Buried in the grounds was a time capsule with a letter intended for future intelligence officers

regarding the 'importance and significance of their work'. The names of fallen officers were also inside.

SZRU Chairman Yehor Bozhok, said 2018 was a crucial year and that the need for intelligence had never been greater, especially in respect of Russia's armed aggression.



FRT

Facial Recognition Technology Hampers Intelligence Operations

Mossad's Intelligence Conundrum

Developed in the 1960s, Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) is an increasing 'menace' to spy agencies, according to Mossad Director Yossi Cohen, who heads one of the largest and most active intelligence organisations in the world

Cohen warned espionage and intelligence collection is being threatened by technologies once the sole domain of spy world. Cohen said that operations are becoming more challenging because personnel, especially those actively deployed, can be identified by new facial recognition technology, CCTV cameras and other instrumentation such as that which can swiftly identify bogus documentation etc. He said that the technology available to protect against dark operators, terrorists, for example,

has had the unintended effect of confounding Mossad operations overseas. "The struggle against global terrorism has affected us as well," he said.

Cohen was speaking in the wake of such technology being used by counter-terrorism agencies to 'out' intelligence teams deployed by the GRU in Britain and Holland, and the tracking of Saudi operators in Turkey. The taking of high resolution imagery of travellers and the sharing of biometric data has impacted on experienced specialist operators

who are despatched overseas for 'special tasks'.

"Everywhere we go, we have to take into account the fact that the security services are getting stronger," Cohen said. "For normal people this technology is good, for people who don't want it so much... it presents a challenge of a different order.

"You can imagine that a large part of the Agency's [the Mossad] problems or challenges is your passport - essentially your



Infrared illuminator. Face recognition technology (including vehicle model and registration plate reader) unit



Mossad Director Yossi Cohen (right) with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

fingerprint, retina or your face. This arena, which very much effects us has changed beyond recognition and is ballooning.”

FRT COUNTER-MEASURES

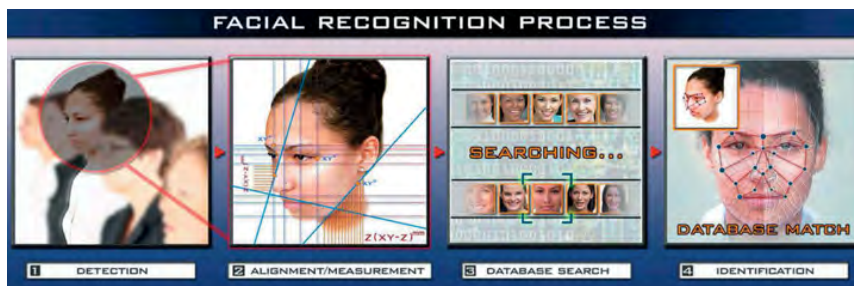
Interestingly, former Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) personnel have recently referenced anti-facial recognition technology, which some intelligence sources claim is now being used by overseas agents. Others however, insist the technology can only be applied to alter photographs. Nevertheless, Eye Spy is aware of actual equipment which can be used to counter facial recognition technology, including eyeglasses. In this case the

spectacles use infrared light to trick equipment, but is not visible to operators of FRT.

Another adaptation of the counter-equipment is by applying the infrared light from above. In the spytrade, this can be done by



A US Marine uses an iris scanner in Iraq to check the identity of a city official



THREE DIMENSIONAL FACIAL RECOGNITION

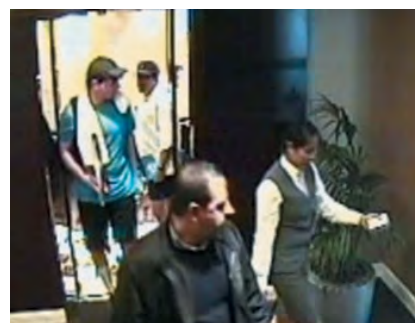
Three dimensional (3D) facial recognition is a biometric technology that uses the unique and variable structure of the face captured from multiple angles. 3D technology allows for flexibility in image comparisons and greatly increases the probability of matching a subject to a photo from a database of images. Using a computer to access a database of stored images, the facial characteristics are measured and compared to identify and/or verify the identity of an individual.

In September 2018, French security company IDEMIA announced it had developed 3D Face Technology that uses the invisible light of an infrared camera that can accurately calculate face geometry in three dimensions. The new system was recently deployed at Oslo International Airport in Norway.

concealing the equipment under a hat or wig, or even an umbrella. The technology reportedly issues particles of light which again “tricks those operating FRT.”

One specialist in disguises told Eye Spy that eventually with the advancement of such countermeasures, and probably in conjunction with old methods such as donning a fake beard or adding additional facial features, it will become increasingly difficult to detect those intent on defeating static watchers utilising FRT.

An Israeli Mossad team made up of nearly 30 operatives was identified in the UAE in 2010. The Mossad’s objective was to enter the country and eliminate Hamas agent Mahmoud Al-Mabhouh and depart the next day. However, using CCTV footage and data from passports, plus cross-referencing flight records, the UAE security services soon learned that many in the Mossad unit wore



Caught on camera. Two Mossad agents pose as tennis players as they follow Hamas agent Mahmoud Al-Mabhouh to his hotel room

disguises, carried false documentation (forged foreign passports) and had provided bogus reasons for entering the country.

Nevertheless, one government security officer told Eye Spy: “FRT is being deployed in numerous arenas in respect of security, from airports to border crossing points and even in city centres. And it is getting better.” Earlier this year America’s Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced a roll out of facial recognition technology at many airports (international travellers), and in time will also extend to domestic travellers.

As for Cohen and his warning that such technology is impacting on overseas operations, his comments coincide with intelligence reports that Iran’s MOIS (Ministry of Intelligence and Security), has embarked on a new programme to insert ‘one-time action agents’ into various countries under diplomatic cover. “Even if they are identified following an operation and removed or arrested, they have been successful,” an Israeli source said. They will simply be replaced.”

HEROES & VILLAINS

Moscow Renames City Street After MI6 Officer and Traitor Kim Philby

Earlier this year the Council of Washington DC voted unanimously on Bill 22-539, officially renaming a well-trodden square frequented by countless spies directly outside the Russian Embassy in Washington DC. The block, on Wisconsin Avenue, is now known as Boris Nemtsov Plaza in honour of Boris Nemtsov, the popular Russian reformist politician and fierce critic of President Vladimir Putin who was assassinated on Bolshoy Moskvoretsky Bridge near the Kremlin on 27 February 2015.

Nemtsov was one of the most important figures in the introduction of capitalism into the Russian post-Soviet economy.

In what seems to be a 'parallel' move by the Kremlin at a time of heightened tensions between Russia, Britain and the United States over the poisoning of the MI6 agent and GRU Colonel Sergei Skripal, an intersection in the southwestern part of the city near the headquarters of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) has been named Kim Philby Square. The move follows the signing of a decree by Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin on 6 November.

The notorious Cold War British agent was a member of the so-called Cambridge Spy Ring

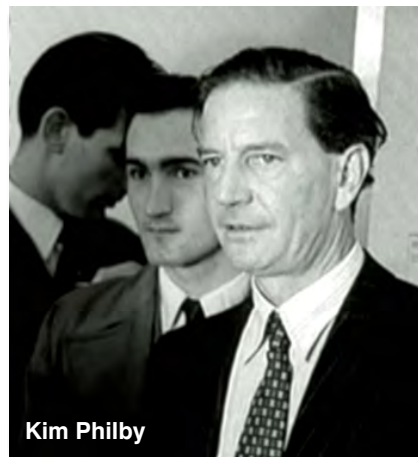
who defected to the Soviet Union in 1963. He is considered Britain's worst traitor by many, but still hailed a hero in Russia.

Philby lived in the Russian capital until he died in 1988, although nowhere near the square named in his honour - a fact which has puzzled many in the intelligence world and ordinary Russians alike! When questioned about Philby, many residents who live in the area said they didn't know anything about the spy.

However, at the unveiling of a portrait of Philby in 2017, SVR (Foreign Intelligence Service) Director Sergei Naryshkin was approached by former Cold War intelligence veterans who proposed the move, because the "Englishman enjoyed walking around the city's streets."



Smolenskaya Square



Kim Philby

In November, Naryshkin also announced a new monument honouring former intelligence chief Yevgeny Primakov, who headed the KGB's foreign intelligence directorate 1991-1996 - now known as the SVR - will be built at Smolenskaya Square, appropriately opposite the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



SVR Director Sergei Naryshkin



Boris Nemtsov Plaza (note Russian Embassy flag). Inset: Boris Nemtsov



Yevgeny Primakov

SPY CHARGES?

Accidental Release of Legal Files Suggest WikiLeaks Founder Julian Assange Will Face US Charges

An inadvertent slip by US justice officials reportedly indicated Washington has assembled a number of charges being readied against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. US Assistant Attorney Kellen Dwyer allegedly wrote: *'The charges would need to remain secret until Assange is arrested'*. Dwyer is attached to the probe into WikiLeaks release of classified materials. References to 'espionage' are also thought contained in the material.

Assange, who has lived in Ecuador's London embassy for six years for fear of extradition to the United States, is allegedly linked to papers connected to former FBI Director Robert Mueller's inquiry into Russian



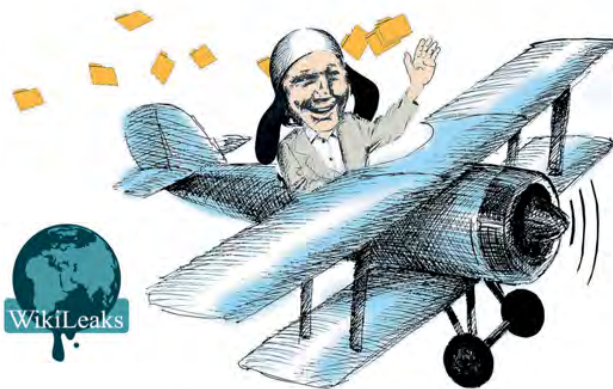
Julian Assange

interference in the 2016 General Election. In this case the affair is being investigated because some intelligence officials believe WikiLeaks was used by Russian Intelligence to 'distribute hacked materials'.

Though media reports suggesting the charges are bonafide, officials at the US Justice Department state an "error in filing was made." Others have described the document as a "cut and paste mistake."

Barry Pollack, a legal representative of Assange said: "Charging someone for publishing accurate information was a dangerous path for democracy to take. The news that criminal charges have apparently been filed against Mr Assange is even more troubling than the hap-hazard manner in which the information has been revealed."

WikiLeaks has reproduced thousands of emails sourced by hackers from Democrat officials supporting the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton. Whether or not this action is related to the supposed secret charges is unclear. However, intelligence sources do agree that Assange could face charges - but



The US Intelligence Community has never forgiven Assange for his release of stolen files

these are likely to be in connection with the publishing of diplomatic cables almost a decade ago, including imagery from Iraq which showed a US Apache attack helicopter firing on a group of 'enemy combatants' in Baghdad. It later transpired the 12 victims killed in the action were civilians.

As for Ecuador's position, President Lenin Moreno described Assange as a "stone in our shoe." He said he was never supportive of Assange's activities.



President Lenin Moreno



SNOWDEN SUPPORT

Former NSA and CIA contractor Edward Snowden, himself living in exile in Moscow, criticised the move to take Assange to task over the WikiLeaks saga. Snowden said: "You can despise WikiLeaks and everything it stands for. You can think Assange is an evil spirit reanimated by Putin himself. But you cannot support the prosecution of a publisher for publishing without narrowing the basic rights every newspaper relies on. Any Espionage Act prosecution [against Assange] also threatens journalists at the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* and the many other news outlets that report on government secrets all the time."

LOOKING GLASS

MI5 INVESTIGATE RW EXTREMISTS

Earlier this year information surfaced that MI5 were becoming increasingly active in investigating far-right figures and extreme nationalistic groups. A number of plots were also foiled. Now officials have acknowledged that the Security Service will take over from police in respect of all future major and developing engage-

ments with extremists. This new move effectively brackets radical supremacists with other national security concerns, including terrorism. As in other cases, arrests, detentions and any legal action will be led by police and crown prosecutors.

News of the move was shortly followed by the conviction of two



people, Adam Thomas and Claudia Patatas from Oxfordshire, for their membership in the banned extreme right-wing group

National Action. Thomas was also convicted of having a book popular in the under and terrorist worlds - the *Anarchist's Cookbook*.



Adam Thomas in Klu Klux Klan regalia

The manual provides details on how to make a variety of IEDs and explosives. When police raided their home various materials were removed, including a photograph of the couple holding a Nazi flag.

Eight other individuals have been convicted and jailed this year for membership in the group.

Internet postings intercepted and captured by GCHQ and MI5 tracked the online activities of supporters of National Action, which was proscribed [made illegal] in 2016. These include: *'When we have won the war against the Jews... deported the muds [Muslims] and cleansed our land'*. A seized document from a member stated: *'It is with glee that we will enact the final solution across Europe'*.

MI5 infiltrated the organisation identifying key operators and its growing regional branches. In late 2016 a government assessment based upon the findings of the Security Service and New Scotland Yard concluded: *'National Action is concerned with terrorism'*. A government spokesperson commenting on the active role now being played by MI5 to counter extreme right-wing groups said: "The aim is to ensure equivalence in how terrorism is dealt with... irrespective of the ideology that inspires it."



Neil Basu

New Scotland Yard's counter-terrorism chief, Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu said 700 live terror-linked investigations are ongoing in the UK. Of these 80% involve Islamic jihadists linked to groups such as ISIS and al-Qaida. The remaining 20% involve other dangerous entities, including a "significant number of right-wing ideological threats," said Basu.

The MI5 initiative follows quickly on comments issued by its counterparts in Germany. Here the BfV has warned of a growing tide of right-wing extremists.



ISIS 'agents-in-place' monitored by intelligence world continue to provide a treasure trove of vital information

SYNAGOGUE TERRORIST ATTACK Gunman Kills 11 Civilians in Pittsburgh

Described by the FBI as a 'domestic terrorist', Robert Bowers, 46, entered the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and shouted, "All Jews must die." Around 75 worshippers were in the building. He then launched a prolonged 20-minute attack with various weapons resulting in the deaths of 11 people.

Police arrived just minutes after Bowers had started his killing spree at 9.50am on 27 October, and were soon fired upon. SWAT officers were called to the scene and the gunman was shot. One specialist officer was seriously injured. Eighty minutes after arriving at the synagogue, Bowers, now surrounded and injured, decided to surrender. Several others and four police



Robert Bowers



Pennsylvania State Governor Tom Wolf discusses the terrorist attack

officers who attended the scene were also injured.

Bowers told an investigator, he "wanted all Jews to die as they were committing genocide against his people." The FBI were aware of previous anti-Semitic posts made by Bowers, including several just four weeks before the attack where he wrote: *'I'm going in'*. The incident was the deadliest attack on American Jewish citizens in US history. At a court hearing, Bowers pleaded "not guilty" - which could mean a death sentence.

In the summer of 2018, Special Forces attached to US Central Command killed six senior members of ISIS in Syria. On their persons were cell phone numbers and other information, including Internet contact details of several ISIS sympathisers living in the United States, Sweden, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and other countries. Intelligence sources believe these overseas figures, dubbed 'Bookkeepers' by the CIA, are central to the future ambitions and operations of ISIS - this following the terror group's decline as a fighting pseudo-military force.

ISIS has tasked the Bookkeepers with providing assistance to many of its fighters who are now beginning to make their way back to their country of origin. Similarly, they are already helping recruit new 'domestic' recruits from Canada to Malaysia and beyond. However, it is the 'experienced' terrorists who are seen as the real threat, for many are now skilled in bomb-making, use of weaponry and field tactics. Most remain committed to the ideology of ISIS - and this means a change of tactics - a return to terrorist operations. And it is here the Bookkeepers are providing support,



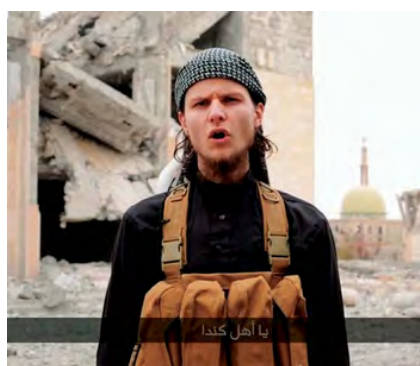
finance and materials. Their words too are influential. But unbeknown to many, they themselves are under surveillance, primarily betrayed by information and intelligence secured from their colleagues in Iraq, Syria and elsewhere. Others have been identified in the past five years 'under suspicion of transferring monies to assist persons wanting to travel to the Middle East to help Daesh', according to court papers.

The CIA, together with the FBI, believe that an international network of ISIS sleeper cells will pose a threat for at least a decade, perhaps more. Thus Langley, along with various intelligence agencies, including MI5, Canada's RCMP and

Intelligence, much of it secured in the war theatres of Iraq and Syria by Alliance forces, is helping to identify crucial ISIS networks and controllers in foreign lands



In November, the US Department of Defense Inspector General published a report which said that ISIS had transitioned into a clandestine insurgency that would boost its sleeper cells...



Canadian national and ISIS terrorist John Maguire from Ottawa pictured in Syria. Maguire has warned that attacks will continue on Canadian soil

ASIO in Australia, have undertaken a covert programme to monitor returning ISIS fighters and observe their contacts. If suspected Bookkeepers are engaged in communication with such individuals, surveillance will be increased. In Russia, for example, intelligence gleaned from the support networks in-place to assist returning ISIS operatives wanting to fight domestically, has led to one counter-terrorism raid taking place every 21 days. Russian media suggest most of the operations stem directly from intercepted exchanges between the 'in-situ Bookkeepers' and fighters. Not surprisingly, the primary figures are being allowed to operate without cause for concern, such has been the valuable intelligence gleaned by the FSB from their unwitting liaisons and role.

RETURNING FIGHTERS

Estimates for returning ISIS fighters and their families vary dramatically. In the UK, one study conjectured at least 425 British nationals returned in 2017. Known to MI5, many are under surveillance. However, cumulatively and worldwide, intelligence officials recognise the figure could be as high as 20,000. One intelligence watcher who

worked for the UN's counter-terrorism watchdog said: "There is little doubt that the group or something similar will survive the worldwide campaign against it." Such commentary has served only to focus the minds of the many intelligence people charged with identifying and countering terrorist threats on domestic soil.

MISGUIDED CONFIDENCE?

In 2017, Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said, "remorseful returning fighters can be an extraordinarily powerful voice for preventing radicalisation in future generations." However, notes legitimately secured from the country's primary intelligence service CSIS, do not support his views.

Other files circulating within those charged with monitoring returning ISIS fighters, and the 'persons-in-place to assist the continuation of an underground insurgency' - the Bookkeepers - suggest these individuals will be allowed 'freedom to operate', whilst ever crucial leads and clues are forthcoming about future operations. "If their support activities help identify an operation in the pipeline, and while ever they are oblivious to the eyes of watching intelligence officials, why not let them continue," one experienced counter-terrorism official told Eye Spy.



THE CHRISTMAS DAY BOMBERS

FSB Thwart ISIS Terror Cell Planning Holiday Attacks

Counter-terrorism officers from Russia's Federal Security Service - FSB - have thwarted an ISIS plot to launch multiple attacks in Moscow during the Christmas-New Year period. Authorities said the cell, comprising of six Russian nationals, had received orders and support from senior ISIS commanders in Syria. "The detained planned to carry out resonant attacks in Moscow using



both firearms and various IEDs," a spokesman said.

The FSB said the group received regular money transfers from overseas which had been monitored. Similarly, a number had engaged with local criminals to help finance the operation (purchase of materials, explosives and weapons).

During the CT search of the group's primary premises on the outskirts of Moscow, the FSB recovered an array of automatic firearms, communication devices and literature on how to build IEDs. A "significant amount of



Members of the cell are arrested

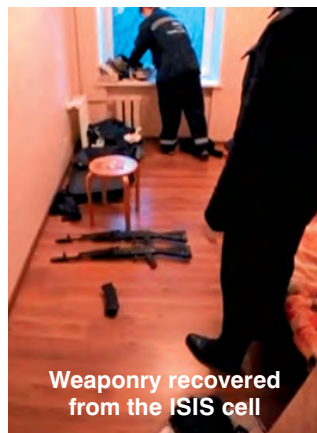
money was also found," a spokesman said. To avoid detection, "the members of the group used heightened measures (unspecified) aimed at countering the law enforcement agencies."

The raid coincided with comments made by President Putin who said the FSB had prevented "28 terror-related crimes in Russia," including thwarting 15 major ISIS operations in 2018. "This has saved many lives," said Mr Putin.

Statistics released by Russian Intelligence reveals that the FSB believe at least 10,000 people from former Soviet satellite



nations have joined ISIS. Last year Putin joined with other world leaders to warn that the return of such individuals, "poses a major threat for the security of Russia and other nations."



Weaponry recovered from the ISIS cell

MELBOURNE TERROR ATTACK

ISIS Supporter Strikes in Australia as Security Vulnerabilities Exposed

A Somali ISIS supporter was shot dead in Melbourne, Australia, after fatally stabbing one man and injuring three others in a terror-related incident on 9 November. The deceased was later named as 74-year-old Italian restaurant owner Sisto Malaspina.

Hassan Khalif Shire Ali, 30, had crashed his vehicle into shop windows resulting in a small fire. Witnesses said he appeared to throw something in the back of the vehicle which exploded. Thankfully a number of gas cylinders in the car failed to explode. As police arrived at the

scene and confronted the killer, they were attacked with a large knife. A fight ensued and Ali tried



Ali attempts to stab a police officer

on several occasions to stab the police officers. Faced with no alternative, the officers shot him at



Murdered - Sisto Malaspina



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MASS GRAVES FOUND IN IRAQ ISIS ATROCITIES



UNITED NATIONS: More than two hundred graves containing the bodies of an estimated 12,000 victims of ISIS, have been located in areas of Iraq once controlled by the terror group.

Officials from the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) and the UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR), have documented the sites in various provinces, but have warned they expect to find more graves.

The largest grave site just south of Mosul, is said to contain at least 4,000 bodies.

UN officials said that the task of identifying the corpses will be extremely difficult, but acknowledged the graves are being treated as crime scenes. The victims include men, women and children. One observer said forensic findings could be proof of war crimes.

Propaganda Men Arrested in Spain

Intelligence Officials Warn of 'Holiday Destination Cells' in Europe

Two men, 55 and 58, described as "senior terrorist propaganda figures," by Spanish security officials, have been arrested in Alicante and Valencia.

The operatives, both Syrian nationals, were tracked uploading and distributing ISIS and al-Qaida propaganda, including messages and video on the Internet. The official charge read: '*Collaboration, indoctrination and glorifying of terrorism*'. The men had "encouraged other people to join the group," a police official said.

Intelligence sources in Spain said one of the men was regarded as a "senior European ISIS operator," who had been tasked with

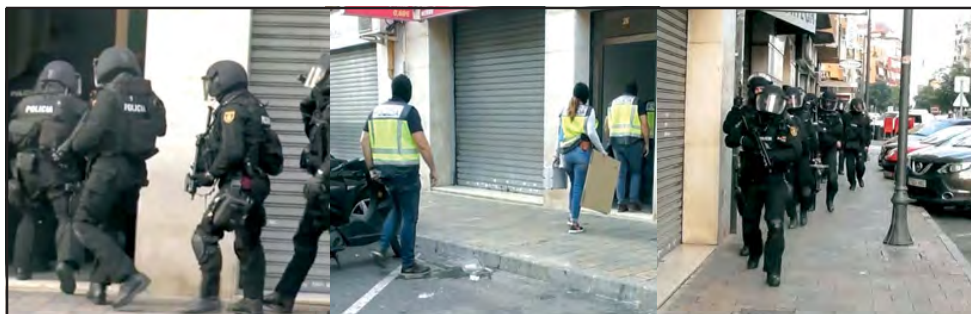


Counter-terrorism officers arrest a terror cell suspect

organising other cells in popular holiday destinations in Europe. Spain's Interior Ministry also confirmed the suspect had access to Internet sites operated by senior ISIS commanders. Intelligence officials are confident information secured from the men's computers will lead to the identification of other ISIS and al-

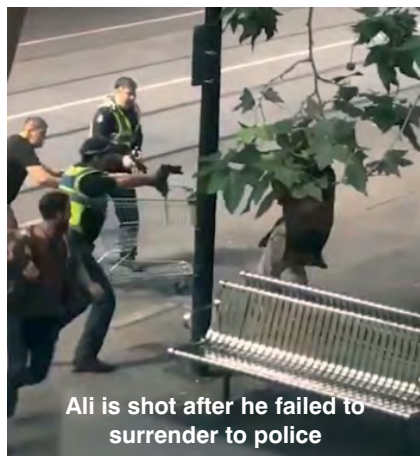
Qaida supporters, and may help locate the whereabouts of senior terrorist commanders in the Middle East, in particular Syria and Iraq.

Spain, Italy and other Mediterranean countries have launched security programmes aimed at protecting holiday resorts.



close range. He later died in hospital.

According to sources, the man was known to the country's intelligence services, primarily because of the activities of some of his relatives. Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton confirmed he was a "person of interest."



Ali is shot after he failed to surrender to police



Following the incident, ISIS media arm Amaq, claimed responsibility via a number of its websites. Intelligence officials believe Ali had followed recent postings by the terror group on how supporters should use vehicles packed with IEDs, including gas cylinders.

The latest ISIS TAV (terrorist attack by vehicle) street attack in Australia was described as a "black spot" by Home Affairs

Minister Peter Dutton, which "exposed security vulnerabilities," referencing comments made by Duncan Lewis, Director-General of ASIO (Australian Security Intelligence Organisation).

SECURITY QUESTIONS

"It is even more difficult today than it was five or ten years ago to try to deal with some of these cases," Dutton said. "The police can't contemplate every circumstance. Where you have someone who is buying chemicals, importing or purchasing online different items that might be precursors to make up an explosive device, you would expect there to be intelligence around that activity. Where you have someone who picks up a kitchen knife and grabs a couple of gas bottles and drives into the CBD (Central Business District - Melbourne) these are very difficult circumstances to stop."



Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton

It has since transpired Ali's passport was revoked in 2015 (no explanation given), but questions are now being asked why he was not deported.

Australia's security services have a dedicated counter-terrorism unit in the city which has become increasingly pro-active in



Hanifi Hallis and Samad Eriklioglu. The men's families denied any of the suspects were supporters of ISIS

recent years following a number of incidents. And they were called upon again in Melbourne just a few days later.

On 19 November, at 3.00am, over 30 Victoria Counter Terrorism Command (VCTC) officers raided a number of addresses leading to the arrest of three men - Hanifi Hallis, 21, Ertunc Eriklioglu, 30 and his brother Samad Eriklioglu, 26. All three men of Turkish background, whose passports were revoked earlier in the year, were charged with plotting a major terrorist attack in the city.

Intelligence sources state the operation was triggered after ASIO learned one of the suspects, who had all been under surveillance since 2017, made an earnest effort to acquire a semi-automatic weapon. All are believed to have

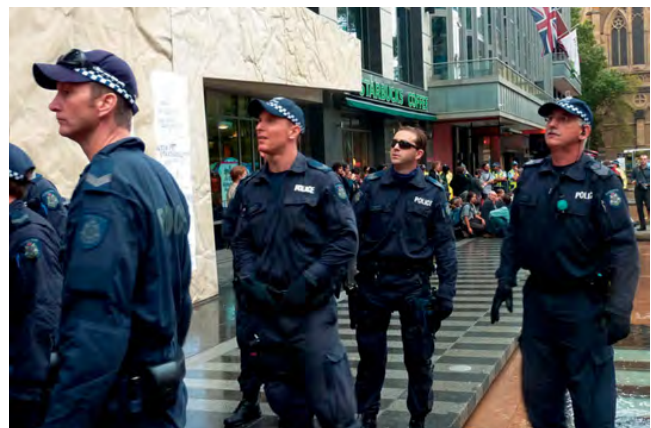


Victoria State Premier Daniel Andrews

been inspired by the ideology of ISIS, though not directly controlled by the group.

The intelligence was secured from monitored communications in a joint Victoria Police-ASIO operation. "It is our view that while a specific location had not been finalised, there was a view towards a crowded place," said Police Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton. "A place where maximum people would be attending... to be able to kill as many people as possible." He said the men had become "much more energised in recent days."

AFP Assistant Commissioner Ian McCartney said: "If we had not



acted early in preventing this attack, we will allege [in court] the consequences would have been chilling, with a potential significant loss of life."

TARGET AND DATE

ASIO and Counter Terrorism Command believe that all the evidence points to a Christmas period and/or New Year's Eve attack. Mr Ashton said the fact that this time of year sees many more people gathering in towns and out on the streets, was a key factor in the timing of the raids. "There is certainly no doubt this would have played on the minds of investigators," he said.

Victoria State Premier Daniel Andrews said had the authorities not acted when they did, the outcome could have been deadly.

However, officials believe more information could have been gleaned (and far more quickly) from encrypted messaging systems such as WhatsApp, if new national eavesdropping laws

under consideration had been in play. Mr Dutton said: "The technology has now got ahead of where the law is and we are finding ourselves in a particular black spot where the police are blind to the telecommunications across these messaging apps."

SURVEILLANCE

At a short hearing in court, details of ASIO and police evidence was referenced: this included data sourced from 17,000 intercepted telephone calls, 10,500 text messages and nearly 8,000 hours of recording from other listening devices (bugs).

- In early November 2018, three men were found guilty in court of plotting to carry out a Christmas-period attack in 2016, also in the Melbourne CBD (See Eye Spy 107). Abdullah Chaarani, 27, Ahmed Mohamed, 25 and Hamza Abbas, 23, face possible life sentences. The operatives sourced materials for IEDs and studied al-Qaida bomb-making publications.



Police Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton



ASIO and CTC intercepted 17,000 telephone calls, sourced 10,500 text messages and secured nearly 8,000 hours of recordings

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THE CIA'S COVCOM CONUNDRUMS

THE COUNTING STATION

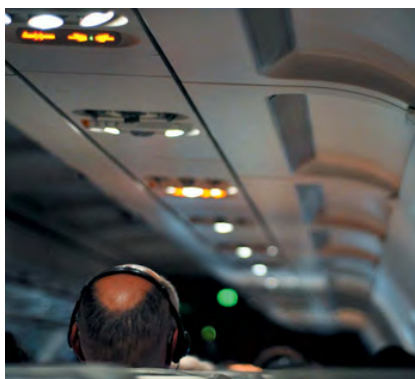
Eye Spy investigates recent reports that CIA spy networks in Iran and China were compromised following communications failures, and why disposing of a tried and trusted method of agent contact may have been an error of judgement

BACKGROUND

As late as 1998, the CIA was still instructing and controlling its agents in foreign lands by use of short wave radio. The process was called OWVC or One Way Voice Channel. To shortwave monitors they were, and still are Number Stations.

The CIA endeavour transmitted from a number of sites in the United States, Great Britain, Germany and reportedly Cyprus too. There were two language variations - English and Spanish. Also, another variant transmitting numbers in Farsi was intercepted by monitors on two occasions.

Though the language may have been different, the content was always the same; a synthesised female voice repeating numbers along with other encryption administration



information to assist the end user to decrypt the message with relative ease. The station was called 'The Counting Station,' TCS, E05 or V05 depending on the language used, (English or Spanish). There were many frequencies used for this worldwide operation, with messages usually sent on the hour or sometimes 45-minutes past the hour for 20-hours a day, 0100-2200 UTC daily.

Like every other Number Station transmission to agents abroad, TCS was virtually infallible; whilst the transmitting site might be known and the general area of reception guessed at, the recipient sat with their commercial Short Wave receiver at home or other secure locations and simply received the message, safe in the knowledge they would not be detected merely by listening to the radio.

Detection of any radiated signal from a radio receiver is extremely difficult. However, MI5's Cold War Operation RAFTER radio receiver



detection system, was used successfully against the Russians. One spy identified was KGB man Gordon Lonsdale (left - Konon Molody) of the Portland Spy Ring in 1959. ➤



"If its not broken - don't fix it"

Secure instant or pre-determined contact with agents is as imperative today as in yester-years, but over half a century later, spy organisations have still not discovered the 'holy grail' in respect of total security.

LANGLEY'S SPY NETWORKS

On 2 November 2018, Yahoo News posted an article on its Internet pages with a header: *'The CIA's Communications Suffered a Catastrophic Compromise. It Started in Iran'.*

Apparently, persons working covertly in Iran used the Internet and a particular website and somehow managed to download the Agency's transmitted message. Whether this was encrypted in some way or what form it took is not stated. Regardless of how the breach came about, the compromising of the sites was deeply felt by the CIA between 2009 and

2013, as some CIA contact agents in China and Iran were identified and duly detained. Thereafter intelligence sources report as many as 24 Langley sources died in China between 2011-2012 - presumably by execution. "We are still dealing with fallout," one US security official aware of the breach said. "Dozens of people around the world were killed."

A subsequent statement outlined that the CIA 'contact package' used to communicate with its agents was first used in 'war zones in the Middle East but not built to withstand the sophisticated counter-intelligence efforts of a state actor like China or Iran'.

AN UNRELIABLE SYSTEM

Of much relevance also, reference to a US defence contractor who was involved in the selection of human sources in Iran. John

Reidy was never comfortable with the Internet method of agent communication, and as early as 2008, he said that 70% of operations had been compromised, but more worryingly, any agent using the system was in danger. "The design and maintenance of the system is flawed," Reidy said. The contractor was later dismissed for 'conflicts of interest'.

Irvin McCullough, a national security analyst with the US Government Accountability Project said: "This is one of the most catastrophic intelligence failures since 9/11. And the CIA punished the person who brought it to light." A reference to Reidy.

END OF THE CIA NETWORK

In May 2011, Iranian officials announced that it had "broken a CIA spy network" comprising of some 30 spies, a story not challenged by US officials when it aired on American news channels. Iran's counter-espionage operation began following leaks to the Mossad and CIA about Iran's nuclear programme.

Using simple techniques the CIA asset network was exposed following analysis of statistics surrounding a website and its visitors. Once Iran's technicians discovered what the CIA knew about Iranian operations they were able to identify the citizens spying for the CIA; this led to a total understanding of the communications system codenamed COVCOM (Covert Communication[s]).

Whilst it is easy to blame Iran alone for the penetration and compromise of this CIA COVCOM system, the arrests of CIA agents and reported deaths of other operatives in China, suggest that Iran may not have been the original actor involved in the compromise of the COVCOM system. Intelligence officials believe it's quite possible Chinese Intelligence and MOIS worked together to bring down the CIA spy networks - with help from Moscow and possibly North Korea.

A CLUE TO EXPOSURE?

Between 2011 and 2012 Chinese authorities arrested 30 agents working for the CIA. In Beijing was one CIA case officer - Hong Kong-born Jerry Chun Shing Lee, also known as Zhen Cheng Li. Officials note: *'Lee had trained in methods of covert communication, surveillance detection, recruitment of assets, handling of assets, operational security and documenting, handling and securing classified material'.*

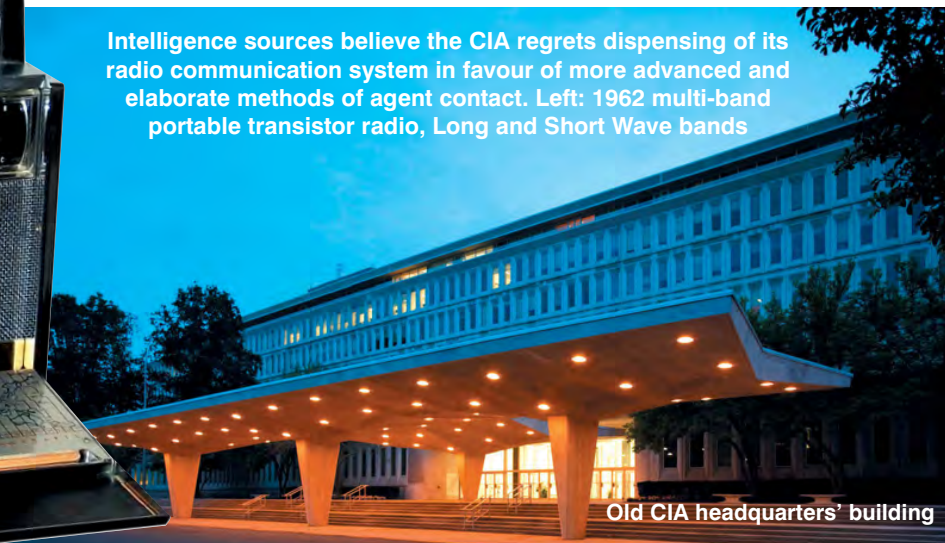
Lee's employment around the world required Top Secret clearance. Sometime around 10 August 2012, Lee and his family left Hong



Iran's spy chief
Mahmoud Alavi



Intelligence sources believe the CIA regrets dispensing of its radio communication system in favour of more advanced and elaborate methods of agent contact. Left: 1962 multi-band portable transistor radio, Long and Short Wave bands



Old CIA headquarters' building



Jerry Chun Shing Lee

Kong where they had lived and returned to the USA booking into a hotel in Virginia. Lee's baggage was searched and classified documents, some secret, were discovered and photographed. It was noted that whilst Jerry Lee had liaised with colleagues of similar clearance, he made no attempt to either turn over the unwanted documents or hand them to his employers.

The FBI counter-espionage search proved Lee was in unauthorised possession of materials relating to the national defence of the United States; these included a datebook and an address book, both of which contained

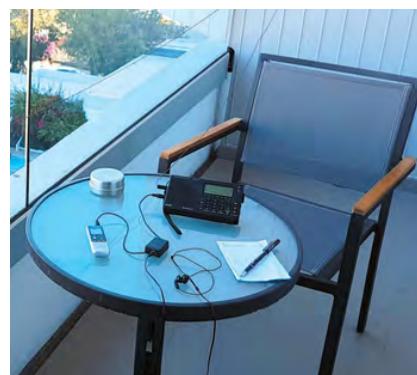
handwritten notes. These notes related to classified material in Lee's possession. The documents also included classified cables and it soon became obvious that other information was classified Top Secret and that in the wrong hands, could gravely damage the national security of the United States. With unauthorised possession of such material, US officials believed Lee had spied on behalf of the Chinese government. He was charged.

Whilst this was not enough to assist the Chinese to gain physical access to the COVCOM communications system used by the CIA, it is known that both Iran and China engaged in cyber espionage... and at a very high level. If Lee disclosed the identities of the CIA agents, then that would be a starting point to trace the Internet activity between Langley and its overseas contacts.

SUMMARY

The United States has long stopped using Shortwave transmissions to contact its assets, but they are not alone. The CIA Counting Station referenced in this feature was last heard on 3 October 2003.

Also assigned to history - MOSSAD's E10 Station with its NATO-style phonetic identifier, 'Victor Lima Bravo Two' as one example. MI6's Lincolnshire Poacher and Cherry Ripe



NOVEMBER 2018. LIMASSOL, CYPRUS
Radio, recorder and pen in hand. The author shows just how easy it is to receive/intercept a message sent by a Number Station. In this case from a site just outside Moscow

with their folk tune introductions and 'plummy' voiced female announcer are also long gone.

It was widely believed in the intelligence world that modern satellite phones and BGAN* had replaced the transmissions received on shortwave but as one commentator noted: "The CIA is ruining the day it went to the Internet, it should have carried on with 'Cynthia'." [CIA cover name for the exposed The Counting Station]

As for the US messages transmitted in Farsi into Iran between 1100 and 1200 UTC from early 2003 and on a Friday only; they were destined for their Iranian national assets serving in the Revolutionary Guards, including one who answered to the codename 'WALLY'. 'WALLY' was never identified by Iranian Intelligence, sources told Eye Spy he and his family relocated from Tehran to somewhere in California.

*The Broadband Global Area Network (BGAN) is a global satellite network with telephony using portable terminals

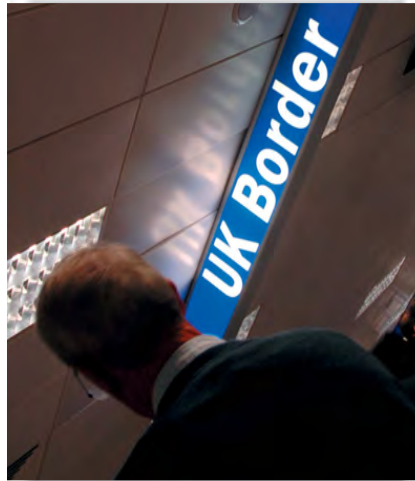


SERGEI SKRIPAL: VISAS & INFILTRATION

FORMER RUSSIAN IT SPECIALIST CLAIMS FSB INVOLVED

Claims by investigative web site Bellingcat, that Russia's FSB engaged in an operation securing visas for the two prime suspects wanted in connection with the attempted assassination of MI6 agent Sergei Skripal in Salisbury in March 2018, have been dismissed by the Kremlin. According to commentary issued by Bellingcat, FSB operatives tried to infiltrate and 'sought access to the British visa centre in Moscow'. The primary source of the report, known only as 'Vadim', is a former Russian IT specialist who is seeking asylum in the United States.

The story of how Vadim was contracted by the FSB is protracted, but he worked for a company called TLScontact, which provides support to consulates for visa applications. In respect of Russia, it processes data and sends it electronically to London where it is examined by UK visa division specialists. Vadim married in China in 2015 and ran into difficulties trying to get his family back to Russia when he was scheduled to return to Moscow. In 2016 he was approached by an FSB contact man who told him he could "make his problems go away." It was at this moment Vadim said, he was asked to probe (access) visa systems and analyse the best methods of successfully applying for visas.



Thereafter more requests followed and he was asked to create a 'backdoor' into the UK visa centre network operating out of the British Consulate in Russia. In 2016, Vadim and his family departed Russia - without him fulfilling the FSB request. He then allegedly tried to make contact with MI6, but the Service reportedly never returned his telephone calls. A similar approach to the British Embassy in Moscow also ended in failure.

The two GRU officers, Colonel Anatoliy Chepiga and Dr Alexander Mishkin who travelled to the UK and allegedly carried out the attack on Skripal using the nerve agent Novichok, used legitimate visas but incorrect identity data (Ruslan Boshirov and Alexander Petrov). The UK insists there was "no subversion of the visa system in Moscow." A UK official said, "TLScontact has a purely administrative role, while all the visa and immigration issues are handled by the Home Office."

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova dismissed Vadim's story: "There are certainly no limits to the imagination of our



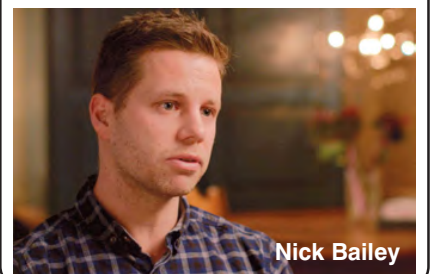
partners. So the FSB agents helped the GRU agents get visas without checks by the British visa centre. They should have added that agents of the SVR were on the look out outside..." However, Bellingcat said it has "seen further documentation which supports the story."

NOVICHOK CONSEQUENCES

LONDON: Detective Sergeant Nick Bailey, speaking to BBC investigative journalists from *Panorama*, who came into contact with Novichok during the Skripal investigation, said he and his family "have lost all their possessions and access to their home" following the attack.

After entering Skripal's residence Bailey returned home and soon fell ill. This in effect contaminated his entire house. The 38-year-old said his pupils were like "pinpricks... he was hot and sweaty, confused and felt unwell." He was then rushed to hospital.

The BBC also interviewed the lead investigative scientist from the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory at Porton Down (Dstl). 'Professor Tim' described the moment they discovered Novichok as "jaw-dropping."



ESPIONAGE: A GAME OF CHANCE

Eye Spy examines a controversial and often dark element of intelligence work, whereby government officials may be forced to deny or explain the work of spy organisations, especially when an operation goes wrong or is exposed.

In most cases, however, they draw upon a phrase more commonly associated with the underworld...

TRADECRAFT

CODE OF SILENCE OR REJECTION AND DENIAL?

Remaining silent following a failed or exposed intelligence operation is very much an unwritten law for those in intelligence collection. Initially, it is persons who are actually engaged in covert activity and caught who have to provide answers. And usually, this is impossible when in possession of equipment, secured secrets or other incriminating

evidence. Dependent on the circumstances, and an array of influencing factors, many spies when faced with threats of lengthy prison sentences or worse, acknowledge their 'crime'. Others opt to defy the work of interrogators and remain silent. There is a third option - agree to work as a double agent, but this too is laced with uncertainty and is fraught with danger. The future of those arrested when playing the great game is bleak.

Beyond the agents, usually the Code of Silence falls upon government and high office who oversee the running of an intelligence service. Occasionally, and only occasionally will a carefully 'crafted' cover story be used as an excuse. Either way, as former MI5 officer and legendary spy Peter Wright once said: "When an operation goes wrong, it's bad for business."

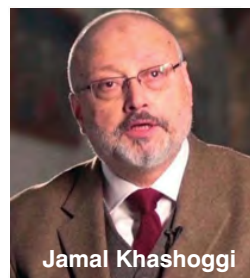
EXCEEDING AUTHORITY

Even experienced officials and PR people do not like to offer excuses (in many cases bogus) when events linked to intelligence take a turn for the worse. Every word and the manner in which it is delivered is monitored by the media and in most cases recorded and caught on camera.

If an alternative explanation to an event which has been exposed, derailed or simply gone wrong can't be found, then governments may resort to The Code of Silence or Reject and Deny



It surprised many therefore, when Saudi Arabia announced its General Intelligence Directorate (GID), had "exceeded its authority" in launching an operation in



Jamal Khashoggi

Turkey which sadly led to the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, for reasons still not entirely clear. Many in the intelligence world believed the weight of visual and documented evidence collected by Turkish security services was simply "too convincing" and "overwhelming." And while this might

well be the case, Saudi Arabia could have opted to use another intelligence term - Reject and Denial - and rebuffed accusations of involvement or that they had no knowledge, like other nations before them when faced with such a dilemma.

WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE

Spy history is littered with case files that show hard evidence can often provoke a response from an adversary, and in rare cases an admission that they were engaged in intelligence collection. The CIA and MI6, the two primary intelligence services behind the infamous Berlin tunnel (Operation Stopwatch/Gold), were somewhat tongue-tied when the KGB invited the world's press to Berlin to see the fruits of a five-year project which had been rumoured by MI6 traitor and KGB spy George Blake even before work had begun in 1952. The objective was to tap into East German telephone lines, but despite an immense amount of money and effort, the UK-USA endeavour would prove politically troublesome and embarrassing. For those politicians representing the agencies who were answerable to government and with a gathering tide of press criticism, much worse followed, and often they were hesitant to even make reference to the tunnel's exposure.



Spymasters Stewart Menzies and Walter Bedell Smith

At the initial planning stage, both the heads of MI6 and CIA Sir Stewart Menzies and Walter Bedell Smith respectively, met in London and Washington to discuss the course of action that should be taken if the operation was exposed. Both organisations were absolutely convinced that even if the KGB discovered the



Allen Dulles

tunnel, Moscow, fearful of embarrassment, would remain silent. The analysis proved dreadfully incorrect, and the Kremlin had a global

diplomatic coup, declaring the act "a violation of international law and the work of gangsters." Even today, MI6 files on the tunnel are still classified and in America, some files are restricted, perhaps because D/CIA Allen Dulles who took over the Agency from Bedell, insisted that "as little as possible was to be documented in writing about the operation." Dulles' train of thought regarding limited paperwork is sometimes copied by today's spymasters in respect of more "adventurous" operations, or those which do not always have approval.

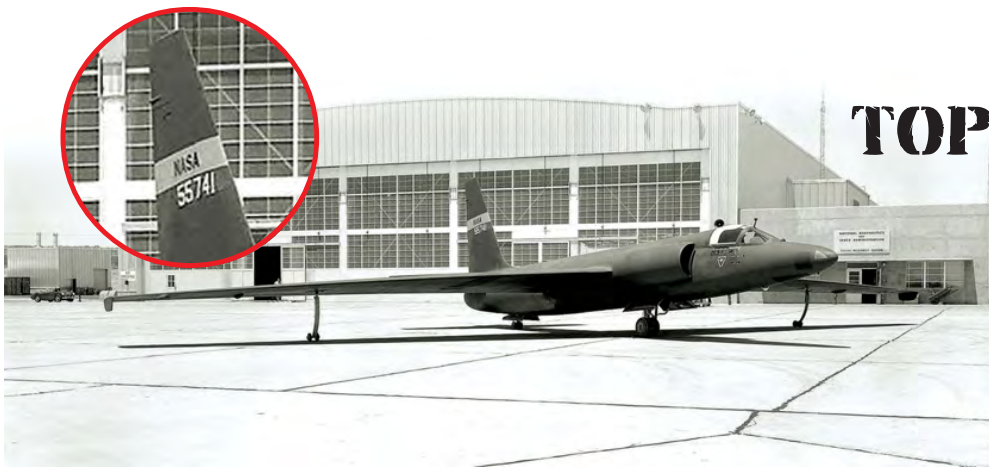
GRAND SLAM AND WEATHER EXCUSES

Just a few short years later, the CIA changed tact when Washington offered a somewhat dubious reason when another infamous spy operation (Grand Slam) went terribly wrong.

In 1960 a CIA U-2 spy aircraft piloted by Francis Gary Powers was shot down over Sverdlovsk some 900 miles east of Moscow near the Ural Mountains. Even before the Soviets acknowledged the shootdown and capture of Powers, White House officials issued a story that a NASA weather aeroplane had suffered technical difficulties: *'The pilot had oxygen breathing difficulties and strayed off course'*. Unbeknown to Langley, large

In May 1956 the Berlin spy tunnel was opened to the public - it was an embarrassing moment for the West in the Cold War. The original news caption attached to these East German photographs read: *'The public can see with their own eyes the criminal attack and work of the Americans. The stream of delegations expressed their disgust about the actions of the Western espionage organisations'*.





TOP SECRET



May 1960. Cover story. This photograph shows a U-2 spy plane carrying NASA markings at the NASA Flight Research Center, Edwards AFB



Francis Gary Powers



**Sukhoi Su-15
interceptor**



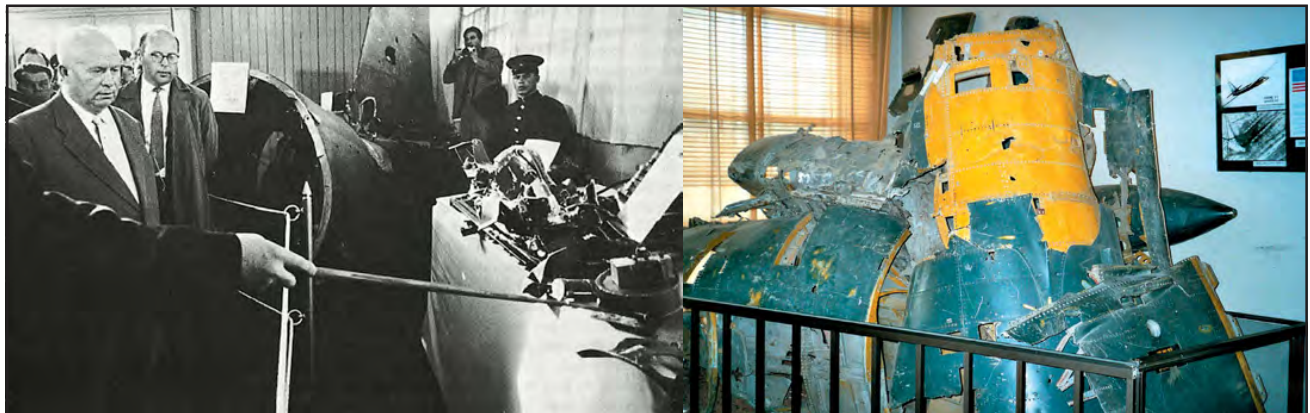
**Sukhoi Su-15 and
K-8 air-to-air missile**

parts and components of the U-2 had been recovered, many intact. It didn't help the US plotline when the Western media started to speculate the CIA and KGB were involved in the incident. And any hope the 'weather story' would be believed ended when Powers, under immense pressure of interrogation, acknowledged he was part of an espionage operation and apologised. Interestingly, and just like the Berlin tunnel case, some documentation remains classified.

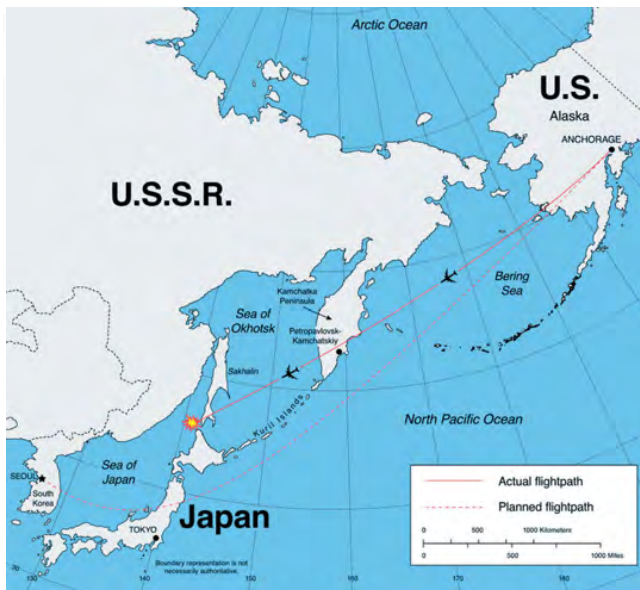
MISIDENTIFICATION?

The Soviets too were involved in a similar incident in 1983, only on this occasion the aircraft was an innocent carrier of 269 people. Korean Air Lines Flight 007 from New York

City to Seoul, South Korea (via Alaska), was shot down after straying into Soviet airspace. The Kremlin initially denied all knowledge of the encounter, but with international pressure mounting, officials retreated from this stance. Stories were 'created' that Russian air



1960-. President Khrushchev is shown components of the CIA U-2 shot down over Russia. Right: Parts of the downed CIA U-2 are still on display at the Central Armed Forces Museum in Moscow



Graphic showing intended flight path of KAL Flight 007 and its deviation. Russia kept secret recovered debris and the aircraft's flight recorders for eight years



UK Ambassador to Russia Tony Brenton (left) with Secretary of State for Defence Geoffrey Hoon at the Pentagon with US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld

defence controllers had picked up a suspected USAF reconnaissance aircraft. A statement was issued that the Russian Air Force had intercepted the aircraft believing it was a spy plane on a MASINT (Measurement and Signature Intelligence) mission to test Soviet air defences. A Sukhoi Su-15 interceptor was despatched and "duly shot down the intruder with a Kaliningrad K-8 air-to-air missile." Unfortunately, it was Flight 007. It took eight years for Russia to release the aircraft's flight recorders to investigators from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). Today, Moscow accepts it made a mistake.

SPY ROCK COMMUNICATION

Sometimes it is just impossible to offer a contradictory explanation leaving little room for those charged with creating a convincing cover story. In such cases the spy agency and their political overlords opt to use the Code of Silence. One such famous spy operation involved a team of MI6 officers who were in contact with persons from NGOs (Non



The infamous MI6 spy rock



Government Organisations) in Moscow. Some of the NGO staffers were employed to glean information on President Putin's policies and

mind-set. To avoid person-to-person contact, MI6 built a communication receiver and transmitter inside a rock and placed the device in a Moscow park. The paid NGO informants would stand next to the device and transmit information; they would soon be followed by MI6 officers who duly retrieved the data electronically. Unfortunately for both parties, the FSB were watching and gathering powerful evidence.

When Moscow decided to out the operation and with the UK oblivious to the evidence secured by the FSB, London denied any "underhand liaisons." At the time, the Kremlin were keen to eject NGOs from Moscow, and by exposing how the offices could be compromised and used by foreign spies, the timing was perfect for President Putin. "We have seen attempts by the secret services to make use of NGOs," Putin said. "NGOs have been financed through secret service channels. No one can deny this money stinks." Thereafter Moscow acted and certain NGOs and individuals departed.

An MI6 officer is filmed by an undercover FSB surveillance team examining the communication device





"It was all so very embarrassing, they had us bang to rights..."

Jonathan Powell Chief of Staff

"Not so," said Tony Brenton, UK Ambassador to Russia. "All of our activities with the NGOs were completely above board. "They were on our website... the sums of money and their projects. All of that was completely public." He and MI6, however, didn't expect to be presented with imagery of the MI6 officers handling the device in the park.

Evidence in hand, Putin introduced a new law regarding NGOs and declared: "This has been adopted to stop foreign powers interfering in the internal affairs of the Russian Federation." Thereafter photographs of four alleged MI6 officers and the spy device appeared in the world's press and the men's usefulness, at least in the game of espionage, was over in respect of Russia operations. The officers quietly departed Russia, but there was no official recognition that the Service had been caught out in Moscow.

Fast forward six years to 2012, and with the episode firmly embedded in spylore, Jonathan Powell, who at the time of the affair was Prime Minister Tony Blair's Chief of Staff said: "It was all so very embarrassing... they had us bang to rights. Clearly they had known about it (the spy rock and NGO operation) for some time."

REJECTION AND DENIAL

Despite the horrific nature of the GRU operation to target one of its former agents - Sergei Skripal in Salisbury in March 2018, MI6 was pleased that it helped identify the culprits responsible - Anatoliy Chepiga and Alexander Mishkin. The Service also played a covert role in assisting Dutch Intelligence stop a GRU



Three powerful Russian intelligence figures - President Putin with FSB Director Alexander Bortnikov and SVR Director Sergei Naryshkin



GRU officers - Dr Alexander Mishkin and Colonel Anatoliy Chepiga. Below, caught on CCTV in Salisbury, UK



team a few weeks later who planned to engage with computer systems at the OPCW

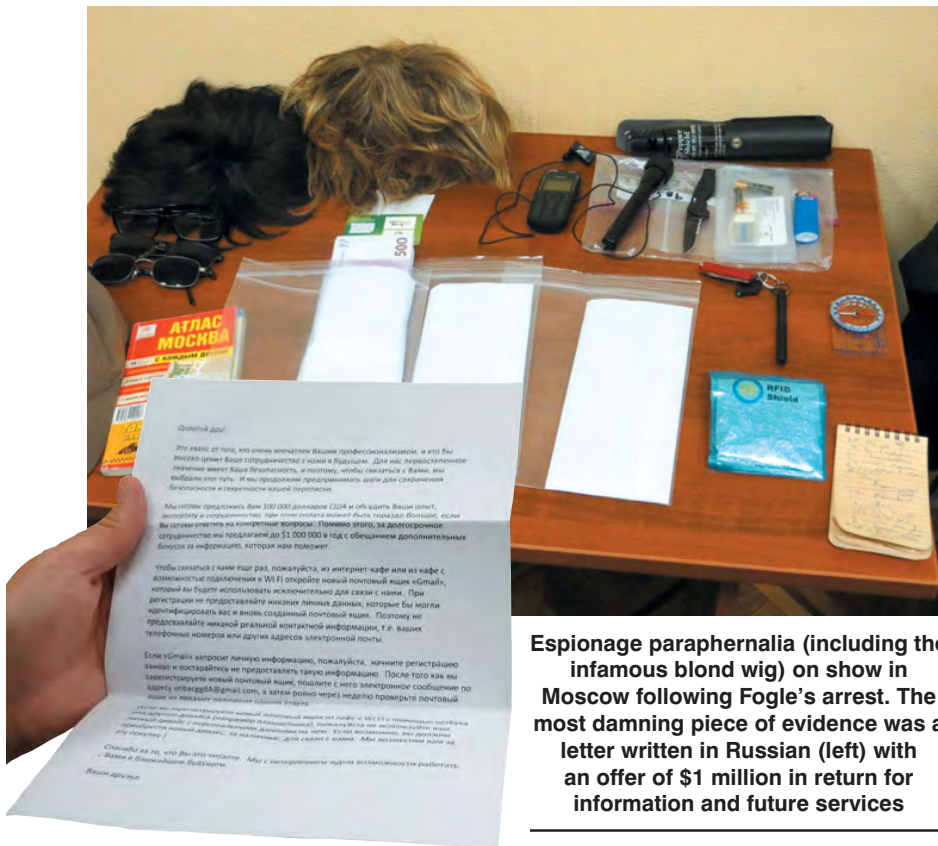
(Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) in the Hague. Whilst the weight of evidence against the GRU teams was impressive, the operatives were given cover stories. The Kremlin said Mishkin and Chepiga were tourists, and those detained at the Hague were carrying equipment to test cyber security at the Russia Embassy in the Hague. Few outside the walls of the Kremlin believed the excuses, especially that of the Salisbury duo. However, both are good representations of the alternative phrase to Code of Silence, often adopted in the case of badly exposed operations - Rejection and Denial.

BAD WIG DAY

Perhaps the Code of Silence should have been used in respect of the GRU teams, as was the case of a daring but ill-advised CIA officer who attempted to make contact and allegedly recruit a Russian intelligence man. In May 2013, Ryan Fogle was working as a political secretary using diplomatic cover; he was arrested wearing a dreadful wig and in possession of deeply incriminating evidence, including an



CIA man Ryan Fogle (seated) in court with US Embassy representatives



Espionage paraphernalia (including the infamous blond wig) on show in Moscow following Fogle's arrest. The most damning piece of evidence was a letter written in Russian (left) with an offer of \$1 million in return for information and future services

alleged letter offering a million dollars in return for the Russian's help. The counter-intelligence operation was hailed a great success in Moscow but embarrassed the CIA, which wisely, when faced with a mountain of evidence, chose not to comment; nor did the Agency admit Fogle was an active deep cover operative. But just like the MI6 men rumbled in a Moscow park, his role and future as an undercover agent ended.



Ryan Fogle with his ill-fitting hair piece

JUST SAY NO

One intelligence death which spawned no end of conspiracies, accusations and official comment was the assassination of former FSB officer and MI6 agent Alexander Litvinenko in London, 2006. At the time, FSB Director Nikolay Kovalyov accused Litvinenko's former employer, Boris Berezovsky of attempting to stage manage his death in an effort to damage the reputation of Russian Intelligence. "I am sure that no intelligence service was involved," said Kovalyov. However, Litvinenko's demise, after

drinking tea laced with Polonium-210 was blamed on two Russian intelligence men who he had met in London on the day he fell ill. Dmitry Kovtun and Andrei Lugovoi were named by British Intelligence, but safely back in Russia, the suspects denied any involvement. This was despite convincing evidence, including traces of Polonium found on locations used by the men, including Parkes Hotel where they stayed whilst in the capital. The Litvinenko affair is another classic example of Rejection and Denial.

For the record, in 2016 a public inquiry into Litvinenko's death concluded he was



Former FSB Director Nikolay Kovalyov and President Putin



murdered by the FSB on an order given by President Putin. Putin's stance has never changed, nor that of Russian Intelligence which for over a decade has simply dismissed MI5's conclusion. And the affair did not damage Lugovoi's career either, he is now a leading politician.



Main: Alexander Litvinenko pictured in 1999. Inset: Andrei Lugovoi



Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addresses the UN Security Council in September 2018 to reveal details of Iran's secret atomic sites - intelligence that could only have been secured by the Mossad

REVEAL WHEN IT SUITS

Israel's Mossad has a startling record in the world of dark operations, yet unlike agencies such as the CIA and MI6, it is protected by a political system which universally deflects critical commentary and controversy. When blamed for involvement in an exposed operation or something worse - an assassination - it chooses to use a phrase 'stolen' from its CIA colleagues... "we can neither confirm or deny."

Yet the Mossad is a double-bladed sword in respect of the Code of Silence and Rejection and Denial. One such operation where there was a 'drip drip' release of information to certain journalists, involved the targeting of those responsible for the killing of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich. Every time a PLO member or someone allegedly associated with the Munich attack was killed, a 'controlled' news feed ➤



Adolf Eichmann on trial in Tel Aviv

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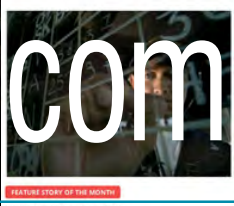
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Hamas agent Mahmoud Al-Mabhouh who Mossad codenamed Plasma Screen was assassinated in the UAE in 2010

quietly got to work. The Mossad were effectively sending out a powerful and chilling warning to its adversaries.

The Mossad was also keen to spread word of the capture of leading WWII Nazi Otto Adolf Eichmann. He was kidnapped by a team of 12 agents in May 1960 in Argentina; sedated by a doctor and secretly flown back to Israel, Eichmann was publicly tried, found guilty and executed. No one was beyond the 'Long Arm of the Mossad'. Like in most controversial cases, it was left to a government minister to hail the action. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion revealed the operation to stunned politicians in Israel's Knesset (parliament).



2018, a motion picture directed by Chris Weitz - *Operation Finale* - which tells the story of the action, launched in cinemas.

Whilst the Mossad rebuffed those who said the organisation should have kept its role in these operations quiet, it was definitely in its interest to use the Code of Silence following a very exposed assassination operation in the UAE in 2010. In this case a team of nearly 30



Just a few of the Mossad agents caught on CCTV cameras at the Al Bustan Rotana Hotel, Dubai. Following the death of Mahmoud Al-Mabhouh, Tel Aviv opted to use the Code of Silence, but the evidence against the team was convincing



Passport imagery collected by UAE security services of some of the Mossad team in 2010

agents flew to Dubai with the sole intent of killing senior Hamas agent and gun-runner Mahmoud Al-Mabhouh. The security services in the UAE carefully identified the prime suspects and the incident led to a major furore: for the Mossad had issued its operatives with passport data from innocent nationals from several friendly countries, including the UK, France, Germany, Ireland and Australia. Several Israeli diplomats were asked to leave. In Australia, one leading judicial official said there was "no doubt Israel was behind the forgery of four Australian passports related to the assassination of Al-Mabhouh."

United Nations official Philip Alston, said if an intelligence agency was behind the killing it should be classified as an "extrajudicial execution." Back in Tel Aviv, the country's politicians and intelligence chiefs remained quiet, choosing to adopt the Code of Silence.

More recently, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu used the UN as a stage to reveal to the world the work of Mossad in securing valuable and convincing intelligence on Iran's

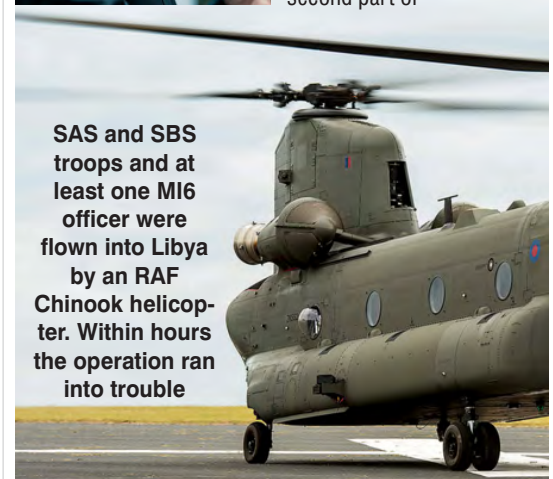
nuclear secrets following a daring raid near Tehran in early 2018. Critics said "when it suits... the Mossad talks." However, that train of thought can be applied to most intelligence agencies.

OPERATION SUNATRA

The phrase 'weight of evidence' is often challenged when a spy operation does not go strictly to plan. One classic example, laced with anecdotes is the joint MI6-SAS-SBS Operation Sunatra in 2011. In the dead of night British Intelligence and the Ministry of Defence despatched a highly trained team to



Libya from a holding point in Malta. Their objective was to fly by helicopter (Chinook), land in remote desert and make contact with opponents of Colonel Gaddafi. The second part of



SAS and SBS troops and at least one MI6 officer were flown into Libya by an RAF Chinook helicopter. Within hours the operation ran into trouble



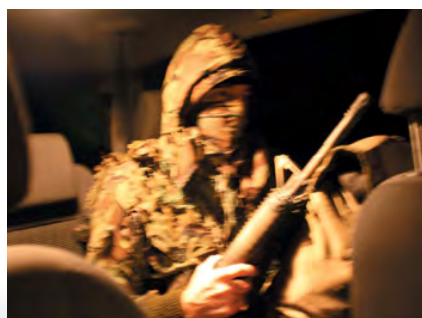
Colonel Muammar Gaddafi



Libyan rebels were assisted by the CIA and MI6

the plan involved opening secret back-channels of communication with senior dissidents and groups. However, some local farmers were opposed to the landing near Benghazi and in no time highly specialised equipment was being removed by Libyans and the operation had been effectively exposed. Soon the media learned of the incident and further details ensued. A letter was reportedly retrieved written by Prime Minister David Cameron himself referencing contact with Libyan rebels. All very embarrassing stuff.

In London, all manner of meetings were hurriedly arranged and “alternative reasons” discussed. Amongst the team detained in



Richard Northern

Libya was at least one “mysterious civilian,” according to local Libyan officials. He was soon being described as a “diplomatic

official” by the Foreign Office. He wasn’t of course, the man was from MI6.

As for the nighttime mission, stories were then issued that the team had landed in the wrong location. Perhaps the most bizarre comment was made by Britain’s Ambassador to Libya, Richard Northern. He said the team were in fact looking for a hotel. In a telephone conversation, which was recorded, a Libyan official representing Mustafa Abdul Jalil, who would become Chairman of the opposition National Transitional Council in Benghazi, told Northern the British had “made a big mistake in landing in such an open area.” Northern then replied: “Oh, did they, I didn’t know they were coming.”

Foreign Secretary William Hague admitted that a “small British diplomatic team” were in Benghazi. He did not mention the intelligence angle. Forty-eight hours later the British Special Forces troops and the MI6 officer were released. In future weeks and months, the CIA and MI6 assisted opposition forces in Libya, and in October of 2011 Gaddafi was captured and killed. There is little reference to Operation Sunatra today, but the Code of Silence and Rejection and Denial were never used by British Intelligence in respect of events in Libya, the evidence was simply overwhelming.

Espionage and intelligence collection debacles are not limited to foreign operations, they can



Mustafa Abdul Jalil

sometimes occur in domestic theatres. Perhaps one of the best examples in spylore is ‘Watergate’ and took place in Washington DC in 1972. Here five operatives were detained in the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) based in the Watergate Complex. Initially Republican President Richard Nixon dismissed any involvement, but in the end was forced to resign. Today the term ‘Watergate’ is applied to incidents whereby a cover-up is suspected.

To conclude, Eye Spy has been told on numerous occasions that when intelligence operations don’t go to plan and information leaks, then in most cases the Code of Silence is adopted. Depending on the seriousness of the allegations and the weight of evidence, a government uses Rejection and Denial. And there are hundreds of examples.

Sometimes for political reasons details do surface, as in a number of case files included in this feature. However, most intelligence organisations would rather their activities (successful or otherwise) be kept secret. This is best summed up in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy who said of the CIA: “Your successes are unheralded, your failures are trumpeted.”



QUIET INTELLIGENCE MAN

SPY WORK OF MI6 AGENT SET FOR SILVER SCREEN

Filming has begun in London of a new Cold War motion picture *Ironbark*. Directed by Dominic Cooke, the story-line is based on the real-life espionage activities of businessman, 'diplomat' and MI6 contact man Greville Wynne. Wynne ran an export business (MI6 front company) from his home in London. It was perfect cover for his visits to Moscow which were regarded as legitimate by the KGB.

On one of his 'business trips' to the Soviet Union to attend a trade exhibition, Wynne made contact with GRU Colonel Oleg Penkovsky.



Greville Wynne

The Russian would go on to help British and American Intelligence secure details of Russia's nuclear programme in

the early 1960s. Historians acknowledge that the intelligence he provided helped avert conflict during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

The Soviets soon learned of the espionage liaison and in 1962, Wynne was arrested outside a hotel in Budapest, Hungary. He was tried and jailed, before being exchanged a short while later for a Soviet spy. Penkovsky, sometimes referred to in spylore as 'the man who saved the world', wasn't so fortunate of course, he was found guilty in a Moscow court and executed in 1963.

As for *Ironbark*, the film is set for release in 2019, and stars Benedict Cumberbatch as Wynne. It examines Wynne's experiences, many of which are contained in books such as *The Man from Odessa* written by Wynne himself. It's the second major spy role for Cumberbatch who also played an MI6 officer in the realistic and utterly convincing *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*.



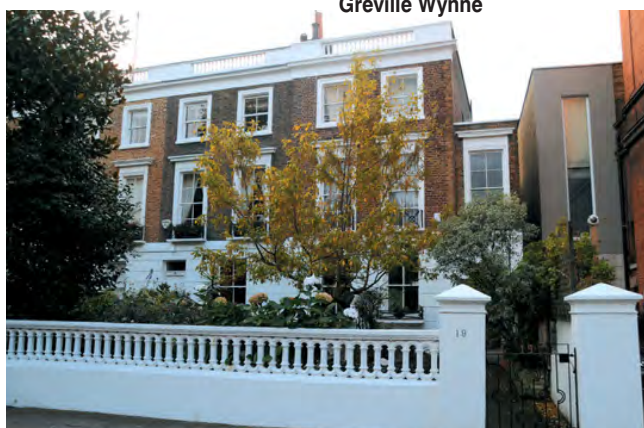
Benedict Cumberbatch

Penkovsky's legendary actions have been widely publicised unlike Wynne, who never really received much acclaim for his bravery; he died in 1990, aged 70. For the record, Wynne was first recruited by MI5, transferring to MI6 at the behest of future MI6 Chief Dick Franks in 1959.



Oleg Penkovsky (right)

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Wynne ran his MI6 front company from this London house

The Dolls House with a Secret

Modern Creation by Man Who Designed MI6 HQ

A doll's house designed in 1981 by Sir Terry Farrell, the architect of the MI6 headquarters in Vauxhall, London, is to be auctioned. The 176cm-tall structure constructed from steel, plastic and laminated particle board, is made up of angular platforms, escape hatches and landing pads and features space toys and figures. It was inspired by a sketch by Farrell's son Max, then eight, who asked by his father, "what is your dream," replied, "a space city."



Sir Terry Farrell

It was commissioned as part of a competition among 300 architects to design a new style of doll's house. At the time Farrell was designing the new TV-Am headquarters in

London, which featured pop art-style giant egg cups.

Sir Terry would go on to become one of the leading figures in British architecture,

The dolls house



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MI6 headquarters

designing iconic buildings such as Charing Cross Station as well as the spy HQ on the River Thames.

The doll's house had been languishing in a loft after a youngster it was bought for grew up and lost interest. It is expected to fetch about £1,000 in a sale of 20th-century art and design at Roseberys auction house in London.

KREMLIN FALL GUY?



Russian
Military
Intelligence
Spy Chief
Dies

COLONEL GENERAL IGOR KOROBOV

Russia's Ministry of Defence has announced the death of Colonel General Igor Korobov, 63, head of the country's Main Intelligence Directorate - GRU (military intelligence). His passing on 21 November following a long illness, ignited all manner of conspiracy theories in the media - all unfounded - according to Russian officials.

The experienced Korobov was placed on a US sanctions list in late 2016 in connection with Russia's alleged attempts to interfere in the US General Election. More recently his name has featured in the nerve agent poisoning of former Russian GRU colonel and MI6 spy Sergei Skripal in Salisbury, England, and the attempted cyber hack into the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in the Hague.

Korobov joined the armed forces in 1973 and graduated from the Stavropol Higher Military Aviation School for Pilots and Navigators. He worked in military intelligence since 1985 and was multi-lingual. The GRU said he had received many awards and medals for his service.

President Putin, a close friend according to some sources said: "I was deeply saddened to learn of the untimely death of Igor Korobov, head of the legendary Main Intelligence Directorate. He devoted his life to serving the Fatherland, protecting national interests and strengthening the security of our state and society. Everyone who knew Igor Korobov respected and highly appreciated him for his competence, willpower and courage, honesty and decency, and loyalty to the oath and officer's duty."

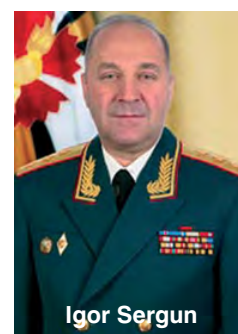
"...He devoted his life to serving the Fatherland, protecting national interests and strengthening the security of our state and society..."

President Putin



Korobov (right) and Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu pictured at the 2017 Day of Military Intelligence - a GRU holiday

Russia's Ministry of Defence also released a statement: 'The memory of a wonderful person, a true son of Russia, a patriot of the Fatherland, Colonel General Korobov will forever remain in our hearts. We express condolences to his family and friends'.



THE RUMOUR MILL

According to media houses, Kremlin officials reportedly called the GRU "deeply incompetent and infinitely careless," following the ➤



Vice-Admiral Igor Kostyukov (right) has taken over as Acting Director of the GRU and is favourite to become its new chief



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Sergey Kanev

exposed operation. It is understood sister intelligence services were upset that most of the 153 personnel (spies and diplomats) who were expelled from their respective overseas posts following the Skripal incident, were from the SVR and FSB.

It was reported in September, Korobov had been summoned to the office of President Vladimir Putin. Investigative journalist Sergey Kanev, who probed the Skripal poisoning and recently fled the country in fear of his life, said Putin was upset over the recent GRU failings. Following the meeting Korobov allegedly collapsed and his health rapidly deteriorated. However, he had been ill and receiving care in his Moscow residence for many months prior to his death. Similarly, Eye Spy understands he had holidayed with Putin in the summer - perhaps negotiating any perceived and long-term Kremlin annoyance at the spy chief. Other Eye Spy sources say it was possible intelligence



Russian Army IED detectors in Syria



Russia Ministry of Defence
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associates in Russia “took advantage of his failing health and essentially the running of the GRU - including authorising the Skripal sanction.” One man referenced was Vice-Admiral Igor Kostyukov, 57, who was standing-in for Korobov at the time of the operation and has since been appointed acting head of the GRU. Other intelligence watchers believe Korobov initiated the UK operation as a “last favour” to his country. “He wanted to prove himself one last time by removing a traitor,” a Russian source said.”

GRU CHIEFS AND SANCTIONS

Korobov had assumed control of the GRU in January 2016, following the death of Director Igor Sergun. Like Korobov, Sergun found himself on US and EU sanctions lists following the 2014 annexation of Crimea.

Much speculation also abounds in the West about the death of Sergun. A statement posted on the Kremlin website on 4 January 2016 said: ‘General Igor Sergun had suffered a sudden death’. However, there were no details as to the cause, timing, or circumstances. Russia’s state-run media agency, TASS, later reported Sergun died on 3 January. There followed various reasons for his passing, one being fatigue. However, investigators at the US think tank Stratfor said he died on a different day in Lebanon.

NEW GRU DIRECTOR

Vice-Admiral Igor Kostyukov is a Kremlin hardliner who holds the Hero of Russia medal. Kostyukov was prominent in Korobov’s absence at the recent 100th anniversary of the GRU in November, when Putin praised the “professionalism, courage and determination” of the spy agency.

Speaking of events in Syria and elsewhere in the Middle East, where he controls Russian operations, Kostyukov strongly criticised US



Vice-Admiral Igor Kostyukov (left)
pictured alongside President Putin
and other senior defence officials

President Donald Trump and his “new doctrines aimed at securing unilateral advantages without taking the interests of the region’s other countries into consideration.” He warned: “The United States’ policy prioritising military superiority over Russia and China are having a determining influence on the development of the military-political situation in the region.”

If his appointment to Director is confirmed, Kostyukov will become the first naval officer ever to assume such a position. Kostyukov will be under scrutiny in his new GRU role, for he has predicted the war in Syria could enlarge and draw the West and Russia closer to military conflict. Just like his predecessors, Korobov and Sergun, he too is on a US sanctions list.

Another man who has also been referenced in the Russia media as a possible replacement is General Sergey Aleksandrovich Gizunov (GRU Deputy also on the US sanctions list). He has been dubbed “the eyes of ears of President Putin in Russian military intelligence.”



General Sergei Shoigu

NOTES: Whilst the GRU is a stand-alone intelligence service, it falls under the command of the Ministry of Defence headed by Army General Sergei Shoigu. It is believed around 10,000 personnel in the MOD operate in the GRU’s various intelligence sections.



General Sergei Shoigu and Colonel General Igor Korobov

MOSSAD AND IDF NIGHT GAMES

Israeli intelligence operation derailed as senior Hamas commander and IDF Special Forces operative killed in Gaza

"We have other ways of assassinating people and we know how to do it much more elegantly..."



COVERT INTELLIGENCE ACTION

The chief of Hamas' armed wing Al Qassam Brigades, Nour Baraka, 37, has been killed in what some intelligence sources have called a "botched Israeli covert action operation." Baraka, along with seven associates had reportedly intercepted or disturbed a group of IDF and Israeli intelligence colleagues travelling in a vehicle some two miles inside southern Gaza near the city of Khan Yunis. All the Israeli occupants were wearing plain clothes. IDF Chief of General Staff Lt. General Gadi Eisenkot said a "special force had conducted a very meaningful operation to Israel's security."

There are various accounts of what happened in the evening of 11 November. Some believe that when Baraka and his team confronted the Israelis - a firefight ensued and Baraka and a number of colleagues were killed. Others believe the Hamas team were killed after two Israeli warplanes overflew the area and fired missiles to give cover to the retreating Israeli team. Minutes later eye-witnesses said an IDF helicopter flew low overhead and reportedly extracted the operatives. However, Hamas failed to display the car the Israelis were travelling in, suggesting they managed to drive safely back across the Israeli border. One Israeli Special Forces officer called Lt. Colonel M., 41, lost his life in the incident.

Sources in Israel say the action was part of a wider intelligence endeavour - perhaps even an assassination operation. However, the sanction theory was rejected by retired IDF Major General Tal Russo. "We have other

ways of assassinating people and we know how to do it much more elegantly." Russo believes it was an intelligence collection operation only. Eye Spy was told the team may have been trying to find the location where a number of captured IDF troops and civilians are being held. Analysts also believe the very fact that an Al Qassam Brigades team confronted what in effect was a civilian vehicle, is an indication of a serious intelligence breach. "They knew the Israelis were coming," one Hamas specialist said.

Others insist the team had been inserted to abduct a senior Hamas figure - possibly Baraka himself who the Mossad believe was a key planner in the building of Hamas tunnels



used to smuggle weaponry, explosives and other supplies into Gaza.



Hamas poster honouring Nour Baraka and other Al Qassam Brigades fighters killed in the incident



IDF Chief of General Staff Lt. General Gadi Eisenkot

IDF spokesman Ronen Manelis defended the operation but refused to give details. "Each of these operations is planned in the most serious manner. Commanding it (the Gaza raid) directly are the Head of Intelligence and Chief of General Staff. We are talking about an operation that was well planned right down to the smallest detail." A journalist asked if it was so well planned, "why did it go so badly wrong?" Manelis acknowledged that such operations are an on-going and a regular occurrence. "In most instances they remain under the media radar," he said.

Speaking in Paris at an event commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu chillingly warned: "There is no diplomatic solution for Gaza [under its current leadership], just as there is no diplomatic solution for ISIS. I am doing everything I can to avoid an unnecessary war."



Nour Baraka

Following the Israeli operation, Hamas launched what was described as the "largest ever rocket attack[s] into Israel." The IDF responded and several targets were destroyed. Tensions remain high.



Items recovered from the vehicle used by the Israeli team

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FATHER OF THE TALIBAN

Figure Instrumental in Group's Formation Killed

On 2 November, Pakistan cleric Maulana Sami ul-Haq, 80, known as the 'Father of the Taliban', was killed in Rawalpindi. Authorities and his son say he was stabbed to death, however, others dispute this saying his attacker used a firearm.

Haq was head of the Haqqania madrassa in the north of the country. Many members of the Taliban studied and passed



Maulana Sami ul-Haq

through here, including its most 'famous' son, former Taliban group leader Mullah Omar.

Sources say in recent weeks, Pakistan authorities had urged the cleric, who was still very influential, to help restart peace negotiations with the Taliban. Ironically, some sources believe Taliban elements opposed to such a move were behind his death.



Mullah Omar

A Licence to Kill?

Australia Moves to Provide its Spies with Expanded Powers

Minister for Foreign Affairs Marise Payne said the rules and regulations for Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) operatives need broadening "as they found themselves facing greater risks in the field." Like the UK Foreign Office and MI6, Payne's department oversees the activities of ASIS.

ASIS agents are governed by strict laws and can only use lethal force and firearms in self-defence or as a shield to guard and protect

personnel, plus operational agents, including spies cooperating with ASIS. Now Canberra is examining amendments to the law which will give extra powers to use lethal force to protect hostages and innocent bystanders - and those who threaten intelligence operations.

The amendments will ensure ASIS agents can use reasonable force to restrain, detain or move a person who could potentially compromise an operation, be it in Australia or elsewhere, or where a staff member anticipates a possible safety risk. Payne said: "Our ASIS officers often work in dangerous locations, including under war-like conditions, to protect Australia and our interests. As the world becomes more complex, the overseas operating environment for ASIS also becomes more complex.

"Like the existing ability to use weapons for self-defence, these amendments will be an exception



Australia Minister for Foreign Affairs Marise Payne

to the standing prohibitions against the use of violence or use of weapons by ASIS." In effect, Australia wants its agents to have similar authority and protection as active CIA personnel.

Intelligence watchers believe the new rules have been raised because ASIS has widened its intelligence activities in the last decade, and officers have increasingly found themselves stationed in high threat theatres such as Afghanistan. International terrorism and homeland protection are two primary factors for giving increased power to an operative.

ASIS has expanded its overseas intelligence collection, which often means an officer engaging agents and informants in dangerous locations. It is here additional security and protection is required.

Some critics of the move said it was "tantamount to giving ASIS an armed capability... a paramilitary force." Such views have been dismissed by senior intelligence officials who believe the new rules will be an additional protective measure for personnel and secrets. If adopted, they still fall under strict rules and regulations.



ASIS Director-General Paul Symon

THE IRANIAN IED FACILITATOR

FBI TRACKS SUPPLIER TO IRANIAN INTELLIGENCE

The US Government is offering a reward of up to \$3 million for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of an Iranian national who allegedly illegally acquired technology used in a number of roadside IED attacks against US and coalition forces in Iraq from 2008 through 2010.

Hossein Ahmad Larijani used middlemen and front companies in Southeast Asia to procure technology from a Minnesota manufacturer and secret the

materials into Iran. From there they were transported to conflict areas in Iraq.

FBI Special Agent Dean Scheidler says investigators traced the supply chain, which led them to Larijani: "We know that they made it to the battlefield in Iraq and that they were unexploded IEDs. And we know that IEDs were the single greatest threat to US and coalition forces in Iraq, accounting for something in the order of 60 per cent of all casualties and deaths in Iraq."



2010. US servicemen receive treatment for injuries caused by an IED explosion in Afghanistan



Car bombing in Iraq

The effort to bring charges against Larijani, who is believed to live in Tehran, took several years and involved many countries and agencies.

"US law enforcement has a long memory and a long reach internationally. And for cases like this, where conduct threatened military forces, we're going to go to great lengths to try and bring



Hossein Ahmad Larijani pictured in 2007

those people to justice," added Scheidler.

It is estimated 500 US troops have been killed in incidents involving IEDs in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflict zones since 9/11. CIA and Pentagon officials believe a large percentage of the casualties were killed by IEDs supplied to anti-US forces by Iranian facilitators. "The trade routes involving the supply of such devices are still functioning," one US analyst warned.



INTERPOL CONTROVERSY

Kremlin Favourite Defeated in Vote

In a surprise move, Interpol has elected South Korean Kim Jong-yang, 57, as its new president, derailing the ambitions of Russia's front-runner Alexander Prokopchuk, also 57. Moscow responded by criticising the decision - taken by the organisation's 194 member states at its annual congress in Dubai -

claiming it was the result of "unprecedented pressure and interference exerted by unfriendly nations."

Western states were fearful Prokopchuk would use Interpol to assist the Kremlin in issuing international arrest warrants against critics of the Kremlin and President Putin. In the United States, a group of senators opposed to the Russian, who some in the media claim has a "KGB background," said "electing Prokopchuk would be akin to putting a fox in charge of a henhouse." Another compared Interpol headed by the official to "the Mafia." Lithuania and Ukraine said they would withdraw from Interpol if Prokopchuk was elected.



Meng Hongwei



Alexander Prokopchuk

Moscow rejected such suspicions and announced he would remain a Vice President representing

Europe and was "focussed on strengthening the position of Interpol in the international police community and increasing the efficiency of its work."

Former police officer Kim was Interpol's Senior Vice President and had headed the organisation since the departure of President Meng Hongwei, who 'disappeared' in China in September. Beijing later announced Hongwei had been detained and was being investigated on bribery charges.



Kim Jong-yang at the 2018 Interpol Congress in Dubai



INTELLIGENCE HINDSIGHT

2017 MANCHESTER ARENA BOMBING AND LONDON ATTACKS: LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

A report by the British Intelligence and Security Committee (ISC) into the 2017 Manchester Arena and knife and bomb attacks in Parsons Green, London, has identified several perceived intelligence and government failings. In respect of Manchester, members of the ISC found that police and intelligence services did not do enough to monitor and disrupt the persons who carried out the attacks. The report stated: *'MI5 recognised it had moved too slowly to establish*

how dangerous Salman Abedi, 22, was'. There were references to his contact with a known extremist in prison and his unchallenged freedom to travel to overseas conflict areas.

Abedi, who British Intelligence believe learned his bomb-making skills while in Libya before returning to Manchester in May last year, walked into the foyer of Manchester Arena, where thousands had been watching a pop concert. He then detonated an IED killing 22 people and injuring hundreds more.

The ISC said Abedi was in an MI5 file of 20,000 'Closed Subjects Of Interest' (CSOI). People designated as such are individuals who were once a cause for concern, but following assessment, are deemed no 'longer a risk'. The report concluded that the intelligence was fragmentary and a relevant piece of information on Abedi did not reach MI5 before the attack. It also said that the system for triggering a re-evaluation of individuals in the group - 'Subject of Interest' (SOI) - needs to react



**Manchester bomber
Salman Abedi - MI5 could
have acted with more intent**

more quickly and adjust to a changing situation.

In a critical report, the ISC said the UK Government had also failed to fully learn lessons from attacks dating back 13 years - a reference to the 7 July 2005 London bombings by al-Qaida in which 26 people died. That attack was conducted by British nationals - at least one known to MI5. However, the committee said that despite these concerns, it recognised that MI5 and the police had taken the mistakes seriously.



"There were a number of failures in the handling of Salman Abedi's case..."



Home Secretary Sajid Javid

Home Secretary Sajid Javid said: "We have updated our counter-terrorism strategy, introduced new legislation to allow threats to be disrupted earlier and have increased information-sharing with local authorities. We are also ensuring technology companies play their part by stopping terrorists from exploiting their platforms." The parliamentary committee said the UK government should lobby businesses to remove advertising from online platforms such as Google and Facebook unless they move more quickly to remove extremist material and assist the security services in tackling terrorists that use their channels to communicate.

ISC Chairman Dominic Grieve said: "What we can say is that there were a number of failures in the handling of Salman Abedi's case." However, he added a caveat in explaining that the purpose of the report was not to apportion blame, but "how to improve security."



**ISC Chairman
Dominic Grieve**



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UK INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT

Spy Chiefs Join to Back Two Most Worthy Causes

MI6 has honoured troops from the UK and Commonwealth, plus the men women and children who played 'their part on the home front', to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War. Alongside the Union Jack on its headquarter buildings, the Service flew the 'ThankYou100' flag and that of The Royal British Legion. All the UK intelligence services support the fundraising efforts of the organisation through its poppy sales. MI5, for instance, display a 'permanent poppy' in the foyer of its Thames House headquarters throughout the year.

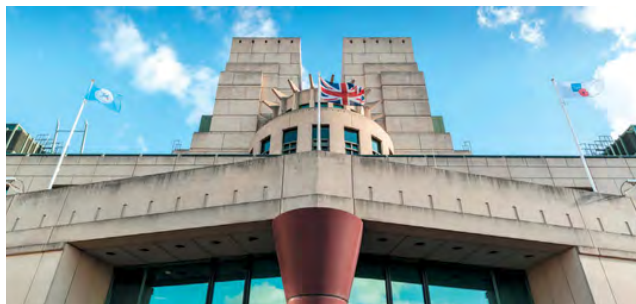
GCHQ staff meanwhile, built a splendid 'poppy snowfall' which was displayed at Gloucester



MI6 Chief Alex Younger, MI5 Director General Andrew Parker and GCHQ Director Jeremy Fleming sign pledges of support to those suffering from mental health issues in an effort to remove the stigma surrounding the illness

Cathedral. Thereafter visitors and worshippers could place messages of thanks and remembrance for loved ones and all those who fought, died and worked for victory in the war.

MI6 also noted it was formed in 1909, in reaction to 'popular concern about Germany's imperial ambitions'. So too MI5,



GCHQ 'poppy snowfall' at Gloucester Cathedral



which was established to counter German espionage activities before the war. The decisions proved important in that just five years later WWI began.

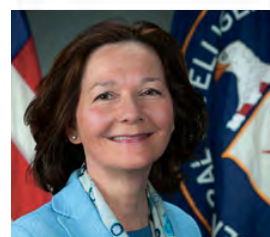
Also of note, the UK's intelligence services, MI6, MI5 and GCHQ, joined to support World Mental Health Day. The endeavour seeks to change people's perception of the illness and those who suffer in

silence, noting one in four people in Britain experience a mental health problem every day. British Intelligence notes: 'With the nature of our work, the mental well-being of our colleagues is vital'.

All three intelligence heads attended an event called 'Time to Change', signing an employer pledge of support.

The Language of Espionage

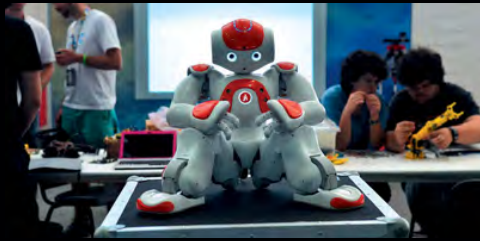
WASHINGTON DC: The CIA has embarked on a new project affecting its overseas operatives. Director CIA Gina Haspel said: "We're investing in foreign-language excellence as a core attribute for our officers. We're strengthening our language training to ensure that our people are more capable and better attuned to the cultures in which they operate." Haspel notes expertise in foreign languages is fundamental to CIA's success.



Director CIA Gina Haspel

A Langley statement read: 'Whether an officer is conducting a meeting in a foreign capital, analysing plans of a foreign government, or translating a foreign broadcast, language capability is critical to every aspect of our mission. Language skills are the keys to accessing foreign societies, understanding governments, and decoding secrets'.

NOTES



Technological Spycraft

Changing Landscapes and Emerging Threats

The methods used by spy organisations to collect intelligence varies widely, and are often limited only by the ingenuity, creativity and imagination of planners. Financial backing and manpower are also significant factors. However, besides tried and trusted methods, some dating back thousands of years, all take advantage of the latest technology.

Spies engaged in HUMINT (Human Intelligence) - the art and science of recruiting assets, sources and others who have access to secrets, is considered by many to be the cornerstone or pillars of intelligence gathering. In recent years, SIGINT (Signals Intelligence) has evolved greatly, and of course, this often eliminates the human factor.

Intelligence specialists believe the proliferation of advanced technologies may give rise to additional forms of intelligence gathering - a new type of 'Int'. The use of assets is now threatened by technology. Biometrics, metadata and other novel technologies may make the recruitment of spies and their role more difficult, if not impossible. In China and Iran, it is believed technology played a part in the collapse of spy networks operated by the CIA. One recent report states as many as 30 Langley-supportive people in Iran have been eliminated (see page 19).

Today, new directorates are being created in agencies such as the CIA, MI6, GCHQ and NSA, with a single objective - to find techno-

logical innovations which can support, and alternatively threaten spy operations.

INNOVATIONS

Terahertz radiation is one new technology that could help spies gather information by reading through documents and printed matter (including sealed documents) without actually handling them. A group of researchers from

MIT and Georgia Tech have built a device that can see through paper and distinguish ink from blank paper to determine what is written on the sheets. In one test, the prototype successfully identified letters printed on the top nine sheets of a stack of paper, and eventually the researchers hope to develop a system that can read entire closed books (including covers).



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MIT and Georgia Tech researcher uses a device to read enclosed writing. The technology is being studied by the intelligence world

The imaging system works by using terahertz radiation, a frequency of light on the electromagnetic spectrum between microwaves and infrared light. Terahertz radiation is widely used in security screening and has a few advantages over other imaging techniques such as X-rays. Specifically, various chemicals absorb different amounts of terahertz radiation, creating a unique 'Frequency Signature' for each material when the waves bounce back to a sensor, allowing the system to differentiate between ink and blank paper.

Eye Spy examines recent technology breakthroughs and systems which are impacting on traditional tradecraft and forcing intelligence agencies to reconsider how spy operations are conducted and countered



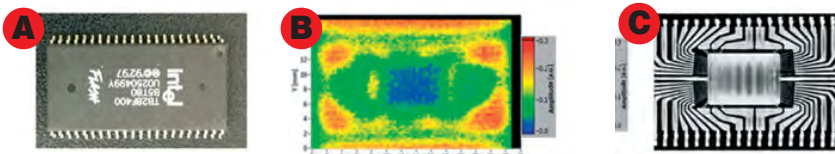
Current, emerging and future technologies will enable the intelligence and security world to detect 'persons of interest' and surveillance targets around the world using imagery and collected biometric data

THE MODERN MICRODOT

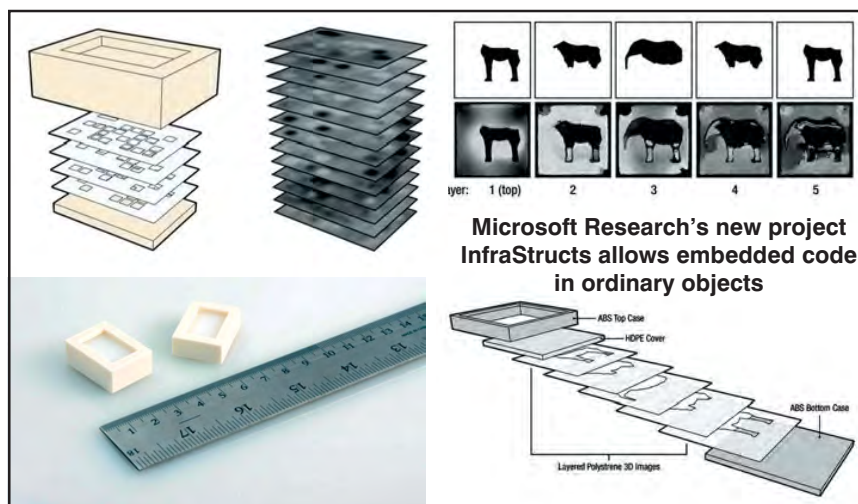
Imagine just how helpful it would be if those engaged in espionage could safely pass secrets using ordinary objects. That's the

premise of Microsoft Research's new project InfraStructs, which pioneers techniques for concealing identifiers inside 3D-printed objects. Anyone with a 3D printer can create an object with coded air pockets or voids. And

then anyone with a terahertz scanner can decode the tag hidden in the objects - whether it's a shape, binary code or a grey code. Some in the intelligence world refer to the technology as the 'modern microdot'.



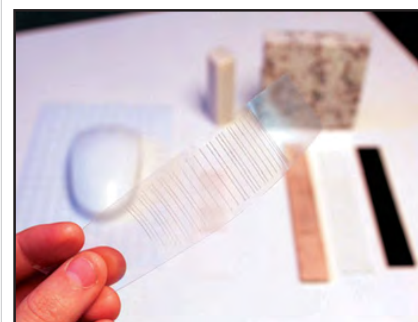
(A) Optical image of an electronic chip. (B) Terahertz transmission image of the chip. (C) X-ray transmission image of the chip. Terahertz has the advantage of being non-ionizing (non-destructive) but the resolution of X-ray is higher



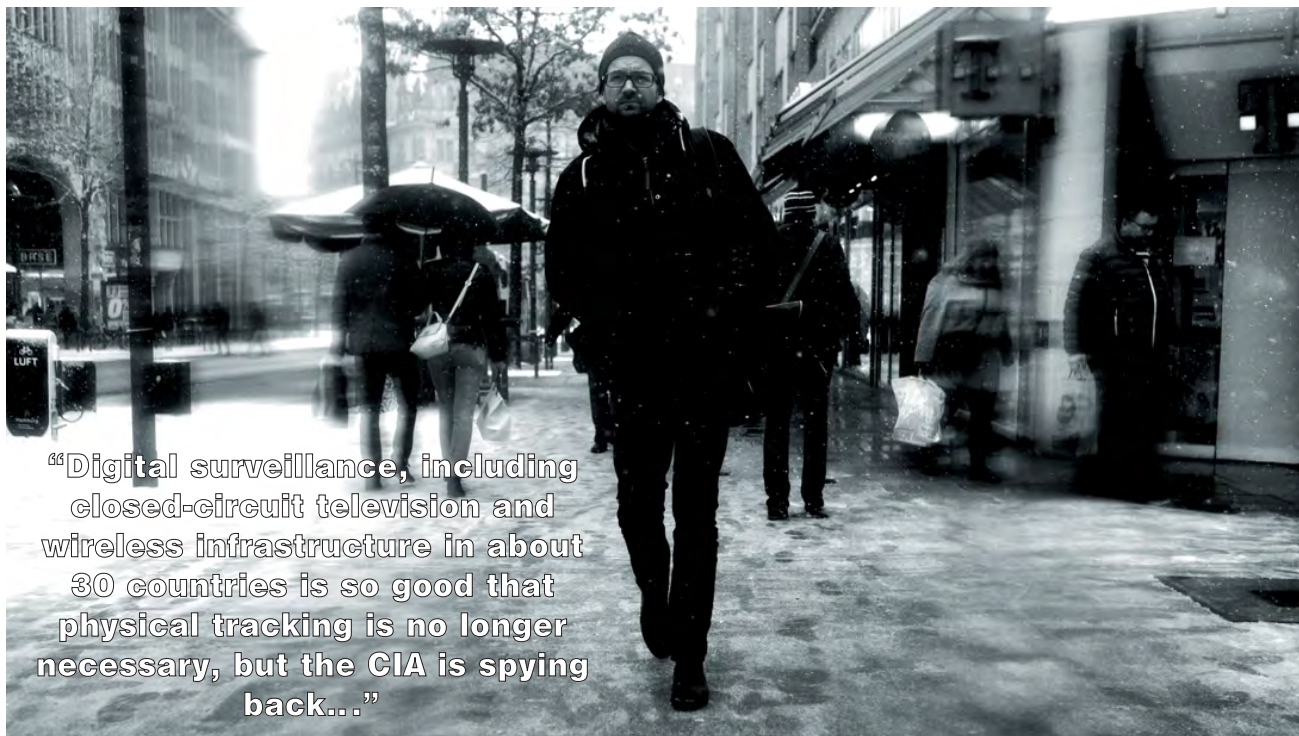
Microsoft Research's new project InfraStructs allows embedded code in ordinary objects

ACOUSTIC BARCODES

Another innovation, Acoustic Barcodes, developed by researchers at Carnegie Mellon University, actually stores data in sound. They are passive, durable and inexpensive notched identification tags that can be made with a 3-D printer and applied to a wide range of materials and objects, including plastic, wood, glass and stone. Experiments using different metals are also taking place. When swiped with a fingernail, for example, Acoustic Barcodes, produce a complex sound that



Acoustic Barcode



“Digital surveillance, including closed-circuit television and wireless infrastructure in about 30 countries is so good that physical tracking is no longer necessary, but the CIA is spying back...”

could be used for information retrieval or to trigger other interactive functions. Just one inexpensive contact microphone attached to a surface or object is used to capture the sound. The audible signature is then transferred to a computer which recognises the waveform and executes a command and translation of the stored data begins. No doubt these technologies could easily be utilised to pass secrets safely.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Earlier this year at an intelligence conference in Tampa, Florida, CIA Science and Technology Deputy Director, Dawn Meyerriecks, revealed the Agency plans to utilise AI (Artificial Intelligence/Anticipatory Intelligence). There was also a reference to overseas threats. “Deep learning is a function

of AI, it’s about machines interpreting data to anticipate outcomes and recommend, or give responses,” said Meyerriecks. She also acknowledged Langley has had an interest in the technology for more than two decades. Many intelligence watchers believe the CIA is engaged in research programmes that will one day be used to counter not only human controlled espionage, but that attempted by machines and controlled by AI. According to sources, in 2018 the CIA engaged in 140 AI projects, some linked to surveillance. One can reportedly alert an agent if they are being followed; or can help advise them on how to avoid CCTV, for example.

Meyerriecks said that “digital surveillance, including closed-circuit television and wireless infrastructure in about 30 countries is so good that physical tracking is no longer necessary,



Dawn Meyerriecks, CIA Deputy Director Science and Technology

but the CIA is spying back.” She revealed Langley had created “a map of cameras in one of the big capitals” that government agencies do not control - on shops, offices for example. The cameras were identified and the data paired with machine learning and AI algorithms. Armed with such information, the CIA believes it can “counter surveillance technologies” ensuring its operatives will avoid detection.

The Mossad and British Intelligence are also researching AI security systems, which using biometric information from CCTV cameras, can not only can track a person, but examine body language. All very Bourne Supremacy.

COVER AND LEGEND

One well known and trusted tradecraft is Cover and Legend, and here too technology has impacted.

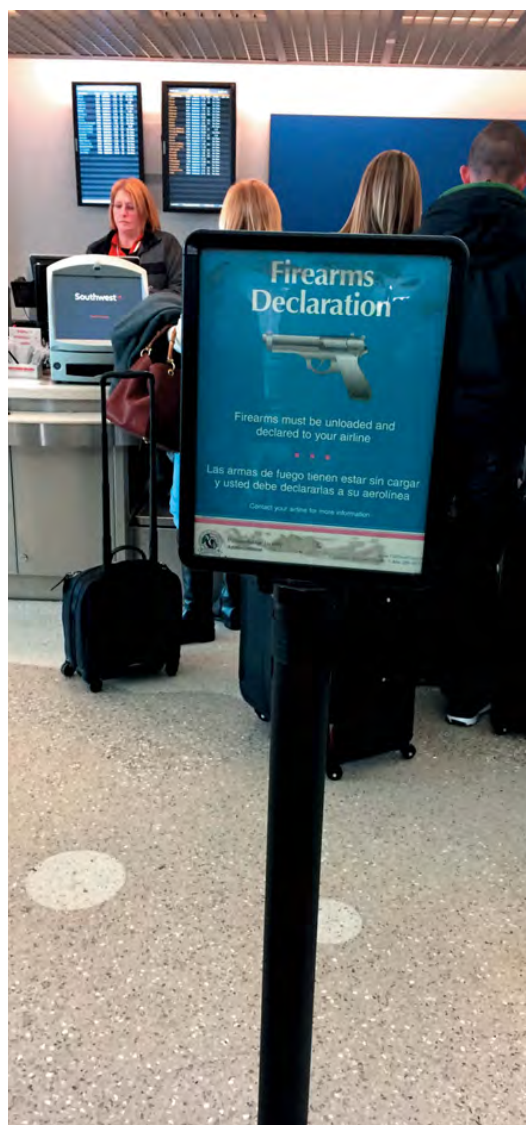




For deep cover agents who travel frequently, new biometric data-sharing programmes may impact on their ability to stay under the radar



The increasing use of surveillance cameras has spawned an array of civilian protest groups



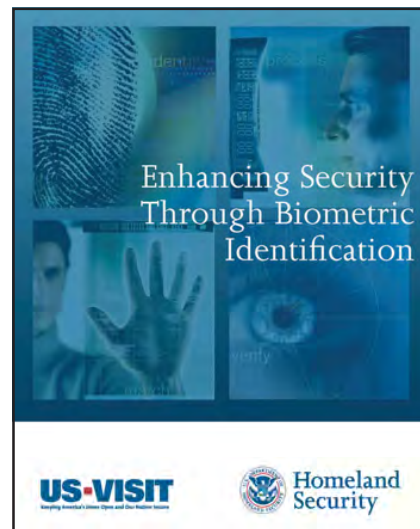
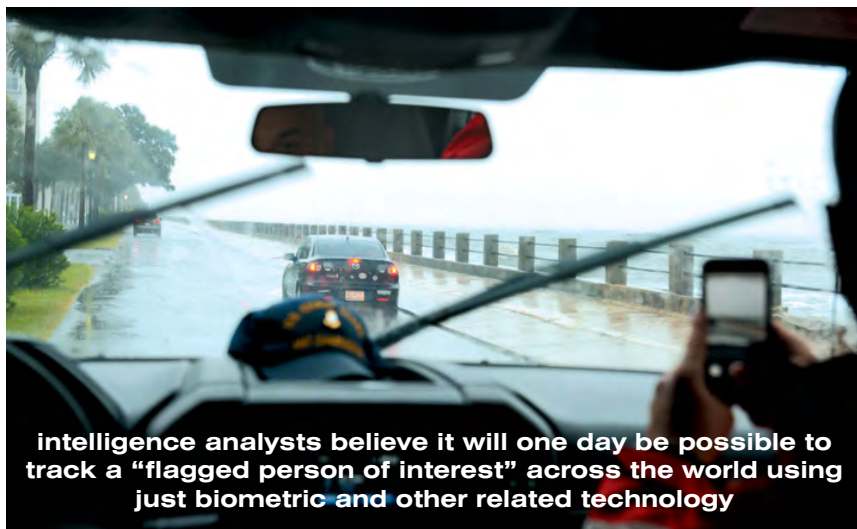
An officer, asset or spy adopts a false identity using a well-created fictitious family and work history supported by convincing documentation, including a government issued passport. This is most helpful when operating abroad, or gaining access to targeted functions, conferences or events. It can also be very useful when applying for sensitive work positions, especially government contract agencies.

However, since the global introduction and roll-out of biometric technology (fingerprint, iris scanners, facial recognition etc.) now utilised in many airports, border and customs control points around the world, infiltration and the movement of agents has become far more difficult. Thus operational planners have been forced to rethink the tradecraft of Cover and Legend and seek out new technologies and

methods which can assist in these areas. And because of powerful advanced security technology, some agencies are training and utilising 'single operation agents'.

There is now real fear in the corridors of the CIA and other spy organisations, that the role of experienced deep cover spies and intelligence officers who operate overseas for lengthy periods of time, may be coming to an end. This is primarily because biometric data is being shared around the world and can be accessed instantly, thus if suspicion is aroused in one country, it may impact on an operation in another. To avoid biometric detection, some agencies use alternative entry points, airports, seaports and crossings which do not use the technology and where security is less stringent. ➤





VIRTUAL LIE DETECTOR

One new counter-measure that the intelligence world is keeping an eye on is an Artificial Intelligence lie detection system. Trials of iBorderCtrl, which has received funding from the European Union's appropriately called Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme, are set to begin at national border crossings in a number of countries in Europe (borders with nations not in the EU), including Latvia, Hungary and Greece. The tests will run for six months.

Those crossing will complete an on-line application and upload identification and passport data. At the border a 'virtual guard' will ask a series of random questions, such as 'What is the purpose of your visit?' or 'If we look in your suitcase what will we find?'. The crosser will then look into a camera and the AI system will lock-on to the person's facial features and analyse gestures, expressions etc., in an attempt to identify incorrect or untruthful answers. Some have dubbed the programme a 'virtual lie detector'. If success-

ful, travellers will receive a QR code which they swipe allowing them to continue their journey. If iBorderCtrl flags up any problems, a security officer will take personal biometric data including facial features, fingerprints and vein signatures. Thereafter they will undergo a personal assessment. Either way, once the data is secured it is on file forever and can be shared with friendly nations. Similarly, security services believe the system is an added counter-terrorism measure, and a very useful tool against criminals. The data will expose multi-journey travellers - drug couriers for example.

iBorderCtrl is but one of a number of emerging technologies intended to enhance existing security measures, and if the trials prove successful, they may well be tested in other air and seaports.

The European Union is also working on a new project which, according to sources, will require all residents to carry biometric identity cards containing features such as fingerprints. At the same time, a massive biometric

information base will store data from persons entering or leaving Europe. Another headache for planners of intelligence operations.

HORIZON THREATS

With technology now being inserted into more and more everyday items, and with systems such as home security allowing users to monitor or control devices from anywhere in the world, the NSA has surprisingly warned that 'smart devices' pose a significant security threat. Numerous items, including vehicles and 'smart televisions' have become targets for intelligence collectors. And this includes office furniture which the Agency says is a "growing trend" allowing dark actors access to potential sensitive information. Some organisations are inserting technology dubbed IoT (Internet of Things) which allows for monitoring of how equipment is used. The NSA warned: 'And as we enjoy more personalised care from everyday items like our office furniture, we may unknowingly be giving our adversaries more sensitive information than we intend'.

MADE IN CHINA

No country in the world has the prowess and cunning to steal technology (in all its forms)

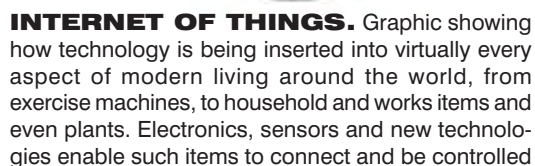


The Town of Internet Things in Hangzhou, China

COURTESY: SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY



Professor Aaron Elkins from San Diego State University is engaged in research on a kiosk system which will ask travellers questions at an airport or border crossing. The technology will capture behaviour and responses helping to detect untruths



In 2015, China's Premier Li Keqiang announced that his country wants to dominate the technology world and launched the 'Made in China 2025' initiative. Since then, Washington's spies have joined together and forced their political masters to act. In June 2018, President Trump imposed higher tariffs on Chinese goods mainly IT and robotic products. Relations are "rock bottom and suspicion abounds," according to observers.



A ROTATING WHEEL

However, technology can be beaten - by new and more advanced systems. "This is an eternal and constantly rotating wheel," a former CIA technology expert told Eye Spy. "The security problem in many countries has resulted in far more attention being given to countering threats; combine this with the public's thirst for new innovations and gadgets, technology can only improve."

In the United States, Attorney General Jeff Sessions' comments on China reveal the process has already begun.



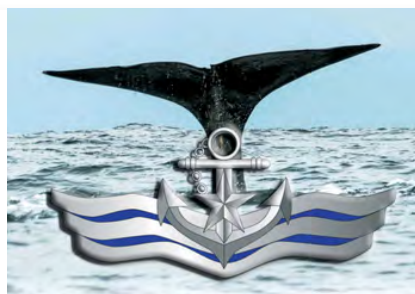
CHINA RAISES STAKES IN PACIFIC AND SOUTH CHINA SEAS

A WHALE OF AN ESPIONAGE TALE

New spy technologies almost certainly acquired from the United States, have given China's Silent Service a hidden underwater advantage

Recent reports in China that its scientists have developed a method to conceal messages in the sound pulses emitted by sperm whales, have concerned the higher echelons of the US Navy and its NATO partners. On 2 November, lead project scientist Professor Jiang Jiajia from Tianjin University, said the method "camouflages undersea signals, making them harder to detect."

The technology, if applied to submarine warfare and reconnaissance, could enable China's growing fleet of submarines to avoid detection systems and infiltrate areas occupied by US submarines. Similarly, the announcement by Beijing once again reveals the prowess of its intelligence collectors, and the vulnerabilities of US defence contracting



companies to protect secrets. The apparent loss of technology and years of research in this highly specialised field has incensed Washington and the US Intelligence Community.

The system uses collected sounds issued by whales that are edited and a coding system built around them. The messages are

indistinguishable from regular whale sounds which can then be deciphered by receivers tracking the code. Current underwater reconnaissance systems (both static and carried by submarines) generally identify and filter normal sea noise, including that emitted by whales. And whilst some scientists believe the new encrypted sounds could eventually be deciphered, it will require far greater resources and advanced systems.

TIMELINE AND ORIGINS

On 16 May 2015, Chinese nationals Wei Pang and Hao Zhang were indicted by the US Justice Department for allegedly stealing valuable technology from Avago Technologies and Skyworks Solutions all to the benefit of Tianjin University - a leading Chinese Ministry of Education University and one of the country's oldest. Intelligence watchers note it is the same university where Professor Jiang Jiajia works and where the whale sound breakthrough was made.

Avago Technologies and Skyworks Solutions researched and developed FBAR (Film Bulk Acoustic Resonators) and HBAR (High Tone Bulk Acoustic Resonators) technology, with funding secured from the scientific security and intelligence organisation DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency). FBAR and HBAR technology filters incoming and outgoing wireless signals so that a user only receives and transmits the specific communications intended by the operators. Both HBAR and FBAR are generally associated with cell phone technology, yet their application can be



PLAN Type 094 Chinese ballistic missile submarine



Tianjin University



Coded communications can be masked in whale sounds

applied to various military and security communications technologies.

The US indictment alleges that Pang, Zhang and other co-conspirators stole 'recipes' - source code, specifications, presentations, design layouts and other confidential documents and proprietary information from Avago Technologies and Skyworks Solutions and delivered the information to individuals working for Tianjin University.

US officials believe the information enabled Tianjin University to construct and equip a



state-of-the-art fabrication facility, located in China's state-sponsored Tianjin Economic Development Area (TEDA), and to obtain contracts for providing the technology to commercial and military entities.

APPLICATION

According to a Department of Defense (DOD) report published last year, The People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) is the largest naval force in Asia. High on its agenda is the complete overhaul and modernisation of its submarine fleet. Secret estimates reveal China has five nuclear-powered attack submarines, four nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines, and 54 diesel-powered attack



Vice Admiral Jinlong Shen - head of PLAN (People's Liberation Army Navy)

submarines. This figure is expanding, so too China's capabilities to defeat an adversary, and this is considered critical as China expands its military ambitions in the South China Seas and beyond.

Earlier in the year, US Navy Admiral Philip Davidson, who was recently appointed head of Indo-Pacific Command, said: "Beijing has identified undersea warfare as a priority, both for increasing their own capabilities as well as challenging ours." As for its espionage activities, Davidson acknowledged that China is "stealing technology in just about every domain and trying to use it to their advantage."

Speaking to senators, Davidson warned: "They have new submarines on both the ballistic missile side and the attack submarine side, and they're achieving [increasing] numbers in the build of those submarines as well. They're also pursuing other technologies to give them better insights into our operations in the undersea domain."

As for a submarine having the capability to avoid detection by using whale sounds, this is considered significant by naval planners. A US Navy official agreed: "Chinese ballistic missile submarines hiding as whales would be much more difficult to detect and eliminate." Washington believes such technology will augment Beijing's strategic ambitions. ➤



"Chinese ballistic missile submarines hiding as whales would be much more difficult to detect and eliminate..."

Vice Admiral
Charles A.
Richard



IMPACT ON US OPERATIONS

Intelligence and security commentators said armed with the new technology, the A2/AD (Area Denial Weapon or Anti Access/Area Denial - a strategy used to prevent an adversary from occupying or traversing an area of land, sea or air) network would be

greatly enhanced, and give its hunter-killers a hidden advantage in detecting US submarines which often operate in disputed waters and close to shorelines. "The US Pacific Fleet would be less secure," one source said.

In August 2018, Vice Admiral Charles A. Richard relieved Vice Admiral Joseph E. Tofalo

as head of US Submarine Forces and Allied Submarine Command at a ceremony aboard the Virginia-class attack submarine USS Washington. Speaking at the event, and with China in mind, Richard said: "The mission of our Submarine Force today is clear. We are back in a world in the midst of major power competition. In that competition our strength undersea is a key advantage that we have. That will not change on my watch. With so much at stake, we cannot let up and must execute our mission with a continued sense of urgency.

"'Prepare for battle!' was Admiral Tofalo's direction, and it is mine as well. It is only by being prepared for battle that we can hope to avoid it... our nation expects and demands victory. We shall not fail!"

Undoubtedly, Richard will have directed all available resources to challenge China's growing edge in this rarely reported upon spy theatre. And the whale story is but a tiny part of a huge unseen engagement.

CHINA'S STEALTH FIGHTER Cloned from Stolen Technology?

Aviation specialists remain undecided if China's Chengdu J-20 stealth aircraft is evidence of a lengthy and elaborate espionage operation. Following its public roll out in 2016, some intelligence watchers in the United States remain convinced the aircraft is little more than a 'clone' by China, using various technologies and aspects stolen from US aircraft blueprints. In the last decade military aircraft, warships and land carriers have entered service with China's armed forces many resembling their counterparts in the West. This had led to numerous claims of industrial and technology espionage.

China's latest addition to its air force recently took part in the country's largest air display in



Chengdu J-20

USAF F-22 Raptor



the coastal city of Zhuhai, southern China (12th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition). Beijing officials described the J-20, which first flew in 2011, as another "technology breakthrough." However, US intelligence officials continue to insist aspects of the aircraft look "similar" to the F-22 Raptor, especially front sections, engine, rear tails and wing configuration.

There were some concerns by specialists who said whilst the J-20 looked impressive, it did not engage various applications, "an indication the aircraft was not ready for operational roles." Others note the aircraft's inferior engines will not enable its stealth capability to perform properly at supersonic speeds, thus the 'stealth' categorisation was wrong.

Suspicion abounds the J-20 was created from stolen US blueprints



However, the PLAAF said the J-20 was being assigned to various combat units and is ready.

Intelligence sources believe that an improved J-20A which is in development, will be even more advanced and carry additional features - some undoubtedly secured from the West. Exactly ten years ago the Pentagon learned of a major cyber attack targeting US aircraft builders and designers. Speculation abounded at the time that the information secured by the hackers, who were based in China, helped in the development of the J-20.

Earlier this year, Chinese contractor Su Bin (A.k.a. Stephen Subin) was jailed in the United States for stealing blueprints and plans relating to a number of US aircraft, including the F-22. The CIA and Pentagon have repeatedly warned China remains focussed on stealing US technology.

THE CODEBREAKER

LEGENDARY FIGURE PASSES



BARONESS JEAN TRUMPINGTON

Baroness Trumpington (Jean Barker), Bletchley Park codebreaker and conservative peer who brought colour and humour to Britain's House of Lords has died at the age of 96.

The daughter of Major Arthur Campbell-Harris an officer in the Bengal Lancers and an American heiress, Jean Campbell-Harris was born into a world of considerable privilege, but the Wall Street Crash of 1929 entirely wiped out her mother's fortune.

At just 15, she was sent to Paris to study but two years later, with the outbreak of the Second World War, she became a land girl in Britain. However, her life changed considerably when she joined British Naval Intelligence at Bletchley Park, the country's secret codebreaking centre where

she stayed for the rest of the war. Her main work focussed on Z codes supervised by German-Jewish refugee, Walter Ettinghausen.

The remarkable Ettinghausen brothers, Walter and Ernest, had been recruited from Oxford and both worked in Hut 4, in the German Naval Section, where Walter ran Z Watch. Their work was crucial to the protection of trans-Atlantic convoys. Here the unit endeavoured to discover the names of many U-Boat commanders. This intelligence was vital to Royal Navy operations. Z Watch was also closely involved in the hunt for the German battleship 'Bismarck', the most powerful warship ever built. Walter himself is said to have handled some of the ship's last messages intercepted in May 1941 before she was sunk.

Jean said: "Life only really began when I went to Bletchley. That's when I made my real friends, and



Bletchley Park Monument:
"The geese that laid the golden eggs - but never cackled"

it was exciting being a part of something important. We used to meet up in Claridge's, and throw bread at each other and sing and behave so badly." A reflection perhaps of her dark humour. "Five shillings (25p or 30 cents) was the most you could spend during the war, so it was as affordable as anywhere." She also worked briefly for Duff Cooper, British Ambassador and Minister of Information under Churchill. And as for Churchill, Jean said he



Duff Cooper

referred to the Bletchley Park codebreakers as "the geese that laid the golden eggs - but never cackled."

After the war Jean worked first in Paris and then in the United States on Madison Avenue, New York, with the city's advertising "mad men" as she described them. It was here that she met her husband, historian Alan Barker, and their marriage, in 1954, ushered in the happiest period of her life before embarking on her distinguished political career, as a Cambridge City councillor, Mayor of Cambridge and then in 1980, a life peer.

The indomitable Trumpington looked back on her long and remarkable life in her memoir, 'Coming Up Trumps', published in 2015. Forthright, witty and opinionated, Baroness Trumpington will always be remembered in intelligence circles for her work as a codebreaker.



Bletchley Park codebreaking staffers

The Invisible Hand



2015 Vienna. Senior officials announce the JCPOA or Iranian Nuclear Treaty which is now under threat

Iran Accuses Mossad and CIA of Orchestrating False Flag Operations to Derail International Nuclear Treaty

An Iranian-Norwegian citizen and two other men have been arrested in Sweden after a Mossad surveillance team provided intelligence at least one of the suspects was actively engaged in a plot to assassinate a leading Iranian separatist in Denmark. Some intelligence sources believe the tip-off came from the same Mossad team which helped thwart an Iran MOIS (Ministry of Intelligence and Security) plot to bomb a major Iranian opposition MEK conference in Paris in June.

The primary assassin had been seen close to the home of the head of Iranian dissident group ASMLA (Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahvaz - established in 1999) in Denmark. Such was the seriousness of the threat, the Oresund Bridge was closed, ferry services between Sweden and Denmark were halted and road and train services were all cancelled, effectively cutting off any escape route to the mainland. Three people were soon arrested by counter-terrorism officers. All live in Ringsted near Copenhagen. Photographs of several ASMLA officials and their houses were



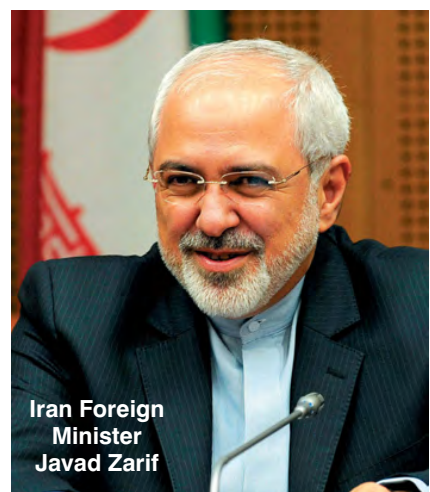
PET Director Finn Borch Andersen

discovered. Finn Borch Andersen, Director of Denmark's Security and Intelligence Service (PET) said: "We are dealing with an Iranian intelligence agency planning an attack on Danish soil."

Following the arrests one man was quickly extradited to Denmark. Copenhagen also recalled its ambassador from Tehran in protest. "I have recalled our ambassador for



Oresund Bridge and logo of Denmark's intelligence service PET



Iran Foreign Minister Javad Zarif



Photograph taken moments after the bombing of a military parade in Ahvaz, Iran, in which 26 people were killed. Iran blamed ASMLA



Logo of ASMLA

attack people in Denmark." Former Director CIA, Mike Pompeo, who has accused Iran of launching "assassination operations in Europe," congratulated Denmark on "arresting an Iranian regime assassin."

Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif said the event in Sweden and others in Europe and America whereby suspected MOIS operations have been foiled, were little more than carefully calculated actions by the Mossad,

consultations," said Danish Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen.

"Denmark can in no way accept that people with ties to Iran's intelligence service plots to

calling them "false flag operations perfectly timed to coincide with meetings about the nuclear treaty." Zarif accused the Mossad of sabotaging the 2015 agreement. "Incredible series of coincidences... or a simple chronology of a Mossad programme to kill the JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action)," he said. JCPOA is better known as the Iranian Nuclear Treaty.

Iran believes the Mossad and CIA have orchestrated and controlled a series of events in an effort to persuade European nations to cut ties with Tehran and join with America in hurting Iran's economy, thus also affecting its nuclear ambitions. Just days after the latest MOIS-linked operation, the United States reimposed a swathe of sanctions against Iran. These were removed following the 2015 nuclear accord. This agreement meant that in



Danish Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo



return for lifting sanctions, Iran would limit its nuclear activities. However, the Mossad and CIA believe that Iran has secretly continued its nuclear weapons programme in unspecified and undisclosed secret sites. A number were recently referenced by Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the United Nations. As for the US sanctions, President Trump said they were the "toughest sanctions ever imposed." He then 'tweeted' an image of himself with the wording: 'Sanctions are coming November 5'.

Eye Spy was informed the planned Denmark assassination was in response to the bombing of an Iranian military parade in the city of Ahvaz in September which killed 25 people. Some Iranian opposition groups, including ASMLA allegedly claimed responsibility. However, ASMLA said the attack was carried out by a "group expelled from the organisation in 2015." Iran has since criticised the UK, Holland, France and Denmark for harbouring separatist groups, including the MEK and ASMLA.

As a footnote to the Ahvaz military parade attack, in January 2006, two bombings left nine people dead in the same city. These too were attributed to ASMLA.

In November 2017, the founder of ASMLA, which advocates separation from Iran, Ahmad Mola Nissi, 52, was shot dead outside his home in the Hague, Holland.



Ahmad Mola Nissi's death is announced on Dutch television news

FROM THE VAULTS OF AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE

STRANGE EVENTS

Eye Spy presents four fascinating and significant episodes in the timeline of US Intelligence which are still discussed today in the corridors of America's spy services and beyond...

PROJECT WHALE TALE The CIA's Seaborne U-2 Spy Aircraft

Following the shootdown over Russia of a CIA U-2 spy aeroplane on 1 May 1960, resulting in the capture of pilot Francis Gary Powers and retrieval of vital technology and components, officials at the CIA and Pentagon realised that future deployments of the aircraft in foreign friendly nations was going to be diplomatically problematic. Perhaps more so, because now any sighting of the U-2 would be regarded as a precursor to a spy operation.

US Navy Admiral Arliegh Burke discussed with Director CIA Allen Dulles a plan to convert and modify a U-2 - a solution to overcome such concerns and negate any bad press. The task, overseen by Langley's Special Activities, would allow the U-2 to fly such missions away from the prying eyes of the media - and just as important - America's adversaries. They discussed operating some U-2s from the decks of US Navy aircraft carriers which traversed oceans and seas across the world.



Three U-2s were duly reconfigured in an operation codenamed Project Whale Tale to take off and land from aircraft carriers. Lockheed U-2 designer Clarence 'Kelly' Johnson oversaw the work which involved designing new flaps, strengthening landing gear and fuselage, and building a special tail hook covered by a jettisoned shroud. The aircraft carriers selected for the project, USS Kitty Hawk and USS Ranger (and later USS



US Navy Admiral Arliegh Burke





U-2 designer Clarence 'Kelly' Johnson pictured with CIA 'Driver' Gary Powers

America), had extra compartments available for on-board processing of reconnaissance films and living areas for the CIA crews - known as 'Drivers'. It was decided that the Office of Naval Research (ONR) would provide cover for the test programme and the U-2s selected for the project would carry ONR insignia.

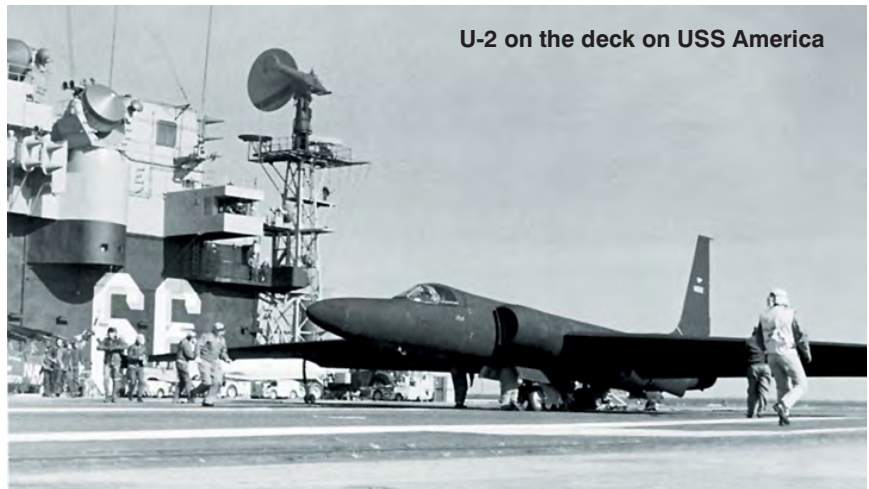
The CIA selected USS Ranger for the first test on 19 May 1964 - Operation Fish Hook. Two top secret reconnaissance flights with the U-2G to gather information about clandestine French nuclear tests in the Mururoa Atoll, French Polynesia, were authorised. There were several subsequent modifications made to the U-2G resulting in the U-2R and U-2EXP with modified radar for ocean surveillance.



U-2 launch from USS Kitty Hawk

NRO ZEUS Spy Plan to Hire the Space Shuttle

During the late 1970s, the US National Reconnaissance Office (NRO - established 1961), the organisation usually associated with technical intelligence collection and space and aerial surveillance, wanted to use the country's burgeoning Space Shuttle programme for intelligence gathering. This was not surprising as the organisation had numerous projects already ongoing. However, officials regarded the Shuttle as unique. ➤



U-2 on the deck on USS America



Note ONR signature on this U-2 on USS Kitty Hawk



A U-2 prepares for launch on USS Ranger



Space Shuttle Discovery and NRO logo



September 1976. Shuttle test crew pictured at the roll-out of the Shuttle Orbiter 101 Enterprise at the assembly facility in Palmdale, California

As a reusable space launch system, the NRO saw the Shuttle as an ideal platform to lower the cost of sending payloads and equipment into space. And with dozens of scheduled launches a year, the spy organisation believed it could activate operations without being confined to narrow and specific timelines. NRO planners wanted to develop a giant film camera system for the Shuttle. Codenamed ZEUS, the advanced technology would enable the NRO to take detailed photographs and capture incredibly useful imagery over sensitive land and sea areas of Cold War adversary - the Soviet Union. These included weapons and research sites, nuclear silos and other areas simply not accessible to agencies such as the CIA.

Despite the obvious advantages of having ZEUS in place, NRO officials and other intelligence bodies were wary that Shuttle launches were being monitored ever more by the world's media and attracting increasing global government and public attention. Any disruption of Shuttle launches or possible accidents however, were considered risky, as "unspecified objects" and "machines" might be exposed. The secret of NRO payloads into a Shuttle was fraught with danger - as hundreds of civilian contractors were attached to launch sites. And to compound the ZEUS programme further, major advances elsewhere in spy satellite imagery technology were being made. Thus the need for a giant camera was not necessary. The programme was thought



1970. Early concept diagram of the Space Shuttle refuelling

archaic before it had even got off the ground and duly cancelled, perhaps a relief to NASA which is, after all, a civilian authority.

HALLOWEEN MASSACRE INTEL OFFICERS MUTINY AT THE CIA

In August 1977, Langley's hierarchy started to send out internal memorandums in an effort to encourage officers and staffers to retire with full benefits. The move was directly linked to overheads - a cost cutting measure. The response was poor and few chose to step down. Thus newly-appointed Director CIA Admiral Stansfield Turner issued a short 70-word note on 31 October to around 200 employees: *'They were to be separated from service'*.

It was in effect a 'purge' and in spylore is known as *'The CIA Halloween Massacre'*. The response from remaining agency officers over the firings was unprecedented in CIA history. Among those chosen to be dismissed, some with over 30-years service, were experienced

Station Chiefs in London, Vienna, Bonn, Ottawa and three in Central America - the 'higher earners' of course. None were happy.

Around the Agency's Langley headquarters, all manner of anti-Turner messages started to appear on notice boards in corridors, conference rooms, washrooms and even the canteen. The primary targets, of what could be described as a 'hate campaign', were Turner and another senior man - William Wells, Director of the important and shadowy Clandestine Services. Caricatures of the men portrayed as villains and gangsters accompanied with obscene messages left little to the imagination and represented the ill feeling and mistrust that was sweeping through the Agency. One Station Chief sent Turner a



Admiral Stansfield Turner

telegram expressing his anger and disgust at the 'forced retirement package'. The two-word signal began with 'F' and ended with 'U'. At

Start. I know I'm not supposed to transmit this kind of language. Stop. But he's making me. Stop. Sign off'.

1977. Admiral Stansfield Turner and President Jimmy Carter at the Director CIA swearing-in ceremony in Washington DC



the bottom of the telegram was a note from the clerk who actually forwarded the text - possibly in a move to save his own skin from retribution: *'Start. I know I'm not supposed to transmit this kind of language. Stop. But he's making me. Stop. Sign off'.*

There was also an underground effort by experienced officers which directly opposed and broke all the house rules. They began to leak details of the cuts and firings to the media. Some even brazenly wore t-shirts carrying the wording 'Arm-Chair Admiral Out'.

In the end, Turner won... and lost. Around 800 positions in the CIA's clandestine operations staff disappeared, and 649 staffers were axed through attrition. A further 154 left through 'involuntary retirement' and 17 were sacked. The cumulative figure amounted to 20% of the CIA's operational and fixed HQ staff.

THE DEPARTED RETURN

It wasn't the end of The CIA Halloween Massacre. With bitterness and questions still sweeping through the corridors of Langley, the

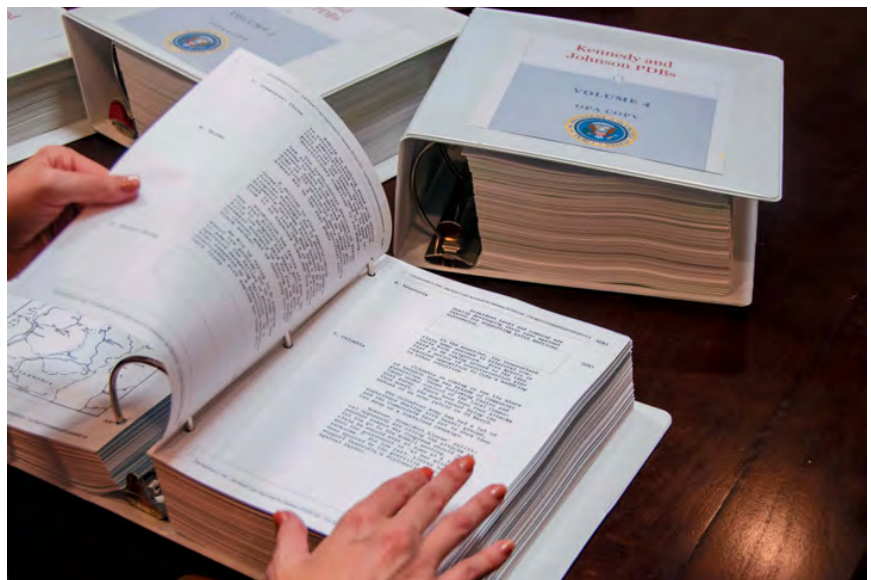
White House had to engage senior management in the lessening of tensions. The fall out also spawned at least one minor Congressional inquiry.

Ironically also that in future years, and with CIA operations expanding globally, there was a real need for experienced intelligence officers and managers. Some of the departed were re-recruited as contractors... on even higher earnings than before. This led to further annoyance with existing Langley staffers.

PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF TOO SECRET TO IGNORE - SOME DO

The US President's Daily Brief or PDB, contains an overview and summary of critical issues, many associated with national security at the highest levels and from theatres around the world. Drafted and produced by the CIA, the first 'formal PDB' (though originally called the PICL - President's Intelligence Check List), appeared in 1961. It was destined for the White House desk occupied by John F. Kennedy.

In 1964 it was officially renamed the PDB and thereafter has appeared every day. Some presidents are keen to digest its contents, whilst others give it a fleeting glance. A number allowed senior management to pour over its pages and 'extract' what they believed were its most relevant and important lines. What hasn't changed is the title header - *'For the President's Eyes Only'* - an oxymoron considering it can be read by others close





President Johnson digests his PDB

to the president. When ultra-secret happenings are contained within, occasionally the head of an intelligence service or senior official will accompany the PDB and provide additional information - though this is very rare.

ORIGINS

In 1946 President Harry Truman directed the newly-formed Central Intelligence Group (CIG) to provide him with a coordinated intelligence report known as the Daily Summary. The CIA was established a year later and the document was expanded. Thus intelligence watchers believe these events are the true starting point of the PDB.

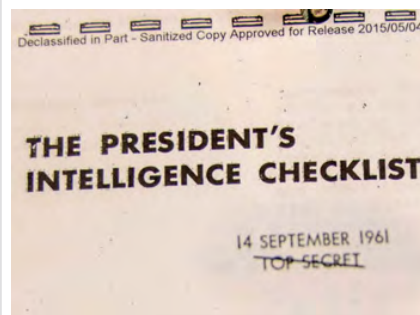
IMPORTANCE

President Bill Clinton once said he used the PDB to get "90% of what he needed to make decisions." President Obama said he would be "flying blind without the PDB." He chose to read his via an i-pad in digital form. However, not all presidents have warmed to its content.



Jimmy Carter once told CIA officials he was "disappointed with its analysis" and wanted more "divergent views."

One president who encouraged and even demanded regular face-to-face briefings was George W. Bush. His position was opposed by a predecessor - Richard Nixon who rarely associated with Langley's hierarchy. "The PDB was not a central document in our thinking," he said. Perhaps this was because of his distrust of the CIA. And for the record, Nixon never issued comment or feedback on any PDB during his five-and-half-years in office. President Trump too has broken with tradition, according to some intelligence sources. Though the PDB regularly arrives at the side door of the White House, delivered by courier, Mr Trump is said to rely on "oral briefings," because of his "short attention span."



As to the sensitive nature of the PDB, former Director CIA George Tenet considered its content so important that in July 2000, he "indicated" to the National Archives and Records Administration that none should ever be released for publication. "No matter how old or historically significant it may be," he said. His words and thoughts seem to have been confined to history, for today of course, these important files and perhaps most of their content, can be accessed by historians, researchers and the public alike.

It should also be recognised of course, that through the White House Situation Room, the president and senior officials receive "rolling intelligence" 24-hours-a-day. This content, including that delivered in-person from officials within the US Intelligence Community (USIC) does not feature in the PDB.

AN UNAUTHORISED INTERVIEW THE NEGOTIATIONS



Saudi Arabia charges members of a negotiation team with journalist's murder

According to sources in Saudi Arabia, various tiers of the country's powerful General Intelligence Directorate (GID), has undergone reorganisation following the unauthorised operation which resulted in the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul on 2 October. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman chaired a meeting of a new committee which has begun the process of reforming the country's primary intelligence service.

This move follows an announcement from Riyadh that Khashoggi's murder was "premeditated" and that a "rogue operation had been performed."

BACKGROUND

On 15 November, Saudi Arabia's Attorney General Sheikh Saud Al Mojeb told journalists

DIplomats



Khashoggi



Jamal Khashoggi

his country is seeking the death penalty for five of 11 suspects identified and charged with Khashoggi's murder. Mr Moheb, who has visited the consulate and discussed the case with both Saudi and Turkish investigators, said a further ten people are under investigation. Shaalan al-Shaalan, Deputy Public Prosecutor and spokesman, said the journalist had died after he was injected with an unspecified substance. The incident followed negotiations to try and convince him to return to the kingdom. "The whereabouts of his body remain unknown," said Mr al-Shaalan. However, he stated it had been taken from the consulate by a "local handler." He also confirmed the negotiation team had been despatched three days earlier by former Deputy Chief of Intelligence General Ahmad Al Assiri.



The Istanbul operation was unauthorised according to Saudi Arabia



Attorney General Sheikh Saud Al Moheb

DISAPPEARANCE

Washington-based Khashoggi, 59, a well-travelled journalist who had nearly two million Twitter followers, was last seen alive on 2 October - a CCTV camera captured images of him entering the Saudi Consulate building in Istanbul, Turkey. When he failed to exit the building, his fiancée, who was waiting outside in a vehicle, called police, and from there one of the most widely publicised investigations into a person's disappearance began in haste.

Multiple conspiracy theories were born and speculation served only to cast 'fog' on the true events of that day.

An initial bitter exchange of words between the Turkish and Saudi governments soon evaporated, but there was deep suspicion in both countries. Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan called the incident a "brutal murder," but in Riyadh, King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman the country's most powerful figures, publicly denied any knowledge of what had happened. However, both men said they were determined that justice would be done.

Erdogan announced the case was being investigated by senior Turkish intelligence and police officials, he also referenced a joint Turkey-Saudi task force had been assembled.

International leaders called for a transparent and quick investigation, though this was hardly likely due to the complexities of the case. ➤



Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman offers condolences to the son of Khashoggi (Jamal) in Riyadh



**Jamal
Khashoggi**

CCTV CLUES

Clues were forthcoming from film footage secured from hundreds of city centre CCTV cameras. A Turkish police spokesman said over 100 people had been assigned to scrutinise thousands of hours of recordings.

Officials from Turkey's MiT (National Intelligence Organisation) discussed the case with their counterparts in the GID and an announcement was made that an official joint and transparent investigation had been launched. Documentation, flight records and other important information was delivered by Saudi Arabia to police investigators in Turkey. Media houses were informed by Saudi officials that a "rogue team of agents numbering between 15 and 18 were responsible." Saudi officials also reiterated that whilst no body has been discovered, Khashoggi was dead.

Saudi King Salman sacked Ahmad Bin Hassan Bin Mohammed Asiri, GID Vice President and Saud Bin Abdullah Al Qahtani, Advisor to the

Royal Court. Shortly after Assistant Chief of General Intelligence Major General Mohammad Bin Saleh Al Rumaih, Assistant to the Head of General Intelligence for Human Resources was dismissed. The men were soon followed by Major General Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Shaya; and General Rashad Bin Hamed Al Mohammadi, Director of the General Directorate of Security and Protection at the GID.

A statement from Sheikh Saud bin Abdullah Al Mojob was then released: "The Public Prosecutor's Office affirms that its investigations continue in this case with 18 detainees so far, all of whom [are] Saudi nationals, in order to uncover and announce all the facts, and to hold accountable all those involved in this case and bring them to justice." He said information provided by the Joint Working Group investigating the case "indicated that the suspects premeditated their crime."

Information and imagery of the suspected assailants was provided by the GID. Turkish investigators also released a two minute video composite of one of the suspects. He was named as Mustafa al-Madani, 57, - the oldest member of the Saudi team.

**Removed -
Deputy Chief
of Intelligence
General
Ahmad Al
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2 OCTOBER

At 11.03am Madani was seen wearing casual clothes as he entered the consulate. At 1.14pm, Khashoggi entered the building. Madani is next caught on camera at 2.52pm leaving via the consulate's back door wearing virtually the identical clothing as that of Khashoggi when he entered the building. All are a



Above: Jamal Khashoggi arrives at the consulate. Below: A member of the negotiation team Mustafa al-Madani and an associate caught on CCTV in the afternoon of 2 October. It has been alleged he is a body double wearing Khashoggi's clothing



"perfect match except the shoes," an MiT officer said. He is also wearing a false beard and seems an almost identical body double in respect of his physique and gait. Alongside him another man. At 4.06pm the two are captured on various cameras, and are picked-up again at the Blue Mosque in the centre of Istanbul. Shortly thereafter at 4.29pm he is filmed again wearing his original clothes; the implication being he got changed in the mosque. His associate is carrying a bag which observers believe contained Khashoggi's clothing. The next time the men are caught on camera, the bag is nowhere to be seen. MiT allege it was thrown into a rubbish bin. At 1.25am on 3 October, Madani departs Turkey from Ataturk Airport.

INTELLIGENCE

Other senior agents of the Saudi team were also named by Saudi state media. Colonel Maher Abdulaziz Mureb, known to his colleagues as the 'dark face', because he always looked annoyed. He was a skilled "spy trainer who had previously worked in London."

Director CIA Gina Haspel has been briefed by Saudi Arabian and Turkish intelligence officials



Another team member was Salah Tubaigy, a forensics expert who in 2015 spent three months at Australia's Institute of Forensic Medicine.

In Saudi Arabia itself, state news agencies said authorisation for the 'end game' of the covert operation was green-lighted by Saud Bin Abdullah Al Qahtani, one of five senior men dismissed in the wake of the incident.

Intelligence sources believe the Saudi team had not intentionally killed the journalist, but were despatched to convince him to return (covertly if necessary) to Riyadh. There are also persistent rumours that a recording of his death exists, and has been heard by senior intelligence officials, including Director CIA Gina Haspel. At time of publication this has still not been released or heard by journalists. Haspel met with the head of MiT and senior Turkish intelligence officials in Istanbul. On 25 October, she returned to Washington and

briefed President Trump and other senior US figures about her visit. In between, Turkish and Saudi officials again insisted the investigation was "ongoing and thorough" and that both countries were determined to find out exactly what happened to Khashoggi and locate his body.

A HEINOUS CRIME

The Crown Prince met with Khashoggi's eldest son Jamal and other family members at the al Yamama Palace in Riyadh, to convey his condolences. He called the killing a "heinous crime" and insisted that all those found responsible "would be brought to justice."

Similarly, he told a large gathering of journalists at a major international finance conference, that the Khashoggi affair would "not derail the kingdom's reform drive." The Crown Prince added: "We will prove to the world that the two governments [Saudi Arabia and



2018. Saudi Arabia Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir with US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson

Turkey] are cooperating to punish any criminal, culprit and in the end, justice will prevail."

Turkey requested that those detained by Saudi security services for their involvement in Khashoggi's death, should be extradited. Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir said: "On the issue of extradition, the individuals are Saudi nationals... they are being detained in Saudi Arabia and the investigation is here also. They will be prosecuted in Saudi Arabia." Acknowledging that some people had exceeded their authority, he again insisted speculation as to what actually happened in Istanbul should cease until the investigation is concluded.

The official Saudi Press Agency said various world leaders, including Presidents Trump and Putin, had been briefed on the ongoing

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2018. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman pictured with US Defense Secretary James Mattis



1 December 2018. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman with President Putin at the G20 Summit in Buenos Aires



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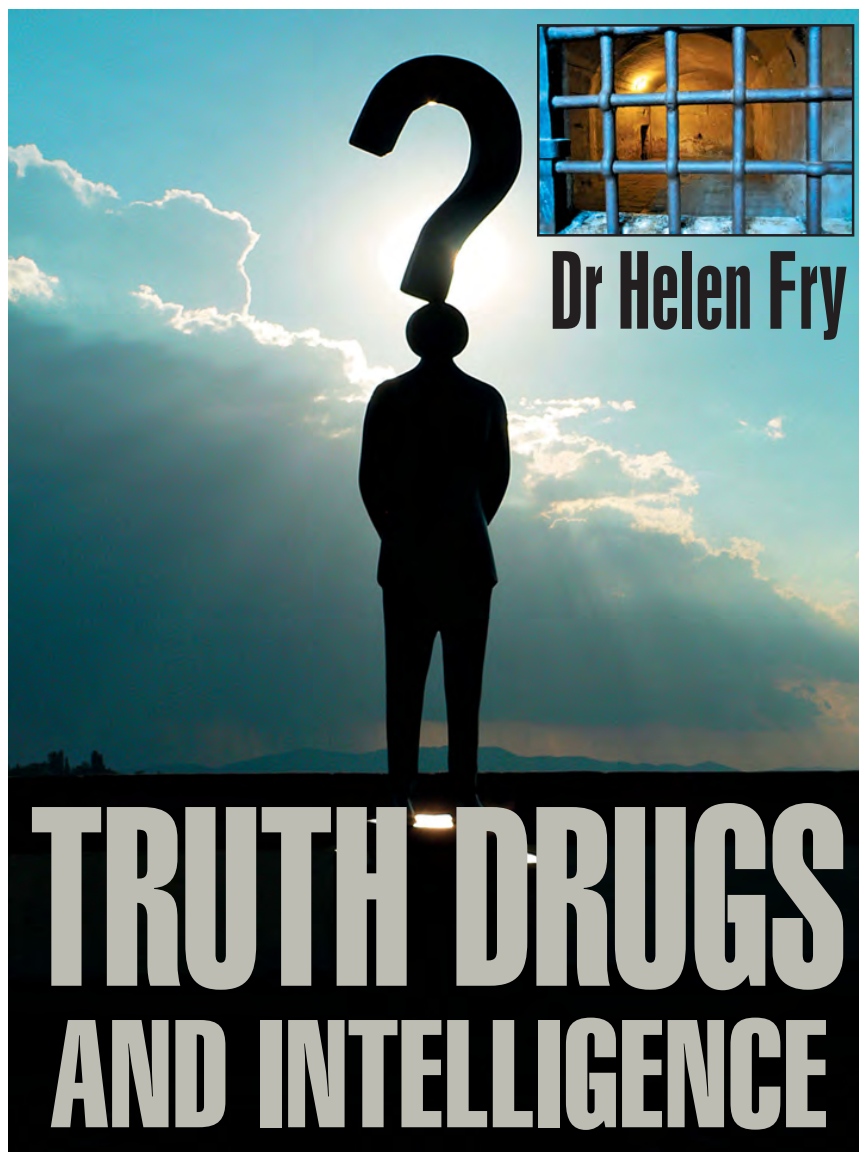
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Dr Helen Fry

A MORAL DILEMMA

New research of declassified papers reveals the use of 'truth drugs' in relation to interrogation, dates back much further than the Cold War, and can be traced back to the dark work undertaken at a secret interrogation centre in the heart of Kensington, London in WWII

In autumn 1940 British Intelligence, MI9, opened a secret interrogation centre in the millionaire enclave of London's Kensington Palace Gardens. Taking over buildings 6-7 and 8 and 8a, its commanding officer Colonel Alexander Scotland ensured that the mansion houses were stripped off their former luxury and the London Cage as it became known, was established as a grim prison; it soon developed a formidable reputation in military circles. Colonel Scotland and his interrogators endeavoured to break a prisoner's will to

resist through periods of solitary confinement, long relays of interrogation, often at night, and sleep deprivation. Declassified files - especially Colonel Scotland's unredacted memoirs - provide a vivid insight into life inside the Cage. But, proving precisely what happened there and dispelling the decades of rumours about mistreatment and torture is not straightforward.

From 1945 to 1948, the London Cage became the War Crimes Investigation Unit. Its role was now to investigate terrible war crimes against



Colonel Robin 'Tin-Eye' Stephens

Allied soldiers that the Nazi regime had committed during the war. One famous case Colonel Scotland and his team investigated was the shooting of the airmen who tunneled out of Stalag Luft III at Sagan (the 'great escape'). They successfully brought some of those perpetrators to justice.

In its new role, the London Cage saw the arrival in spring 1946 of over a hundred SS officers. The behaviour of these SS commanders and their undying loyalty to Nazism, with no remorse for their crimes, challenged interrogators to the limit. The worse SS Nazi war criminal ever held at the London Cage at this time was SS commander Fritz Knochlein. He had been guilty of ordering the cold-blooded murder of surrendering British soldiers at Le Paradis (France) back in May



SS commander Fritz Knochlein - he was found guilty of war crimes



In October 1948, Knochlein was tried at a war crimes court in Rotherbaum, Hamburg (pictured) and found guilty. He was hanged on 28 January 1949 in Hamelin. Interestingly, no other personnel who participated in the Le Paradis massacre, which saw some 90 British troops (POWs) killed, were ever prosecuted

1940. It was a horrific massacre that had left its two only survivors deeply traumatised. The orders had been given by Knochlein. Within intelligence files, Colonel Scotland described Knochlein: *'A Nazi of the first order, the worst order, a German who had dedicated himself to*

8 and 8a Kensington Palace Gardens 1938



brutality; irresponsible in the possession of power, ruthless in execution'.

But in an unexpected twist, Knochlein accused Colonel Scotland of torture and other breaches of the Geneva Convention. Knochlein's allegations were so serious that they threatened to derail the prosecution's case against him. The tables turned, Colonel Scotland found himself in court on charges of war crimes - something for which he was ultimately cleared. But it did not prevent the

rumours from continuing for decades to come.

TRUTH DRUGS

Whatever the moral dilemmas, psychological tricks and physical conditions at the London Cage, an astonishing fact has emerged - Colonel Scotland and his team used truth drugs on some prisoners as early as 1940. Truth drugs are generally associated with the Cold War and developed independently by the United States, Britain, Russia and North Korea in the 1950s. The experimental use of drugs and hypnosis for 'mind control' was believed to control a person's mind or induce them to tell the truth; hence the designation 'truth drugs'. The subject became the focus of the Hollywood film franchise *The Bourne Identity* and its sequels; Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*; Arthur Koestler's *Darkness at Noon* and George Orwell's *Nineteen Eight-Four*. ➤



Dr Helen Fry pictured today outside the buildings which supported the London Cage. Fry discovered the extent of truth drugs used by British Intelligence was far more than simple rumours



'The method is justified, provided the doctors are satisfied that the technique is one that can easily be carried out, and which will have no permanent affect on the patient's health; the information which it is desired to elicit is of vital importance...'

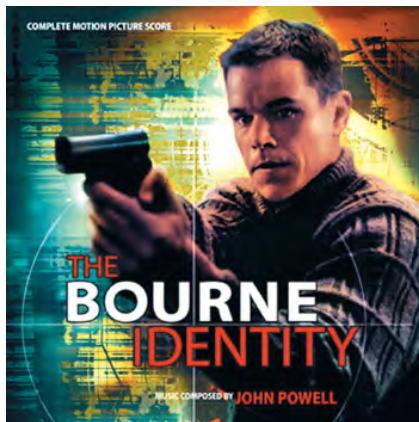
Director of British Naval Intelligence, John Godfrey



George Orwell was a prolific writer and used by British Intelligence

Orwell himself, was of course a British Intelligence contact man. In popular culture these were seen as just fiction and pure fantasy, yet few people suspected just how close to reality these accounts came.

Declassified files now reveal that Britain's Naval Intelligence interrogators were experimenting with truth drugs as early as December 1939. Initially, interrogators from Naval Intelligence tried out the drugs on their own willing intelligence officers to ascertain the effects. Bernard Trench, a Naval Intelligence



interrogator attached to MI9, was one of those involved in the experimental use of drugs like Evipan, and possibly Mescaline. His war diary alludes to the experimental use of drugs on prisoners. Evipan, when combined with hypnosis, could put a patient in a condition in which he would be unable to resist interrogation. The drug was traditionally used to treat types of epilepsy and certain psychotic disorders. It belonged to a group of drugs that made a person more susceptible to hypnosis. Hypnosis helped ensure that the patient had no memory of the interrogation.

In 1939, a Naval Intelligence team (of which Trench was a part) decided to select prisoners who were known to have valuable intelligence. Their spilling of secrets in interrogation, under



John Godfrey head of Naval Intelligence lived and operated from offices in this London building

the influence of Evipan, would be a measure of the effectiveness of the truth drug. After two or three nights of unexplained drowsiness, the prisoner would request to see a doctor and then, as the declassified report states: *'It would be reasonable practice for him [the doctor] to give a dose of Evipan'*. The patient would be none the wiser and still feel sleepy; Intelligence officers could observe the effects over a longer period of time.

JUSTIFYING USE OF DRUGS

A doctor who was prepared to adopt the technique and had no professional scruples about carrying it out administered the drugs to prisoners. Questions were raised at the time by the military on whether the use of truth drugs was morally acceptable. Documents reveal the head of Naval Intelligence, John Godfrey, concluded: *'The method is justified,*



Colonel Alexander Scotland



John Godfrey head of Naval Intelligence

provided the doctors are satisfied that the technique is one that can easily be carried out, and which will have no permanent affect on the patient's health; the information which it is desired to elicit is of vital importance'.

Returning to Colonel Scotland, there is a reference to his use of drugs on prisoners in the diary *Guy Liddell* [MI5's director of counter-espionage]. It reveals that on 22 September 1940, Colonel Scotland threatened to use drugs during interrogation at an MI5 interrogation centre, Camp 020 at Latchmere House, near Richmond. The prisoner was double agent TATE (A.k.a. Wulf Dietrich Schmidt). Scotland turned up with a syringe, as the diary says, 'containing some drug or

other, which it was thought would induce the prisoner to speak'. The commanding officer, Colonel Robin 'Tin-Eye' Stephens refused to allow Scotland to see TATE.



Wulf Dietrich Schmidt

Schmidt was, nevertheless, interrogated there by MI5; he finally broke under interrogation and agreed to be 'turned' as a double agent. He worked for the British as part of the Double Cross System that successfully turned a number of German spies to work for the Allies.

A COMPLEX MORAL DILEMMA

Whilst the use of torture at the London Cage cannot be definitively proved on current evidence, there is no doubt that it betrayed a little known shadowy side of intelligence.

Maverick and controversial, Colonel Scotland may have been, but it is hard to deny that his brilliance as an interrogator and commander

of human psychology transcends even the darkest parts of the history of the London Cage.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The London Cage may still be a sensitive area of British Intelligence history, but it has proved extraordinarily helpful in understanding the moral dilemmas and complex layers of decision-making that still face the intelligence services today - from Syria to Afghanistan and elsewhere. The importance of learning from the past was summed up in a CIA journal in which J.R. Seeger wrote: *'This is precisely the reason intelligence professionals should read The London Cage: it is they who will be tasked to build and run future interrogations programmes, and Dr Fry's books offers an important historical analogue for the work'.* [Studies in Intelligence, Vol. 62, No.1, March 2018, review by J.R. Seeger].



The London Cage (Yale) by Helen Fry is now out in paperback.

NEW EYE SPY ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Eye Spy is pleased to announce Dr Helen Fry has joined the Editorial Board as Associate Editor

ABOUT HELEN FRY: WWII intelligence historian Dr Helen Fry is the author of numerous books on the Second World War, including *The London Cage: The Secret History of Britain's WWII Interrogation Centre*; *The Walls Have Ears* (Yale: 2019); *Spymaster: The Secret Life of Kendrick*; *Churchill's German Army, From Dachau to D-Day*; and *Inside Nuremberg Prison*.

Her particular expertise lies in the history of MI9 and its intelligence operations bugging Axis prisoners, as well as expertise on the 10,000 Germans who fought for Britain in WWII - many of whom undertook clandestine intelligence operations. She is the deputy chair and a trustee of the Trent Park Museum Trust which is tasked with establishing a museum to the secret listeners of MI9's wartime bugging operation at Trent Park (North London).

Helen has appeared frequently on television and radio, most recently in BBC1's *Home Front Heroes* with comedienne Helen Lederer (November 2018); and in documentaries such as David Jason's *Secret Service* (Channel 4, 2017) for which she was also the historical consultant; *Spying*



on Hitler's Army (Channel 4), *Secrets of the Dead* (PBS), *Churchill's German Army* (National Geographic) and *Forbidden History: Kensington Palace* (Channel 5).

Helen is currently writing a history of MI9 for Yale University Press. Her official website:

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A VERY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



GCHQ Director
Jeremy Fleming

INTEL TRANSPARENCY

Five Eyes Spy Agencies Continue to Extend Social Media Presence

In 2016, in a bid to become more transparent and downplay 'darker' reporting, GCHQ surprised many in the intelligence world when it announced it was joining Twitter. Since then, from a desk occupied by one of its 6,000 staff, it has 'tweeted' more than 2,000 times accruing a following of 75,000. Now, as it begins its centenary year (1 November 2018), the UK's listening and communications organisation has launched an Instagram account, with a promise that it would help provide a further insight into the intelligence prowess of its people and role as a national security protector. One billion Instagram users

are now able to get a snapshot of life at GCHQ. Owned by Facebook, Instagram is a social network where photographs and videos can be uploaded and shared.

The account, @GCHQ, allows followers a glimpse into the schedule and activities of intelligence officers and staffers who work at GCHQ headquarters and regional branches; their hobbies and lifestyle as they engage and liaise with other UK spy services and military branches.

GCHQ's first post, showed the headquarters behind a fence carrying the caption: 'Well this

is going to be interesting. Follow us for a glimpse into our secret world'. Perhaps a little amusing, a sign in the photograph beyond the gates of the headquarters displayed the header 'No Photography'.

Instagram



A GCHQ spokeswoman said: "People generally know we're working 24/7 to help keep the country safe, but they don't get the chance to see behind the scenes. Hopefully this will help dispel some myths and show who we are as individuals.

"We hope our Instagram channel will encourage talented people to consider working with us at GCHQ. You'll not only learn about our work to stay one step ahead of those wishing to do us harm, but also get a glimpse at our hobbies, clubs and coffee shops. And



GCHQ's first
Instagram
upload





ASD Director-General Mike Burgess



of course there's bound to be puzzles and maybe some surprises too. As we enter our centenary year, we're more keen than ever that people get a picture of what life is really like as a GCHQ employee."



It was also reported that the organisation had allowed Britain's favourite bakery outlet - Greggs - to open a shop in its Cheltenham headquarters, which is of course known as the 'Doughnut'. Greggs and GCHQ declined to comment on the report. It is not the first commercial food company to 'operate' in the spy service, two Costa coffee shops, a Starbucks and a pizza outlet are also based in the HQ premises.

ASD TWITTER

Another secretive 'Five Eyes' agency opening its door to Internet users is the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD). Like their associates at GCHQ, NSA, CSA, and GCSB, the ASD, which uses the tag-line: *'Reveal their secrets, protect our own'*, is tasked with eavesdropping and decrypting adversaries' communications and all manner of signals work. It has made its Twitter debut: *'Hi internet, ASD here. Long time listener, first time caller'*. Thereafter there was a serious warning about rogue Chinese technology.



A spokesperson said the ASD's move to Twitter was part of a "new, more public-facing communications strategy." Some observers doubted the origin of the tweet, but defence officials confirmed that the message and account - @ASDGovAu - were authentic.

The debut tweet was followed by an image containing a visual text puzzle (cryptogram), of the organisation's acronym and excerpts from a speech by Director-General Mike Burgess. Mr Burgess, who joined the ASD in 1995, and was appointed as its chief earlier this year, said "ASD is coming out of the shadows."

The experienced technology and cyber specialist also defended Canberra's decision to ban Chinese telecoms firms Huawei and ZTE from operating Australia's new 5G network. Both have been accused of having links to the intelligence service of the Ministry of State Security (MSS).

FBI AGENT FITNESS APP

Another intelligence and security service with a popular web site, has found a unique way to engage with the public, exercise

enthusiasts and aspiring agents alike, by releasing a physical fitness app. Prospective FBI agents must take the actual fitness test several times



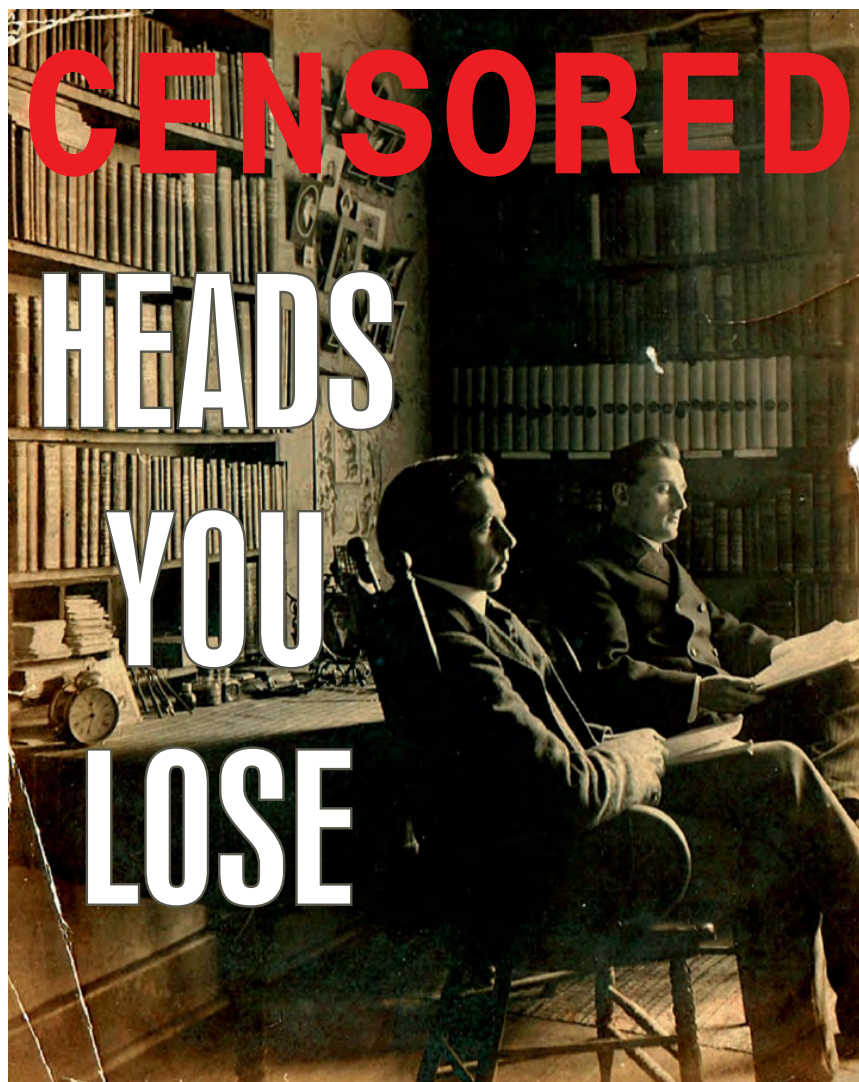
handle the physical demands of their jobs.

A Bureau spokesperson said: "With the new 'FBI Physical Fitness Test' app that can be downloaded to your mobile device, the public can take on the challenge as well.

throughout their hiring process, and current special agents are also required to take the test regularly to ensure they remain in shape to

A key feature of the app is video instruction, featuring actual FBI fitness trainers who work with new agents at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The test includes one minute of sit-ups, a timed 300-metre sprint, push-ups, as many as you can do, then a timed 1.5 mile run. Candidates for the FBI's elite Hostage Rescue Team are also required to complete pull-ups as part of the test.

The Bureau states: *'The FBI does not collect personal user data from this app; the information remains stored on the device in accordance with FBI.gov's privacy policy'*.



Eye Spy presents brief notes on selected case files of how nations around the world select literary and other media works for ‘special attention’ - often leading to redaction, censorship or even an outright ban

Kremlin Moves to Ban Novel of Life Under KGB-Controlled Russia

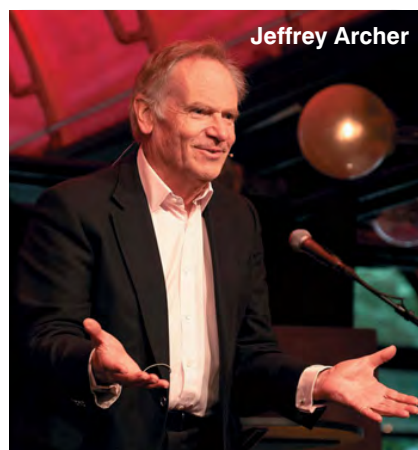
Like the title of his 2013 best-selling book, *Best Kept Secret*, acclaimed UK author and former politician Jeffrey Archer's new novel, *Heads You Win*, will not be openly available to ordinary Russians after Kremlin officials banned the book. Released in November, the novel opens with a gruesome KGB assassination, and examines the actions of a ruthless Moscow regime. The central character - protagonist Alexander Karpenko -

flees Russia in the 1960s following the assassination of his father and returns years later to confront his past. "Events like these, despite being fictitious, have upset the powers that be," an intelligence watcher said.

Archer, 78, spent two weeks in St Petersburg researching his book in 2017, and was reportedly warned that he should consider hiring bodyguards while promoting the work. *Heads You Win* has been turned down by 21 Russian publishing houses, despite 16 of his previous books being translated into Russian.

KREMLIN SENSORS

Archer is not the only person who has recently fallen foul of Kremlin censors. Scottish film producer and political satirist Armando Iannucci's dark satire film, *The Death of Stalin* has also been banned. Celebrated filmmaker Vladimir Bortko, a signatory to the letter announcing the Russian ban, described the

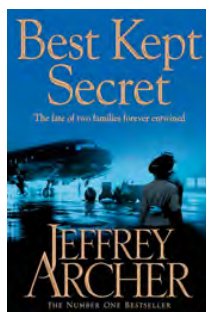
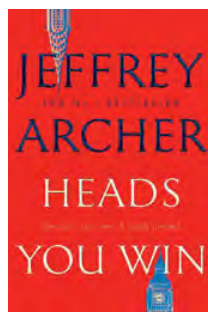


Jeffrey Archer

movie as "a tremendous abomination." Bortko incorrectly believes the picture was only made to "denigrate" the Communist Party. "For some reason, they say it's a comedy," he said. "However, there is so much hatred in this film it will not be shown."



Vladimir Bortko





2006. The Book Burning Memorial Bebelplatz, Berlin, the city square where the infamous 10 May 1933 Nazi book burning ceremony took place. Some 25,000 “un-German books” were destroyed in this location alone. Similar events were held in German cities

A close associate and friend of President Putin, is Oscar-winning director Nikita Mikhalkov. Like Bortko, he too signed the ‘objection letter’. Mikhalkov said the film was “unprofessional” claiming the acting through to the camera work were poor. “It’s not a film so much as a speculative operation unworthy of discussion,” he said.

Perhaps the toughest criticism came from Pavel Pozhigailo, an official who sits on an advisory council to Russia’s Ministry of Culture. He claimed the theme and portrayal of Russia was blasphemous.

“We don’t have to be a country of masochists. This film insults our national symbols,” said Pozhigailo. “The trailer goes out using our national anthem and it shows our great war marshals as... well idiots.”

Russia has banned just six motion pictures since 1966, before *The Death of Stalin*, one of

which was the 2006 comedy *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*. This was rejected after being called “offensive.”

Officials in Moscow, who objected to the criticism following the recent censorship decisions, advised that in the same time period, the United States censors “disqualified ten movies.” And Russia is not alone in the field of censorship. Hundreds of book titles, films, documentaries, publications, reports and even photographs and radio programmes fall foul to censors every year worldwide.

Another Communist country, China, banned *Wild Swans* by Jung Chang, which told of her family life under the rule of dictator Chairman Mao’s Communist Party. Since its release in 1991, the book has sold over 13 million copies, making it reputedly the best-selling non-fiction paperback novel of all time. And for the record - the book is still banned in China.

A copy of *Doctor Zhivago* covertly reworked into Russian by the CIA



2015. President Putin presents Nikita Mikhalkov with the 1st Degree Order of the Merit for the Fatherland



COLD WAR

Throughout the Cold War years, the Soviet Union enlisted thousands of Communist academics and several spy services such as East Germany’s Stasi to monitor books published in the West which were critical of Eastern Bloc countries. So too works about the benefits of a free society. The censorship was controlled by the Glavlit - General Directorate for the Protection of State Secrets in the Press. Glavlit operated three primary organisations to monitor what Moscow perceived as Western propaganda. Goskomizdat reviewed and examined all books and printed matter; Gosteleradio television and radio broadcasts and Goskino examined motion picture productions. Similarly, only through a special permit issued by the KGB, could you keep a title which was labelled ‘politically incorrect’.





Sergei Ivanovich Tiulpanov - head of propaganda in East Germany

In East Germany, censorship was initially headed by hard-line Bolshevik Sergei Ivanovich Tiulpanov, Director of Propaganda of the Soviet Military Administration.

The Soviets systematically destroyed millions of books in libraries and schools. Not just works perceived as Western in nature and opposed to Communism, but also Russian titles which contained material that painted a very dark world of life in Russia.

And in respect of authors, playwrights, film and radio producers in the USSR, all were monitored and regularly interviewed about their work... and loyalty.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

In the United States today, some books are still banned by school and public libraries, usually the result of a complaint. Strange but true - one such book targeted in the 1930s and again in the 1950s in hundreds of schools and libraries, was the *Wizard of Oz* (1900) by L. Frank Baum. Protesters in this case described it as promoting "unwholesome

values" and villains such as the flying monkeys as "ungodly characters."

Today, the American Library Association rejects to the banning of books, but the policy still stands.

THE HIDDEN HAND

In respect of Russia, Archer now sits alongside the likes of George Orwell, whose pro-Communist, yet critical novel *Animal Farm*, was outlawed, and Boris Pasternak, whose acclaimed 1957 work *Doctor Zhivago*, was also rejected by Communist censors. Pasternak's criticism of rule under the Bolshevik Party incensed ordinary Russians and the government alike. Sadly he turned down the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1958 when he and his family were threatened with removal from the country. Interestingly, in 1959, *Doctor Zhivago* was covertly reworked into Russian by the CIA and copies secreted in to Communist Russia. The publishing information in respect of whence the title originated, states '*Published in France*' - this a Langley deception.



Armando Iannucci's dark satire film, *The Death of Stalin*, has been banned in Russia

INTELLIGENCE WORKS

Everyone interested in intelligence and espionage likes to read and learn of the real-life world of those who operate in this secretive arena. Yet works produced by former intelligence officers in many countries are often vetted in the event they disclose too much information or trade secrets.

In some cases, government ministers overrule censors, as was the case in 1987 when former MI5 officer Peter Wright wrote *Spycatcher*. His work horrified British Intelligence for its intimate digest of operations and spycraft. Nevertheless, it was released in Australia and sold over two million copies worldwide. Strangely, it was available in Scotland.

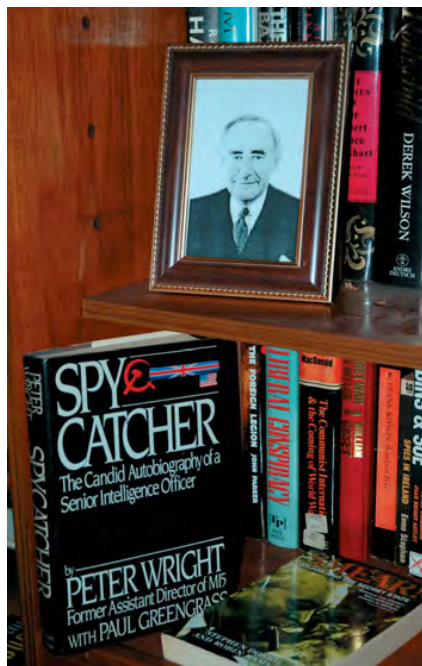
Other intelligence titles often pass through the censorship corridor unseen. One such work which received much attention *after it was published*, was intelligence man Lt. Colonel Anthony Shaffer's 2010 memoir *Operation Dark Heart: Spycraft and Special Operations on the Frontline of Afghanistan and the Path to Victory*. The Pentagon and US Intelligence Community, upset that alleged sensitive information was being revealed, names of



Boris Pasternak and his family



Lt. Colonel Anthony Shaffer (retired)



Peter Wright's *Spycatcher* was banned in the UK after it was considered a betrayal of secrets. One theme throughout that upset British Intelligence, was Wright's belief that MI5 Director General Roger Hollis (pictured in frame) was in fact a KGB spy

associates and other secrets, made it their mission to stop copies reaching the bookshelves - so much so that the first 10,000 were in fact purchased by the US Defense Department for nearly \$50,000 and destroyed. All manner of disputes and legal happenings, including redactions followed. This only served to heighten public interest in Shaffer's work. Yet despite the furor surrounding the affair, it is known a few dozen unredacted first edition copies slipped through the hands of the Pentagon's secret purchasers - some being sold for thousands of dollars.

Shaffer was not happy. "Someone buying 10,000 books to suppress a story in this digital age is ludicrous." Indeed, critics of censorship point to the Internet as a platform for banned works. Many books and productions outlawed and unavailable in one country can be accessed using the Internet, though in China, this is not possible due to tough regulations which service providers must abide by. Others are simply taken abroad to avoid national restrictions and laws and published.



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LOST IN SPACE

Cold War-Era Satellites Still Circling Earth

View of Mars from the InSight lander

Just days after NASA successfully landed its InSight probe on the surface of Mars, officials at the organisation revealed that five US and Soviet Cold War satellites continue to spin through space - long after their missions expired. Eye Spy looks at the devices long forgotten by the intelligence world, but not by space historians

VANGUARD AN AMERICAN GRAPEFRUIT

Dismissed as a "grapefruit" by Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, probably because of its size, America was playing catch-up with its Vanguard programme in the wake of the Soviets' launch of Sputnik. After two fiery failures, the 1.5-kilogramme 'space ball' was finally placed into orbit in 1958. Project Vanguard, overseen and managed by the US Naval Research Labora-



A Vanguard satellite being fitted to its launch rocket



1957. A Vanguard launch vehicle explodes - much to the delight of the Kremlin

tory (NSL), it was the first satellite to use solar power and transmitted faint radio signals back to Earth for six years before falling silent. It is now officially registered as the oldest man-made object in space - this because three previous Sputnik satellites have now decayed in orbit. It is expected to fall back to Earth in about 200 years.

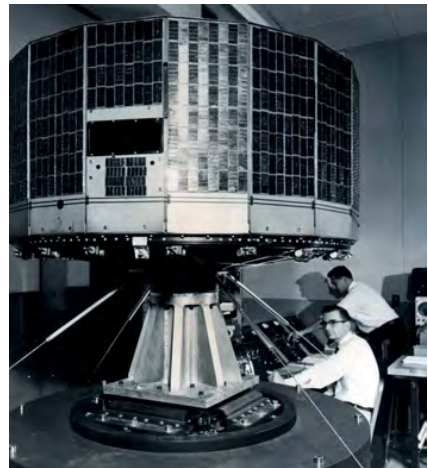


US space specialists examine the tiny Vanguard satellite

TIROS-1

SECRET WEATHER PROBE

Tiros-1 was NASA's first attempt at placing a weather satellite in orbit that could transmit a view of incoming weather from its two cameras to a control centre back on Earth. The 122-kilogramme satellite functioned in low orbit for 78 days before failing and entering into a long retirement. Nevertheless, it did send back the first ever television of Earth from space.



Its loss was not just felt by NASA, for the programme was backed by two intelligence arms - the US Army Signal Research and



NASA's Tiros 1 weather satellite being shaken during a test to see if it will survive the violent ride into space in 1960

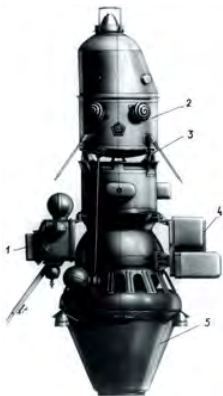


**First television space image of Earth.
Tiros-1 magnetic tape data recorder**

Development Laboratory, and the US Naval Photographic Interpretation Center. These organisations would be looking for more than just weather patterns.

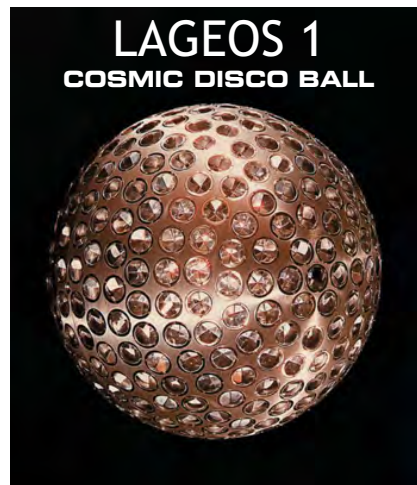
LUNA 10 THE INTERNATIONALE

Luna 10's 1966 mission was timed to 'liven up' a Communist Party Congress by transmitting the party's anthem - 'The Internationale' from the moon's orbit. However, a technical problem arose shortly before the performance and generated panic amongst watching Russian space technicians. Nevertheless, the stirring song played and the wildly applauded transmission instilled pride in the USSR. However, US Intelligence later learned the song had been prerecorded a day before transmission in the event of a problem with Luna 10.



Race to the moon-Luna 10

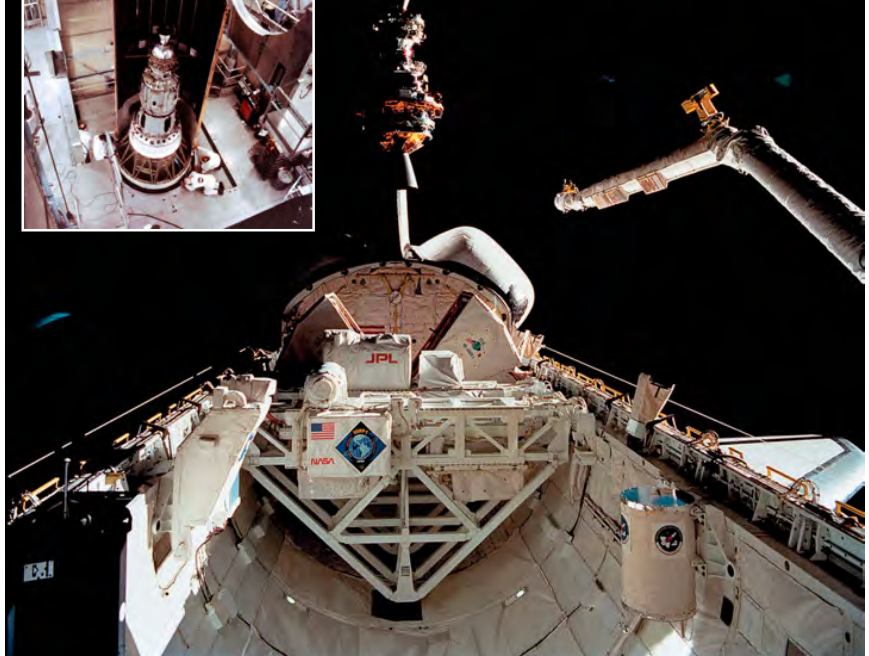
Despite being described by NASA as having "horror-clown eyes," the Soviets Luna 10 mission marked a significant moment during the space race after it became the first craft to orbit the moon.



NASA's LAGEOS 1, described as a "cosmic disco ball," was launched into orbit in 1976. The 400-kilogramme aluminium-and-brass sphere satellite, measuring just 60-centimetres was pocked with reflectors that allowed lasers on Earth to precisely measure the drift of tectonic plates and detect the exact shape of the planet. NASA specialists expect the object to return to Earth in around 8.4 million years. LAGEOS 2 was launched in 1992.

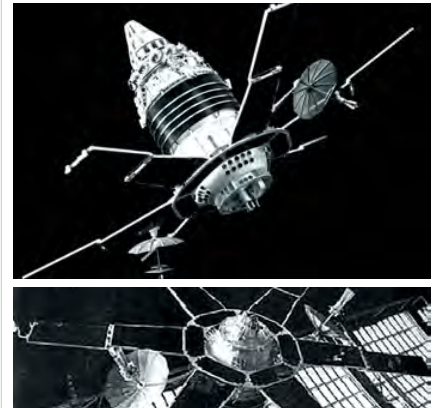


LAGEOS 2 before deployment into space by Space Shuttle Columbia in 1992. Inset: LAGEOS 1 nestles in the nose cone of a Delta rocket



MOLNIYA 1 COMMUNICATIONS

The Soviet Molniya 1 satellite was designed for military communications and required a massive rocket. The first attempt to launch Molniya in 1964 failed, but a year later the 1.5-ton satellite did reach space where its petal-like solar panels could unfold. The satellite functioned for just nine months. In Russia it was called Kosmos 41.



FACT SHEET: Today, some 18,000 man-made objects circle the Earth, but just like the five satellites referenced by NASA, most are defunct or not operating as intended. International efforts are now under way to develop the means to clean up some of the space junk left in orbit. The urgency of the problem was highlighted in 2009 when a defunct Russian and a working American satellite collided at a combined speed of some 26,000 miles per hour.

NEW SERIES

EYES

The Hidden Cold War Sites of the Great Plains

Eye Spy examines various internationally important sites and places open to the public... all with threads to the intelligence world

Today, numerous former military, government and production sites are being opened to the public offering a tantalising glimpse into the secret world of intelligence, defence and government. The Minuteman Missile National Historic Site (MMNHS) preserves two such facilities that were once part of a Minuteman Missile field that covered the far western region of South Dakota from 1963 to the early 1990s.

The sites were built in one of the most important defence zones of the United States - the vast Great Plains area covering over 800,000 square miles. Here a major arsenal of nuclear Minuteman missiles were situated in



Minuteman III missile in silo

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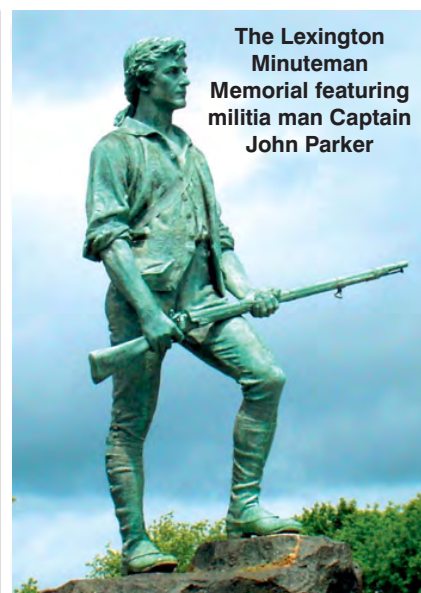
MINUTEMAN MISSILE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

the event of conflict between the West and USSR. Hidden for thirty years, 1,000 missiles were in-situ, manned and ready for use. Indeed, hundreds remain today.

As for the name 'Minutemen', this is derived from the partisan militias who fought the British in the Revolutionary War - civilian colonists who responded in minutes to protect the homeland.

The first Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBM) silos arrived on the Great Plains in 1959 - Atlas sites in Wyoming. The first

Left: Antennae cluster on the surface of the Titan Missile Museum's silo. When the Titan IIs were phased out in 1982, the site went through an elaborate deactivation process, crippling the missile to ensure it could never fire - and making sure those safeguards were visible to Soviet satellites



The Lexington Minuteman Memorial featuring militia man Captain John Parker



Construction of the silos and facilities begins in the Great Plains. The area would support 1,000 Minutemen ICBMs

missile readied for launch was in Montana in 1962 - just in time for the Cuban Missile Crisis. With a range of upto 9,300 miles, all of the Soviet Union's important sites were now within reach.

There were 15 Launch Control Facilities that commanded and controlled 150 Launch Facilities (silos) holding the Minuteman missiles. Two of these facilities have been preserved and survive in their original state following an Act of Congress in 1999: Launch Control Facility Delta-01 with its corresponding underground Launch Control Centre and Launch Facility (Missile Silo) Delta-09. These two sites, along with a Visitor Centre, comprise MMNHS west of Wall in South Dakota.



Minuteman Missile National Historic Site (MMNHS). Inset: Minuteman launch

HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENTS OF GREAT PLAINS SITES

There were many reasons that Minuteman's were sited in the Great Plains region. The following are considered the three major ones:

1. DISTANCE: The shortest distance to the Soviet Union, the United States' main opponent during the Cold War, was over the North Pole.



Minuteman area and shield of the 44th Missile Wing



Gateway to Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. The base was home to the 44th Missile Wing



For example, from Launch Facility (silo) Delta-09 to Moscow the distance was approximately 5,100 miles.

2. PROTECTION: Minuteman sites away from America's coastlines meant more warning time if Soviet submarines launched an attack from off the coasts.

3. FAR AWAY FROM POPULATION CENTRES: Minuteman sites on the sparsely populated Great Plains meant less lives were directly at risk from nuclear strikes by the Soviet Union.

Similarly, by locating the ICBM sites over such a large area, defence planners believed that some missile launch sites would survive a pre-emptive strike by Moscow, allowing the US to respond in kind.

END OF AN ERA

In 1991, Presidents George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) and the 44th Missile Wing, headquartered at Ellsworth AFB in

Rapid City, South Dakota was deactivated. There followed a dismantling of all nuclear facilities in the Great Plains, except of course Delta 01 and Delta 09 - these being preserved as historic sites. Similar deconstruction began in the USSR. It should be noted of course, that various other arms limitation programmes such as the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF) and Strategic Arms Limitations Talks/Treaty (SALT) in the late 1960s, which limited the number of nuclear warheads, had proceeded START.

MMNHS is the only US National Park Service unit specifically designated for the Cold War. Congress stated in the park's enabling legislation that Minuteman Missile's purpose is: *'To interpret the historical role of the Minuteman II missile defence system as a key component of America's strategic commitment to preserve world peace and in the broader context of the Cold War'*.

The structures and landscapes at MMNHS serve as an ideal location to explore the people, places and stories that illustrate the



1991. Presidents George H.W. Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev sign the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START)



Minuteman I on display at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. Later variants could travel at 15,000mph meaning once launched, they could hit their targets in the USSR in just 30 minutes. Inset: Delta 09 at MMNHS

1990. US Ambassador Eileen Malloy head of arms control at a rocket destruction site in Saryozek, to monitor the dismantling of Soviet weaponry



experience of USAF personnel, local landowners and residents of the Great Plains who worked at or lived around Minuteman Missile sites for the last three decades of the Cold War.

Because of the intense security regarding nuclear weapons, few citizens were ever able to take a look inside Minuteman Missile sites during the Cold War era. Officials say by opening the MMNHS to the public, it affords a glimpse of the secret world that existed during these dark times, helping visitors understand one of the most important historical chapters in Mankind.

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1987. Soviet train photographed with SS-12 Scaleboard medium range missiles at Hranice na Morave station in Czechoslovakia 1987

MMNHS SOUTH DAKOTA



The facility manager's combined room and office at MMNHS showcases the strange domesticity of the launch control centre



A game of 'Battleship' waits in the day room at MMNHS. Missile crew members had mandated breaks during their 24-hour alerts, and a guaranteed rest day



Titan II missile seven storeys below the surface. The two-stage booster can lift over two tons into low orbit and were also used for Gemini manned space missions



Suits protected Titan II technicians from toxic jet fuel. "You sort of have armageddon in the back of your brain," said Yvonne Morris, a former missile officer



Blast door, decorated with 'morale art', familiar to readers of Eye Spy



Light throws every rivet into sharp relief at Level 5 of the Titan II missile



1987. Gorbachev and Reagan sign the INF Treaty

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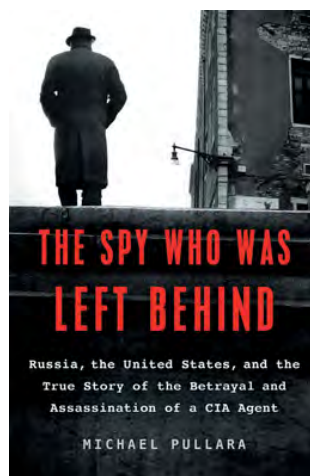
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On 8 August 1993, a single bullet to the head killed Freddie Woodruff, the CIA Station Chief in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia. Within hours police had a suspect - a vodka-soaked village character called Anzor Sharmaidze. A 'tidy' explanation quickly followed: "It was a tragic accident." US diplomats hailed Georgia's swift work, and both countries breathed a sigh of relief.

Yet the bullet that killed Woodruff was never found and key witnesses have since retracted their testimony, saying they were beaten and forced to identify Sharmaidze. But if Sharmaidze didn't do it, who did?

Those who don't accept the official explanation think the answer lies in the spy games that played out on Russia's frontier following the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union. Woodruff was an early actor in a dangerous drama. American spies were moving into newborn nations

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Litvinenko's grave stone in
Highgate Cemetery, London

journalist and writer, as well as an agent for MI6.

Eight years later, and before his death in 2006 from Polonium-210 positioning, Litvinenko said: "You may succeed in silencing one man but the howl of protest from around the world, Mr Putin, will reverberate in your ears for the rest of your life."

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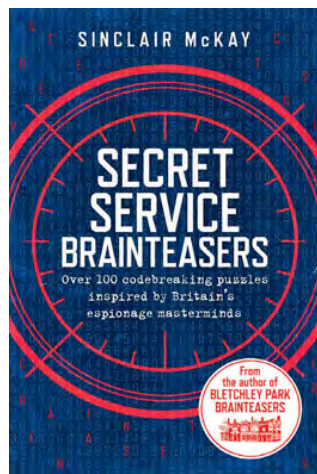
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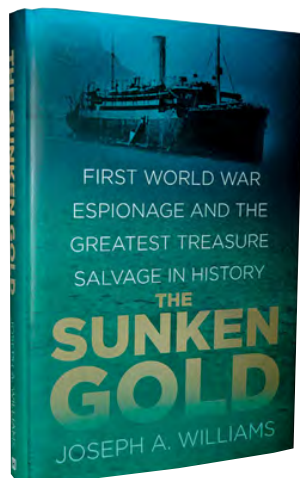
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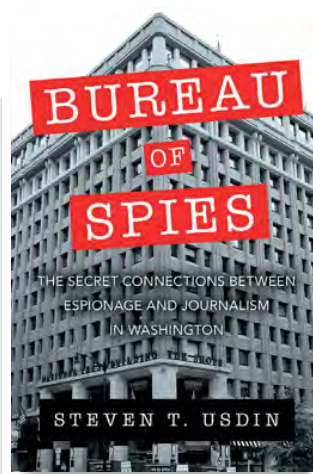
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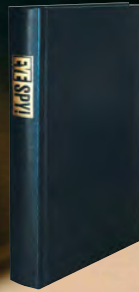
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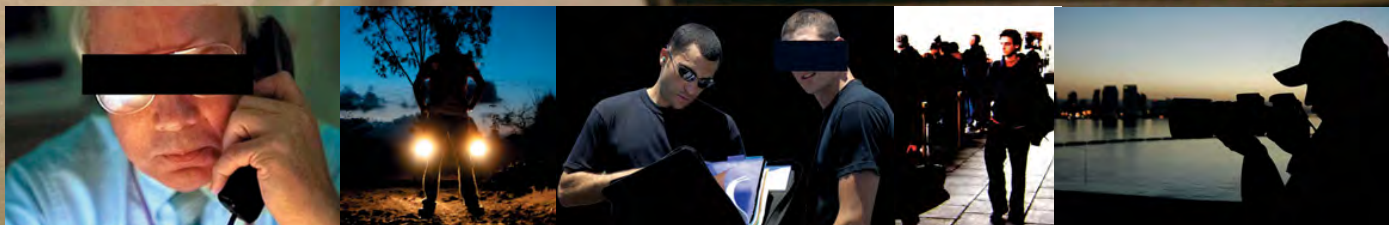
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investigation. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Mr Putin believes the Royal Family were oblivious to the intelligence operation in Istanbul and "no-one should have any reason not to believe them." President Trump also said "it was quite possible Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman did not know."

Deputy prosecutor Shaalan al-Shaalan speaking from Riyadh,

has insisted throughout that the operation was unauthorised. He said investigators had "revealed that the person who ordered the killing was the head of the negotiation team," (Al Qahtani) and that the "Crown Prince did not have any knowledge about it."

The entire purpose of the failed mission, according to Saudi media, was to persuade Khashoggi to return to the country

and end his self-imposed exile in Turkey.

There have been all manner of stories regarding who knew what and who authorised the operation. There was much speculation in the US media that the CIA had concluded the operation was sanctioned at the highest levels of the Saudi Government, however, President Trump said: "I have their report, the CIA "did not conclude Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman ordered the operation."

US Secretary of State and former Director CIA Mike Pompeo, who has discussed the case with senior Saudi and Langley intelligence officials, defended the US-Saudi intelligence and security



Jamal Khashoggi

relationship. He told colleagues and a media gathering in early December, that there was "no direct reporting connecting the crown prince to the Khashoggi murder." His words were again echoed by Defense Secretary James Mattis: "There is no smoking gun."

LAST WORD

GREEN ON BLUE

SPECIAL FORCES AND INTEL FIGURES TARGETED

KABUL: On 18 October, one of Afghanistan's best known commanders and a powerful political and influential figure in the country, Brigadier General Abdul Raziq, 40, was shot dead by a member of his own bodyguard team. Provisional intelligence chief Abdul Mohmin - a CIA contact man - was also seriously injured.

On 3 November, Army Major Brent Taylor, 39, (below) the mayor of North Ogden in Utah, was killed in an another 'green on blue' attack whilst serving with the US Army National Guard in Afghanistan. He was shot dead in Kabul by a member of the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces. His attacker is believed to have been

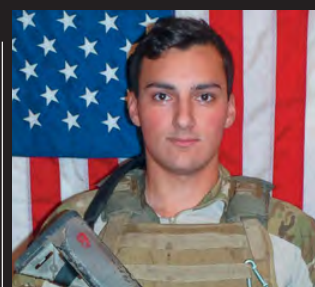


controlled by the Taliban. Ogden, was on his fourth tour of duty to Afghani-

stan and had been assigned to a programme which trained members of Afghanistan's security forces.

US Army Sergeant Leandro A.S. Jasso, 26, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, was killed in Afghanistan on 24 November. Defense officials said the Special Forces trooper died after succumbing to small arms fire in Helmand Province while engaged in Operation Freedom's Sentinel. Like Taylor, the shooter was described as an allied soldier.

Jasso is the tenth Ranger to have been killed in Afghanistan in 2018.



Sergeant Leandro A.S. Jasso

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