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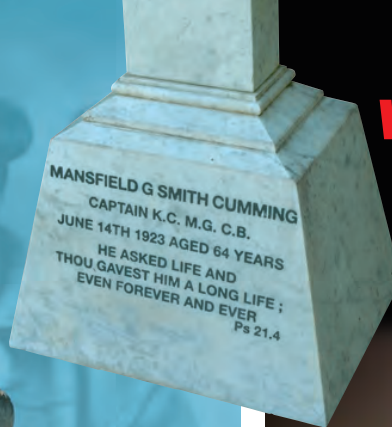
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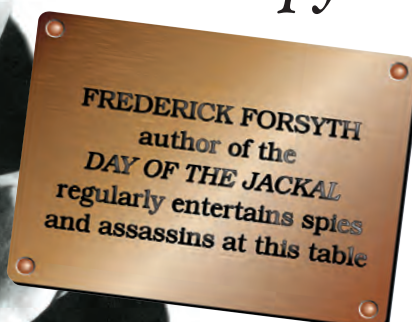


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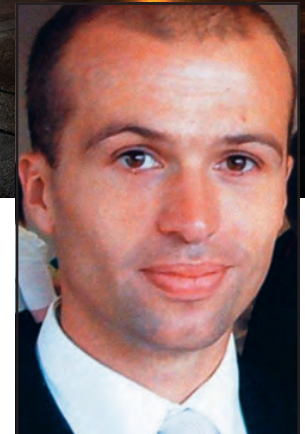
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"If we do our jobs well, we will know who most of the people are who potentially offer a threat to this country. But we can't monitor them all the time..."

Andrew Parker
MI5 Director-General



FIRST WORD

ISIS IS DESTROYING THE MOSAICS OF HUMAN HISTORY

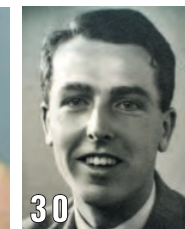


As Eye Spy approaches its 100th edition, it's interesting to note that the stories making today's 'espionage news' have changed little in almost 15 years. We witnessed a spy exchange on a bridge separating Russia and Estonia quite reminiscent of the Cold War, whilst the great spy and thriller writer Frederick Forsyth has finally acknowledged he was an agent for MI6. Other significant espionage stories have also emerged, including details of a known spy who may yet be added to the infamous ranks of the Cambridge Spy Ring. Elsewhere a former MI5 Director-General in the person of Dame Stella Rimington has uncovered some interesting notes on a famous spy case dating back a hundred years. Edith Cavell was a British nurse executed by the Germans for espionage. The incident caused outrage around the world, and some believe may have been another reason for America joining Britain in the Great War. London denied she was a spy, but Rimington's research suggests otherwise!

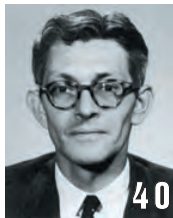
Sadly, the topic of terrorism has again been in the news. Whilst al-Qaida retains its menace, it is ISIS or Daesh making the headlines again with numerous atrocities and acts which will never be forgiven. The group continues to destroy antiquities and places that define the human race - no more so than in Syria. Its fanatics have blown up buildings and archaeological remains that have been described as 'mosaics of human history'. The Iraq-Syrian war theatre is a complex mess made even more dangerous by the entry of Russia. Besides striking ISIS targets, its war planes are clattering groups across the region, including militias loyal to the Alliance and opposed to President Bashar al-Assad. It is inevitable an incident of sorts will happen that will only raise tensions further.

On a lighter note, do look out for Eye Spy 100 which is a special expanded edition.

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INTELLIGENCE CHOICE

SIR MANSFIELD CUMMING FIRST CHIEF OF MI6

Eye Spy's *The Insider's Guide to 500 Spy Sites in London* has various locations associated with Britain's most famous spy chief - Sir Mansfield Cumming. However, in this edition we look at some aspects of his life, both personal and work-related which have remained somewhat of a mystery, including his family and a scattering of buildings and locations across the country. What we discovered in a number of obscure archive records and elsewhere will undoubtedly be of interest to spy aficionados around the world.

A two-part major investigative feature begins with his birth and death...

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INTELLIGENCE REVIEW • NEWS • DIGEST

FUSILIER LEE RIGBY Trooper Killed by Al-Qaida in London Finally Honoured with Memorial Plaque

Council officials in the London borough of Greenwich, have reversed their decision and agreed to install a memorial plaque to honour Fusilier Lee Rigby. The 25-year-old was brutally attacked by Michael Adebolajo and Michael Adebowale - two al-Qaida supporters in May 2013 - close to Greenwich Barracks.

Approved and reversed previously, Councillor Denise Hyland, who described the case as an "emotive issue" now says that a plaque bearing his name will be installed.

Officials caused outrage in the country when it announced it would instead "commemorate all



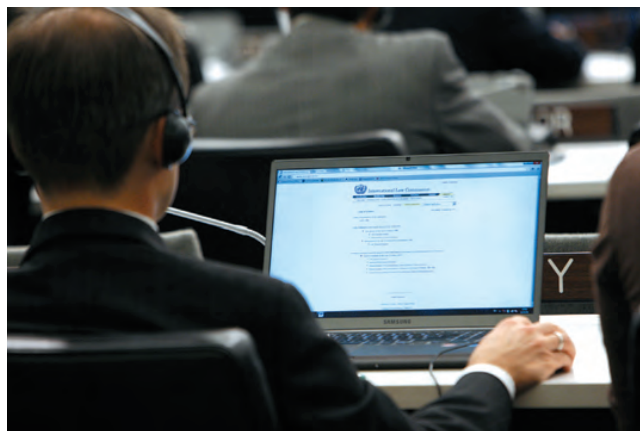
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those servicemen and woman who have served or lived in

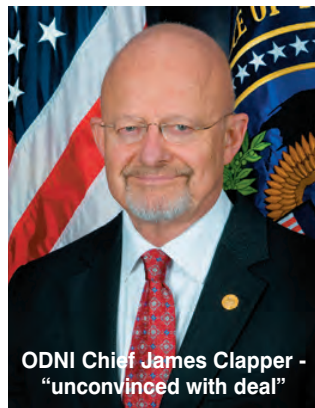
Hope Springs Eternal US Intel Unconvinced by 'No Cyber Spying' Agreement

Following years of mistrust and accusations over cyber espionage, the United States and China have agreed not to conduct operations against each other involving trade secrets and intellectual property for commercial gain.

The agreement, viewed by intelligence watchers as 'unworkable', was reached following talks between President Obama and China's President Xi Jinping at the



**Beth Cobert - acting Director
of Office of Personnel
Management**



**ODNI Chief James Clapper -
"unconvinced with deal"**

White House. Armed with a catalogue of evidence against China, including various cases of cyber and economic espionage, Jinping agreed that some areas were off limits. In the most recent cyber attack, a Chinese outfit secured millions of records from the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM). For his part, Mr Jinping noted the global surveillance of electronic media by the NSA, this in the aftermath of the Edward Snowden leaks.

A ban on other 'traditional' cyber operations was not discussed, nor are they covered in the agreement. Another omission was infrastructure protection - and this surprised many as disruption in any of the fields covered here could prove highly damaging. Some agencies wanted both parties to commit to a no-first strike policy.

Sceptics noted Jinping's final comment revealed by Obama: "Xi said he cannot guarantee the

behaviour of all the people in China." Nor too the many secret front companies securing contracts with the wider US Department of Defense industries, no doubt. "Hope springs eternal," said James Clapper Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). Clapper does not have high expectations the agreement will work, nor did he try to play down US cyber operations. "We spy in cyber space," he said.



Michael Adebowale and Michael Adebolajo

Woolwich and who have given their lives.” However, after numerous protests and a petition signed by thousands of people, Hyland said: “As a result I have decided that we will ensure that Lee is named on a memorial plaque, as will be the case for other victims killed in recent conflicts. This will allow his family to commemorate his life and his

connection with Woolwich from where he served his country.”

Colonel Mike Glover, regimental secretary of the Lancashire Fusiliers, said: “As a nation, as a member of his family, as a friend or a fellow Fusilier it is important we do not forget the sacrifice of Lee and those who served the Crown.”

SEEKING THE SPYMASTER

Global Hunt for Wanted Intelligence Man

BUENOS AIRES:

Argentina has launched a critical attack on Washington for not answering repeated questions concerning a former spymaster. President Fernandez de Kirchner wants assistance in tracing the whereabouts of

Antonio Stiuso, the ex-head of the defunct Intelligence Secretariat (IS), whom she suspects is in hiding in the United States.



Stiuso disappeared after the assassination of state prosecutor Alberto Nisman in January. Nisman had headed an investigation into corruption in Fernandez’s government, and actually named her as being complicit in concealing facts about the 1994 bombing of a Jewish institute in Buenos Aires (see Eye Spy 95).

For her part, and the primary reason she wants to find Stiuso, Fernandez claimed he “duped Nisman” into concocting the allegations in the first place, this in an effort to “destabilise the government.”



President Xi Jinping

OPM BREACH: CIA BEIJING STAFFERS LEFT VULNERABLE

It has also transpired, that just weeks following the hack at the US Office of Personnel Management, which compromised an estimated 20 million personnel records, the CIA withdrew a number of officers from the American Embassy in Beijing. Langley’s hierarchy believed the breach made them more vulnerable to blackmail.

China Arrests Japanese and US ‘Spies’

Western Intelligence Dubious about ‘Spy Claims’

China has confirmed two missing Japanese nationals and an American have been arrested on suspicion of spying. The Japanese arrests took place in May with one person detained near the North Korean border, the other near a military facility in Zhejiang. Details only emerged in late September.

According to Japan’s *Asahi* newspaper, the two men work in the private sector, but China is investigating if they were actually

acting on orders from the Japanese government.

Diplomats from both sides are trying to resolve the issue but details are scarce.

The North Korean border is considered a sensitive area by China, evidenced by the arrest of a Canadian family this summer who ran a coffee shop in Dandong near the China-DPRK border. They were arrested for allegedly stealing trade secrets.

Tensions between Japan and China have risen dramatically over the last few years, with much mistrust over Beijing’s claim to disputed airspace and waters. Earlier this year, and almost certainly in retaliation to Chinese spy activities, Tokyo announced it was moving towards the creation of an MI6-type intelligence service.

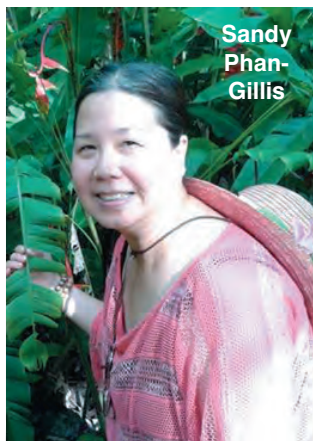
CHINA SPY CLAIMS DISMISSED

White House officials have tried to secure details from China’s



intelligence services over the detention of a US national whom Beijing claims is a spy. Vietnamese-born Sandy Phan-Gillis from Texas, was arrested in March, but like the Japanese case, details have only recently surfaced. Gillis was in the country as part of a trade delegation when she was detained trying get to Macau.

Mr Gillis said, “Sandy is not a spy or a thief. She is a hard-working businesswoman who spends huge amounts of time on non-profit activities that benefit Houston-China relations.”



Sandy Phan-Gillis



FROZEN IN TIME

Bridge Spy Exchange Suits Russia

An Estonian domestic intelligence (KaPo) officer who had been sentenced to 15-years in prison for alleged espionage against Russia, was involved in a spy exchange on a bridge which separates the two countries. Eston Kohver, according to the FSB, (Federal Security Service) Russia's main spy agency, was detained inside the Russian border

carrying various items, including a hand gun, ammunition, cash and audio recording equipment. "All of this was for an intelligence gathering mission against Moscow," an FSB official said.

However, Kohver was almost certainly abducted inside Estonia and was part of a security/intelligence detail monitoring Russians close to the border.

Western intelligence sources say that on 5 September 2014, Russian operatives jammed his radio equipment and then fired several smoke grenades in order

to disorient Kohver. Once this was achieved he was disarmed and driven into Russia.

After sentencing him in August 2015, Estonian Prime Minister Taavi Roivas said: "I strongly condemn the verdict on Eston Kohver. His illegal detention constitutes a grave violation of international law by the Russian Federation."

Following a month of negotiations with KaPo chief Arnold Sinisalu, Kohver was exchanged for Aleksei Dressen, a Russian agent who was arrested in 2012 with his wife



Eston Kohver

and charged with espionage. It transpired he had been passing intelligence to Moscow since Estonia's independence in 1991.

On 26 September 2015, officials from both sides gathered each side of the Piusa River - and in a scene reminiscent of the Cold War era, Kohver and Dressen along with a protector, walked towards



Aleksei Dressen

Estonian troops engage in a NATO operation

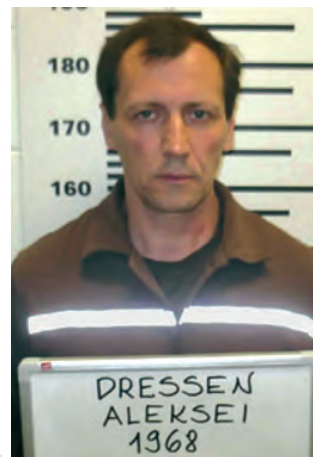


KaPo Director Arnold Sinisalu



Shield of KaPo

Another Ukrainian activist, Aleksandr Kolchenko, was also sentenced at the court, he received 10-years. Both men were accused of arson attacks on various pro-Russian groups when the Crimean Peninsula was occupied by regular Russian troops.



Aleksei Dressen following his arrest for espionage

each other on the mist-shrouded bridge. After a slight glance and handshake, the men continued their journey to freedom.

Analysts believe the abduction of Kohver was a carefully planned operation with the sole intent of using him to free Dressen.

MORE 'SPY' ARRESTS

A Russian military court has sentenced acclaimed Ukrainian

filmmaker Oleg Sentsov to 20-years in prison. Russia's FSB said he participated in various acts of terrorism around the period when Moscow annexed the Crimea.

Detained since July 2015, Sentsov, 39, was charged with arms trafficking, terrorism and heading a terrorist group. A court document said he was involved in an active plot to blow up a monument of Lenin and set ablaze government offices.

Sentsov, best known for his 2011 film *Gamer*, like Kolchenko, denied the charges. The men had been particularly vocal about Russia's intervention and, according to sources, were tortured into confessing. In court, Sentsov countered his admission: "When they put a bag over your head, beat you up a bit, you're ready to go back on all your beliefs, implicate yourself in whatever they ask, implicate others, just to stop them beating you. I don't know

what your beliefs can possibly be worth if you are not ready to die for them."

Supporters of the men, many in the film industry, say the trial was manufactured. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said: "A time will come when those who set this trial for you will land in the dock."

KREMLIN'S PROPAGANDA BATTLE

KaPo Warns of Russia's Growing Army of 'Agents of Influence'

KaPo's counter-intelligence arm has long waged a secret war against what it perceives are Russia's agents of influence - ex-patriots and especially those involved in media projects. Since the fall of Communism and the break-up of the Soviet Union, Moscow has used every opportunity to provide the type of news it wants read in countries stretching from the Baltic to the Crimea. Russian propaganda at its finest.

In small countries such as those in the Baltic region, there remains huge mistrust. KaPo has been open and vociferous in identifying companies and individuals who it believes are attached to or working directly for the FSB and/or the Kremlin.

Baltnews is one such endeavour. Launched in October 2014, it is allegedly funded by Rossiya Segodnya (Russia Today - RT) and part of a worldwide programme dubbed 'Russian Soft Power'



by Western intelligence agencies. KaPo said its web service to Estonia www.baltnews.ee is headed by Aleksandr Kornilov. He has been described as chief of the propaganda portal baltija.eu. Behind this endeavour and others are various Russian front companies based in Europe. KaPo said one of the founders of Baltnews is Vladimir Lepekhin, director of the Eurasian Economic Community Institute. Officials in KaPo have accused Lepekhin of actively participating in Russian 'influence operations'. He is also an alleged member of Club Zynoveev, part established by RT. KaPo insists all of the 'arms' can be traced to the Kremlin's propaganda think tanks - custom created for operations in various theatres and countries.

Other alleged propaganda fronts include Impressum and Format 3. Both have been accused of outputting anti-Estonia material.

Surveillance photograph shows Vladimir Lepekhin - described as the 'Kremlin's animosity ambassador of propaganda' and Aleksandr Kornilov



Sanctioned

Five British Terrorists Named by United Nations

For the first time in over a decade, the United Nations has named and sanctioned several Britons fighting with the terror group ISIS/Daesh. The move follows a UK Government request that will effectively isolate the individuals in the war theatre of Iraq and Syria. Travel bans have been implemented and assets frozen as officials move to stop

the recruitment of British nationals to ISIS.

The individuals are Sally-Anne Jones, Omar Hussain, Aqsa Mahmood and Nasser and Aseel Muthana. All have been instrumental in using electronic media to urge supporters to join ISIS, whilst at least two have actually committed murder. Hussain was filmed beheading captured Syrian



Aqsa Mahmood



Sally-Anne Jones



Omar Hussain



Nasser Muthana



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An RAF Tornado returns to RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus following an operation against ISIS in Iraq

Air Force officers. He has also appeared in videos calling for entire families, including children, to join him in Syria. Mahmood, a member of the female al-Khanssaa brigade has urged supporters to attack targets in Europe.

On learning of the move, Jones, dubbed 'Mrs Terror', taunted the government on Twitter. *Just found out from an article that David Cameron has put me on a UN sanctions list... I love England for giving me a travel ban*.

A Downing Street spokesman said: "As well as the domestic measures we have introduced, such as the power to seize passports, these sanctions are a powerful tool - freezing an

individual's assets and imposing a global travel ban."

The move comes as Britain launches a multi-million pound propaganda programme to dissuade people from joining ISIS. Similar endeavours are in place elsewhere as the international community, recognising the threat of ISIS, has engaged in various projects, including intelligence sharing.

Whilst the UN sanctions are useful, military officials still maintain that troops are needed on the ground to eliminate ISIS. As complex as the situation is, adversaries such as Iran and the USA, may yet cooperate with each other on the issue of coordinated attack operations.

The Anzac Day Plot

Britain's Youngest Terrorist Jailed for Life

A 15-year-old British boy from Blackburn, England, has been sentenced to life in prison at Manchester Crown Court for his role in plotting a terror attack in Australia on Anzac Day earlier this year.

During his trial it emerged that the boy found an online extremist community using his first

smartphone. Adopting a much older persona, he then located Australian ISIS recruiter Neil Prakash - who goes by the jihadist name Abu Khaled al-Cambodi. Thereafter he began liaising with 18-year-old Sevdet Besim from Melbourne. Using a Twitter account to create a fantasy image of himself, his messages soon attracted 24,000 followers - and British Intelligence.

Astonishingly, in just nine days Sevdet and the Briton exchanged some 3000 encrypted messages. The Briton's influence of the Australian was such that he "gave Besim a choice between Hijrah (joining ISIS in Syria) or performing an attack in his own country".

They decided to strike in Australia. The plan was to attack at least one police officer by ramming him with a car - then to behead him in full public gaze - preferably on Anzac Day (25



Sevdet Besim



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Wooden box found in the boy's bedroom marked 'Islamic State'

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Art Underworld

ISIS Trash the 'Mosaics of Human History'

The FBI and US Department of State have launched a new initiative to advise antique dealers and art collectors of possible stolen Near Eastern antiquities by the terror group ISIS. In recent months many incredibly important UNESCO World Heritage sites have been looted and/or destroyed by the group. However, recognising the artefacts are priceless, ISIS has started to sell objects to raise finance.

Bonnie Magness-Gardiner, manager of the FBI's Art Theft Programme said they have received reports from credible sources who have been approached by individuals trying to sell objects and cultural property that appear to have been illegally looted and trafficked from Syria or Iraq.

Numerous historically important sites in Iraq and Syria are now under ISIS control. And in



recent months the USIC (US Intelligence Community) has secured satellite imagery that show huge areas completely bare. Many temples and buildings have simply been destroyed of course, but museum artefacts, some dating back thousands of years, have turned up on the black market. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, described the sites as a 'mosaic of human history'.



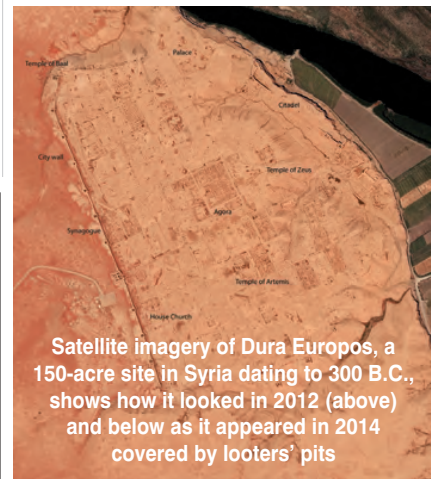
Bonnie Magness-Gardiner warned that many of the artefacts looted by ISIS are being touted for sale



Officials also revealed that in May, US Special Forces targeting a safe house used by ISIS finance chief Abu Sayyaf

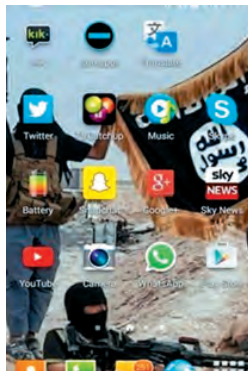
(now deceased) in Syria, recovered a significant cache of archaeological and historical objects and fragments. According to a spokesperson at the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: "The cache represents significant primary evidence of looting at archaeological sites in Syria and Iraq, theft from regional museums, and the stockpiling of these spoils for likely sale on the international market." The looted materials including coins, pottery, glass, ivory, stone, jewellery, figurines, bowls, and manuscripts were returned to the Iraq National Museum.

The new initiative was launched as the United Nations confirmed ISIS has destroyed the 2000-year old Temple of Bel and the Roman Arch of Triumph in Palmyra. Satellite imagery shows the main structures have disappeared - this after locals reported huge explosions. Speaking about the Temple of Bel, Einar Bjorgo, of the Geneva-based UNOSAT, said: "Unfortunately a satellite image shows the destruction of the temple's main building as well as a row of columns in its immediate vicinity."



Satellite imagery of Dura Europos, a 150-acre site in Syria dating to 300 B.C., shows how it looked in 2012 (above) and below as it appeared in 2014 covered by looters' pits

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

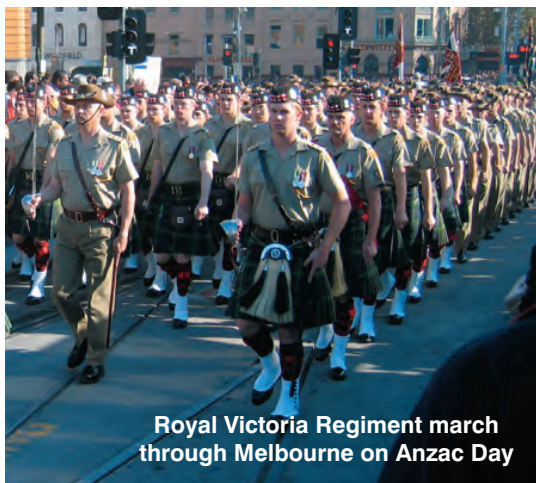


Terrorist's smartphone

April). Judge Saunders said Sevdet had explained to his associate, this date was "chosen for the killings because of its importance to Australia and its people." The Security Services from the UK and Australia eventually

intervened and arrested the teen (who cannot be named) at his home on 25 March.

Two months ago he pleaded guilty to inciting terrorism overseas, making him the youngest convicted terrorist in Britain. He will spend the next three years in a youth custody facility with a minimum of five years behind bars. It's unclear what will happen thereafter, for Judge Saunders said he was a "significant risk." Indeed, some officials believe he may never leave custody.



Royal Victoria Regiment march through Melbourne on Anzac Day

UAE Special Forces Free British Hostage



EXTRACTION

Operation Restoring Hope

Britain's Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond congratulated the United Arab Emirates government after a UK national held by al-Qaida (AQAP) in Yemen, was freed by UAE Special Forces. "A British national is safe and well and is receiving support... we are very grateful for the assistance of the UAE," he said. Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan had earlier telephoned premier David Cameron to advise him that a military intelligence operation to free Semple had been successful.

Oil engineer Douglas Robert Semple, 64, was abducted by the terror group in the country's Hadramout district in February 2014.

In a video which appeared in May 2015, a blindfolded Mr Semple said: "My name is Bob Semple. I am a British subject working in Yemen for an oil company, Intracs Middle East Limited. I have been captive for seven months... I think these kidnappers will kill me soon... please try to have me released." Thirty minutes later the video disappeared from the Internet.

US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin E. Dempsey, reviews a United Arab Emirates Honour Guard at the General Military Headquarters in Abu Dhabi



Semple pictured with his wife Sallie

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Al-Qaida terrorists pictured in Yemen - 2014. It is believed the group are holding some 20 hostages

Following the extraction operation, Semple was flown to Abu Dhabi in a transporter and greeted by British Ambassador Philip Parham and UAE officials. After a hospital check his first task was to telephone his wife in the UK. Speaking to the media he said: "My wife Sallie and I want to thank all the people who supported us through this ordeal, especially the Foreign Office, Hostage UK, the police, our family, friends and well wishers... and the UAE forces which secured my release. We are all incredibly grateful to you all."



UK Ambassador Philip Parham

UAE and Saudi forces had removed many AQAP terrorists from the key Yemeni port of Aden, allowing for the planning of the operation. Intelligence gleaned from a number of supportive agencies helped



Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi, former Foreign Minister of Yemen and Dr Anwar Gargash, UAE Foreign Minister



UAE Air Force Mirage 2000



Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

identify Semple's location. In recent times the area, described as "extremely dangerous" by intelligence sources, has seen a rise in abductions by AQ-linked



2013. Yemen President Hadi at the Pentagon

groups - this in an effort to secure ransom monies.

Eye Spy believe several Western hostages are still being held. Indeed, in December 2014, British-born American Luke Summers was shot dead as US Special Forces attempted an extraction operation.

The UAE, Britain and the USA are close allies and it is believed British Intelligence also played a part in the freeing of Semple.

OPERATION RESTORING HOPE

Operation Restoring Hope, or Operation Renewal of Hope as some call it, is the overall name of an Arab Alliance intent on restoring Yemen's legitimate

government led by President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi. He exited the country in March 2015 and remained in exile in Saudi Arabia until September. A month later, the new military endeavour replaced Operation Decisive Storm.

On 4 September, the UAE armed forces suffered its biggest ever loss of life in a single incident, when an explosion occurred at an unspecified munitions site in the eastern province of Marib. Forty-five personnel died. It is believed 10 Saudis and five Bahrainis were also killed. Yemen officials said the blast was "accidental" but the Houthi militia also claimed responsibility. UAE Foreign Minister Anwar Gargash said "the cowardly attack would not deter us." Either way, the UAE Air Force

retaliated by striking numerous known terrorist sites in Yemen.

The fallen troops were repatriated to the UAE where a special military ceremony took place to honour the servicemen. Three days of national mourning followed in the country. Officials in Abu Dhabi said the people were proud of the troops and the sacrifice they had made.

In March, due to the instability in Yemen, both the UK and USA withdrew their Special Forces. However, covert activity against AQAP and terrorists who have pledged their allegiance to ISIS continues. The CIA and US armed forces are operating armed UAVs in the country and have carried out numerous attacks.

Al-Qaida in the Arab Peninsula

WASHINGTON: The CIA consider Al-Qaida in the Arab Peninsula (AQAP) as the most dangerous of all franchises



Nasir al-Wuhaysi

operating within al-Qaida. A special Yemen Desk (Near Eastern and South Asian Division), has been cooperating with those opposed to the terror group. The CIA oversees intelligence collection and controls targeted air strikes, many involving armed remotely piloted vehicles.

In June, Langley confirmed the death of Nasir al-Wuhaysi, in an operation described as the most significant since that which killed Osama bin-Laden. Now the race is on to find AQAP's new leader, Qassim al-Raimi. The State Department has offered a \$5 million reward for information leading to his capture (or elimination).

AQAP has a long history of abductions - indeed, one of its major sources of income has been collecting ransoms. The



Qassim al-Raimi

terror group does not distinguish between government workers, foreigners or even those who travel as part of groups providing aid. Other captives are used to help free jailed colleagues.

Just weeks before Mr Semple was freed, AQAP released French national Isabelle Prime, 30, who was abducted in



Isabelle Prime

Sanaa in February 2015 with her translator. And like Semple, she too appeared in a video begging for her life.

Prime worked as a consultant on a World Bank-funded venture in Yemen. French officials said no ransom money had been paid to her captors.

The Restless

DEATH OF AN MI6-GCHQ ANALYST

Spy Mystery

Information and speculation still abounds regarding the bizarre death of MI6-GCHQ analyst Gareth Williams



Five years have passed since the GCHQ analyst departed his Cheltenham post for pastures new in London. Williams had been seconded to MI6 in Vauxhall and joined a team working on a new project concerning cyber security and analysis. After several months in the capital, he had made a few friends, embarked upon a few social projects and continued his love of cycling. In between was his cyber work with MI6, and this included a trip to America where he met with NSA associates.

He lived at a government safe house in Pimlico, and it was here in August 2010 he would be found dead in the most puzzling of circumstances: inside a padlocked sports bag in a bath. Thirty-one-year-old Williams had suffocated.

Much has been written about his death and Eye Spy has covered the case extensively, including the many theories. And of course, secrecy spawns conspiracy and that is exactly what has happened with Gareth



Intended to deceive? This red wig featured prominently in imagery released to the media. Combined with an array of other disparaging stories about Williams', it only conspired to raise questions about his private life

Williams. How he died is known, but the back story and circumstances remain fuzzy. His family and a number of intelligence watchers believe he was killed because of his work, whilst others insist his personal 'adventures' contributed to his death.

MI6 and GCHQ by necessity and the laws of the land, had not any obvious inter-action with the investigative media, but information that could only have come from informed sources had occasionally appeared.

Two new and possibly relevant clues, plus a rather strange claim, have emerged in recent weeks. These concern the crime scene and Williams' work. An intelligence source said to be at the heart of the investigation claimed that crime scene foot plates placed in the apartment by New Scotland Yard detectives were moved. This was after Williams was found dead and his body removed. Speculation abounds that this was a deliberate action to hide, conceal and contaminate areas of interest. A further suggestion that evidence was retrieved or items placed therein has also been mooted. The source, who Eye Spy understands does have an insight into the case, went further. He





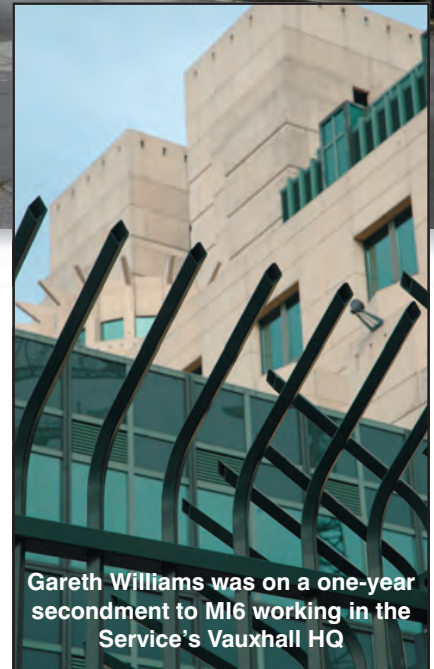
Taken but a few hours after Williams was found dead. Note the scaffolding just five doors away

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said the crime scene was secure at the time, and that someone may well have entered the flat via a skylight after scaling the building. That's quite a theory, in view of armed police protection units outside the front door, along with media people and watching public in the area. Similarly, there is no road behind the Alderney Street houses, only small gardens. However, Eye Spy heard similar rumours in 2011. Interestingly, photographs of Alderney Street taken at the time reveal one house a short distance away had scaffolding on its frontage. This would allow access to the

roofs. Similarly, the lip on the front of the row of houses would allow an agile (and nerveless) person to travel the short distance to the flat roof of Williams apartment. And indeed, there is a single skylight on the roof.

All of this is conjecture and information we cannot confirm. However, at the time Eye Spy secured the police photographs showing the many forensic footplates in the apartment. The source appears fully conversant with their original placement.

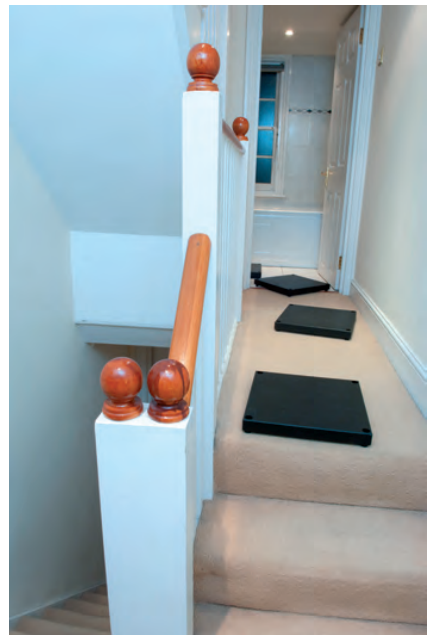


Gareth Williams was on a one-year secondment to MI6 working in the Service's Vauxhall HQ



Sports lover Gareth Williams was found dead in a North Face bag in his bath. This frame is taken from police footage inside his flat and shows another North Face bag





Stepping Plates were placed throughout the apartment to protect evidence, including DNA and cross contamination. These photographs show the plates leading up to the bathroom where Williams body was discovered

The thrust of the allegation is that those responsible for Williams' death had re-entered the flat to destroy, alter or place evidence.

At a pre-inquest hearing, the Williams family solicitor, Anthony O'Toole said they believed the apartment had been 'steam cleaned', essentially DNA and other evidence was removed. Similarly, there were a host of unconvincing and disparaging stories which were 'gifted' to the media about Gareth Williams private life. The New Scotland Yard photos show rooms and objects which many analysts believe were 'stage managed'. Either way, there was no mention of the protective forensic footplates, or that they had been moved at the inquest.

The Williams family used the words 'dark arts', an indication that perhaps he was killed



because of his work. And it is here investigators and the media have been unable to penetrate the secret world of intelligence.

Quite rightly Williams work should remain secret, but the suggestion that he was killed as a result of this has only led to further speculation. Rumours abound about Russian agents and even terrorists, but no-one really knows. The latest 'join the dots' theory concerns former US President Bill Clinton and some of his closest friends and associates.

British media houses published comments allegedly from another informed source. Eye Spy's analysis of the claim, again if true, means that it could only have come from someone working on or close to the case.

Essentially, Williams is said to have upset senior MI6 officials because he had secured personal voicemail messages from Bill Clinton's electronic media containing diary notes and engagements. The operation took



Unnamed sources claim evidence was disturbed, removed or placed



New Scotland Yard crime scene Stepping Plates, police 'do not cross' tape and evidence collection boxes in Williams flat. Sadly, also visible unopened mail



MI6 Chief Sir John Sawers had held the position for less than a year when the incident happened. Sir John, along with colleagues from GCHQ and MI6 attended the analyst's funeral in Holyhead, Wales

place whilst he was in the United States during an unspecified liaison with the NSA. The source said: "It was a diplomatic nightmare for new MI6 director Sir John Sawers at the time." That's an interesting comment in itself, for anyone in the British Intelligence game would not refer to the Service's most senior officer as 'director', only 'C', 'Chief' or head.

Another source said Williams' mood had darkened and he was concerned about certain aspects of his work, which he is said to have

found stressful. "Typically he'd be asked to learn a new identity then report to a country hotel to meet an interrogation team. There he would be grilled about his new ID for 48 hours without sleep. His wrist was broken once after he was handcuffed to a metal bar inside a van that was driven around the country for several hours while he faced a barrage of questions."

These are serious allegations and indicative of preparation for a new Legend, NOC (non-official cover) agent or at the very least,

sensitive or dangerous field work. Eye Spy notes the word 'typically' - this is by far and away 'untypical' work for a desk cyber specialist unless his future directive was penetration or infiltration. In the same report, the source said that the incident raised tensions between the UK and USA spy agencies.

Another claim that he was killed by Russia to protect a Moscow source (agent) in GCHQ has also appeared in the press.



Bill Clinton pictured with President Obama and senior advisor Valerie Jarrett one month before Williams was killed



Williams body was discovered in a sports bag in this bath

GHOSTS

of Mansfield

By D. Anne Kohl

Eye Spy's major two-part investigative feature into the first Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service

Quest for the Real Chief of MI6

THE MYSTERIOUS LIFE OF SIR GEORGE MANSFIELD SMITH-CUMMING

Visitors to a famous Whitehall building in London will notice a welcome addition to its splendid French Renaissance architecture - a blue plaque. However, this is no ordinary plaque; it recognises the offices at the splendid 2 Whitehall Court which were once occupied by Sir Mansfield Cumming, first Chief of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service or MI6 as it is better known. Prior to that of course, Cumming had headed the tiny foreign section of the Secret Service Bureau (six staff).

Whitehall Court, flats 43 and 54 served as the fledgling Service's headquarters. And though the plaque says Cumming both lived and worked from this address, other residences in the city and elsewhere in the country are

linked to Cumming and the SSB - as we will shortly discover.

Born in London - Mansfield George Smith, was the great grandson of John Smith, a director of the South Sea Company and East India Company. The latter having ties and threads to all manner of government offices, including intelligence collection. His father was Colonel John Thomas Smith and just like him, Cumming sought a career in the military, more specifically on the high seas. His first marriage was to Johanna Theodora Cloete. Information on this relationship is limited, but we believe that they were married in 1885. 'Dora', according to her death certificate, died in 1887 in Baker Street, London. The doctor in attendance was Cumming's elder brother Walter. An insight into Cumming's personality,



Whitehall Court



Crest of the East India Company
CIRCA. 1700s

can be evidenced by the fact that just 16 months later he married Leslie Marion Valiant Cumming. Better known as May, she was the daughter of a naval captain. Nine months later they had their first and only son Alastair who was born in Holland Park - the doctor overseeing the birth being Walter. In later years the naval man adopted his second wife's surname Cumming, thus becoming George Mansfield Smith Cumming.

Cumming's entry into secret service has been well documented, and even his invitation to join a newly emerging Secret Service Bureau

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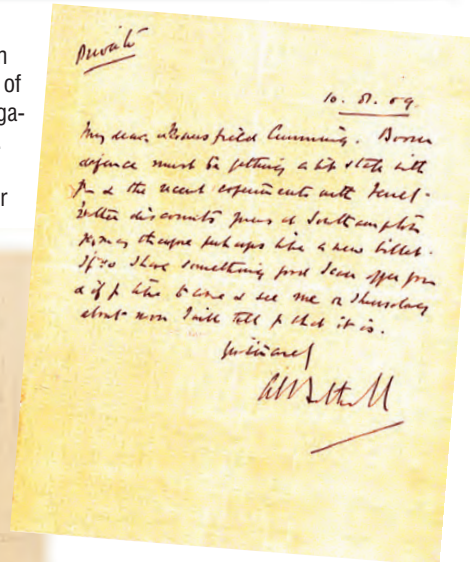


Erected on 1 April 2015 - April Fools Day and the birth date of Mansfield Cumming - himself a cunning character prone to playing jokes!

WWII Boom to stop U-boats entering the River Thames



in 1909 appears on MI6's web site. At the time Cumming, now 50, whose voyages on the seas had been virtually ended because of sea sickness, was working on Boom (navigational barrier) defences on the south coast. Former Director of Naval Intelligence Rear-Admiral Alexander E. Bethell wrote the letter and the rest is history.



Rear-Admiral Alexander E. Bethell and the 'Bethell Letter' (right)



Cumming's father - Colonel John Thomas Smith

APRIL FOOL AND THE MARNE OPERATION

Known for his penchant of using only green ink to sign off documents and orders, Cumming was an eccentric and a fervent practical joker with a great tendency for mischief. Much has been written about the legendary spy chief, but a great deal remains firmly locked away. Though widely reported, few newswires reported why 1 April 2015 was chosen to unveil the plaque. Eye Spy learned there were two reasons... one

because the date - April Fools Day may have been approved by Cumming the joker and sanctioned by MI6 had he still been alive, the other? Cumming's was ironically born on 1 April 1859!

Historians have written and speculated upon a car crash in Meaux, France 1914, involving Cumming and his son Alastair, who sadly



Colonel John Thomas Smith - purchased the property in London where his son and future 'C' of MI6 was born - Sir Mansfield Cumming

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Maurice Farman biplane - complete with reconnaissance camera (circled). Both Cummings learned to fly in this aircraft

died. So too the reason they were driving together in this part of the country. Eye Spy believes it has solved at least part of the puzzle. Alastair like his father had joined the armed forces: in 1909 with the 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders he was assigned to India. He later joined the fledgling Intelli-

gence Corps, probably with assistance from his father, and by 1911 he had been offered a position in the British Expeditionary Force (BEF). NID Director Alexander E. Bethell was very supportive of creating such an army because of tensions and the possibility of war in Europe.

Official archive records state Alastair was driving the men's Rolls Royce Silver Ghost, lost control and crashed. Trapped in the vehicle and desperate to aid his dying son, Cumming is said to have removed a penknife and proceeded to chop off his lower leg in order to get free. Other documents suggest this doesn't tell the whole story - only part of his foot was removed - and by a trained doctor.

French troops pictured during the Battle of Marne. Some two million troops fought in the battle of which 250,000 would die - the highest daily totals in the Great War



Above: BEF casualties of the Marne battle are taken to Meaux church. Below: The grave marker of Alastair Cumming





Rolls Royce Silver Ghost. The Cummings were driving such a vehicle when it crashed in France - thus sparking one of the great mysteries of MI6



Alastair Cumming was born in this street - where Sir Mansfield's brother also lived

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Mansfield Cumming was the second youngest of 13 children born to Colonel John Thomas Smith and Maria Sarah Tyser (both pictured)

Mansfield Cumming was an avid supporter of the use of aircraft in battlefield environments. He secured his pilot's license in France at the Farman School, Etampes in 1913.

Appropriately the aeroplane he trained on was a Maurice Farman biplane - variants being described as reconnaissance aircraft! A year

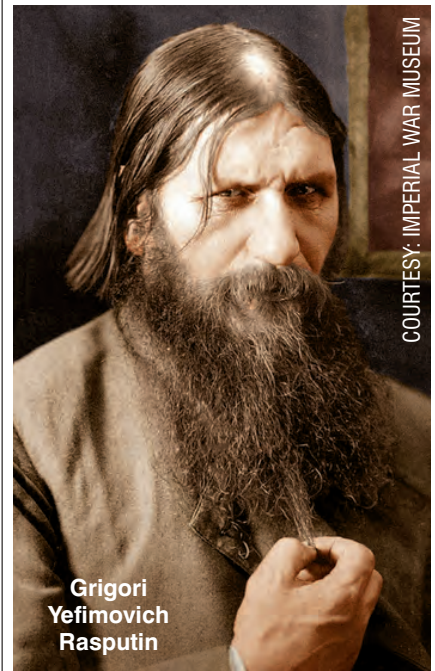


had several bitter rows with the War Office over the use of reconnaissance aircraft, thus after defeating the Germans at Marne, it seems likely he travelled to the area to converse with Alastair and intelligence officials over the Allied success. The Cummings were travelling in the Rolls Royce on 1 October just west of Marne in Meaux when their vehicle

later Alastair received his licence at the same flight school.

An early, and one of the most important battles of WWI, took place at Marne, France, between 5 and 12 September 1914. The BEF used aircraft such as the Maurice Farman aircraft to identify German troop positions and strength on the front lines. Cumming had

A NASTY BUSINESS



COURTESY: IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Grigori Yefimovich Rasputin

MI6 UNDERCOVER?

In 2009, Eye Spy learned Alastair Cumming may have been involved in an early SSB plot to assassinate one of the most infamous or famous (dependent on your viewpoint) characters in Russia - Grigori Rasputin.

Rasputin held much sway and influence over Nicholas II, the last Tsar of Russia and a friend of the British Royal Family

crashed. Alastair was almost certainly taken to the church at Meaux where French and BEF troops were being treated. All of this was less than three weeks after the end of the battle.

Back in London, Cumming recovered from the crash and with a new wooden appendage fitted, would often surprise unknowing guests by sticking sharp objects into his lower leg. Not explained by English Heritage who are responsible for the plaque, Cumming the craftsman fitted all manner of levers and pulleys into his offices which would open false doors and lead to other passages, blocked walls and stairs. Outside his office (in the building) staffers were again witness to his oft bizarre behaviour. Cumming would race around the corridors on a scooter. Evidence again of his humour and wit - or his disability?

In later years he would move a section of MI6 to another building - which just happened to be close to one of his favourite London shops and friends. A joke shop specialising in disguises! ➤



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One former MI6 officer said his office was like an alchemist's laboratory: "One table was covered with parts of various intriguing machines, another with bottles of chemicals and apparatus for creating secret inks. He was always anxious to get the latest inventions which might prove useful in espionage."

Cumming was an appalling driver, despite the fact that he was an early member of one spy 'recruiting venue' on Pall Mall - the Royal Automobile Club. Though he competed in various races, his driving absolutely terrified Londoners and no doubt his passengers. This led to much speculation that it was actually he who was at the wheel of the car that crashed in France killing his son. A rumour never proven. He was also a founding member of the Royal Aero Club (1906).

Despite all the banter, sadness, humour and tales from the dark side, Cumming took

intelligence work seriously and helped create one of the most powerful foreign intelligence collection agencies in the world.

TWO CHIEFS IN DIFFERENT WORLDS

Cumming always signed off his letters 'C'. This has been adopted by the intelligence literary world as 'Chief'. And MI6's latest Chief, Alex Younger, gave a splendid speech to English Heritage to coincide with the unveiling of the Whitehall Court plaque. He praised Cumming and whilst noting the odd traits of his predecessor, recognised he was a brilliant, thoughtful and brave intelligence officer. Throughout his talk, Younger evoked parallels with today's MI6 operations, personnel and objectives with the Service Cumming headed and helped develop.

There are references to agent placement and infiltration - something critical for today's MI6



Alex Younger - Chief of MI6

as it tries to penetrate the heart of terror groups such as ISIS, thwart nuclear and people trafficking, and yes, place agents in the cloak and dagger world that involves espionage. Mr Younger spoke of Cumming's spy

HAND OF CUMMING?

The Royal Aero Club which Cumming helped create was part inspired by the Aero Club of France, which might explain why the MI6 man secured his pilot's licence in this country. In its early role it helped train over 6,000 pilots who would serve in the armed forces. In 1911 it moved to Eastchurch from its original site on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent. Here the Royal Navy had established a flying school of its own - a further thread perhaps to Cumming's influence.



Muswell Manor - original RAC club house near Leysdown, Isle of Sheppey



This haunting sculpture of a Short Brothers biplane was unveiled in 2009 in Eastchurch to mark the centenary of British aviation. Coincidentally, it was also the 100th 'birthday' of MI6 and MI5

Intelligence Corps

'Manui Dat Cognitio Vires'
'Knowledge Gives Strength to the Arm'



The Intelligence Corps was formed on 5 August 1914. At this time the Corps consisted of Army and New Scotland Yard police officers and other specialised civilians identified by the War Office Intelligence Department. They

operated in all theatres of war and behind enemy lines. Despite the success of the Intelligence Corps, it was disbanded at the conclusion of the war.

The Intel Corps was formally constituted on 15 July 1940. The Intelligence Corps played a vital role in the war with its members involved in working for Special Operations Executive (SOE), the founding of the Special Air Service (SAS) as well as contributing to deciphering the enigma code. In January 1945 the Corps numbered 3,040 officers, 5,930 soldiers and 1,553 attached officers.

The post-Second World War threat came from the Warsaw Pact countries, in particular the Soviet Union. This included being posted to East Germany to join the British Commanders-in-Chief's Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany (BRIXMIS - see Eye Spy 34, 39 and 43). This was a liaison mission that provided the opportunity to collect intelligence on Soviet military activities and equipment in East Germany. The Intelligence Corps played a major role in counter intelligence and counter espionage which characterised the Cold War period.

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network in France - Le Dame Blanche - or 'The White Lady' which operated on the Western Front in WWI. Whilst acknowledging he could not name the people, he admitted an agent's work was invaluable - like today's undercover operatives.

He read a diary entry written by Cumming just six weeks after the death of Alastair: *'Arrived home about 3 and commenced work at once'*. "This was commitment to duty and dedication," he said. And whilst on the theme of agent bravery, Mr Younger said: "As I speak, there are SIS officers serving in some of the most dangerous and forbidding places on the planet. I had the honour of leading some of them in Afghanistan. Others are operating under deep cover, unable to reveal the real nature of their work, or sometimes even their identity. This takes a particular type of bravery and resilience. These are enduring themes.



After MI6 left Whitehall Court the Service moved its headquarters here on Melbury Road in 1922. Mansfield Cumming passed away less than a year later in his office/apartment - the portrait of Alastair no doubt on his wall

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**MI5
Director-General
Vernon
Kell**



This spirit of dedication and determination endures in modern form."

Cumming commissioned a large portrait of Alastair wearing his Intelligence Corps uniform. This he displayed in his Whitehall Court and later Melbury Road offices. Where this painting is today remains a mystery. Some sources claim it is on display in a closed room in MI6 headquarters along with other mementos. However, in part two Eye Spy provides a very different and dark theory.

Younger also spoke about relations between MI6 and other services, including GCHQ - an agency under pressure following Edward Snowden's disastrous leak of electronic files. Recognising though Cumming and he live in very different worlds, some changes have been for the better, and he acknowledges the support of oversight and public confidence provided by parliamentary scrutiny.

THE SCOOTER CLUB

Concluding, he reflected on decisions which still retain a link to Cumming, including the formation of the staff club which represents personnel within the Service with disabilities. It is appropriately called 'Scooter' - called as such because of Cumming's use of the device to move around Whitehall Court!

The current Chief, perhaps on the advice of informed staffers, appropriately failed to explain that on one occasion Cumming clobbered MI5 Director-General Vernon Kell over the head with his scooter during an inter-MI6-MI5 argument! This was probably in 1919 after the war when the War Office argued both organisations should be merged. Cumming was opposed to the move and wanted nothing to do with what he described as "domestic security."

Of the current and modern MI6, Mr Younger said: "We are small. We don't have spare

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Terrorists Target Tourists at Bangkok's Famous Erawan Shrine

AN INTERNAL AFFAIR?

The Man in the Yellow T-Shirt

Tourism is fast becoming a leading issue on the agenda of many intelligence services around the world. Following attacks aimed at tourists in Tunisia, Egypt and elsewhere, plus threats of attacks on other popular destinations, little wonder the ministers and heads of over 20 European intelligence (domestic) agencies recently discussed the matter in Paris.

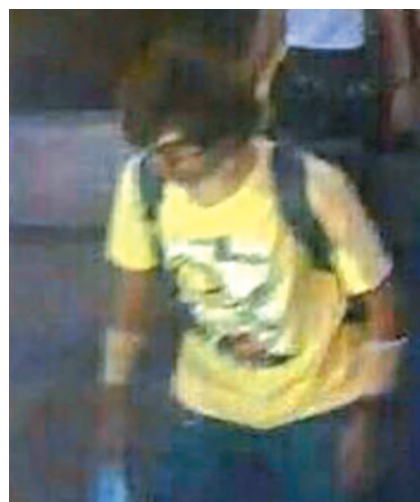
The latest major incident connected to destabilisation and impact on tourist revenue occurred on 17 August 2015. A terrorist calmly sat down on a bench just yards away from the popular Erawan Shrine in the tourist area of Chidlom district, Bangkok. A few moments later, the man calmly removed his backpack: seconds later he walked away leaving the bag unattended just behind the seat. Thereafter, CCTV captured what happened next - a massive explosion resulting in the deaths of 20 people, mainly foreign tourists. A further 100 were injured. Early newswire reports suggest the bomb was detonated using a cell phone or an electronic



Police composite of the bomber

timer. The following day, a device exploded after being thrown from the Sathorn Pier into the Chao Phraya River. This did not result in casualties, but the incidents are being connected.

Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha, acknowledging other terrorist incidents in the



country said: "There have been minor bombs and 'noise', but this time they aim for innocent lives... they want to destroy our economy - our tourism."

Within a few days of the attack Thai Royal Police released a sketch of the prime suspect, who wore a yellow t-shirt and may have been



The Erawan Shrine - a popular worship destination



Adem Karadag is arrested. Police found alleged bomb-making items





Adem Karadag - was found in possession of 200 fake passports and materials said to match those found at the Erawan Shrine bomb site



Aftermath of the attack in which 20 people were killed



Two more suspects wanted in connection with the bombings - both are believed to be foreigners

wearing a wig. A taxi driver who drove the suspect to the area said he was calm and spoke in a foreign language. Additional information suggests the bomb was delivered to the prime suspect at Hua Lamphong railway station by another man. CCTV in this case provided additional confirmation.

On 28 August, security services raided a building in Nong Cho, a suburb of Bangkok and arrested a 28-year-old man they believed was a Turkish national. An official at the Embassy of Turkey in Bangkok denied this.

Thai officials then said that he possessed a Turkish passport with the name Adem Karadag, but couldn't confirm its authenticity. However, even a rudimentary inspection could have revealed a bad forgery - Istanbul is spelled incorrectly in the manner applied on Turkish passports. And to cast further doubt on the suspect's identity, some 200 other fake passports were recovered.

Initially police said they did not believe he was the man in the yellow t-shirt. However, items recovered from his flat included objects said

to be of a "bomb-making nature." Karadag was moved to a secure military site. A further statement issued by police said some bomb-related materials recovered at the shrine are similar or match those found in the flat. Specifically referenced were 5mm ball bearings and a detonator.

Another raid followed at a three-storey building and 21 apartments searched in an area known as Min Buri. Further bomb-making materials and paraphernalia were discovered. Intelligence gleaned from Karadag's cell phone led police to this address. Similarly, external intelligence services are thought to have provided information about cell phone calls and usage leading up to and shortly after the attack. The bomber himself was caught on CCTV using his cell phone just seconds after leaving the bomb under the bench.

On 31 August arrest warrants were issued for two other suspects believed to have been involved in the incidents. Wanna Suansun, 26, from Thailand and her husband Emrah Davutoglu. Suansun is said to have rented a flat in the Min Buri building where bomb-making materials were discovered (second flat). However, her family said she had left the country in June for Turkey. Reports state her husband is a Turkish national. Thai police spokesman Prawuth Thavornsiri said the authorities are certain the two played a part in the attacks.

Security in Thailand has become a matter of increasing concern. Here former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin E. Dempsey talks with Thailand's Joint Chiefs





Head of Thailand's Royal Police
Major Somyot Poompanmoung



Xerox copy of Emrah Davutoglu's
passport - he is in Turkey



Yusuf Mieraili - arrested on the
Cambodian border



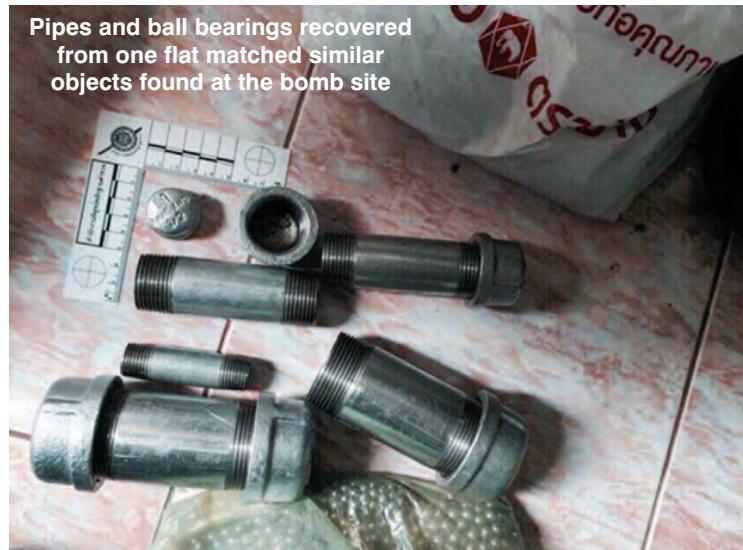
Adem Karadag's somewhat dubious
Turkish passport

A day later Thai security officers arrested another suspect at an unauthorised cross point on the Cambodian border. Initial reports said the man, named as Yusuf Mieraili, could be the prime suspect in the yellow t-shirt, though at time of publication this has not been confirmed. However, his fingerprints matched those found on a glass bottle containing what police described as "a bomb making substance" in the first raided flat. The man denied any connection to the incidents.

Thailand's intelligence system is at best fragmented and reliant on overseas agencies. However, an official dismissed the possibility of international terrorism. His words were echoed by Thai police chief Major Somyot Poompanmoung, who said: "It's unlikely to be terrorism... it's not an intelligence terrorist act." The authorities then went on to say the bomber was "taking revenge for his comrades." Just what that means is unclear, though there are a number of outfits in the

country linked to domestic terrorism and others vehemently opposed to the government.

Various groups have been blamed for the attack, but a Turkish nationalist group known as the Grey Wolves has been critical of Thailand's deportation of suspected Uighur terrorists to China instead of Turkey (see Intelligence Inside). Thai Police said the suspect arrested on the Cambodian border belonged to China's Uighur ethnic minority.



Pipes and ball bearings recovered
from one flat matched similar
objects found at the bomb site



MESSAGE TO THE CIA AND AMERICA

Whilst the Thai people are friendly and welcoming, just like in many countries around the world, there are political and cultural divisions... and several terrorist organisations exist. This newly painted graffiti on a Bangkok wall was photographed by Eye Spy Associate Editor Paul Beaumont four days before the attack.

Some of the anti-American messages are revealing in nature. MK Ultra references the CIA's covert mind-control system; 666 the mark of the Devil, whilst another line says 'Attack USA-CIA'. Arun Amarin is a district in Bangkok - and NWO - New World Order. A clue here perhaps to those responsible?



Thailand Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha

Some officials in Thailand believe this is an 'internal affair', but obviously one that has international dimensions.

As for the Grey Wolves, they have been linked to various acts of terrorism, including assassinations in Turkey and elsewhere.

Whilst CCTV footage helped in the Bangkok investigation, it later transpired that 75% of the cameras situated in and around the area where the bomber fled were not operational. An \$85,000 reward was issued for information leading to the arrest of the bomber and his associates. Bizarrely, this was duly shared by investigating security officers following the detention of some suspects. ➤

INTEL NOTES

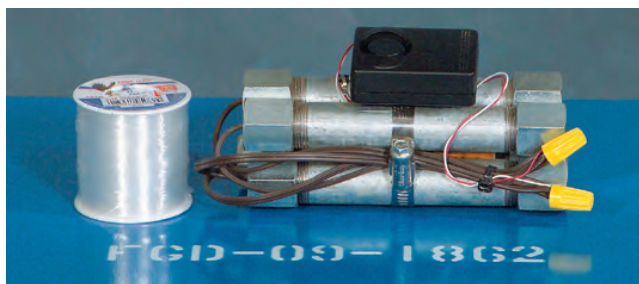
ANALYSIS OF THE IEDs

The bomb at the Erawan Shrine was an industrial pipe loaded with ball bearings and TNT as its active components. This is not something the southern Islamic insurgent groups, Barisan Revolusi Nasional (BRN) and its splinter BRN-C (BRN-Coordinate) have used before. These groups are more adept at using car bombs and gas cylinders with an attached booster device to wreak havoc.

Whilst sophisticated threats have been made - one example being the placing of a car bomb at the Police Station in Phuket that was not detonated - to warn Thai authorities of



Thai security officers drawn from the police and armed forces clash with members of the United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship (UDD) - commonly called the Red Shirts in 2010



A trip-wire pipe bomb used by US armed forces trainers

their intent. It is common belief that the southern elements are not moving north to deliberately target tourists.

The second bomb which detonated on the Chao Phraya River is thought to have been

planted within half an hour of the shrine bombing. The Sathorn/Taksin area is well known for Chinese tourism as is the Erawan Shrine. The second bomb was originally believed to have been a hand grenade but recovery of

component parts showed the same construction as the first placed in waterproof packaging. Both devices were electronically detonated; circuitry is easy to employ, either from commercial applications, cell phone, alarm clock or DVD recorder timers. The circuit boards used in electronic equipment now means these devices are inexpensive to build and source, all that is needed is a soldering iron.

The IRA used a video recorder timer in the device used to bomb the Grand Hotel in Brighton in 1984.

Paul Beaumont

INTEL INSIDE THAILAND BOMBING STORY

Eye Spy Associate Editor PAUL BEAUMONT was in Bangkok when the attacks occurred. He provides additional background to events and some of the groups which may have been responsible...

Thailand is a kingdom with a constitutional monarchy. A number of military coups over the years have marred its political stability although the people are friendly, liberal and contribute to the international view of Thailand as being the 'Land of Smiles'.

There are at least eleven political parties with respected leaders, some having military experience but political pressure groups also exist and are known to be active in mainstream demonstrations against the government of the day.

THE GREY WOLVES

**AN UNPREDICTABLE
AND DANGEROUS
ENTITY**

Thai's are deeply patriotic; images of the King and the Queen can be seen wherever one travels; the national anthem is played daily at 8.00am and 6.00pm in schools, theatres, on the radio and television and people are required to stand, *by law*.

The mood of the people I came into contact with was very good and one was not totally aware of the separatist violence that occurs

regularly along the Malay border where moderate Muslims cross to experience a more liberal form of hedonism, much to the dislike



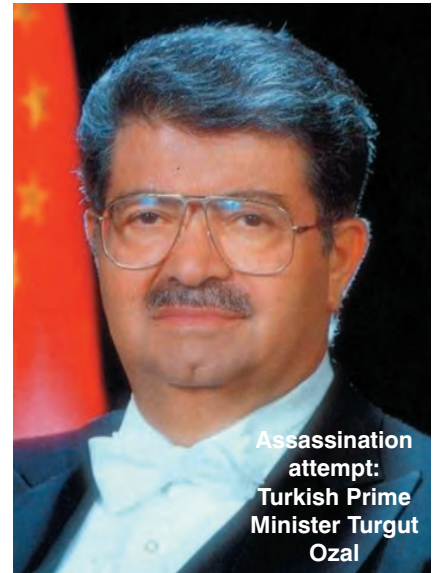
Demonstration
in Berlin for
Uighur rights
2009



Monument to King Bhumibol
Adulyadej



Malaysian victims of the attack are driven to Bangkok Airport for repatriation



Assassination attempt:
Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal



Queen Sirikit

of the more fundamental factions in Malaya. Thailand also has illegal border problems with the ethnic Karen who exist in remote

refugee camps on or near the Myanmar-Thailand border as well as other clandestine border crossings used by the Uighurs.

Terrorism is not new to Thailand and the usual mutterings after the Erawan bomb attack suggested ISIS, al-Qaida or locally known Muslim separatists usually active in the south of Thailand. The effect of the attacks was not really noticeable on the street; the bar and shop staff seemed more worried about having to close early at midnight. The elevated and busy SkyTrain continued to run, albeit with the stops at Siam and Chit Lom closed, but ran it did, and to time.

Thailand suffers from immigration problems much like modern day Europe, thanks to the wars that have raged in certain Middle Eastern countries. Yet intelligence analysts believe the answer to these latest attacks may lay in Turkey and China.

THE INCIDENT THAT TRIGGERED THE BANGKOK ATTACK

Xinjiang province, north west China, is home to some 10 million Uighurs, a Turkic speaking and village dwelling race. As a result of disquiet in the late 20th century, the economy and ethnic differences from mainstream Chinese in the area sparked protests and disturbances. In 2009 violence erupted again and the Chinese authorities reacted strongly by allegedly shooting and imprisoning Uighurs who they accused of causing the problems.



Uighur protests in Washington DC 2009



The Vatican marker where Grey Wolves' operative Mehmet Ali Agca tried to assassinate the Pope in 1981



2010. CentralWorld shopping centre in Bangkok following an attack by Red Shirts



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Salutation of the Grey Wolves

In March 2014, some 173 Uighurs were detained at Hat Yai near the Thai-Malay border pending investigation by Thai authorities.

Of the 173 Uighurs, 109 were forcibly repatriated to China on 8 July 2015, after receiving affirmation their treatment would be fair. Of the entire compliment claiming Turkey as their land of origin, only 64 Uighurs were repatriated to Istanbul or Kayseri district where large Uighur communities exist, due to their ability to prove the existence of relatives already there.

Whilst it is easy to discount ISIS and al-Qaida, Thailand has an underworld community



Thai Police sketch of the Sathon pier bomber

addressing many syndicated crimes, both national and international. Al-Qaida has a number of Uighur franchises, including the East Turkestan Islamic Movement. They are known to have operated in southern Syria but there was no indication they would exploit their terrorist experience in a Bangkok bombing; rather they would use their skills in Xinjiang performing suicide bomb attacks.

In Turkey, members of the reactive Nationalist Movement Party or Grey Wolves as they are better known, were infuriated by this repatriation which they considered an infringement of

Uighur rights and unnecessarily heavy-handed behaviour. With some immediacy a demonstration commenced outside the Thai Consulate in Turkey, eventually resulting in the sacking of the building.

The Grey Wolves are ultra-nationalist and have cells in Europe - Belgium, France and Germany and possibly in the more liberal Netherlands as well. Perhaps its most notorious operative is Mehmet Ali Agca who attempted to kill Pope John Paul II in 1981 in St. Peter's Square, Vatican City. Other notorious attacks include an assassination attempt on Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal in 1988. The group were also involved in the Chechnya war and the later Kazakhstan coup in 2005.

If the Uighurs need a proxy to show displeasure against China then the Grey Wolves are the group to perform the task.

- Eye Spy acknowledge the use of the 'Armed Conflict Survey 2015' published by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in the preparation and research of this report.



Red Shirt supporters in Bangkok



LOTUS



GRAFFITI

The word Lotus (see page 24) featured on a wall sprayed with various anti-American graffiti caught our attention immediately. The lotus is of course a flower often cited in several religions



including Hindu, and of course, the Erawan Shrine is a Hindu monument.

The lotus flower also represents one symbol of fortune in Buddhism. The following description is taken from Buddhists.org:

'It grows in muddy water, and it is this environment that gives forth the flower's first and most literal meaning: rising and blooming above the murk to achieve enlightenment.'

'The second meaning, which is related to the first is purification. It resembles the purifying of the spirit which is born into



murkiness. The third meaning refers to faithfulness. Those who are working to rise above the muddy waters will need to be faithful followers'.

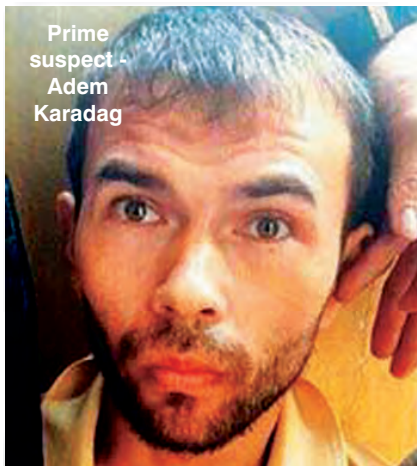
A VERY REAL 'PUZZLE PALACE'

Thai Intelligence name the 'man in the yellow t-shirt'

In late September after weeks of confusion and the release of photofits of wanted suspects, Thai Police declared that Adem Karadag, the man first arrested in Bangkok, was the actual bomber. This contradicts a plethora of earlier stories and reports.

A statement from the police read: *'It is confirmed that Adem is the man in the yellow shirt based on CCTV footage, eyewitness accounts and his own confession'.*

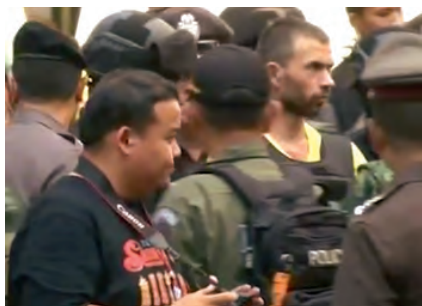
Most relevant was intelligence gleaned from his cell phone which allegedly showed he called a taxi after the bomb detonated. This coincides exactly to the CCTV footage showing the bomber making a call. Police also secured information that he was seen changing his t-shirt at nearby Lumpini Park.



Prime suspect - Adem Karadag

That's not how Karadag's solicitor sees things, claiming the visible footage looks nothing like his client - whose real name is now said to be Bilal Mohammed. However, he was almost certainly wearing a wig and false glasses.

The whole affair is made even more complex following the arrest of Yusuf Mieraili on the Cambodian border. He apparently holds a Chinese passport and police say they are confident it was Mieraili who detonated the bomb by cell phone.



Karadag a.k.a. Bilal Mohammed is taken by police to the scene of the attack



INTEL INSIDE

A TIMELY APPOINTMENT



14 September 2015. Glyn Davies signs his appointment papers

BANGKOK: Within weeks of the attack, the US appointed its first ambassador to Thailand in over a year. Experienced 35-year diplomat Glyn Davies takes over the post, as US Intelligence issued a warning about China's increasing relevance in the country. The political situation between the USA and Thailand has been described as "very low," by officials, but it is believed the CIA, FBI and NSA all offered assistance and guidance in the Erawan Shrine bombing.

Thailand's military effectively control the country and with the sensitive issue of counter-terrorism in hand, Bangkok has turned to China for assistance. In return, Beijing has provided more and more intelligence to Thailand, offering useful information on a variety of related subjects, this as it seeks to establish a partner in Thailand's Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha's rights-curbing government.

The former army chief Chan-o-cha has waged a secret war with the Red Shirts and other groups for several years. In May 2014 he headed a coup against the government giving himself sweeping new powers.

Expanding Cambridge Spy Ring

New research splits the intelligence community again over the extent of Soviet spy infiltration in the Cold War



Speculation has raged for many years as to the actual breath of Britain's early Cold War Cambridge Spy Ring - which was not really a collaborative spy cell as such.

Once known as the Cambridge Four, Guy Burgess, Kim Philby, John Maclean and Anthony Blunt and later as the Cambridge Five, the number of participants has increased as more evidence has come to light. The '5th man' is generally accepted as being John Cairncross.

Yet as the decades have slowly passed, others who have been suspected of being additional members of the group have come to light.

LEO LONG: Accused by Blunt in 1964.

LUDWIG WITTGENSTEIN: Is alleged by Kimberley Cornish, in his 1998 book *The Jew of Linz*, to have been a Soviet recruiter at Cambridge, but Cornish's theories about Wittgenstein and his influence on Hitler have found little acceptance.

GUY LIDDELL: An MI5 officer who nearly rose to become director of the service but was allegedly passed over because of rumours he was a double agent; he took early retirement from MI5 in 1953 after he was investigated for his personal links to Kim Philby. He was accused of having been the 'fifth man' by Goronwy Rees as



part of Rees' confession in 1979. Rees himself was suspected of being KGB, but the academic consensus is that he was naïve in his friendships rather than a spy.

ANDREW GOW: In his memoirs published in 2012, Brian Sewell, suggested that Gow was the 'fifth man' and spymaster of the group.

MICHAEL STRAIGHT: The only American in the group, was a magazine publisher, novelist, patron of the arts, a member of the prominent Whitney family, and a confessed spy for the KGB.

Two other well known figures suspected of having ties to the Cambridge spy ring have been in the news of late:

CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE: He was referenced as a KGB agent in the US intelligence VENONA project. In August 2015, Christopher Andrew, professor of modern history at Oxford and official historian of MI6 accessed documents released from the UK National Archives which confirmed that Belfrage worked for the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) during the war and also spied for the Soviet Union. However, historian John Simkin maintains that Belfrage was working for the British Security Co-ordination as a double-agent, which would in part explain why he handed information to the Soviets. The latter view seems more believable.

Eye Spy also supports the notion that Belfrage was operating on behalf of the FBI. He is said to have been given the task of infiltrating a Soviet-friendly group in New York.

WILFRID BASIL MANN: During research for his ground-breaking new book on Guy Burgess - *Stalin's Englishman*, Andrew Lownie found evidence to support the theory that Wilfrid Basil Mann - a brilliant MI6 physicist was the '6th man' of the Cambridge spy ring. Mann sent nuclear secrets to the KGB which allowed the





Cedric Henning
Belfrage lived in this
London building

Russians to develop their own atom bomb. Lownie uncovered independent British confirmation of Mann's espionage activities in the private papers of Sir Patrick Reilly, then chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee and Foreign Office Under-Secretary in charge of intelligence at the time of Burgess's defection in 1951.

It seems evident that with the progress of time, and the release of new and formerly classified papers, we will no doubt be hearing more about this treacherous group or as Moscow Center once called them, the 'Magnificent Five'... or should that read 'Six', 'Seven' or 'Eight'?

Right: George Thomson was Mann's mentor at Imperial College. Thomson, a physicist, headed Britain's ultra secret Tube Alloys project later merged with America's nuclear bomb programme - the Manhattan Project



Freemasons Hall, London - used as the HQ of MI5 in Spooks



Matt Damon returns in the Bourne franchise

New Film and Television Releases

Several new film and television productions concerning intelligence, espionage and its 'enhanced' drama, are set to air in future weeks. There has been much discussion and media attention paid to the upcoming new 007 picture,



Spectre starring Daniel Craig, especially concerning car crash scenes filmed in and around the Vatican in Rome. Film insiders have claimed around \$37 million worth of Aston Martins have been destroyed!

The BBC's *Spooks* returns for a new series after four years in the wilderness. The glossy production called *MI5* in America, may have a cult following, but the programme



Elyes Gabel is a terrorist who finds himself in a bungled exchange with the CIA

which focuses on the happenings of the Security Service, is often viewed with a smile by those inside Thames House. However, it has undoubtedly raised interest with youngsters wanting to journey into the world of spies - or as MI5 would insist - 'a career in intelligence'. Former MI5 officer Annie Machon agreed, and whilst saying most jobs in the Service are office based, the James Bond movies are the "best recruiting material MI5 and MI6 has ever had."

Some storylines from the series have been compared to the offerings in the high-tension scenes found in the *Bourne Identity* franchise. And following a break, the central character in the films, Matt Damon - who plays a brainwashed Langley hitman - has announced he will star in another picture.

In America, a new series has started which follows the lives and work of FBI recruits. *Quantico* tracks recruits at the FBI Academy and their



FBI trainees in Quantico





CIA officer Carrie Mathison played by Claire Danes

progress from college student to operational FBI agent. In between there are plots and dramas, including one story which reveals a graduate is involved in a terrorist plot to strike New York City (just for a change).

The popular *Homeland* also returns for a fifth season. Known for its use of real characters, storylines and actual events, the productions focus mainly on Langley staffers and operations. Series 5 is based in Berlin where most of the filming also took place. Interestingly, one plot concerns a cyber hack into a CIA database which in turn exposes a civilian surveillance programme and implicates both American and German Intelligence!

Easily the biggest espionage film of the year is *Bridge of Spies*. Directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Tom Hanks, Eye Spy's Danny King (Associate Editor) was invited to attend a pre-release showing in Manhattan in September. "Absolutely



brilliant," was Danny's verdict. The plot surrounds the true story of CIA flyer Gary Powers whose U-2 spyplane was shot down and the Soviet spy Rudolf Abel. Powers was exchanged for Abel on Glienicke Bridge in Berlin in 1962. Spielberg's attention to detail is evident again, and Hanks plays a very believable James Donovan who represented Powers and negotiated his release.



Hanks and Spielberg during filming for *Bridge of Spies*



Attention to detail. Period vehicles used in one scene for *Bridge of Spies*



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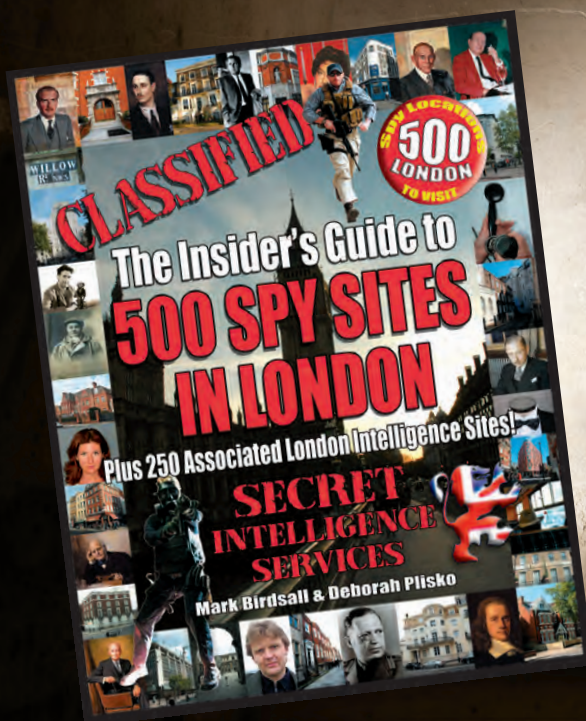
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Secret BBC Spy Broadcasts

Intelligence authority PETER MATTHEWS examines the history of radio, intelligence and propaganda and its continued use today - this as the BBC announced a new service to perhaps the most secretive nation on Earth...

Kim Jong-un's North Korea

Intelligence has been the subject of a series of interesting programmes recently broadcast by the BBC. The first presented by David Dimbleby covered the history of the Corporation during WWII entitled *'The BBC at War'*. This provided some little known facts about the Special Operations Executive's (SOE) secret communications with their agents in Nazi occupied Europe.

The documentary showed how the BBC developed into an entirely new weapon of war using radio broadcasting. Those of us that lived through the war years will remember the role broadcasts played in maintaining morale at home. However, unbeknown to most, there were also mysterious broadcasts intended for our friends in Europe. These 'friends' were

members of the Resistance of course and the strange messages were instructions. However, they did not start out like that.

Originally they were simple messages from French people in London who had fled before Nazi occupation. They wanted to assure relatives and friends they were safe. The message had to be coded in a way that only the intended recipients would recognise, because any connection that the Germans made with the fugitives' family could make the life of a family in France difficult.

It was only in mid-1941 that the very first BBC message went to the Resistance indicating to operative Marcel Rayman, that seven crates of arms would be dropped in a particular field for collection. This they duly did - but in darkness - and they were never quite sure that they had collected it all. The next morning, Marcel's



Bush House - former home to several British Intelligence fronts and the BBC World Service



Purported photograph of Marcel Rayman

COURTESY: BBC

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Commemorative plaque for Marcel Rayman - head of the Stalingrad resistance group. He was captured by the Germans in November 1943 and subsequently shot along with 21 other operatives in February 1944



Intelligence contact man - Minister of Information Brendan Bracken - played a key role in production of propaganda and disinformation during WWII



Beethoven's 5th Symphony played by the BBC contained a secret instruction

wife who was a school teacher, took her pupils to the field to pick blackberries and of course, collect anything that Marcel's group had missed.



Michael Portillo filmed during his researches

COURTESY: BBC

THE BBC'S GLOBAL REACH

From the outset of this secret endeavour, the BBC fought a very good war of words broadcasting in seven languages. By 1945, the Corporation was transmitting in 46 languages to an audience of over 35 million listeners in 22 countries many of whom listened-in at peril of imprisonment if caught.

At the beginning of each programme Beethoven's 5th Symphony beat out the 'V' sign followed by 'Colonel Britain' advising them how to express silent resistance. One way was to tap out the dot-dot-dash Morse code when in the presence of a German.

There were stresses and friction within the BBC in London as its broadcasting offensive

gathered pace and the messages to the resistance groups in Europe multiplied. The announcers were being asked to recite meaningless messages for 40 minutes or more at a time. Based on their experience the announcers knew they could only repeat such messages accurately for less than half that time - the SOE were asking too much of them.

They objected and Minister of Information (MOI) Brendan Bracken was called upon to act as referee in the dispute and decided in favour of the BBC. This resulted in the number of messages broadcast to the resistance groups being drastically cut and as a result, Morse transmissions increased considerably.

'Portillo's State Secrets' presented by Michael Portillo was another fascinating BBC ➤





William Joyce (Lord Haw Haw) after his detention by US troops



A 1941 Norwegian stamp which was overprinted with the V sign following German occupation. It was meant to signify victory over the Bolsheviks



German propaganda controller - Joseph Goebbels

Relevant also to the propaganda wars was the BBC's conflict with the German Radfunk radio network and its announcer William Joyce also known as Lord Haw Haw. It was controlled by Joseph Goebbels Reich Ministry of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda. This came to an end in Hamburg as the British army captured the German radio station. Joyce, an English national, who had been cooperating with the Nazis had fled as British troops arrived. His microphone, which he used throughout the war to broadcast propaganda to Britain was still active. The BBC reporter Wynford Vaughan-Thomas who was attached to British Troops, was able to broadcast on Haw Haw's frequency to Britain and the world

that the British Broadcasting Corporation had finally won the war of words with Nazi Germany.

Radio broadcasts have long been used in the intelligence world to provide information 'behind closed doors' and with a specific or hidden meaning. And even today the 'art' continues. In the secretive and strange country that is North Korea, ruled by the strong and unpredictable Communist hand of Kim Jong-un, all radios are pre-set

programme on the subject of national security presented from St. Ermin's Hotel in Westminster, London. This venue was used by the SOE and MI6 and frequented by the intelligence community during the Second World War and later on the Cold War.

Portillo reviewed several intelligence-oriented events from information that came from documents held in the National Archives in Kew. One of the items concerned the 1980 Iran Embassy Siege in London. The story has been extensively covered by Eye Spy (see issue 68), but fresh evidence came from the Cabinet minutes of the time that show letting the terrorists go was actually considered as an option! Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher soon stamped down on that idea.

He discovered other files, including an even more bizarre option considered by premier Winston Churchill at the end of the WWII called Operation Unthinkable. A document signed 'WSC' and dated 1 July 1945, revealed he pondered going to war with Soviet Russia with the defeated German Army acting as Britain's allies. Perhaps fortuitously, Churchill was discouraged by his generals.



The BBC announce its departure from Bush House

Winston Churchill's famous V signature



Kim Jong-un

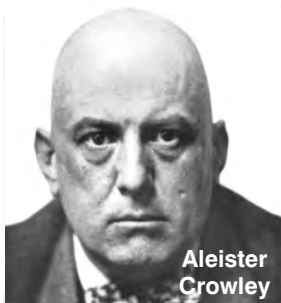
to government frequencies, essentially restricting listeners to news output by the Korean Central News Agency. Short wave radios can receive external broadcasts, but these units are strictly forbidden. What therefore are we to make of the BBC plan to expand its World Service to North Korea? The Corporation is set to deliver one news broadcast a day to the country over shortwave radio!

Insiders say the plan is to deliver "democratic impartial news and counter state propaganda." Supporters of the scheme say there should be no area on the planet where free and impartial news should not be delivered. Reporters Without Borders rank North Korea 178th in a listing of 180 countries where information is withheld or deliberately altered. No doubt those who manned the propaganda elements at the former WWII and Cold War centre at Bush House, where intelligence officials worked alongside BBC people to output propaganda, would approve!

INTELLIGENCE AND THE OCCULT

Ian Fleming's Request Denied

British occultist and intelligence contact man Aleister Crowley claimed he invented the 'V for Victory' sign. Crowley said it was a magical foil to the Nazis use of the Swastika.



Aleister Crowley

He is said to have passed it to his propaganda friends at the BBC and the Naval Intelligence Division (NID) via his contacts in MI5 and MI6. It was then supposedly approved by Winston Churchill and adopted thereafter.

Crowley said his 1913 publication *Magick* featured the V sign and a Swastika on the same plate (image).

Interestingly, MI6 and NID officer Ian Fleming asked that Crowley be allowed to interview Nazi deputy



Rudolf Hess (left) at the Nuremberg Trials

leader Rudolf Hess after he flew to Britain. Fleming recognised Hitler's and the Nazis interest in the occult and thought Crowley would be the ideal man to ask questions. However, MI5 denied his request.

THE FORGOTTEN GENIUS

ECHOES OF EDWARD SNOWDEN?

A third and most absorbing BBC documentary which followed the propaganda series certainly deserves mention. *Bletchley Park: Codebreaking's Forgotten Genius* looked at the shadowy world of interception, computing and especially Gordon Welchman, who headed Hut Six at Britain's famous WWII codebreaking centre - Bletchley Park.

Gordon Welchman - "deserves more recognition..."



Interestingly the makers tried to parallel what happened to Welchman when he published his book - *The Hut Six Story: Breaking the Enigma Codes* to that of NSA secrets leaker Edward Snowden.

However, in the programme Welchman's former associates and relatives spoke of his brilliant mind and determination to outwit the Nazis and lead the effort to break the Enigma code, plus his work on early computers. They argued he was on a par with the noted Alan Turing,

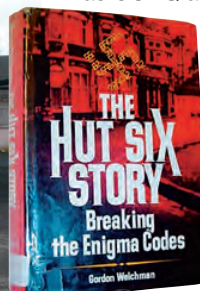
who is regarded as the world's most famous codebreaker. Indeed, Welchman is quite rightly regarded as a genius in the intelligence world, but few outside have even heard of his name.

After the war Welchman moved to America and continued his work in computing, eventually joining the MITRE Corporation contracting with the Pentagon on secure communications. But when he published his book in 1982 - his world fell apart. He had broken secrecy laws, the NSA were unhappy as was GCHQ and he soon discovered the

impact of such. He argued that it was about time the public knew of what happened at Bletchley Park, but as the current Chairman of the Bletchley Park Trust, former MI6 Chief Sir John Scarlett said, "sadly, he had broken the rules."



Hut Six in 2004 - now fully restored



1941 German propaganda poster in Poland with the V sign symbolising victory over Russia

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Strange but True

THE INTELLIGENCE WORLD

Eye Spy continues its series on events and happenings which remain timeless and legendary in the world of spylore... but are all extraordinary factual events that if not substantiated by intelligence could easily fall in the category of fiction...

FINE DINING AND THE GARLIC MEMO

Much has been written about the work of the 'Cambridge Spies', but also the fine restaurants, clubs, eating places and bars they loved to frequent in London. One may also assume they had favourite foods and menus. However, a note recorded by another MI6 contact man who many believe also had KGB connections, shows that the private life of a spy is often a million miles away from that portrayed on the silver screen.

Goronwy Rees recalled a visit to the apartment of Guy Burgess in 1938. He said upon entering his flat, he found "patriotic decor completely submerged in indescribable debris." The result of a previous party he assumed. He found Burgess in bed surrounded by the morning's Sunday



newspapers. On one side of the bed stood a collection of books - on the other a make-do kitchen with bottles of red wine and a giant cooking pot. Burgess explained that contained within was his entire food ration for the



The splendid Reform Club building

next seven days. The inquisitive Rees decided to take a peek. What he found "rolled his stomach."

The pot was full to the brim of an unidentified mixture. Rees explained: "The heavy saucepan contained a kind of thick grey gruel, a compound of porridge, kippers, bacon and garlic, onions and anything else that may have been lying in his larder. He had cooked this the previous evening and planned to subsist on the food until the next Monday." Burgess said, "here was everything necessary to sustain life... what

more could one want for intellectual happiness with this and my books."

Intelligence analysts who would later examine why Burgess turned against his country, said the gruel perhaps reflected his love of Communism while others noted this was a clue to his future treachery against the West. Despite this, once in the pay of the KGB and two incomes, Burgess would enjoy the finer offerings of London's culinary dining and nightlife. No doubt the pot of gruel a distant memory - save one



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Strange but True: Directly opposite the Reform Club on Pall Mall where Burgess enjoyed a glass of whisky on the day he fled to Moscow sits the superyacht specialists... Burgess. Ironical of course, for both he and Maclean left the country by boat reaching France! The reflection in the window of Burgess is actually that of the Reform Club



Burgess' love of garlic almost derailed his spy career

ingredient which could well have derailed his career in the Foreign Office - garlic!

The spy loved the vegetable and carried it where ever he went. In his FO desk there were numerous cloves of garlic which he would eat all day and night - much to the annoyance and distress of his colleagues. The scent of garlic was everywhere, including on

secret documents and memos. Bad tradecraft? Undoubtedly, but this was a serious business and his hopes of infiltration and high office was under threat. Indeed, with the situation becoming more serious, a line manager wrote an internal memo, it simply read:

'Mr Burgess, will in future, refrain from munching garlic during office hours'.

SECRET NAVAL SIGNALS

Like any workplace environment, the use of nicknames in the spy world is common. Their origin usually originates with a play on a name, habit, a past occupation, and on some occasions an affliction. One of Britain's most famous spy chiefs was Admiral Sir William 'Blinker' Hall, Director of Naval Intelligence in the Great War and the force behind the codebreaking unit



German WWI naval 'Blinkgerat' signal lamp



Admiral Sir William 'Blinker' Hall

Room 40. This element decoded the German Zimmermann telegram to Mexico which resulted in America's entry into the war.

Admiral Hall had a terrible facial 'twitch' and his use of a monocle visually exasperated the condition. When it caught the light colleagues said it flashed like a signal

lamp from a warship. Hence his name. His family later said this was caused by childhood malnutrition whilst attending public school. Hall apparently ate raw turnips which he stole from a nearby farm to supplement his meagre rations. However, today such a condition could be described as mild Dyspraxia. Beginning in childhood, scientists

believe it can affect planning and coordination because messages are not being properly transmitted.

The condition didn't stop Hall's rise in British Intelligence, nor his analysis of world events. US Ambassador Walter Hines Page said Hall was a "clear case of genius." So much for the scientific description!

THE 'BLIND' SPYCATCHERS

Links to the Tsar Missed by the Spycatchers

One of the most controversial episodes in MI5 history concerns the allegation that Roger Hollis, its Cold War Director-General, was a KGB spy. Even today, so concerned is the Security Service to play down this allegation, that on its web site, the history section provides notes that the reports and rumours have all been dismissed.

Hollis served as DG from 1956 to 1965, but there was a small element in the Service, including Peter Wright who wrote the book *Spycatcher* (1987), who thought Hollis had betrayed MI5. Central to the case were comments made by KGB defector Igor Gouzenko. He explained to Canadian counter-intelligence about a KGB agent within MI5 codenamed ELLI. There were many facts about ELLI which fit Hollis perfectly, except one - Gouzenko was adamant that



Peter the Great

somewhere in his background he was sure he had seen notes about a Russian connection. Despite an extensive under-the-table investigation, Wright and his cohorts found nothing.

Two decades later one of Wright's media adversaries, and perhaps the best intelligence investigative journalist of his time, Harry Chapman Pincher, decided to digest the contents of several books written by Hollis's elder brother Christopher. All had been freely available in British libraries at the time of Wright's probe.

What Chapman found must surely have been of relevance to Wright. The entire Hollis family believed they were descended from Peter the Great, who ruled the Tsardom of Russia and later its entire Empire from 1682 to 1696!

Perhaps feeling slightly embarrassed about this exclusion, Peter Wright chose not to mention this in *Spycatcher*. ➤



MI5 D-G Sir Roger Hollis

THE CONSTANT COMPANION

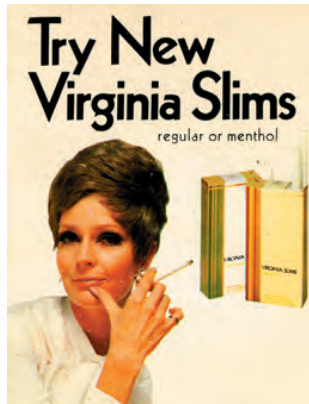
James Jesus Angleton was one of the CIA's most powerful and controversial Cold War spy hunters. For 20 years until his resignation in 1974, Angleton was obsessed with KGB infiltration, not only in his agency, but those Langley had close relations with, including MI6.



This most private and maverick of spies was convinced KGB spooks were lurking around every corner, listening, watching, conspiring and compromising the CIA's best laid plans. It didn't help his mind-set perhaps that he rarely opened the blinds in his office, or that he was an insomniac. However, the former OSS man, who once worked alongside MI6 man and KGB spy Kim Philby in London, would make Agency business his own, and he often poured over files of those he suspected of working for the opposition. This of course included a plethora of internal memorandums.

Angleton and Philby worked in this London building in WWII

For staffers who feared his wrath or wanted to know who was being watched or whose work he had taken a particular interest in, there was one clue which Angleton left and seemed oblivious to. The eccentric warrior was a chain smoker of the highest order - puffing his cigarettes until his second floor office and those surrounding it had been consumed by a haze of blue-grey smoke. From his arrival at work to his departure, cigarettes were his constant companion. Sixty, seventy and on occasions even more, Angleton was rarely seen without them. The problem for the chief spy was, those papers he devoured stunk of nicotine and were easily detected by his inner circle!



There is little doubt his war on foreign spies (and probably his use of cigarettes) was provoked by his dealings with Kim Philby. The Washington-based MI6 man was a close confidant of Angleton, and the American trusted him emphatically, until that is British Intelligence officers Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean defected to Russia. Angleton was convinced Philby knew of their role and had tipped them off. The CIA Director was "traumatised" that he of all



Kim Philby



James Jesus Angleton

people had failed to spot the spy, and even more so because Philby had undoubtedly provided his KGB controllers with information about things he had learned from Angleton. Philby was duly asked to leave Washington and from that day forth Angleton's smoking increased to intolerable proportions. His suspicion of all things red spiralled out of control, however, armed with boxes of cigarettes the spycatcher would never be taken in again.

Little wonder also that amongst the several nicknames afforded him by his associates was of course 'Virginia Slim'. This undoubtedly had more to do with his favourite brand and 'companion', rather than the location of Langley's headquarters or his thin frame.

LIVING UP TO HIS NAME

Any intelligence library of note carries books examining the postwar escapades of Britain's notorious traitors dubbed the 'Cambridge Spies' - Maclean, Burgess, Blunt, Philby and Cairncross. The revelations surrounding their work for the KGB had damaged MI5 and MI6, thus efforts were doubled to secure information from every possible source - including journalists.

One of the most famous spy writers in the general media at that time was Chapman Pincher - his



connections with the intelligence world were legendary, and little wonder that MI5 often placed bugs under his dining table at his





Former location of L'Ecu de France restaurant - bugged by MI5



Chapman Pincher

favourite eating places including L'Ecu de France off Piccadilly (no longer at this address).

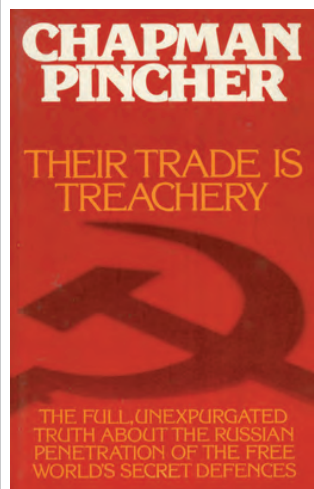
Dubbed the 'lone wolf of Fleet Street', Pincher was a spy author of note producing such works as *Too Secret Too Long* and *A Web of Deception*, yet one book was particularly absorbing, and its title reflected a little dark humour.

In 1963, in the midst of the Cold War, MI5 produced a closed secret internal report on the spying activities of the KGB. The Service warned of the spy games and tradecraft of their Russian adversaries and the hostile intent of Moscow's men and women. Pincher lived up to his name when he secretly secured a copy on its

production, but this he kept quiet for the best part of two decades.

Nevertheless, its content must have helped him produce some excellent copy for his *Daily Express* newspaper columns - then the biggest circulating paper in the world. Chapman's weekly stories and tales were read by nearly 12 million people.

And then in 1980, with the echoes of KGB infiltration still bouncing off the walls of MI5 and MI6, he revealed he was writing a new book - *Their Trade is Treachery*. This must have come as quite a shock for intelligence staffers, for this was the very title used by MI5 in its 1963 internal booklet on Soviet espionage!

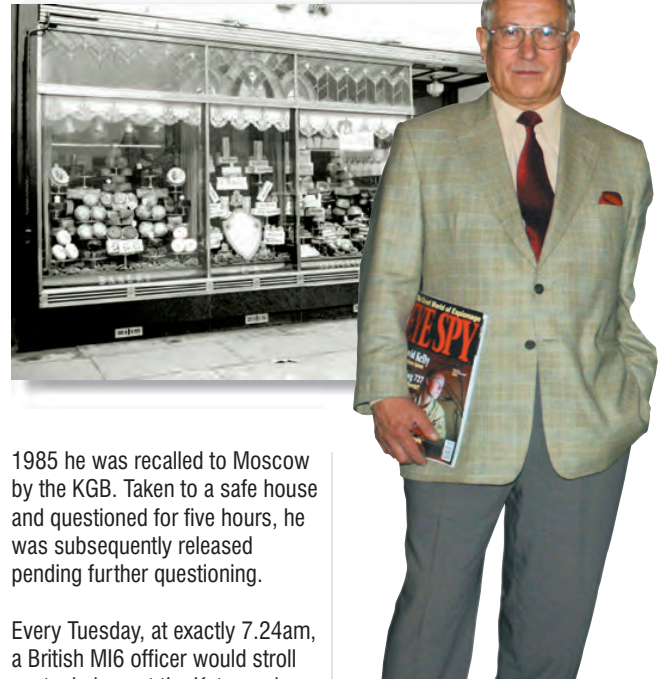


RECIPE FOR A DEFECTION

Operation PIMLICO - a bakery, Mars bar, packet of crisps and a dirty nappy

In the 1960s, Russian KGB Colonel Oleg Gordievsky became disillusioned with the Soviet system and made contact with British Intelligence.

By the mid-1970s he had become an MI6 agent-in-place and his promotion to KGB rezident (chief of station) in London was an added bonus. However, in May



1985 he was recalled to Moscow by the KGB. Taken to a safe house and questioned for five hours, he was subsequently released pending further questioning.

Every Tuesday, at exactly 7.24am, a British MI6 officer would stroll past a bakery at the Kutuzovsky Prospekt in Moscow. If he ever saw Gordievsky standing outside the bakery holding a grocery bag, it meant that he was requesting to be exfiltrated as a matter of urgency.

The plan called for Gordievsky to wait outside the bakery until a second MI6 officer arrived, carrying a bag from Harrods department store in London. In his hand would be a Mars chocolate bar which he would duly take a bite of while passing Gordievsky. This was the secret signal that his request to be exfiltrated had been received. And then one day an MI6 man saw Gordievsky with the grocery bag and the secret plan was put into place,

Four days later he evaded KGB surveillance and was picked up by



'Foreign Office' staffers (MI6) and their wives who hid him in the boot of a diplomatic car. They then drove to the Finnish border passing through a number of checkpoints. As they closed in on freedom, they were again stopped. At this checkpoint, their car was surrounded by 'sniffer' Alsatian dogs trained to pick up human scent. One of the women acted immediately and began feeding the dogs cheese and onion crisps as a diversion; the other wife, carrying a baby, duly placed the unwitting tot on the boot and started to change its nappy. The discarded dirty nappy was placed on the ground below the boot. Together with the smell of flavoured crisps and a soiled nappy, the dogs had little chance to smell the scent of Gordievsky.

After a pause at another check-point, Gordievsky heard the pop music being played in the car change to that of Sibelius called Finlandia. He was free and the MI6 ruses had worked perfectly.



Britain's
Foreign Office
headquarters

THE MYSTERY OF Q-DIVISION

For the spy aficionados and lovers of Ian Fleming's James Bond books, there are a plethora of real-life 'gems' and adventures to be found in his works - many drawn from the author's time spent in MI6 and the NID (Naval Intelligence Division). The intelligence services dispute some stories of course, including agent classification and acronyms, but others are quite real.

Q Division represents the MI6 element given the task of creating the 00 agents' gadgets, equipment and Legends. Heading the fictitious branch (in some alternative works and productions) is Q himself (Q standing for Quartermaster). Perhaps the most famous Q of all time was played by actor Desmond Llewelyn. He

was a dry, sarcastic and humourless figure who after demanding that Bond "pay attention," then describes how a piece of assigned equipment worked, before asking for a signature and its safe return.

Today MI6 still retains a branch outside London dedicated to equipment development, purchase and 'alteration' but it is not called Q or Q Division. Protocol and legal issues require Eye Spy not to reveal more, but where did Fleming source the name Q and Q Division?

Eye Spy understands that he found the name whilst in the employ of MI6 and via a friend or colleague who worked at the Foreign Office in London. The FO are essentially the overseers of

many MI6 operations and a support organisation. Like any such body, meetings with associates are frequent and all manner of secret papers filter through to its headquarters. Formed in 1782, it is headed by the Secretary of State (currently Philip Hammond) one of the most important positions in British Government. His role supporting British interests around the world is unprecedented - so too much of the work performed in the FO.

Thus internal security is necessary, none more so than in times of great uncertainty and conflict. We can't be sure of the exact nature of that security today, nor its name or the procedures in place to protect secrets or foreign infiltration (spies). However, Eye Spy is fairly convinced that a half century ago, and at the height of the Cold War, protecting secrets



The Grand Staircase
in the Foreign Office

and staff vetting was performed by an element called... Q Division!

As for 'Q', strange but true, he never featured in any Fleming novel though he does mention Q and Q Branch.

MICE, DRAB AND ESPIONAGE

Eye Spy has often explored what motivates people to betray their country and/or turn to espionage. In today's training schools run by American Intelligence, students are told that one acronym encompasses the primary reasons - MICE - Money, Ideology, Coercion and Extortion. The latter two also have an alternative explanation - Compromise and Ego.

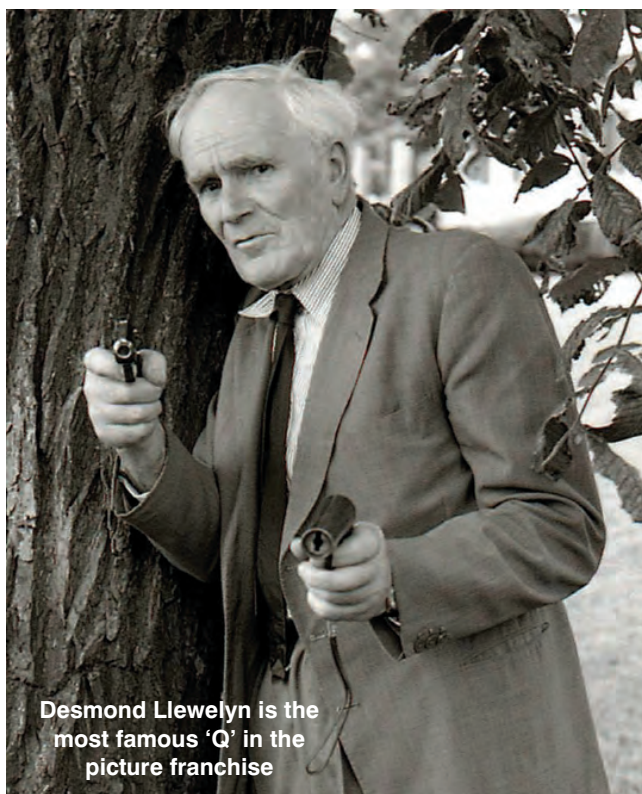
It's an interesting word which may well have originated in spy novels - perhaps from the incredibly detailed works of Tom Clancy. However, though identifying key tripping points, intelligence watchers note that it is far from all encompassing. Dissatisfaction, Religion, Arrogance and Boredom



Edward Snowden

being just a few other factors or DRAB for short.

One question still not fully understood, and still being analysed by those intelligence staffers charged with understanding motive, is why Edward Snowden leaked so many intelligence secrets. He claimed he did it to protect people's privacy. It's a category not identified or used by those Cold War veterans who operated in the fields of espionage and counter-intelligence. Rumours abound that some intelligence trainers wanted to adopt 'S' on the MICE acronym - to read MICES the 'S' in this case standing for the Snowden factor! Those who are ardent followers of the English language have voiced concern, because no such word exists!



Desmond Llewelyn is the
most famous 'Q' in the
picture franchise



Tom Clancy

ISIS Britons Eliminated in Precision Attacks

HIT TO KILL

UK plots disturbed as National Security Council opts for kinetic strikes against ISIS targets

Unbeknown to many, in early summer British Prime Minister David Cameron met with several senior Ministry of Defence and intelligence officials to sanction a new and covert aerial offensive against ISIS. Also in attendance at the National Security Council (NSC) meeting were Attorney General Jeremy Wright and Defence Secretary Michael Fallon.

As an element of Operation Inherent Resolve, Mr Cameron told Parliament UAV and airstrikes against selected targets in both Iraq and Syria had been enabled. Prior to this, RAF

missions were flown only over the Iraq theatre.

The premier then acknowledged that two Britons fighting for ISIS, Reyaad Khan, 21 and Ruhul Amin, 26, were killed when an RAF remotely piloted vehicle (RPV) attacked a vehicle carrying a number of terrorists in Raqqa. The missile was fired from a satellite controlled MQ-9 Reaper UAV in the first week of July. The UK has a UAV control centre at RAF Waddington which is part of an Alliance chain controlling such aircraft from North America to the Middle East.

A number of media houses reported that GCHQ had intercepted cell phone calls made by the men, allowing their position to be accurately determined. Other newswires added they were also being surveilled by British Special Air Service (SAS) teams. Special Forces troops and intelligence people are providing guidance to operations in both Iraq and Syria. However, the scale of such support is not known.

Electronic intelligence focus has been central in determining the whereabouts of ISIS outposts and command centres, and



Prime Minister David Cameron with British troops

A Royal Air Force MQ-9 Reaper takes to the sky over Afghanistan. Described as an intelligence collection platform, armed variants have now been deployed against ISIS targets in both Iraq and Syria

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE DEFENDS HOMELAND FROM AFAR



Ruhul Amin,



Reyaad Khan



Junaid Hussain

it is generally accepted that the two Britons (and others) communications were under observance. Following the secret London meeting, the decision to launch targeted airborne attacks was as much an attempt to dissuade UK nationals from travelling to the area as it was a military action.

Defence Secretary Michael Fallon supports UAV directed attacks to protect national security



Another high profile ISIS terrorist reportedly killed on or around 24 August following a UAV missile strike was Briton Junaid Hussain. The cyber hacker was high on Langley's most wanted list and had been linked to a number of evolving plots in Britain. Hussain, 21, was driving in a car in Raqqa, Syria, when it was targeted. His wife, Sally Jones, also an ISIS operative denied the report, but intelligence sources have "high confidence" he was killed.

Hussain, who left the UK in 2014, is believed to have been behind the cyber attacks against US Central Command's Twitter and You Tube accounts in January (Team Poison). Perhaps this prompted the Defense Department to focus on the operative. The Hussain operation was controlled by the Pentagon.

David Cameron said: "There was a terrorist directing murder on our streets and [we had] no other means to stop him." Intelligence sources are confident the Britons were liaising with ISIS operatives almost certainly based in the UK. Eye Spy learned there was credible evidence to suggest an attempt to target VE (Victory in Europe - May) and VJ (Victory in

Japan - August) celebrations was central to Downing Street's change in policy. It is not known how far these plots evolved, but the aerial strikes suggest other operations may have also been discussed by ISIS.





New technologies allowing UAVs to be controlled from thousands of miles away and over long periods, have proved effective in removing specific targets and known notorious terrorist individuals

Mr Cameron said the action was entirely legal and that if faced with such circumstances again, he would take identical action. Eye Spy sources said every stage of the July operation was overseen by legal advisors and the words “national defence interests” were used to counter expected legal challenges from human rights supporters.

ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE

US human intelligence (HUMINT) collection in the war theatre of Syria and Iraq against ISIS continues to improve. So too Langley’s offensive using UAV and airpower to eliminate prominent ISIS operatives. On 18 August the deputy commander of the terrorist group, Haji Mutazz, a former member of al-Qaida, was

killed along with several key colleagues as the car they were driving was struck by a missile fired by a CIA-controlled UAV.

The Mutazz sanction was made possible after intelligence was gleaned about his location and a meeting he was due to attend. This was described as “actionable intelligence.”

Mutazz, who also goes by the name Fadil Ahmad al-Hayali, was reportedly killed towards the end of 2014, but the Pentagon admitted they had wrongly identified him. However, recent reports of his demise seems very credible. Ned Price, the US National Security Council spokesman confirmed Mutazz’s death, saying it will “adversely impact ISIS operations given that his influence spanned finance, media and logistics.”

Another man with Mutazz, who effectively controlled ISIS in Iraq, was Abu Abdullah. He was regarded as head of the group’s media



Haji Mutazz a.k.a. Fadil Ahmad al-Hayali

output, including controlling the gruesome videos and imagery posted on-line.



Inner circuitry and components of a Hellfire missile shown through transparent case (model)

MI6-CIA-FSB INTEL BACK-CHANNELS

As rumours abound concerning the future of Syria’s President Bashar al-Assad, behind closed doors several intelligence sharing and communications’ back-channels between the West and Russia are being established. Central to the issue is the fight against ISIS, and Russia’s foreign and

domestic intelligence agencies, SVR and FSB, have been providing Assad with an array of reports that have at the very least, helped to slow the terror group’s march on Damascus.

Against the backdrop of daily warplane missions being flown by the USAF, the Kremlin



Left: Remembrance Day - Britain honours its war dead. British Intelligence is already focusing its attention on events in November 2015 - this as ISIS ‘chatter’ increases about the memorial day

MI5's flag flutters above its Millbank headquarters



MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker interviewed by BBC Today news presenter Mishal Husain

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"If we do our jobs well, we will know who most of the people are who potentially offer a threat to this country. But we can't monitor them all the time..."

MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov

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by Syrian troops. With Britain now attacking targets in Syria, observers believe a "better understanding" of what's happening on the ground and in the air could help avoid an incident between the Russians and the Alliance.

- The four-year fight with ISIS has thus far resulted in 250,000 deaths.

MI5 & MI6 MARKERS

Perhaps a play on diplomacy, though more likely a subtle warning that total homeland security can never be assured, two leading British intelligence figures renown for their specialist counter-terrorism knowledge, recently aired their views on the current situation. Former Chief of MI6, Sir John Sawers, who stepped down last year, spoke frankly on CNN's *Global Public Square*. He said the [security] situation is "pretty chaotic and dangerous at the moment." Sir John, who now advises on security in a private capacity, was supportive of efforts to derail the Assad regime in the Syrian civil war.



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President Putin has remained supportive of the Assad regime throughout the conflict - evidenced in recent times by the development of a military facility



advised Washington that it is expanding its military forces in Syria. Besides striking ISIS and al-Qaida targets, elements of Russia's armed forces are also attacking Syrian groups opposed to Assad and backed by the United States. This prompted US Secretary of State John Kerry to speak with his Russia counterpart Sergei Lavrov about the war. Kerry acknowledged that Russia wants to work together in fighting ISIS.

CIA Situation Reports reveal several military flights arrive at Latakia Air Base every day from Russia. Some 300 Russian troops (advisors) and 250 naval personnel have also been deployed along with heavy weaponry including tanks, rocket launchers and surface-to-air missile systems. A CIA source said the base is being developed, whilst a Pentagon official described it as a "forward operating base." Some of the weaponry is being used



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1. August 2015. Refugees cross the Greek-Macedonia border 2. September 2015. Syrian refugees at Keleti Railway Station, Budapest, Hungary 3. A security officer watches over hundreds of refugees at Keleti Railway Station, Budapest, Hungary 4. August 2015. Refugees cut through barbed wire fences on the Hungary-Serbia border

He was asked about the wave of migrants fleeing Syria, Iraq and elsewhere and entering Europe, this as some reports suggest two out of every 100 people have threats to or are supportive of ISIS. "I think the bulk of these refugees are people genuinely fleeing conflict... fleeing for their lives and seeking a better life for themselves and their families," he said.

Sir John said he was far more concerned with the number of European people joining the terror group. And like many people in the intelligence industry, he fears that many will return to their home countries and carry out attacks.

He was asked how MI6 helped secure Britain, and in particular, the 2012 London Olympic Games. "We were confident that the Olympic Games would be terrorism-free," he said. However, he believed "you could not be so confident now" if the Games were hosted in 2016.

He went on to say that whilst intelligence can detect and counter emerging plots, attacks



such as Charlie Hebdo in Paris and that recently thwarted by off-duty American servicemen on the Amsterdam to Paris train, are more difficult. He concluded by saying, "100% security is unrealistic."

Just days later current MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker appeared on the BBC's political-based *Today* radio programme. It was the first time in the Service's 106-year history that its head had spoken live on radio. He echoed some of the words spoken by Sir John, but focused more on the electronic threat. "Advances in technology are allowing terrorists to communicate out of the reach of

the authorities," he said. He admitted that individuals involved in terrorism are being influenced by material found on the Internet.

Whether or not this was a hidden attack on the likes of NSA/CIA traitor Edward Snowden, no one can be sure, but Mr Parker raised the subject of legislation and more cooperation with Internet firms. On-line encryption meant that the intelligence world "can no longer obtain under proper legal warrant the communication of people they believe to be terrorists." He insisted that those involved with such issues should not be able to hide.

Like Sir John Sawers, he too acknowledged that MI5 cannot guarantee total security. "If we do our jobs well, we will know who most of the people are who potentially offer a threat to this country." And then a caveat... "we can't monitor them all the time."

MI5's DG also played down fears that ISIS was infiltrating terrorists into Europe via the current migration crisis.

Female Operatives in the World of Intelligence

TRADING PLACES

Former MI5 Director-General focuses attention on female spies, diversity and greater opportunities for women in the world of intelligence... plus reveals new evidence concerning a British spy and an incident which created worldwide outrage

Just weeks after the first ever female Director-General of MI5, Dame Stella Rimington, voiced her support for the growing ranks of female spies in Britain's intelligence services, the now prolific author has created a stir in the intelligence community by revealing further clues about a famous, but controversial WWI spy case involving Norfolk nurse Edith Cavell. She was executed by the Germans for espionage.

Cavell's name was in the news again in 2014, after the Royal Mint announced she would feature on a new £5 commemorative coin to mark the centenary of the Great War.

BACKGROUND

Cavell's work took her to Belgium prior to WWI where she plied her trade in over 30 schools and kindergartens. However, when war broke out she was in Britain, but opted to return to Belgium. A year-or-so later on 5 August 1915, she was arrested for helping



Edith Cavell - German claims of espionage appear true

Allied soldiers escape to Holland. And despite the fact that she helped provide medical assistance to injured troops on both sides, she was convicted by a French court as a collaborator, and later executed by the Germans. British officials dismissed Berlin's



Stella Rimington takes up her post as MI5 Director-General

COURTESY: THAMES HOUSE/MI5

claim she was acting as a spy and her death caused much outrage around the world. In London, the propaganda houses of MI5 and MI6 lost no time in using the incident to gather international support for the war effort. A postal stamp was issued proclaiming: 'Remember Edith Cavell - Murdered October 12th 1915'. A sketch of a German soldier looking at the deceased body of Cavell also featured.

After the war, two motion pictures about the incident were produced. *The Cavell Case* had the tag line: 'The undying record of the woman the Germans shot'. An advertisement in *The Moving Picture World* for *The Woman the Germans Shot*, was headed 'She Was Not a Spy!'. US interest in the case continued: Cavell featured in a haunting sketch by George Wesley Bellows called 'The Murder of Edith Cavell'.



British propaganda at work

ESPIONAGE

For the best part of a century the Cavell story remained somewhat of a mystery, and spy authors were unsure of her supposed dual role, but Dame Stella has unearthed a number of papers in the military archives in Belgium that 'Cavell's organisation' was protecting Allied troops soldiers and at the same time, providing London with intelligence. This in effect supports Germany's espionage accusation.

Dame Stella said:

"We may never know how much Edith Cavell knew of the espionage carried out by her network. She was known to use secret messages, and we know that key members of her network were in touch with Allied intelligence agencies. Her main objective was to get hidden Allied soldiers back to Britain but, contrary to the common percep-



Dame Stella Rimington



Edith Cavell pictured in Brussels, Belgium, before the Great War

tion of her, we have uncovered clear evidence that her organisation was involved in sending back secret intelligence to the Allies."

Some of the escapees had secret messages and details of German positions sewn into their clothing and footwear. However, Dame

Stella's research also connected Cavell to Dr Tollemache Bull, a British national who lived in Brussels. He was in fact an agent for Sir Mansfield Cumming's foreign section of the Secret Service Bureau - later separating to form MI6 and MI5. Dame Stella acknowledged the Cavell organisation was a "two pronged affair," with one fork decidedly involved in espionage.

THE MI6 MAN FROM HARLEY STREET

Eye Spy researched a little more on Dr Tollemache Bull. His full name was Thomas Tollemache Jackson Bull who was born in the UK in 1836. He would have been 78 at the time of his liaison with Cavell. At the turn of the century, Bull had a private surgery in Harley Street, no doubt associating with many senior Establishment and government figures. He then moved to Belgium and when war broke out in 1914 he actually volunteered for the British Army!

Interestingly, we discovered he lived on Rue Zinner Street in Brussels - amongst the foreign and diplomatic houses and next to what is now the American Ambassador's residence. And it was here he would meet Cavell and help plan the escape of injured British servicemen and pass on intelligence related happenings.



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Royal Mint WWI Edith Cavell
commemorative coin



Most of the troops came from the Battle of Mons where the British suffered 1,600 casualties.

Dame Stella makes reference to how the Germans caught Cavell - this after she was betrayed by policeman Armand Jeannes.

In 1922 newspapers in the USA and UK followed his trial at Mons for treason. In sentencing Jeannes, the judge had this to say: "Jeannes you are like Judas" and his thirty pieces of silver was the highest paid police officer - the intelligence services were the eye of our army and the Jeannes punctured them. Who is to say that it has not undermined the security of our country? Jeannes you are condemned to death." [SIC] Unlike Cavell, he was ultimately given a royal pardon and his sentence commuted to life.

There are also references in archive files in the United States that indicate Cavell was concerned about her staff at the nursing home - some journalists stating she was "imposed upon to help because of her self-sacrificing nature." As for Bull, he was arrested in 1916 because the Germans had learned of his activities. He survived the war and was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE). Other members of Cavell's organisation also received awards.





City Hall and the Grand'Place in Mons. The traitor Armand Jeannes, described as a 'German agent' was tried here

German troops march past the Royal Palace in Brussels 1940



A third key member of the escape and intelligence pipeline was a jeweller called M Charles Leclerc. He helped produce false passports which allowed the troops to travel. This continued until he was advised the Germans were becoming very suspicious.

The 'youthful' and fearless Thomas Tollemache Jackson Bull died on 13 May 1940 - ironically just three days after the German Army invaded Belgium again in World War Two.

The story of Cavell probably supports Dame Stella's stance that women are better at combining sympathy and persuasiveness with a ruthless streak than most men.

FOCUS ON FEMALE SPIES

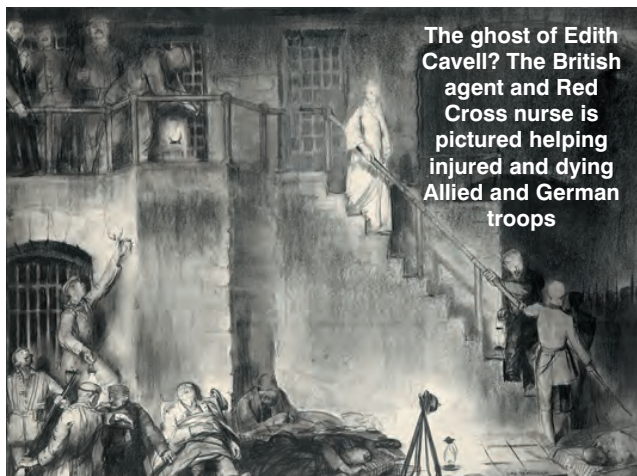
Once the domain of a near total male work force, around a third of MI5's current staff is made up of females, whose expertise is utilised in all of the Service's many directorates, from analysis to surveillance, to front-line undercover work and infiltration.

Speaking at a recent Festival of Education in Berkshire, whilst noting new opportunities, Dame Stella criticised the Service's former paymasters whom she said "treated women as second class citizens... not allowed to recruit targets."

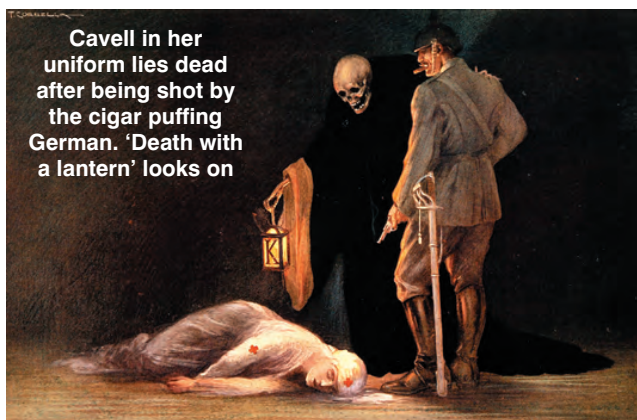


Dame Stella, who since leaving MI5 in the late 1990s has enjoyed much success as a writer, said that women officers can instill more confidence in a target than males because they are often better listeners; this in turn

Edith Cavell Memorial in London



The ghost of Edith Cavell? The British agent and Red Cross nurse is pictured helping injured and dying Allied and German troops



Cavell in her uniform lies dead after being shot by the cigar puffing German. 'Death with a lantern' looks on

THE WELLCOMBE LIBRARY IN LONDON



Hazel Blears

inspires confidence and creates a more relaxed atmosphere. "A woman might be able to be just slightly more relaxed... they are not always as intense as a young man desperate to get the information," she said.

Whilst the experienced former intelligence chief paid tribute to the growing ranks of female intelligence staffers and operatives, she said that she does not believe they make better spies, but it was crucial to have

diversity amongst the organisation's ranks.



Maxwell Knight

One former legendary MI5 intelligence spymaster who would undoubtedly agree with Dame Stella, was Maxwell Knight. Throughout much



Monument to Edith Cavell and fellow nurse Marie Depage in Brussels. Depage was killed when the Germans sank RMS Lusitania on 7 May 1915

of the 1920s until the end of WWII, he headed a diverse and near autonomous MI5 unit from two of his apartments in Dolphin Square, London. He was a firm believer in utilising the skills of female agents as both intelligence gatherers and infiltration agents. However, the senior ranks of MI5 and MI6 was a near total male domain, and those of authority and decision making were often drawn from a recommendation from an associate.

PERMAFROST

Whilst there is much evidence to suggest this is no longer the case, it's interesting to note that fewer than one in five women hold a senior intelligence position. This seemingly 'closed door' attitude was commented upon by Hazel Blears, a member of the Intelligence and Security Committee, who used words such as "permafrost" and "traditional male mentality and outlook." She also reflected that all have "similar backgrounds" - a reference perhaps to Public Schools and academic

institutions known for their long association with British Intelligence.

Such views were not accepted by Dame Stella. She insists today's spies, both male and female, have an opportunity based on work ethic, skill and commitment. She also believes in the flexibility of today's spy agencies, noting part-time positions exist. "This must make it easier for today's men and women who have families."

As for Cavell, who now joins the burgeoning ranks of famous British female spies, just hours before her execution, she said "patriotism is not enough... I must have no hatred or bitterness to anyone."

These words can be found on her statue in St Martin's Place, London. She also told a German priest: "Ask Father Gahan to tell my loved ones later on that my soul, as I believe, is safe and that I am glad to die for my country." A brave operative to the last.

CIA DIVERSITY QUESTIONED Major Langley study finds room for improvement

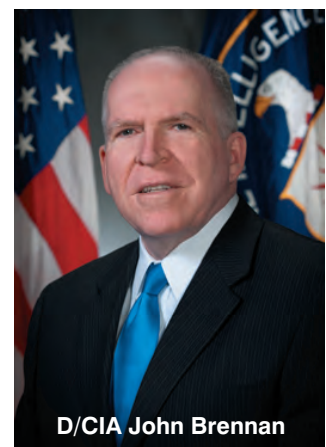
WASHINGTON: An internal study prepared by Langley analysts, found that the Agency continues to lack diversity amongst its staffers, and that 'white men' continue to dominate its senior positions. Just under 24% of the CIA's entire workforce is made up of personnel from the ethnic minorities, whilst just 10.8% hold senior positions.



The Diversity in Leadership Study (DLS) also found that women, especially those with ethnic backgrounds are also

under represented, so too officers with disabilities.

John Brennan, Director Central Intelligence Agency, said: "The report's findings led to an unequivocal conclusion... the CIA must do more to develop the diverse and inclusive leadership environment that our values require and our mission demands."



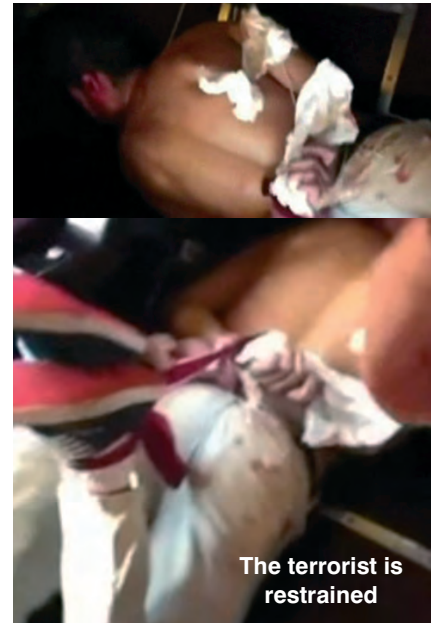
D/CIA John Brennan



Brave passengers avert carnage on a Thalys high speed train leaving Brussels



Ayoub El Khazzani



The terrorist is restrained

YOU TUBE/ANTHONY SADLER

ISIS INSPIRED ATTACK THWARTED

Ten Seconds From Now

A heavily armed Moroccan in the person of Ayoub El Khazzani, 25, was tackled to the ground by American tourists on a high speed train in France, just moments before he launched an attack. El Khazzani was carrying an AKM assault rifle with nine magazine clips containing 270 bullets, a Luger

M80 automatic handgun with additional rounds, a Stanley knife and a plastic bottle filled with petrol. Armed with such an arsenal, and in the confines of a train he had the potential to kill scores of people.

The Thalys train was travelling to Paris from Amsterdam (via Brussels, Belgium) on 21

August, when El Khazzani was seen to exit a toilet. French-American Mark Moogalian, 51, noticed the shirtless gunman and decided to tackle him. In the resultant struggle shots were fired and two passengers and a train conductor were injured. ➤



Ayoub El Khazzani said he found the weapons near Brussels Station



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Watching events unfold further down the carriage, two off-duty American military personnel and a friend at once decided to act. USAF officer Spencer Stone, 23, National Guardsman Alek Skarlatos, 22 and Anthony Sadler, 22, immediately recognised the threat and charged the gunman knocking him to the floor before he could fire any more shots. They were perhaps fortuitous because Skarlatos said El Khazzani's gun had jammed.

A fight ensued and Stone was cut several times as the terrorist slashed away with his knife. Skarlatos then struck El Khazzani on the head with the butt of the rifle knocking him unconscious. Thereafter they were joined by Briton Chris Norman, 62, who helped tie ropes around the gunman's arms and legs and arms securing him to the ground.

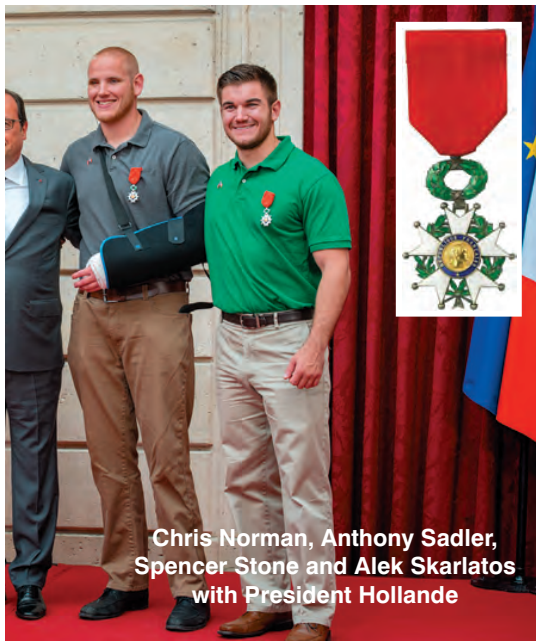
LONE WOLF?

At the time of the incident the train, carrying 550 passengers, was travelling through Oignies. Emergency calls were made and the train re-routed to Arras where it was met by French counter-terrorism officers.

Skarlatos said El Khazzani did not seem to have any firearms training, which might explain his actions after the gun jammed. "If he knew what he was doing or even got lucky



**Bullet
magazines
found at the
scene**



Chris Norman, Anthony Sadler, Spencer Stone and Alek Skarlatos with President Hollande



AKM assault rifle

the train and not spark a terror alert." She continued: "He only wanted to extort money from passengers, nothing else, he denies any terrorist dimensions to his actions... the suggestion makes him laugh." His daft excuse, especially in lieu of all his weapons certainly raised a few eyebrows in court.

How El Khazzani, who had moved to Spain in 2007, secured the weaponry remains unclear, though he says he found the assault rifle in an abandoned suitcase near the train station in Brussels. An unlikely scenario, unless it was left purposely for him to find. What is known is he was under passive surveillance by a number of European counter-terrorism forces and had links to various characters supportive of groups such as al-Qaida and ISIS. MI5 sources believe he was connected to the ISIS-run pipeline which enters northern Syria from the Turkish border. The terror cell which operates the people smuggling channel are also responsible for a number of incidents in France and Turkey, of which El Khazzani may also be connected. MI5 believes ISIS, like other organised crime gangs is securing monies from migrants seeking to flee the war theatre in Iraq and Syria.



Ayoub El Khazzani

At present there are no other suspects, though the DGSI (French domestic intelligence) believe El Khazzani did not act alone and received support. The attacker had travelled to various countries in Europe, though often slept rough, choosing to live a somewhat unusual life. At the time of his attack however, it is believed he was staying at his sister's house in Brussels. Armed with that intelligence, detectives want to know how he managed to purchase an expensive first class ticket for the train. A clue perhaps that the entire operation was controlled and financed by a second party.

DGSI officers secured El Khazzani's cell phone and after examining its content, discovered whilst in the toilet arming his weapons, the terrorist had played a film on You Tube.

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French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve admitted Spanish Intelligence had provided a file on the gunman's terrorist links

and did the right thing, he would have been able to operate all eight of the magazines and we probably wouldn't be here today."

At his first court appearance, legal advisors dismissed representations that he had boarded the train intent on robbery. French Prosecutor Francois Molins said: "Accounts gathered thus far show he would not have hesitated to use all the arms in his possession... if it wasn't for the intervention of the passengers." He was duly charged with attempted mass murder and membership of a terrorist organisation. Molins added the attack was premeditated and well prepared. "He wanted to kill all the passengers on the train."

FINANCING ISIS

In court a bemused El Khazzani said he "could not understand all the fuss." His solicitor, Sophie David, said he "simply wanted to rob



The Quiet Englishman & Spy

Worst kept secret as author Frederick Forsyth reveals his links to MI6 and the Fourth Estate

One of the world's most famous spy and thriller writers has confirmed what much of the intelligence community already knew, Frederick Forsyth, 76, was an MI6 agent and contact man. Author of classic works such as *The Day of the Jackal*, *The Odessa File* and *The Fourth Protocol*, Forsyth had hinted a few weeks ago that he would make an admission to the fact that he participated in a number of Cold War operations.

A former RAF pilot, BBC and Reuters journalist, Forsyth's books carried an air of authenticity and conviction that many believed could only have been drawn from his own experiences or that of his associates -

beyond the imagination of a creative artist. And though there have been hints about his intelligence liaisons throughout his fantastic writing career, with the experience and responsibility of a field operative, Forsyth remained unfazed by the speculation.

In 1996 Forsyth admitted he knew several MI6 Chiefs and said his relationship was based on understanding more than trust. "There is a general acceptance that you will keep your mouth shut," he said. Forsyth then admitted that he ran passages of his works by former Service heads in order to confirm their accuracy, including operational tasks. "Are we allowed to do this?" he asked, before sorting out the tradecraft. Such comments were an indication of his contact with MI6.

Forsyth's reports on events in Africa confirmed what MI6 knew - that many people, including children were being killed. This clashed with official British Government policy



However, confirmation can now be found in his autobiography, *The Outsider: My Life*, and exposes the secret underworld of the so-called Fourth Estate (see Eye Spy 94). As a BBC man he was sent by the Corporation to Africa to report on the Nigerian Civil War in 1967, as Biafra sought secession from Nigeria. At the time, Britain, and interestingly Russia, backed the Lagos government, whilst France and Israel supplied weaponry to both sides. It was a complex and messy business. And at this moment Forsyth was approached by the head of MI6's Africa Desk, a man called 'Ronnie', to report on various aspects of the conflict, including stories that children were dying in large numbers. Forsyth said that during the last year of the war

FREDERICK FORSYTH
author of the
DAY OF THE JACKAL
regularly entertains spies
and assassins at this table

Frederick Forsyth joins a plethora of famous media people who for over 100 years have in some way assisted British Intelligence



Frederick Forsyth explains why he decided the time had come to reveal his past work for MI6

(1970), "I was sending both journalistic reports to the media and other reports to my new friend." He was of course Ronnie and the author admits they became good friends.

Interestingly, the agent said that whilst the Foreign Office (the overseers of MI6) denied children were being killed or dying, "MI6 had a different viewpoint." Forsyth duly backed his intelligence friends. "I saw no harm in confirming the truth that children were dying like flies in Biafra," he said.

The spy author said that for over 20 years he provided MI6 with background and reports on various happenings, but he also directly assisted in some operations. In 1973 the agent (he was never in MI6 employ nor did he receive monies), Forsyth was asked to secure documents from a KGB intelligence officer who had been providing MI6 with material.



Montcalm Hotel, London. Frederick Forsyth's table in the restaurant supposedly displayed a plaque noting his association with some interesting characters



Brooks's Club in St. James's Street features in several of Forsyth's books

Dresden's Albertinum Museum - Forsyth made contact with a KGB officer here on behalf of MI6



"It was the Cold War... it was serious and dangerous. I ran a couple of errands that's all, no James Bond work - that is rubbish."

They met in a toilet in Dresden's Albertinum Museum and after exchanging codewords, documents were slipped under a partition. However, his mission could have ended in disaster, for his car was stopped near the Bavarian border by police, but he was allowed to cross.

The author did receive some sort of reward for his work. Forsyth's car was modified to conceal documents by MI6's covert creative arm, and a few unknown passages and plots from his later books were read and approved by the Service's keen-eyed book and media watchers.



Forsyth open and honest about his spy work

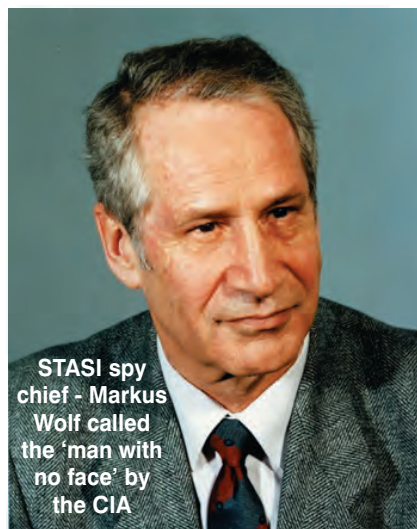
Asked why he had decided to reveal his shadowy spy past now, Forsyth said a half century had passed. "Highly secret memoirs have been written and secret minutes published. There's no East Germany, no Stasi, no KGB, no Soviet Union... so where's the harm? It was the Cold War... it was serious and dangerous. I ran a couple of errands that's all, no James Bond work - that is rubbish."

It's quite likely the pages covering his spy exploits in *The Outsider: My Life*, were read and approved by MI6!

THE RECRUITMENT CLUBS

Frederick Forsyth joins a plethora of famous media people who for over 100 years have in some way assisted British Intelligence. There are several gentlemen clubs in London where the recruiters of MI6 and MI5 plied their trade, most notably the Athenaeum, Travellers, Reform, Devonshire and RAC. Others such as White's and Boodle's became preferred haunts. Many notable writers, explorers, adventurers, film makers and authors frequented these establishments, and many would eventually operate as agents, whilst several decided to join the Services or secret military elements.

Studying several Forsyth books, including *The Cobra*, *The Fourth Protocol*, *The Afghan*, *The Deceiver*, *Icon*, *The Devil's Alternative* and *The Negotiator*, many of the characters make



STASI spy chief - Markus Wolf called the 'man with no face' by the CIA

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reference to Brooks's Club in St James's. Eye Spy learned that for a time, MI6 and Naval Intelligence Division officer Ian Fleming, of '007' fame, actually lived here. However, Forsyth doesn't mention where his actual MI6 'tap on the shoulder' happened, but it could well have been in a club.

One of Forsyth's favourite restaurants was at the Montcalm Hotel in London. Eye Spy found a newspaper cutting which references Forsyth, the Montcalm and a brass plaque which was discreetly fixed alongside his table in the restaurant. It read: *'Frederick Forsyth (author of the Day of the Jackal) regularly entertains spies and assassins at this table'*. Whether or not that refers to his many legendary fictional characters or his real-life spy friends remains a matter of conjecture! Forsyth is said to have written several story lines and passages found in the books in the restaurant.

Eye Spy visited the Montcalm Hotel to enquire about the plaque. Management here had no knowledge of Forsyth's link to the hotel or whereabouts of the plaque. That's hardly surprising, for we were informed the establishment has seen a number of new owners.

* Readers can learn of the historic connections between British Intelligence and dozens of London clubs, hotels and restaurants in Eye Spy's *Classified: The Insider's Guide to 500 Spy Sites in London*.



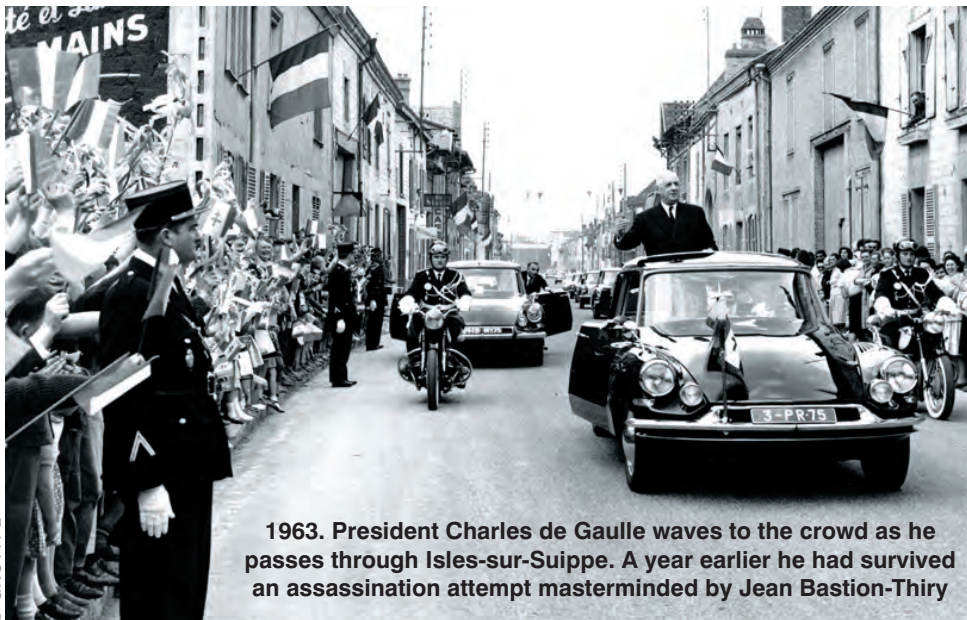
The Montcalm Hotel

PLOTS TOO NEAR REALITY?

MI6: "Write it first and we'll vet it..."



President Charles de Gaulle



1963. President Charles de Gaulle waves to the crowd as he passes through Isles-sur-Suippe. A year earlier he had survived an assassination attempt masterminded by Jean Bastien-Thiry

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Forsyth's attention to detail is legendary and the *Day of the Jackal* is no different. Plots to assassinate French President Charles de Gaulle were frequent and set in the midst of real-life turmoil in France, this as Algeria was granted independence.

On 22 August 1962, an attack on de Gaulle was headed by Jean Bastien-Thiry, a former French Air Force military

engineer and weapons specialist. The president survived and Bastien-Thiry was executed by firing squad - becoming the last person in France to die in this manner.

The assassin was a member of Vieil Etat-Major, a secret outfit which had tried to establish relations with the more powerful OAS (Organisation de L'armee Secrete - Organisation of the Secret Army) - whose members, many with



Raoul Salan



Jean Bastien-Thiry



Somerset House where the 'Jackal' sought a new identity no longer holds public records of birth and death certificates

assassin who is given the codename 'Jackal'. The writer's imagination then takes over, but it is laced with tradecraft which many people believe was based on his own knowledge and experiences. Perhaps one of the clues to his association with his friends in British Intelligence can be found when the Jackal adopts a new identity by checking through the birth and death records held at Somerset House.

There is little doubt at the time of his writing this was feasible. New procedures make such actions much more difficult, but identity theft remains a menace and of great concern to the intelligence world.



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WAITING FOR ISIS

COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE TRIPWIRES

Intelligence specialists believe ISIS will strike in the West but compare outfit to a 'house of cards' that will be blown down

MI5 and associate counter-intelligence/terrorism services in Europe and North America, believe well over 1,000 ISIS trained fighters have now returned to their native countries from the Syria-Iraq war theatre. More worryingly of course, analysts believe a large percentage have been given instructions to attack Western targets, be they civilian or government concerns. A number have undoubtedly returned with weaponry and weapons/explosives training.

An example of the problem faced by counter-intelligence/terrorism organisations is evidenced in the number of people now being monitored by MI5 - between 2,500-3,000, though not all reside in the UK. Similarly, it was recently revealed that the Security Service has established a nationwide network of informants to monitor, infiltrate and report on persons of interest, or emerging threats.

In April 2015, using various media, a number of ISIS videos were produced that exhorts individuals supportive of the group and not yet known to the authorities, to launch

attacks. These were aimed primarily at individuals outside the war theatres of Iraq and Syria. By tracking watchers of the videos and collecting additional intelligence, including subsequent communications and commentary, the FBI made over two dozen arrests in summer, some connected to events surrounding the country's 4th July Independence Day celebrations. Much information about the suspects or targets has yet to be revealed. Relevant to these and other events, a classified CIA Estimate of the Situation believes that the tentacles of ISIS are spreading much faster than previous predictions.

WEAPONS MOVEMENT AND SMUGGLING

The movement of concealed weaponry and explosives across continents and oceans has always been of much concern to those

charged with protection. Any conflict benefits those intent on arms smuggling and ISIS is using its many land and sea pipelines to move such materials. For those who still believe such 'feats' remain difficult, one only has to examine the recent case of Ayoub El-Khazzani, who boarded a high speed train from Amsterdam to Paris (see page 53). Armed with an AK-47, a hand gun and several hundred bullets, had he not been tackled by American travellers, the terrorist could have killed scores of people. El-Khazzani himself said he found the weapon in a suitcase in a park next to Midi Station in Brussels, but in reality, the 25-year-old Moroccan had been a 'person of interest' to the intelligence world since arriving in Spain in 2007. Similarly, he had been in Syria and Turkey where some intelligence watchers believe he may have secured the weapon. El-Khazzani denies this.

Secret CIA report reveals list of 'grand foreign targets' and events ISIS plan to attack in future months...



Nervous French security services have responded to various incidents at the Eiffel Tower in recent months

Despite a potential disaster being averted, Europe's 26-nation intelligence sharing body now recognises an attack by ISIS followers or sleeper operatives on the continent is inevitable. British premier David Cameron recently warned an "attack in Britain is highly likely."

Communications regularly intercepted by global listening intelligence services such as GCHQ, NSA and other 'Five Eyes' participants, supported by similar endeavours in France and Germany, suggest ISIS is moving its focus on what the CIA describe as 'primary targets'. A highly classified CIA study using data supported by information from ISIS defectors and prisoners, warns the group plan



Londoner Mohammed Emwazi - 'Jihadi John' recently uploaded a photo of himself (right) on the Internet - without mask

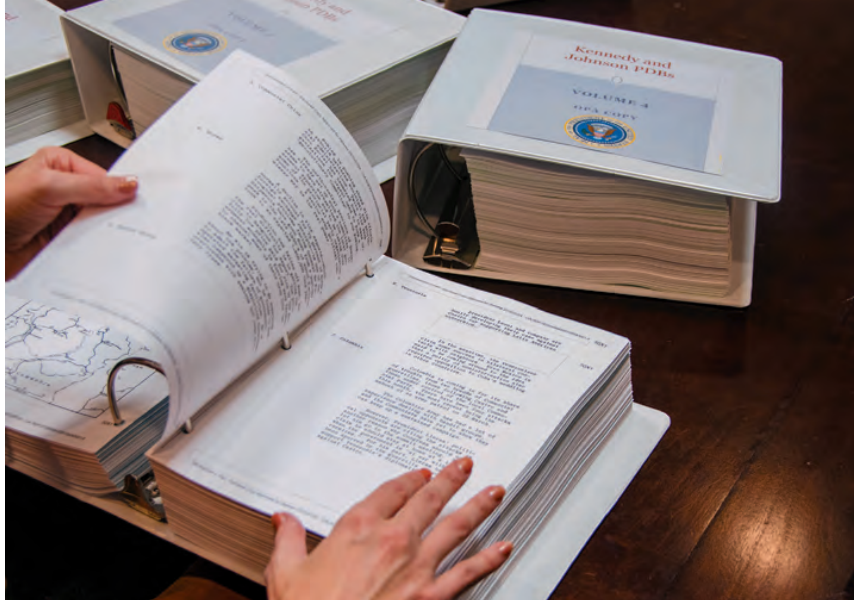


Photo shows just part of the CIA's collection of PDB (Presidential Daily Brief) volumes for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. Today's senior CIA and FBI officials are far from impressed how the White House digests and responds to such advisory papers, especially on the subject of ISIS



to hit infrastructure and finance by attacking tourist sites and events popular with the public. Evidence of this can not only be found in Tunisia (Bardo Museum and Sousse), but sporadic and less publicised attacks in Turkey, Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and elsewhere. The Langley report also advised that those commanding the terror group have drawn up a lengthy list of well known buildings, figures and events in Europe and the United States.

Analysts also believe ISIS is seeking to spread terror by publicising its intent, the group know

this is a potent psychological weapon. That one event can affect a nation financially and create widespread fear (outside the target area) can be evidenced by the tourist attack in Sousse. Tourism in that region is down.

MANUFACTURING FEAR

In August, the British terrorist dubbed 'Jihadi John' who has featured on numerous ISIS propaganda videos, boasted he will return to the UK and "murder all unbelievers." Better known as Londoner Mohammed Emwazi,



USCENTCOM officials discuss training programmes with Iraq Army trainees at Al Asad Air Base



Security has been visibly increased at many London landmarks - especially government buildings



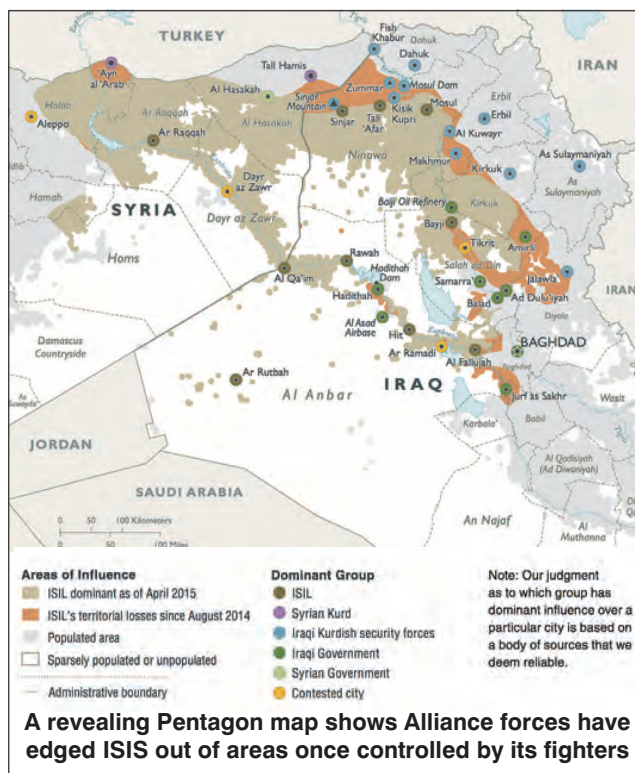
Prime Minister David Cameron and President Obama discuss the ISIS situation flanked by their respective security advisors



ISIS terrorists in Afghanistan



President Obama and Jeh Johnson - Homeland Security Secretary





he revealed his face on video and said he would come home with the group's leader and continue his fight. There had been media speculation Emwazi had fled the group, but this short clip, if it is the notorious ISIS 'front man', appears to contradict this.

Interestingly, the CIA report notes that the group's leadership and followers believe they must stay 'relevant' and 'in the news' by committing the vilest of actions. This is evidenced by the oft bizarre manner in which it executes its prisoners. From burning and drowning people in cages, throwing gay people off tall buildings, to firing RPGs into cars containing tied up victims, the group is continuously trying to 'reinvent itself'. The latest case which analysts examined happened in Afghanistan, when a line of ten

blindfolded and kneeling men were blown up simultaneously by buried explosives. The increasing use of children as suicide bombers and executioners are actions to get it noticed.

"ISIS believes it must continue to 'manufacture' fear and make headlines," a former CIA analyst told Eye Spy. "Outrage is its objective, and the recent destruction of the 2000-year Temple of Baalshamin in Palmyra is a good example." However, the CIA analysts charged with understanding ISIS, believe such acts show a high degree of vulnerability and uncertainty. The core of ISIS is still restricted and being squeezed in the Syria-Iraq theatre, hence Langley believes this is a primary reason for it wanting to strike further afield in the West.

HOME THREATS

MI5 was provided with sufficiently qualified information to issue an advisory note to senior officials concerning the recent 70th anniversary VJ (Victory in Japan) celebrations in London. Whilst the intelligence of an ISIS attack to coincide with the event was fragmentary, there were grounds to filter some information to the media, thus giving the public the option to attend or not. New Scotland Yard said there was no specific information of an attack and hoped the public would turn up in numbers. This is fairly statutory guidance, for Britain could not be seen to bow to simple threats. However, if an attack did happen and it later emerged the security services were in possession of intelligence, there would be questions raised as to why this was not passed to the authorities and made public. It was a very unusual state of affairs, but our sources insist Queen



Armed police officer in Whitehall, London

Elizabeth, who attended some of the events, was the 'primary target'.

World leaders and symbols which make a nation unique are also contained in the CIA Estimate of the Situation. Amongst the volumes of data processed by the Langley watchers are case files ranging from proposed attacks on the Pope and Vatican, to the assassination of state figures. The complexity and planning of such endeavours often overwhelms those given the task of performing them. However, in the case of the VJ threat, IEDs in the form of pressure cooker bombs were said to be the 'delivery system'. The al-Qaida manual containing instructions to build such devices is awash on the Internet, and the impact they can have was evident in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing.

THE USUAL TARGETS

Other more lucrative targets have been discussed by the terror planners of ISIS, including the White House and Capitol Building in Washington. The Eiffel Tower in Paris, Brandenburg Gate, Berlin, Downing Street and Parliament also feature in the CIA report, so too a number of high-speed trains and train underground systems. In New York, ➤



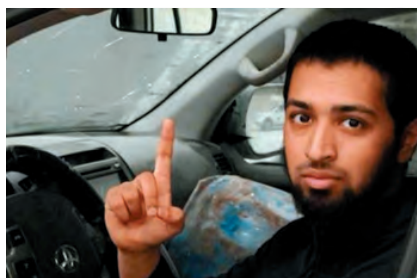
NOT A GAME NOR AN ADVENTURE

These frames from an ISIS video show the fate of a young recruit from Uzbek. Jafar al-Tayyar at first appears confident about his suicide mission - then starts to weep - suddenly the realisation of what he is about to embark upon hits him. Despite his obvious uncertainty, the brainwashed bomber carried out his mission, detonating his armoured vehicle in the Syrian village of Fua, Idlib Province

BRAINWASHED & DESTRUCTIVE

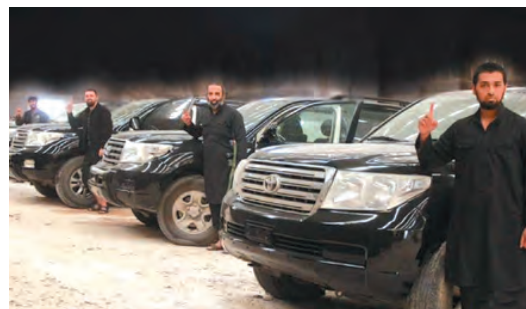
ISIS Operatives Selected for Suicide Missions

On 13 June, British suicide bomber Abu Yusuf al-Britani, real name - Talha Asmal, drove a vehicle packed with explosives into the Iraq town of Baija. Four colleagues performed similar acts in the area while two or three others were either stopped or their IEDs failed to detonate. At least five bombers perished. Intelligence analysts suggested the operatives were trained and influenced (brainwashed) at a specially devised training camp. Indeed, an ISIS film clip shows the men standing alongside their vehicles prior to the operation and taking instructions. The group had selected the men specially from seven foreign nations to show the world it is drawing support from every continent.



Briton Talha Asmal

Counter-intelligence organisations and security services are both mindful and fearful that similar terror cells could unleash coordinated IED attacks in the West and elsewhere. Intelligence sources told Eye Spy that film footage of successful terrorist operations and their after-



math, including political debate and news reporting, are often part of the training: "Showing case footage such as London 7/7, the Boston Marathon, Charlie Hebdo, Sousse and Bardo Museum attacks, for example, help operatives develop a sense of purpose. You can achieve greatness in life they are told." There is also evidence that drugs are also used to control mindsets.

ISIS fighters who have defected and were debriefed by Alliance intelligence people claim that not all the suicide bombers are volunteers. And for those who have been selected, and show any sign of reluctance, the end game is inevitable as they are regarded as traitors.

A broad and recent estimate said the number of suicide missions performed by ISIS has now passed 500 - others believe this is a conservative figure.



Selected for their nationality. The 'suicide cell' - operatives who blew themselves up in the June mission



Marine Corps Brigadier General Kevin Killea, Chief of Staff - Operation Inherent Resolve

the ISIS focus seems to replicate that of al-Qaida: Statue of Liberty, Stock Exchange, city bridges, transport hubs, special events etc. have all been discussed. Yet the CIA believe other nations are also at risk, including China and Australia.

The method of attack is limited only by the imagination, creativity and skill of those involved. MI6 gleaned intelligence on one ISIS training school where foreign (Western) operatives have been taken away from front-line fighting and are being trained for suicide missions. This is a problem for agencies such as MI5, FBI and other domestic security services. In Britain alone, MI5 is monitoring hundreds of individuals known to have attachments to ISIS and al-Qaida. Some of these are undoubtedly the so-called 'Manchurian Candidates' examined in Eye Spy 98.

TECHNOLOGY

In the past 15 years terrorist groups have ventured into different arenas seeking new methods to strike. From driving remote controlled toy aeroplanes and cars packed

with explosives into targets, producing poisons and toxins, IED's in telephones and radiological bombs hidden in suitcases, technology is an area which interests ISIS and deeply concerns counter-terrorism officials. ISIS may openly detest the West and its technological prowess, but it has used the invisible cyber world to recruit, grow, spread propaganda, plan operations, create fear and secure monies.

Langley's ISIS desk is awash with attack and IED delivery scenarios which fall into the physical category. Little wonder security officials are increasingly concerned over the rising popularity and commercial availability of small radio-controlled or pre-programmed UAVs. Called 'hobbyist drones' in the CIA report, one such multicopter landed on the lawns of the White House in January prompt-



Stills from an ISIS video show the group has been experimenting in utilising small devices such as toy cars in its operations

ing a major examination of the threat. Such devices can remain airborne for long periods and be controlled precisely from distance. Others can be overseen by satellite commands and fly to a target automatically. Their accuracy is impressive, with one expert claiming a UAV armed with inexpensive technology can be flown to a target 60 miles away landing within just several feet. ➤



Colonel Richard Kemp, a UK Government terrorism advisor has warned of the danger of 'commercial' UAV and model attacks



Commercial toy-like remotely piloted vehicles (RPVs) or 'drones' as some people refer to them have become increasingly popular. Some aviation and security officials have raised concerns about the devices



The White House recently erected climb-proof fences after a number of incidents - but these will not stop remotely controlled aircraft



Variants of the Chinese DJI Phantom quadcopter



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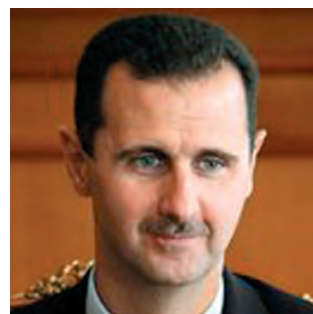
Besides clawing back hundreds of miles of territory from ISIS, various security reports poured over by the intelligence world suggest there is room for optimism. Supporting thousands of its fighters in cities and towns requires money, and this ISIS no longer has in abundance or is incapable of raising it to wage war.

Russia is now operating against ISIS in Syria, but the situation is far from ideal, for there have been several sorties flown which have targeted militias trained by the West. Groups such as the Free Syrian Army and Kurdish-backed units are fighting both ISIS and President Assad's forces. President Putin's 'catch all' policy is one of open support for Assad.

President Obama, who called Putin's actions a "recipe for disaster" and Prime Minister Cameron want Assad to step down, but Russia's move has strengthened the beleaguered leader. With Iran also deploying forces the "entire region is a minefield," according to military planners. The covert actions of Iran in helping Assad has further complicated operations by the Alliance. In September President Putin said: "There is no other solution to the Syrian crisis than strengthening the effective government and rendering them help in fighting terrorism." That help includes a dedicated intelligence section, warplanes, helicopters and



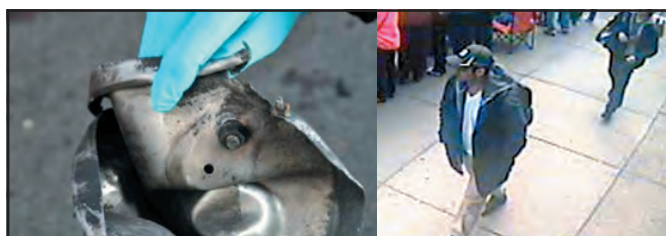
September 2015. Russian warplanes including Sukhoi Su-30's and Sukhoi Su-25's photographed by Geonorth's Pleides satellite



President Bashar al-Assad



US Defense Secretary Ash Carter with Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff General Martin Dempsey who stepped down in September 2015



ISIS suicide bombers are being shown videos of other attacks and their impact

Intelligence gleaned by the CIA and other services in Syria and Iraq, indicate the use of remotely piloted vehicles (RPVs) is a 'high agenda' topic, according to the Langley report. The matter has also been discussed by senior British Intelligence officials. Colonel Richard Kemp, a UK Government terrorism advisor warned the threat of a terrorist drone packed with high explosives flying into a crowded area such as a football match is very real. Similarly, CIA advisors working alongside their counterparts in the Middle East, have compiled

reports of ISIS using UAVs to surveil targets in the region. These reconnaissance missions have proven useful. In Iraq, Peshmerga forces recently discovered a toy car packed with C4 explosives which had failed to detonate. MI6 and the CIA believe such items, including low-cost remote-controlled aerial toys are being purchased in Europe and smuggled in to northern Syria via Turkey. Either way, the threat of an explosive-laden UAV being flown into a target in Europe or America remains high.

Coincidentally, in late August ISIS supporters recently uploaded several images which again attracted the watching eyes of Langley's ISIS

section. These apparently show a toy car containing explosives, and a helicopter-type device.

Whilst the attacks on ISIS positions continue apace, the CIA along with intelligence people from the Pentagon and Ministry of Defence believe ultimately only ground forces can impact the terror group. The recent reopening of Britain's embassy in Tehran could augment discussions between Iran and the Alliance regarding the fight against ISIS. Coupled with the signing of a nuclear deal, if Iranian military ground forces do engage the terror group, many observers believe the outcome is inevitable. However, so complex is the war theatre and political region as a whole nothing should be taken for granted.

Concluding, the CIA analysts who prepared the assessment warn that inaction is not an option.



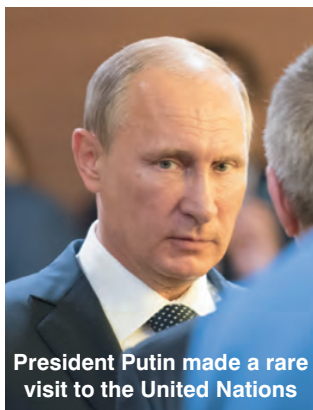
Russia has created an intelligence hub in Syria to coordinate strikes against ISIS - and Alliance-backed anti-Assad forces



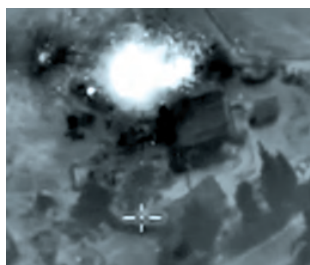
Russian gun-camera footage showing a strike on an ISIS target

missile systems, plus naval vessels. A CIA signal delivered to the media also states Russian surveillance UAVs are also operational.

Russian intelligence officials claim major efforts by the US to train independent groups to tackle President Assad's forces have failed miserably. As a point of reference, Moscow claimed in September, that a unit of 30-trained troops (fully armed) decided to join al-Qaida and take their weapons with them. A US DOD spokesman denied the report, but either way, such ambitious projects were never



President Putin made a rare visit to the United Nations



an option in a war theatre described as the "messiest ever."

However, a defence source in Whitehall said ISIS will "ultimately fall like a house of cards."

Perhaps, but as the terror group is squeezed, its core fanatics will become more dangerous. Already there are reports of chemical weapons being used and Pentagon insiders believe they may seek even deadlier options. The danger to those nations outside the theatre will remain.

US Defense Secretary Ash Carter said if a parallel political solution running with military action was not sought, it would only "pour petrol on the conflict."

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The DECEPTIVE FACTOR

Security specialist Mike Finn examines a number of surprising individuals whose unusual skills and talents were utilised and adopted by those working in the intelligence world. In this feature the author looks at illusionist, conjuror, escapologist, actor and stunt performer Harry Houdini...

Many intelligence agencies throughout the years have always sought the unusual - technologies, equipment, methodology etc. that could give them the edge: and that includes the unique skills of some individuals. Before we begin the substance of this article, I want to separate the concept of conjuring, which I would define as 'to influence or effect as if by magic', as opposed to magic, which I define as 'influencing events by using the mysterious or supernatural'. In recent times there has been much speculation about the role of Harry Houdini



William Melville head of the Secret Service Bureau which would evolve into MI5 and MI6, befriended Houdini



MI5 agent trainer Harry Houdini in playful mood with boxer Jack Dempsey

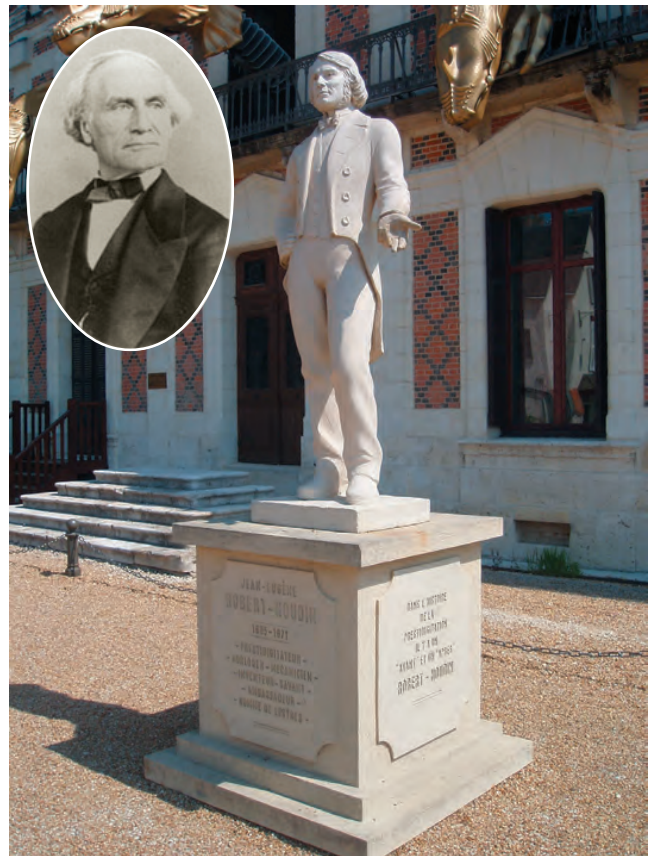
in relation to the early activities of Britain's intelligence services, or more accurately MI5.

Eye Spy has collected sufficient information which would place him in the category of agent trainer. MI5's William Melville befriended stage magician Harry Houdini before the war when he visited Scotland Yard. He reportedly showed the police and other watching officials just how easy it was to remove handcuffs. Melville recognised some of his feats could be useful for his own agents, no doubt in connection to tradecraft. In later years Houdini spent time training MI5 officers in various arts, including escapology.

This opens the door to many questions about his role, purpose and objective. However, here I deal with interest in Houdini's conjuring abilities, especially in the area of escapology.



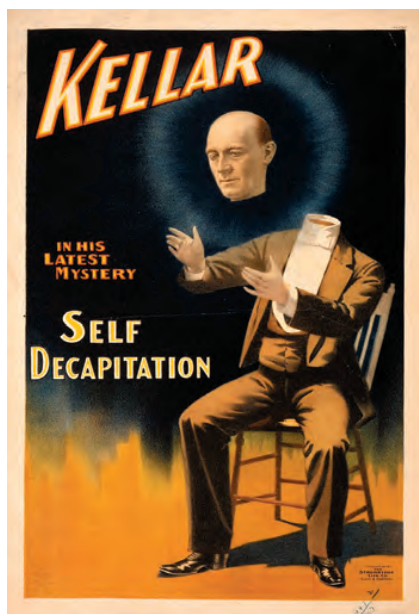
Harry Houdini pictured with famous American conjurer Harry Kellar - who provided guidance



Jean Eugene Robert Houdin - Houdini was influenced by him but in later days tried to defunct many of his acts

The thrust of this article rests in what Harry Houdini had to offer the intelligence world and for clarification we need to look a little more into his background. According to some records he had a secret life working for both Scotland Yard and the American Secret Services.

Harry Houdini, born Erik Weisz in Budapest 1874, was one of seven Jewish children who



Publicity posters featuring Houdini in the 1919 motion pictures - *The Grim Game* and *The Master Mystery*

emigrated to the United States with his family four years later. They first lived in Wisconsin before settling in New York. His father was a Rabbi.

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Although called Erik Weisz and then later Ehrich Wiess, he changed his name to Harry Houdini after his roll model Jean Eugene Robert Houdin, a renown French conjuror of 30 years previous. Strangely, in later life he

suffered a change of perspective and went to great lengths to destroy Robert's reputation. For part of Houdini's life, and quite relevant, he worked as a locksmith. It was a job he disliked and sought pastures new working in a circus.

His first aptitude as a 'spy' came when members of the circus staff were locked in a police cell for giving a performance on the Sabbath. The 'Fat Lady', 'German Giant' and other performers implored Houdini to pick the lock - which he duly did and everyone walked away free in triumph. Of course Houdini was later re-arrested

for jail breaking and escaped with a reprimand. Perhaps the legal world felt that incarcerating him may have proved to be a thankless task.

Houdini was no fool and although his feats were extremely dangerous, they were well considered and well planned. He knew for example, that regulation cuffs were not only standard but easy to open. Houdini exploited this by creating the belief that official police cuffs were the hardest to escape from. ➤

**Houdini prepares to escape from a crate lowered into the sea
CIRCA. 1912**



Harry Kellar

Some unscrupulous people would insert a ball bearing into the lock (making it un-pickable), in response he demanded the cuffs be opened and closed before he attempted his craft. Houdini allowed a strip search, of both clothes and body. The usual places were searched; mouth, hair, and even more personal areas. However, one area he knew was safe was the curled underside of his toes, he even had a back-up plan if this was discovered. When keys or other escape items were secretly passed to him, it was in or via something innocuous, such as a simple handshake, to wish him luck with his escape.

Houdini was never above using an accomplice. When he was put in a cell, he always insisted the door was locked and unlocked in front of him. There were diverse means by which he secured the cell key to duplicate. His greatest friend and asset was human psychology itself, he used skeleton keys, lock picks, accomplices, and specially made apparatus. Above all he was a great manipulator of people. When he escaped from milk urns, boxes and cages for example, the escape mechanism was invariably on the inside, the inquisitive mind usually does an

inspection by scrutinizing the outside, helpers would often be there to subtly guide the member of the audience in the *right* direction.

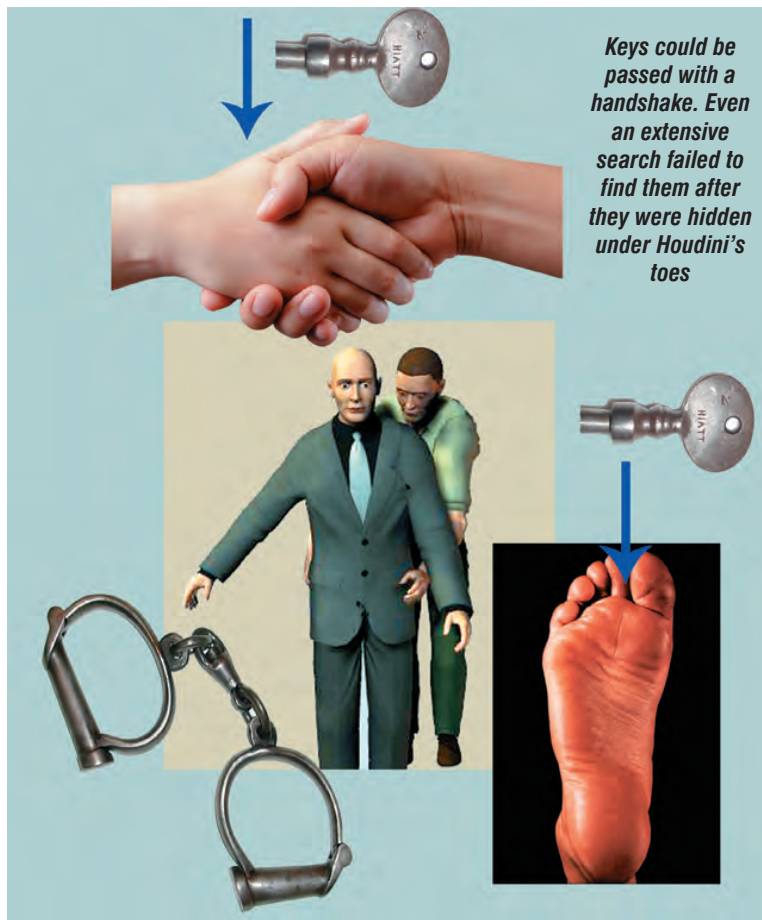
In respect of Houdini's well known straight jacket escape, there was no real trick. It came down to endurance, determination, and a flexible body. Pain was also involved, together

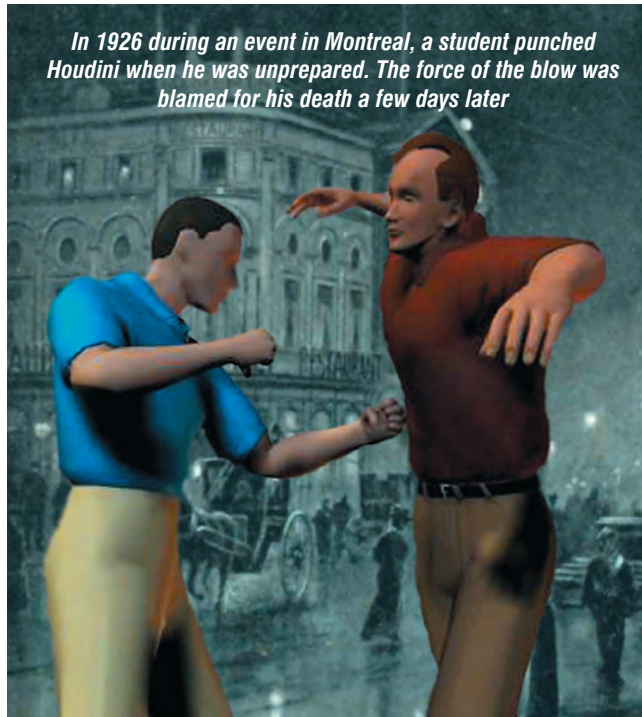
with a good knowledge of the workings of a straight jacket. Rope escapes were not without the occasional use of a small concealed blade, together with an expert knowledge of knots rope and their weaknesses.

Houdini did not undertake high risk feats without weighing up the 'pros and cons'. He was once on the verge of attempting a new trick, which was to catch a bullet in his mouth. He took the advice of noted American conjurer of the time Harry Kellar, who gave him the statistics of deaths by this feat, which scuppered his plan.

However, fate invariably deals the cards. In October 1926, Harry Houdini was giving a performance in Montreal, Canada and was speaking to a group of students. The discussion was about fitness and his power too withstand blows. However, he was relaxed and unprepared, when one of the party attacked him with a blow to the stomach.

A few days later, when he was appearing in Detroit, the blow took its toll and he died of peritonitis, secondary to a ruptured appendix. He was aged 52.





In 1926 during an event in Montreal, a student punched Houdini when he was unprepared. The force of the blow was blamed for his death a few days later



Houdini lived in an apartment in this building during his time in the UK



Grave marker and tomb of Harry Houdini, Machpelah Cemetery, Queens, New York City

Houdini had a distinct dislike for fake spiritualists and exposed them frequently. In contrast his friend Sir Arthur Conan Doyle believed



1928. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle with his family in New York

implicitly in them. On one occasion Lady Jean (Doyle's wife) held a seance to contact Houdini's dead mother. After dialogue and slate writing, the unimpressed Houdini said that it was the first time his mother spoke and wrote English, as in life she only spoke Hungarian! He often decried spiritualists and showed how people were often victims of their own gullibility.

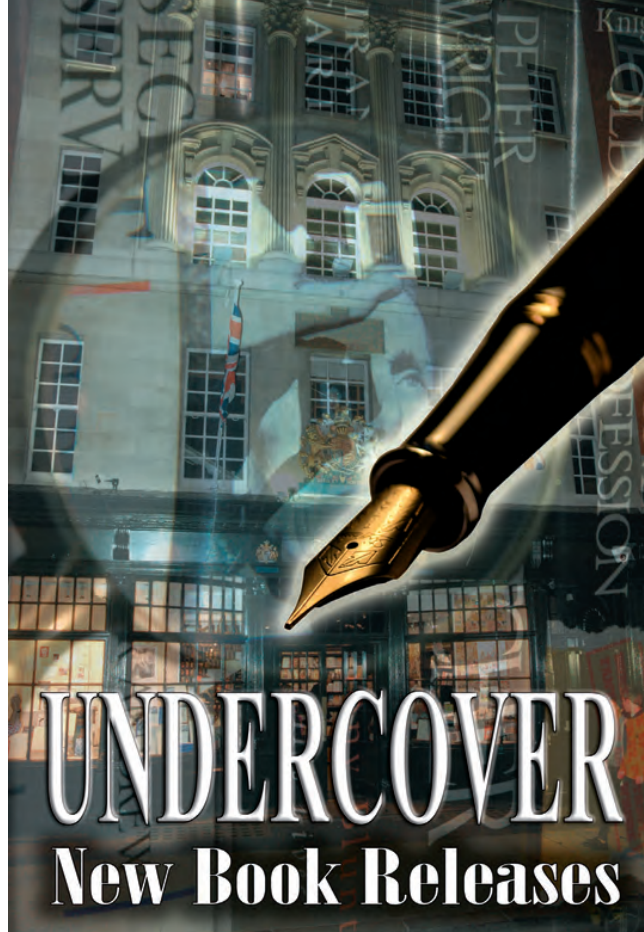
Perhaps by sharing these interesting facts, it's possible to see how American Intelligence and Britain's Secret Service Bureau would have a multifaceted interest in adapting both the thinking and implementation of Houdini to the spying world. From clandestine meetings to slipping drugs into drinks, the mind and slight of hand skills of conjurers hold unlimited benefits.

In later years the CIA picked up the threads of this line of thinking by enlisting noted conjurer John Mulholland. This came under the well



Houdini shows how a photographer can produce bogus 'spirit photographs' - in this case President Lincoln

known MKULTRA project, headed by Sidney Gottlieb who I have written about previously, the significance of this will be dealt with in my next article.



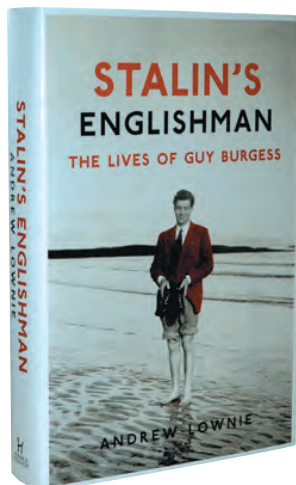
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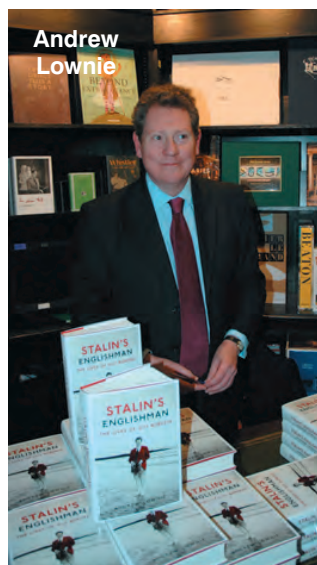
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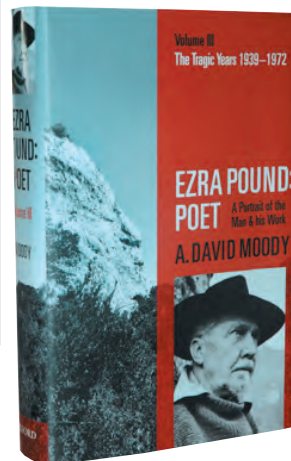


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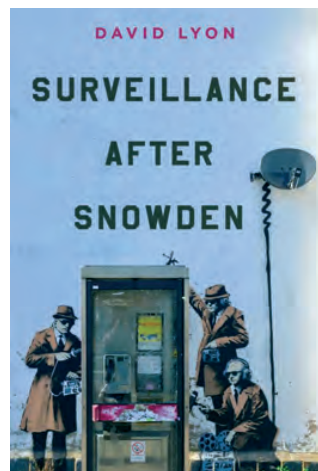
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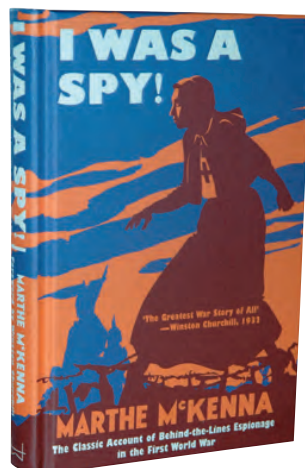
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Marthe McKenna

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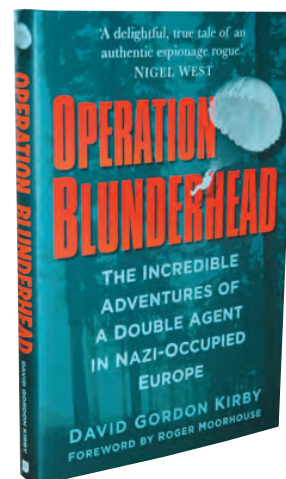
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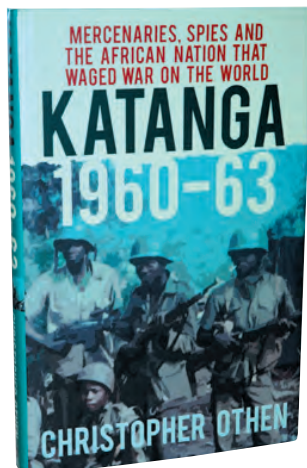
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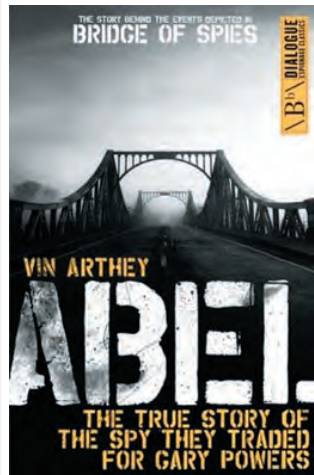
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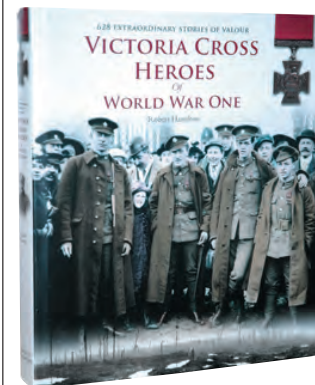
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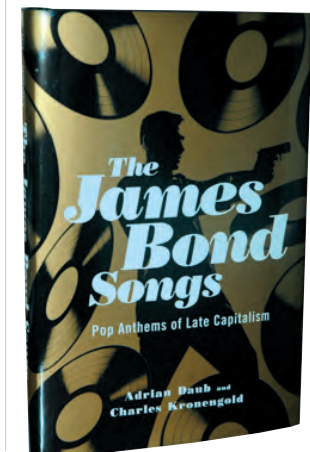
Adrian Daub, Charles Kronengold
Oxford University Press USA

Starting with 1964's *Goldfinger*, every James Bond film has followed the same ritual, and so has its audience: after an exciting action sequence the screen goes black and the viewer spends three long minutes absorbing abstract opening credits and a song that sounds like it wants to return to 1964.

In *The James Bond Songs* authors Adrian Daub and Charles Kronengold use the genre to trace not only a changing cultural landscape, but also evolving conceptions of what a pop song is.

Each chapter discusses a particular segment of the Bond canon and contextualizes it in its eras music and

culture. But the book also asks how Bond and his music reflected and influenced our feelings about such topics as masculinity, race, money, and aging. Through these individual pieces the book presents the Bond song as the perfect anthem of late capitalism.



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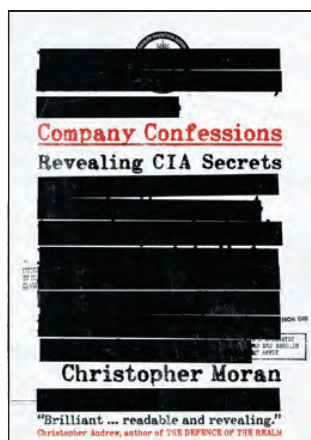
The Bond songs want to talk about the fulfilment that comes from fast cars, shaken Martinis and mindless sex, but their unstable speakers, subjects, and addressees actually undercut the logic of the lifestyle James Bond is sworn to defend. The book is an invitation to think critically about pop music, about genre, and about the political aspects of popular culture in the twentieth century and beyond. Hardback 256pp

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Christopher Moran
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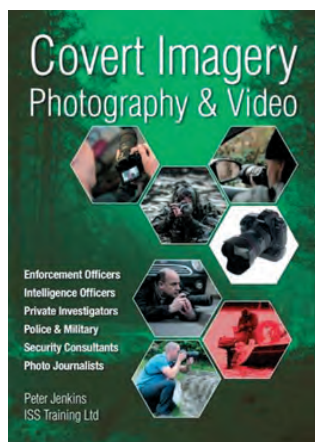
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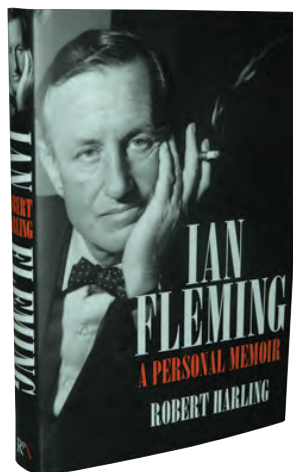
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Their paths first crossed in 1939, and Harling later became Fleming's deputy in the commando unit dubbed 'Fleming's Secret Navy', which was tasked with obtaining equipment, codebooks and intelligence from the enemy. The war made fast friends of the two writers, and Fleming would go on to immortalise Harling in his hugely popular Bond novels *Thunderball* and *The Spy Who Loved Me*.

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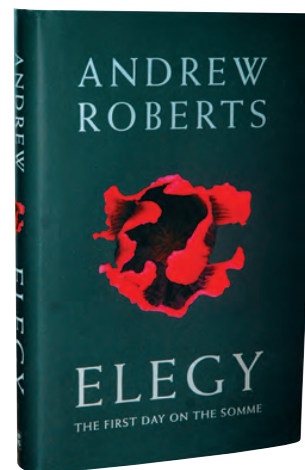
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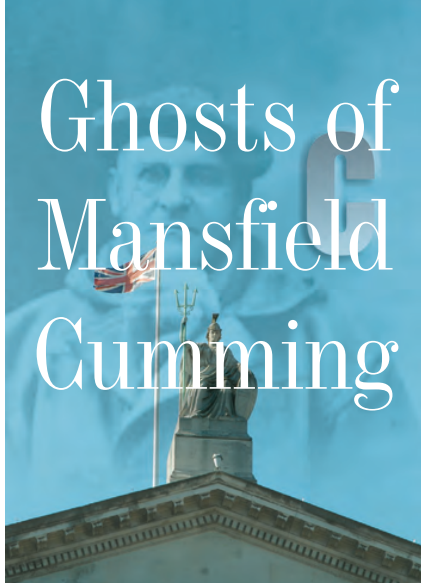
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Barry Turner argues that while Doenitz can never be dissociated from the evil done under the Third Reich, his contribution to the war must be acknowledged in its entirety in order to properly understand the conflict. An even-handed portrait of Nazi Germany's last leader and a compellingly readable account of the culmination of the war in Europe, *Karl Doenitz and the Last Days of the Third Reich* gives a fascinating new perspective on a complex man at the heart of this crucial period in history. Hardback 304pp

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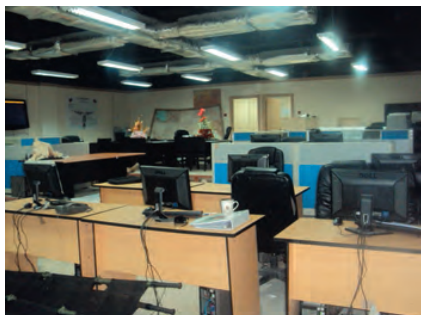
Ghosts of Mansfield Cumming



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capacity. There is no-one, literally no-one in SIS who is not directly or indirectly contributing to the impact that we have on world events. None of them joined for public recognition, but I am not going to pass up the opportunity to thank them all for what they do on behalf of this country."

Of the original 'C' - Sir Mansfield Cumming, Mr Younger concluded: "Despite the severe countenance, I sense that he would share the delight I experience when I watch a small group of people embody the best of modern Britain, penetrate our enemies and disrupt their plans. And doing this not by force of arms but by guile, creativity and that thing that he would most certainly recognise - the sheer satisfaction of putting one over on those who mean us harm."



Intelligence collection centre Kabul, Afghanistan. MI6 Chief Alex Younger praised the work of his staffers operating in this dangerous theatre



Battle of Copenhagen - Lord Nelson's fleet engages the Danish

CLUES FROM MI6's PUZZLE PALACE

There are a few facts about Sir Mansfield Cumming and Whitehall Court that are not referenced by English Heritage, nor do they appear in the comprehensive, though hard-going official book written by Keith Jeffrey - *MI6 - The History of the Secret Intelligence Service 1909-1949*.

On Tuesdays and Fridays, and always at exactly 5.00pm, Cumming would hold special 'spy schools' for new recruits - these no doubt being 'tapped on the shoulder' at the numerous gentlemen clubs in Pall Mall and St. James's. The Chief was a member of most of them. Gathered in the room, Cumming would make them wait in silence while he finished his umpteenth cup of tea and cigarette. And then the tradecraft lessons began - from donning disguises, using secret inks, to mastering the traits of foreign customs and creating legends and foreign identities.

Though two rooms - 43 and 54 are mentioned by English Heritage, number 46 was used by a Secret Service Bureau typist and 44 by codebreakers.

THE SPENCER LEGEND

Perhaps more interesting, but of no surprise to those who have pored over every snippet of



Vice Admiral Horatio Lord Nelson

information concerning Cumming, was that in Whitehall Court he used the cover name Captain Spencer. When Cumming died in 1923 at the Service's Melbury Road headquarters, he was buried in Bursledon, Hampshire, a tiny village on the coast of southern England with many ties to the sea. It was around here he

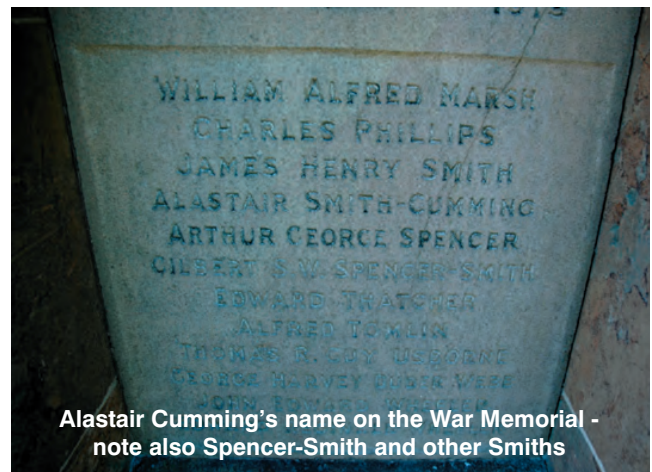




The gravestone of Sir Mansfield Cumming - Britain's first Chief of MI6



The First World War Memorial at Bursledon



Alastair Cumming's name on the War Memorial - note also Spencer-Smith and other Smiths



Gravestone of Captain Spencer-Smith - a member of the 85th King's Light Infantry



Sir Mansfield Cumming

worked on Boom defences. Also in the area, warships had been built for years, including Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson's flagship HMS Elephant (1786) at the Battle of Copenhagen.

Cumming had lived here with his second wife May for a few years from 1906. Indeed, years earlier he had sailed a houseboat the couple used all the way from the coast of Scotland to the area. In the Bursledon graveyard and just behind his own marker, we found another grave belonging to a Captain Spencer-Smith - a member of the 85th King's Light Infantry.

Like the practical joker he was, one intelligence source told Eye Spy that whilst strolling around the graveyard and looking at the headstones he noticed this one, thus adopted 'Captain Spencer' as his own cover name



for Whitehall Court! But this hardly begins to tell the whole story.

Amidst the grave stones and markers, some well over a hundred years old, there are tiny clues revealing the area's rich association to the Royal Navy and British Intelligence. In the graveyard itself anchors can be found on some graves, whilst faded naval signatures and titles are just visible on others. At its

centre we were attracted to a splendid war memorial. And there on one plaque the name of Cumming's son Alastair. And though he was buried in France, it is appropriate his name sits so close to his father.

All of this prompted Eye Spy to delve deeper into the background and history of Sir Mansfield Cumming, his family, name, Captain Spencer, his associates and the Secret Service Bureau... readers will be surprised by what we discovered...

• Eye Spy's D. Anne Khol's Ghosts of Mansfield Cumming continues next issue...



Sea anchor carvings are noticeable on several graves



Captain Spencer-Smith's gravestone and just a few feet behind Sir Mansfield Cumming's marker. Inset: Eye Spy editor Mark Birdsall

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Letter from Fort Meade by David Hamer



...being an irregularly occasional, or an occasionally irregular, communication from the American cryptological community: particularly those things associated with the National Cryptologic Museum [NCM] and its parent, the National Security Agency [NSA]

The National Cryptologic Museum, the National Security Agency's 'window to the public' has unveiled a most unusual display relating to Information Assurance (IA) - old timers may still call it COMSEC (Communications Security) - at its facility at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland: just twenty miles or so north of Washington DC.

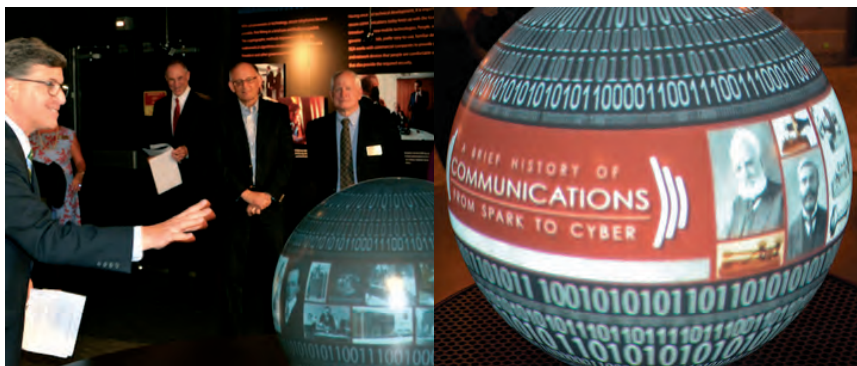
The IA display section of the museum has been totally revamped - the project took over two years to complete and retains many of the originally displayed artefacts, which comprise a range of now declassified cipher machines and a wide selection of voice encryption systems that includes a scale mock-up of



David Hamer (right) with NCMF member Bill Black



There was no ribbon cutting ceremony as such but brief introductory speeches by officials - NCM curator Patrick Weadon, NCMF's vice-president Orville Lewis and Corin R. Stone, NSA Executive Director. A trio of VIP visitors unveiled the central display of the exhibit by removing the black sheet



MAGIC INFORMATION ASSURANCE PLANET

SIGSALY, the now famous wartime secure telephone link between Churchill and Roosevelt. One terminal was housed in the basement of Selfridges store in London's Oxford Street, the system equipment being far too large to be accommodated in the War

Rooms in Whitehall and so most definitely too large to be contained within the restricted confines of the museum. The SIGSALY display includes the scalar maquette some of the original components of the system.

The centrepiece of the new IA



SIGSALY display



Vision of the new NSA Museum



Information Assurance Director Curtis Dukes explains how the various devices on display in the new exhibit are "protecting America's secrets"...

display is Global Imagination's Magic Planet* globe: it is surrounded by a widely representative charivari of cipher machines, large and small - including KL-7, SIGABA, several Hagelin variants and numerous others that feature prominently in NSA's past and recent IA cryptologic history that include an original secure-communications console used in the NASA space programme.

The opening of the exhibit was attended by many past and present senior figures from NSA together with a leavening of military and government contractor representatives and members of the NCM Foundation (NCMF). There was no ribbon cutting as such but brief introductory speeches by officials including NCM curator Patrick Weadon.

The globe itself may best be described as a three-dimensional colour computer display that presents its content within in a 360 degree sphere, a 'crystal ball' that carries dynamically changing



Patrick Weadon



NASA communications console



Vision of the new NSA Museum

imagery. Museum visitors may select a subject for display via menus on an adjacent touch-screen panel - touching the globe itself is most certainly not encouraged!

Interestingly, it is expected that once the NCMF's planned new museum project - currently in the

advanced fund-raising stages - comes to fruition this new display will be the precursor to a 'new age' museum that will be largely in the same futuristic vein and representative of the leading edge of the science - some might say art - of cryptology.

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Ten Seconds From Now

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Prosecutor Mulin said: "He heard an individual calling his followers to combat and urging them to take up arms in the name of the Prophet." DGSi believe this is evidence enough of his terrorist intent.



A myriad of other stories emerged from those on board, including one from French actor Jean-Hugues Anglade who was critical of the train crew. "After the shots they ran to the last carriage and used a special key to lock themselves in," said Anglade. He was with his wife and children, and though he banged on the door, the crew did not let him in.

As for the brave Americans and Briton, they were rightly awarded France's Legion of Honour medal at the Elysee Palace by President Francois Hollande. Mark Moogalian and a yet-to-be identified Frenchman also received the award.

In Spain, Spanish Police recovered various items belonging to the terrorist at his parents home.

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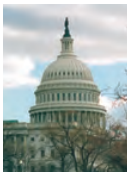


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