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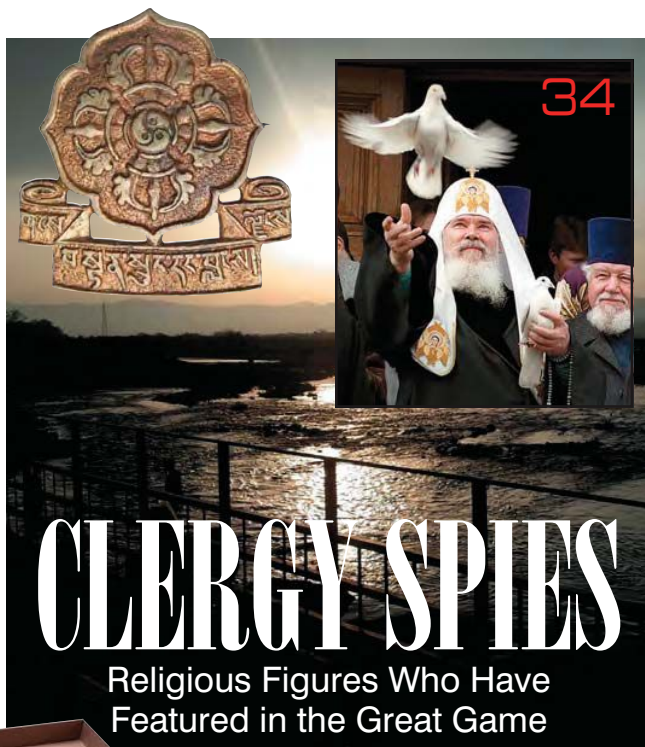
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'I will be with you, whatever. The military part of this is hazardous... getting rid of Saddam is the right thing to do. He is a potential threat'.



Prime Minister Tony Blair to President George Bush 2002

FIRST WORD

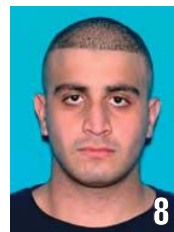
A DIM LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL



Five major ISIS/Daesh attacks in America, Iraq, Turkey, Bangladesh and France within a few days of each other resulted in almost 400 deaths. Added to this, several more incidents. Besides the appalling and continued violence of this most disturbing group, analysts have warned that the attacks show few countries are now immune to its particular brand of terrorism. The dozens of nations tackling the group have agreed as a first counter-measure, its leadership and control in the Middle East must be removed. There are rumours its leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is dead, but this is unlikely to stop the group. MI6 has also warned that Libya is drawing fighters from the Iraq/Syrian and north Africa theatres, thus as a pre-emptive measure, more specialist troops are being readied for deployment in the country. When ISIS falls in Iraq and Syria, its remaining fighters will probably attempt to move to Libya - but if the country is guarded, this option may not be so palatable. Is there a light at the end of the tunnel? Well yes there is, but for now it remains but a dim glow.

Two of the main nations fighting ISIS are the United States and Russia. However, there are increasing tensions between the countries, both militarily and involving diplomats and spies. US embassy staffers have accused Moscow's spy agencies of harassment, overt surveillance, breaking and entry and violence. There have been a number of extraordinary incidents - some of which are covered in this edition. Extraordinary is also a word which could be used to describe China's new spy awareness programme. This too is featured, and must be read to be believed.

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INTELLIGENCE CHOICE

CHINA'S STRANGEST SPY WARNING

In April, China sentenced a computer expert to death for alleged espionage. One report claims he passed nearly 200,000 documents to a foreign entity. This case, together with fears of wider espionage amongst its people, has resulted in a move to enhance an already functioning and dedicated information programme warning citizens to remain vigilant of the threats posed by... 007, Mr Bean (in the guise of secret agent Johnny English), Tom Cruise and Jason Bourne. Absolutely true!



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GCHQ OUTPOST

New facilities opened as organisation reaches out to more women

In July, Robert Hannigan, Director of Britain's GCHQ, officially opened the new Y Station Museum and Alan Turing Training and Innovation Centre (ATTIC), named after the UK's most famous codebreaker,

Alan Turing. The two facilities, situated within the agency's Scarborough, North Yorkshire, complex, represent but part of a £42 million development of which £30 million will be spent on upgrading the station and the



FRENCH INTEL FUSION

Officials in France call for a total restructuring of country's intelligence collection and security system

French Parliamentary officials investigating the 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris in which 147 people died, have announced intelligence failures. Of additional interest, some politicians attached to the commission have also called for a dedicated counter-terrorism agency. This follows a visit to the US National Counter-terrorism

Center operated by the FBI and other elements. The organisation was established in the aftermath of 9/11.

Georges Fenech, a legal expert and president of the inquiry and Sebastien Pietrasanta who worked on the report, both believe had intelligence been acted upon sooner, attacks like those on *Charlie Hebdo* and the Bataclan



Georges Fenech



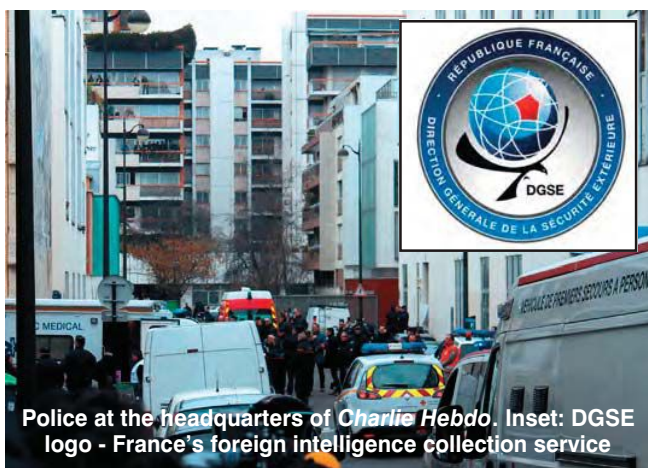
The arrest of Abdeslam



Theatre, may well have been prevented. References to the background of many of the terrorists involved were made, and it is evident most of the primary players were known to French Intelligence. Indeed, some were under surveillance. Heads of both the domestic and foreign intelligence services, "admit the attacks represent an intelligence failure," said Pietrasanta.

Officials blamed France's "multi-layered and cumbersome intelligence apparatus," plus "fragmented communications." Fenech believes the US example and MI5 are something France should seek to emulate. Other proposals include "streamlining intelligence collection" and stopping convicted terrorists being released early.

Despite reservations about the French Intelligence system, especially parts engaged with counter-terrorism, Mr Pietrasanta said that recent events in Orlando, Florida, show no area is at "zero risk." He acknowledged that even with a restructuring, France would still remain a target. Pietrasanta then launched a devastating attack



Police at the headquarters of *Charlie Hebdo*. Inset: DGSE logo - France's foreign intelligence collection service



Sister Pamela Hussey MBE with GCHQ Director Robert Hannigan

remainder going towards a cyber training programme.

Mr Hannigan said the new facilities will help “shape GCHQ’s future” as well as provide job opportunities. He also praised the role of women in the organisation: “Day to day, women in GCHQ lead teams that combat terrorism, support the

military and keep UK cyberspace safe from attack.” He went on to say that he wants to see more mid-career women apply, and referenced the Service’s flexible work hours. “We are broadening where we place our recruitment adverts, using Mumsnet and Twitter, so we can get more fantastic women to [join] GCHQ.”



The intelligence chief was joined in Scarborough by WWII Women’s Royal Navy veteran, Sister Pamela Hussey MBE. Hussey, 94, worked at the Yorkshire site in 1942 transcribing German communications sent in Enigma encoded Morse code. The intelligence was then sent to Bletchley Park. “Women helped win the war,” she said!

MORE EYES FOR NRO

WASHINGTON: America’s National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), has placed the biggest and most powerful spy satellite into Earth’s orbit. A Delta IV rocket launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station carried the satellite into a low orbit. The NROL-37 mission caused debate amongst intelligence watchers in respect of the capability of its secret payload.



President Obama attends a briefing at the US National Counterterrorism Center, McLean, Virginia



Sebastien Pietrasanta

on European security as a whole, claiming “Europe is not up to the task of fighting terrorism.”

Besides its scathing overview of French Intelligence, the commis-

sion was critical of Belgian authorities in respect of the capture of Salah Abdeslam, one of the November 2015 Paris attack team who escaped. “They were too slow,” said an official. The inquiry also criticised Operation Sentinelle, which saw thousands of soldiers posted to guard schools, city centres, government buildings and perceived vulnerable targets such as synagogues. Officials found that it had “little added value.”

The parliamentary report was based on over 200 interviews, various exploratory visits to several countries, and liaison with officials in The Hague and EUROPOL.

ART IN THE EYES OF A SPY

Drawings made by one of the first spies ever executed in America attract attention

Two tiny pencil sketches (four by three inches) made by British spy and artist John Andre in 1776, recently sold for nearly \$50,000 at Swann Auction

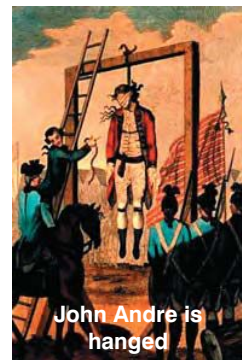
Galleries in New York City. Andre was executed by American revolutionary forces on 2 October 1780. The drawings are said to be of Abraham Cornelius Cuyler, mayor of Albany, New York, and his wife, Jannetje Glen. The couple were British loyalists who gave shelter to Andre.

Andre was captured during the siege of Fort St. Jean in Quebec and given a prison sentence.

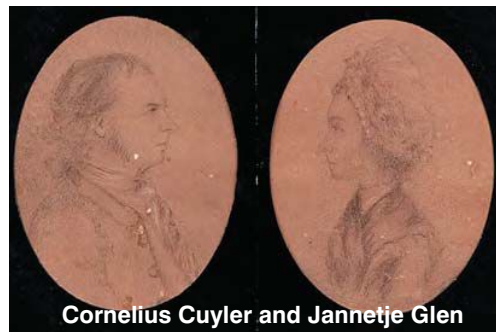
But because of his status as a ‘gentleman officer’, he was asked to make his own way to prison in Pennsylvania. On his journey he stopped at the home of Mayor Cuyler where he made the drawings. After serving 12 months in prison he was freed. He soon joined up with British forces again and given a mission to make contact with General Benedict Arnold, described as a ‘Revolutionary War turncoat’ after he defected to the British. Enroute he was captured again and sentenced to death as a spy. As for Cuyler and Glen, they remained loyal to British forces

and after the war settled in Canada.

Auction house spokesman Alexandra Nelson said: “It makes you feel like these are real people.”



John Andre is hanged



Cornelius Cuyler and Jannetje Glen



THE RIVERINE FIASCO



Poor planning and lack of navy leadership gifted Iran major propaganda opportunity

The US Navy has published a major investigative report into the capture of ten US Navy sailors who were detained by Iran in January 2016. The Coastal Riverine Squadron 3 unit strayed into Iranian national waters off Farsi island, a claim initially denied by some Pentagon staffers. All manner of reasons for the interception were presented, but the report lays the blame firmly on the doorstep of the unit and its commanders.

It has transpired the patrol did not even know they had entered Iranian territory, nor that they had deviated from a pre-set course between Bahrain and Kuwait. However, the boats were trying to engage a refuelling ship, and it seems this is where the error arose.

Two officers have already been “fired” (US Navy description) and more may face disciplinary action after the Navy investigation. The navy conclusion read: *‘Shoddy navigation, maintenance shortfalls, and a lack of oversight’* were to blame. All of this combined provided gleeful Iranian officials legal authority to engage the two boats and question the sailors for 15 hours. “It was embarrassing for the Navy,” said one source.

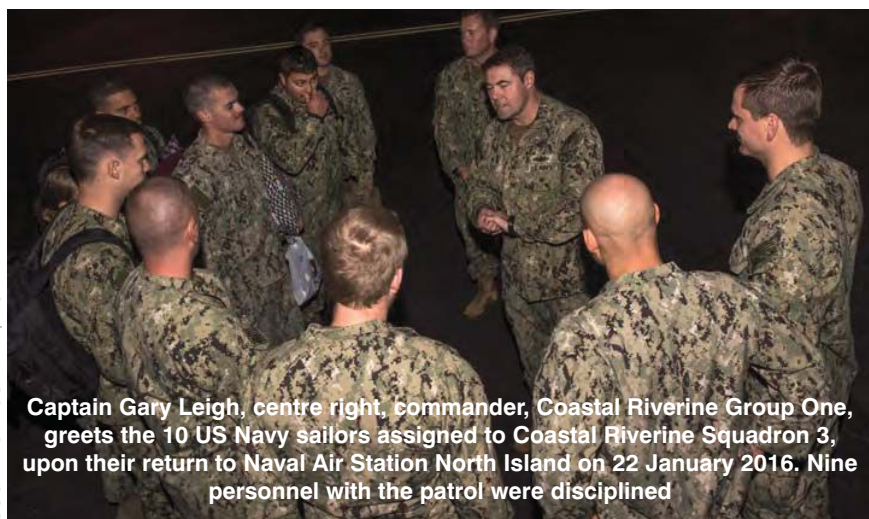
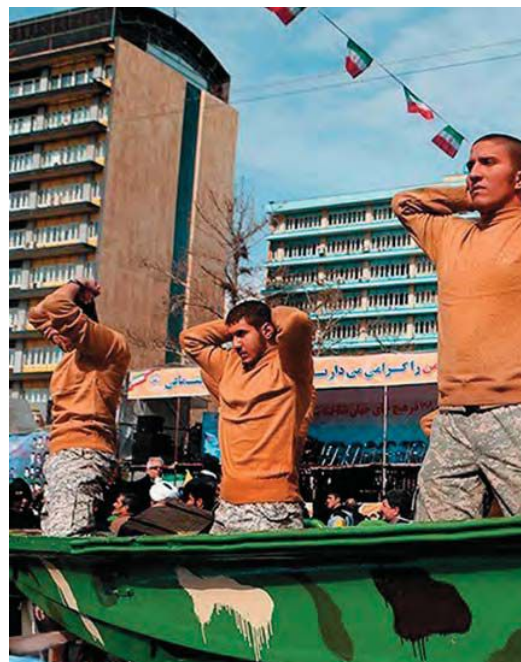
The five month investigation uncovered errors aplenty in the planning of the voyage, and also problems in the upkeep and tracking of the boats. Several officers were criticised for not acting sooner when the Iranian ships moved towards them. “The reaction time was too slow when they were approached by Iranian



The incident was a major embarrassment for the US Navy

Revolution Guard Corps,” said one investigator. Indeed, US officials believe the sailors should have been more assertive and established a “heightened security posture.” This may have dissuaded the Iranians.

For the record, the Iranians used the incident for huge propaganda purposes. Photographs



Captain Gary Leigh, centre right, commander, Coastal Riverine Group One, greets the 10 US Navy sailors assigned to Coastal Riverine Squadron 3, upon their return to Naval Air Station North Island on 22 January 2016. Nine personnel with the patrol were disciplined

COURTESY: US NAVY/DOD



of US sailors with their arms raised behind their heads were published throughout the world. Children throughout Iran posed as US sailors with their hands aloft. All of this served only to anger navy officials, hence criticism of the sailors in the final report is not surprising.

James Kraska, professor in the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law at the Naval War College said: "Under the UN Law of the Sea Convention - of which Iran is a signatory - the ICGN forces could challenge a ship in their territorial waters operating under the concept of innocent passage but went over the line in drawing weapons, detaining the crew and seizing the boats, Kraska said.

"The lack of US reaction internationally to the seizure - which occurred mere days before the implementation of the long negotiated nuclear treaty with Iran - creates a troubling precedent for US operations in the future, he said."



Commander Eric Rasch



PRIMARY POINTS OF THE INVESTIGATION

- The sailors from Coastal Riverine Squadron 3 did not brief or even plan their route from Kuwait to Bahrain. While the original route would have avoided Iran's territorial waters around Farsi Island, the crew immediately deviated from their original course to make up for a late start.
- The crew did not report to their operational handlers on shore when they sighted land unexpectedly or report the mechanical failure.
- Task Force 56, the Riverine Squadron's immediate superior in 5th Fleet, tasked the sailors beyond their capabilities and limitations and fostered a "can do/will do" culture.
- The tactical operations centre charged with tracking the transit failed to do so and reacted poorly when things started going wrong.



Captain Kyle Moses (right) was relieved of his duties as head of the command's Task Force 56. Moses has been reassigned to other duties. Commander Eric Rasch was relieved of his position as executive officer of Coastal Riverine Squadron 3 due to loss of confidence in his ability to command; he was reassigned temporarily to Riverine Group 1

FBI CHASING FOURTH ESTATE SOURCES

Glenn Greenwald, the former *Guardian* journalist and associate of shamed NSA contractor Edward Snowden, has published various documents which indicate the FBI may utilise certain gaps in the law to search out sources from whence journalists secure sensitive information. Called the '*Domestic Investigations and Operations Guidelines*', the document states whose approval is required when the Bureau

goes after telephone numbers of journalists in order to identify news media sources. However, officers can seemingly bypass the process, which in most cases requires the signature of the Attorney General, by asking the FBI's own in-house general counsel to sign off the operation.

Some senior journalists and media houses have been surprised by the report, indicating it was a tactic normally used in counter-

intelligence/espionage and counter-terrorism work.

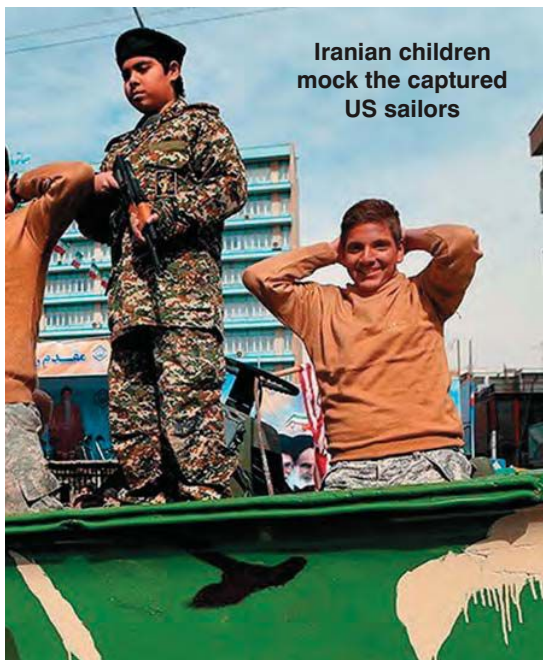
The FBI said it can't go after a journalist just because a news leak has occurred, a law must first be broken - such as "leaking classified information."



Edward Snowden



Glenn Greenwald has released a new batch of documents which have caused controversy



Iranian children mock the captured US sailors

ISIS TERRORIST STRIKES IN FLORIDA

CALCULATED MAXIMUM IMPACT

**Daesh inspired Omar
Mateen carefully
selected US target**

At around 2.00am on 12 June, a lone gunman armed with a semi-automatic rifle and a pistol entered the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida. Popular with the gay community, a little over 300 people were still enjoying their night out.

Omar Mateen, 29, who had visited the club on several occasions, lived in Fort Pierce, approximately 100 miles away; he had arrived in Orlando about one hour earlier. At the entrance of the club he was confronted by a security officer, but after a short burst of fire managed to enter the building. Inside patrons heard what they initially believed were firecrackers.

Mateen took several hostages in the back of the building and 30 minutes later called police on his cell phone. Three phone calls were made, according to FBI Director James Comey. In a short exchange he referenced



**Mateen drew reference to Boston
Marathon bombers**

several known terrorists, including the Boston Marathon bombers (Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev) and Monar Abu Salha, an American-born (Florida) ISIS suicide bomber who was known to him. Closing the call he said he had



Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev

been inspired by ISIS and his actions were on behalf of the terror group. He also warned he donned a suicide explosives vest. Mateen then telephoned a local radio station. Over 100 police and security specialists descended on the club.

What followed was complete carnage. With the only exit point being blocked by the terrorist, club goers had little chance of escape. Some who survived the slaughter said Mateen laughed as he pulled the trigger. Another said he heard gunshots and "saw bodies going down one after another." By 4.00am Mateen had shot over 100 people -

The Pulse nightclub, Orlando





Mateen had liaisons with Florida-born ISIS suicide bomber Monar Abu Salha

49 were later pronounced dead. News outlets were informed that there had been “multiple shootings” though the extent of the carnage was not yet known. Some of the clubbers had telephoned their family and friends fearful they were going to die.

An hour later, the commander of the security operation decided to create a secondary exit

Omar Mateen deliberately walked around the building “killing off” people who were wounded or in hiding...

point at the rear of the building. SWAT team leader Mark Canty waited with guns trained on the back of the club as an armoured vehicle was deliberately crashed into a wall creating a large hole through which around 30 people escaped. Flash grenades were used and as people fled the club, the gunman was identified after he fired several rounds. Mateen was engaged by police and an exchange of fire occurred; the terrorist was quickly shot dead. SWAT teams were unsure at this time if the gunman was acting alone or if there were other operatives inside. However, the shooting had by now stopped.

When police entered the building they were greeted by a dreadful scene. A survivor said one officer stood in the hole and shouted, “if you are alive raise your hand.” As eye-witnesses began recalling events, it was evident Mateen had not simply shot the nightclubbers, he had deliberately walked around the building “killing off” people who were wounded or in hiding.

One Eye Spy police source described him as the “devil’s disciple.” By 6.00am the shooting was being called “potentially the deadliest in





© ORLANDO SENTINEL



Captain Mark Canty
SWAT team leader

legally purchase the weapons. It transpired he had been a 'person of interest' to the security services, and investigated on at least two occasions by the FBI (2013-2014). This was primarily because of his support and writings about happenings in Syria and Iraq involving ISIS and al-Qaida. Despite this, the Bureau opted not to place him under surveillance.

Only after the Pulse incident was it learned the terrorist had a hate of gays, despite some close associates believing he too was gay. Indeed, Mateen is known to have visited the club on at least 12 occasions. Alternatively, a former colleague described him as "homophobic."

Orlando's police chief John Mina called Mateen a "lone wolf attacker," who had

The Pulse nightclub tweeted this message as the attack ensued



'Everyone get out of pulse and keep running'



necessary to begin an immediate investigation into the background of Mateen.

THE TERRORIST

Mateen was born in New York City to Afghanistan parents. He worked as a security guard and his permit had allowed him to

US history." As the hours passed, sadly this became all too evident.

Even as the bodies were still being identified and relatives notified of their loss, messages of congratulations issued by ISIS command in Syria started to appear on the Internet. One post written in Arabic read: *'The armed attack that targeted a gay night club in the city of Orlando in the American state of Florida and that bore more than a 100 killed and wounded was carried out by an islamic state fighter'.*

For the security and emergency services it was a time to offer support; but equally



Sig Sauer MCX rifle - the type used by Mateen



Chief of Police John Mina praised his department's response

committed a "domestic terrorist attack." And whilst that is a simplistic and accurate description, it is evident he was a supporter of ISIS and had used other attacks, such as the



ISIS video praising Mateen

Bataclan Theatre in Paris, as a template for his planning. The operation was made easier by his intimate knowledge of the layout of the club and its security. Police chief John Mina said, "it appears he was organised and well prepared."

A few days after the attack, police learned Mateen had made two reconnaissance trips to Disney World - one in April and a second in June, just prior the Pulse attack. The information was secured following an interview with Mateen's wife, Noor Zahi Salman, 30. She also explained that he spoke of a 'jihadi



FBI Director James Comey and Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates discuss the Orlando shooting with journalists

attack', and admitted being with him when he purchased bullets, but denies knowing anything about the Orlando outrage. Salman, aware of the line of questioning (police asked why she did not come forward to impart the information), then said she endeavoured to talk him out of the attack. "It appears she had some knowledge of what was going on," said Senate Intelligence Committee member Angus King. "She is definitely, I guess you would say,

a person of interest right now and appears to be cooperating and can provide important information." An FBI source said: "There is an indication she was with him in certain parts of the process."

With such an admission in hand, police have widened their investigation and Salman could face criminal charges. ➤



The Eiffel Tower is lit up in honour of the dead



Mateen surveilled the Walt Disney complex on at least two occasions



Since the emergence of ISIS/Daesh, training has been intensified throughout America's police forces. Most city departments now have specialist elements to counter attacks such as those witnessed in Paris and Brussels, though events in Orlando reflect the vulnerability of populated locations



Just hours before Mateen struck, he journeyed to Disney Springs, an outdoor shopping, dining and entertainment complex at the Walt Disney World Resort in Bay Lake, Florida.

One of the first tasks of marauding ISIS fighters in Syria and Iraq (after entering towns and cities), is to secure local gossip about gays in the community. There are countless



Mateen
pictured with
his wife, Noor
Zahi Salman
and young
son

videos showing the most appalling acts of violence against anyone suspected of being gay. Young men are thrown from buildings and

mutilated in ways too graphic to repeat. Eye Spy is aware of communiques quietly issued to gay clubs in the West warning of attacks. However, so sensitive is the issue that wider notices are not issued for fear of 'stimulating' attack planning. Mateen deliberately chose the venue in relation to this trait of ISIS. It was also an attack on America and the West. A 'double edged' sword so to speak.

INVESTIGATION

FBI Director James Comey acknowledged there were "strong indications of radicalisation and potential inspiration by foreign terrorist organisations." And without naming ISIS as the lead concern, it is evident the intelligence man believes this is the case. There is little evidence at this moment to suggest he was in contact with the group. Intelligence watchers note, however, that in December 2015, ISIS



**A SWAT truck at the scene
of the shooting**



Omar Mateen wearing an NYPD shirt. Such clothing is widely available

issued a worldwide communique urging its followers to 'stay at home' and carry out attacks. More recently, ISIS urged supporters to launch attacks during the holy month of Ramadan.

After investigating officers examined Mateen's electronic media, it soon became evident he had visited web sites and read ISIS propaganda. President Obama said, "Mateen had absorbed some of the perverse and easily accessible information output by the group."

His father, Seddiq Mateen, said his son had become upset with the gay community after seeing two men kissing in Miami. "I think he wanted to boast of himself," he said. "No radicalism... he doesn't even have a beard. I don't think religion or Islam had anything to do with this." Mr Mateen senior said he wanted to apologise on behalf the family, but intelligence watchers note he had posted a Facebook message which read: 'God himself will punish



Damage caused to the Pulse club is evident in this picture

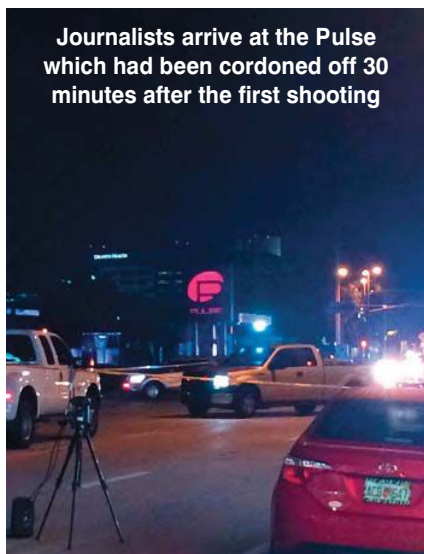


This Orlando SWAT member had a lucky escape after a shot fired by Mateen failed to penetrate the officer's helmet

those involved in homosexuality... this is not for the servants of God'.

He himself was also questioned after issuing other comments. A would-be political mover in Afghanistan, Seddiq once criticised the United States relationship with Pakistan's Inter-Services-Intelligence Agency (ISI). Similarly, he has praised the Taliban. Mr

Mateen also criticised security at the club and asked why it took so long for police to arrive. "They should have neutralised him quick," he said. ➤



Journalists arrive at the Pulse which had been cordoned off 30 minutes after the first shooting





Another 'selfie' by terrorist Mateen

Various intelligence service chiefs met to discuss the event and it is inevitable a wide range of security measures will be introduced at venues thought most at risk. Pulse management said the club has never been threatened in the past, though Mateen himself once waved a knife at a customer.



Seddique Mateen has ambitions of becoming the President of Afghanistan. This interesting video clip references Pakistan's ISI Agency and his belief that it is being funded by Washington

All of this is now being examined more carefully by the Bureau.

As for his ex-wife, Sitora Yusufiy, she told investigators Omar Mateen was "mentally ill" and had often beat her. Yusufiy had been married to Mateen for four months in 2009.

WORLDWIDE REACTION

Most nations condemned the attack and world leaders expressed shock and sympathy. President Obama called the attack a "hate crime" and "act of terror." Muslim groups in the US also condemned the attacks, calling Mateen "monstrous." Most of the dead were

THE WEAPONRY CONFUSION OVER RIFLE

The *Washington Post* described Mateen's primary firearm as 'American as apple pie', and referenced the AR-15. This is basically a lower-end version of the US armed forces M-16 series of rifles and carbines. It was used in the recent ISIS attack in San Bernardino, California, that claimed 14 lives.

However, it has since transpired that this report was incorrect, and the rifle was actually a Sig Sauer MCX.

Available through gun outlets in the United States for around \$1800, much paperwork and a licence issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is necessary to make a purchase. Some authors have described it as an assault rifle, but gun specialists prefer to call it a 'modern sporting rifle'. Either way, Mateen fired 24 shots in 9 seconds.

The other gun was a Glock 17 semi-automatic pistol,



Glock 17 showing muzzle flash

again widely available in the US. Mateen had purchased both weapons just a few days before the attacks.

GUN CONTROL A THORNY TOPIC

The topic of gun control in the United States has long been debated by officials and the public alike. And though many in the intelligence world state access to weaponry is relatively easy, a ban would be impossible to implement. Similarly, many believe if a terrorist is determined to carry out such an attack, one way or another

they would find a way to secure a weapon.

Prior to the Orlando incident, the deadliest shooting attacks in America were at Virginia Tech in 2007 (32 victims) and Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012 (27 victims).



Sig Sauer MCX



Glock 17



Tributes to the dead were visible in many cities in the USA and elsewhere



Oval Office, White House. FBI Director James Comey briefs President Obama and Homeland Security Advisor Lisa Monaco about the incident

men, but the youngest victim was Akyra Murray. Ironically, just six days before the attack, this young woman had graduated from high school.

- On the same day of the Orlando attack, police in West Hollywood, California, arrested

James Wesley Howell, 20. In his vehicle police discovered three assault rifles, ammunition, high capacity magazines, and chemicals which could be mixed to create a bomb. Howell told police he was looking for a friend to attend the Los Angeles Pride Festival which was taking place later that day.

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CALLS & QUESTIONS

LOG BOOKS REFLECT A NIGHT OF TERROR

Police chiefs in Orlando have released a number of police telephone logs including transcripts from calls made by terrified clubbers at the Pulse nightclub.

The logs show the first call was made at 2.03am, when a person shouted, 'someone is screaming - I'm shot I'm Shot'. Various written phone operator comments display the words CADV (caller advises) alongside lines

such as 'victim is losing a lot of blood' and 'victim is no longer responding'.

At 2.09am, one dispatcher wrote that he/she heard between 20 and thirty gun shots. Other callers advise the 'shooter has moved to the bathroom'.

At 2.19am the shooting stopped and a hostage situation began.

Reading through the transcripts one can sense the fear of those

inside the club, and the concern and professionalism of the operators trying to reassure them that help is on the way. 'Please help, please help' is a message repeated often.

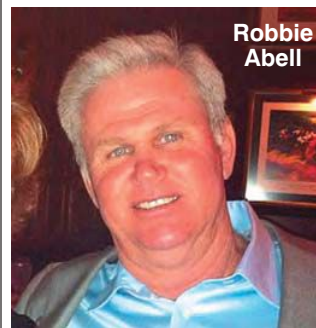
Inter-departmental transcripts were also released. These reflect just how serious officials viewed the incident, and the rapid attempts to gather as much information as possible about the evolving event. Similarly, all efforts were made to examine the best possible course of action and bring together various security and emergency services.

Grim reading for those whose task it is to prepare several investigative reports... but equally harrowing for the relatives of those who lost loved ones.



GUN SHOP CONCERNS

Owner Raised Red Flags



Robbie Abell

There are some in the intelligence community who believe that Mateen should have been placed under surveillance after concerns were raised by staff at the Lotus Gunworks in South Florida. Mateen asked for "heavy duty body armour" - the type used by police. Other exchanges prompted the management to call the FBI and they refused to sell him anything. Store owner Mr Robbie Abell said, "the questions he was asking were not normal... he just seemed odd." All of this turned out to be irrelevant as Mateen made his way to another shop whereby he purchased his guns and bullets.

FLAWED INTELLIGENCE

Britain's involvement in the war to topple Saddam Hussein was based on poor intelligence on Iraq's supposed weapons of mass destruction: it also failed to exhaust diplomatic opportunities

The long awaited report into understanding the reasons why Britain invaded Iraq in 2003, has at last been published. The man leading the inquiry - Sir John Chilcott - was tasked with collecting and examining the material used by then Prime Minister Tony Blair to justify war. And this meant delving into the world of intelligence, disinformation, misdirection, illusion, secret communications, classified transcripts and even propaganda. Seven years later Sir John's work is done; his conclusions, contained in the 2.6 million word report, have rocked the Establishment.

Central to America and Britain's decision to attack Iraq was Saddam Hussein's menacing arsenal of weaponry, including a huge

stockpile of so-called 'weapons of mass destruction' (WMD). Few will forget Mr Blair announcing he had intelligence that some of these weapons could be readied for firing in just 45 minutes. There was no doubt years earlier Saddam had amassed a serious number of WMD weapons (all varieties), and that he had used them on his enemies and even his own people. In Washington DC, President Bush was still incensed by 9/11, and there were attempts to link Saddam with al-Qaida. However, even the CIA thought this a bad agenda and behind closed doors this thin thread was severed early. But for reasons which we may never really understand, Mr Blair and Mr Bush formed a pact which would eventually result in the attack on Iraq. Part of a note written by Blair to Bush in July 2002, and contained in the Chilcott report reflects the

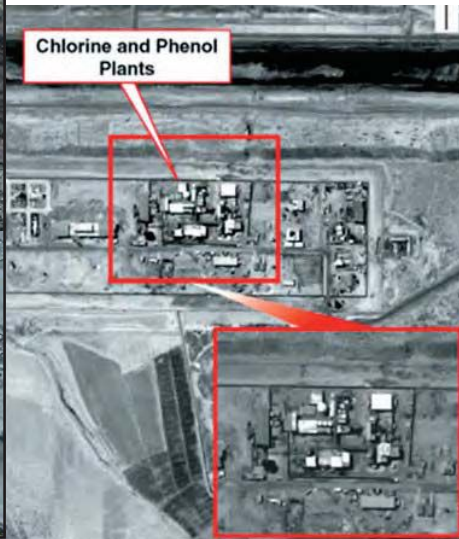


close bond between the two leaders: 'I will be with you, whatever. But this is the moment to assess bluntly the difficulties. The planning on this strategy are the toughest yet. The military part of this is hazardous but I will concentrate on the political context for success. Getting rid of Saddam is the right thing to do. He is a potential threat'.



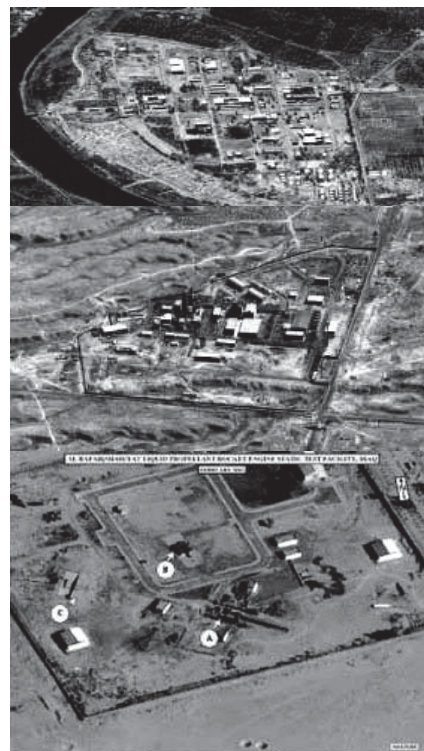
Tony Blair and George Bush. The two men were determined to remove Saddam Hussein from power - though their primary reason has been questioned by many in the intelligence world





2002/3 CIA plates showing upgraded chemical plants in Iraq

VISUAL INTELLIGENCE



2002. In these British Intelligence photographs are buildings and plants reportedly linked to Saddam's WMD programme. The photo below shows Iraqi citizens gassed by such weaponry



2016. "The world would be in a worse position had we not removed Saddam..."

Former Prime Minister Tony Blair



Sir John Chilcott

The 'ace card' in this 'political context' was WMD and the threat to Iraq's immediate neighbours, the wider international community, and the possibility that some of these weapons could fall into the hands of terrorists.

POOR INTELLIGENCE SOURCES

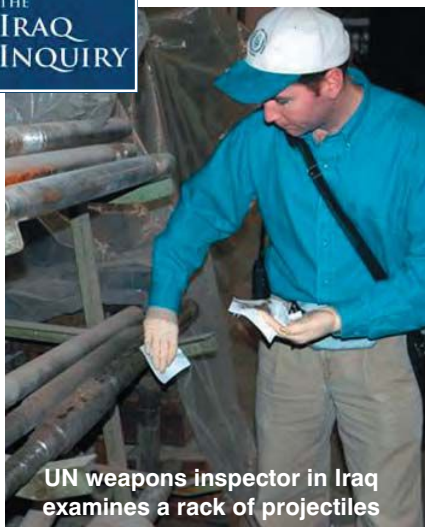
And so it was decided that the best way to secure support was by collecting intelligence and presenting it to the wider international community. But there was a serious problem, both MI6 and the CIA were unhappy to engage fully, and the intelligence, drawn from agents, field officers, United Nations WMD inspectors and a plethora of Iraq military defectors was not strong. Thus supporting evidence needed to be secured from elsewhere, and the weak intelligence that did exist was given a 'tweak' and enhanced. All manner of deception was used and even espionage occurred, as agents bugged the UN to note the atmosphere and thinking of allied and other nations. In between, intelligence from 'agents of influence' bolstered the WMD file - most notably from Agent Curveball. "Of course Saddam had WMD... lots of it," he said. ➤



Tony Blair - "sorry for UK deaths" but stands by his decision



13 December 2003. Saddam is captured in Tikrit

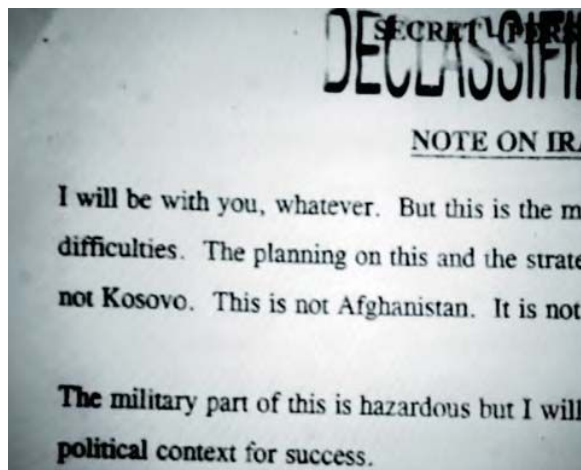


UN weapons inspector in Iraq examines a rack of projectiles



CIA George Tenet

MI6 Richard Dearlove



Note sent by Tony Blair to George Bush advising of complete support for intervention in Iraq



Coalition forces enroute to Iraq aboard the British Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship Sir Galahad



a new government installed. But what of the WMD? It is true a small number of weapons were found, but nothing on the scale of what was referenced. And this is central in the findings laid out in the Chilcott report. Its pages make for uncomfortable reading, but it is blatantly clear Mr Blair *'had enhanced the evidence of WMD'* and that all the evidence presented by the government for invasion was *'far from satisfactory'*. Chilcott said *'intelligence assessments were flawed'* and much more should have been done to seek a peaceful disarmament option.

MI6 had its own sources too, and the Chilcott report makes no attempt to disguise the fact that information supplied by one character was more akin to a plot line taken from an action movie. Then came Britain's war dossier on Iraq. Dubbed the *'dodgy dossier'* by opponents to conflict, the intelligence within, much of it supplied by a reluctant and pressured MI6, was supportive of Tony Blair's

claims. Iraq was a menace - a threat to world peace - thus Saddam had to be stopped.

And so, whilst the diplomats talked, Tony Blair, George Bush and other supportive world leaders gave instructions to senior military commanders to start readying for war.

INVASION

In 2003, a US coalition force invaded, and amongst the armies, 40,000 British troops. Saddam was quickly overthrown and by 2006

Ultimately readers can pore over the pages of the report and make their own judgement, but in the end, Chilcott has prepared an indepth account of what happened and the dark mechanisms of government that made it possible. Some intelligence watchers believe the fall of Saddam had a domino effect on the Middle East - destabilising an entire region and opening the gates to al-Qaida and now ISIS. Whether or not Tony Blair really believed Iraq was an international menace and had WMD, we will never truly know - despite his conviction that it did.

US troops in the deserts of Iraq



President Bush discusses invasion plans



2003. UK Defence Minister Geoff Hoon with his US counterpart Donald Rumsfeld

After publication of the report, Mr Blair said Cabinet members were not misled, nor was any intelligence falsified. He said the decision he made to take Britain to war was "taken in good faith and in what I believed in the best interests of the country." However, digesting

the pages of Chilcott's report, the only conclusion one can reach is that Blair acted too hastily and he was determined to tackle Saddam regardless of what intelligence was placed before him - and this MI6 Chief Sir Richard Dearlove probably realised too.

NOTES: SHAKE THE TREE

Following the First Gulf War (Operation Desert Shield) which began in August 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait, UN weapons inspectors in Iraq found and destroyed 40,000 chemical munitions, 690 tonnes of CW agents, 3000 tonnes of precursor chemicals and several biological warfare-related factories. At the same time

MI6 discovered Saddam's nuclear weapons programme was far more advanced than first believed. Fast forward a decade and MI6 and the CIA were asked to provide information on WMD production in Iraq. Saddam played a great game believing if the world believed he had replenished stockpiles, it would be too dangerous for an army to attempt invasion.



UK troops fire a flare to illuminate the skies around Basra and identify Iraqi forces. Above: UK Operation Telic campaign medal

2002/3 THE IRAQI BRIEF



FLASHBACK

Britain's Iraqi Weapons Dossier contained details of Active Production Facilities. Tony Blair dismissed objections to the 50-page document entitled, *'Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction'*. The file was specific on a number of issues and showed:



- Baghdad has moved ahead with its chemical and biological weapons programmes since 1998. Some of these can be deployed in 45 minutes.
- It has retained 20 al-Hussein missiles capable of hitting Turkey, Cyprus and Greece. The missiles are capable of carrying chemicals.
- A major programme of concealment of documentation relating to the WMD programmes has begun.
- Iraq has sent agents to several countries to acquire nuclear technology. Analysts believe a nuclear bomb could be built in two years time.
- Several mobile research laboratories are known to exist. The facilities are researching biological weapons.
- A new development programme intended to extend the range of its existing missiles to more than 650 miles.

The report concluded by presenting more details on Iraq's use of chemical weapons on its own people, including some disturbing images of plant rebuilding and corpses. Few details were not already known by the wider intelligence community.

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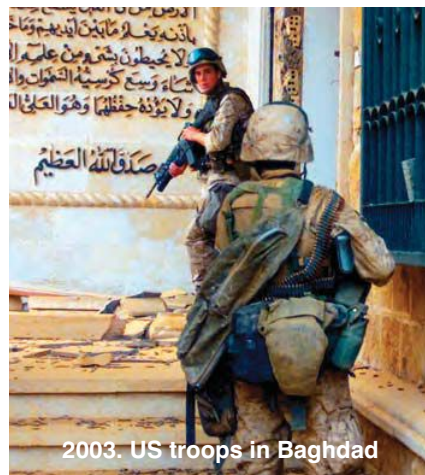


Besides finding problems with intelligence collection, the Iraq Inquiry also blamed the Ministry of Defence for not ensuring all British troops had adequate equipment. In total, the UK lost 179 members of its armed forces in Gulf War Two. The British codename for its part of the operation was TELIC

The ruse backfired of course. But in 2016, one question is still being asked: 'Did MI6 and the CIA truly know the country had NO WMD?'

By mid-2002, intelligence started to emerge of Iraq WMD production. For example, in Fallujah; here was a huge factory which the CIA described as the "principal CW precursor production facility." An attached note to a photo of the site said since 2000 it had been upgraded and new chemical reactor vessels built. It was allegedly producing chlorine far beyond that which was manufactured at the time of Operation Desert Shield.

In an effort to thwart an attack by gathering US and UK armed forces, various back-channel communications were sent by Iraq playing down the WMD topic. Just three years earlier, a similar more formal request had been made by Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz. He sent a letter to then UN Secretary General Kofi Annan inviting the UN to come to Iraq and search anywhere for evidence. Aziz also wanted to know if UN weapons inspectors were involved in espionage and reporting on behalf of the CIA. All in all, there was an atmosphere of deep mistrust, but with well over 100,000 troops stationed in the desert and ready to deploy, President Bush was forced to green light the operation.



2003. US troops in Baghdad

COVERT ACTION

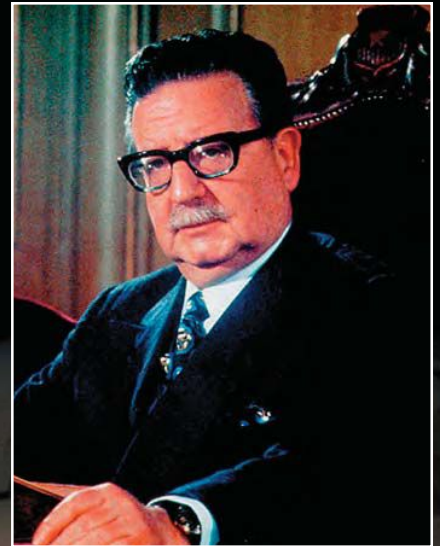
Information warfare is a fairly new addition to the covert action arsenal. An intelligence operation aimed at secretly invading, either on site or remotely, a data bank or computer with the intention of destroying or altering the software, hardware, or information in the computer or data bank is deemed to be covert action. Whereas, a secret intrusion into a data bank or computer in order to gather information, without damaging or changing that information, is considered an intelligence collection operation.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

Ultimately, it is for the leader and his or her national security advisers to decide if a covert action should be sanctioned. Therefore, it is their job to assess the risk and utility of a covert action programme. Nevertheless, it

seems reasonable to assume that they should base their evaluation upon the advice provided by covert action professionals. Surprisingly, this has not always been the case, and has resulted in a number of scandals. For example, the CIA was totally opposed to ousting Chilean President Salvador Allende, the first Marxist president of a Latin American country, but President Nixon ignored their advice and commanded that the operation should be carried out. In 1973, the CIA reluctantly engaged with Chilean troops in a coup d'état and Allende shot himself.

A number of factors should be considered when deciding whether or not a covert action element should be included in a particular foreign policy scheme. Arguably, the most important consideration is deciding upon the goals to be achieved and then weighing up these objectives against associated costs and risks.



Chile's President Salvador Allende shot himself following a covert action operation which was opposed by the CIA

TRADECRAFT PART TWO



Dr Chris Northcott

INFORMATION WARFARE

Eye Spy Associate Editor Dr Chris Northcott continues his fascinating examination of the controversial intelligence tradecraft known as Covert Action

Analysis Informing American Policy

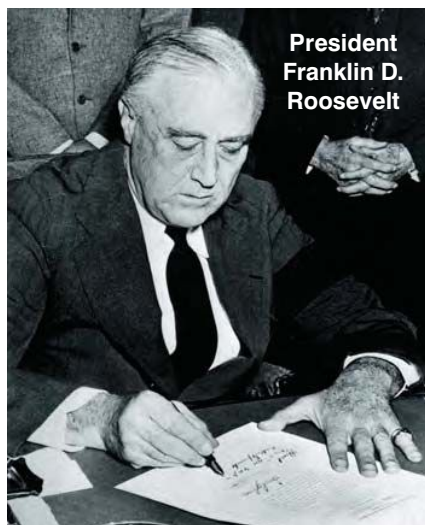


President Nixon vetoed CIA concerns over the removal of Chilean President Salvador Allende. This case is a good example showing that the advice of the intelligence world is not always accepted

Some covert action operations collapse simply because by their very nature they are intelligence operations - that is to say, enterprises fraught with dangers and undertaken with absolutely no guarantee of eventual success regardless of the assessed risk level.

Other covert actions will fail either because mistakes are made by intelligence personnel or their foreign assets, and/or because the operation is detected by foreign security services.

Whenever a covert action is made public prematurely there will probably be adverse consequences. Their extent depends upon the covert action's target and its objectives, whether the operation was run unilaterally or with allies, and on the cause of the exposure.



President
Franklin D.
Roosevelt

The handling of a covert action operation is most critical when it is targeted against an allied state and the aim is to covertly influence the policies of that state's government

At the very least, a compromised covert action will domestically embarrass the leader - especially if he has previously denied rumours that the programme existed. A secondary element is whether the intelligence services or military of allied states were involved and/or if an allied government also suffered embarrassment.

The handling of a covert action operation is most critical when it is targeted against an allied state and the aim is to covertly influence the policies of that state's government. If a covert action programme of this type is exposed, it invariably causes anger at the state behind the covert action within the population and government of the targeted state. The relationship that exists between the two allies might be temporarily damaged to the detriment of the foreign policy of the state that conducted the covert action. For example, in 1939-1940, the British carried out a covert action operation against the US Government designed to influence American public opinion and the isolationist US Government to provide Britain with war materials and to voluntarily enter the war on Britain's side. If this covert action had become public knowledge in 1940-1941, potentially negative public opinion might have forced President Franklin D. Roosevelt to withdraw the support that he had already been

giving to Britain, or to make the war in the Pacific his priority. Either way it is possible that the US strategy for fighting the war could have been changed and history would have probably been altered.

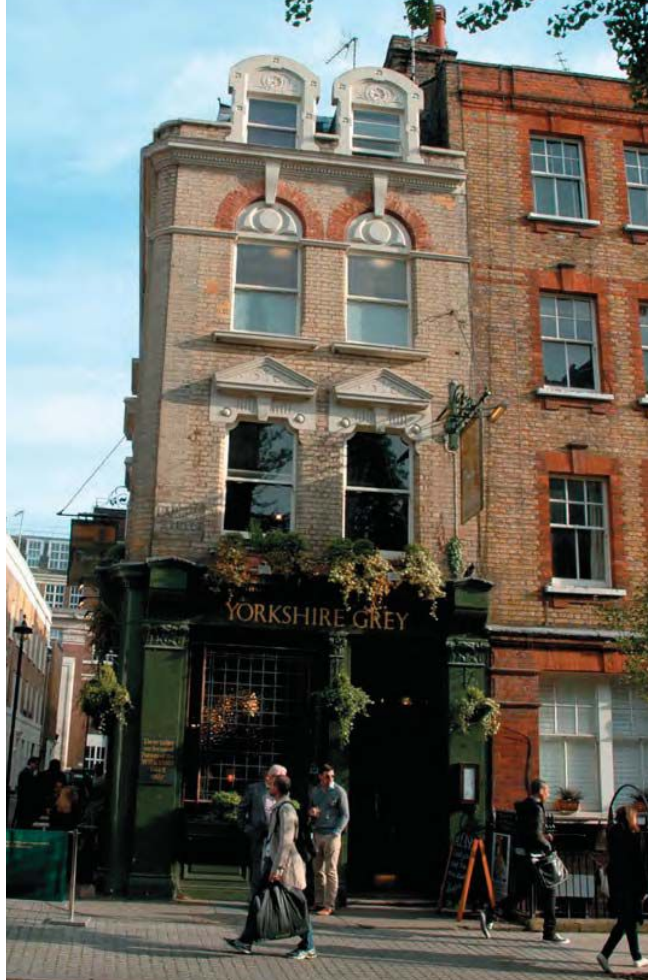
INTERNAL RELATIONS

A covert action that is exposed might also damage relations between the agency that conducted the covert action and other intelligence services in that country. This type of dispute could very easily become personalised between senior officials. For example, CIA Director William Casey's actions in the Central American programmes of the 1980s and the Iran-Contra scandal angered Secretary of State George Schultz so much that by the time Casey died they were hardly on speaking terms - to the detriment of good working relations among the lower ranks.



William Casey

The key point here seems to be that whether a covert action programme eventually succeeds, fails, or comes somewhere in between,



ABOVE LEFT: Hard to believe that MI6 used this London pub to coerce and influence American journalists who had been despatched in 1940 to cover WWII. The ruse was but a tiny part of a massive covert action to secure United States support and ultimately its entry into the war. **ABOVE RIGHT:** President Bush addresses emergency workers in New York following 9/11

is often related to the degree to which the leader and his advisors appreciate the capabilities and limitations of what a covert action might be able to accomplish.

There are also political and managerial imperatives that the professional intelligence officer and the policy advisor must evaluate before deciding whether or not to conduct

covert action. First, covert action is no substitute for an established national policy. Second, covert action operations take time. Thus, they should not be used to resolve crises in which time is of the essence. Third, covert action programmes should be properly co-ordinated with other involved members of the national security apparatus, and seamlessly joined into the larger policy

President George Bush made covert action a key element of his war on terrorism and the war against insurgency in Iraq

scheme. Fourth, covert action programmes should complement the publicly stated policies and values of the state behind them. If the operation is exposed, politicians and the public will be much more forgiving if they feel that the objectives were laudable and the leader was doing the right thing. For example, in 1986, President Reagan faced a public outcry after the Iran-Contra fiasco was exposed in the media, primarily because the goals were completely contradictory to the long-established American policy of not negotiating with terrorists and not swapping goods for hostages.

Taking the USA as an example, US Presidents have never been shy of turning to covert action if it is suitable for the purposes of their policy. George Washington made good use of covert operations when he was commander-in-chief during the War of Independence; Thomas Jefferson used covert action, ➤



President Reagan discusses notes on the controversial Iran-Contra affair. Amongst his inner delegation, Secretary of State George Shultz 1941 (second from left)



War of Independence. George Washington crosses the Delaware River in a painting by Emanuel Leutze

in the form of bribery via a third party, to gain access to Indian tribal lands for government purposes, and to aid in the war against the Barbary pirates; James Madison employed covert action to gain West Florida from the Spanish. Theodore Roosevelt and Dwight Eisenhower both used covert action to topple hostile governments. And, in 2001, George Bush made covert action a key element of his war on terrorism and the war against insurgency in Iraq.

PLAUSIBLE DENIAL

Plausible denial is the concept, long discredited in the USA and UK, that even if a state's role in a covert operation is revealed, the head of state should be able to deny that he or she personally ordered it or even knew anything about it. The head of state should be able to claim, with some degree of plausibility, that the covert action was undertaken by subordi-

"In light of revelations about CIA covert actions in Chile, the US Congress passed the Hughes-Ryan Amendment, which effectively abolished plausible denial..."

nates acting without the head of state's authority or knowledge.

An example of successful plausible denial is the case of the French covert action codenamed 'Satanique': two French intelligence operatives blew up and sank the Greenpeace flagship Rainbow Warrior on 10 July 1985 as she sat in the port of Auckland, New Zealand on her way to protest against a planned French nuclear test on Moruroa. Photographer Fernando Pereira drowned as Rainbow Warrior sank. France initially denied all responsibility for the sinking of the ship. Two of the French agents involved in the operation were soon caught by the New Zealand police and charged with arson, wilful

MI6 diver Lionel 'Buster' Crabb whose disappearance caused a furore following a spying operation



damage and murder. As the truth emerged and the scandal threatened to engulf the French Government, the French authorities claimed that official involvement in this operation did not go any higher than Defense Minister Charles Hernu, who was responsible for the French foreign intelligence service, the Direction Generale de la Securite Exterieur (DGSE), which was subordinate to France's Ministry of Defense. Hernu resigned three months after the attack. President Francois Mitterrand escaped largely unscathed.

In 1974, in light of revelations about CIA covert actions in Chile, the US Congress passed the Hughes-Ryan Amendment, which effectively abolished plausible denial in the USA by prohibiting CIA covert actions:

'Unless and until the President finds that each such operation is important to the national security of the United States and reports, in a timely fashion... to the appropriate committees of the Congress...'

This took away the President's ability to plausibly deny responsibility for any covert action that became public knowledge.

One of the most famous British covert action fiascos is the Crabb affair. During the visit of the Soviet Premier, Nikita Khrushchev, to London in April 1956, an MI6 diver, Commander Lionel 'Buster' Crabb GC, was killed in suspicious circumstances while attempting to install a listening device on the Soviet ship in Portsmouth that had brought Khrushchev to Britain. As the story hit the headlines, the Crabb affair caused a meltdown within the Service, as the government claimed plausible deniability and blamed MI6 for acting without



US Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger with France's Minister of Defence Charles Hernu. The latter was undoubtedly a 'fall guy' when a covert action operation targeting the Greenpeace vessel Rainbow Warrior was exposed



AIOC plant. Inset: Iran Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossadeq

proper authorisation. This led to the resignation of Chief, Sir John Sinclair, who was replaced by Dick White of MI5. Today, under the Intelligence Services Act (ISA) 1994, MI6 can only carry out covert operations if they have been authorised by the Foreign Secretary.

INHERENT PROBLEMS WITH COVERT ACTION

American author John Prados points out that covert actions most often cited as successes are the US political action in Italy (1948), the CIA sponsored coups in Iran (1953) and Guatemala (1954), and the US paramilitary action in Afghanistan (1979-1989). However, in numerical terms, these operations account for only a minute fraction of the covert actions carried out since 1945. Prados also suggests that deeper analysis actually reveals that each of these supposedly successful covert operations was not as successful as has been claimed. Political action in Italy forced the USA into open-ended intervention in Italian politics until the late-1960s. On top of this, allegations of American interference in Italian affairs also had a cost to US foreign policy worldwide, which at least matched the benefits of the Italian operation itself.

OPERATION AJAX/BOOT

Britain had occupied Iran during the Second World War and continued to maintain a strong influence in the country. The enormous Anglo-Iranian Oil Company (AIOC) dominated oil production in the region. AIOC was half-owned by the British Government. In 1951 alone, AIOC returned £100 million in profits. Therefore, Britain faced a potential disaster when, in



A number of covert action operations were used to help Mohammad Reza Pahlavi - Shah of Iran

May 1951, the new Iranian Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossadeq, announced the nationalisation of AIOC. Mossadeq had come to power following the convenient assassination of his rival and predecessor as Prime Minister, General Ali Razmara, who had opposed AIOC's nationalisation. Iran was a constitutional monarchy, with power shared between the Shah and the Prime Minister. Thus, in 1951 MI6 began to plot the overthrow of Mossadeq and return the Shah to direct rule. The Service enlisted CIA support by emphasising the growing Communist threat in

INFILTRATION



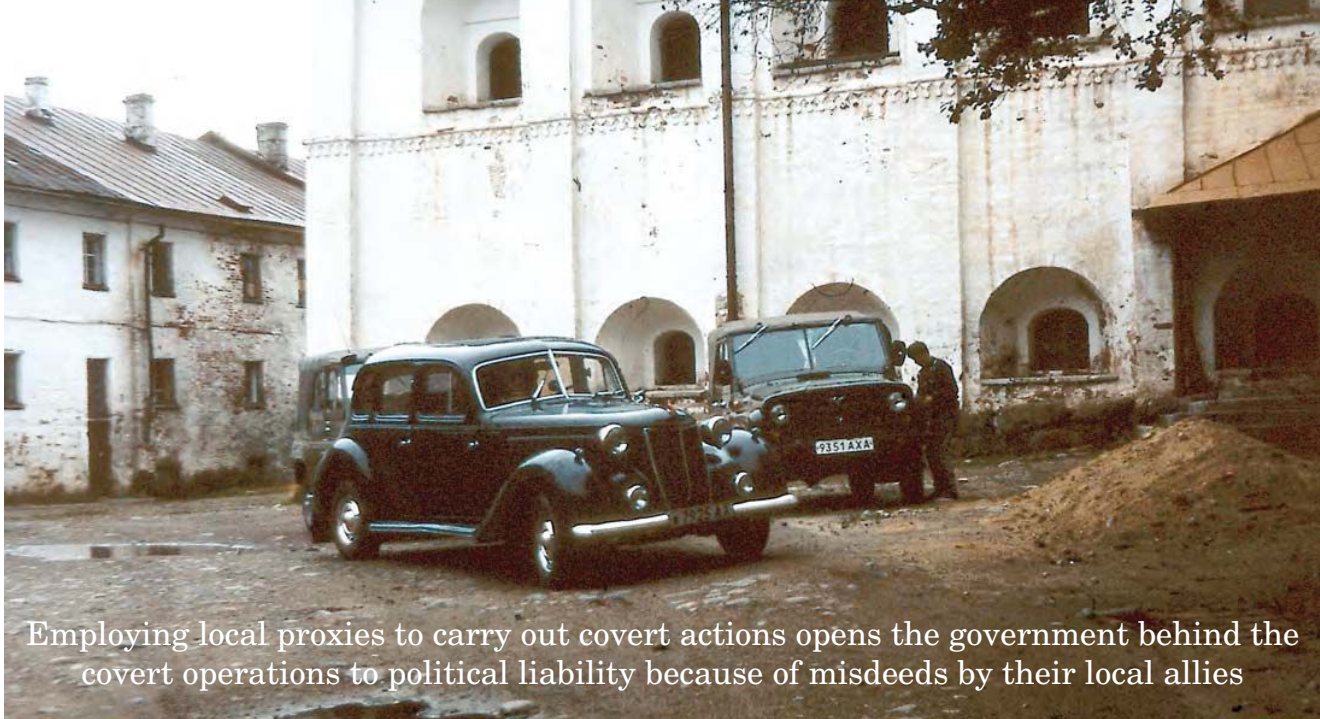
The great 1984-85 UK miners strike almost brought the country to its knees. It was later learned Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher authorised a variety of covert actions to monitor the National Union of Mineworkers, including the placement of proxy government agents in some areas



Iran. There was plenty of evidence that Communism was on the rise in Iran. The pro-Communist Tudeh Party was extending its grip. The genuine threat posed by the Tudeh Party, which MI6 seized upon in its discussions with the CIA, was that Mossadeq, the Shah and the Iranian constitution could be ousted and overturned and Communists installed in their place and Iran could become a Soviet satellite.

In April 1953, CIA Director Allen Dulles (right) made \$1 million available to American agents to be used "in any way that would bring about the fall of Mossadeq." To help with logistics for subversive activities on the ground, MI6 brought in one of the world's leading experts on Iran, Robert Zaehner, an Oxford scholar





Employing local proxies to carry out covert actions opens the government behind the covert operations to political liability because of misdeeds by their local allies

Covert action is not a new phenomena. The enabling of an action to secure a reaction has been used for centuries. In wartime and periods of great uncertainty and unrest, the use of intelligence services and special operatives together with political thinkers often occurs. In most cases, intelligence collection, analysis, and preparation are pre-cursors to most covert action programmes, thereafter, chance does play a part

who had worked for the Service in Iran during the Second World War. MI6's main agents in Iran, cultivated through Zaehner, were the Rashidian brothers, two of Iran's most loyal royalists, who had worked with Zaehner countering German influence in Iran during the war. The Rashidian brothers were MI6 and the CIA's main point of contact in Iran and they were to be responsible for distributing funds to 'rent-a-crowd' mobs on the streets, and organising popular demonstrations against

Communists. In July 1953, President Eisenhower gave the green light for what the US codenamed Operation Ajax and the British called Operation Boot: the overthrow of Mossadeq and the installation of the Shah as direct ruler. The plot was to gather support for the Shah within Iran through street demonstrations and other public protests, and then to depose Mossadeq and install the Shah along with a pliant Prime Minister. There were increasing levels of violence on the streets of Tehran, as pro-Communist gangs pitted themselves against pro-Shah groups. The British and American-backed demonstrations got out of control, with over 300 people killed, but they served their immediate purpose. Using popular dissent and the results of a (doubtless rigged) referendum as a pretext, the Shah dismissed Mossadeq and appointed Fazlollah Zahedi, a retired General and Mossadeq's former Interior Minister, as Prime Minister. Mossadeq was placed under house arrest in Ahmadabad, where he lived out the rest of his days. The CIA immediately funnelled \$5 million to the Shah to help him consolidate his rule.

Both of the coups in Iran and Guatemala only resulted in short-term gains. The Iranian operation contributed to the growth of Islamic fundamentalism, which has caused major problems for every US President since 1979. The coup in Guatemala ousted a democracy and made way for a brutal military dictatorship

A WINNING FORMULA



Presidents Carter, Sadat and Begin at Camp David in 1978. Langley's covert action role and guidance helped pave the way for negotiations between the former adversaries - Egypt and Israel. Naturally, all reference to intelligence was removed and the peace accord was presented as a victory for political persuasion.

that eventually waged war against its own people. Covert action in Afghanistan placed American weaponry into hostile hands, which created a serious threat to US national security interests and played an obvious role in empowering the terrorists who threaten the West and other nations today.

BLOWBACK

As well as these so-called 'successes', there are a wide range of failures, which suggest



Left: April 2016. Former UK Prime Minister David Cameron with NATO Secretary General Anders Rasmussen outside Downing Street. No doubt on the agenda was Russian activity on the borderlands of Europe - and covert action plans to counter Moscow



It is not unusual for a covert action to be out-sourced to private concerns



US Secretary of State John Kerry embarks on another diplomatic mission. At such events much useful intelligence is collected which may enable resultant policy to be 'fine-tuned' - or provide a platform for covert action

“Covert action works only if it is a component subordinated to and coordinated with the overt activities...”

that there are inherent problems with covert operations. Successful covert actions tend to lead to long-term military and economic aid to governments that would not be able to survive without this assistance. Thus, the true costs of these interventions often dwarf the costs of the covert operations themselves.

Employing local proxies to carry out covert actions opens the government behind the covert operations to political liability because of misdeeds by their local allies. Drug-dealing, kidnappings, and other evil acts have to be accepted in pursuance of the covert action's goals, and the reputation of the government behind the covert action is damaged because of this.

Political action, in contrast to paramilitary operations, is very much a wild card. Political actions buy victory for local leaders who may not turn out to be the people the state behind the covert action thought they were. Activities undertaken for particular purposes can end up having quite unintended consequences. What if the US push for Muslim democracy was completely successful, but resulted in a Middle East wholly dominated by fundamentalist governments? Failed political action houses an in-built temptation to escalation, as tragically witnessed in Chile during the Nixon era. Because the USA was already committed, escalation to the next rung of the ladder of US involvement seemed more palatable than accepting a humiliating defeat. Such action is also irretrievable. As successful political action necessitates prolonged activity with a

broad spectrum of foreign groups, the evidence of involvement in a covert political action deepens and multiplies in such a way that increases the probability of eventual exposure and embarrassment.

The term 'blowback' has been coined to refer to the potential for covert actions to rebound upon the instigator. In addition to possible international and diplomatic consequences, covert actions have had a significant impact on domestic politics. For example, the linkage of the coup in Iran with the hostage crisis contributed to Jimmy Carter's election defeat in the 1980 US presidential election. This leads Prados to conclude that:

“In sum there are a variety of structural and inherent problems with the conduct of covert operations.”

CONCLUSION

Of course, failed covert operations make front-page news. Whereas, if covert actions are truly successful they will remain secret and we may never know about them! Taking into account the potential benefits of covert action, as outlined by Godson, and the potential pitfalls, set out by Prados, it seems that covert action is a necessary weapon in any state's arsenal, but it must be handled with extreme care. Therefore, it seems apt to agree with William Daugherty, a retired CIA officer and currently a professor of government, who concludes: “Covert action works only if it is a component subordinated to and

THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT



Protagonists Martin McGuinness and Ian Paisley meet with President Bush in 2007

The long sectarian conflict in Northern Ireland which cost the lives of thousands of people spawned numerous covert actions: from undercover military operations and acts of terrorism, to secret back-channels whereby at the very least communication was possible. Ultimately peace was secured by the signing of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998.

coordinated with the overt activities of the other policy-implementing agencies, and employed in a unified campaign to achieve a broad, openly acknowledged... policy.”

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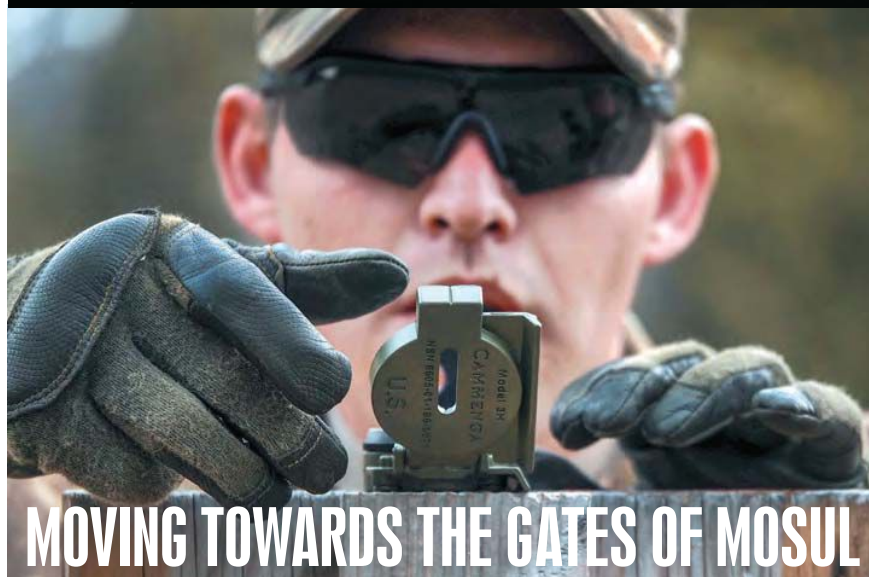
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INTELLIGENCE IN FOCUS

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THE WAR AGAIN



MOVING TOWARDS THE GATES OF MOSUL



On 25 June, Alliance forces in the Middle East claimed a major victory when the last elements of ISIS/Daesh were removed from Iraq's third city Fallujah. A joint force of regular Iraq and Kurd troops backed by USAF warplanes seized the city, which is just 30 miles or so from the capital Baghdad. According to Pentagon sources, at least 2,000 ISIS fighters died in the battle, and a huge amount of weapons and fighting vehicles were recovered. Several major bomb-making safehouses were also discovered, and hundreds of suspected ISIS fighters and supporters captured.

Fallujah had been under ISIS control since 2014, but the capture of the city by government forces is seen as a major symbolic ISIS defeat, for it is here the terror group had promised to launch its operation to take Baghdad.

Iraq Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi lost no time in hailing the victory. "Today our troops liberated Fallujah." He also made reference to the next primary objective: "At the same time our troops are currently fighting in Mosul. There is no place for ISIS in Iraq. We will chase them everywhere. As we promised to the raise the [Iraqi] flag high in Fallujah, we

will raise it in Mosul soon with the will of our heroes. I call on Iraqis to celebrate this day."

Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook commented: "The loss of Fallujah will further deny ISIS access to a province critically important to its overall goals. It will also reduce their ability to threaten civilians in Baghdad."



Eye Spy examines a number of important developments and incidents connected to the on-going global operation to defeat ISIS/Daesh

END GAME: The Demise of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi?

GCHQ-NSA FOCUS ON COMMUNICATIONS

One of the most common questions being asked in intelligence circles concerns ISIS/Daesh leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi - is he alive or dead? Since the first week of June, speculation has mounted that the terror chief succumbed to wounds inflicted after his vehicle was struck near Raqqa by a US missile.

A media outlet with supposed access to ISIS news issued a statement: "Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi has been killed by Coalition air strikes on Raqqa on the fifth day of Ramadan." An Iraq Army official appeared to support the claim when he said al-Baghdadi's convoy was struck near Karbala shortly before he was due to attend a Daesh meeting with senior terrorists.

More a figurehead than a fighter, it's not the first time such stories have circulated on newswires, and some analysts believe reports of his demise are nothing but a ruse to deflect operations against him. However, Eye Spy sources working in electronic media, believe GCHQ and NSA watchers - engaged in monitoring ISIS communiques from the group's inner circle - have noted a distinct lack of reference to al-Baghdadi. Some believe this is an internal attempt to keep his demise secret.



Daesh leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

- In March, CIA sources reported that Omar al-Shishani "may have been killed" in an air strike. He was the group's main 'battlefield commander' and recruiter. Sources close to ISIS have now confirmed he is dead.



Omar al-Shishani

"Today our troops liberated Fallujah. I call on Iraqis to celebrate this day..."

IRAQ PRIME MINISTER HAIDER AL-ABADI

In March, thousands of Alliance troops, including Special Forces from a number of Western and Arab nations moved towards Mosul, the country's second city. Analysts note the city is better defended than Mosul and presents a "far more difficult target."



Iraq Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi visits his troops after the liberation of Fallujah



Iraq Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi believes his country could be free of main ISIS fighting units by early 2017

SYRIAN THEATRE

The situation in Syria remains more complex. ISIS still holds key towns and cities, and intelligence analysts note that only a combined US-Russia effort to support counter-ISIS forces will provide a breakthrough. The attack options are hampered by fragmented air operations and numerous reports of non-ISIS targets being struck, especially by Russian and Syrian warplanes. For example, an air bombing in Deir Ezzor City in June reportedly killed 25 children, according to UNICEF. Armed militias backed by the US have also been targeted. Eye Spy understands talks have taken place between Russian and US officials regarding cooperation.



Oleg Peshkov repatriation ceremony



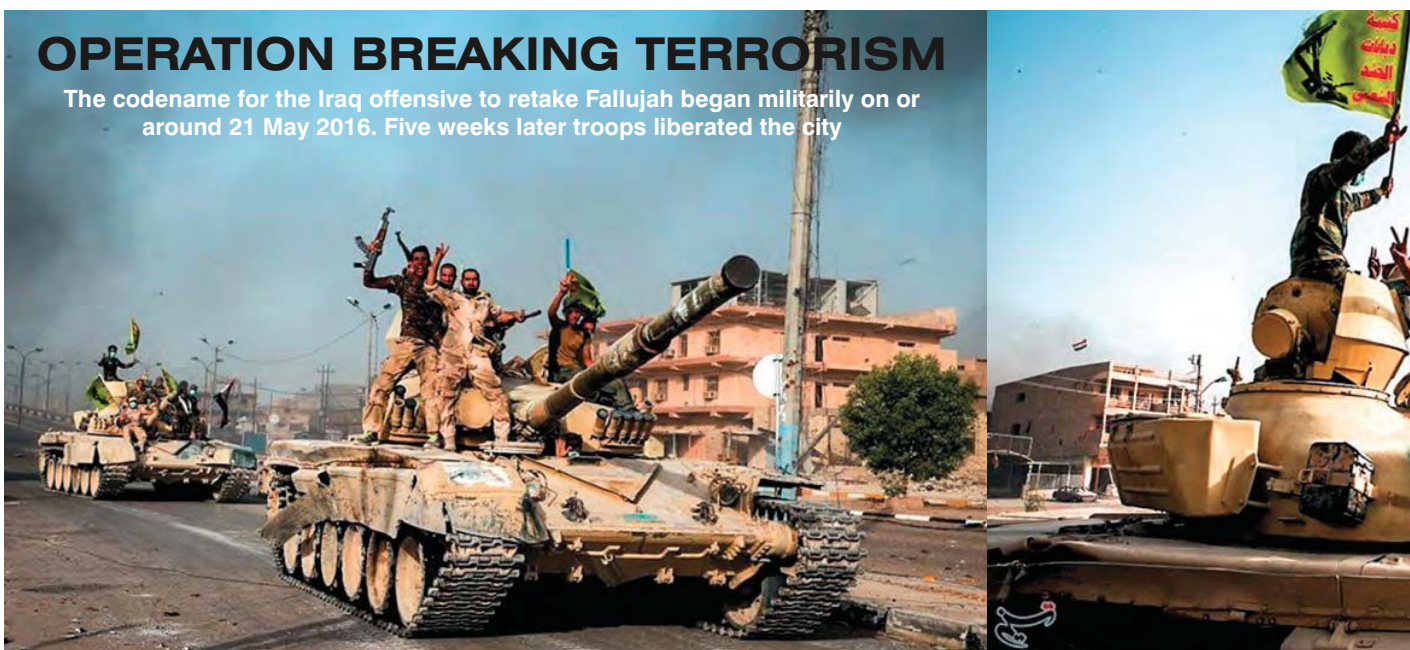
31 May 2016. Iraq President Muhammad Faud Masum met with senior military, intelligence and government officials to discuss the final stages of the retaking on Fallujah

Meanwhile, in a bid to ease Russian-Turkey tensions, Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan has apologised to President Putin over the shooting down last November of a Russian Air Force Su-24. The warplane was attacked by Turkish fighters and a resultant rescue mission by Russia was also engaged. The Su-24's pilot, Oleg Peshkov and one of the rescue

team, Alexander Pozynych who also died, were awarded the Order of Courage and buried in the Alley of Heroes cemetery in Lipetsk. The diplomatic move was seen as another pivotal moment in the fight against ISIS, especially in the border regions between Syria and Turkey.

OPERATION BREAKING TERRORISM

The codename for the Iraq offensive to retake Fallujah began militarily on or around 21 May 2016. Five weeks later troops liberated the city



A FAMILIAR ISIS TACTIC

Terrorists Attack Jordanian Intelligence Building

On 21 June, five Jordanian security personnel were killed, including three intelligence officers, when a lone gunman opened fire on the General Intelligence Department (GID) building in the Baqa'a refugee camp, located just north of the capital Amman. A day later, an ISIS suicide bomber driving a truck laden with explosives, killed six Jordanian troopers near a refugee camp in Rukban.

In the GID attack, the gunman slowly made his through the intelligence building then shot a security guard; after gaining access to an

Faisal Al Shoubak
GID
Director



COURTESY: GID

office he fired his semi automatic weapon killing four more people, three of them GID intelligence officers. He then fled the scene before police arrived. It's not the first time the GID outpost has been targeted. Three



General Intelligence Department (GID) building in Baqa'a

Jordanian extremists were sentenced to prison terms of between three years and life in 2010, for plotting to kill intelligence officers in the camp.

In respect of the Rukban truck bombing, the terrorist is believed to have driven his vehicle across the Syrian border.

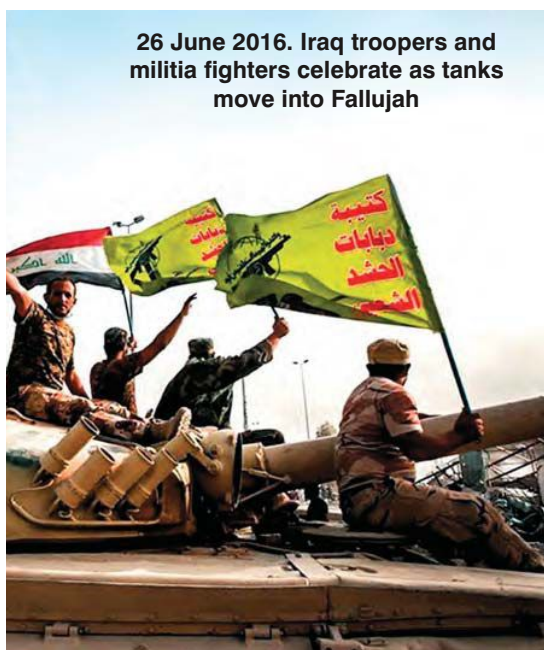
Terrorist attacks in Jordan are relatively rare - the last in November 2015, when a Jordanian police officer opened fire at a training centre killing five people, two of them Americans. The gunman was later shot dead by security guards. Prior to that, in December 2005, al-Qaida killed 60 people and wounded dozens more in suicide attacks on three Amman hotels.

Faisal Al Shoubak, Director of Jordan's powerful GID, had acknowledged the presence of ISIS sleeper cells in the country, but said the attacks were still worrying. The Service, along with military counter-terrorism forces, are currently engaged in a major nationwide operation to identify supporters of the group.

TARGETED ASSASSINATION

On 13 June, French national and self-proclaimed ISIS 'soldier', Larossi Abballa, stabbed deputy head of the judiciary police at Les Mureaux commissariat, Jean-Baptiste Salvaing, 42, to death outside his home in the Paris suburb of Magnanville. Abballa ➤

26 June 2016. Iraq troopers and militia fighters celebrate as tanks move into Fallujah



Baqa'a refugee camp in Amman. Inset: UK minister Alan Duncan (State Department for International Development) talks to camp staff



EXIT ISIS SECOND ATTACK

BAGHDAD: On 29 June, US-led Alliance warplanes launched a major attack on an ISIS regrouping point to the south of the city of Fallujah. It is here remnants of the terror group had exited the city after being defeated by Iraq forces. Intelligence suggests at least 250 and as many as 300 terrorists died in the raid, which also saw a major convoy of around 700 vehicles destroyed.

If the data is correct, it is the single biggest loss of fighters and vehicles suffered by ISIS in Iraq since the conflict began, according to Iraq Air Force commander Lt. General Hamid al-Malik.



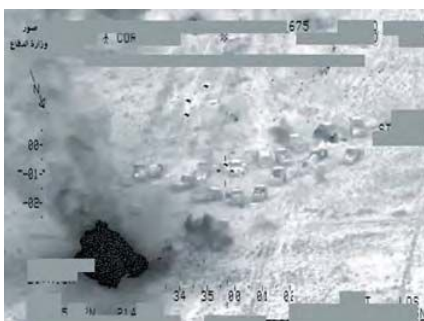
Lt. General Hamid al-Malik (right)



Jean-Baptiste Salvaing and his partner Jessica Schneider

then went inside his home and killed his partner Jessica Schneider, 36. It is not clear whether Abballa knew Salvaing or how he found his address.

Elite police squads came to the scene, sealed off the area, cut off electricity and evacuated neighbours. During the three hour stand-off, Abballa made a 12-minute video of the attack which he posted on Facebook declaring his allegiance to ISIS and its leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. In the video he said that he had deliberately targeted police announcing his 'success' in killing a police officer at his home, claiming that the brothers in Sham [ISIS held territories] were in contact with him. "I have responded to the call of Sheikh Abu



Larossi Abballa



Scenes of devastation in Fallujah greeted Iraqi forces as they retook the city. Thousands of residents had already fled, but many remained trapped



Abu Muhammad al-Adnani

Muhammad al-Adnani." Adnani is the senior spokesperson for the terror group in Syria.

Adnani had urged Facebook followers to create a 'month of calamity for infidels'. Abballa also said that he was responding to a communique by his emir ordering 'the killing of infidels at home with their families'.

Abballa was shot and killed around midnight after police stormed the residence. The couple's three-year-old son was rescued. A few weeks after the attack, counter-terrorism

police arrested two associates of Abballa - but not in connection with the Salvaing incident.

The 25-year-old, of Moroccan descent, had been sentenced to three years in prison in 2013 for recruiting fighters for jihad in Pakistan but was released after serving most of his sentence on remand. The state prosecutor said Abballa had been under surveillance for two years and was being monitored this year as part of an investigation into a French citizen who had recently left for Syria. Although his phone was tapped, authorities said Abballa had not given any indication to suggest that he was preparing for a violent act.

Commenting on the appalling attack, Prime Minister Manuel Valls said: "A new threshold of horror has been crossed. It was at their

MAN IN THE HAT TALKING TO UK INTELLIGENCE

BRUSSELS: Captured Brussels and Paris ISIS terrorist Mohamad Abrini - dubbed 'the man in hat' after being recorded on CCTV at Brussels Airport - has been defeated in his attempt to avoid extradition to France. French Intelligence has a large dossier of incriminating evidence against Abrini which links him directly to the 13 November 2015 Paris attack which claimed 130 lives. Whilst legal officials in Belgium said Abrini, 31, will be sent to France, sources say he continues to be interrogated about his role in the Brussels attack on 22 March.



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In Britain, three people remain in custody who have been accused of meeting Abrini in Birmingham a few months before the attacks. According to a charge sheet, the ISIS operative was given £3,000 in a city park by the trio.

A *Sunday Times* report recently claimed the terrorist, perhaps fearful of various parties and a life sentence, has been cooperating with British Intelligence and New Scotland Yard. A series of questions were supposedly relayed to Abrini via Belgian officials.



French counter-terrorism police outside the apartment of Jean-Baptiste

CLERGY SPIES

Strange But True Special

Religious Figures Who have Featured in the Great Game

The CIA's Secret Tibet Programme

One of the most controversial and fascinating case files with authentic threads to religious figures and intelligence concerns the Dalai Lama and the CIA. In the 1960s, Thubten Jigme Norbu, the oldest sibling of Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama, worked for Langley as a translator and engaged in the secret arming of Tibetan guerrillas fighting Chinese rule. The second eldest brother of the Dalai Lama, Gyalo Thondup, also had threads to the Agency; he was connected to the American Society for a Free Asia which was funded by



Gyalo Thondup pictured in 2009

the CIA. For much of the 1950s, all were involved in covert actions and the family even provided information using a CIA radio kit.

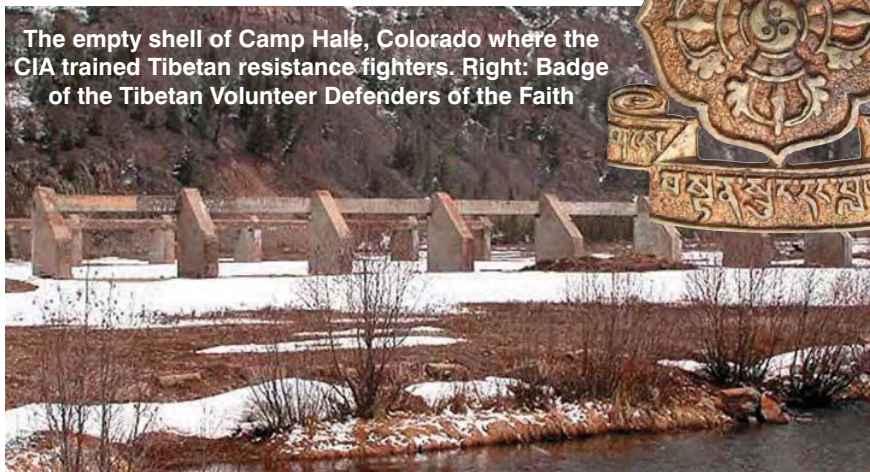
All of the liaisons fell under the auspices of the CIA's Tibetan Programme which included output of propaganda. It received additional help through the Pentagon and the State Department, which gave it an 'air of credibility' and 'standing'. Eventually a paramilitary force of around 2,000 fighters were recruited; operations were predominantly performed on

By D. Anne Kohl

the Nepalese border. The fighters were reportedly trained by the CIA's Special Activities Division (SAD).

Some interesting elements of the attempted uprising have since been revealed

The empty shell of Camp Hale, Colorado where the CIA trained Tibetan resistance fighters. Right: Badge of the Tibetan Volunteer Defenders of the Faith





Tenzin Gyatso - 14th Dalai Lama with President Obama



Father Henry Borynski

through the release of intelligence files and from individuals who have spoken about their experiences.

BARNUM AND BAILEY

St Circus was a cover name afforded to the training of fighters - some in the USA itself at Camp Hale in Colorado. St Bailey was the name of the propaganda element and St Barnum the attached equipment and supplies air lift programme into Tibet.

Langley's attempt to free Tibet effectively ended in 1971. A year later President Nixon visited China and relations were mended. Today, all three men are referred to as 'CIA assets'. Interestingly, in late 1999, the Dalai Lama said the programme had harmed Tibet and said it was primarily initiated to serve US interests. He believed the endeavour, which cost thousands of lives, was part of the Cold War.

The Disappearance of Father Borynski

Henry Borynski served as a priest in the early 1950s in Bradford, UK. The city was home to a large Polish community - many of them refugees from the war. He had replaced a Lithuanian/Pole with a somewhat dubious reputation. However, Borynski's sudden and unexplained disappearance in July 1953 initially suggested possible complicity in the removal of his predecessor and Polish Intelligence.

The case featured in the national press and there was much speculation Borynski had been kidnapped by the KGB and thereafter



Bogdan Staschynski

on a secret mission; that he was a Polish agent and/or had been murdered or kidnapped. There were several alleged sightings of Borynski in future years and letters

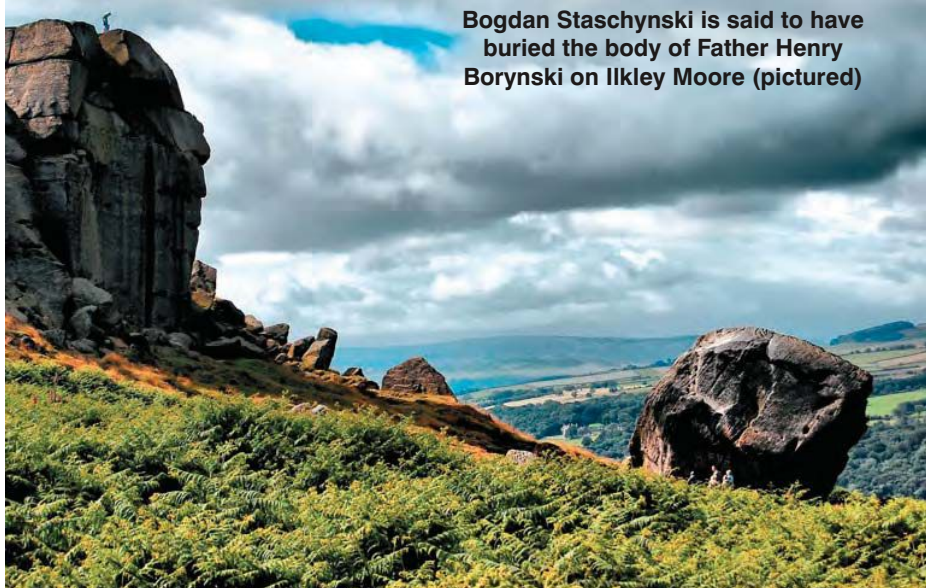
smuggled out of the country. Even the Polish community did not believe he simply left of his own free will. MI5 investigated but the case has never been solved. Possible theories listed in released intelligence files include he may have been

surfaced - a number supposedly written by him.

Perhaps the strongest clue as to the fate of Borynski, lies with Bogdan Staschynski, a professional Soviet assassin. He reportedly confessed to killing the priest by injecting him with cyanide and then burying his body on Yorkshire's remote Ilkley Moor. According to the hitman he was "forced to act under orders from the highest soviet authorities." Some sceptics believe Staschynski was discussing another case.

In 2003, a former British police detective blamed the Polish Secret Police - and claimed Catholic officials had information on the case which was not imparted at the time of the incident. For the record, MI5 did probe his disappearance and an informative file on Borynski exists in Britain's National Archives

Bogdan Staschynski is said to have buried the body of Father Henry Borynski on Ilkley Moore (pictured)



A Spy's Religious 'Mail Drop' House

A German WWII spy ring which could have caused a great deal of damage to the United States was broken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Anastase A. Vonsiatsky, Gerhard Wilhelm Kunze, Dr. Otto Willumeit, Dr. Wolfgang Ebell, and Ukrainian Reverend Kurt E. B. Molzahn were indicted on 10 June 1942, by a Federal Grand Jury at Hartford, Connecticut, for conspiracy to violate the Espionage Act.

Interestingly, one of the main players in the spy ring was Reverend Molzahn, 47, who had served as a captain in Germany in WWI. He had offered his address as a communication point (mail drop).

Molzahn (a Lutheran pastor) had been in the country for well over a decade, but made regular trips back to Germany. He also had excellent relations with several German Government staff at the country's Washington embassy. He was recruited into the spy ring around 1940. Whilst not an admirer of Hitler, he said he was a "good man and a buttress against the Communists."

On 25 August 1942, the last member of the group was sentenced in Federal Court, thus bringing an end to the third major espionage ring broken by the FBI since the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor. Reverend Molzahn was the only member of the group to plead not



Anastase A. Vonsiatsky

guilty. Nevertheless, he was still given a ten year prison term - but released on 1 August 1945 and given a full pardon in 1956 by President Eisenhower.

Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty

The famous 'Scarlet Pimpernel of the Vatican', Hugh O'Flaherty has been recognised by the intelligence community due to his way of evading the many traps that were set by the Gestapo while visiting POW camps.

Once he had secured the names of the imprisoned troops, he made broadcasts through Radio Vatican to try and relate details to concerned relatives - and listening intelligence agencies.

In Rome, O'Flaherty used various disguises to help Allied operators evade the SS and conceal Jews in several church establishments. Eventually the Germans learned of his secret network but had no permission to enter the Vatican and detain him.

THE WHITE LINE

German SS intelligence officer Herbert Kappler, who was the primary liaison officer with the Vatican, then notoriously ordered that



Hugh O'Flaherty

PASTOR BRANDED CONSPIRATOR IN GERMAN SPY RING

U. S. Attorney Urges Jury to Convict Him.

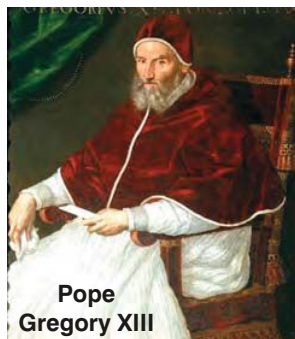
Hartford, Conn., Aug. 18 (AP).—A government attorney today told a federal court jury it had a duty to bring in a verdict of guilty in the espionage conspiracy trial of the Rev. Kurt Molzahn, a Philadelphia Lutheran pastor.

"We have proved to you this man conspired to enable Kunze (Gerhard Kunze, former leader of the German-American Bund) to leave this country to carry military information which was in his possession," Joseph Cooney,

The Rome Sanction

One of the earliest religious spy rings was a group of Jesuits, trained on the continent who operated during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Often wearing disguises, the men spread all manner of gossip as they preached and heard confessions.

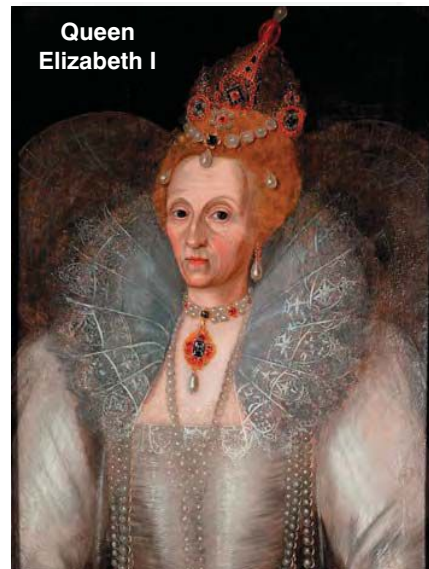
The group secretly printed and distributed pamphlets against the Queen and the Anglican institution. They accused Elizabeth of various



Pope Gregory XIII

sins, and also plotted her assassination and overthrow. All their actions are thoroughly documented and available in the National

Queen Elizabeth I



Archives. Interestingly they reveal Pope Gregory XIII sanctioned her assassination, and that the Jesuits tried their best to carry it out. They were also were deeply involved in a plot to invade England by Roman Catholic Spain in the 1580s.



St. Peter's
Square,
Vatican City

a white line be painted around St. Peter's Square which signified a 'border' between Vatican City and the rest of Italy. If O'Flaherty stepped over the line Kappler instructed troops to shoot him dead. Despite several assassination attempts against the priest, he survived.

It is estimated O'Flaherty and other religious figures helped 6,500 Allied missing-in-action soldiers and Jews to safety.

In 1983 a television movie starring Gregory Peck as O'Flaherty was produced. Appropri-



Herbert
Kappler
following
his arrest
in May
1945

ately called 'The Scarlet and the Black', it is centred on the German occupation of Rome and the brave activities of the priest.

As for Kappler, he was arrested after the war and given a life sentence.

Ironically, one of his frequent visitors in prison was O'Flaherty; and in 1972 the former SS man converted to Catholicism. Five years later he escaped from prison and fled to West Germany. Italy demanded he be extradited, but the Government in Bonn refused. He died but six months later.

The 'Missionary' OSS Agent

John Birch was a Christian missionary and US spy in China. Working for US Military Intelligence and the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in WWII, he often performed dangerous missions supplying intelligence on Japanese troops movements. Other tasks included helping Allied pilots escape and maintaining radio contact with troops. After his espionage activities, he would hold church services for Chinese Christians.

He was taken prisoner eleven days after V-J (Victory Japan) day by Communist soldiers, who shot him for refusing to disarm. At the



John Birch

time he was with a number of Koreans, Americans and Chinese nationals who were gathering intelligence in Xuzhou.

Never famous in life, he became the name-sake of the John Birch Society, a conservative Christian anti-Communist organisation created on 9 December 1958, thirteen years after his death.

Author and political activist Robert H.W. Welch Jr., who helped create the Society, believes Birch, who was 27-years-old when he was shot, was the first real casualty of the Cold War.

Vatican Conspiracy Theories

For centuries The Vatican has been a focal point for intelligence watchers, and many historians believe it runs its own powerful network of informants who provide intelligence from all over the world. Similarly, one of its own institutions known as Opus Dei, has attracted the attention of some historians who have questioned its recruiting methods and secrecy. The truth is a little more mundane, but no less interesting.

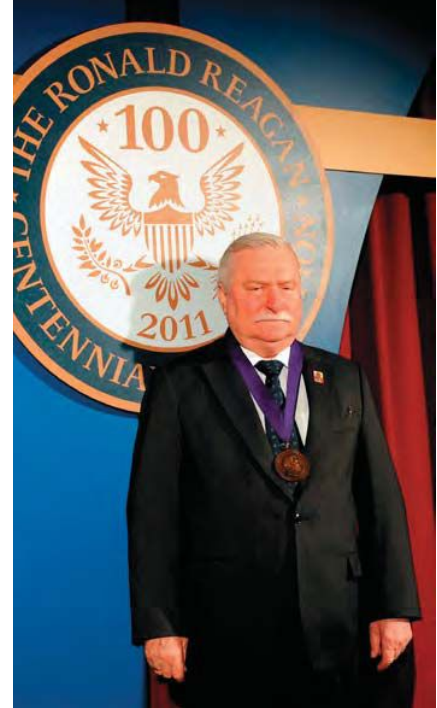
The Vatican became a centre of interest for the KGB in the 1970s for its alleged liaison and



Pope John Paul
greeted the
Reagans in 1982



Pope John Paul II visits Poland in 1987



Lech Walesa - spy rumours persist

close co-operation with the CIA. A number of former Langley associates and sources claim the CIA provided the Pope with classified information with White House approval. There are stories and tales that some of the material was secured by eavesdropping.

Those who support the 'secret relationship' theory note that US General Vernon Walters, an ex-CIA Deputy Director, visited the pope no less than seven times between 1981 and 1988. Whether or not the discussion was of a religious nature, no-one is really sure. And in 1982, President Reagan met with Pope John Paul II in the Vatican Library - while in adjoining rooms senior US security officials, including Secretary of State Alexander Haig, discussed Israel's invasion of the Lebanon. While conspiracy theorists thought this bolstered their claims of a secret 'Holy Alliance', intelligence watchers were more interested in the real topics of the meeting - Poland, the Warsaw Pact, KGB operations and CIA funding for a union movement gathering pace - Solidarity.

A HIDDEN AGENDA

Because of the Pope's support for Solidarity and the Vatican's perceived links to the CIA, many Warsaw Pact intelligence agencies focussed their attention on trying to penetrate the liaison. Agents were despatched to try and blackmail Catholic priests or buy their services. Records suggest religious figures from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Lithuania and other East European countries were approached. The objective was to place spies in the Vatican. And there are many reports linked to the penetration operation.

One, for example, concerns Colonel Alois Estermann, 43. He was a senior officer in the Vatican's Swiss Guard. Estermann was killed along with his wife in May 1998 in their Rome apartment. The alleged assailant, Cedrich Tornay, was a vice corporal in the guard. According to journalist Victor Guitard, Estermann was a STASI spy for East Germany.

Other rumours include the three had been assassinated by Opus Dei. Another story suggests Bulgarian Intelligence (acting as a proxy for Moscow) was allegedly involved in the assassination attempt of Pope John Paul in 1981. Ironically, it was Estermann who shielded the Pope from the gunman.

The alleged Vatican-CIA-Solidarity liaison has been further complicated with recent allegations that the Polish union's leader - Lech Walesa - was a KGB asset. Some intelligence watchers naturally assume, therefore, that any discussions or proposed covert action would have simply fallen into the hands of Walesa's secret associates in Moscow. Walesa said he was neither an asset nor an agent.

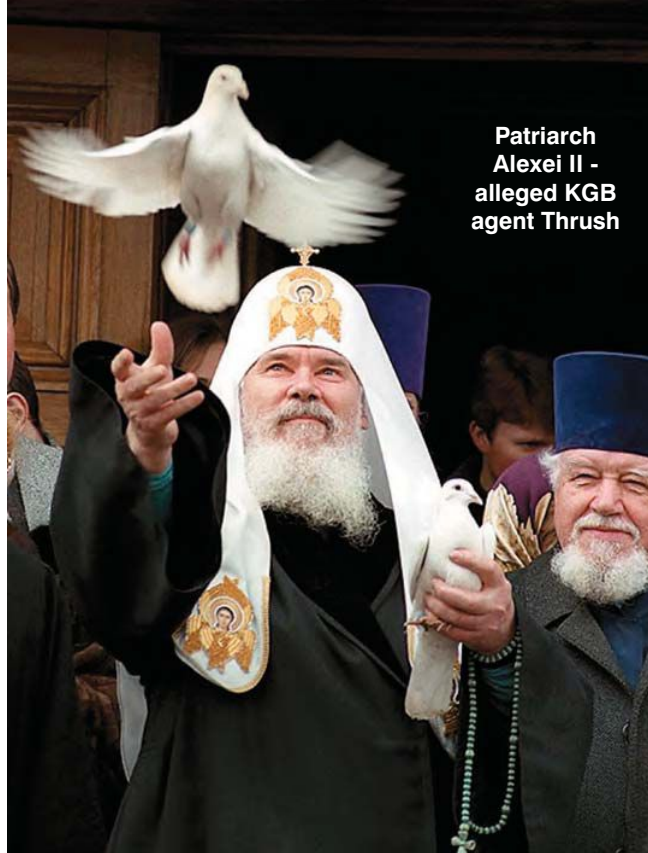
But what of the Vatican's alleged spy network? In his book *The Vatican Papers*, Nino Lo Bello claims that the Vatican has the most efficient and widespread spy network in the whole world. He even has a name for the organisation - Sodalitium Pianum (Fellowship of Pius). Sodalitium Pianum is a real entity and formed in 1909 by pope Pius XII. Historians note it was "established to monitor and report to the Holy Office any deviations from orthodoxy." Others believe that far from being a 'spy network', it simply tries to block and "silence less orthodox theologians by prohibiting publications and by removing them from teaching positions."

Patriarch Alexei II

There are numerous stories linking some priests of the Russian Orthodox Church to the world of intelligence, but the furor surrounding one former head surpasses most. Intelligence files which surfaced in Estonia link Patriarch Alexei II (Alexei Ridiger born in



President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry accompanied by Vatican City Swiss Guards



Tallinn), the head of the Russian Orthodox Church with millions of Christian supporters in Russia, to the KGB. Indeed, they refer to him as a 'fully fledged KGB agent'. Other material suggests he was recruited by the Estonian KGB on 28 February 1958, just a day after his 29th birthday.

It was in the early 1990s that rumours abounded he had been operating as a spy under the codename of Drozdov (Thrush). This followed the collapse of Communism in the Soviet Union. Nevertheless, when internal forces tried to dispose President Mikhail Gorbachev, he vocally denounced the action. His name also surfaced in KGB documents and he was allegedly awarded a citation by the KGB in 1988. The Church has always rejected any intelligence link, but that's not how one MI6 agent and former KGB colonel views the affair.



Nikolai Patrushev

Oleg Gordievsky claims Alexei worked for the KGB for four decades and his case officer was none other than Nikolai Patrushev, who would go on to head the newly formed FSB.

Alexei passed away in 2008. Many senior figures attended his funeral, including Vladimir Putin and Dmitry Medvedev (below). On the day of his death, the BBC said he was a "great favourite of the KGB."



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Cold War type harassment of US diplomats in Russia and other capital cities has prompted Secretary of State John F. Kerry to ask President Vladimir Putin to “put a stop to it.” Kerry visited Moscow on 24 March and sources now acknowledge he raised the thorny issue of overt surveillance and intimidation directly with President Putin.

US diplomats, embassy staffers and their families in Moscow and other capitals, have lodged complaints that Russian Intelligence colluding with ‘parties’ aligned to the security services, have “waged a campaign of harassment and intimidation.” Some complaints include overt surveillance, arriving at social events uninvited or paying reporters to write negative stories about them. More menacing reports also exist; breaking into

homes at night and rearranging furniture, turning on all the lights and television sets and slashing tyres. One diplomat even reported an intruder had defecated on his living room carpet. In another, a US diplomat allegedly received a blow to his head from an FSB officer. Eye Spy was told the incidents have been ongoing for over five years, one of the first concerning the US defence attache in Moscow who reported his ‘followers’ had killed his dog. All the incidents seem to be guided by security professionals probably acting as proxies for the FSB. Similar reports concerning staffers from other Western nations also exist.

State Department spokesman and Pentagon Press Secretary, Navy Rear Admiral John Kirby, confirmed that the harassment has

grown worse in recent years. Intelligence watchers link the happenings to the real possibility of conflict between NATO and



Cold War Overt Surveillance - 2016 Style



US Secretary of State John Kerry tours a rainy Moscow accompanied by his personal security detail and Russian watchers



NATO Parliamentary President Mike Turner with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg

“Since the return of Putin, Russia has been engaged in an increasingly aggressive grey war across Europe...”

Russia. Ohio representative, Mike Turner, who serves as President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, said: “The administration continues to pursue a false narrative that Russia can be our partner. They clearly don’t want to be our partner, they’ve identified us as an adversary, and we need to prepare for that type of relationship.”

Norm Eisen, US ambassador to the Czech Republic from 2011 to 2014 supported Turner: “Since the return of Putin, Russia has been engaged in an increasingly aggressive grey war across Europe. Now it’s in retaliation for Western sanctions because of Ukraine. The widely reported harassment is another front in the grey war. They are hitting American

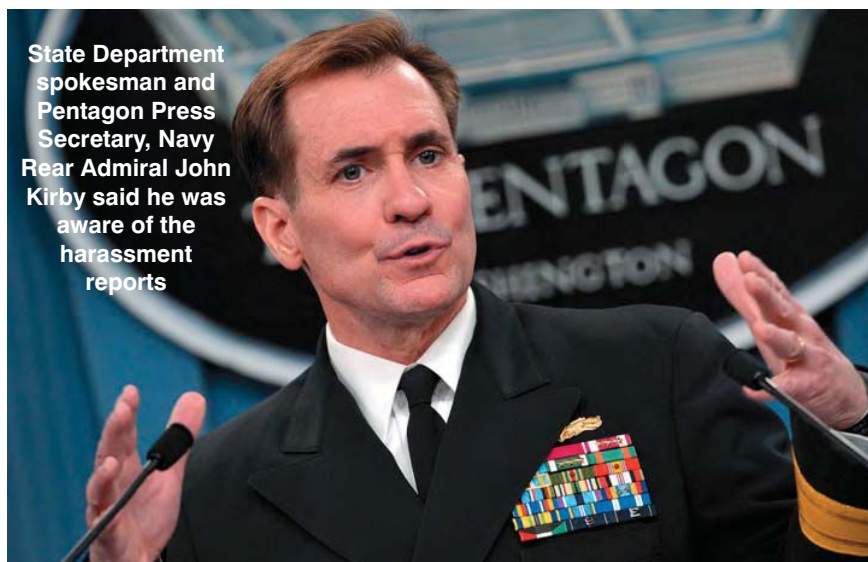
PERSONA NON GRATA



Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov (above) announced that two Americans had been declared ‘persona non grata’. This, according to Russia sources came about following a similar move by the United States. Moscow claims the men are CIA.

diplomats literally where they live.” Former US ambassador to Russia, Michael McFaul told the *Washington Post* he was “routinely followed by services” in an open fashion. He said events increased when Russia invaded the Ukraine.

Russia, not surprisingly, hit back with commentary output by RT.com, widely regarded as a leading Kremlin propaganda outlet. ➤



State Department spokesman and Pentagon Press Secretary, Navy Rear Admiral John Kirby said he was aware of the harassment reports

“Washington is constantly coming up with new restrictions against our diplomats, who increasingly face provocations from the FBI and the CIA...”



Maria Zakharova, Russia's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman

One US embassy staffer in Moscow reported his tyres had been slashed – an act he said was authorised by the FSB for intimidation purposes



“After one incident the FSB had investigated and concluded that a running American was a CIA agent whose passport was nothing but a cover...”

It proclaimed ‘*Russian Diplomats Harassed by US, Not Other Way Around*’. Maria Zakharova, Russia’s Foreign Ministry spokeswoman agreed: “Washington is constantly coming up with new restrictions against our diplomats, who increasingly face provocations from the FBI and the CIA.” She added “unacceptable measures are being applied,” including “psychological pressure in the presence of their families. There had even been cases when such actions were carried out in the presence of pregnant wives of our diplomats.”

With reference to a number of harassment reports published by the *Washington Post*, Zakharova said the US newspaper was a “perfect example of propaganda,” adding that it was “obviously played up.”

Zakharova, who did not cite any concrete allegations of harassment, used no names and was vague, but said diplomacy is based on reciprocity. “Instead of receiving our signal, identifying the problem and creating conditions to improve our relations, they [USA] flip everything upside down,” she said. “This publication is shallow, this publication does not reflect the real picture, it was prepared hastily, it was prepared by hearsay. Our counterparts should make up their mind as to what is it they want in reality: to develop relations, or at least, not to make them worse, or cook [generate] more such publications. The more the US damages relations, the harder it will be for American diplomats to work in Russia.”

The US Senate Intelligence Committee passed the 2017 Intelligence Authorization Bill in May of this year which in addition to other measures proposes restrictions on travel by Russian diplomats in the US. The proposal will be voted on later this year with Moscow saying that it will respond in kind with mirror-like measures to restrictions on its diplomatic staff. This type of regulation is reminiscent of the Cold War period, when diplomats based in the East and West were only allowed to travel a certain number of miles from their base. In London, for example, this was but 60 miles.

“As it worsens relations with Russia, Washington makes the working conditions for its diplomats more difficult,” Zakharova said. She did however say, “we do hope that we will

Continued over



Former US ambassador to Russia Michael McFaul said he was “routinely followed by services” during his posting to Moscow



Left: Whilst senior staff may prefer to utilise flagged embassy vehicles, most opt to use ordinary cars in an effort not to attract attention



Norm Eisen, former US Ambassador to the Czech Republic blames the Ukraine situation for rise in overt surveillance and intimidation



Presidents Putin and Obama. It's not known if the men have discussed the recent happenings, though it seems highly likely both blame each other for the unsettling behaviour of some agents and proxies

CIA-FSB SPY GAMES

AN AGENT'S DEMISE - DISINFORMATION OR TRUTH?

Alexander Poteyev, the Russian spy who allegedly played a central role in revealing the existence of the SVR USA eastern seaboard spy ring to the FBI, has reportedly died in America. Poteyev, who fled shortly before the culmination of the Bureau's investigation - Operation Ghost Stories - was sentenced to 25 years for treason in absentia by a Moscow court.

Various stories linked to his alleged death, which began in Russia, have also emerged, including tales that the CIA was unable to protect its agents. One Russian newspaper editor claimed, "a

hit man had been sent after the man who betrayed Russia's spying operation." All interesting copy but little more than conjecture. However, a Kremlin source referenced a 2015 quote made by President Putin, himself a former senior KGB official: "Traitors come to a bad end."

Few doubt Poteyev and his family were given a new identity, and it is not unusual for a protecting agency to 'inject' stories of the demise of an agent into the press in order to lesson interest. Russian Intelligence has a long record of tracking down defectors and exacting



Alexander Poteyev pictured in Kabul

revenge. Poteyev, if he truly was responsible for the demise of the Illegals programme, one that caused major embarrassment for the Kremlin, will not have been forgotten by Moscow.



Right: The US Embassy in Moscow is home to several hundred staffers in numerous departments. Some workers are actually Russian



Victoria Nuland - Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs

achieve constructive relations with the United States. We are prepared for that."

The US State Department, like Britain's Foreign Office, now provides guidance and training to its diplomats heading for Europe - including how to handle Russian harassment. In addition, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Victoria Nuland, has set up regular inter-agency meetings on tracking and responding to the incidents.

US Embassy Moscow spokesman Will Stevens said Washington is preparing a response and that surveillance by security forces and police was "unacceptable." However, Mr Stevens will be only too aware that surveillance of diplomatic staffers from foreign embassies is a regular occurrence, with special attention paid to suspected or known intelligence operatives working under

legal cover. All major counter-intelligence services assign officers to monitor meetings, visitors and even restaurants and clubs favoured by targets. This is far from unusual. However, such contact is usually covert and only in rare cases will surveillance officers make their presence known - probably in an attempt to dissuade their target from illegal practises - including espionage. The recent cases sited in the US and Russia media are different in that staffers have reported break-ins. Eye Spy has yet to discover if anything (documents, private papers etc.) of a government nature was removed.



Will Stevens

FSB PROXIES IN ACTION

A decade ago Britain's ambassador to Russia, Tony Brenton, became the target of various groups after the UK accused the Kremlin of authorising the assassination of FSB defector Alexander Litvinenko. As relations grew worse, Mr Brenton was often subjected to verbal abuse and harassment.



Tony Brenton

BRIEF SPY ENCOUNTER FSB-CIA Men in Fight



WASHINGTON DC: One report cited in the US media concerns an incident outside the American Embassy in Moscow. In this case a US diplomatic staffer was attacked and struck by a man wearing insignia of the FSB. The blow was so hard it reportedly broke the American's shoulder bone.

Responding to the report, Maria Zakharova, the Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman countered by uploading a response on the organisation's official website:

'A suspicious person wearing a hat pulled down low over his face got out of a taxi and rushed towards the [embassy] entrance. The policeman on duty wished to check the man's documents but the unknown man hit him in the face with his elbow. In the ensuing scuffle the man pushed the policeman away and hid himself in the embassy'.

Zakharova said the FSB had investigated and concluded that the running American was a CIA agent whose "passport was nothing but a cover." She added that the report of the broken shoulder is "pure fantasy."



A still from a video of the incident

SPASO HOUSE

The residence of American ambassadors in Moscow since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the former Soviet Union in 1933



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Since its launch three years ago, Eye Spy Editorial has received dozens of letters and telephone calls from readers and interested parties alike regarding the accuracy of an engaging US espionage television show - 'The Americans'. Due to popular demand, we will address some of the recurring questions and reveal a few 'declassified' facts about the series...

For anyone who hasn't seen, read or heard about the show, it is actually based on the 2010 FBI investigation of Russian SVR spies living undercover in the United States (Operation Ghost Stories). Some of the deep cover spies had been in the country for over a decade. However, unbeknown to the illegals, which included the likes of Anna Chapman (born Anya Kushchenko), the fragmented spy ring had been under surveillance for a number of years. The FBI secured a plethora of evidence from operatives performing 'brush passes' to other members using dead letter drops. It is believed the intention of Moscow Centre was to embed the spies deep inside American society. Anna Chapman, who had both British Royalty and

the US Establishment in her sights, arrived 'late in the day', and it may well have been her introduction into the network which prompted the Bureau's counter-espionage division to finally 'go public' and arrest the operatives - all of whom were deported shortly thereafter in return for four Western intelligence contact men.

'The Americans' premiered in 2013 and is scheduled for a final season in 2018. It has been nominated for 33 awards and has won nine. In 2014 several media publications named it one of the best shows on television.

Entertaining and absorbing yes, but just how accurate is it?

BACKGROUND

The story is set in Washington DC and the primary KGB Directorate S agents, Mischa and Nadezhda use the cover name Philip and Elizabeth Jennings, played by Mathew Rhys and Keri Russell. The couple work 'legitimately' in a travel agency whilst performing all manner of operations, from intelligence gathering on biological weapons to assassination. Their next door neighbour is FBI agent Stan



Russian illegal Elizabeth Jennings played by Keri Russell

Beeman played by Noah Emmerich, who at this point in the series, seems oblivious to their real jobs. The Jennings daughter, Paige, played by Holly Taylor, is deeply troubled when her parents eventually decide to explain just who they are and what they do. ➤



Anna Chapman

The Americans

A LITTLE FACT MIXED WITH FICTION

Typically, all manner of tradecraft is performed, though some intelligence watchers have complained about the excessive use of wigs and disguises. The show is set in the early 1980s, around the time of Ronald Reagan's drive to the White House. The clothing, building interiors, atmospheric and street scenery replicated by the producers of this period are very convincing and authentic.



Philip Jennings, played by Mathew Rhys



Alexander and Timothy Vavilov, the children of real spies Elena Vavilova and Andrei Bezrukov

POPULAR IN RUSSIA

According to one of the actual spies in the illegal's programme arrested and deported in 2010, he too commented that the show had an air of reality. SVR spy Andrei Bezrukov, who was based in Boston and used the alias Donald Heathfield, said he and his 'wife' Elena Vavilova, alias Tracey Lee Ann Foley, were surprised the writers should delve so deeply into the inner lives of the Russian agent characters. "The result looks pretty much like reality, but of course without the murders and the wigs," Bezrukov said in an interview with the Russian newspaper *Kommersant*. "The creators of the series succeeded in showing both the atmosphere and the internal feelings of the illegals, as well as the difficulties, including the personal ones, that you have to deal with, and the character required to do this kind of work. Many parts are portrayed correctly, honestly and professionally. My wife Elena and I didn't expect that the American creators of the series would want and be able to show the characters of the agents so deeply and impartially, even with [a hint] of sympathy."



RUMBLED: FBI mugshots of Andrei Bezrukov who used the alias Donald Heathfield. He was 'married' to Elena Vavilova, alias Tracey Lee Ann Foley.

Below: FBI surveillance photo of 'Tracey Lee Ann Foley'



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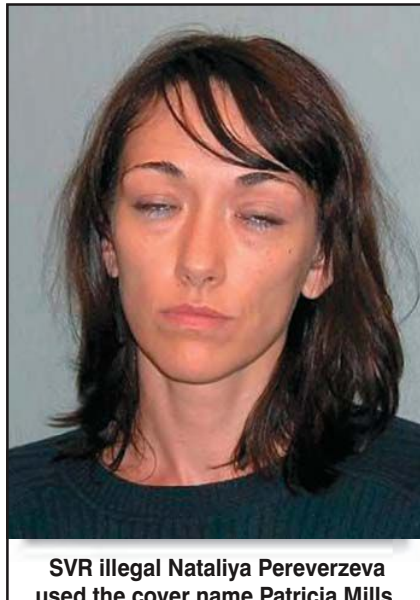
SHOPPING FOR SECRETS: Anna Chapman is caught on camera in a New York shop



FBI agent Stan Beeman played by Noah Emmerich

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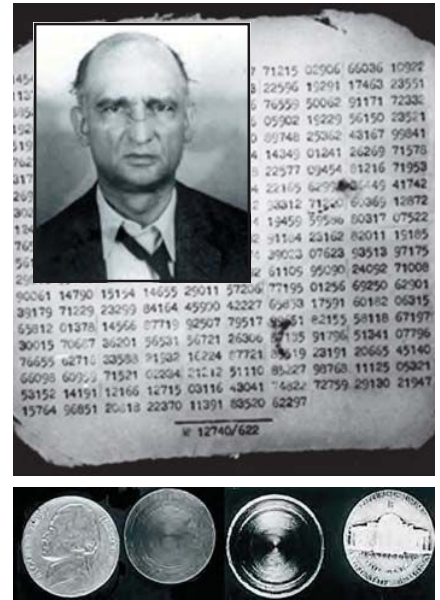
In 2012, US officials reported that the Bezrukovs had groomed their son, Tim Foley, for a future spy career mirrored by the TV plot where daughter Paige is also courted. Tim and his younger brother travelled to Russia in July 2010 following their parents deportation but have been unable to return to the United States. The sons, whilst born in Canada, have been denied visas for Canada, France and Great Britain. Eye Spy was told the FBI had bugged the Bezrukovs home for at least two years whilst securing intelligence on the spy ring. ➤



SVR illegal Nataliya Pereverzeva used the cover name Patricia Mills. She began her infiltration in Seattle and later moved to Arlington, Virginia - a major US intelligence hub



Tracey Lee Ann Foley's passport

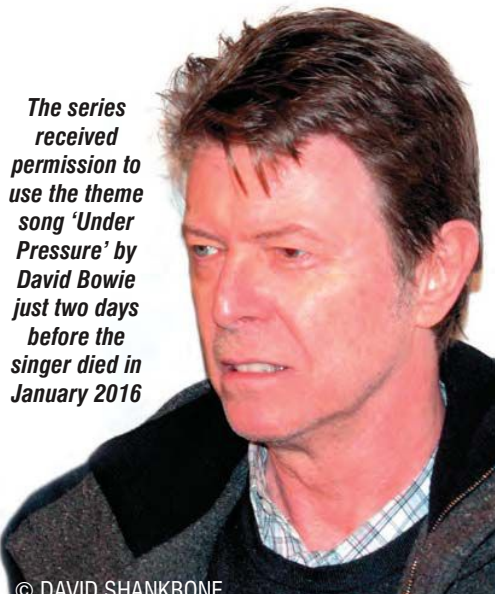


Real Russian illegal, Colonel Rudolph Abel used a variety of tradecraft items to perform his espionage in the USA, including hollowed out bolts, coins and cufflinks



Members of the film production team and cast at the 74th Peabody Awards. Writer Joel Fields accepts an award

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The series received permission to use the theme song 'Under Pressure' by David Bowie just two days before the singer died in January 2016

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FBI COVERT SURVEILLANCE: Anna Chapman is caught in a cafe transmitting coded information to a colleague

Perhaps a reason much focus is afforded to the personal lives of the characters in the drama, can be found with the creator of the show - former CIA officer Joe Weisberg. He said: "The most interesting thing I observed during my time at the CIA was the family life of agents who served abroad with kids and spouses. The reality is that mostly they are just people going about their lives. The job is one element, and trying to depict the issues they face just seemed like something that, if we could bring it to television in a realistic way, would be new."



Whilst some intelligence watchers have criticised the frequent use of wigs and disguises in 'The Americans', some agents still practise the art. This Russian intel still shows alleged CIA operative Ryan Fogle wearing an appalling ill-fitting wig after he was rumbled during an operation in Moscow 2013

Not all intelligence watchers are enthusiastic about the series. According to Dr John Prados, intelligence historian and senior fellow of the National Security Archive in Washington DC, the plot is very contrived. Prados points out that most spying is "boring and the whole purpose is to remain anonymous." He cited the example of the most prominent real-life Russian illegal, Colonel Rudolph Abel, a KGB officer who was arrested in the late 1950s. "He didn't kill anybody and he didn't run around plotting this and that. He worked as a photographer and met his agents wherever he was supposed to. In 'The Americans' the characters engage in far more activity than would be expected and events exaggerated."

A FEW SELECTED FACTS

- Series creator Joe Weisberg worked for the Central Intelligence Agency from 1990 to 1994.
- The plot is based on the Illegals Programme and the 2010 FBI investigation - Operation Ghost Stories.
- The CIA reads every programme line Weisberg writes. Indeed, every one of Weisberg's 'The Americans' scripts must be submitted to the CIA's Publications Review Board one month before shooting.
- Former US Marine Corps Lt. General Oliver North contributed to an episode. In season two episode 'Martial Eagle', North provided the information on Nicaraguan contras.
- Though supposedly based in Washington DC, it is actually filmed in New York City. Uptown Manhattan typically doubles for Washington DC. The producers also film in

ANDREI BEZRUKOV



A DECADE OF ESPIONAGE

Andrei Bezrukov who became Donald Heathfield and secured a degree from Harvard, spied on America for a decade. He was asked about his espionage activities whilst living as an American. Bezrukov said he had nothing against the people of the USA, but compared intelligence collection to a patriotic business.

As for his feelings towards America, Bezrukov respected its people: "I can't say I fell in love with the country. But there are many things that I liked about them; their optimism, ingenuity, readiness for change, the ability to honestly and promptly admit to and correct their mistakes."

And what of his ever seeking employment as an actor? "No. An actor assumes guise for a brief period of time before returning to his normal life. As an intelligence agent you become reincarnated gradually, more thoroughly and deeply. You become a member of another nation, another language, but your ideas do not change."

Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens, which has at times been 'dressed' as Cold War Germany.

- Permission to use the theme song 'Under Pressure' by David Bowie was granted just two days before the singer died in January 2016.
- Andrei Bezrukov now works as an adviser to Igor Sechin, president of the Russian state oil giant Rosneft, and teaches at the Moscow foreign relations university MGIMO.

CONCLUSION

Do we think it's accurate? In parts. What it accurately shows is the human side of spies and more than anything it is about ideology and the lengths some people will go to support it. It also shows that for spies - on both sides of the drama - how impossible and important compassion is, and which finds complexity and frailty in sacrifices that may be pointless. Worth watching.

A VERY DARK NIGHT

Déjà vu

Three suicide attackers cause chaos at Istanbul's Ataturk airport killing 45 people and injuring hundreds more...

28 JUNE 2016

THE ATATURK AIRPORT ATTACK

The terrorists, all young men, arrived at the airport by taxi following a short journey from a rented apartment in Istanbul. Their primary objective was to take hostages and engage in a lengthy protracted operation. However, they were forced to act much earlier when one operative attracted attention and they were stopped from entering the international terminal building. "When the terrorists couldn't pass the regular security system, scanners, police and security controls, they returned and took their weapons out of their suitcases and opened fire at random at the security check," said Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim. Many victims died at this location.



One of the terrorists entered the lower-level arrivals hall and began opening fire. He was confronted by a plain-clothed police officer who requested identification. Moments later the thug shot him in the back before detonating his explosives' vest. Security officials believe this was a deliberate distraction enabling his associates to gain access to other locations in the departure hall. A CCTV clip shows one of the bombers smashing his



Above: The three Ataturk Airport terrorists caught on CCTV - all very reminiscent of the March Brussels Airport attack (below) - as three ISIS operatives walk through the terminal





Left: An attacker is caught on airport CCTV firing in the terminal building. A second later he detonates his body-worn bomb. Right: This terrorist seems oblivious to the cowering people behind a column

gun in frustration as he searched for targets - unfortunately for him, the initial blast had caused people in the terminal to flee. He too blew himself up at the entrance to the departure area. The third man waited outside and detonated another body-worn bomb near a car park as terrified passengers flooded out of the airport. His bomb killed the majority of the victims. Various grenades and a Kalashnikov rifle were recovered.

Two of the three assailants have been identified as Rakim Bulgarov and Vadim Osmanov. Osmanov was identified through a passport photocopy given to a property agent in Istanbul's Fatih district, where officials said the three attackers rented an apartment. They are believed to be Russian, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan nationals. Turkish Intelligence state the men entered the country a month ago from the ISIS stronghold of Raqqa, Syria.

The border between Syria and Turkey is anything but secure and ISIS has created pipelines through refugee camps and elsewhere allowing their fighters to travel with relative ease.

More than half the victims were Turks - the youngest being an eight-year-old boy called Huda Amiri. Ironical too the story of Dr Fathi Bayoudh. He was on a mission to secure the release of his son who had been detained for joining ISIS in Syria last year. Mr Bayoudh was killed in the attack.

CHARMED LIFE OF A CELL CONTROLLER

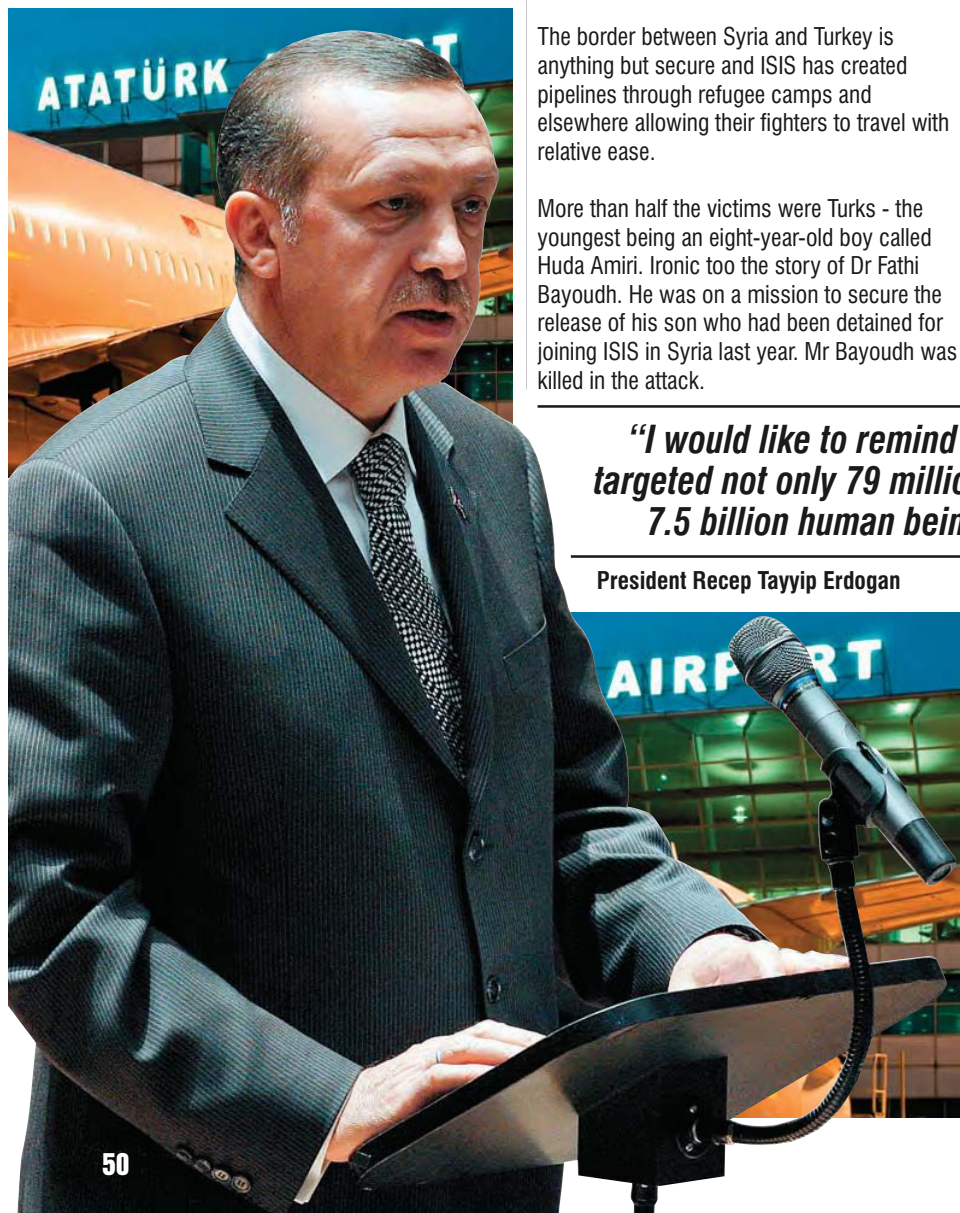
US Intelligence believe the leader of the ISIS cell in Istanbul, is Akhmet Chatayev, 35. Known as 'Akhmed One-Arm', he hails from Russia's Chechnya region, and many believe he was responsible for organising the deadly attack. Michael McCaul, Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security



Akhmet Chatayev

"I would like to remind the world that the attack targeted not only 79 million Turkish citizens, but also 7.5 billion human beings around the world..."

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan



referenced Chatayev, though the CIA declined to comment. However, Agency Director John Brennan said the triple suicide bombing "had all the hallmarks of Islamic State depravity." D/CIA Brennan then said "it's not too difficult to construct and fabricate a suicide vest," warning that "Daesh might try the same thing in the United States."



Akhmet Chatayev in an ISIS video



Flags fly at half mast outside Turkish government buildings

A PLETHORA OF BLUNDERS

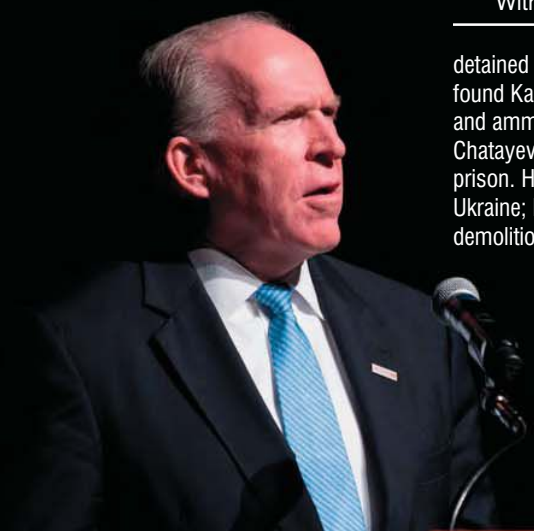
Chatayev was allegedly the planner of two deadly bombings this year in the heart of Istanbul's Sultanahmet tourist district and the main Istiklal shopping street. His whereabouts remain unknown, but the authorities have released some background information.

Chatayev avoided extradition to Russia after being acquitted of an attack in Georgia; treated as a political prisoner after Amnesty International advocated on his behalf, he was granted asylum by Austria and issued with an Austrian passport allowing him to travel freely in Europe and elsewhere.

The European Union advised against his extradition back to Russia despite being



NO TARGETS: People in the terminal run as the sound from the first explosion resonated through the building. Seconds later a gunman appears looking for targets. With none in sight he throws his weapon to the floor before picking it up again



"The attack had all the hallmarks of Islamic State depravity. It's not too difficult to construct and fabricate a suicide vest... Daesh might try the same thing in the United States."

CIA Director John Brennan

detained in Sweden in 2008, where police found Kalashnikov assault rifles, explosives and ammunition in his car. As a result, Chatayev spent more than a year in a Swedish prison. He was then arrested in 2010 in Ukraine; his mobile phone contained files of a demolition technique instruction and photos of people killed in a blast. Again, the European Court for Human Rights opposed his extradition. Amnesty International spoke out against returning him to Russia, fearing he risked torture.

His nickname, 'Akhmed One-Arm', stems from Chatayev's claim that

his arm was chopped off in prison. Other reports say he lost the arm while fighting in the Second Chechen War, but it was his claim of torture that may have assisted him in avoiding extradition to Russia.

Radio Free Europe reported that Chatayev is head of a Russian-speaking ISIS brigade called the Yarmouk Battalion. In 2011, he was again arrested on the Bulgaria-Turkey border. He appealed the arrest and a court ordered his release under Geneva Refugee Convention.

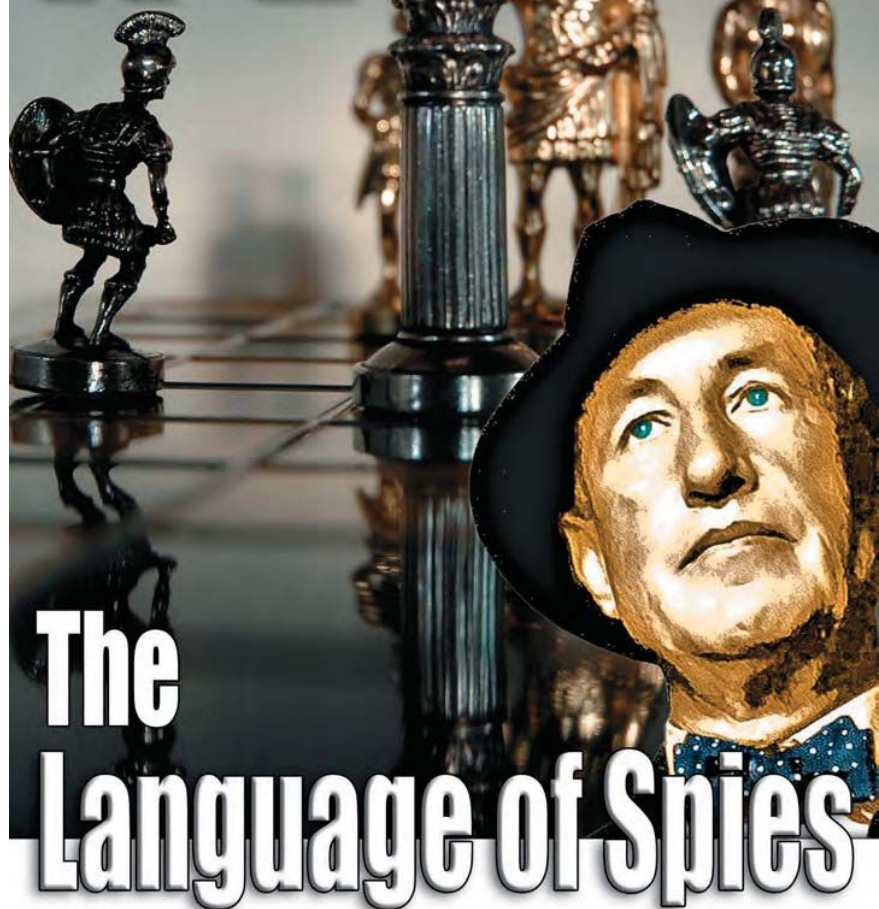
Intelligence sources claim Chatayev targets immigrant men with European Union passports and controls around 130 ISIS fighters. He is reportedly a 'lieutenant' in the ISIS 'war ministry'.

Chatayev was already on a United States counter-terrorism sanctions list. The US Department of the Treasury named him as a



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The Language of Spies

From Ghouls to Jack in the Boxes - Eye Spy continues its look at the Dictionary for Spies

BANG AND BURN

DISTRACTION AND DISRUPTION

CIA term for agents involved in operations where it is necessary to use explosives (not necessarily violent) to achieve results or as a deception (ruse) or distraction measure. Espionage and military history is littered with case files whereby explosions, fire and damage have been deliberately caused to deceive. A good example is the arms factory where double agent (MI5) Eddie Chapman was involved in the carefully controlled fire at the de Havilland aircraft

factory in 1943. In this case Chapman, agent Zig-Zag, was instructed to target a British location by German military intelligence. MI5 assisted in the subterfuge and the next day the press reported on the incident. A Luftwaffe reconnaissance aircraft made an overflight and took photographs of carefully 'manufactured'



Eddie Chapman

damage, thus convincing German Intelligence of Chapman's conviction to Berlin's cause.

Not all 'Bang and Burn' operations are so 'innocent' and

some are deliberately intended to kill. Intelligence watchers believe Russian agents or proxies detonated bombs in a number of cities, and then blamed Chechen spies. This gave Moscow a reason to deploy forces in Chechnya. The Kremlin reject any link to the bombings.

BURNING HOUSE

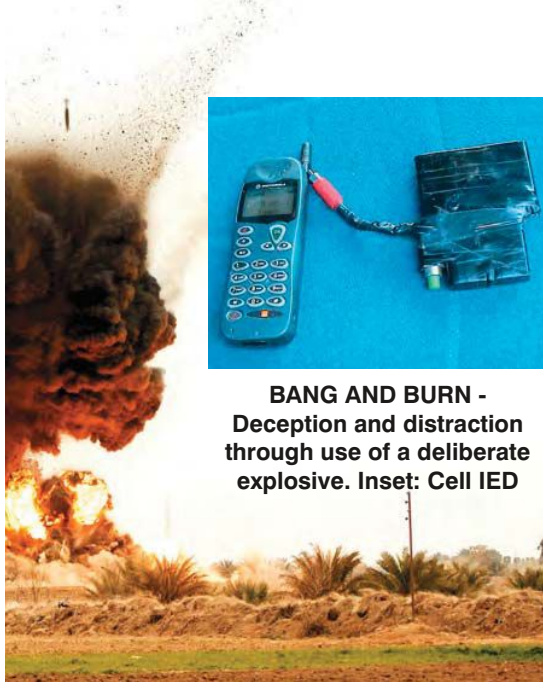
EXPOSED AND OUT OF TIME

AKGB - now FSB term to describe the dire circumstances of an agent-in-place or an operation in danger of inevitable exposure and collapse. A Western description or equivalent could be House of Cards.



SVR agent cell runner Christopher Metsos (right) with spy ring member Richard Murphy. These surveillance photographs were taken by undercover FBI officers





BANG AND BURN -
Deception and distraction
through use of a deliberate
explosive. Inset: Cell IED



BURNING HOUSE - SVR
man Christopher Metsos.
He and his colleagues
were oblivious of the
watching FBI team

A modern example of a 'Burning House' is the SVR spy ring which Russian Intelligence deployed in America in the early 2000s. This was broken by FBI counter-intelligence in 2010 (Operation Ghost Stories) following an extensive investigation and surveillance operation. It seems evident from writings and conversations with SVR and FSB officials since then, Moscow knew the eleven-or-so agents (illegals) were in danger of exposure, and no doubt their precarious position was referred to as a Burning House.

CULTIVATION

TARGETED RECRUITMENT

A phrase used by British Intelligence in the context of recruiting 'special people' who are recommended or in a position that could be of much use to the



CULTIVATION - Secret British Intelligence process of recruiting persons identified for their skill or position - often via recommendations



Services as an employee (officer), or even a contracting agent. Once identified, MI6, for example, will almost certainly perform cursory background checks and if satisfied, may 'test' the individual. 'Cultivation' is invariably dictated by the job or current position of the proposed target, and is often performed without his or her knowledge. For example, an incident could be staged and watchers will note how the individual reacts to the situation. Eventually, if recruiters are happy, the process of Cultivation, and contact, probably through an introduction, will be made. Thereafter they are gradually lured to the secret world of intelligence and could, if they so wish, enter certain courses to see if they are really suitable. Running parallel to the whole process are additional checks known as EPV or Enhanced Positive Vetting. Without an EPV certificate Cultivation may or may not be successful.

This method of recruitment is rarely discussed by the services, and other methods are occasionally used. It can also apply to 'external companies' or agencies

which perform unique and specific tasks. Outside of the UK, the term 'blackmail' has been attached to the process.

CX REPORTS

CUMMINGS EXCLUSIVELY

Many MI6 reports or data processed through analysis carry the designation 'CX' and are clearly marked with the letters. In short, documents which are stamped CX represent the 'Product' of intelligence. The term CX originates from around a century ago when a certain Mansfield Cumming headed the Service. A tiny organisation compared with today's burgeoning MI6; documents and reports were primarily circulated only to operators within the Service and stamped 'Cumming Exclusively'. The CX anachronism was drawn from this. Today, MI6 acknowledge that CX is still used on various files - including documents of relevance forwarded to a number of private companies (the material commands national security interest) which have an MI6 liaison. ➤



ENTITY

A JOURNALIST'S GATEWAY

There are still nations that do not officially recognise the existence of Israel. One such country is Iran. Yet how are journalists and the media supposed to report upon the happenings in, and actions of Israel? Interestingly, memorandums issued by



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Iran's Ministry of Intelligence refer to Israel as 'The Entity' or 'Zionist Entity'. In essence the use of the term is a method which allows journalists to discuss events surrounding Israel without

acknowledging its existence.

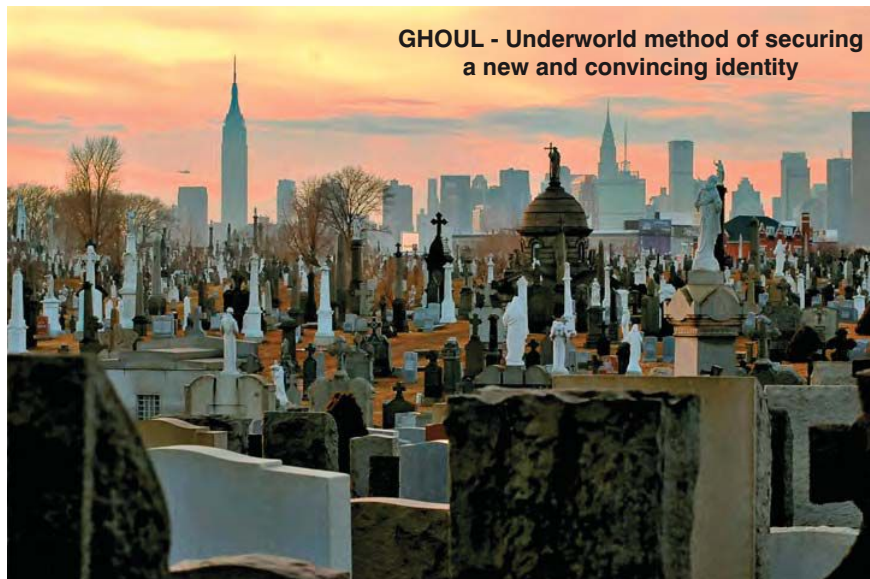


GHOUL

SELECTING A NEW IDENTITY

The word has long been associated with spirits and graveyards and can be traced back to 1786 when William Beckford wrote about the 'ghul of Arabian folklore'. In spylore, it is used in the context of visiting a graveyard and taking the initial step of creating a new identity; more specifically, adopting the name from a real person who has passed away.

Perhaps the most famous fictitious ghoul was created by Frederick Forsyth in his novel, *The Day of the Jackal*. In this case an assassin visits a graveyard and carefully selects the name of a young child whose identify he wishes to steal. Thereafter he manufactures bogus papers enabling him to secure a passport in the name of the



GHOUL - Underworld method of securing a new and convincing identity

deceased. Today, if one chose to go down the path of a 'Ghoul', the task of stealing an identity is far from easy, especially in the West. However, identity theft is far more prevalent but it is unlikely those who do engage in the criminal craft, ever step near a graveyard. They simply turn on their computer.



INSECURE - Member of staff or field officer who attracted the attention of an agency's internal watchers

INSECURE

UNDER INTERNAL SUSPICION

Naturally the actions and work ethics of intelligence officers and agents in places of importance are screened more closely than general staff; other staffers, usually with access to important information also attract the attention of an agency's internal watchers and even their personal lifestyle can be investigated. Evaluation is a regular occurrence and can lead to suspicion in some cases. That an officer or staffer is

'flagged' for special attention will inevitably mean closer scrutiny. Such individuals are called INSECURE by British Intelligence and thereafter other action may follow, not least a different job away from a familiar environment or office (relocation), or even a posting to a faraway land where the phrase 'damage limitation' comes to mind. Protests may naturally follow, if the person is involved with an ongoing act contrary to national security.

Once away from that environment (or in some cases their foreign handler), they have less chance to damage the Service - at least that is the thinking behind INSECURE. Naturally, more experienced officers engaged in espionage activities believe they



MI6 officer Kim Philby (right) talks to reporters after being cleared of working for the KGB. Nevertheless, he was designated INSECURE and posted to Egypt

have been rumbled, though the evidence is not sufficient to bring about a charge. The exploits of notorious British spy Kim Philby comes to mind - when he was 'deposited' to the Middle East after being cleared of being a KGB agent.

JACK IN THE BOX

UNSCHEDULED ENTRANCE

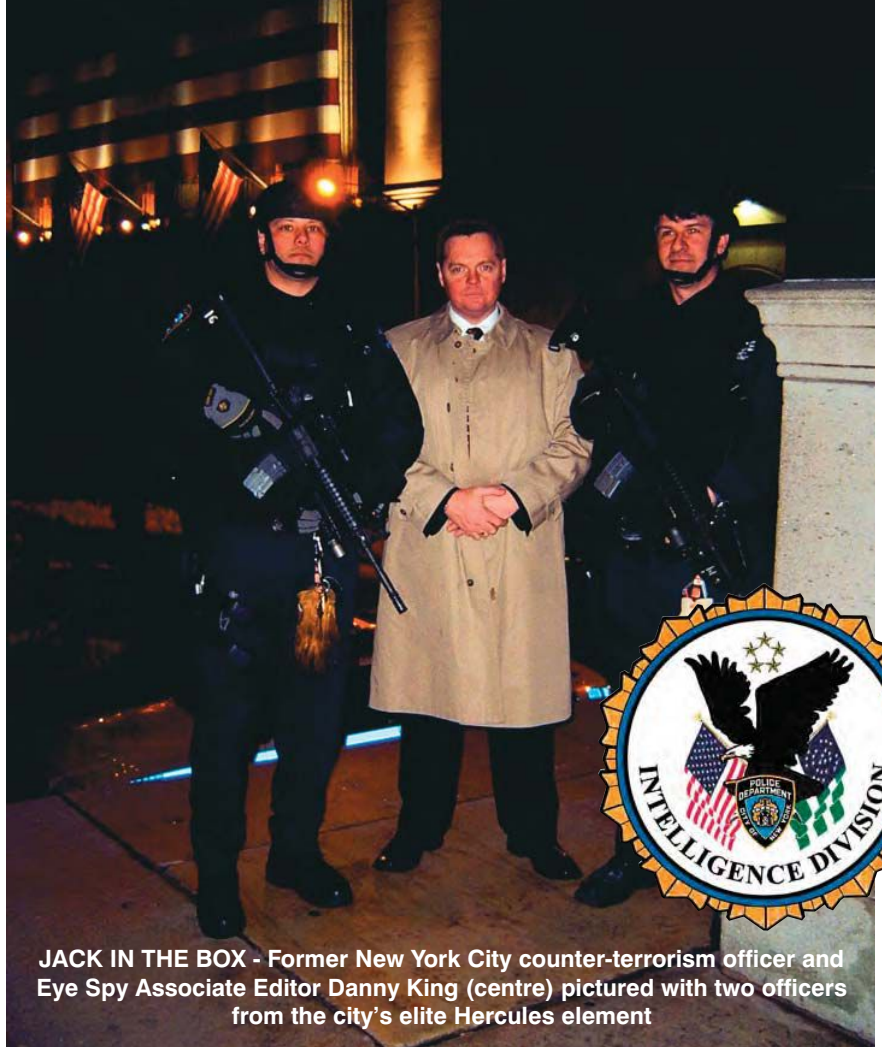
Known in the intelligence world as JIBs, the phrase has been used in countless situations from surprising spies actually engaged in the act of espionage, to trapping traitors operating within their own agency. The term has gradually worked its way into counter-terrorism. In New York City, for example, special mobile and foot police CT units will make unscheduled stops in places

to provide an overall sense of security, and to inject uncertainty into the mind of any would-be terrorist planning an attack.

Martha Peterson



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JACK IN THE BOX - Former New York City counter-terrorism officer and Eye Spy Associate Editor Danny King (centre) pictured with two officers from the city's elite Hercules element

A good example of a surprise 'entry' was featured in the last edition of Eye Spy, when KGB security officers suddenly appeared from a hide and detained CIA officer Martha Peterson after she had just visited a dead letter drop on a Moscow Bridge.

Another description of JIB was used by the CIA in the Cold War - this is examined in a future issue!

POCKET LITTER

IDENTITY SAFEGUARD

A US Intelligence term to describe items deliberately carried by an operative to help augment a disguise or alternatively, to prove their identity. It can also place an

individual at a certain point in time. These could range from a passport to credit card receipts, invoices or even photographs. Often when working under a false name, and dependent on the actual circumstances and complexity of an operation, the 'Pocket Litter' will lead any inquisitive person (official or other) to supportive evidence. It is thus linked inextricably with Cover and Legend (See Eye Spy 82 - Cover and Legend: The Art of Concealment). In some cases, Pocket Litter is used to deliberately confuse or deceive and to place false leads.

POCKET LITTER - From a shopping receipt to a credit card. The items may augment Cover and Legend





Russia's major embassy building in Washington DC features 169 apartments no doubt occupied by a large intelligence section



Omar Mateen

SHOE BOX

MICRO FIELD STATION

Most embassies around the world have a small staff of intelligence officers. Larger concerns, most notably those belonging to America, Russia and Britain have an extended intelligence staff. In NATO or NATO aligned countries the senior official will be quietly named and an assurance given that no espionage or covert intelligence collection will ensue. This does not mean 'activities' which could fall under the 'umbrella' of espionage never happen.

Such elements are often called Field Stations.

However,

unbeknown to the wider intelligence community, there are other far more secret posts often manned by a single person working directly for, or under the loose authority of an intelligence agency. Within British Intelligence (MI6), these are known as Shoe Boxes or Shoe Box Stations.

SHOPPING CART

INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION

A recent addition to the language of spies which probably originates with the United States intelligence community, especially those sections attached to counter-terrorism. When a person of interest becomes a target, investigating officers are given a 'Shopping Cart' (instructions) to collect every snippet of information on the subject. This invariably covers lifestyle, daily activities,

Internet interaction, friends and family, traits and their complete work history. This can also involve surreptitious entry, bugging and vehicle tracking. The information is then assembled, examined and analysed - in an effort to build a complete picture of the person[s].

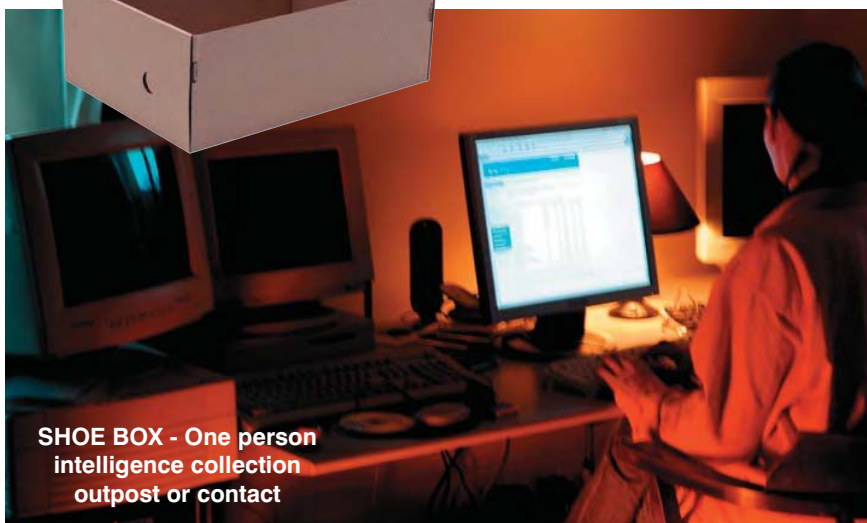
Some intelligence watchers believe had the FBI issued its officers with a Shopping Cart for dedicated use collecting intelligence on Omar Mateen, the terrorist who attacked the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, the information may have revealed more about his disturbing personality and liaisons.



STAFF COUNSELLOR

DOOR TO RECONCILIATION

Britain's intelligence services were born in an era of 'stiff upper lip' and many recruits drawn from the Establishment. However, even a century ago there were renegades and operators who often acted without remit and others who quietly objected to policy,



SHOE BOX - One person intelligence collection outpost or contact



Renegade MI5 officers Annie Machon and David Shayler pictured in 2001. In a strange twist of fate the advert on the passing London bus reads: 'Don't see a new flavour then two come along at once'

the actions of colleagues and work ethics. Yet few chose to complain, perhaps because other than their immediate superior, there was no independent course of action they could take to relate their concerns. As the



Annie Machon speaking at the 30th Chaos Communication Congress. Hamburg 2013



decades passed and the world became a very different place, the government decided it was perhaps better to have a person in place that staffers from MI5, MI6 and GCHQ could turn to for assistance. Thus came about the post of the multi-faceted Staff Counsellor. A single civil servant would be used to help disgruntled and sacked staffers find opportunities outside the intelligence world in an effort to calm situations and stop them speaking about their time in employment.



Richard Tomlinson

This closed door liaison didn't always suffice of course. In the 1990s and early 2000s all three British intelligence agencies were left a little red faced when a number of officers turned renegade and started to speak about their work. Eye Spy interviewed MI5's David Shayler and Annie Machon at a secret safe house in London. And though our final edit was sent for review, officers from MI5 and Special Branch still questioned editor Mark Birdsall. MI6 field officer Richard Tomlinson departed the Service and duly upset Vauxhall Cross by writing *The Big*

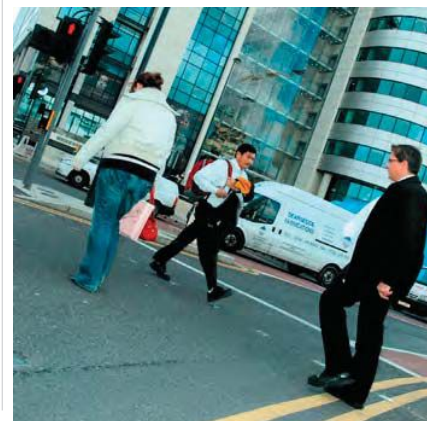
Breach. Interestingly, Mr Tomlinson discussed his encounter with the Staff Counsellor in his book. Tomlinson had been shown the door, but the SC offered to get him a job in the City (finance). He didn't want this, and he hoped an agreement could be reached allowing him to remain in MI6. It was a futile plea and thus began a bitter feud which resulted in imprisonment. Eye Spy understands the relationship is now 'healed'. GCHQ had its own problem in the person of Katharine Gun. The translator leaked some sensitive NSA papers related to the nearing 2003 Iraq war. Though she admitted her action and despite being arrested, the authorities decided not to prosecute.

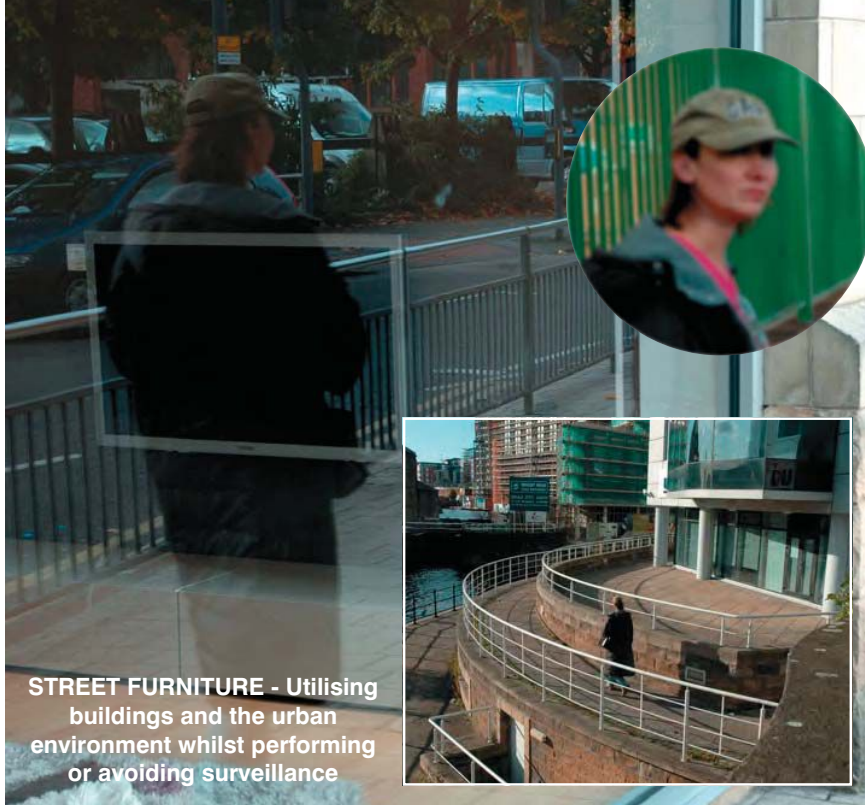
Today of course, all manner of options, offices, line personnel and support mechanisms are in place within many intelligence services where staff can seek guidance and assistance. And yet, within British Intelligence, the term 'Staff Counsellor' is still used when discussing problems at work and even home.

STREET FURNITURE

URBAN SURVEILLANCE AIDS

A British Intelligence surveillance term used in relation to how operatives (and those under observation) can use urban environments to their advantage. For example, at MI6's Fort Monckton facility, trainees are taught that by using the reflection from glass or mirrored shop fronts, operatives can covertly scan the scene for surveillance, or to watch a target. Traffic stops and zebra crossings also allow officers to scan the street. Indeed, there are often numerous opportunities allowing surveillance intelligence collection, from stopping to make a purchase at a newspaper seller, to finding a window seat in a cafe. ➤





STREET FURNITURE - Utilising buildings and the urban environment whilst performing or avoiding surveillance

Alleys and 'dead ground' allow for a change of clothing or escape, whilst 'choke points' can be utilised to identify surveillance.

'Street Furniture' is used in various surveillance elements, including anti, foot, mobile and counter. And far from being confined to a street or shopping area, even large buildings can be useful. For example, at the height of the Cold War, KGB officers used the huge Harrods department store in London as a meeting point; its many levels, entrances and exits were useful to lose MI5 Watchers and to discreetly identify surveillance. In rural surveillance, trainees are taught to use natural terrain, woodland and structures.

Utilising Street Furniture and scenes encountered every day in cities and towns is a tradecraft limited only by the imagination of those engaged in such activities. Eye Spy has published numerous features on surveillance written and performed by some of the world's leading trainers. For further information see the Spycraft section in Eye Spy's index www.eyespymag.com.

TALENT SPOTTER

RECRUITING FOR SPIES

Perhaps one of the most popular depictions of a 'Talent Spotter' was portrayed by actor Al Pacino in the motion picture *'The Recruit'*. He stars as a rogue CIA officer who entices a

young computer-savvy operator played by Colin Farrell to join the CIA. But do such people exist in everyday life? The short answer is absolutely. In Britain and America, MI6 and the CIA have a network of strategically placed watchers working in places where persons displaying skills which could be utilised by the organisations can be drawn into intelligence service. It is reported, for example, MI6 has a Talent Spotter permanently based at Sandhurst Royal Military College. A leak by a former MI6 officer revealed his codename as

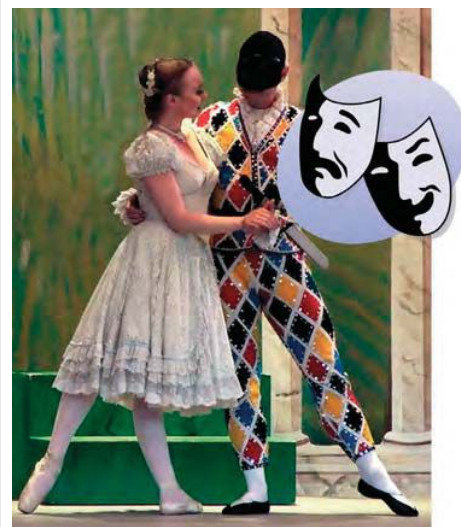


ASSUMPTION. Another alleged Talent Spotter was codenamed PACKET. He is said to have tried to recruit a young Libyan student at the same college called Muammar Gaddafi.

THE THEATRE

NOISY YOUNG WATCHERS

Not an evening of opera or a play, the term is used by one well known intelligence service which utilises a grassy area to maintain surveillance outside its headquarters. The location is frequented by all manner of visitors, from office workers who enjoy an hour or so away from their busy environments, to tourists admiring the scene. A number of younger staff are deployed who will also mix and sit with visitors. These officers are instructed to act just like ordinary members of the public, whilst maintaining a careful watch on entrances and roads. Thus the term 'Theatre' has been attributed to the operatives.



Gunmen Loyal to ISIS DHAKA ATTACK Strike in Bangladesh

Nine Italians and seven Japanese were amongst the victims as around seven ISIS thugs armed with various weapons including automatic firearms and knives entered the Holey Artisan bakery and cafe in the country's capital Dhaka. Those who survived the 1 July attack, said the terrorists separated foreigners from locals, the former being moved to an upstairs room.

For 12 hours police attempted to negotiate with the group, but it was becoming increasingly clear no agreement was possible. Earlier, two local police officers, including station chief Mohammed Salahuddin Khan had attempted to diffuse the situation, but he and his colleague, Robiul Islam, were shot dead moments later.

With little option but to strike, specialists troops stormed the building. In the resultant firefight 20 civilians were killed and 13 were freed. Twenty-five people were injured in total,

some suffering from shrapnel wounds - indicative of explosions. Six terrorists were killed in the operation and at least one was captured alive. He no doubt will provide the authorities with useful intelligence on the terror cell. Lt. Colonel Tubin Mohammed Masub, head of the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB - counter-terrorism element) which engaged the terrorists, said various explosives had been recovered. It is also possible, one man shot by CT officers may well have been a hostage.

Eye witnesses said the victims were tortured and if unable to cite passages from the Koran, they were murdered.

There were initial reports the terrorists belonged to an al-Qaida faction, but a few hours after the attack, ISIS websites showed a number of pictures of the gunmen, and claimed 24 people in total had been killed. In the past few months, the group's on-line magazine has contained recruiting features focusing on Bangladesh. Similarly, random



Abinta Kabir was one of the victims

murders attributed to ISIS have occurred, including the hacking to death of Bangladeshi-American 'blogger' and activist Avijit Roy in February 2015. In this case al-Qaida was responsible. ➤



Holey Artisan bakery and cafe



Mohammed Khan

Robiul Islam



Rapid Action Battalion troops



Rapid Action Battalion troops. The RAB has several elements. Inset: Benazir Ahmed, overall Director-General of the RAB



The Union Jack flag flies at half mast at the British High Commission in Dhaka. Inset: UK High Commissioner Alison Blake



Activist Avijit Roy

What surprised investigators, most of the terrorists hailed from well-to-do families and all were very well educated, indeed one was the son of politician Imtoaz Khan - who also serves as deputy

secretary general of the Bangladesh Olympic Committee. His son disappeared in December and it was only when his picture was published did his father recognise him and alert the authorities. Mr Khan said it had become "fashionable to join ISIS."

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu said all the attackers attended public school and "hailed from sophisticated schools and institutions."

The terrorists were named as Andaleeb Ahmed, Meer Saameh Mubasheer, Khairul Islam Payel, Rohan Imtiaz and Raiyan Minhaj. However, sources say the police are unsure of at least two of the attackers' identities. In a press briefing the police opted to name the



General Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiul Huq played a prominent part in the RAB counter-attack

dead terrorists only by their first names - Akash, Badhon, Bikash, Don and Ripon. Three of the terrorists are under the age of twenty. Intelligence officials said the men's status would have helped them "merge easily into the surroundings of the diplomatic quarter." Nearby, many countries have diplomatic outposts, and a short distance away is the



The O'Kitchen next to Holey Artisan cafe and bakery was also attacked

British High Commission. UK High Commissioner Alison Blake said the incident was a "senseless act of terror" and paid tribute to the security forces whilst offering her "deepest condolences" to the victims families.

Besides their apparent links to ISIS, which some Bangladesh intelligence officials still deny, they are believed to belong to an outfit operating in the country known as Jamaeytul Mujahdeen Bangladesh (JMB). However, intelligence officials note that five of the gunmen posed for pictures in front of an ISIS flag. These images were duly uploaded and first identified by the SITE Intelligence watchers.

The cafe, situated in the diplomatic quarter of the city was popular with foreign nationals attached to embassies and few doubt this was a primary reason why it was targeted.



SMILING ASSASSINS

The terrorists made a video prior to the attack showing each of them standing in front of an ISIS flag. They were identified as Andaleeb Ahmed, Meer Saameh Mubasheer, Khairul Islam Payel, Rohan Imtiaz and Raiyan Minhaj

BOMBING BAGHDAD



Biggest loss of life in a single day since ISIS conflict began as terror group select the softest targets...

Whilst the ISIS July bombings and attacks in Orlando, Dhaka and Turkey claimed over 120 lives, the biggest outrage came in Baghdad shortly after midnight on 3 July. A massive truck bomb explosion at the Hadi Center in the city killed nearly 300 people. A further 250 were injured. The complex was busy with late night shoppers and diners. ISIS operative Abu Maha al-Iraqi was named as the driver of a large refrigeration truck packed with explosives. He parked opposite the centre and the resultant blast started a major fire within. With few exits and smoke billowing throughout the building, numerous people were trapped and around 75 subsequently died inside. The main loss of life, however, occurred outside the open and glass-fronted entrance to the building and on surrounding streets.

Three other explosions occurred in various parts of the city resulting in more deaths.

Sources say the vehicle passed through various security checkpoints as it made its way from the eastern province of Diyala to reach the area. Officials claim guards were still unknowingly using bogus explosive detectors. Indeed, Interior Minister Mohammed al-Ghabban offered to resign after his staff told him of the security lapse.



When Prime Minister Haider al-Adabi visited the scene of the main attack, his convoy was attacked by angry Iraqis who blame him for not providing more security.

Whilst Iraqi and Alliance forces have been extremely successful on the battlefield against ISIS, the CIA has warned the terror group continues to be a threat in respect of localised bombings. The Hadi Center attack seems to prove this beyond doubt.



Prime Minister Haider al-Adabi



There has been much controversy in Iraq over the inadvertent use of bogus explosive detectors

Intelligence analysts in the Middle East note the attacks are an attempt by ISIS/Daesh to create and stir more sectarian violence between Shia and Sunni peoples.

- Five days after the shopping centre bomb, 40 people were killed in another blast at a Shiite mausoleum in Balad, Iraq.

14 JULY - FOURTH MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISIS ATTACK

TERROR IN NICE

THE HAND OF ISIS AGAIN EVIDENT



Over 80 people killed in French city of Nice, as an ISIS supporter deliberately drove his lorry into a crowd of people who had just enjoyed a fireworks display to celebrate France's Bastille Day

ATTACK BY A COWARD

At around 10.30pm, an ISIS attacker ploughed his swerving box truck into throngs of people walking along the city's famous Promenade des Anglais. CCTV data shows he was driving at around 30mph. The seashore street is the most famous in the city and hosts dozens of restaurants, cafes and clubs popular with locals and tourists alike. Many victims were youngsters, some babies pushed along in their prams by their mothers and fathers. Reports suggest that the terrorist had driven along the pavement for over one mile, but chose a location where the crowd was five or six deep to make his most devastating manoeuvres. The result was absolute carnage leaving dead bodies and injured strewn across the road and pavement. As the attack happened, watching police officers fired desperately at the truck's cabin in an attempt to kill the driver. After the vehicle stopped, eye witnesses said the terrorist started shooting at the fleeing crowd with an automatic weapon. Film footage



Two armed police officers on the Promenade des Anglais
Inset: Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel

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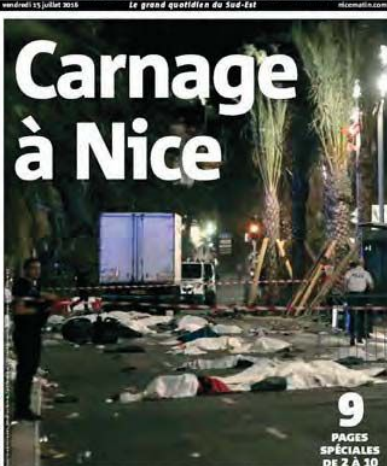
emerged of several police officers shooting the attacker dead in his truck. The region's local head of administration Christian Estrosi (right) said: "Police officers found a large number of explosives in the truck."



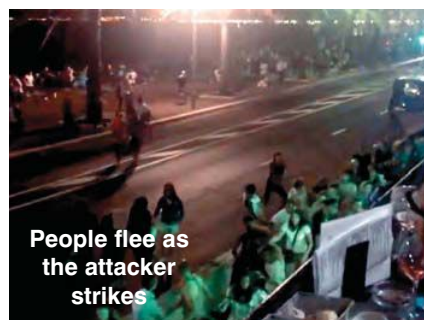
Within 15 minutes of the incident, which occurred on the evening of 14 July, some French police officials described the attack as an "act of terror." Officers asked residents and

tourists in the Riviera resort to stay indoors. The country's Interior Ministry initially refused to describe the incident as terror-related and requested more information. Then, exactly three hours later, the Paris Prosecutor's Office said it had launched an investigation into an "organised group linked to a terrorist enterprise." A search of the truck revealed identity papers and a licence belonging to a 31-year-old Tunisian-French national - Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel - a resident of Nice. According to security sources, the attacker had a criminal record and was known to French police. Intelligence watchers were a

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Le chauffeur d'un camion a foncé hier soir vers 22 h 30 sur la foule rassemblée sur la Promenade des Anglais à la fin du feu d'artifice. On compte au moins 75 morts et une centaine de blessés. L'auteur des faits, abattu par les forces de l'ordre, est un flic d'origine tunisienne, âgé de 31 ans. Des témoins racontent l'honneur et la solidarité spontanée envers les victimes.



People flee as the attacker strikes



© HARP DETECTIVES



French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said "France is at war with terrorism."

He is one of several officials examining the structure of France's intelligence community

little more forthcoming, believing the 'enterprise' had been ISIS sponsored or inspired by ISIS.

French counter-terrorism officers soon flooded the area and discovered firearms and several hand grenades in the truck, an indication the attack was pre-planned and not spontaneous. Reports soon appeared of other suspects and more truck bombers. However, these were unfounded.

Two hours later several ISIS web sites displayed images and video of the attack and praised the driver. ISIS has threatened to attack on this national day of celebration before, thus immediate suspicion fell on the terror group. Similarly, the use of trucks in terrorist attacks is a well known ISIS trait, however, usually they are laden with explosives.

Eye Spy sources state MI5 and at least two European intelligence services had warned French Intelligence over planned ISIS attacks on Bastille Day. Similarly, France's DGSE had intelligence on probable truck bomb attacks.

EVIDENCE OF A LONE WOLF ISIS TERRORIST OBVIOUS

For three hours BBC world news pundits and its own commentators discussed other possible reasons for the attack - much to the bemusement of the intelligence world; then France's President Hollande spoke in the early hours. Hollande had just finished a meeting with security and intelligence officials, and at 4.00am spoke to the nation. His comments left few in doubt the attack was linked to ISIS. The country had intended to lower its highest terror threat level on 26 July, but this has now been extended by three months. Mr Hollande said: "After this, France will show real force in Iraq and Syria." It was a key and revealing statement and a clue to the perpetrator's allegiance. The security services had sufficient intelligence to conclude the driver had ISIS links or that he was sympathetic to its cause. And the tough-talking Hollande was firm in his response.

- In 2012, an al-Qaida plot to strike on Bastille Day was foiled. Terrorists schemed to attack areas around the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe.



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A police officer shoots dead the terrorist

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Armed police stop the crazed attacker and his 20-tonne lorry which he used to murder civilians



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CHINA'S STRANGEST PROPAGANDA PROGRAMME

ESPIONAGE COUNTERMEASURES



In April, China sentenced a computer expert to death for alleged espionage. One report claims he passed nearly 200,000 documents to a foreign entity. This case, together with fears of wider espionage amongst its people, has resulted in a move to enhance an already functioning and dedicated information programme warning citizens to remain vigilant of the threats posed by... 007, Mr Bean, Tom Cruise and Jason Bourne



Yes, you read that correctly, but for China espionage is no laughing matter. Following the arrest and subsequent death sentence imposed on Huang Yu, a computer scientist working in a research unit specialising in cryptography, the Chinese Communist Party has begun restructuring a public awareness campaign to alert citizens of 'nefarious foreign plots'.

After his conviction, party media aired a television special that detailed Huang's crimes, the consequences, and his trial. In the programme, he was described as a man who went from being a 'little employee' to a 'big spy'. The programme included testimony from his employers, colleagues and a verbal confession of his crimes before the camera and a public audience. Huang reportedly started spying after he was sacked from a previous job in 2002.



Huang Yu

Huang, who was actually arrested in 2011, had been accused of selling thousands of top secret and sensitive files, including military-related papers to a foreign country. Beijing officials refused to name the spy agency that had made the purchase, but intelligence sources claim the end user was a Western nation.

Huang Yu's case was aired as part of China's first ever National Security Education Day on

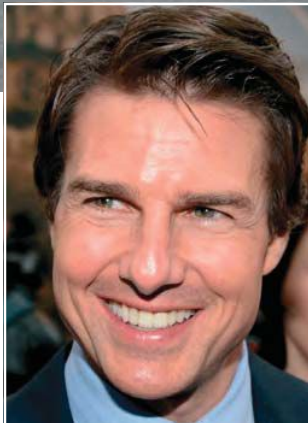
19 April and a video was released to inform people about China's Counter-Espionage Law. A narrator said: "Recently, our security sector has worked hard to arrest a group of



China's Liaoning undergoes refitting in Dalian shipyard. The ship features in several propaganda films



Rowan Atkinson as agent 'Johnny English' and 'Mr Bean'



'Mr Bean', Tom Cruise and the fictitious MI6 spy '007' have all been referenced by the MSS's intelligence service

strange people who clamoured to be our friends, including James Bond, Tom Cruise, Mr & Mrs Smith, Jason Bourne and Mr Bean!"

Eye Spy can assure readers nothing was lost in translation - it's perfectly written in the original draft as well. In two final frames of the programme, police officers regurgitate paragraphs of legislation warning of lengthy jail sentences if they provide information to foreign groups. In November 2015, Chinese security officials opened a hotline for citizens to report the activities of potential foreign agents. One tag line must be read to be believed: *'Have you seen Mr Bean in Beijing? Dial 12339'*. The hotline, which is run from Jilin, can be called by residents from any part of China.



DANGEROUS LOVE





Matt Damon plays the renegade CIA agent 'Jason Bourne'

This may sound humorous to Westerners and intelligence watchers, but the level of paranoia is increasing in China and has extended to preparation for armed conflict with an unnamed foe. Aligned to the awareness programme is a series of posters and cartoons called 'Dangerous Love' (page 65). The plotline features a Chinese civil servant called Xiao Li (Little Li) who is engaged by a foreigner (scholar) called David. After wining and dining her a romantic liaison begins. David is actually a spy who manages to convince Li to pass him government files. One of the last frames shows Li with handcuffs on.



President Xi Jinping and First Lady watch the Moscow Victory Parade with Russian President Putin in 2015

The Chinese military also joined what appears to be a targeted information programme. The MSS recently released a 'rap-rock' recruitment video with tag lines warning *'war can break out at any time'*, and that the armed forces are *'waiting for the order to kill, kill, kill'*. China's sole aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, is featured prominently.

These productions, including Huang Yu's confession video, are unsettling as China continues its military build-up and highlights

just how paranoid the Chinese Communist Party is against infiltration. It sees itself under constant attack by foreign powers. President Xi Jinping has ordered major new reforms which include a more proactive counter-espionage and propaganda programme which warns of foreign threats.

As US Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger once said: "Even a paranoid can have enemies."

- The Chinese government has long been fond of hotlines allowing citizens to 'turn in' strangers. Earlier this year, when Beijing banned smoking in public places, a hotline was created allowing people to inform on people who smoked in places where the practise is prohibited.

HOW TO IDENTIFY A SPY

China's Ministry of State Security has issued this list of 'tips' enabling ordinary citizens to identify foreign agents and provocateurs

- People who work several jobs, with no clear line of work but are well-funded.
- People who start controversial conversations at gatherings to incite debate, and then pull back to quietly observe.
- Foreign correspondents, missionary workers, and some NGO (non-government organisation) staff.
- People whose business card has a legitimate job but who actually work for a shell company at peculiar hours.
- Students who have more foreign studies experience than their age allows for.
- People who like to ask sensitive questions, not only about politics, [but] the military, business, or the media.
- People who regularly travel to specific locations to exchange goods or documents.
- People who throw out reactionary or pro-foreign sentiments at business meetings or seminars.

Right: Wang Qishan, China's Secretary of the Commission for Discipline Inspection. His department is but one of many involved in the new 'education endeavour'



Spies, Lies, Drugs, Terror Funding and a Missing Hellfire Missile

SPY CUBA



NOT YET IN FROM THE COLD?

In April, US President Obama asked US Southern Command's (USSOUTHCOM) senior officers to give an in-depth tour of the organisation's most important facilities, to some of Cuba's top military and intelligence officials. One of those buildings - Naval Air Station Key West - was actually infiltrated in 2001 by the Cuban-backed WASP network. Here a group of Communist spies were arrested for espionage and the murder of four US citizens. These uninvited 'guests' were given sentences ranging from 15 years to two life terms. All the convicted spies, known in the intelligence

Cuban spies tour Pentagon intelligence and defence hub in Key West, Florida

world as the 'Cuban Five', were released in 2014 by order of President Obama and are now reportedly living like celebrities in Cuba.

Cooperation between Cuba and America is improving after diplomatic relations were restored in July 2015, but the visit to such a sensitive facility did surprise some intelligence watchers. "Cuba is an intelligence trafficker to the world," said Lt. Colonel Chris Simmons,

recently retired from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). "Many US military secrets stolen by Castro's spies have been sold to former regimes in Iraq, Panama and Grenada, alerting these dictatorships to military planning and costing untold American lives."

Simmons should know. He led America's counter-espionage war against Cuba and was affectionately known as 'The Puppet Master'.



US Coast Guard officers pictured after another multi-million pound seizure of cocaine

THE WASP NETWORK



Cuban intelligence officers and covert operatives Gerardo Hernández, Antonio Guerrero, Ramón Labañino, Fernando González, and René González - better known as the 'Cuban Five'. Their spy ring was known as La Red Avispa (the Wasp Network). The men were arrested in September 1998 and jailed for various offences including conspiracy to commit espionage, conspiracy to commit murder and acting as an agent of a foreign government.

They had been sent to the United States to surveil and infiltrate pro Cuban-American groups, including Alpha 66, the F4 Commandos, the Cuban American National Foundation and Brothers to the Rescue. All are now free.

Lt. Commander Derek Cromwell, escorted the Cuban officials around the Truman Annex of JIATF-South who also met with representatives of 18 different countries assigned to the organisation. The Cubans were identified as Colonel Idael Fumero Valdes of the Cuban National Police, part of the Ministry of Interior; Joel Lago Oliva, first secretary of the Ministry of External Relations; Lt. Colonel Hector Gonzalez Hernandez, chief of Cuba's Counter-drug Directorate and Lt. Colonel Imandra

Oceguera Coll, chief of analysis for the Cuban Border Guard.

INTELLIGENCE HUB

The Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-South), is but one element of USSOUTHCOM and serves as the US Defense Department's command hub for countering transnational crime - coded speak for the war on drugs. Monies raised from this illegal

activity has supported both crime gangs and terror outfits, kept regimes in power and helped purchase and smuggle weaponry.

In 2015, Colombian authorities found 99 missile heads, 100 tonnes of gunpowder, 2.6 million detonators, and over 3,000 artillery shells hidden under rice sacks in a ship enroute from China to Cuba that docked in the port of Cartagena and Baranquilla, Colombia.



USSOUTHCOM Commander
Admiral Kurt Tidd



Volunteers roleplay as members of a fictitious group - Black Mambas - during 'Tradewinds' a counter-organised crime operation in Grenada June 2016. USSOUTHCOM cooperates and helps train numerous organisations in its area of command in an effort to defeat organised crime and other illegal activities

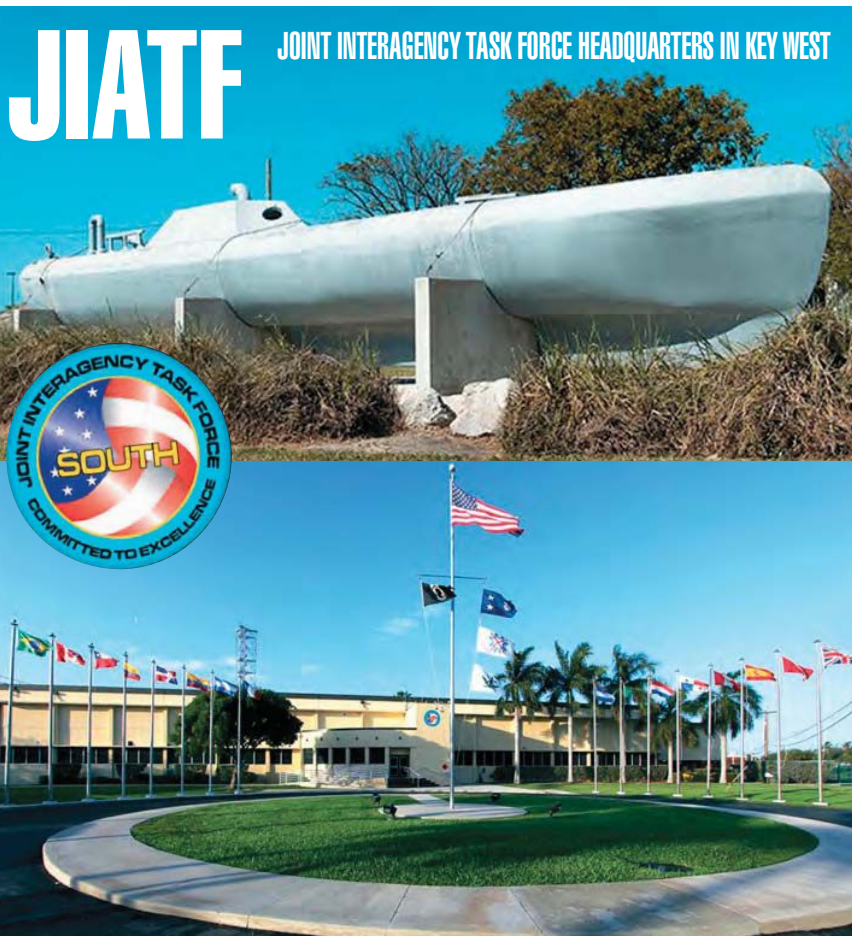


Gustavo Machin Gomez, the Cuban spy declared 'persona non grata' and expelled from the United States in 2002. Gomez served as a Cuban agent inside the Pentagon

US Navy Admiral and USSOUTHCOM Commander Kurt Tidd described the effort to crack down on illegal trafficking in the Caribbean as an "area of mutual interest" between the two nations. However, in the very same month as the tour, Panamanian officials apprehended a Cuban ship attempting to smuggle 401 kilos of cocaine to Belgium.

FARC AND DRUGS

The US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) attributes half the world's cocaine supply to the Colombian terror group FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) which credit Castro's regime with their continued success.



A 50ft long submersible called 'Bigfoot' sits outside the Joint Interagency Task Force headquarters in Key West. The craft was captured in 2006 by the US Coast Guard in a counter-narcotics operation (organised crime) off the coast of Costa Rica. As for its name, an intelligence analyst attached to the programme said: "We had heard rumours of cocaine traffickers using semi-submersibles for some time. We even had grainy pictures. Our admiral at the time looked at the images and said they reminded him of alleged pictures of Bigfoot."

CHANGING TIMES

"Thanks to Castro" boasted late FARC commander 'Tiro-Fijo' in an interview, "we are now a powerful army, not a hit and run band." FARC maintains a major office in Havana. Their officers reportedly receive a \$5,000 monthly stipend through the Cuban bank account of a Venezuelan government office.

This is not the first invitation issued to Cuban officials this year from President Obama. The Castro regime was invited to participate in an annual Caribbean regional security conference co-sponsored by USSOUTHCOM, held in





US Embassy, Havana, Cuba



January 2016. Ironically, the delegation was led by Gustavo Machin Gomez, the Cuban spy declared 'persona non grata' and expelled from the United States in 2002. Gomez was convicted in a US federal court for serving as a Cuban agent - the highest level spy ever caught operating in the Pentagon.

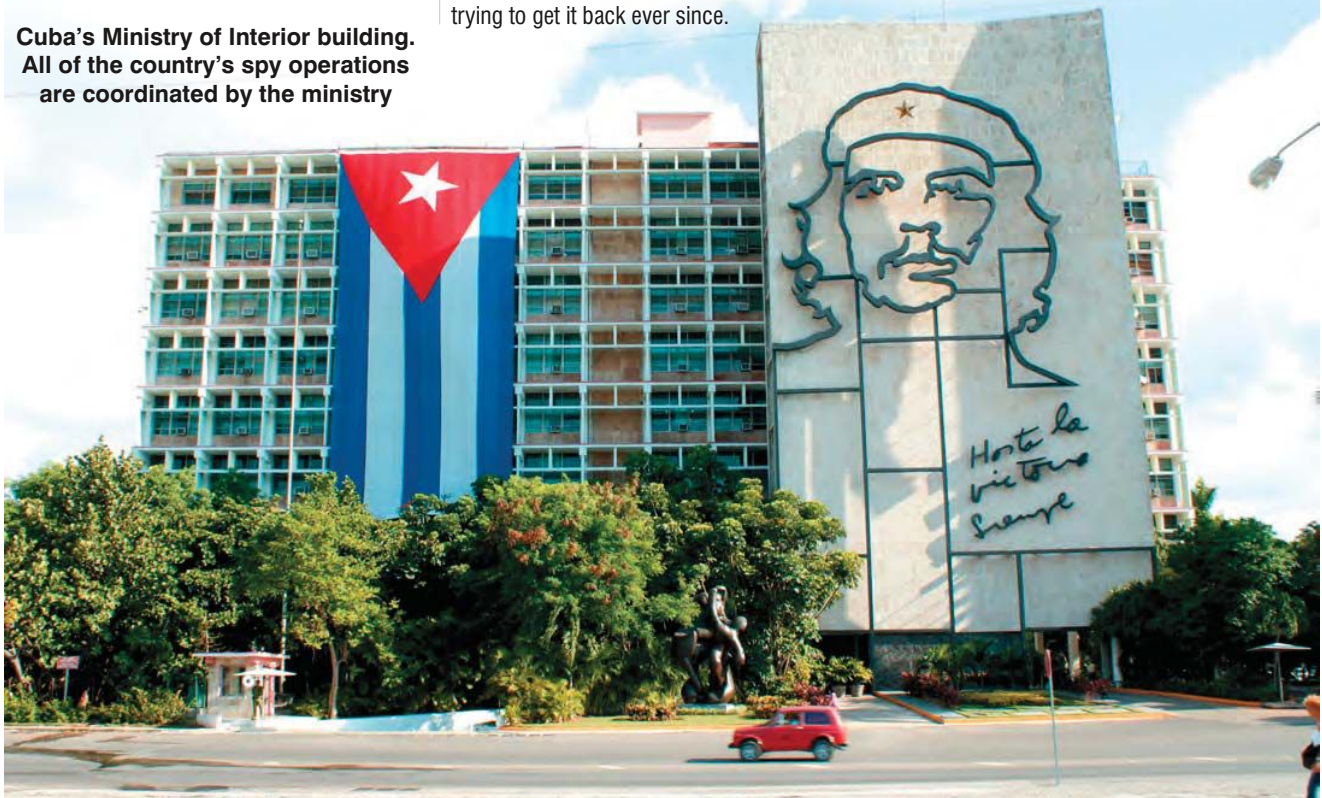
THE MISSING MISSILE

Perhaps this latest 'friendly' visit gave the US an opportunity to ask for the return of a missing Hellfire missile. The weapon disappeared as it was being transported to Europe for a NATO training exercise; strangely it turned up in Havana and the US has been trying to get it back ever since.

AGM-114 Hellfire



Cuba's Ministry of Interior building.
All of the country's spy operations are coordinated by the ministry





Two retired US Marines carry the American flag for the unveiling ceremony at the newly opened United States Embassy in Havana



President Obama and White House staffers look down towards the island of Cuba as Air Force One approaches Havana



ELEMENTS AND LIAISONS OF US SOUTHERN COMMAND

The US State Department gave Lockheed Martin Corporation permission to send the missile from Orlando International Airport to Spain in early 2014. The missile was used in the exercise, but after being packed up, it was loaded onto a truck and began a round-about journey through Europe. A Spanish freight forwarder released it to yet another shipping firm and instead of ending up on a flight from Frankfurt, Germany to Florida, it was loaded on an Air France aeroplane at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris. It was placed on a 'mixed pallet' of cargo headed for Havana.

Since 2014, intelligence officials and investigators have sought to determine if the 'misdirection' was a crime. "Did someone take a bribe to send it elsewhere? Was it an intelligence operation, or just a series of mistakes? That's what we've been trying to figure out," said one official. ➤



President Obama in Havana

USSOUTHCOM is located in Doral, Florida and is one of nine unified Combatant Commands (COCOMs) in the Department of Defense. It is responsible for providing contingency planning, operations, and security cooperation in its assigned Area of Responsibility which includes: Central America, South America and the Caribbean (except US commonwealths, territories, and possessions).

The command is responsible for the force protection of US military resources at these locations. USSOUTHCOM is also responsible for ensuring the defence of the important Panama Canal.

USSOUTHCOM is a joint command comprised of more than 1,200 military and civilian personnel representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and several other federal agencies.



CUBAN FIVE IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW: In May 2016, Russia gave a warm welcome to the so-called 'Cuban Five'. Cuba was of course one of the Soviet Union's closest allies during the Cold War. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said: "We have been consistently pressing for your release." He called the spies "a symbol of fortitude and resistance."

The group was in Moscow attending a Red Square parade to mark the 71st anniversary of the defeat of Hitler's Germany.

INSIDE INTEL



HAVANA: The Cuban government has reportedly cooperated with terrorist organisation Hezbollah. Reports, including documents released as part of the famed 'Panama Papers', tie Cuba to an extensive fraud scheme in which Venezuela issued legitimate Venezuelan passports to Syrian and Iranian members of Hezbollah, using Cuban money to finance the printing of the passports. Cuba is a

vocal ally of the Iranian regime.

Castro's response to President Obama's move to develop ties with the island nation has been to show public hostility towards the USA. One Cuban state newspaper referred to President Obama as a "Negro bent on inciting rebellion and disorder," following his March visit. Foreign Ministry official Bruno Rodriguez referred to



President Obama with Cuban President Raul Castro

Obama's visit as an "attack on our culture," meaning Communist ideology.

Intelligence watchers and some serving officials are critical of President Obama's move to establish better relations with Cuba. One

source told Eye Spy: "Establishing ties is a two way street, not a one way road - to Havana. Someone should tell Mr Obama that when you start to wonder whether you can trust someone or not, that is when you already know you can't."



US Secretary of State John Kerry in Havana

Despite contact and a new era of cooperation, American authorities have been unable to get the Cuban government to return the missile. Efforts to investigate the circumstances surrounding the case have also been painfully slow as all requests for information are subject to transnational diplomatic protocol and can take years to complete.

REVERSE ENGINEERING

The overriding concern with the loss of the Hellfire is a foreign nation reverse-engineering parts, such as the sensors or targeting

technology; developing countermeasures or improving their own missile systems.

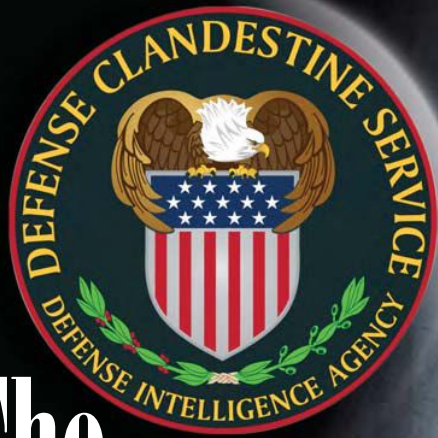
"Now it's a proliferation concern," said Peter Singer, a senior fellow at the New America Foundation. "Someone else now understands how it works and what may have been cutting edge for us is deconstructed and packaged into what other players sell on the open market and possibly provided to countries that we wouldn't sell to."

So far, the Cuban government hasn't responded to multiple requests for its return, but

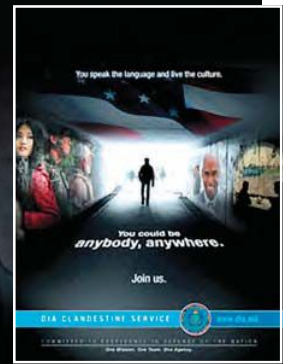


have gladly accepted Mr Obama's invitations to inspect Key West and USSOUTHCOM in the Caribbean.

- The US Southern Command Area of Responsibility encompasses 31 countries and 16 dependencies and areas of special sovereignty.



The PUPPET MASTER



One of the most successful spycatchers of the last half-century, Chris Simmons earned the nickname, 'The Puppet Master'. He helped end or cripple the careers of over 80 spies and was a principal figure in most US counterintelligence (CI) successes against Cuba from 1996 through 2004. A supervisory CI officer with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), he was the agency's expert on Cuba's intelligence services and operations.

From 2000-2002, Simmons played a primary role in the identification, investigation and debriefing of DIA officer Ana Belen Montes - the highest ranking Cuban spy ever arrested. In 2003, he was the lead Pentagon official behind the expulsion of 14 Cuban spies

serving under diplomatic cover. This act remains the third largest removal of diplomats in US history, exceeded only by two Cold War expulsions of Soviet spy-diplomats.

Simmons also identified the anomaly that led to the investigation and arrest of Dr. Alberto Coll, a Naval War College professor. Simmons also testified before Congress, twice briefed the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and served as the key speaker at the Congressional press conference on Cuban spies Kendall (State Department) and Gwendolyn



Retired DIA spycatcher Chris Simmons (second from left)



South building of the DIA headquarters in Potomac, Washington DC

Myers. He has also lectured on Cuban Intelligence throughout the US Intelligence Community, academia, and to the Florida legislature. Additionally, he wrote a column on Cuban Intelligence for the *Miami Herald* from 2007-2008.

Having retired from government service in 2010, Simmons is the author of two books: the true-life spy story *In Plain Sight: True Stories of a Master Spy-Catcher* and the personal growth work, *HUMAN CHESS: A Spy's Guide to Understanding and Influencing Others*.

UNDERGROUND WORLD

THE SECRET LISTENERS

EYE SPY EDITORIAL

**A Special Report on
the campaign to save
one of Britain's most
historically important
intelligence sites**

Trent Park's secret war and the campaign to save the site as a permanent 'national intelligence museum' was covered in issue 103 of Eye Spy. We have since learned that there are rumours of historic tunnels under the site. This will come as no surprise to our readers, because many sites formerly used by the Ministry of Defence, War Office and intelligence services in WWII and the Cold War, are known to have supported a secret subterranean world. At some locations the work performed within is relatively unknown, and a great deal of information has yet to be declassified; this makes the task of saving historic structures such as Trent Park all the more difficult.

After WWII, Trent Park became an emergency male teacher training centre, then Barnet Teacher Training College before becoming part of Middlesex University which sold it in 2013. A number of eye witnesses have come forward, some former employees, who say

Saving Trent Park



MI6 spymaster Thomas Joseph Kendrick

Ludgrove Hall



Sir Philip Sassoon

that they have seen the complex network of tunnels that run under Trent Park. It is also highly likely that the tunnels connect to the site next door - Ludgrove Hall (once part of the

The Green Room used by the generals as a dining room



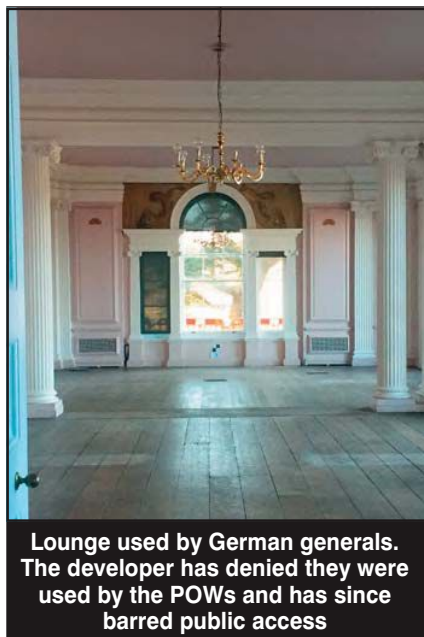
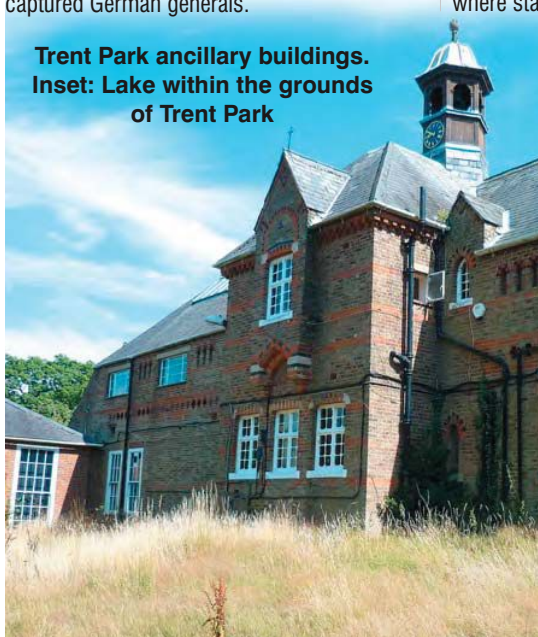
teacher training college) - that also had a secret wartime history, developed into private flats a few years ago. A local caretaker who used to give guided public tours of Trent Park's mansion house explained to visitors how a tunnel dating to Circa 19th century ran from the house to the outdoor heated swimming pool so that Sir Philip Sassoon, art collector and politician in the 1920s, could go between his bedroom on the ground floor and the pool without being seen. For the record, Sassoon served as private secretary to Field Marshal Haig in the First World War. Fast forward two decades, this same room became the office of intelligence chief, MI6 spymaster, Major (later Colonel) Thomas Joseph Kendrick who ran the branch of MI19 which bugged the conversations of dozens of captured German generals.



Main gates of the Trent Park estate

Unbeknown to the important inmates, who enjoyed the run of the ground floor and first floor stately rooms, Kendrick installed a number of false panels throughout the house to seal off areas where his intelligence staff secretly worked. From his office on the ground floor, there was a walk-in cupboard from where stairs led down to the basement.

Trent Park ancillary buildings. Inset: Lake within the grounds of Trent Park



Lounge used by German generals. The developer has denied they were used by the POWs and has since barred public access



Campaign directors Councillor Jason Charalambous, Dr Helen Fry and campaign advisor Sir Michael Bear, former Lord Mayor of London at a recent meeting in the Guildhall, London

Here, his secret listeners used specialist equipment from RCA (Radio Corporation of America) to record the prisoners' unguarded conversations and gained war-winning intelligence.

AN ENDURING MYSTERY

The basement is a labyrinth of rooms, cellars, and a whitewashed brick tunnel which allegedly served as an air raid shelter. Its brick work is the exact template of other tunnel structures on other sites formerly used by the MOD or intelligence services. Was this tunnel therefore used by intelligence staff during possible air raid alerts? The German generals were completely barred from any areas of the basement. It begs the question whether there is more to this tunnel than meets the eye. Its iron door of today once hung elsewhere in the basement to protect the safe which housed the Sassoon silver collection.

Eye witnesses are certain that some of the WWII tunnels lead out from the house. One is said to lead from the back terrace towards the lake and /or under the 1960s building to the right of the mansion house; tunnels to a cottage on the estate beyond the stable block and a shorter tunnel from the front of the house, accessible from the basement area. Many intriguing questions

remain, including some about the 'air raid' shelter which has been bricked up at one end. Is it hiding a labyrinth of further tunnels? Aerial photographs show earthworks at the back of the house and possible structures under the lawn. Even some RAF aerial photographs of the site from the Cold War will not be released upon enquiry.

There are plenty of other former intelligence sites with complex tunnel systems used for secret underground work or for escape in the event of invasion. Many of Trent Park's tunnels are said to date from the Second World War. It was a major clandestine wartime centre and it is inconceivable that the intelligence services would not have built tunnels underneath. Oral testimony also suggests that the site had a secret Cold War history in underground areas that were out of bounds even to the security



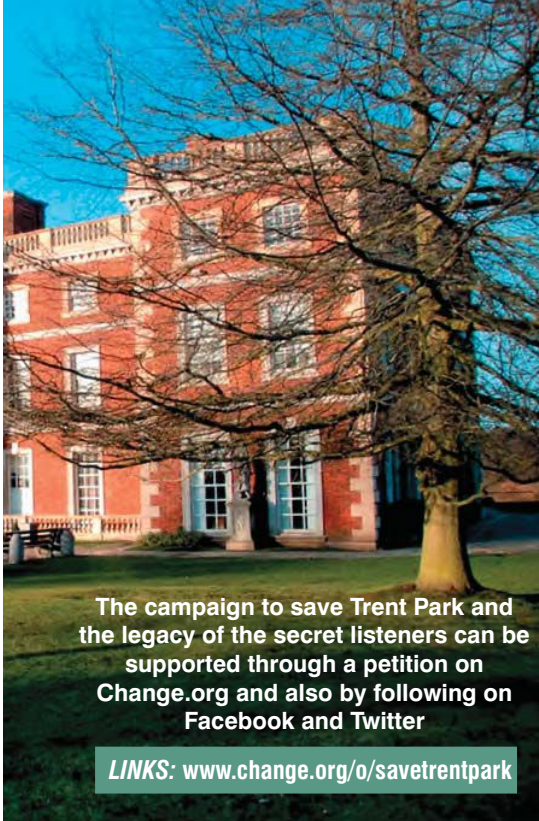
The German POWs were relaxed in the Trent Park environment oblivious they were being listened to



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staff. This site clearly has not given up all its secrets.

During Eye Spy's ten-year research programme which culminated in the publication of *The Insider's Guide to 500 Spy Sites in London*, we examined the history of Trent Park and came across another 'intelligence site' but a short distance away in nearby Barnet. There were rumours that one 'guest' who stayed at a small bed and breakfast house in the town was none other than the most infamous of all wartime German prisoners - Hitler's deputy Rudolph Hess. We were drawn to Oakleigh Park North, Barnet. Here the Russian news agency Tass had established a radio broadcasting centre in WWII with the full permission of Winston Churchill. The station, known as 'The Lodge', delivered all sorts of supportive news and messages to the beleaguered Russian people. No surprise then that we also discovered a large building two hundred feet away that was occupied by British Intelligence - more specifically the Admiralty and GCHQ. It transpired that after hostilities ceased in 1945, Tass remained and



The campaign to save Trent Park and the legacy of the secret listeners can be supported through a petition on Change.org and also by following on Facebook and Twitter

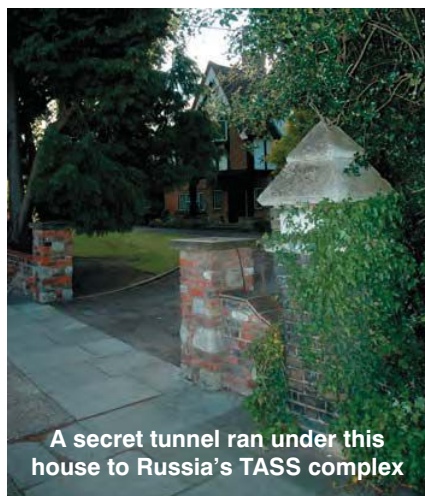
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the centre became an important Russian spy centre which continued to operate until 1961.

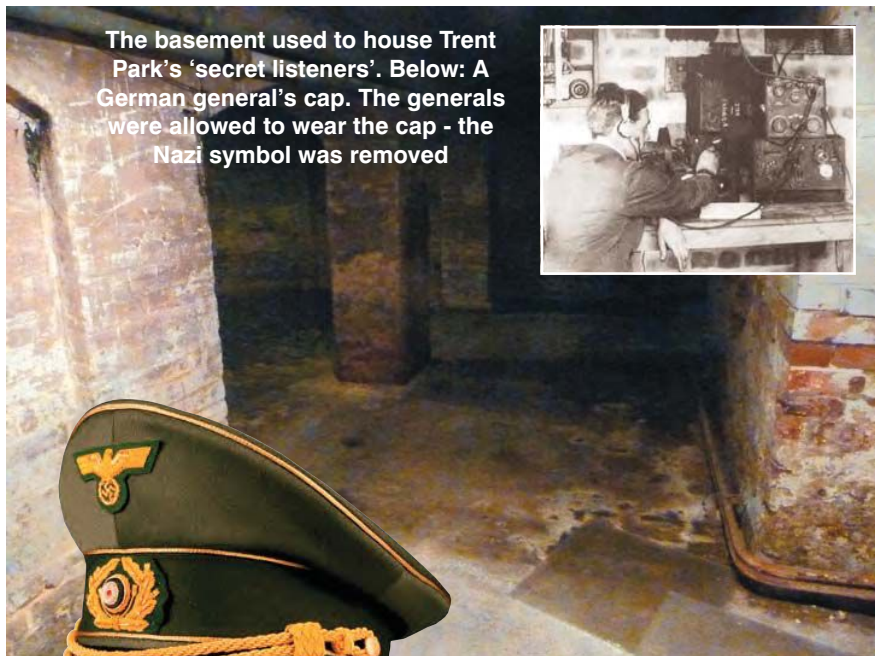


Rudolph Hess

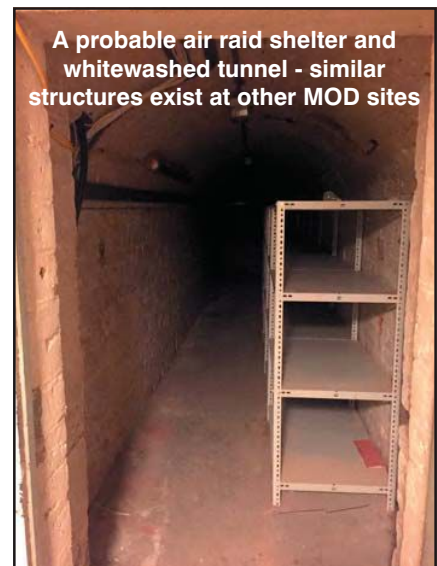
Both the Tass building and that used by British Intelligence have long since gone - replaced by new apartments. However, in between these sites was another splendid lodge which is now a residence. Eye Spy learned that a secret tunnel was built from the GCHQ site passing under this lodge and the Russian centre. Sources explained the British intercepted all manner of communications and



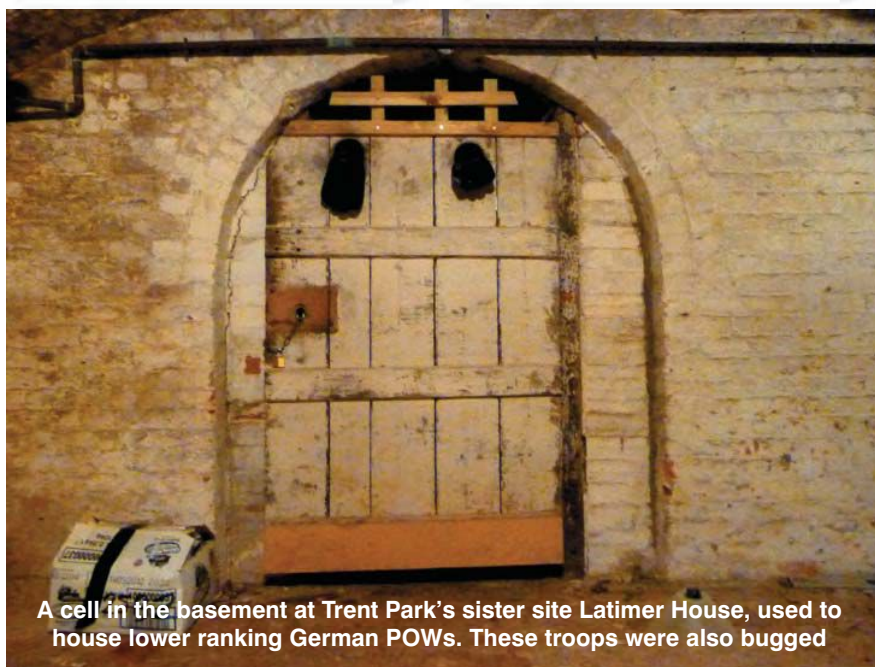
A secret tunnel ran under this house to Russia's TASS complex



The basement used to house Trent Park's 'secret listeners'. Below: A German general's cap. The generals were allowed to wear the cap - the Nazi symbol was removed



A probable air raid shelter and whitewashed tunnel - similar structures exist at other MOD sites



A cell in the basement at Trent Park's sister site Latimer House, used to house lower ranking German POWs. These troops were also bugged



Site of the former TASS/KGB centre in Barnet

has taught us anything, then it is the enduring element of surprise. Mark Birdsall believes it is “highly likely” that under the main building (thus the rooms where the Germans were held) and its out-buildings, more secrets have yet to be uncovered.

Another example of a massive secret tunnel was uncovered by Eye Spy near Hyde Park, London. Commenting on this complex, Birdsall said: “An entire street was requisitioned in WWII and their cellars tunnelled. Here a railway line carried munitions to gun batteries around London. It was then developed further to reach places like Harrods department store and hotels used by senior figures including Winston Churchill. Branch lines were eventually built linking it to the Tube.”

INFORMATION REQUEST

Trent Park, set in 50 acres of stunningly beautiful parkland, is set for development into around 249 luxury housing units. A hard fought campaign is underway to save the ground floor and basement of the mansion house and part of the stable block as a national intelligence museum to complement the work of the codebreaking Bletchley Park Museum and the Churchill War Rooms. However, the developer’s team has been less than happy at references being made about secret tunnels. The mansion house is suddenly “inaccessible because of asbestos” and one eye witness appears to have disappeared from the campaign. It is vital that an archaeological survey is carried out on site to verify or disprove the existence of these tunnels. Eye Spy would like to hear from anyone with information.

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Tass headquarters, Moscow

because the Tass building was also used by the KGB, MI5 and MI6 was engaged in the watching and listening operation.

As for the tunnels, Eye Spy discovered documentation that the government were concerned when developers moved in to the GCHQ site in the early 1990s. Officials

were worried that the ‘cellars’ may reveal a few hidden secrets, thus special attention was paid to their dismantling and sealing. And of course, there was constant speculation linking the site to Trent Park. We could never quite find a direct link nor could we find evidence of a tunnel wending its way through to the labyrinth of London’s Tube network, but the street is a good example of how British Intelligence were masters of such deception. And of course, one should look no further regarding this expertise than the famous Cold War MI6-CIA Berlin Tunnel.

And what of the campaign to save certain historical aspects of Trent Park’s rich intelligence connection - especially that which lies beneath? If our decade long research project into British Intelligence buildings



Churchill War Rooms



28 JUNE 2016
A VERY DARK NIGHT

THE ATATURK AIRPORT ATTACK

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terrorist: 'As of mid-2015, Chatayev was a member of ISIS and was part of a group of militants that was planning attacks against US and Turkish facilities'. Chatayev also posted a video online, greeting militants who, "pledged allegiance" to ISIS and its leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

Turkish government sources say the attack was "extremely well planned with ISIS leadership involved." Whilst in their rented apartment in the Fatih district, the operatives "scouted the area for targets and planned to take dozens of passengers hostage." It is highly probable that throughout their stay in the city, Chatayev was in contact with the terrorists.

Turkey's National Intelligence Organisation (MIT), is one of the largest in Europe. Its head,



The youngest victim - Huda Amiri - eight-years-old

Hakan Fidan has been under enormous pressure over the last two years trying to counter the threat of ISIS and a number of

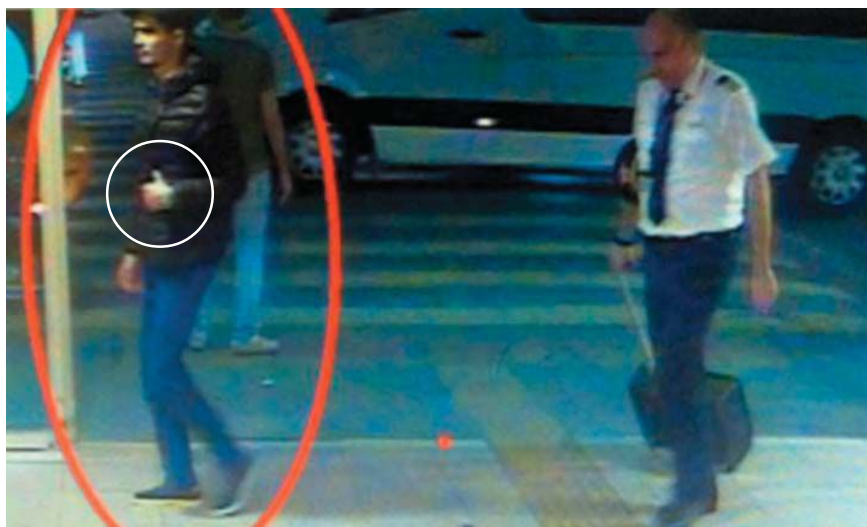


Kurdish groups who have caused mayhem in parts of the country.

Three days after the attack, Turkish police announced they had detained 29 people in connection with the attack. Seventeen were jailed - ten of whom are Turkish nationals. The charges ranged from belonging to a terror group and endangering life and the unity of the state.

ISIS SUPPORT

Turkey's terrorist killings and explosions have shaken the country this year crippling its tourism industry. In the last 12 months, 249 people have been killed. The menace of ISIS



A terrorist passes an airline pilot as he surveils the entrance to the airport. His left hand is almost certainly pressing his bulky jacket against a concealed weapon or suicide bomb vest. Eye Spy analysts note the aspect of his left thumb which could be touching the trigger mechanism of the bomb



Victims receive support and treatment from emergency workers





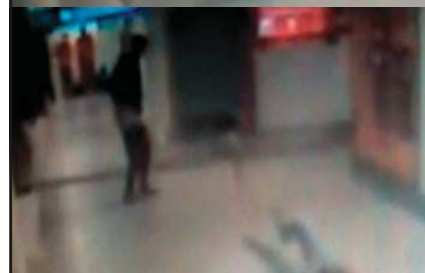
National Intelligence Organisation (MIT) chief Hakan Fidan

threatens the country's ambitions as a global tourist hub, as violence in neighbouring Syria spills over into a country that once promoted itself as a beacon of stability in a restive region. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan blamed ISIS and hoped the international community would use the attack as a turning point in the global fight against terrorism. "I would like to remind [the world] that the attack targeted not only 79 million Turkish citizens, but also 7.5 billion human beings around the world." Few would disagree with Erdogan on that point.

"The hand of ISIS is almost certainly behind the attack..."

Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım

Michael McCaul, Chairman of the US House Committee on Homeland Security - his intelligence sources blame ISIS



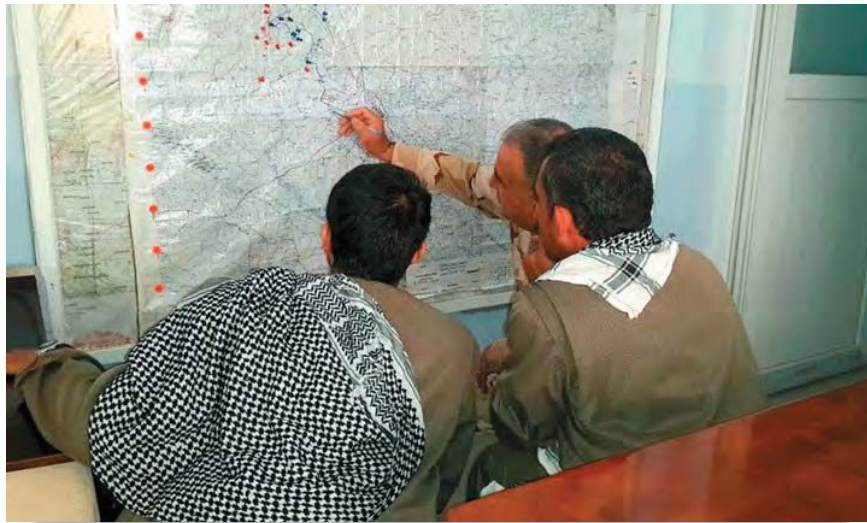
In these CCTV stills an off-duty police officer stops one terrorist who duly shoots him at point-blank range

2016 TERROR ATTACKS IN TURKEY



8 JUNE 2016: A car bomb exploded in the Kurdish town of Midyat. Five people were killed in the blast - two police officers and three civilians. Thirty others were injured. Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım blamed the bombing on the Kurdistan Workers Party - (PKK).

7 JUNE 2016: A contract bus carrying policemen through the Vezneciler district near the Sehzade Mosque and the Vezneciler Metro station was bombed, killing 12 people and injuring 51 others. The Kurdistan Freedom Falcons (TAK) claimed responsibility for the attack.



PKK and Peshmerga fighters plot tactics against ISIS in Kirkut, northern Iraq

12 MAY 2016: The PKK claimed responsibility for a truck bomb attack that took place in Diyarbakir's Sur district killing. Sixteen villagers died and 23 were injured.

10 MAY 2016: Turkish Intelligence (MIT) believe the PKK was also responsible for a car bomb attack on an armoured police vehicle carrying suspected members of its own group. Three people were killed and at least 45 others injured, including 12 police officers.

1 MAY 2016: Two police officers were killed and 22 people injured when an ISIS car bomb exploded in Gaziantep.

27 APRIL 2016: Kurdistan Freedom Falcons (TAK) claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing in the city of Bursa. Thirteen were injured.

31 MARCH 2016. Seven police officers were killed and 27 injured when a car bomb exploded next to an armoured vehicle transporting police personnel in the Baglar district of Diyarbakir. MIT unsure of perpetrators.



US officials, including Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken, pay their respects to the victims of the 13 March Ankara bus bombings

19 MARCH 2016: A suspected ISIS suicide bomber struck near Istanbul's district governor's office and a central shopping street. Five people died and 36 people were injured.

13 MARCH 2016: Thirty seven people died in Ankara when a car bomb exploded next to a bus; over 100 people were injured. The Kurdistan Freedom Falcons claimed responsibility.

18 FEBRUARY 2016: In Ankara, 30 people died and 60 were injured in a bombing



Turkish counter-terrorism troops

targeting a convoy of shuttles carrying both civilian and military personnel working at the military headquarters. The TAK took responsibility for the attack and said they targeted security forces.

12 JANUARY 2016:

A suicide bomber struck in Istanbul's historic Sultanahmet district killing 13 people, all of whom were foreigners; a further 14 were injured. The attack occurred near the Blue Mosque, an area popular among tourists. Nabil Fadli, an ISIS operative in Syria was named as the bomber.



Nabil Fadli

- Over 70 ISIS rockets and missiles have been fired across the Syrian border region since January 2016. Twenty-one people have died in the attacks.

ATATURK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT is Europe's third busiest after Heathrow and Charles de Gaulle. Opened in 1924 and renamed in the 1980s after Turkey's first president - Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. In 2015, 61 million passengers passed through the airport



Police at the scene of the deadly bombing in Ankara, 13 March 2016

BRIDGE TO NOWHERE

Night of the Long Knives

A simple Reuters newswire signalled the beginning of a chilling 18 hours on the streets of Turkey's main cities: 'Unusual military activity in Istanbul and Ankara...'

On 15 July, elements of Turkey's armed forces attempted to overthrow the government led by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. In the early evening reports of military aircraft flying low over Ankara were a signal the military had initiated an operation of significance. In Istanbul, troops and tanks were seen making their way to the Bosphorus and Fatih Sultan Mehmet bridges - two key entry and departure points which serve the city. Around 100 soldiers were deployed blocking passage over the bridges. This action was then followed by reports of an explosion at the parliament buildings.

As officials, the public and journalists alike tried to make sense of the unfolding events, several key media houses were entered by

small teams of Turkish troops, including state television - Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT). To a bewildered audience, news anchor Tijen Karas was forced to read a statement prepared by leaders of the plot. She said, "the democratic and secular rule of law has been eroded by the current government." There were also references to a "peace council," which would "ensure the safety of the population." Karas concluded by stating a temporary position of martial rule would be imposed. This did little to stop thousands of Erdogan supporters flocking onto the streets.

The public and government now had all the evidence they needed - a coup d'etat was in progress. But it was also evident that opposition was growing very quickly - and it didn't have the support of the police. This was perhaps a primary reason why helicopters



President Recep Tayyip Erdogan - has divided opinion in Turkey

attacked two key police holding and training stations manned by elite special forces officers and an air element in Golbasi on the outskirts of Ankara. In the resultant missile attack, over 40 police officers were killed and dozens injured.

At midnight, renegade troops moved into Taksim Square in the centre of Istanbul. The operation, intended to sweep away a government which has, according to some political observers divided much of the country, was now in full progress.



Troops take up their positions on the Bosphorus Bridge - some would be killed just hours later



10'UNCU TANKER ÜS KOMUTANLIĞI

USAF Colonel Craig Wills 39th Air Base commander and his staff greet Brigadier General Bekir Ercan Van at Incirlik Air Base.

Van was arrested in connection with the attempted coup d'état



The timing of the overthrow attempt had much to do with the fact that President Erdogan was on holiday in the south of the country and away from his central control base. Neverthe-

less, he managed to make telephone calls to key allies in both political and military offices. He also recorded a Facetime message to the Turkish people which was broadcast. And following an interview with CNN Turk, he condemned the coup and called upon the Turkish people to "take to the streets and oppose the martial law." His message of defiance was followed by other statements from colleagues, including Prime Minister Binali Yildirim. He said the operation was "an illegal attempt to seize power by a section of the military," and warned: "Those taking part would pay the highest price." Other radio messages followed stating the government was still in control. ➤



Above: Many first learned of the attempted coup via news anchor Tijen Karas, who was asked to read out a prepared statement. Below: Without access to mainstream media, President Erdogan soon responded by using Facetime to speak to the country



People run following a missile strike targeting the parliament building in Ankara. Inset: A meeting room after the attack





"The operation was an illegal attempt to seize power by a section of the military... those taking part would pay the highest price."

Prime Minister Binali Yildirim

Thousands of Turks engaged the troops, some lying in front of tanks. And images of police resisting the plotters as they entered more government buildings and media houses, only bolstered their actions. Far from what was

intended to be a peaceful coup, events were turning violent and ever more bitter.

As the public demonstrated, isolated incidents occurred and several people (both troops and civilians) were shot dead. Yet the coup continued and many key figures were detained, including the country's Chief of General Staff General Hulusi Akar. He was taken hostage at Akinci Air Base in order that he could not issue counter attack instructions. (He was later rescued at 2.45am on 16 July). Officials were also turned away or detained at various government buildings in an attempt to lessen Erdogan's power. At airports across the country, including Ataturk, the scene of a recent terror attack, flights were cancelled and there was a genuine atmosphere of confusion, fear and perhaps more worrying for the coup plotters - public anger. Even political groups and opponents of the government issued

INTEL INSIDE

Erdogan's Calculated Purge Dissected

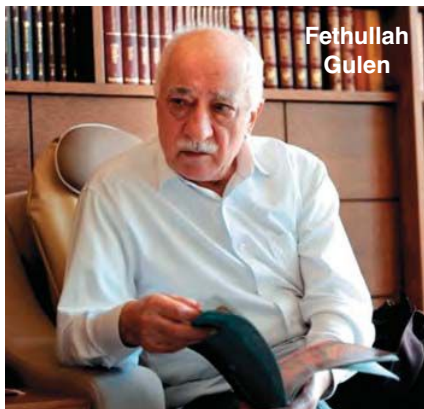
Some intelligence watchers believe Erdogan has used the fail coup d'etat to remove all opposition in the country. An examination of those affected is revealing:

- 3-4,000 soldiers of various ranks arrested.
- 8,000 Police, Intelligence (MIT), Ministry of Interior officials, including senior special Forces Unit commanders removed from duty.
- 260 ranking political staffers in Erdogan's office sacked.
- 15,000 Education Ministry officials sacked.
- 21,000 teachers (all grades) have had their licences withdrawn.
- 100 military commanders (all services) charged.
- Numerous media houses have lost their licences.



President Erdogan

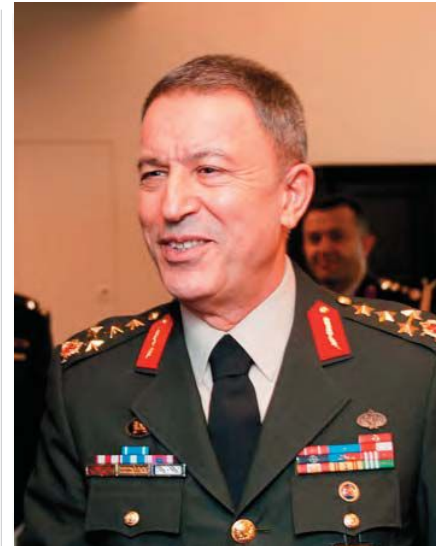
CONSPIRACY THEORIES



Fethullah Gulen

President Erdogan accused exiled imam Fethullah Gulen as being one of the principal conspirators behind the coup. However, speaking from his base in the United States, the former political figure and leader of the Gulen Movement denied any involvement and condemned coup plotters. "As someone who has suffered under multiple military coups during the past five decades, it is especially insulting to be accused of having any link to such an attempt," he said. However, this didn't appease Erdogan who "called upon the United States to extradite Gulen." Gulen himself believes Erdogan could have "staged the coup" in an attempt to sweep away even more opposition forces.

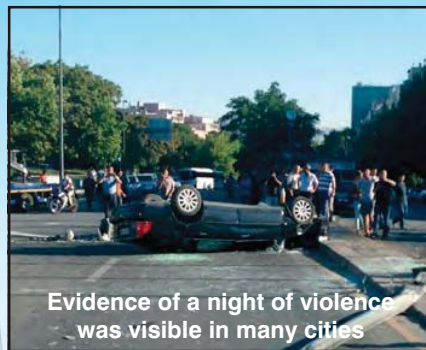
For the record, Prime Minister Yildirim once said he would "wage war" against any country who supported Gulen.



Chief of General Staff General Hulusi Akar



Turkish Radio (TRT) building in Istanbul



Evidence of a night of violence was visible in many cities

Residents of Istanbul gather around a tank used in the failed coup d'etat



statements calling for the "siege of Turkey to stop."

By around 1.30am, shots were heard on the two main bridges into Istanbul. Newswires said several members of the public who had attempted to cross the Bosphorus Bridge had been shot dead. Reports soon followed that a helicopter used by the renegade force had been shot down by a loyal government fighter. There were now strong indications the coup was beginning to crack, this as President Erdogan made his way back to the capital.

Television pictures showed pro-coup troops lining up to surrender to police officers in



Taksim Square in Istanbul. It was the beginning of the end for those who wanted a "new Turkey." Reports then began to emerge of retribution, as some troops who had guarded the bridges and airports were murdered in brutal fashion. And



Turkish Intelligence believe General Akin Ozturk was one of the 'masterminds' of the coup d'etat. According to state-run media house Anadolu - he has admitted his actions along with a number of his colleagues



General Akin Ozturk (centre front) with several of his arrested colleagues

in the midst of the chaos, half a dozen or so key plotters decided to flee to Greece in a Black Hawk helicopter, landing at Dimokritos Airport. They requested political asylum, but it is likely after facing trial in Greece they will be returned to Turkey. By lunchtime next day, only small pockets of resistance remained, but these too would soon be eliminated.

By the evening of 16 July, nearly 3,000 troops of various ranks and description had been arrested, including over 30 generals.



SOME OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEN?

AUGUST 2015. Colonel Ali Yazici (right) is appointed Chief Aide-de-Camp (military advisor) to President Erdogan, taking the white aiguillette from his predecessor Colonel Bekir Furkan. A warrant for Yazici's arrest was issued on 17 July and he was duly detained by police

Several senior commanders were named as 'masterminds' behind the plot, including General Akin Ozturk, who recently stepped down as head of the Turkish Air Force. The former military attache to Israel has been referenced in the Turkish media as being a 'central player' in the attempted coup and it's likely will face a charge of treason. Two other senior commanders were also referred to as "key players" - Generals Adem Huduti and Avni Angun.

However, Erdogan was far from finished and well over 2,000 judges and legal officials were removed from office and many detained. Arrests of other senior officials began, many suspected of playing a key role in the coup or offering support. One of the more 'interesting' arrests was the president's own senior military aide - Colonel Ali Yazici. Turkish media report he was duty bound to be by the president's side at all times, but on the evening of the coup, whilst Mr Erdogan was in the resort of Marmaris, Yazici remained in Ankara. It was also alleged he participated in

the kidnapping of Presidency Secretary-General Fahri Kasirga. The inference in this report is obvious to intelligence watchers.

Another significant arrest was General Bekir Ercan Van - commander of the strategically important Incirlik Air Base used by the USAF. He was detained along with 10 others.

Less than 48-hours after the coup began, over 6,000 people in total had been arrested. The death toll is at time of publication 270, of whom 104 were alleged coup plotters.

THE VITAL MISSING COMPONENT

Unlike several previous successful coup d'etats in Turkey, the plotters failed to secure the support of the people and majority of the country's armed forces. Nor did they expect such a fierce response by the police.

Turkey's National Intelligence Organisation (MIT) has also come under scrutiny. Some politicians asked why no warning was issued.



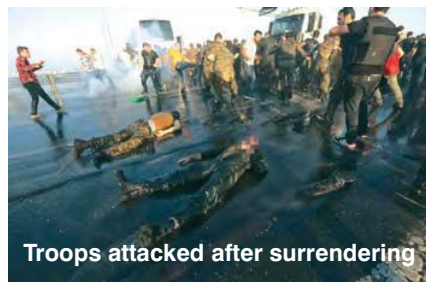
A CCTV camera captures the moment pro-coup troops enter TRT CNN studios (television)

One analyst said the plotters understood the importance of keeping their communications secret, but others disagree, pointing to the fact that hundreds of troops loyal to the renegade force must have known something. "This was not just a small cell where information could be confined. There was planning and a host of officials must have known something," an Eye Spy source in Turkey said. However, it should be explained that at around 1.30am much gunfire was heard at the agency's headquarters in a probable attempt to counter coup plotters.

Another Eye Spy source said the MIT was "too embroiled with trying to monitor Mr Erdogan's



Turkish security officers pay their respects to a dead colleague in Istanbul



Troops attacked after surrendering



Another alleged coup plotter - General Adem Huduti



President Erdogan speaks to his supporters at a funeral

enemies; keep in touch with anti-Assad forces in Syria, and counter the growing number of attacks in the country by ISIS." The source said whilst the MIT was supposed to have kept an eye on the armed forces in respect of internal trouble, the agency had "few additional resources to undertake intelligence collection and surveillance on 'mischief makers'." The attack at Ataturk Airport by ISIS also distracted watchers.

Some soldiers who participated in the plot told police they thought the operation was a training exercise. Some 80 troops and officers had been deployed at Ataturk Airport. One trooper said: "Only when people started climbing on the tanks did we really realise what was going on." Interestingly, when police arrived the commander of the force duly stepped back.



Alleged pro-coup troops stripped of their uniforms

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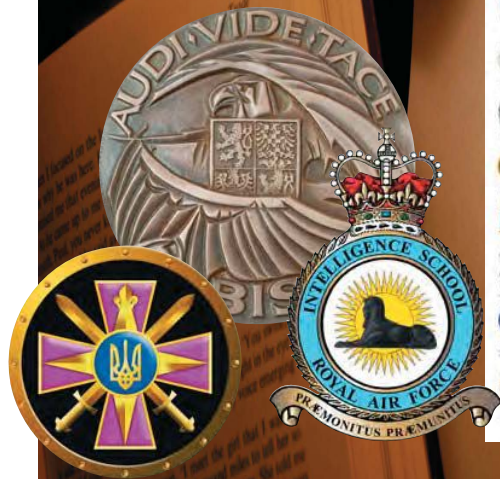
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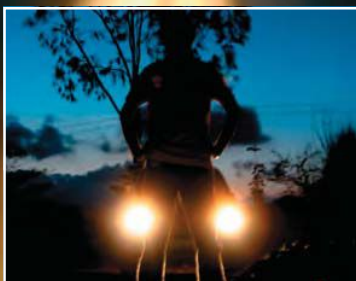
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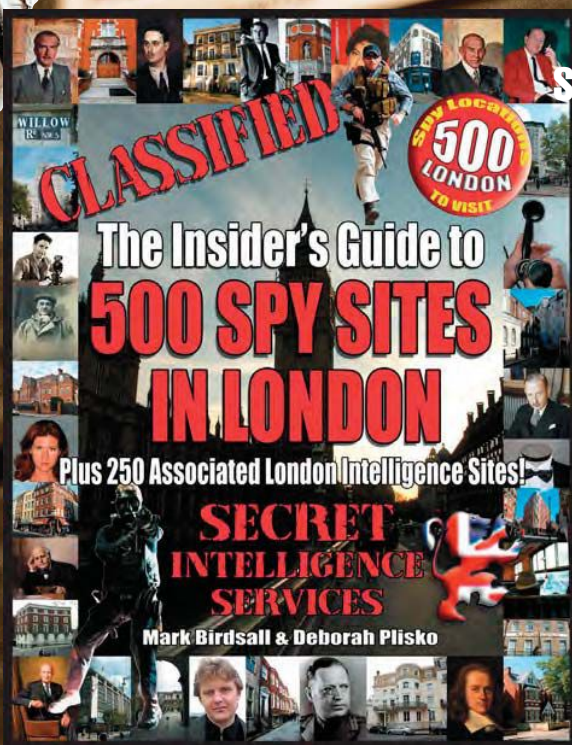


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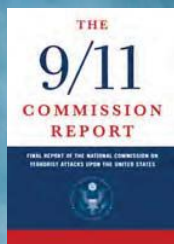
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Redacted files show no Saudi Arabian Government backing of 9/11 operation to attack America

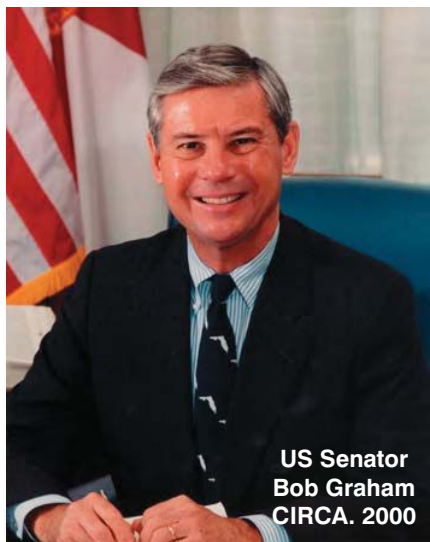
It's been one of the most protracted campaigns in recent history in respect of securing 28 redacted pages of the 9/11 Commission Report. Fourteen years have passed since its release, and the conspiracy theories have multiplied to such an extent, that they have clouded the primary thrust of the report. "American lawmakers only have themselves to blame," a US intelligence source told Eye Spy. "Had the pages not been withheld then there would have been no secrecy agenda and no need to speculate."

THE ENDURING CONSPIRACY THEORY

Amongst the many suspected reasons why the material was not released, is alleged Saudi Arabian involvement. Most of the 9/11 operators were of course Saudi born, and several historians and investigators have claimed the al-Qaida terror cell received monies and support from highly placed Saudi officials. And fearful of not wanting to upset one of its most important partners in the Middle East, Washington quietly decided to keep the material behind closed doors.

For the relatives who lost loved ones the theories and speculation have only served to lengthen their hurt, but following release of the pages on 15 July, there is light at the end of the tunnel. And the outcome came as a surprise to those who have long believed in conspiracy.

Central Intelligence Agency Director John Brennan had hinted that the papers would divide opinion. Like his predecessors, Brennan was fully aware of their contents and weeks before publication of the material, said the papers would prove that the Government of Saudi Arabia was not involved in the attack. He also hinted at the reasons why they were not released in the first place calling the collection of intelligence "fragmentary" and a "preliminary review."



US Senator
Bob Graham
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Emergency services at the Pentagon after an airliner struck the building. Above: President Bush is told of the attack on America





9/11 lead terrorist Mohamed Atta

Mr Brennan explained that following the attack, the inquiry began a massive effort to “pull together bits and pieces of information reporting about who was responsible for 9/11.” Similarly, all manner of theories were being investigated by the 9/11 commission, which “looked very thoroughly at the allegations of Saudi Government involvement.” Mr Brennan said the inquiry concluded “there was no evidence to indicate involvement as an institution, or Saudi individuals who had supported the attacks.” This contradicts former US Senator Bob Graham, who co-chaired the congressional inquiry into the attacks and said: “The 28 pages primarily relate to who financed 9/11 and they point a very strong finger at Saudi Arabia.”

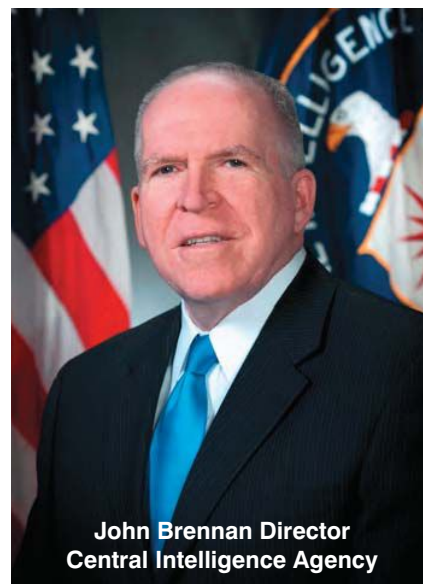


One World Trade Center, Manhattan. The area still holds painful reminders for many Americans of events 15 years ago



The CIA chief believes the operation was planned by al-Qaida’s leadership - Osama bin-Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri and a few others. “I think it’s good that they [pages] come out,” he said. The material is currently being examined by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI).

Analysts who have taken time to examine each line, conclude that the terrorists did receive financial support from friends in the Kingdom. A line reads: *‘While in the United States, some of the 9/11 hijackers were in contact with, and received support or assistance from individuals who may be connected to the Saudi Government’*. That’s very different, officials argue, to the entire operation being supported and funded by Riyadh. Indeed, White House Press Secretary John Earnest said: “The documents do ➤



**John Brennan Director
Central Intelligence Agency**

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US Secretary of State John Kerry welcomes King Salman bin Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia



President George Bush speaks shortly after the 9/11 attacks



not shed any new light or change any of the conclusions about responsibility for the 9/11 attacks.” And in a concluding reference he acknowledged that whilst some questions will probably remain unanswered, “this information does not change the assessment of the US Government that there is no evidence that the Saudi Government or senior Saudi individuals funded al-Qaida.

There were references to two telephone numbers belonging to US-based Saudis found in a notebook carried by Saudi-born al-Qaida man Abu Zubaydah. A senior AQ operative, he

“The 28 pages were reviewed at the highest levels of US intelligence. The facts are clear: The Saudi Government played no role in 9/11...”

was arrested in Pakistan in 2002 and remains in Guantanamo Bay today. However, there was no evidence that the end users of these numbers could be connected to the attacks. Zubaydah featured strongly in an investigation into the CIA handling of his interrogation. Intelligence watchers believe Langley felt he had more information to impart. This type of data reflects the ‘dead end’ material used to generate terms like ‘fragmentary’ often cited by analysts reading the 28 pages.

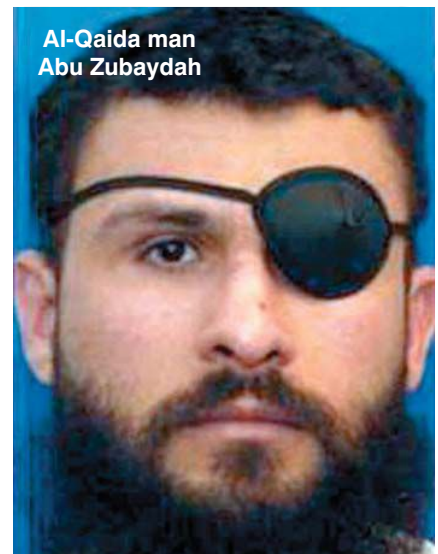
In response to the conclusions of the 28 pages, Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs Adel bin Al-Jubeir responded: “Saudi Arabi welcomes the release of the report about the 9/11 attacks. The time has come to end rumours and conspiracies. The 28 pages were reviewed at the highest levels of US intelligence. The facts are clear: The Saudi Government played no role in 9/11. Now that declassification is complete, we hope to continue our close cooperation with the US in the fight against terrorism.”

Mr Al-Jubeir also tackled the subject of terrorism financing on a wider scale: “Since 9/11, the Kingdom has embarked on a series of major steps to confront the men, money and mindset that ferments terrorism. We have put



in place an unprecedented financial control system to stop the funding of extremist causes and terrorism.” He went on to say that “terrorism has no religion and it is incumbent upon all of us to do everything in our power to defeat terrorism.”

The Kingdom’s Ambassador to the United States, Abdullah Al-Saud, who had been advised on the content added: “The papers confirm neither the Saudi Government, nor



**Al-Qaida man
Abu Zubaydah**

senior Saudi officials, nor any person acting on behalf of the government provided any support or encouragement for these attacks."

For Washington's Establishment who want to draw a line under this most controversial issue, one would think release of the redacted documents would secure closure. However, the case is made more complex by a legal happening in May. The House Foreign Affairs Committee held a meeting discussing another controversial bill passed by the Senate that would create rights for the victims of 9/11 to actually sue Saudi Arabia. That in turn provoked a response from the Kingdom which warned of economic reprisals if Congress passed the 9/11 bill.



**Riyadh. Saudi Arabian Minister of Foreign Affairs Adel bin Al-Jubeir with
US Secretary of State John Kerry**

INTELLIGENCE IN FOCUS THE WAR AGAINST ISIS

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home, in the privacy of their family, that the couple were targeted." Valls linked the killings in Magnanville to the massacre at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. "It was the same ideology, the same conviction... killing to prevent us living normally. It is a global threat and the end of a certain form of insouciance for our societies. It will be a long battle probably for a generation."

A search of Abballa's residence in the suburb of Mantes-la-Jolie revealed a list of 'rappers', journalists, police officers and public personalities. Intelligence officials in the US and UK have acknowledged that ISIS has



Abballa made a video

drawn up listings of hundreds of people, including their addresses.

Seven police and soldiers have been killed by terrorists in France since 2012, but this is the first time an ISIS operative has targeted an individual policeman.

EURO 2016 ARRESTS

Around forty people were detained in connection with planned attacks to disrupt the European football tournament in France (EURO 2016). French and Belgium CT forces acting on intelligence and information provided by a number of informants, including some connected to the Brussels attack,

arrested the suspects who were "ready to strike," according to sources. One Belgian police official said a "network of terrorists based in Brussels were preparing to mobilise." This follows intelligence secured by an unnamed agency (believed to be Greek) that a group of Syrian-based ISIS fighters had departed the country and were heading to the sporting event to cause mayhem.

In Belgium, police searched over 100 addresses and buildings. Their primary objective was to locate explosives and weaponry. However, a spokesman from the Federal Prosecutor's Office said:



"The investigatory results necessitated an immediate intervention," but said no materials were discovered. In respect of the 22 March Brussels attack which killed 32 people, Belgian police have arrested a further six suspects who they believe were involved.

Thankfully the football tournament was not disrupted and no major terrorist-related incidents occurred.



Counter-terrorism security for Euro 2016 was successful

LAST WORD

THE CHILCOTT REPORT

LONDON: John Prescott was Deputy Prime Minister during Tony Blair's tenure at Downing Street. On digesting the contents of The Iraq Inquiry, he made several comments - most reflecting his regret at supporting the decision to go to war with Iraq in 2003. "UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said as regime change was the prime aim of the Iraq War, it was illegal. With great sadness and anger, I now believe him to be right." He also acknowledged his role in the decision making and added, "I take my share of the blame."

Interestingly, Lord Prescott said the intelligence reports were based on "discussions at receptions and prejudiced sources, amounting to 'tittle tattle' not hard evidence." More importantly, he admitted MI6 and other intelligence elements had "warned of the inadequacies of such intelligence sources."

Lord Prescott apologised to the families who lost their lives.



John Prescott

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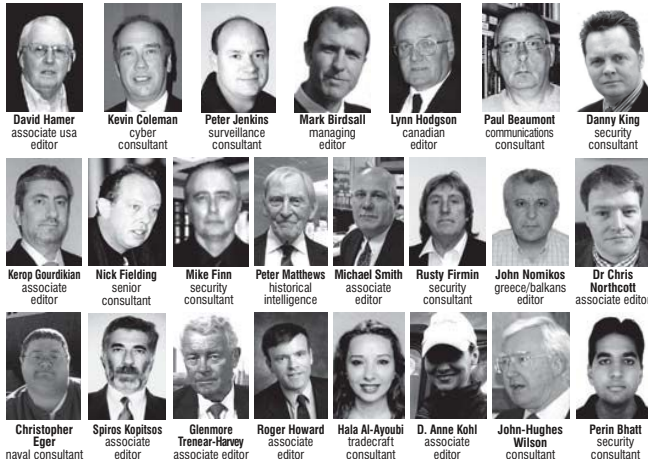
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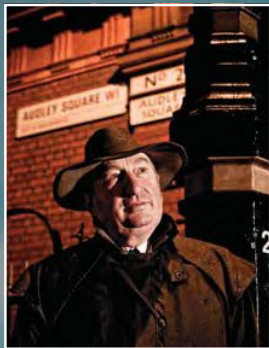
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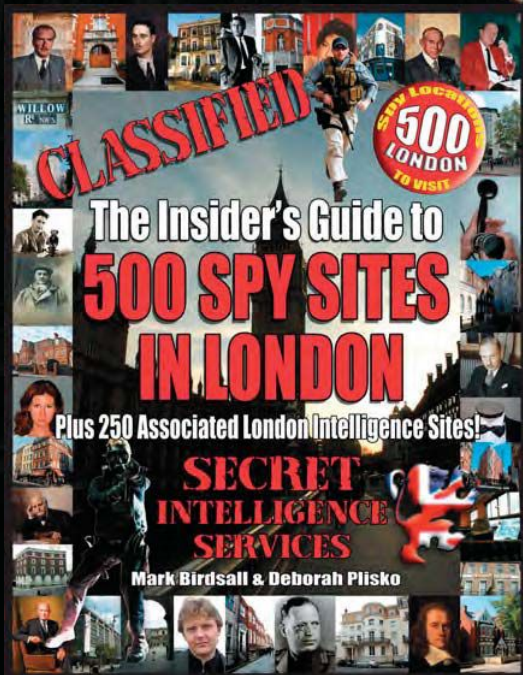


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