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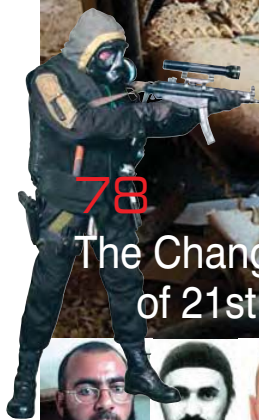


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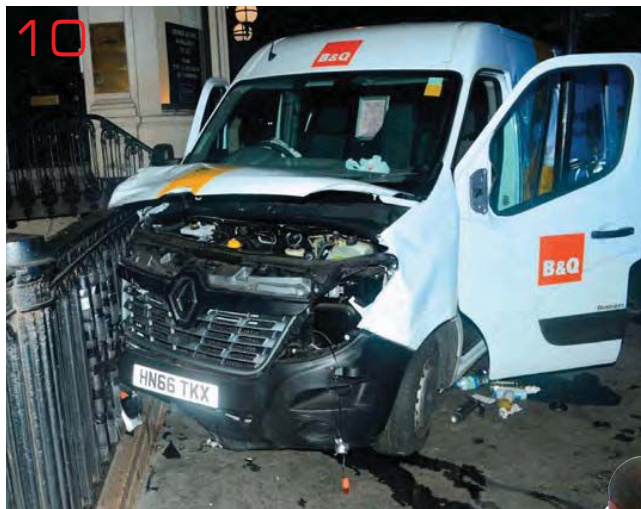
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"People showed incredible bravery... we have stories of people armed with chairs, bottles, anything they could to prevent the attackers from hurting people..."

Dean Haydon Commander - NSY Counter Terrorism Command



FIRST WORD

THE ILLEGALS: MOSCOW'S SPIES ON THE MARCH AGAIN



Two more significant terrorist events in the last few weeks in London have once again dominated the news. Both involved vehicles and were directed at innocent civilians. The brave actions of various people and the security services helped keep casualties to a minimum, but this won't be of much comfort to those who suffered losses. Nor do I suspect we have seen the last of such appalling acts, with MI5 already engaged in various operations to derail emerging plots by people from all backgrounds and faiths. Expect arrests in the next few weeks. And with this in mind, Eye Spy has prepared an interesting feature on that most dreaded of topics and challenges faced by analysts - profiling a terrorist.

Away from the darker side of intelligence work, there are numerous warnings that Russia's spy agencies are once again on the march. With the passing of a most senior Cold War veteran and KGB man, our editors have pieced together a fascinating series of articles revealing some of Moscow's more overt actions and its infamous illegals programme.

We have also prepared a number of notes on the tradecraft of communications and espionage - a look at how contact and the passing and receiving of intelligence has evolved over the decades.

MARK BIRDSALL, MANAGING EDITOR



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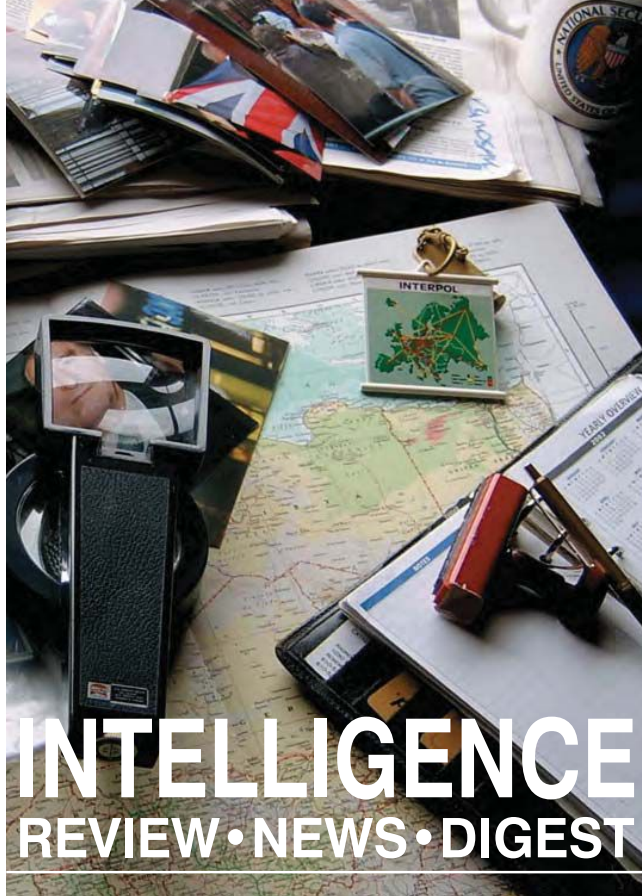
AN ASTONISHING INTELLIGENCE HAUL

Occasionally an intelligence agency will acknowledge the loss of documents or secrets to a foreign adversary, so too material secreted away by one of its own employees who have a private agenda. But what happens when such actions continue for a prolonged period? The answer can be found in the extraordinary case of NSA contractor Harold Martin.



He recently pleaded guilty to the largest theft of government documents in US history. Federal authorities say they found the equivalent of half-a-billion pages of stolen documents stored at his home. His indictment alleges that for as long as two decades, Harold Martin flagrantly abused the trust placed in him by stealing documents containing highly classified government information. He now faces a 200-year sentence.

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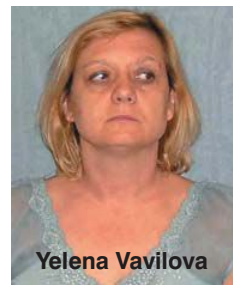
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GHOST STORIES

Citizenship Restored for Son of Spies

Alex Vavilov, (born Alexander Foley), the son of two Russian spies uncovered in the FBI Operation Ghost Stories, has had his Canadian citizenship restored.

Alex and his older brother Tim, were born and raised in Canada but were stripped of citizenship when their parents, Andrey Bezrukov and Yelena Vavilova (a.k.a. Donald Heathfield and Tracey Lee Ann Foley), were arrested in 2010 for espionage.



Yelena Vavilova

The boys were given Russian citizenship under the names Alexander and Timofei Vavilov, but currently reside outside Russia



Andrey Bezrukov

and say they feel no real connection to the country. "I feel like I have been stripped of my own identity for something I had nothing to do with," Alex told the *Guardian* newspaper last year. A Toronto court has overturned the original ruling for Alex who was 16 at the time, and he will be allowed to return to Canada. Lawyers for the family hope the same decision will be granted to older brother Tim.

INTELLIGENCE LEAKS ON RISE

CIA Director Mike Pompeo Blames Edward Snowden For 'Explosion' in Leaks Culture

From web sites such as WikiLeaks, to individuals seeking notoriety, the intelligence world has never been more fearful of the loss of secrets. Accepting nation states will always seek an advantage by performing espionage (in all its forms), Mike Pompeo, CIA Director, has warned there is a growing number of people who are following in the

footsteps of 'rogue' individuals such as NSA/CIA Edward Snowden.

Pompeo believes Snowden's actions have accelerated "the culture of leaking," and therefore raised the stakes in respect of national security. He said there are those who "worship Edward Snowden" and described the situation as "very dangerous."

Pompeo said: "In some ways I do think leaking has accelerated. Some people steal American secrets for the purpose of self-aggrandisement or money... whatever their motivation may be, but it does seem to be on the increase."

The CIA man appointed by President Trump earlier in the year, categorised WikiLeaks along with hostile nations in respect of espionage, stating both "steal secrets for the sole purpose of undermining the United States and democracy." However, he insists new measures will "deter leakers" and has promised to "punish" those who are caught. Despite the threats, Pompeo acknowledged the leaks culture has gained momentum and has a growing band of followers - some in the intelligence community - who pose an even greater threat.

Snowden, a temporary resident of Russia, and Julian Assange, co-



Edward Snowden

founder of WikiLeaks who remains in 'captivity' at the Embassy of Ecuador in London, are high priority targets of Langley. Responding to Mr Pompeo's comments, Snowden said: "It's no surprise. The CIA is baffled to find the public respects those who reveal official crimes more than those who commit them." WikiLeaks referenced a response by Assange, who accused Pompeo of "waging war on whistleblowers."



Julian Assange

D/CIA Pompeo believes the leaks culture threatens national security



ELSA & OUTLAWCOUNTRY

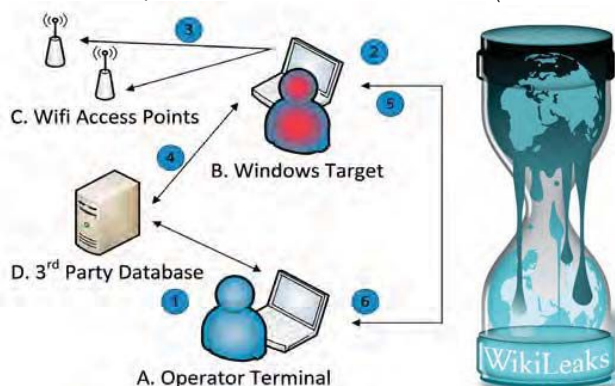
MORE CIA SECRETS LOST IN SPACE

Langley's new warning of the 'culture of leaks' (see opposite), coincided with a new release of CIA documents by WikiLeaks. The material, uploaded at the end of June, is part of the conspiracy web site's plan to 'drip drip' intelligence VAULT 7 files secured from a number of sources, including Snowden, of course.

The documents reflect the work of a CIA team engaged in direction finding and electronic surveillance. WikiLeaks said that Langley's programme is directly linked to cyber in that a virus is uploaded into a computer or electronic

device attached to the Internet (Microsoft Windows). Using various techniques, some involving Wi-Fi networks and signals, the Agency can then secure a 'rough location' of the place of operation.

The project, codenamed Elsa, was initiated four or five years ago, but it hardly involves new technology. However, there are certain elements which are most secret, including methods to remove all traces of Elsa. And, because of the growing use of Wi-Fi (area cover-



age), the detection rate and accuracy of a search is much greater than in previous years.

Intelligence watchers believe Elsa is used in various situations, one of course is to track terrorists. Others believe security of agents operating overseas has once again been compromised. "Part of the programme enables the CIA to monitor and locate its own operatives," Eye Spy was told.

Another associated leak identifies a CIA programme called OutlawCountry. A description attached to the file reads: 'OutlawCountry allows for the redirection of all outbound network traffic on the target computer to CIA controlled machines for exfiltration and infiltration purposes. The malware consists of a kernel module that creates a hidden netfilter table on a Linux target. With knowledge of

the table name, an operator can create rules that take precedence over existing netfilter/iptables rules and are concealed from a user or even system administrator'.

The programme, according to a number of cyber specialists, is not yet fully understood. However, most agree it is directed at users of the Linux operating system and intended to redirect outbound Internet traffic to a target computer controlled by the CIA.

Since Spring 2017, WikiLeaks has released a plethora of files on associated CIA projects, including:

AfterMidnight, Archimedes, Athena, Brutal Kangaroo, Cherry Blossom, Dark Matter, Elsa, Grasshopper, Hive, Marble Framework, OutlawCountry, Pandemic, Scribbles, Weeping Angel

MYSTERY OF ISRAEL'S 'M'

Secret Service Position Finally Filled

Israel has announced that the head of Shin Bet's southern district is to be appointed as National Security Adviser. And far from revealing his name, protocol dictates that the new appointee can at this moment, only be identified or referred to as 'M'.

The new advisor, said to be well-versed in cyber research, will also serve as the head of the National Security Council in Prime Minister's Benjamin Netanyahu's

Office. The post had been filled by Yossi Cohen, but following his appointment as Director of the Mossad, the position remained vacant for over 18 months.

What can be disclosed is that 'M' was born in 1966 and has served in a number of senior positions within Shin Bet. He first joined the Agency in 1989 after serving with the Israeli Army's Givati Brigade. As chief of the southern district of the security service, he was



responsible for the prevention of terrorist attacks in Gaza and the Sinai. Once his appointment is approved, first by a civil service appointments vetting committee,

and then by Netanyahu's own cabinet, the 'mystery' man's identity will be revealed.

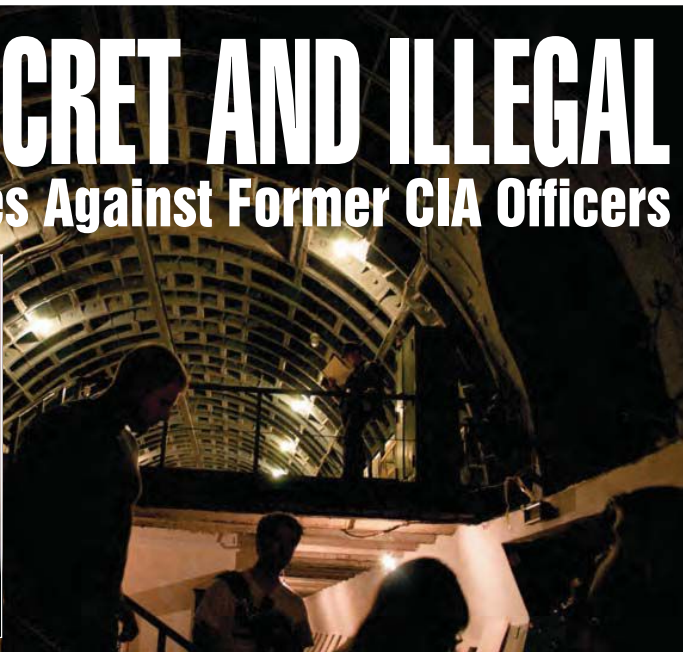


TOP SECRET AND ILLEGAL

Spy Charges Against Former CIA Officers



Kevin Patrick Mallory



agents again. However, instead he was greeted by officers of the FBI.

Subsequent analysis of the recording device revealed messages sent by Mallory read:

'Your object[ive] is to gain information, and my object is to be paid for...'
'The black was to cross out the security classification (TOP SECRET//ORCON)'
'I have arranged for a USD account in another name. You can send the funds broken into 4 equal payments over 4 consecutive days'

The FBI also found eight documents Mallory gave his Chinese

Former CIA employee, Kevin Patrick Mallory, 60, of Leesburg, Virginia, was arrested and arraigned on charges of gathering or delivering defense information to aid a foreign government and making material false statements. During his time at Langley, Mallory was stationed in China, Taiwan and Iraq.

Mallory, who is currently a self-employed consultant with GlobalEx LLC, is accused of selling secret documents to Chinese intelligence officers who

posed as employment recruiters. He held a Top Secret Clearance (TSC) with the CIA until 2012 and speaks fluent Mandarin. Following his service with the CIA, he allegedly approached the Chinese and subsequently travelled to Shanghai in March and April this year where he exchanged documents for \$25,000. He was given a recording device by agents and instructions to "obtain more information."

Mallory discussed the situation with a former colleague and arranged to meet the Chinese



Mallory's home in Leesburg is surrounded by FBI agents.
Records show he paid \$1,156,000 for the house in 2005

TRADING INTEL PLACES

Senior French Intelligence Directors Stepping Down

The heads of all France's major intelligence and security services are to retire: Bernard Bajolet of the DGSE (Direction Générale de la Sécurité Extérieure), the foreign intelligence service; Patrick Calvar, Director of the DGSi (Direction Générale de la Sécurité Interne), the domestic intelligence service and Christophe Gomar of the DRM (Direction du Renseignement Militaire), military intelligence.

The announcement follows the retirement of senior intelligence officer Rene Bailly, the Director of DRPP (Direction du

Renseignement de la Prefecture de Police de Paris) the head of intelligence within Paris Police,



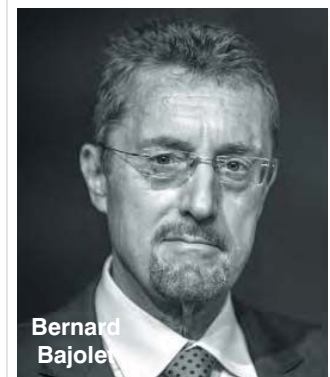
who left in April 2017. He was replaced by Francoise Bilancini, the first ever female to head an intelligence agency in France.

Finding experienced replacements is now one of the highest priorities of new French President, Emmanuel Macron, who assumed office in May 2017.

French Intelligence has seen several major structural and organisational changes in recent years, with many previous name designations disappearing. The DGSE for example, now has just four directorates (from five).



These are Counter-Proliferation of WMD, Counter-Terrorism and Economic Intelligence - titles which remain unchanged.



Bernard Bajolet



Jeffrey Sterling

contacts were classified Secret or Top Secret. He had also arranged for an additional meeting that would have taken place in June to exchange new material. Mallory faces life in prison if found guilty.

THE IRAN INTEL LEAKER

In Richmond, A federal appeals court upheld a three-and-a-half-year prison sentence for a former CIA officer and solicitor found guilty of leaking government secrets to a reporter. Jeffrey Sterling, was convicted under the Espionage Act in 2015 after being accused of divulging details to *New York Times* journalist James Risen of a CIA mission (Operation Merlin) aimed at stalling Iranian nuclear ambitions. Parts of the covert CIA operation regarding Iran's attempt to build a nuclear weapon, were detailed in Risen's 2006 book *State of War: The*

Secret History of the CIA and Bush Administration.

Sterling, who worked as an operations officer on the CIA's Iran Desk (Near East and Far East Division), denied being the source; his prison sentence currently expires in 2018.



James Risen

THE CIA CONTRACTOR

AND PAKISTAN'S INTER SERVICES INTEL AGENCY



CIA man Raymond Davis under arrest

Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan, the country's former cricket captain, has advised every Pakistan citizen to read the book *The Contractor: How I Landed in a Pakistani Prison and Ignited a Diplomatic Crisis*, written by former CIA man Raymond Davis. In a tweet Khan wrote: 'Every Pakistani should read the book to understand why we are treated with so little respect internationally'.

Davis' book details the role of former Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Ahmed Shuja Pasha and an incident which caused major ripples in Pakistan. Davis, a CIA contractor, was arrested for the killing of several men brandishing weapons in Lahore,

January 2011; a shooting he says was carried out in self-defence. He spent 49 days in prison. The affair resulted in a diplomatic crisis between Pakistan and the United States. He was released on 16 March 2011, an action which Khan believes was orchestrated by Ahmed Shuja Pasha, after the families of two of the killed men received \$2.34 million. Davis immediately returned to America. Khan insists the intelligence and military collaboration allowed a "cold blooded killer to walk away scot free."

PTI is a political party in Pakistan founded in 1996 by Khan. Its rapid growth has created a tri-party system, in which it opposes both the leftist People's Party and the conservative PML-N.

Christophe Gomart



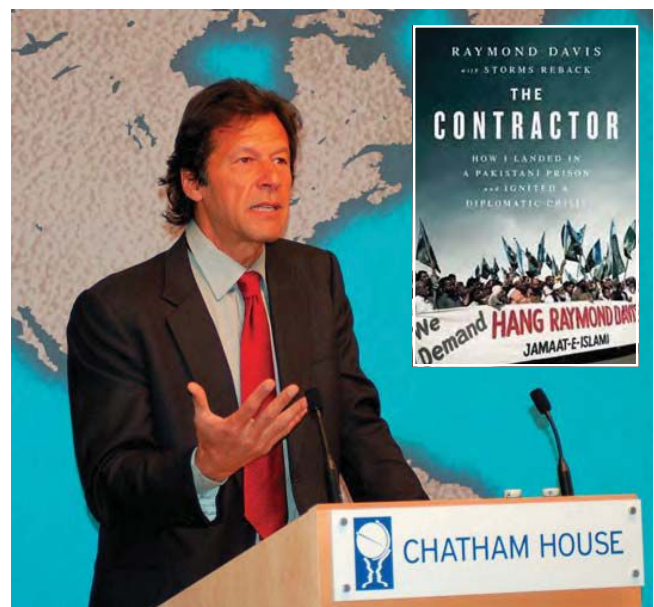
However, the Directorate of Geopolitical and Counter-Intelligence has changed its name to Foreign Politics Intelligence, and dropped the Counter-Intelligence signature altogether. A new directorate called the Research Service has been created.

DGSE RECRUITMENT



PARIS: France's DGSE is boosting its staffing levels by recruiting around 1,000 people in the next two years, to 7,100 by 2019.

At the top of the organisation's 'wanted list' are linguists in Russian, Chinese and Farsi. "All kinds of telecoms and IT experts also interest us, from cryptomathematicians to super geeks," said Charles Moreau (above), head of DGSE personnel administration. Moreau acknowledged the task will be difficult because of the challenges in recruiting in a competitive marketplace against larger industrial groups and the private sector.



Imran Khan believes a conspiracy surrounds the release of CIA man Raymond Davis and Pakistan's ISI

THE NEMTSOV SANCTION

Murder of Putin Critic Far From Solved As Five Men Jailed

Two years after the assassination of Putin critic Boris Nemtsov, 55, in Moscow, five Chechen men have been found guilty of carrying out the contract killing. Nemtsov was gunned down as he was walked across the Bolshoy Moskvoretsky Bridge in central Moscow. Many in the intelligence world believe he was shot because of his investigative work on a report examining Russia's role in Ukraine.



Boris Nemtsov

After ten months of hearings, a jury convicted Zaur Dadayev, a former soldier in Chechnya, for firing the six shots and Anzor Gubashev, Shadid Gubashev, Temirlan Eskerkhanov and Khamzat Bakhayev guilty of aiding and abetting in the killing.

Solicitors for the Nemtsov family insist that not all the perpetrators were uncovered in the subsequent investigation. They say that while there was motive for the perpetrators - \$250,000 allegedly promised for his 'removal' - there was no real attempt to establish who instructed the assassins and the reason why. Colleagues say that despite the evidence identifying people close to Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov, a close personal friend of Putin, there was little "ambition" to explore other more dark evidence.

Nemtsov's daughter Zhanna Nemtsova, 33, a journalist and social activist with German broadcaster Deutsche Welle, also said there were "many loose ends" and called the case "unsolved." Speaking to journal-



Flowers at the scene of Nemtsov's murder on Bolshoy Moskvoretsky Bridge, near the Kremlin.
Inset: In 2016, Zhanna Nemtsova received an International Women of Courage Award in Washington DC



ists, Zhanna said: "So the investigators and the court are doing their best to hinder establishing the motive. It is obvious to Russians, Europeans and Americans and for people all over the world, that it was a political murder, it is a murder of a former deputy prime minister of Russia - that has never happened in contemporary Russian history. And they are cowardly denying it. They are denying an obvious thing without offering any other convincing motive."

A Kremlin spokesman acknowledged that those who instructed the Chechen assassins had not yet been found, and the process could take years. The spokesman also said it was up to the Investigative Committee - not the Kremlin - to decide on any further legal action.

OPERATION LENA SPY

Abwehr Agent Who Committed Suicide 76 Years Ago Gets Name Plaque on his Final Resting Place

Seventy six years after the death of Nazi spy Willem Ter Braak, Cambridge authorities have allowed his family to erect a headstone on his unmarked grave. Born



Engelbertus Fukken in the Netherlands, Braak was recruited by the Abwehr to take part in Operation Lena - an endeavour to send spies to Britain to prepare for the planned German invasion.

Braak parachuted into Britain in late October or early November 1940, carrying false papers and a radio transmitter in a small suitcase. He made his way to Cambridge and found lodgings with a couple named Sennitt at 58 St. Barnabas Road, who accepted his story of having come from Holland during the Dunkirk evacuation. He installed his suitcase transmitter in his room but by Christmas the batteries started running down, and he could only communicate with his Abwehr handlers by letters, written with secret ink.

Not having registered with local police, suspicions started to mount and within months fast diminishing on 29 March he deposited a large case in the left luggage office at Cambridge Railway Station and disappeared. Braak then made his way to a public air raid shelter in Christ's Pieces Park, where he committed



Willem Ter Braak

suicide, using an Abwehr-issued pistol.

His story was suppressed by the government and his body buried in an unmarked grave in the parish cemetery at Great Shelford. After contact by Braak's family in the Netherlands, the local authority has accepted their request to erect a headstone on the grave with his name on it. The family is now preparing the stone, which will have a simple inscription: 'Engelbertus Fukken - 28 VIII 1914 The Hague, 30/31 III 1941 Cambridge'.

THE THIRD DIRECTION

LEGAL ATTEMPT TO EXAMINE UK INTEL INVESTIGATIVE METHODS

A legal challenge brought about by civil rights' groups Reprieve and Privacy International, could allow access to some of MI6's most secret inner mechanisms of gathering intelligence. The groups have formed an alliance to bring before the Investigatory Powers Tribunal (IPT), a challenge to activities they describe as "highly intrusive." The IPT is mainly responsible for



Maya Foa

overseeing and ruling on secret operations performed by all arms of British Intelligence.

The new action follows three 'directions' issued a few years ago by former Prime Minister David Cameron's government. These surround regulations concerned with the Intelligence Services Commissioner's Office to "supervise highly invasive and covert intelligence activities." The inner working of two of the three 'directions' were released in the public domain, though both were redacted in part. And though the third 'direction' has been referenced in public, it was redacted in its entirety thus disallowing analysis by interested parties who believe it is just as "intrusive and controversial" as the other two.

Reprieve Director Maya Foa, in relation to current Prime Minister

Theresa May's government said: "We know this secret policy hides a large area of covert activity that is at least as serious and intrusive as interrogating detainees overseas and the mass collection of personal data. We also know from bitter experience that without basic transparency, British spooks are liable to cross legal and ethical red lines. The Prime Minister needs to stop hiding behind this secret Third Direction... and tell the public what her government is up to."

Privacy International Legal Officer Millie Wood added: "It is wrong in principle for there to be an entire area of intelligence activity about which the public knows nothing about."

Both Reprieve and Privacy International want the government to publish in full the Third Direction, though this is highly



unlikely, unless of course the Investigatory Powers Tribunal agrees to their request.



The Rt Hon Sir John Goldring is the current Intelligence Services Commissioner. Following his appointment in January 2017, he released a statement:

'As Commissioner I provide independent external oversight of the use of the intrusive powers of the UK intelligence services and parts of the MOD. I will undertake this duty rigorously and entirely independently of government, Parliament and the intelligence agencies'.

THE LONDON BRIDGE OUTRAGE

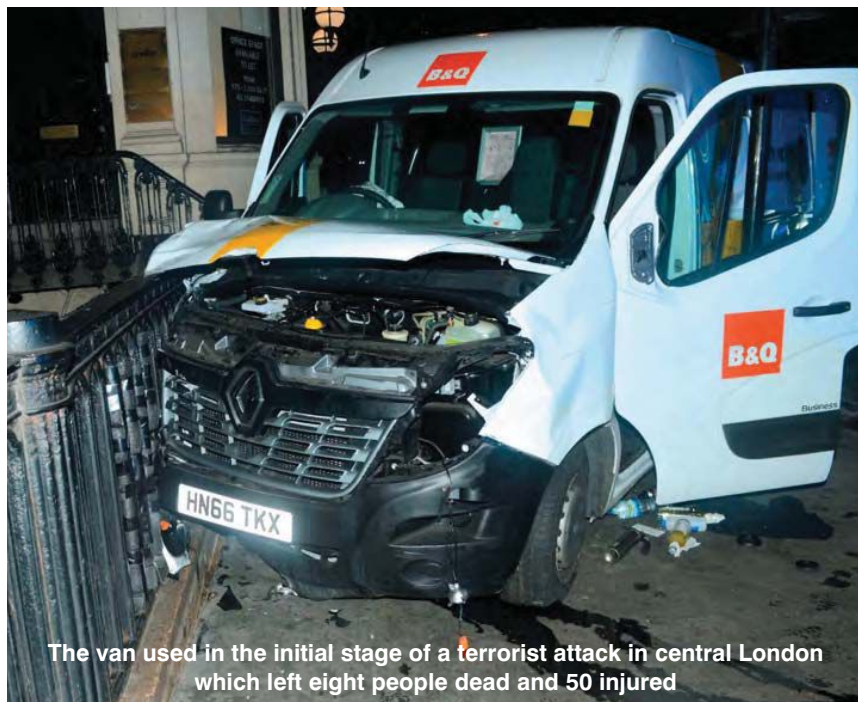
ANATOMY OF A TERRORIS'

A HIDDEN ADVANTAGE



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ST ATTACK



The van used in the initial stage of a terrorist attack in central London which left eight people dead and 50 injured

QUESTIONS RAISED OVER MI5 SURVEILLANCE

As pages of Eye Spy 109 rolled off printing presses containing details of the appalling Manchester Arena terrorist attack, details flashed across international newswires of another outrage unfolding on the streets of London. Much has already been written about the 3 June incident involving three men intent on bloodshed, but to recap, their callous actions resulted in the deaths of eight innocent people - a further 50 were injured. In the aftermath, the media focussed on the background of the terrorists, and apparent intelligence failures. In this compact feature, our editorial team has selected a

number of primary points which British Intelligence officials are now examining behind closed doors, suffice it to say, when the folder is finally filed, not all its content will be revealed. For its part, MI5 has acknowledged an internal overview of the case is being pursued, primarily to see if anything was missed or if better analysis and procedures could have prevented the attack. Also being assessed - intelligence sharing methods, analysis and a little used term called 'preventive strike authority'.

Similarly, experts in the fields of psychology, religion, counter-terrorism, security and public liaison have all attempted to answer questions

in relation to the 'mind of a terrorist', and why seemingly ordinary people embark on a journey that for most, has an inevitable conclusion. Even former supporters of ISIS and al-Qaida have joined the debate. And despite some highly qualified commentary already imparted, it is blatantly obvious that this burning question will remain open to debate, conjecture and speculation.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ATTACK

Three ISIS-inspired terrorists opted to mimic the actions of Khalid Masood (born Adrian Elms) as he drove a rental car over people on Westminster Bridge on 22 March, and then ➤



Attack organiser -
Khuram Shazzad Butt



Armed police assemble in Borough Market following the attack



The hire van used in the attack. Inside police discovered various items, including decorative garden path stones probably carried to add weight to the vehicle and 13 Molotov cocktails (inset)



stabbed police officer Keith Palmer to death near the entrance to the Parliament building. (See Eye Spy 109). The attackers, Pakistan-born Khuram Butt, 27, an asylum-seeker, Moroccan-born Rachid Redouane, 30, and Youssef Zagbha, 22, a Moroccan-Italian who worked in a London restaurant, had studied advice provided for by the terrorist group and freely available on the Internet.

At around 10.00pm, the men, travelling in a low-cost hire van, drove their vehicle at speed

into pedestrians on London Bridge, striking at least a dozen people. Several people jumped into the River Thames to avoid the car and at least one drowned. The body of French citizen Xavier Thomas was not discovered for five days. Three people died in the incident.

Following the bridge attack, the terrorists made their way to Borough Market by foot, after crashing their car at the southern end of the bridge. During their journey, the men slashed and stabbed a number of civilians.

The area is popular with locals and visitors alike and well known for its busy nightlife and many restaurants and bars. By now, the security services had been alerted and were already searching for the rogue vehicle. CCTV recorded the terrorists as they stabbed several more civilians, some who fought back bravely. One attacker shouted, "this is for Allah." In a series of stabbings, five people died.

At 10.16pm, around a dozen armed central London New Scotland Yard counter-terrorism



Two attackers search for targets in Borough Market - Khuram Butt is pictured left



The hire van used in the attack is driven away



A pedestrian crossing pillar struck by the attackers van on London Bridge

officers arrived at the scene. It didn't take them long to identify the prime suspects. Outside the Wheatsheaf public house the terrorists attempted to stab the officers but were duly shot dead. An off-duty police officer who tackled one terrorist was also seriously injured. Photographs soon emerged of the attackers lying on the ground. Around the waist of each terrorist a band of silver canisters - giving the appearance of a suicide vest. Following inspection by bomb disposal officers, the 'devices' proved to be harmless. However, to the unknowing, and in the dimming light, they looked convincing.

By 10.20pm, police had effectively nullified the threat, but neither MI5 or New Scotland Yard knew if all the attackers were dead, nor did they have any idea in respect of a possible support network or a secondary attack. An Army helicopter flew a specialist military unit to the scene; the troops were almost certainly

SAS. The identity of the terrorists was quite rightly withheld while specialists organised search operations. Within 12 hours, Counter Terrorism Command (CTC) officers had raided several addresses in the city associated with the attackers. During a week of CT operations, around 20 people, including women had been arrested. All were questioned and valuable intelligence gleaned on the attackers. Most were duly released without charge, but the raids continued as electronic media devices were examined and the investigation enlarged. At least seven have been charged with terrorist offences.

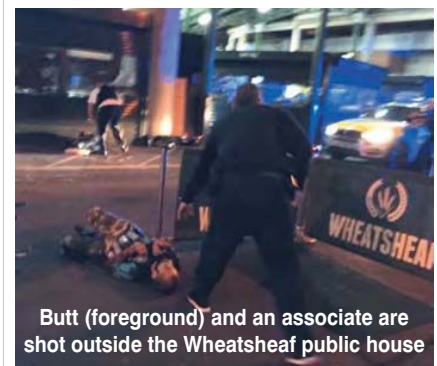
Nevertheless, analysts were satisfied the trio had played out the end game of a fairly basic attack alone, but one that had proven most effective. But there were a whole host of unanswered questions, not least if the terrorists had connections to other individuals, cells or were being controlled by a third party.



Youssef Zaghaba

FOCUS ON IDENTITY

Questions were soon raised about "intelligence failures," not least surrounding Khuram Butt, the suspected leader of the cell. Butt, a.k.a. Abu Zaitun, was a familiar face to MI5. His ties to some extremist outfits such as al-Muhajiroun (supporters of ISIS ideology) were known. His close friends, associates and family members knew he was a supporter of jihad. Up until 2016, he had worked as a customer support assistant at Transport for London. Eye Spy was also told he had ➤



Butt (foreground) and an associate are shot outside the Wheatsheaf public house

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The fake suicide bomb belts worn by the terrorists - probably intended for use in a siege situation



Security piles have now been built on London and Westminster Bridges (inset) to stop vehicles driving on paths. There has been some debate in recent times concerning such structures, but they are set to become part of the 'London scenery'

secured a Security Industry Authority (SIA) licence, which is a definite advantage when seeking employment in some jobs. This does involve scrutiny, and in most cases a criminal security check. This point is still to be confirmed.

Did MI5 have a file on Butt? The Security Service has thus remained quiet on this point, but MI5's first contact with him came after he

appeared in a British television documentary titled 'The Jihadi Next Door'. He was an extremist and not frightened of presenting his views in public. In one clip in the film, he is seen to unfurl a black flag, just moments later a radical preacher said it would "one day be flying over Downing Street." Others from al-Muhajiroun, a group which changed its name several times to avoid legal challenges, are known to have journeyed to Syria to join ISIS.

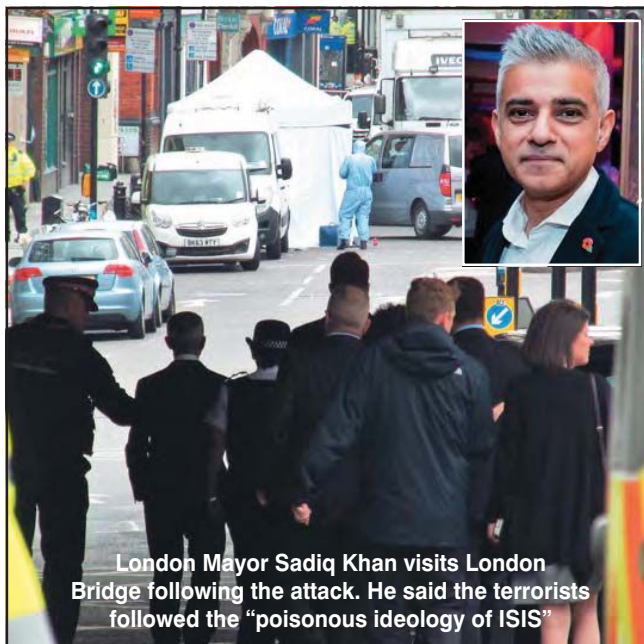


Butt appeared in a documentary called 'The Jihadi Next Door'

terrorist attack and there are serious questions for the authorities."

RECRUITMENT

Many of Butt's friends and family believe he was radicalised by Choudary. Thus, after contact with terrorist supporters and his appearance in the film, in 2015 he was placed on an MI5 watch list. Though he was surveilled for several months, he was not considered a 'primary threat'. NSY Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley, when asked why he was not investigated more thoroughly, said:



London Mayor Sadiq Khan visits London Bridge following the attack. He said the terrorists followed the "poisonous ideology of ISIS"

One long-time critic of al-Muhajiroun is Mohammed Shafiq, chief executive officer of the Ramadhan Foundation. Butt actually called Shafiq a traitor after he confronted preacher Anjem Choudary, who was its primary supporter. After the London attack, Shafiq said: "Many of us in the British Muslim community have been demanding action against these extremists but to no avail. I am not surprised that Khuram Butt carried out the



Forensic specialists outside the Borough Market attack location. The specialists are probably searching for spent cartridges and damage to buildings. A total of 46 rounds were used to shoot dead the attackers

"There was no intelligence to suggest that this attack was being planned." MI5 and the police had, to all intents and purposes, downgraded the Butt investigation.

Several people have since come forward and advised they had contacted the authorities about Butt and his underworld connections and "increasingly intolerant language."

ASSOCIATES

Moroccan-born Rachid Redouane, told friends he had ties to Libya. He also went by the name Rachid Elkhadar. After a search of his body an Irish identification card was found in his wallet. Questions were raised by officials after it was learned that he was a failed asylum seeker. After arriving in Britain in 2006, he was ordered to leave three years later. In 2012, he married a British woman in Dublin and it is known he was a frequent



Anjem Choudary

visitor to the UK and briefly took up residence, before moving back to Ireland in 2015. Like Butt, he had friends and associates in east London.

The third man, Youssef Zaghba, 22,



Rachid Redouane

16 - this after attempting to reach Syria to join ISIS. Questions have now been raised about just how much was known about the killer. Officials in Rome state they informed London about Zaghba. One Italian police officer who circulated his name, said: "I have a clear conscience." Zaghba was placed on at least two European watch lists.

Therefore, all three persons were known to some extent to various government departments, but pressure is on the Security Service, particularly in the case of Butt, to explain why he was not regarded as a 'primary watch target' instead being prioritised to the lower echelons. Indeed, Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said: "How on earth could we let this guy... through the net? MI5 must now answer questions over the monitoring of the attackers." However, to make such judgements post-event is easy, and no-one has

was a Moroccan-Italian who worked in a London restaurant. He was placed on an international watch list after being stopped by Italian security services in Bologna in



HEATHROW AIRPORT ATTACK RELATIVES SUSPENDED

Khuram Butt's sister, Haleema Butt, 28, and her husband, Usman Darr, have been suspended from their security jobs at London's Heathrow Airport. A Heathrow spokesman said: "Heathrow took appropriate action in close cooperation with the authorities in relation to two colleagues employed at the airport."



Haleema Butt

MI5 reportedly launched an investigation into the couple in June along with Heathrow security services. The mother-of-two had her employment terminated as a result of the probe, and Darr was suspended, although there is no suggestion Haleema Butt or Usman Darr are considered extremists or knew what Butt was planning.

Heathrow officials declined to release details of the background security checks its staff undergo, although a review of family history is normal for similar positions in public security fields.



Despite radical views - Khuram Butt found employment with London Transport



any idea yet, on the intelligence MI5 or NSY had on these individuals. Only now, following the deaths of the terrorists, is further information being secured and presented by those calling the London Bridge attack an "MI5 intelligence failure."

Prime Minister Theresa May, after chairing an emergency COBRA meeting, said "enough is

"With hindsight, Butt was a person who should have been surveilled with more intensity and vigour..."



This ceramic-bladed knife was found on Khuram Butt after he was shot dead outside the Wheatsheaf public house

enough," and promised new measures to tackle "crude terrorism on the streets of Britain and the single evil ideology of Islamic extremism." The introduction of tougher legislation could prove difficult, however, after a general election which dented her government's power. May said it was important to understand how the terrorists managed to avoid detection. She also called for more international cooperation to regulate the Internet, which she said was being used to spread extremism. Her views were shared by Home Secretary Amber Rudd who said, "ISIS is using cyber space for enemy propaganda purposes." Civil liberty groups have already voiced concerns in this area, warning against new CT and prevention tactics.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

As the days passed, MI5 and NSY specialists continued to widen the investigation. Some 200 people were interviewed from 20 countries, and more arrests followed - suggestive of a wider network of people engaged in support activities. It transpired Butt had attempted to hire a larger 7.5 tonne van on the morning of the attack, but his credit card declined. This could have resulted in more casualties on the bridge. "The effects could have been even worse," said Commander Dean Haydon of NSY. Inside the vehicle police discovered various items,

including heavy decorative stone bags and chairs. Analysts believe these items were carried in the event the vehicle was stopped - an excuse for transportation. Others believe the bags were used to add weight to the attack prowess of the van (for impact purposes).

Thirteen Molotov cocktail petrol bombs were also discovered in the discarded van. These were also certainly intended to be thrown into pubs and restaurants, though in the end, the terrorists opted to use knives.

Police released several photographs of the 'bomb belts' worn by the attackers. They were simply plastic bottles covered with silver masking tape and threaded together with a leather belt.

SELECTING TARGETS

Critics of MI5 seem oblivious to the many difficulties faced by those working in the field of detection and prevention. However, a salient point to remember surrounds the sheer number of people whose name has been entered into a sliding scale watch list. The government recently admitted, some 20,000 individuals are now regarded as 'persons of interest'. That is a staggering figure considering a proper surveillance and investigative unit operated by MI5 can number between 30-40 officers and analysts. Deciding which

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Victims L-R (clockwise): Alexandre Pigeard, Sebastien Belenger, Christine Archibald, Xavier Thomas, Ignacio Echeverria, James McMullan and Sara Zelenak



Following three attacks in London, security has increased



A CCTV camera recorded the three terrorists meeting at a London gym just five days before the attack

individual to engage with vigour is a task that requires much analysis and personal angst.

MI5 is involved in an astonishing 500 investigations involving around 3,000 people, and though all are designated important, some are elevated and involve dozens of officers and analysts who must assess information quickly and then present their findings for evaluation. Dependent on various factors, not least security and threats to public safety, a panel of senior officials will decide (or make a judgement) to either 1. continue surveillance

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"People showed incredible bravery... we have stories of people armed with chairs, bottles, anything they could to prevent the attackers from hurting people..."

NSY Commander and Counter Terrorism Command specialist Dean Haydon



A New Scotland Yard timeline of the London Bridge/Borough Market attack

FINSBURY PARK ATTACK

Terrorist Strikes in London

Shortly after midnight on 19 June, police received several telephone calls concerning a white van which had struck a number of people near Finsbury Park Mosque, London. Eyewitnesses said the driver had deliberately targeted a group of Muslim men on the pavement who had just departed the mosque.

They were attending to a person, later named as Makram Ali, 51, who had collapsed just prior to the incident outside the nearby Muslim Welfare House, on Seven Sisters Road. He later died from what police described as "multiple injuries."

Following the incident, the driver was confronted and held by angry worshippers. Moments later, Mohammed Mahmoud, the Imam of the mosque, interjected, shielded the attacker and calmed a volatile situation. His actions were commended by police.

Police were called at 12.20am and the attacker, named as Darren Osborne, 48, was duly arrested. "I'm going to kill all Muslims, you deserve it... I did my bit," he shouted. He faces various charges under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, murder and attempted murder. Eight people in total were injured and the incident is being investigated by New Scotland Yard's Counter Terrorism Command (CTC). Prime Minister Theresa May described the incident as terrorism and compared it to the recent Westminster and London Bridges attacks. "Hatred and evil will never succeed," she said. "He chose the same terrorist path," a police spokesman added.

Those who know Osborne, a father of four living in Cardiff, Wales, though originally from southern England, said he had "become very anti-Muslim and appeared troubled." A neighbour said he had "taken more and more to drink" following recent terrorist attacks in



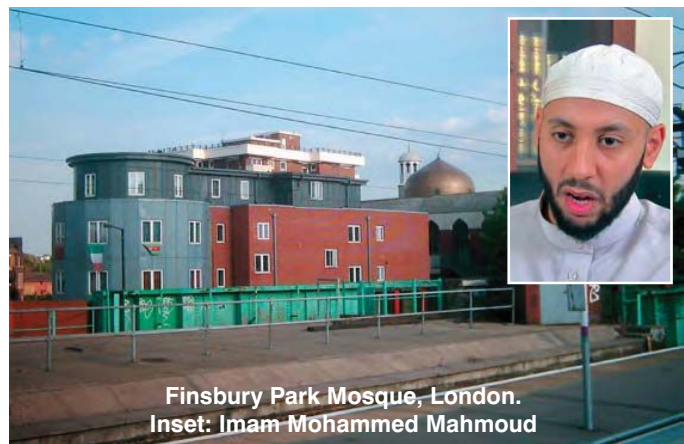
Darren Osborne - not known to MI5

the UK. Another branded him a "psycho" known for his bad temper and a penchant for wanting to fight.

Few would disagree with the incident being labelled terrorism. Osborne wanted to make a



Osborne is arrested



Finsbury Park Mosque, London.
Inset: Imam Mohammed Mahmoud



The hire van is driven away after being examined by forensic officers





Mayor of London Sadiq Khan meets with senior NSY officers at the scene of another terrorist attack in the capital

GEORGE MEDAL MURDERED OFFICER RECEIVES AWARD

Police officer Keith Palmer, 48, who was stabbed to death outside Parliament on 22 March 2017 by ISIS supporter Khalid Masood, is to be posthumously awarded the George Medal for his bravery.



The unarmed officer confronted Masood after he had driven over several people on Westminster Bridge. NSY Commissioner Cressida Dick said: "Keith acted that day with no thought for his own safety... intent simply on doing his job and protecting members of the public and Parliament."



A forensic team examine the hire van point, and just like the attackers at Borough Market, he rented a hire van which he duly drove to London (a distance of 150 miles) and waited near the mosque. And of course, the building was even busier as Muslims gathered for Ramadan.

Following the incident, senior officials, security people and politicians met with religious figures and members of the large Muslim community in the Finsbury Park area. All were adamant that the incident should be used as a platform for more dialogue, religious tolerance and removing hatred. Downing Street has already announced Britain will be reviewing its

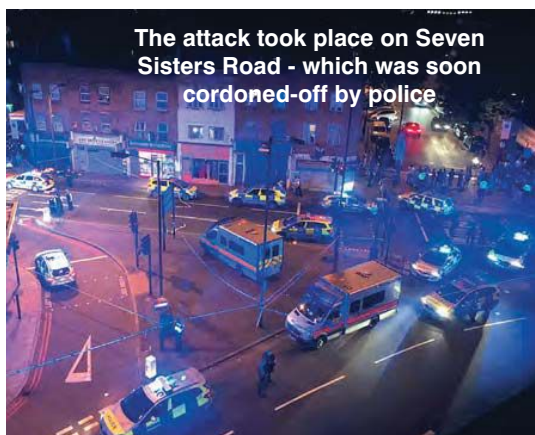
counter-terrorism strategy.

MI5 and specialist counter-terrorism officers duly searched Osborne's home in Wales. A Home Office official said Osborne was not known to the Security Service, and in all probability acted alone. Since events in Manchester and London, the rise in reported incidents (Islamophobia) against Muslims has risen. Police throughout the UK have said additional protection will be provided for worship goers at mosques.



Makram Ali

EDITOR'S NOTE: Osborne, though not part of a wider terrorist network, deliberately targeted a specific group within society. He intended to kill... to make a pseudo-political point. That in my opinion is terrorism. I don't think anyone can argue against this point. Osborne selected his targets and chose his attack vehicle;



The attack took place on Seven Sisters Road - which was soon cordoned-off by police



Religious leaders from all faiths met to discuss the attack with senior police officers - an event to display unity

there was a degree of planning involved. The Finsbury Park mosque is one of the biggest in London and the fact that it was the holy month of Ramadan is not coincidental. The real fear is this attack will create more distrust on the streets of Britain, and be copied by others.

Intelligence watchers from the Site monitoring group said white supremacists celebrated the attack, while pro-ISIS web sites also used the event to incite more violence. ■

CHAMPS-ELYSEES

Hours after the London incident at 3.50pm, a man drove a vehicle at a police van parked on the Avenue des Champs-Élysées in Paris. The driver, Adam Djaziri Lotfi, 31, of Tunisian and Polish origin who lived in the city and was on an internal French security watch list, was carrying a Kalashnikov rifle and handgun. Inside his vehicle were several canisters of an flammable gas that police assume were intended to detonate on impact. A number of these did explode and consumed the attacker. He died at the scene. French Interior Minister Gerard Collomb described the incident as a



Lotfi is shot dead by police



Like most major transport centres in Europe, armed police and soldiers are now deployed to protect civilians



Adam Djaziri Lotfi

Bakr al-Baghdadi. Four arrests were made shortly after the incident.

BRUSSELS CENTRAL STATION

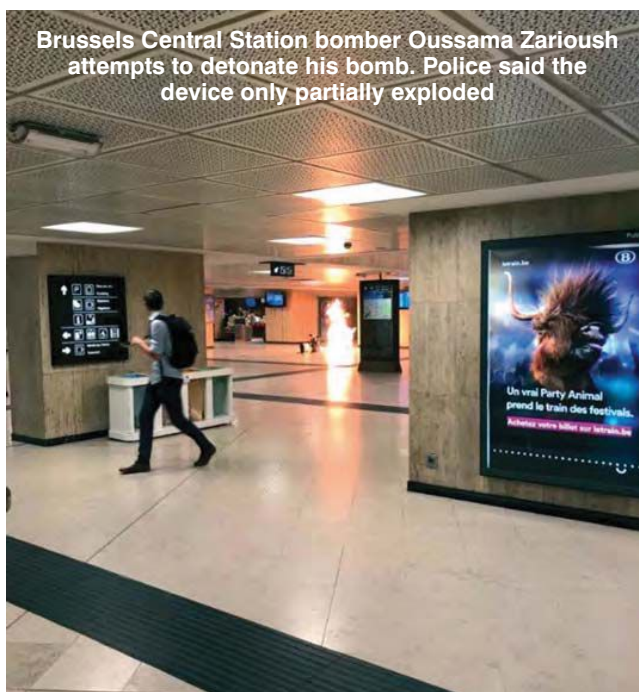
Also on 20 June, Belgian police shot dead another suspected ISIS suicide bomber at

“terrorist attack,” whilst CT officers said it was a “botched suicide bomb attempt.”

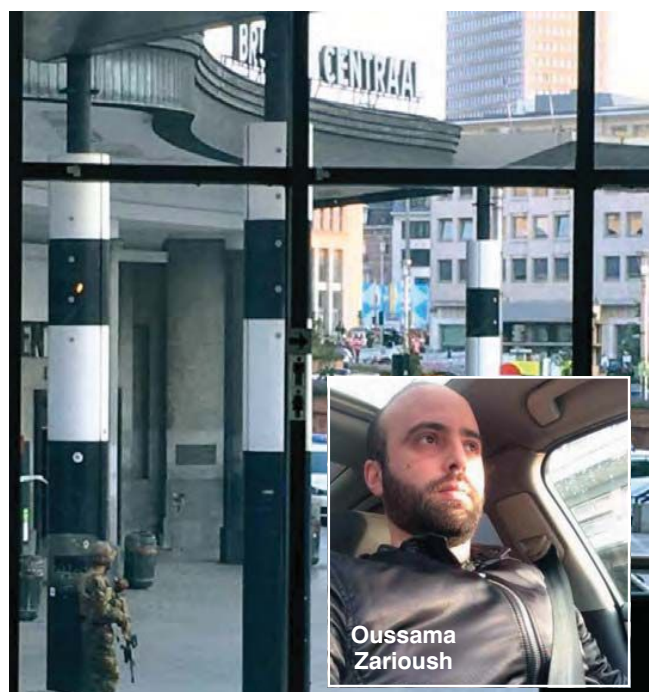
When police searched Lotfi’s body, they discovered a ‘farewell note’ to ISIS leader Abu

Brussels Central Station. The 36-year-old Moroccan-born attacker was carrying a bag packed with explosives when he was challenged by security officers at around 8.40pm. He charged at a group of around ten people standing on a platform but was immediately shot dead after he attempted to detonate his bomb.

Senior investigator Eric Van der Sypt said: “He grabbed his suitcase while shouting and caused a partial explosion. Fortunately nobody was hurt.” The bag contained an explosive material surrounded by nails and gas bottles. The attacker, Oussama Zariouh was “sympathetic towards ISIS,” and hailed from the Molenbeek district of the city - a known hub of terrorist activity. Several terrorists who attacked Paris in 2015 lived in this area.



Brussels Central Station bomber Oussama Zariouh attempts to detonate his bomb. Police said the device only partially exploded



Oussama Zariouh

LONG-TIME HEAD OF RUSSIAN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES PASSES

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

SPYMASTER THE NEW ILLEGALS

As General Yuri Ivanovich Drozdov - a thorn in the side of Western counter-intelligence agencies passes - US and British Intelligence warn Russian espionage activities have surpassed Cold War levels



1945. General Yuri Ivanovich Drozdov

The Soviet Union's former chief of undercover intelligence operations during the Cold War, known in Russia as the 'Special Period', General Yuri Ivanovich Drozdov, has died at the age of 91. He was director of Soviet covert (operations); architect and commander of the Vypel reconnaissance and sabotage unit of the USSR's external intelligence service; head of the Press Bureau and a key figure of the KGB's powerful Directorate S.

Drozdov came to the United States in 1975, where he took charge of the Soviet Intelligence Station in New York before being named head of



Richard and Cynthia Murphy - real names Vladimir and Lidiya Guryev. Two illegals who were part of a well established Russian spy network dismantled by the FBI in 2010 in an operation codenamed Ghost Stories

Directorate S. This element, made up of at least a dozen branches was the ultra-secretive wing of the KGB responsible for its global illegals programme. Its name distinguished it from the agency's 'legal' spy programme, in which overseas officers and agents operated under diplomatic cover using various bogus titles, including attache. Most of these operatives served in embassy positions, and whilst registered, were in fact little more than 'tentacles' of Moscow's worldwide spy network. The illegals (NOCs - non-official cover) were far more dangerous - engaged in long-term programmes - they often ➤



The illegals programme is decades old and allows agents to live 'normal' lives until they are called upon by Moscow's spymasters

sought residency and 'legitimate' work. This meant that an agent could stay in place and avoid the 'radar' of counter-intelligence and domestic spy agencies such as MI5 and the FBI. Others were not called upon until required (sleeper agents), sometimes remaining obscure and uncalled upon for years.

From 1979 until 1999, Drozdov ran agents (men and women) who adopted cover identities using birth details of the dead, and who quietly gathered intelligence for the Soviet Union during the long years of the Cold War. Jason Matthews, a former long-time CIA officer with Langley's clandestine service who

has written several splendid books on espionage, including *The Kremlin's Candidate*, likened their activities and life-style to that portrayed in the popular US spy drama - 'The Americans'. He too referenced the often long-term role of illegals. "Can you image the CIA telling a Western [intelligence] officer you have to travel to China and live with a women we've selected as your wife for 20 years!"

For two decades Drozdov's agents lived quietly in non-descript American suburbs gathering intelligence about nuclear weapons, missile systems and Western intelligence efforts. Some work was of course more



Jason Matthews - spent 30 years with the CIA

mundane, whilst a number of operations almost certainly involved much darker activities - murder comes to mind. The



A PROMISE NOW COMING TO FRUITION

Six years ago President Vladimir Putin vowed to increase FSB activities against the West. This has culminated in two back-channel notices being issued to certain media houses by MI6 and the CIA alerting to a dramatic rise in the number of Russian agents now operating in America and Europe. Both the UK and USA have acknowledged that Kremlin sponsored-operations have surpassed levels not seen since the Cold War





The Kremlin has backed a dramatic increase in espionage activities



A still from the popular US spy drama - 'The Americans'

in 2010. That spy ring, of course, included the likes of Anna Chapman (see below).

Drozдов was involved in many other intelligence operations and situations, including the famous exchange of Rudolf Abel, the Soviet spy convicted of espionage in the US in 1957, for American CIA pilot Francis Gary Powers. He led KGB units in the December 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and created a new Special Forces unit within the agency, allowing it to professionalise its 'wet-affairs' operations (assassinations).

It was reported that during his tenure in the United States he developed a "fondness for Americans" and, after the fall of the Soviet Union, developed business partnerships and in 1992 founded Namakon ZAO in Moscow, a company that provided political analysis and performed background checks for Western businesses in Russia. Some intelligence analysts at the time questioned the ➤



General Yury Ivanovich Drozdov speaking to RIA in 2012

operation can be likened to the work of the illegals (spies) exposed and outed by the FBI on the eastern seaboard of the United States

A CLASSIC ILLEGAL CASE Banker, Advisor, Illegal... Spy



Evgeny Buryakov was arrested by the FBI in early 2015 and acknowledged he was an agent of the SVR, Russia's foreign intelligence service. Charged with espionage, the spy operated as an illegal, and thus was not protected by diplomatic immunity. His cover job in New York City was as Deputy Representative of the state-owned national development bank, Vnesheconombank. The FBI found Buryakov had threads to various other illegals.

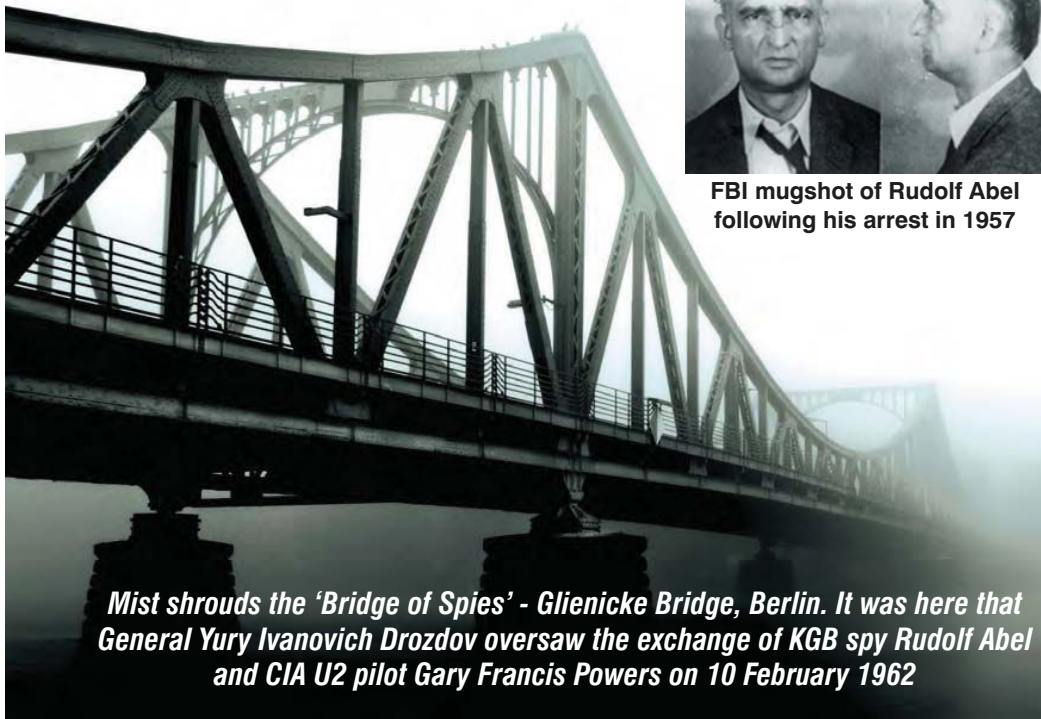
The Bureau had begun its investigation of Buryakov in 2013. Various surveillance and bugging operations ensued, and he was also befriended by an undercover FBI agent. This allowed the collection of damning evidence which the suspect could not contest.

Buryakov, who lived in the Bronx, received a reduced sentence of just 30 months after pleading guilty. Released early in March this year, he was deported from the United States six days later.

Vnesheconombank, Moscow

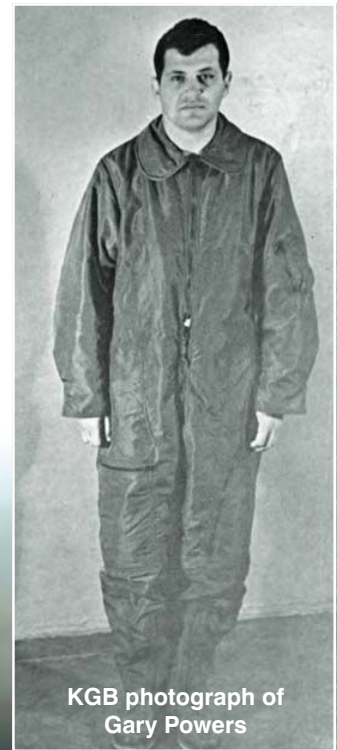


Anna Chapman (Anna Vasil'evna Kushchenko) pictured in 2011 - a year after her role with the SVR and an American-based spy ring was exposed. Inset: FBI mugshot of Chapman following her arrest. She was exchanged along with around ten colleagues for four prominent US and UK intelligence contact people



FBI mugshot of Rudolf Abel following his arrest in 1957

Mist shrouds the 'Bridge of Spies' - Glienicke Bridge, Berlin. It was here that General Yuri Ivanovich Drozdov oversaw the exchange of KGB spy Rudolf Abel and CIA U2 pilot Gary Francis Powers on 10 February 1962



KGB photograph of Gary Powers

company's true motives - believing it could have been a front company.

In an interview on the occasion of his 85th birthday in 2010, he was asked about the future of Intelligence:

"I look at the future of Intelligence optimistically. Because for all the history of the world's existence, man has always engaged in Intelligence. When a child peers through a keyhole, he's already begun to engage in Intelligence. And therefore without Intelligence, if we re-read biblical sources, society can't live. An intelligence service is needed in any state. Concerning our state (Russia), it's

imperative. We want to build our relations with the world correctly, move forward. And for that [reason] we're also obligated to possess a well-equipped illegal intelligence service with multifaceted training."

Even aged 85 he continued to operate in the shadows and retain his connections to the spy world: "My wife is still trying to convince me - 'enough... quit'. And I constantly answer... 'if I leave, I'll die'."

Kremlin's Quiet War

DISTRACTION AIDS A LENGTHY SPY PROJECT

Intelligence sources in the United States are reporting that "after years worth of inattention," Russian espionage has not only increased but it has become bolder, more sophisticated and assured. According to some

intelligence analysts, US officials "took their eye off the ball" in the 1990s when they believed Moscow's domestic and financial problems had diverted attention and resources away from SVR spy activities in America.



1964. Rudolf Abel (centre) with KGB Chairman Vladimir Semichastny (left) and fellow spy Konon Molody after his release

According to both former and current US officials, for the last 15 years America has focused a large portion of its intelligence resources on Central Asia and the Middle East and has ignored Russia. Vladimir Putin took



'Diplomats' are regularly breaking travel rules, but US Intelligence is unable to surveil all operatives

Russian Ambassadorial
Residence, Washington DC



President Putin and
Sergey Kislyak

Russia Accuses US of 'Daylight Robbery'

MOSCOW: Russia has demanded the immediate return of diplomatic properties seized by the US after claims Moscow hacked the General Election. In December 2016, 35 Russian diplomats were expelled and two compounds in Maryland and New York closed following suspicions that Russia interfered with the election. US officials said Moscow was using the compounds for "intelligence-related purposes."

President Putin did not retaliate at the time, saying he would wait to see how the situation was handled by incoming President Trump. The issue was raised when Putin met Trump for the first time at the G20 Summit in Hamburg in July. The US has now set 'pre-conditions' for the return of the property which has angered Russia. Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov (below) said: "It's like a daylight robbery. If Washington decides not to solve this issue, we will have to take counter actions."

Moscow is set to block use of a country house and a storage facility used by the US Embassy in Moscow.

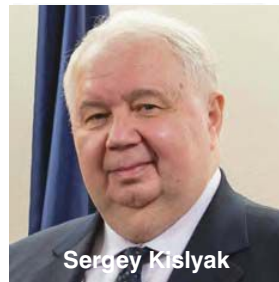


A SECRET OCCUPATION?

KREMLIN REJECTS AMBASSADOR SPY TALK

WASHINGTON: Russia's Ambassador to the United States is Sergey Kislyak. He has become embroiled in the on-going saga about Russian interference in the 2016 US General Election. This has led to suspicion the ambassador is much more than a diplomat.

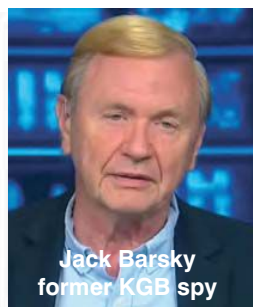
Kislyak has lived in Washington DC for nine years. Former US Ambassador to Russia, Michael McFaul, said of Kislyak: "He held all the most important jobs in the Foreign Ministry -



Sergey Kislyak

except one." Describing him as "effective and experienced," McFaul added: "You're never confused about what country he's representing."

Current and former US Intelligence officials have described Kislyak as a senior spy and recruiter of spies, a viewpoint dismissed by Russian officials. Jack Barsky is one such person who believes the Russian has spy links - dating back to his first engagement in the USA in the early 1980s. Barsky, a former spy with the KGB who was turned by US Intelligence,



Jack Barsky
former KGB spy

believes that whilst Kislyak may have been posted as a diplomat, he believes he was either a KGB officer or reported to the spy agency on American affairs. Allegations vehemently denied by officials in the Kremlin.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova responded sarcastically: "I'll reveal a top secret - diplomats do work, and their job is to establish contacts with people."

- In late June, it was reported Kislyak had been recalled back to Russia. It was widely believed his next posting would be the United Nations.

advantage by rebuilding his spy networks and has once again created a powerful intelligence collection network across America.

Due to its size and complexity, the FBI and counter intelligence officials are finding it difficult to contain. One US intelligence official said, "the Russians have just got so many bodies and are able to evade FBI surveillance."

Like the UK and other countries, the primary focus of many US intelligence agencies is now on countering terrorism. Some analysts also believe Washington has been hesitant - not



Preet Bharara

wanting to antagonise Moscow due to the tenuous diplomatic situation over Syria. As a result, Russian 'diplomats' (some undoubtedly agents

operating with diplomatic cover) are routinely breaking the requirement to notify authorities of travel outside a 50 mile radius of their consular base. Most go unchallenged and are blasé about travel restrictions.

As an example of Russian Intelligence focus and apparent 'freedom to roam', one classified report described 'extensive Russian activity

RUSSIAN SPY ACTIVITY: In 2015, then US Attorney Preet Bharara warned: "Russia spies continue to seek to operate in our midst." He was sacked by President Donald Trump on 11 March 2017



The fibre-optic cable network in the United States is extensive and links all primary populated and defence areas

in areas across America where underground fibre-optic cables tend to run'. One 'diplomat' was seen on a beach, nowhere near where he was supposed to be and another wandering around in the middle of the desert. Both locations were linked to an underground cable network. According to one unnamed US intelligence official: "They find these guys driving around in circles in Kansas. It's a pretty aggressive effort." Analysts at the CIA and FBI are fairly confident a Kremlin-backed operation is ongoing to identify and map the United States entire telecommunications infrastructure looking for vulnerabilities.

THE COMMUNICATIONS LIFELINE

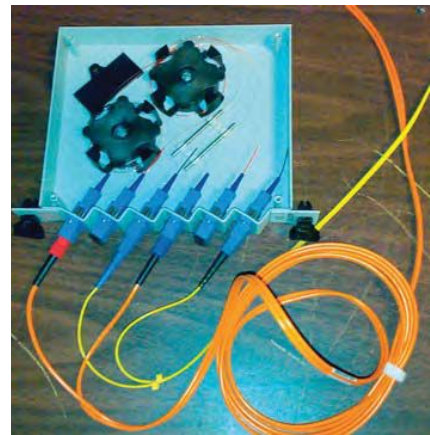
Fibre optic communications have created the largest impact on communications throughout the world; they are the 'backbone architecture' of the entire Internet as we know it. The innovation of fibre optics created a technological boom for businesses and may be the most innovative and widely used technology today. They are equally important to the intelligence

and defence world, as well as the workings of government.

The United States Government has been concerned about the 'tapping' threat to its huge network for many years, as well other forms of intentional or accidental physical intrusion. Such concerns are not limited to North America and Europe.

In 2008, a severed underwater cable in the Mediterranean caused major disruption in international data communications. As a result, Saudi Arabia lost more than 50 per cent of its international online connectivity. "It is impossible to run any sizable, modern multi-branch operations in a country the size of Saudi Arabia without excellent Internet and communications links," said David Malloch, OKI Country Manager, Saudi Arabia.

The same cable fault disrupted 70 per cent of Egypt's Internet network, affecting financial services, the stock exchange and stopped sales of airline tickets at Cairo International



INTERCEPTION AND DISRUPTION

Fibre-optic cable tap. Though far more difficult to intercept than a regular telephone line, new emerging technology has now circumnavigated many barriers allowing much progress in this field. However, the primary fear of those who work in this area of communications, is interference and disruption

Airport. In India, Internet Service Providers reported up to a 60% loss in bandwidth impacting businesses countrywide. Other countries affected were Malaysia, Taiwan, Vietnam, Singapore; most of Southeast Asia.

In addition to the financial impact of a physical intrusion to the network, interception of the data itself has caused major concern for illegal tapping in the context of classified US Department of Defense (DOD) networks. And the fear of potential impact is not restricted to the US alone. Eye Spy learned that 850,000 NSA employees and US private contractors with top secret clearance had access to GCHQ databases. Therefore the implications of any intrusion or disruption are apparent. So too the alleged mapping by Russian 'diplomats' of the US fibre optic network. "This has raised 'red flags' in Washington and beyond," a US government cyber contractor said."





PUTIN, THE ILLEGALS AND SVR ESPIONAGE

Former KGB officer and President of Russia, Vladimir Putin, reveals his links to the secret illegals programme

On the occasion of the 95th anniversary of Russia's secretive Directorate S, President Vladimir Putin discussed his intelligence work on state-owned Russia-1 television channel. And whilst his service with the KGB and FSB is fairly well documented, he did reveal for the first time some previously unknown facts,



especially concerning the SVR's illegals programme.

"All my work in the USSR foreign intelligence agencies was connected not just to the SVR (Foreign Intelligence Service), but specifically with illegal intelligence," he said. Putin highlighted the dangers of operating in overseas environments and praised the work of the illegals programme: "To give up their life, their nearest and dearest and leave the country for many years, and to dedicate one's life to the Fatherland, not everyone is capable of doing that."

Though he claimed he never operated as an illegal himself, his work often meant collaboration with its parent office - Directorate S. He also said that he personally headed a number of illegals' programmes.

Putin hailed the work of today's illegals: "Only a chosen one can do this. Without exaggeration - employees of the illegal intelligence [operation] live with such an approach to the cause - to [serve] the country and people. They are unique people." He concluded by saying, "I wish them happiness prosperity... I am sure they will hear my words."



SEAL of the SVR

In general terms, and according to the SVR's website, Directorate S (operatives) engage with only one official at the Service - its

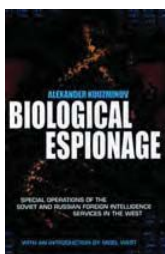




SVR Director Sergei Naryshkin

Director, currently a post held by Putin selected Sergei Naryshkin. He then files reports to the President of Russia and select members of the Russian Duma.

A great many details of the inner working of the department were revealed in 1991 by Alexander Kouzminov a former member, who wrote the book, *Biological Espionage: Special Operations of the Soviet and Russian Foreign Intelligence Services in the West*. Kouzminov, who reportedly worked in Department 12 within Directorate S, stated that department carried out and directed all special operations in target countries, using illegals. He acknowledged that the work of illegals is fundamentally important to the SVR and "lays at the heart of many operations."



Kouzminov said: "Our tools for these actions included, first and foremost our illegals, whom we had planted in the target country. These were the most reliable, well trusted special agents."



Alexander Kouzminov



DEPARTMENT 12 - DIRECTORATE S

Creating a Home Away from Home

Lt. General Vadim Kirpichenko, a former Director of Directorate S in the 1970s, was asked about the training of those selected for the illegals programme. He referenced the enormous sacrifice of operatives: "During training an illegal acquires wide-ranging knowledge, in particular on [the target country] political and economic matters, a few professions, foreign languages. In such conditions it's difficult to arrange family affairs."

And on the point of family life, whilst this is problematic, securing a wife or husband and having children helps support the mission (cover and illusion), and also provides the operatives with at least some semblance of a normal life. "We always tried to compensate the loss of contact of young illegals from remaining [serving colleagues] officers with the creation of a friendly microclimate where people would be psychologically compatible, as in a space crew on a long flight," he said. "We succeeded in creating a friendly, family atmosphere around our illegals."

Kirpichenko admitted that an illegal is trained and run by a very small number of people, and that communications with a handler are limited. "This helps avoid compromise," he said.

Another Russian Intelligence officer with intimate knowledge of the illegals programme is former Department 12 operative Alexander Kouzminov: "We prepare our illegals to work in target countries 15-20 years maybe more. Our key tasks in Department 12 was international biological espionage, running illegals,



Lt. General Vadim Kirpichenko

cultivating, development and recruitment of agents (usually citizens in target countries). We also planned and prepared for acts of biological terrorism and sabotage on the territory of target countries, carrying them out in an event of war or military conflict with the west. While supporting existing Russian biological programmes.

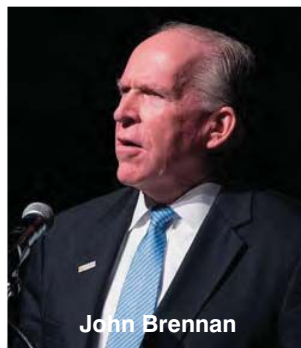
"The SVR has a unit called Line N - supporting illegals. Their tasking was to support the operations of Directorate S carried out by illegals. That included logistical support - arranging clandestine meetings, their surveillance, financial support, contacts, covers, legends and spy craft. Line N officers preformed tasks such as approaching,



cultivating potential agents and recruiting them. I also assessed intelligence information from our sources (illegals) in target countries.

“Department 12, along with Department 8, controlled acts of sabotage and terror on enemy territory, participating in so called ‘Direct Actions’: military targets, classified biological warfare ammunition, stockpiles, military garrisons, bases and military (and other) defense commands, like those which surveillance of biological weapons activities. Civil targets included public drinking water systems, food stores and pharmaceutical and biotechnological plants, also the economy.”

In May, former Director of the CIA, John Brennan discussed the recruiting tactics of Russian Intelligence. Speaking to the Senate Intelligence Committee in connection with the on-going investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 US General Election, Brennan said: “They try to get individuals including US persons to act on their behalf either wittingly or unwittingly. By the time I left office in January, I had unresolved questions in my mind as to whether or not the Russians had been successful in getting US persons involved in the campaign.”



John Brennan



An Eye Spy Russian intelligence correspondent in Moscow said little has changed over the decades regarding the illegals programme except that it is now “larger and more extensive,” with operatives having a “greater chance of avoiding detection...”

NO PRAISE FOR PUTIN



Former KGB Chief Provides Insight

General Nikolai Leonov, 88, joined the KGB in 1956 during the height of the Cold War, and three decades later became the organisation’s second-in-command between 1985 and 1990. And it was during this period that a young Vladimir Putin was posted to Dresden, East Germany (GDR).

Leonov has recently provided an insight into Putin’s early years working for the KGB. Speaking to Brazilian newspaper, *Folha de S.Paulo*, Leonov said: “When we had a cadet fluent in German, as was the case with Putin, if he was good he would be posted to West Germany or Austria. But he was sent to the eastern side, which of course was Communist.”

Casting a little doubt on Putin’s intelligence qualities, he added: “Only promising officers would be sent to Berlin to work with the STASI - the secret police of the East German regime and not Dresden.”

Leonov, who also served as interpreter for Fidel Castro during the Cuban leader’s famous visit to Moscow in 1963, said of Putin’s timekeeping: “He was often late for appointments - a habit that was strange and scandalous at the time for KGB officers.”

Today, Putin himself acknowledges that he held only a “minor position in the KGB,” though this is not reported upon by today’s state media in Russia, which often comments about his ‘derring-do’ and brave exploits operating for the KGB.

Leonov, 88, is pessimistic about Russia’s future under Putin and thinks the Russian president is not as secure in power as most people believe because he is “dominated by the powerful oligarchies.” He said: “We [Russia] are a stranded boat and many countries are going ahead of us, like Brazil and Mexico, and we do not have a map of the way out. Where will we be in five, 10 or 15 years?”



Nikolai Leonov (centre) speaking to Fidel Castro



OR INTELLIGENCE LOSER? NSA Contractor in New Leaks Case

Reality Leigh Winner, a six-year USAF staffer and National Security Agency contractor with Top Secret clearance, faces ten years in prison, a \$250,000 fine as well as a further three years of supervised release after being accused of “gathering, transmitting or losing defense information” under the Espionage Act.



Glenn Greenwald's *The Intercept* - recipient of more NSA material

Winner, 25, allegedly leaked a classified report about Russian election interference to the online publication *The Intercept*. This publication, of course, was co-founded by Glenn Greenwald an associate and colleague of NSA leaks' man Edward Snowden. According to court documents, the FBI discovered that Winner was one of only six people who had printed out the secret documents and the only person who contacted the publication via e-mail. The FBI said Winner has admitted the leak.

Winner, who worked for Pluribus International Corporation as a contractor at the NSA Georgia Cryptologic Center (below), was arrested shortly after *The Intercept* contacted officials to authenticate the documents. Investigators determined that it was an



Reality Leigh Winner following arrest for charges issued under the Espionage Act

authentic printout after identifying a visible crease on the original file. An audit trail revealed Winner had found the report by plugging keywords into the NSA's system - an action beyond her normal work duties. She was seemingly oblivious to the fact that colour printers leave barely visible microdots identifying the serial number of the printer and the date and time of the printing - 6:20am - May 9 2017. It was relatively easy to trace the printer to her place of work.

As for motive, Winner's Facebook and Twitter accounts showed her hostility towards



Reality Leigh Winner in USAF uniform alongside her mother. Winner served with the 94th Intelligence Squadron

President Trump. Investigators found postings such as: *'The orange fascist we let into the white house'* and in response to perceived negative US policy towards Iran: *'There are many Americans protesting US govt. aggression towards Iran. If our Tangerine in Chief declares war, we stand with you!'* She also once tweeted that *'being white is terrorism'* and called US Attorney General Jeff Sessions a *'Confederate General who encourages racism'*. On the Iran point, its interesting to note she was also a former USAF linguist qualified in the Iranian language of Farsi and well versed in other Middle East and Far East languages. Officials have launched a probe into how such social commentary was missed by intelligence watchers.

She now joins a growing list of other intelligence contractors who have abused their security clearances to leak classified informa-



US Attorney General Jeff Sessions

THE NSA FILE CONTENT



The material leaked by Winner includes documents suggesting a Russian cyber attack was carried out on a voting equipment vendor in Florida. Whilst other notes suggest interference carried on until the eve of the US General Election in November. Opponents of President Trump have seized on the unproven material which they say helped the businessman in his quest for the presidency

tion including Edward Snowden and Harold Martin, both from contracting organisation Booz Allen Hamilton. ➤

NSA GEORGIA CRYPTOLOGIC CENTER



Opened in 2012, the National Security Agency's Georgia Cryptologic Center, sometimes referred to as 'Sweet Tea' is a \$286 million, 604,000 square foot complex that utilises state-of-the-art tools to conduct signals intelligence operations, train the cryptologic workforce, and enable global communications. The Center, dedicated in the name of John Whitelaw, the first Deputy Director of Operations for NSA, is said to house a 17,000 square foot data complex and a large communications hub, both complete with redundant power and network links. One of the buildings is actually named after Whitelaw.

NSA/Central Security Service (CSS) has had a presence in Georgia for over 16 years on Ft. Gordon, when 50 people arrived to establish one of NSA's Regional Security Operations Centers.

Earlier this year the NSA opened a new facility in Hawaii, and said the agency is also upgrading its cryptologic operations in Texas and Denver.



Some US officials believe Edward Snowden's actions have started a dangerous trend within the more "conscientious intelligence contracting community"



"I'm going to play that card of being pretty, white and cute, braid my hair and cry and all..."



Winner's conversations were recorded whilst being held in detention

oblivious that prison telephones are also monitored. Assistant US Attorney Jennifer Solari said that Winner told her sister via phone from the Lincoln County Law Enforcement Center: "I'm going to play that card of being pretty, white and cute, braid my hair and cry and all."



**Richard Clarke,
former National
Security Adviser**

detailed, takes longer, and is more thorough than contractor security reviews."

Rajesh De, who served as NSA General Counsel during the Snowden affair said: "I think that leaks can be dangerous in a lot of ways that aren't readily apparent. A lot of us think more information should be made public, but the solution can't be individuals putting out tidbits of information haphazardly without appreciating how much damage can be done."

In addition to not knowing her actions could be traced within the NSA facility, Winner was

Solari also said Winner told her mother that she wanted her to tell the media that she was afraid for her life. "Play up that angle," the 25-year-old said to her mother. Winner also warned that she would "go nuclear to the press if [she] I don't get what I want," and "use the media as it worked for Manning."

A federal grand jury indicted Winner on only one charge, but prosecutors are likely going to add several more to the list. Winner was denied bond after entering a not-guilty plea. She will remain behind bars until trial - and has not yet gone "nuclear to the press."

Contractors make up an increasingly large section of the US Intelligence Community and officials have warned they are not subject to the same scrutiny as government employees. Seventy per cent of the US Intelligence budget goes to outside intelligence sector firms. A recent study notes 1,931 private companies work on programmes related to counter-terrorism, homeland security and intelligence work in approximately 10,000 locations across the United States with a value of \$42 billion.

Richard Clarke, former White House National Security Adviser said: "Departments and agencies are under pressure to keep the number of employees down, so they have employees that don't show up on their books because they're contractors. And this makes it look like the government is smaller than it actually is. Security reviews for permanent party civil servants is usually much more

It is estimated between 1.5 and two million civilian contractors work in the US defence and intelligence community. The number of those operating in sensitive positions where classified material is handled is secret. In 2015, the US Department of Defense issued a statement saying it works with 50,000 companies and has an overall contracting base of 641,000 people



PRIME SUSPECT

NSA contractor charged with biggest theft of intelligence material in US history

Several months ago former NSA contractor Harold Thomas Martin III, 52, pleaded not guilty in a federal courtroom to what is believed to be the largest theft of government documents in US history. Martin faces up to 200 years in prison; 10 years for each of 20 criminal counts. US Attorney for Maryland Rod



Harold Thomas Martin III

Rosenstein, said: "The indictment alleges that for as long as two decades, Harold Martin flagrantly abused the trust placed in him by the government by

stealing documents containing highly classified information."

Federal authorities say they found the equivalent of half-a-billion pages of stolen documents stored at his home in Glen Burnie, Maryland, as well as in the boot of his car and in an unlocked garden shed. Law enforcement officials recovered dozens of computers and digital storage devices holding at least 50 terabytes of data; one terabyte is the equivalent of 500 hours worth of movies, and thousands of hard-copy documents that filled six bankers' boxes.

NO DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Authorities said the devices seized show he made extensive use of sophisticated encryption and anonymisation technologies. He also used a sophisticated software tool that runs without being installed on a computer and provides anonymous Internet access leaving no digital footprint on the machine.



Besides a huge amount of electronic data, investigators recovered documents from his residence that filled six bankers' boxes

In addition to Secret, Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmentalised Information (TS/SCI) classified documents containing the names of intelligence officers, one recovered document, prosecutors said, contained a warning, in capital letters, that said: *'This conop (concept of operations) contains information concerning extremely sensitive US planning and operations that will be discussed and disseminated only on an absolute need-to-know basis. Extreme opsec (operational security) precautions must be taken'*. Martin was not involved in this operation, the government said, nor should he have possession of the document or know of its specifics. ➤



Rod Rosenstein



Martin's trial has begun at Baltimore Court

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Another document found in his car contained handwritten notes describing NSA's classified computer systems and detailed descriptions of classified technical operations. The notes also included descriptions of basic concepts associated with classified operations, as though intended for a general public audience.

Prosecutors also said Martin had an arsenal of weapons in his home and car; 10 firearms including an assault-rifle-style tactical weapon and a pistol-grip shotgun with a flash suppressor. In late July 2016, he travelled to Connecticut to buy a 'Detective Special' police-package Chevrolet Caprice vehicle.

INVESTIGATION



In August 2016, NSA intelligence watchers noted a cache of highly sensitive NSA hacking tools mysteriously appeared online via the Russian cyber group known as the

Shadow Brokers. Although investigators found no conclusive evidence that Martin or his actions was responsible, he is the prime suspect, said officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. It was this discovery that initiated the investigation eventually leading to Martin.

Martin, who is familiar with the Russian language, was working at Booz Allen Hamilton - the same company that employed Edward Snowden - when he copied and leaked classified information. Martin's attorney said he is "no Edward Snowden" and had "no political or philosophical reasons for taking the documents." He also said in a previous court hearing that his client was a compulsive hoarder who began taking documents and couldn't stop. Prosecutors countered by saying if Martin had taken the classified material "for his own edification," as he claimed, "there would be no reason to keep some of the material in his car, and arm himself as though he were trafficking in dangerous contraband."

Martin asked for a trial by jury.

Nuclear Threat Increases As NK Launch ICBM

4 JULY

The stakes have been raised in the international stand-off over North Korea's nuclear weapons programme. This follows the successful test-firing of the Communist state's first intercontinental ballistic missile on 4 July - America's Independence Day.

David Wright, co-director of the Union of Concerned Scientists, said that if reports of the time and distance are correct, the missile could have a possible maximum range of 4,160 miles if fired on a standard trajectory. "That range would not be enough to reach the lower 48 US states or the large islands of Hawaii, but would allow it to reach all of Alaska," Wright said.

Intelligence analysts have urged caution, noting that there are a plethora of technical issues still to overcome, including scaling a warhead to fit into the carrier. Also referenced, a key thermal insulation problem. This vital element stops a warhead from overheating and igniting as it re-enters the atmosphere over any potential target.

The launch, which triggered a spate of warnings from the USA and South Korea, was followed by questions regarding North Korea's infrastructure and financial status. One analyst commented: "How can one of the poorest nations on Earth finance and build such a weapon?" Georgetown Asian studies Professor Victor Cha provided an answer: "The economy is certainly decrepit but it is in the range of \$1 billion in terms of annual production. In addition, they devote about 30 per cent of the entire nation's resources to the military and the development of weapons systems. So their people are starving, but they are able to do this."



NK leader Kim Jong-un



NK submarine-launched missile December 2016



South Korean President Moon Jae-in said the allies need to demonstrate their missile defence posture "with action, not just a statement."

Russian President Vladimir Putin and China's President Xi Jinping, issued a joint statement

calling for restraint. President Trump said he would "act accordingly," to the threat. Nevertheless, the world's most dangerous nuclear stand-off continues.



Inauguration of South Korea President Moon Jae-in - May 2017

SOUTH KOREA INTEL SHAKE-UP MI6 and CIA Watching with Concern



SEOUL: South Korea's new president, Moon Jae-in, has raised a few eyebrows in the intelligence world by terminating all domestic intelligence operations performed by the country's National Intelligence Service (NIS), and transferred authority to South Korea's National Police Agency.

For years the NIS has repeatedly been accused of meddling in South Korea's domestic political and military affairs.



NIS - Suh Hoon

Former Director, Won Sei-hoon, was jailed in 2015 for directing his senior intelligence officers to post online criticisms of liberal politicians accusing candidates of being "North Korean sympathisers."

Moon, succeeded Park Geun-hye, who resigned in March following a series of financial scandals, has vowed to reform the Agency "once and for all."

He appointed Suh Hoon, a career intelligence officer and former Deputy Director, as head of the NIS and replaced many senior officials. Most of these were tasked with focusing on North Korea and other foreign countries, espionage, terrorism and cyber security. Hoon has ordered the termination of all domestic intelligence gathering and said he would dissolve the domestic wing entirely. He said under his leadership the NIS would become "a completely different entity" and that he would apply "a zero tolerance principle" in cases of contravention by NIS officers.

The NIS has close relations with both MI6 and the CIA.

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THE RUSSIAN LIST A TOXIC INVESTIGATION

The inquest into the death of Russian businessman and whistleblower, Alexander Perepilichnyy has begun at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey) in London. Perepilichnyy uncovered a \$230 million (£150 million) Russian money-laundering operation before he collapsed and died near his home in Weybridge, England, in 2012. His death was originally attributed to natural causes, but traces of a chemical that can be found in the poisonous plant *Gelsemium elegans* were later found in his stomach. The poison has been used in the past by Russian and Chinese assassins. The 44-year-old, who had been consistently threatened since he revealed the scandal in 2010, had taken out £3.5 million worth



Alexander Perepilichnyy

of life insurance and applied for another £5 million worth of policies before his death.

The inquest first drew international attention when a series of

Ukraine Blast Kills Intelligence Chief

Russian Agents Blamed as SBU Intelligence Service Suffers Major Losses

The head of Special Forces, Chief Directorate of Intelligence of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine (HUR MOU), Colonel Maksym Shapoval, was killed in a car bombing on 27 June in the centre of Kiev. Shapoval, along with his driver, died instantly in the blast. Police said the bomb had been placed under the driver's seat.

Colonel Shapoval was commander of a unit described as "the

deep reconnaissance division" and was engaged in collecting evidence of Russia's involvement in armed aggression against the Ukraine, according to Ukrainian Intelligence. He had just returned to Kiev after conducting infiltration operations in the east of the country which has seen numerous engagements with pro-Russian forces.

"It was thanks to him that Ukraine was able to substantiate its position in The Hague on Russia's

Colonel Maksym Shapoval



In April, Lt. Colonel Oleksandr Kharaberiush, a senior SBU (Security Service of Ukraine) counter-intelligence officer was killed in a similar car bombing in the eastern port city of Mariupol. He had participated in various operations in the volatile Donetsk region of the country, parts of which have been under the control of Russian-backed forces. Kharaberiush was

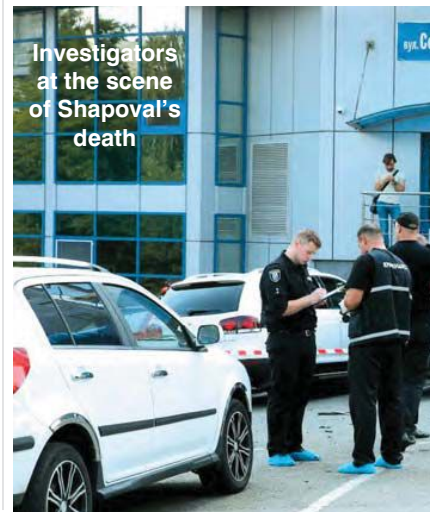


SBU headquarters Kiev. Inset: SBU Director Vasyl Hrytsak

involvement in armed aggression," a police official said.

Shapoval's murder is being treated as a terrorism by Kiev, officials here believe the act was performed or controlled by "Russian agitators."

The following day, SBU Colonel Yuriy Voznyi was killed in a car bombing in the Kostiantynivsky district of Donetsk.





Gelsemium sempervirens



Amber Rudd

documents were sealed by the UK Government on national security grounds after Home Secretary Amber Rudd argued, “there would be real and significant damage to national security from disclosure” and obtained a High Court secrecy order last November.

Two lawyers connected to the case have also died in suspicious circumstances; one was beaten to death in a Russian prison and the other ‘fell’ out of a fourth floor bathroom window in his Moscow apartment shortly before he was due to testify in the case.

Surrey Police told the inquest there was no evidence of “third party involvement or foul play.” And his widow, Tatiana, maintains that her husband died of natural causes and denied claims he had ever received threats during their 20-year marriage. However, US, French and some UK officials are concerned his death was not properly investigated. And now

intelligence focus is on a number of documents provided by US agencies.

Five years ago Eye Spy learned of the so-called ‘Russian List’, a document containing the names of around 100 people who had been targets of Moscow’s underworld. Some of the people were high level figures and opponents of President Putin and the Kremlin Establishment. And now a highly classified report on Russian state assassinations compiled for the US Congress by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), appears to give a veil of legitimacy to the list. The US analysts assert with ‘high confidence that *Perepilichnyy’s murder was sanctioned by President Putin or people close to him*’. Eye Spy understands this information was submitted to MI5, but as yet, it has not surfaced in the inquest.

Former head of Britain’s National Counter Terrorism Security Office Chris Phillips, said he believed Mr Perepilichnyy had been assassinated. “There’s no way it wasn’t a hit. It’s ridiculous,” he said.

The inquest, which began on 5 June and expected to last four weeks, also heard from the most senior officer at the scene of the death, who has since retired; he contradicted the official police line and said he now believes “the death was suspicious.”

One US intelligence official said: “Efforts to publicly declare that Perepilichnyy was assassinated on British soil have deeper political implications.” Another



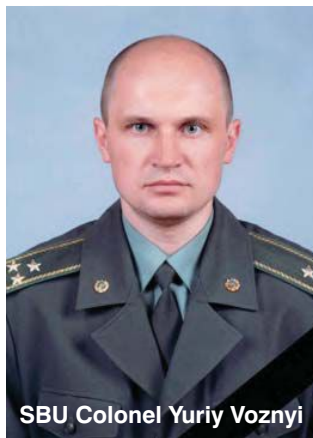
Chris Phillips

placed the blame firmly with police investigators: “For reasons too complex, perhaps political, they turned a blind eye.”

Lawyers challenging the police case have now asked Judge Nicholas Hilliard QC hearing the inquest to order MI6 to disclose the intelligence received. Judge Hilliard said he would, “carefully” consider the request, but if he finds that Britain’s secret services withheld evidence relevant to Perepilichnyy’s death, he would likely need to suspend the inquest, which does not have the powers to consider classified information.



The car bomb that killed Colonel Maksym Shapoval



SBU Colonel Yuriy Voznyi

described by SBU Director Vasyl Hrytsak as the “best counter-intelligence officer in Ukraine.”

In total, 23 SBU intelligence officers have been killed since the annexing of Crimea and the troubles in the east of the country. Ukraine Intelligence officials are now considering if parts of its defence structure, especially operatives focussed on countering Russian aggression, have been compromised. ■



Old Bailey Court

PEREPILICHNYI’S SECRET LIAISON

It has also emerged that Perepilichnyy, married and the father-of-two children, travelled to Paris days before his death to meet 22-year-old Ukrainian Elmira Medynska who he was allegedly in a secret relationship with following their meeting in Kiev earlier in 2010. For reasons many find baffling, police never interviewed her. Medynska believes he was murdered; and that he told her he feared for his life. Her testimony will not be heard at the inquest sparking conspiracy rumours that the UK is trying to avoid jeopardising diplomatic relations with Russia.



FALLING DOWN

Rumours Abound Regarding Fate of ISIS Terrorist Leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

Alliance forces have taken back the ISIS-controlled Grand al-Nuri Mosque in Mosul, Iraq - the building where its leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi - declared the creation of a caliphate on 4 July 2014. As Iraqi troops secured the district around the mosque, Brigadier General Yahya Rasool announced: "Their fictitious state has fallen."

The seizing of the mosque, though not important in a military land or strategic perspective, is seen as a major symbolic victory. Much of the building, built in 1172, had been deliberately blown-up by ISIS as Alliance troops neared. ISIS blamed the USAF for the damage, a claim rejected by Operation Inherent Resolve spokesman Colonel John Dorrian.

News that ISIS has lost virtually all previously held territory in the city, coincided with an announcement by UK Defence Secretary Sir Michael Fallon. He revealed the RAF launched

700 airstrikes to help liberate Mosul. "Three years on from when Daesh declared its so-called caliphate in Mosul, this evil death cult faces its end game in the city. In Syria, there is now irreversible momentum and progress towards Daesh's defeat in Raqqa, with the Syrian Democratic Force (SDF) already controlling nearly 15% of the city."

US and UK analysts, together with their Middle Eastern colleagues, say that as a result of Operation Inherent Resolve, ISIS has now lost 70% of its territory in Iraq, and 51% in Syria.

DEATH OF ISIS LEADER

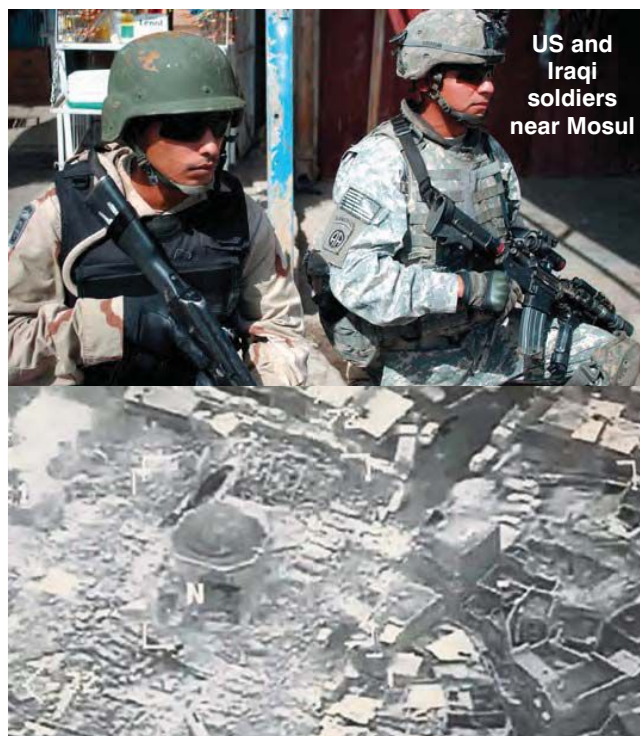
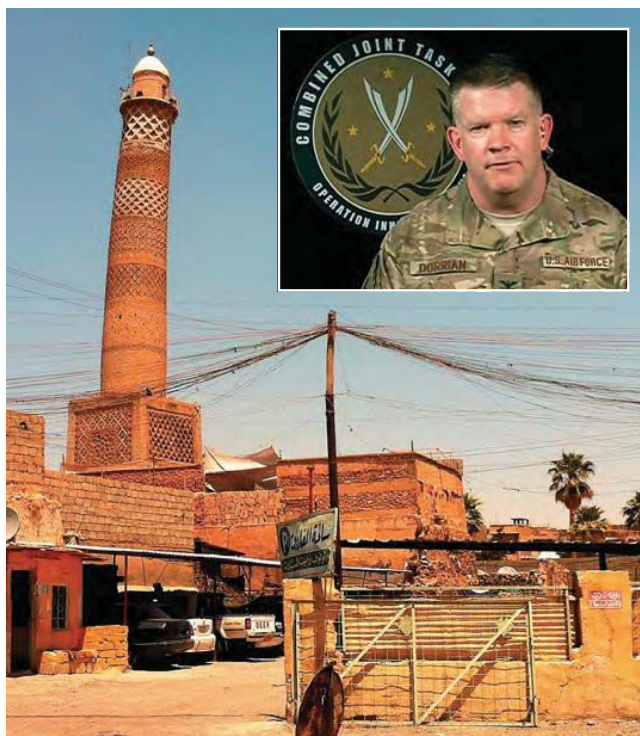
Rumours of Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi's death continue to gain pace. Russian officials claimed it had killed the Daesh leader in an airstrike on Raqqa in northern Syria. However, military officials in the West have urged caution, for previous reports of his death have been inaccurate. Similarly, other military experts fighting in the region insist he is still alive and in hiding.



Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi at the Grand al-Nuri Mosque in Mosul. Russia and Iran say he is dead

However, Ali Shirazi, a representative of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard, said: "I am confident the terrorist Baghdadi is definitely dead." Some intelligence sources in Syria support this claim, and point to an incident at a sermon hosted by Abu Qutaiba, an aide to Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi. He broke down in tears and "mumbled a few words suggesting his death," according to reports. In a separate speech at the same location, another preacher, Abu Baraa al-Mawseeli, is said to have admitted defeat for ISIS in its struggle to defend Mosul from the Iraqi army.

Although ISIS faces imminent collapse in the Middle East, its campaign and influence abroad continues to prove a menace, as evidenced by the terrorist attacks in the UK.



US and Iraqi soldiers near Mosul

Grand al-Nuri Mosque in Mosul, Iraq (left) and a USAF aerial photograph showing the mosque after it was blown up by retreating ISIS forces. Inset: Operation Inherent Resolve spokesman Colonel John Dorrian

THE NK ASSASSINATION

ALLEGED CONTACT WITH CIA OFFICER

Reports have surfaced from Malaysian officials that Kim Jong-nam, the assassinated half-brother of North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un, met with a CIA case officer shortly before he was killed. Jong-nam died minutes after two women approached him at Kuala Lumpur International Airport on 13 April 2017, and splashed his face with liquid poison. He was about to board a flight to Macau, where he had been living in self-exile with his family since 2007.

According to reports, Jong-nam arrived in Kuala Lumpur on 6 February and travelled to a resort island near the Thai border two days later. A day after he arrived at Langkawi, he



Animation frame showing the moment Jong-nam was approached by the women



CCTV still showing Jong-nam (left) with alleged CIA officer

reportedly met with a man believed to be working for US Intelligence. The un-named man was a Korean-American with US citizenship living in Bangkok. CCTV footage from the hotel's security cameras show Jong-nam and the American entering a suite in which they remained for two hours.

Malaysian counter-intelligence officials report that they had been tracking the movements of the alleged American each time he entered the country from Thailand and that they had been surveilling him for "quite some time," believing him to be a CIA case officer. The same authority said that Jong-nam had met the man several times before.

Some intelligence watchers have now speculated that Jong-nam's contact with US Intelligence may have been the reason he was killed. For the record, the unidentified



Kim Jong-nam - killed in an audacious assault at Kuala Lumpur Airport in April

American left Malaysia on 13 February - the same day Jong-nam, who had reportedly survived previous attempts to kill him, was assassinated. However, despite the supposed liaison, few doubt he was murdered by North Korean agents, who almost certainly used the women, named as Doan Thi Huong and Siti Aisyah as proxies. In a Malaysian court, both insisted they thought they were participating in a television prank, but officials believe they were far more complicit than they admit.



Doan Thi Huong and Siti Aisyah

THE LIGHTER SIDE

THE CHINESE SECRET CIA AGENT

Beijing officials said a Chinese motorcyclist attempted to avoid a traffic offence in Nanjing in Jiangsu province by showing a fake document and claiming he was a CIA special agent.

Police stopped Mr Dan Du initially for riding a low-powered moped on an expressway which is illegal in China. It was then found to be unlicensed. When asked for proof of identity, Du showed a 'CIA pass' and said he was an 'IMF field agent'. IMF is a fictional US government agency in the television version of Mission Impossible and an acronym for Impossible Mission Force.

The case was duly met with mirth by Chinese social media: 'That's how foreign intelligence agencies are cracked in China' one person joked. Another wrote: 'Isn't he

afraid of being suspected as a spy carrying a CIA certificate in China? It's much more serious than just violating traffic rules'.

Police said the man had been punished for violating relevant regulations, but gave no details.



HM QUEEN REPORTED

LONDON: As Her Majesty The Queen travelled through London for the State Opening of Parliament in her official car, an emergency call came into the 999 (911 in the US) dispatch centre - the Queen was reported to police for not wearing a seat belt. The caller was reminded that under UK law, civil and criminal proceedings cannot be taken against the Queen.





RED FLAGS

Gulf Eyes on Qatar

Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt have cut diplomatic relations with Qatar over its "funding of terrorism, harbouring terrorists, destabilisation of the region and ties with Iran." Chad, Senegal, Mauritania, Yemen, the Maldives and Libya's eastern-based governments all later recalled their ambassadors from Qatar. Only Kuwait and Oman have not followed suit. In addition to cutting diplomatic ties, Qatar's neighbours closed their airspace to Qatari carriers and blocked the emirate's only land border used for food imports.

Qatar was given a list of 13 demands some of which include cutting ties with the Muslim Brotherhood, ISIS, al-Qaida and Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah, as well as closing the broadcaster Al-Jazeera and reducing ties with Iran.

Qatar hosts the only diplomatic bureau of the Taliban in the region and a recent report by American counter-terrorism experts assert that it is now the "largest financier of terrorists in the Middle East." The report also accuses the country of hosting three figures



Saad bin Saad Al Kaabi features on a United Nations sanctions list - charged with collecting funds on behalf of al-Qaida terrorists in Syria

who were designated by Washington as terrorists - Wajdi Ghoneim, Saad bin Saad Al Kaabi and Abdul Rahman Bin Umair Al Nuaimi. Al Kaabi is suspected of channelling funds to al-Qaida in Syria. Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the UAE labelled 59 individuals and 12 organisations with ties to Qatar on their terrorism watch lists.

INTELLIGENCE CONCERNS

US President Donald Trump, has made statements aligning himself with Saudi Arabia in the crisis. However, the situation is made more complex because Qatar is home to the largest US base in the region, Al-Udeid Air Base, and Bahrain is home to the Fifth Fleet



Free Syrian Fighter (FSA)

of the United States Navy, thus Washington has urged all parties to seek a diplomatic solution. Some CIA intelligence analysts have warned if the dispute continues indefinitely, Qatar "will be forced into the arms of Iran."

Qatar government officials deny the accusations listed but said it

would discuss "legitimate issues" with Arab states to end the regional crisis. It has also asked the UN to intervene over the airspace dispute.

If Qatar fails to comply with demands made by the Gulf states, other sanctions may be considered.



Al-Jazeera studios in Qatar

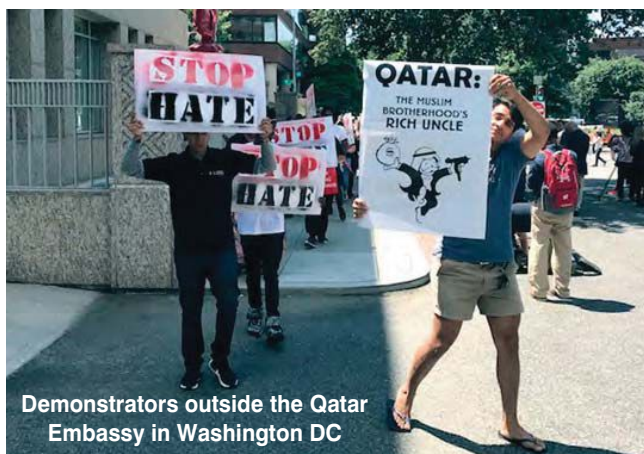


UAE PRAISED FOR COUNTER-TERRORISM MEASURES

ABU DHABI: During a three-day visit to the Arab region to mediate on the situation with Qatar, German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel, said that Germany supports the UAE's efforts at confronting those who fund extremists. The minister's comments were made in Abu Dhabi during a news conference held with Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.



Sigmar Gabriel



Demonstrators outside the Qatar Embassy in Washington DC

CIA AND MI6 EYES

AL-QAIDA RESURGENCE IN SYRIA

WASHINGTON DC: Intelligence assessments and estimates of the growing strength of al-Qaida in Syria have been submitted by ground officers of both MI6 and the CIA. Parts of these have surfaced in overt strategy planning, and paint a dire picture of future happenings in and beyond Syria. Above all, they reaffirm the belief in some Gulf states that whilst ISIS/Daesh is losing its base of power, al-Qaida has gained momentum and increased its popularity and strength. The CIA has already warned the terror group is expanding and will probably absorb the remnants of ISIS fighting forces in future months.



Charles Lister

Charles Lister, a senior researcher at the Middle East Institute said: "Al-Qaida has methodically enhanced its standing in Syria and finds itself in 2017 as arguably the most influential, explicitly anti-regime actor in the conflict." Lister argues that al-Qaida has far more experience in survival techniques and has learned from defeats in the past.



Ayman al-Zawahiri

Osama bin-Laden deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria, Al-Nusra, resisted attempts by ISIS to absorb the group in 2014, and despite various off-shoots and claims of 'independence' from al-Qaida, most of its followers remain loyal only to its leader, former

Osama bin-Laden deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri.

COMPLEXITIES OF THE SYRIAN THEATRE

A twin suicide bombing in Syria's capital Damascus, on 2 July, killed at least a dozen people. The blast followed an earlier incident which claimed the lives of 74 people in the Old City. This bombing was claimed by the al-Qaida franchise Tahrir al-Sham controlled by its supervising group the Fateh al-Sham front. More evidence of the emergence of AQ in Syria.



Flag of Tahrir al-Sham



The conflict in Syria, which has claimed 300,000 lives, has spawned a myriad of armed groups - an increasing number claiming allegiance to al-Qaida - not ISIS



Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC)



INTEL INSIDE

Qatar's Al Udeid Air Base hosts the largest concentration of US military personnel in the Middle East. The US dominated Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) is home to an estimated 12,000 regular forces and service staff and numerous major military air and space commands. Some 100 US aircraft types are based here. It augments and controls air power for the majority of operations performed in around 20 countries, including Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. The base has been used to coordinate air strikes against ISIS targets in both Iraq and Syria. Various NATO and other countries also operate from the centre.

The USAF describes the CAOC, which was relocated from Saudi Arabia's Prince Sultan Air Base in 2003, as the "primary nerve centre for air operations across the region."

ORPHANS AND SPIES

MI5 Spymaster Maxwell Knight's Secret Quest

According to historian and writer Henry Hemming, author of *Maxwell Knight: MI5's Greatest Spymaster*, Knight, who colleagues referred to as 'M', specialised in hiring recruits who came from traumatic backgrounds. Hemming believes Knight's thinking was that recruits who lost a parent at an early age had a greater sense of loyalty. "A spymaster becomes this father figure in your life and fills the void," he said. "It could be a mother as well, it's just losing a parent."

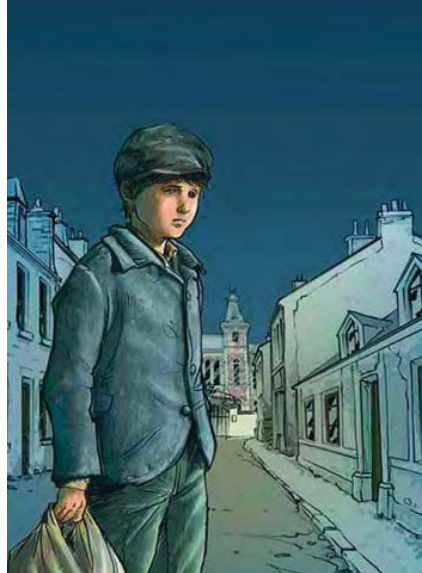


Ian Fleming

Historical documents and a search of MI5 staffers employed in the early decades of MI5's growth, show officers were drawn from all parts of society, including many from the upper echelons of society, but Knight also wanted people who were slightly off kilter with everyday life.

Hemming argues: "M was looking for watchers: people who pick up unusual details that other people might not. And in his experience, usually these are people who have been held back in some way in childhood or had some physical handicap meaning they hadn't been able to join in with games when they were growing up, so they were literally on the side-lines." He believes by joining an organisation such as MI5, orphans, for example, were given a sense of community and belonging they never had in their younger years.

Interestingly, Knight's mentality and ideas on just who might make a good spy, were probably shared by MI6 and Naval Intelligence officer and spy author Ian Fleming. Throughout his writings Fleming used well-known brand names and familiar details to support a sense of realism in his works. This is sometimes referred to by today's spy writers and intelligence watchers as the 'Fleming effect'. It is described as: *'The imaginative use of information, whereby the pervading fantastic nature of James Bond's world... is bolted down to some sort of reality'.*



And for the record, Fleming's Bond was characterised as a damaged young man who, as a child, lost both of his parents in a climbing accident in the French Alps. He too was an orphan.



Maxwell Knight

CELL PASSWORD 'ISIS'

Undercover MI5 Operation Thwarts Terror Plotter

Last year, Nadir Syed, 23, was jailed for life with a minimum term of 15 years after being found guilty of plotting to carry out a beheading of a serviceman around Remembrance Sunday in 2014. Now his brother, Haroon Syed, 19, has been sentenced to life in prison with a minimum of 16 years for preparing terrorist acts whose potential targets included Buckingham Palace and an Elton John concert on the 15th anniversary of 9/11. At London's Central Criminal Court, judge Michael Topolski said: "Sayed is deeply committed to the ideology

of a brutal and barbaric organisation [ISIS] that sought to hijack and corrupt an ancient and



Haroon Syed

venerable religion for its own purposes."

Prosecutors provided evidence that Syed considered several locations including Oxford Street and tried to buy weapons and explosives on the Internet. He had been introduced to a radical contact man named Abu Yusuf, by another jihadist fighting overseas called Abu Isa. It transpired 'Yusuf' was actually a cover name for a unit of British intelligence agents.

Sayed told the contact: "So after some damage with machine gun



Nadir Syed



NEW CYBER BREACHES

Warnings Continue to be Ignored by Governments and Businesses

Britain's Parliament Internet mechanism was targeted by cyber hackers in what was described as a "sustained and determined attack" reportedly compromising up to 90 MPs (Members of Parliament), peer and staff email accounts. A senior Whitehall source said a foreign state is thought responsible adding it was "inevitable that information has been stolen." One MP 'tweeted': 'Sorry no parliamentary email access today - we're under cyber attack from Kim Jong Un, Putin or a kid in his mom's basement or something'.

Most cyber security experts believe the attack was timed to coincide with major staff changes

following the recent UK General Election. A probe conducted by government specialists from GCHQ, said hackers were searching for weak passwords giving rise to blackmail fears. The attack follows reports that passwords for MPs and officials were being sold online by hackers.

A House of Commons spokesperson said: "The Houses of Parliament have discovered unauthorised attempts to access parliamentary user accounts. We are continuing to investigate this incident and take further measures to secure the computer network, liaising with the National Cyber Security Centre. We have



Cyber experts continue to warn governments over a seemingly lack of preparedness

systems in place to protect member and staff accounts and are taking the necessary steps to protect our systems."

In June, a major worldwide cyber attack struck numerous government and business operations in 64 countries, disabling systems. Ukraine was particularly affected. The ransomware cyber attack froze accounts and demanded money in return for removing the virus called Petya. The attack was similar to the recent WannaCry incident (see Eye Spy 109). However, the latest security breach may have focussed more on testing viruses to source data, rather than obtain currency

payments through Bitcoin demands. Most operating systems disabled were Windows. Cyber security firm Kaspersky Labs labelled the virus 'NotPetya' noting slight differences to a similar virus created in 2016.



Screen symbol signifying Petya virus

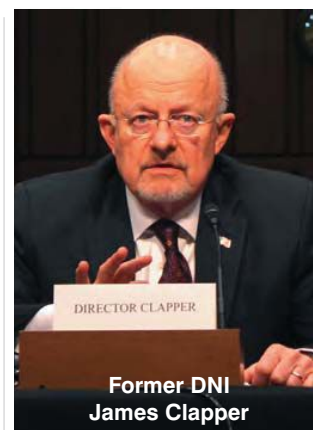


Crackas With Attitude

US Intel and Security Officials - Data Compromised by Hacking Group

Andrew Otto Boggs, 23, from North Carolina, has been found guilty of hacking US intelligence agencies and sentenced to two years in prison. Boggs, known as 'Incursio' was part of a hacking group called Crackas With Attitude (CWA), and was arrested along with Justin Gray Liverman, 24, also of North Carolina, known online as 'D3f4ult.'

The group hacked the personal AOL account of then CIA boss John Brennan, and accessed personal or work email accounts for FBI Deputy Director Mark Giuliano, US National Intelligence Director James Clapper (ODNI), and President Barack Obama's Senior Advisor on science and technology John Holdren. In addition, the group posted the details of 2,400 US Government officials, 80 Miami police officers,



Former DNI James Clapper

9,000 DHS employees, and 20,000 FBI staffers on the Internet.

Other members of the group have also been detained. US authorities say CWA targeted four US government agencies and ten individuals, causing damage amounting to \$1.5 million.



Elton John

Oxford Street, London

do martyrdom... that's what I'm planning to do. You have to find out the price for the machine gun, any gun. I might put the bomb in the train and then I'm going to jump out so the bomb explodes on the train. I was thinking of Oxford Street... If I go to prison, I go to prison. If I die, I die, you understand."

Haroon Syed was arrested in September 2016. An investigator asked him for the password to unlock his phone. Syed provided it accordingly... I.S.I.S. "You like that?," he said.

After pleading guilty, the judge told Syed: "You were not lured, you were not enticed, you were not entrapped."

**FAKE NEWS,
SOURCES,
MISCHIEF AND
DISINFORMATION**



THE FOURTH ESTATE

A NECESSARY INTELLIGENCE PARTNER OR ENEMY OF THE STATE AND PEOPLE?

Following threats to launch investigative probes on some media organisations, including the BBC, President Trump begins to recognise the media can also be a friend and powerful intelligence source

In the world of government, it's fairly standard practise to try and get the backing of the media, at least those with a sense of responsibility and public appeal. However, President Trump in the early weeks of office, lost no time in throwing away the rule book and creating a chasm between the White House and some major media houses. Few can forget the rowdy press conference in February, which included a less than friendly journalistic gathering. President Trump, in a very controversial 'tweet', described the *New York Times*, NBC, ABC, CBS and CNN as 'the enemy of the people'. Collectively they were the 'fake news media'. However, he was careful to add that they were not his enemies.

It's not the first time the 'enemy of the people' phrase has been used by powerful leaders. "Every dissenting voice was the enemy of the people," China's Chairman Mao once famously said. His fellow Communist Joseph



Stalin also used identical wording. Nor is 'fake news' a modern term - it was used almost 150 years ago by journalists. And some intelligence watchers have been quick to point out that in many cases, there is little to distinguish fake news from the intelligence tradecraft of disinformation.

A DARTBOARD

President Trump believes that during his election campaign there was a concerted effort by the media to attack him at every opportunity. One intelligence analyst likened him to a "dartboard." Trump also believes this 'policy' has rolled on into his presidency and



Trump Tower - location of many rumours and stories



A fascinating 1894 cartoon depicts reporters carrying 'fake news' stories. The meaning of this thoughtful and interesting representation of the media world in the nineteenth century is very much applicable to events taking place today



Jon Soper - "impartial, free and fair..."

has suggested that back channels of communication exist between some journalists and intelligence officials who have deliberately leaked information to help darken his image. The case of former FBI Director James Comey is a prime example. He has admitted contact with a *New York Times* journalist. Comey said he gifted the information in the hope that it would "lead to the appointment of a special counsel to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election." If ever there was an example of using the Fourth Estate in an intelligence role this was it.

The Washington Post
June 6, 2017
Democracy Dies in Darkness

Top Games
In the News: Testing suicide, @realDonaldTrump, Trump tweets, Leak prosecution, John McCain, James O'Keefe, CMF Awards

Comey says he shared notes in hopes of a special counsel

In remarkable admission, fired FBI director testifies he helped reveal details of talks with Trump
The revelation shows the degree of openness James Comey had about both Russian interference with U.S. politics and the doubts about the Justice Department's ability to probe such activity
By David Barnett and Ellen Nakagawa
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Comey's leak to a media source is not unique - but admitting such an action is

As for the President, he said: "The press has become so dishonest that if we don't talk about [it], we are doing a tremendous disservice to the American people. The press honestly is out of control... the level of dishonesty is out of control."

This 'level' of animosity between the White House and certain media houses was evident when 2007 Political Journalist of the Year - BBC reporter Jon Soper - stood up to deliver a question. The President grimaced and said: "Here's another beauty." Soper responded - "impartial, free and fair." Trump likened the British Broadcasting Corporation to CNN which he said had published "grotesque claims." [See Trump Dossier Eye Spy 106]. Hours later, the BBC's flagship political show *Newsweek* asked if Trump was "weird, unhinged and on the verge of a nervous breakdown?" Many saw this language as scurrilous and unfair and beyond the remit



Dr Sebastian Gorka briefs US military officials at a SATCOM Wargame Center



HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.



READ BEYOND

Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?



SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



CHECK THE DATE

Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.



IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.



ASK THE EXPERTS

Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.

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BBC communications dish. The transfer of news, rumours, allegations and simple gossip around the world in seconds is undoubtedly a contributing factor to the spread of fake or unconfirmed news stories



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. He recommends using fast-checking website Snopes.com - a platform covering rumours and stories of questionable origin

of an impartial news gathering organ. Speaking on the show, Trump's Deputy Assistant Sebastian Gorka, a former military intelligence analyst said, "it was only weird to journalists like yourself who are biased," describing the BBC's wording as "pathetic." Gorka is not alone in his sentiment, the BBC has been accused of anti-Trump sentiment by several leading UK commentators.

A DANGEROUS LIAISON

Few US operators in the intelligence world have ever experienced such hostility between the media and the White House. Rice University historian Douglas Brinkley de-

scribed it as "holistic jihad," and that "Trump is determined to beat and bloody the press whenever he finds himself in a hole, and that's unique." The CIA and other intelligence services believe this prickly situation is not in the best interests of both 'parties' or national security and few doubt this played a part in the demise of Mr Comey.

Eye Spy understands that in February, Trump requested analysts to ascertain just how much personal hostility there was towards him - against that levelled at his policies. He has also asked senior intelligence officials if there was a combined effort by major US media players to help topple him. If a probe

was launched, this would involve intelligence work. Officials, especially those with good working relations with the media, fear that an undercover investigation could damage relations between the Fourth Estate and the United States Intelligence Community (USIC).



CIA Director Mike Pompeo



People in positions of power are guided by advisors and often skilled manipulators of the media

PUBLIC MISTRUST AND FAKE NEWS

A recent poll found that 83% of Americans believe the relationship between the White House and media is unhealthy, whilst 72% said the tension could mean less access was granted to important news. The poll, conducted by Monmouth University Polling Institute revealed deep mistrust. "It is an understatement to say the new administration's relationship with the Fourth Estate cannot be characterised as friendly or even respectful," said Patrick Murray of the institute. Murray, a respected commentator



President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence at the Pentagon

and analyst used by many media stations believes, "this ugliness has hurt each side's reputation."

Another poll conducted in December 2016 by Pew Research revealed 64% of US adults believed fake news had caused confusion about current events. And importantly, 23% of people had gone on to share a suspected bogus story - passing the material through various media and social platforms.

Researchers at Northwestern University sought to discover where most fake news originates. Its researchers claimed 30% of fake news 'traffic' could be linked to Facebook. Interestingly, following the US General Election, Facebook warned of inaccurate news and for followers to take care before sharing material.

AN EVOLVING INTEL VIEWPOINT

The President's view on intelligence collection, information delivery and opinion, which he



Not all news is good!



Journalists use electronic media to submit stories in seconds - a simple error can result in editorial problems



WALLIS, SIMPSON AND THE NEW YORK TIMES

The *New York Times* was referenced by some operators in British Intelligence in 1936 as being one of a number of American newspapers 'spreading base[less] and false rumours of the King and Mrs Simpson'. Brendan Bracken, the Minister of Information suggested that a question should be put to the Home Secretary that the newspapers should be barred from entering Britain because of the stories. These of course centred upon a secret love affair.

However, several MI6 men discussed the reports, including Bruce Lockhart. He noted that the journalists' stories were being deemed credible in some circles. And as history shows, King Edward VIII,



Brendan Bracken

abdicated the throne to marry Wallis Simpson (who divorced her husband in 1936) thus proving the 'tittle tattle' surrounding an affair was indeed correct.

Interestingly, Lockhart, an intelligence officer and diplomat who became Director-General of Britain's powerful WWII Political Warfare Executive (PWE), writing in his diary once said this of intelligence reports: 'No intelligence report[s] can be taken at more than twenty per cent of the truth'.

often calls fake news, is definitely pliable, and his mood towards the media has altered after meeting with senior intelligence chiefs. He earlier attacked journalists for not naming sources, though now acknowledges that such points of information, are utilised by both ➤





the intelligence world and media. CIA Director Mike Pompeo and others recognise that journalists and reporters have access to areas his own officers often find difficult to cover or penetrate.

The President's anger towards, what can be an unforgiving media, appears to be lessening, as evidenced by a remark he made at an event recognising the work of US emergency services. He turned towards a press gathering, waved and said: "You know these folks back here... they're very famous most of them. The media, they are very honourable people."

Perhaps the current situation of the important liaison between the Fourth Estate and intelligence world, is best summed up by Patrick Murray: "Many Americans believe that fake news is rampant across all types of media. The main outcome of this phenomenon seems to be that all news media outlets are now eyed with suspicion." And to conclude, "fake news comes from all sources."



President Trump's use of the phrase 'fake news' and social media has certainly caused discussion amongst the intelligence community

President Trump was happier when US strikes against Syria following the sarin attack on civilians were widely supported by the media. However, the situation is far from resolved, though Trump's inner circle and intelligence people have convinced the President that personal and policy attacks are all part of the 'great game'.

It's the End of the World

Anatomy of a Fake News Story

History is littered with stories that are based on tiny shreds of truth, base comments, unconfirmed reports, or created with an ulterior motive; misinformation and disinformation are two words which can be attached to the latter. In more recent times, and in the quest for headlines and increased readership, listeners or watchers, some media houses have opted to dismantle a story and embellish its primary

point, widening its impact. How this can be achieved its multi-faceted, but social media and the Internet have opened a Pandora's Box which even trained intelligence analysts and security personnel have found difficult to counter; and in more complex cases, impossible to investigate and source.



How an intended paragraph of humour sparked conversation and led to the creation of an intel story which featured around the world



April 2014. A Russian fighter flies perilously close to the USS Donald Cook. Inset: A satirical report about the event created just days later about technology carried by the aircraft was still circulating and being used for mischievous purposes three years later

A GOOD CASE EXAMPLE

On 12 April 2014, the US Department of Defense reported Russian fighters 'buzzed the USS Donald Cook over the Black Sea'. There were even a number of photographs taken supporting the event. The USS Cook had been despatched to the area following Russia's annexation of Crimea and the report was 100% accurate. A week later additions were added by Fox News World: 'Russia claims it can wipe out US Navy with single electronic bomb'. The related content was simply a

sidebar sourced from a UK tabloid.

However, the Fox

report was circulated and soon found its way into dozens of media outlets. In time, questions were raised by commentators and news desks about America's military capacity to thwart and counter such a device.

TIMELINE

Shortly after the reporting, Russian writer, Dmitri Sedov wrote a satirical opinion piece on the incident as an imaginary electronic warfare attack - he even included fictional panic from a crew member as a letter from a sailor to his wife. 'We thrice cried 'hip-hip hurrah' and prepared to show the Russians what awaits them if they raise their hand for



USAF General (retired) Frank Gorenc

the second half of Ukraine', said Sedov's bogus sailor. He also described a drunk officer crying aloud, 'Those Russian Khibiny!' Khibiny (L-175V) being the name of the Russian electronic countermeasures and warfare weapon that can interfere with radar and delay aircraft detection.

FACEBOOK

A copy of the 'sailors letter' was posted to Facebook with links back to Sedov's original article. A common practise to drive Internet traffic to a particular website.

RUSSIAN TELEVISION

Three years later on 15 April 2017. Russia's state controlled Rossiya-1 Vesti programme broadcast another news report on the USS ➤



Sailors of the USS Donald Cook



Khibiny secured on the wing tips of a Russian Air Force Su-34 fighter



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Donald Cook incident and Khibiny: *'The plane approached the [USS] Cook, it switched on the equipment, and powerful radio-electronic waves deactivated the whole ship's systems'.*

Astonishingly, Vesti stated its source was a crew member and it quoted almost verbatim the letter written by the imaginary sailor invented by Sedov. Eye Spy along with other intelligence watchers monitoring the story noted it was broadcast on 15 April - which just happens to be Electronic Warfare Day in Russia! However, like all good media houses Vesti had a qualified and good supporting commentary. This came from retired four star General Frank Gorenc, former commander of the US Air Force in Europe and a vastly experienced military commander. It soon transpired he never spoke of the event.

BRITISH TABLOIDS

But the damage had been done. A few days later on 19 April, a number of popular UK tabloids focused on the story. And because it had received attention on several television stations, plus the likes of Gorenc were mentioned, editorials opted to devote much copy. Eye-catching headlines such as *'Electronic Bomb capable of paralysing the entire US Navy'* soon appeared. And even though the editor of the *Sun* newspaper issued a word of caution - highlighting fears it could be propaganda, another UK newspaper (*Daily Express*) stretched the readers imagination again, warning *'WWIII might be at hand'*.

US MEDIA REPORTING

Back in America, Fox News officials, noting the *Sun*, but more importantly, several more serious media houses had opted to side with sceptics and highlight the term 'propaganda', the television station said its reporting was not *'considered as a serious report on Russia's military capability'*, but rather as *'another example of Russian media hyperbole'*. Fox's

British Intelligence were the first true masters of deception and propaganda. Its early 20th century information chiefs found that if a story is repeated often enough, it will inevitably secure a degree of credibility in some quarters... and even when 'disqualified' it will remain supported by pillars of conspiracy... and continue to function as a confusion element



feature on the entire episode has all but been removed from its website.

A CONSPIRACY BONANZA

Nevertheless, the damage had been done, and the prominence and menace of the dated Khibiny elevated from a fairly basic system, to

one that could be used in a first strike capacity. Its prowess was circulated around the world via social media. And soon those commentators playing down the event were drawn into a myriad of government conspiracy theories. All of this drawn from a proper DOD newswire report and the hand of Dmitri Sedov's imaginary US sailor.

The Katyn Wood Massacre

When Governments Conspire to Ignore Unpalatable Evidence

One of the most controversial incidents of WWII was consumed and concealed in what could be described as a fake news story. Reports of the massacre of around 4,500 Polish troopers, whose bodies were discovered in a mass grave at Katyn Wood, Russia, by German soldiers, came in April 1943. Though killed elsewhere, they were buried at Katyn in 1940, after the NKVD had performed numerous executions - permission being granted by Stalin.

On 13 April 1943, a German radio station broadcast: 'A report has reached us from Smolensk to the effect that the local inhabitants have mentioned to the German authorities the existence of a place where mass executions have been carried out by the Bolsheviks and

where 10,000 Polish officers have been murdered by the Soviet Secret State Police. The German authorities went to a place called the Hill of Goats, a Russian health resort situated twelve kilometres west of Smolensk, where a gruesome discovery was made'.

Moscow responded by claiming the atrocity was committed by German troops, and because Russia was an ally of the West, it was this version of events that was believed. Similarly, it didn't help that the broadcasts were made after information had been imparted by Goebbels' propaganda ministry.

On 14 April 1943 Moscow responded, an official said: "The Polish prisoners in question were interned in the vicinity of Smolensk in special camps and were employed in road construction. It was impossible to evacuate them at the time of the approach of the German troops and, as a result, they fell into their hands. If, therefore, they have been found murdered, it means that they have been murdered by the Germans who, for reasons of provocation, now claim that the crime was committed by Soviet authorities."

This storyline was absorbed by the one media station which had a global audience - the BBC. On 15 April, British information officials through BBC radio, announced that the "Germans had told lies and that it accepted the Russian



Nazi propaganda poster showing the execution of Polish troopers. The banner reads: 'Forest of the Dead of Katyne'

version." And it was this single report that circulated around the world. The Nazis had committed another war crime.

However, even in 1943, some Polish government figures in exile were unconvinced and called for an independent inspection of Katyn. This action caused a major diplomatic row between Russia and Poland. However, the 'German atrocity' thread, supported by bogus eye-witness testimony, false reports and a myriad of unconfirmed 'official documents' remained for decades. That is until 1990, when following the fall of Communism, Moscow acknowledged the NKVD secret police was

behind the incident and had embarked on a lengthy and secretive programme of concealing the truth.

Letter to Stalin proposing that Polish officers are executed



NOTES:

TRADECRAFT

PART 1

COMMUNICATION & ESPIONAGE

Eavesdropping has come a long way since the word was actually created - this referring to a person listening from a building's wooden eaves. Eye Spy investigates the changing dynamics of an intelligence tradecraft that now affects billions of people worldwide...



ADVENTURE IN TIME

Introduction: Whilst the objective of intelligence collection has changed little over time, the actual methods and means by which it is achieved is moving at a pace that has surprised even those deployed at the technical level. Little wonder the 'gadget creators' involved in developing new ways in which to watch, bug, listen and steal are finding today's espionage theatre a 'spy's playground'...

NEW CLOAK LESS DAGGER

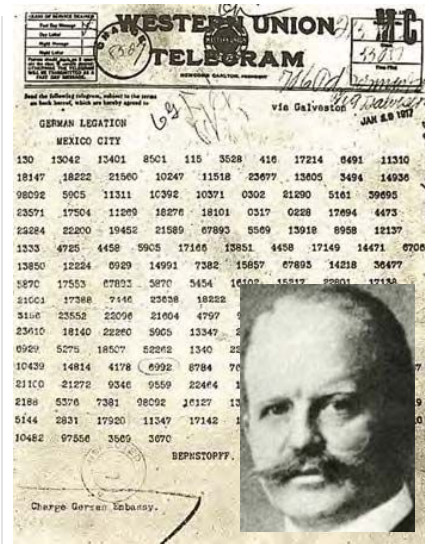


A hundred years ago and a little over one year into the Great War, those on opposing sides were in dire straights about learning about their adversaries military strengths, objectives and weaponry. Germany for its part struggled, but it did manage to place a few observers in the UK and international ports and locations it perceived were important. Britain did likewise and utilised its empire posts, friendly forces, existing contacts and proxies to report and infiltrate.

Communication was limited, time sensitive and in many cases laboriously slow. Tele-

grams may have been a speedy way to send information, but they were vulnerable and liable to interception. A good example being the note sent by German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmerman to Heinrich von Eckhart, Berlin's representative in Mexico 1917. Zimmerman was effectively proposing a military alliance between the two countries. In return for Mexico's support, Germany would help it recover vast areas of the southern United States. Britain's Admiralty Room 40 codebreakers secured the communication and quickly deciphered its content. It was then handed to officials in Washington and after viewing, America duly declared war on Germany. The immense importance of interception was evident in this one act alone.

The telephone was seen as an 'ultra' modern method of passing information and receiving messages. But most systems were local and national affairs - not international. Indeed, it

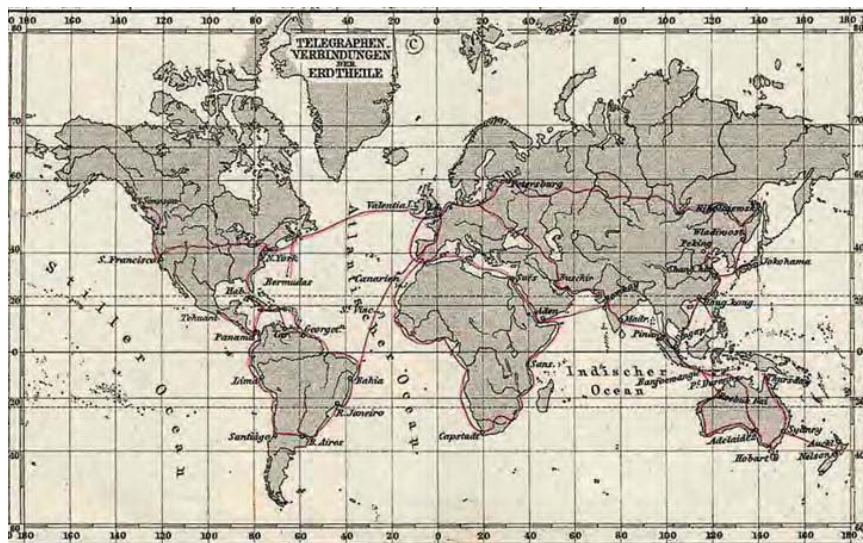


Arthur Zimmerman and the intercepted telegram

was not until 1926 a trans-Atlantic call was made between the UK and USA. Similarly, like all other technologies, it didn't take long for intelligence officials to come up with methods of eavesdropping. This was primarily a ➤



1851. Illustration shows early telegram message received by the Submarine Telegraph Company in London sent via a Foy-Breguet machine based in Paris



Global telegraph lines network in 1891

mechanical affair; today, with a little know-how it can be achieved - legally or otherwise. Secure lines and countermeasures apart, if a telephone line or the actual unit can be physically reached it can be breached. And once underwater cable lines stretching thousands of miles around the world were laid, the opportunities for interception and intelligence collection became even greater.

PASSING INFORMATION

Speed of messaging in the intelligence world has always been of great importance - especially in wartime. Being aware of an imminent danger does allow for the preparation of countermeasures. Henceforth in times of conflict, having a spy network in place is an invaluable tool. Without access to a communication platform delivering, exchanging or receiving information is slow. Indeed, on occasions by the time it had reached the end-user, it was worthless or its value seriously downgraded. For thousands of years couriers

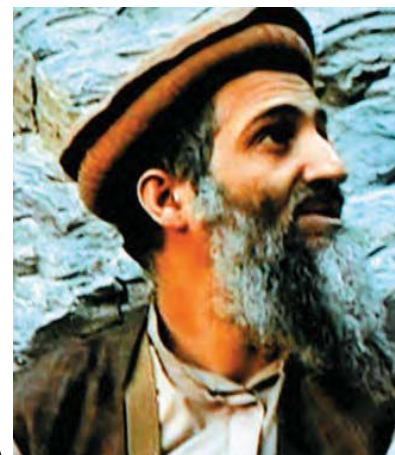
have operated - messages carried by one person or delivered through neutral countries making reporting difficult. This was all well and good if the material was not time sensitive.

HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED

There are still tales of 'spy pigeons' delivering letters and taking photos using tiny cameras. And stories of couriers traversing thousands of miles to impart information or commands exist. Most famously perhaps, those engaged by Osama bin-Laden who allegedly sent his operatives across the dangerous borderlands of Afghanistan and Pakistan to deliver by mouth messages to his cohorts. Perhaps a more effective and speedy way to make contact would have been to make a cell phone call? But this senior terrorist who evaded the modern mechanism of US Intelligence for over a decade opted not to for security reasons. The man who believed the CIA had an all-seeing eye was correct not to do so - enabling

SAFE HOUSES & CELL PHONES

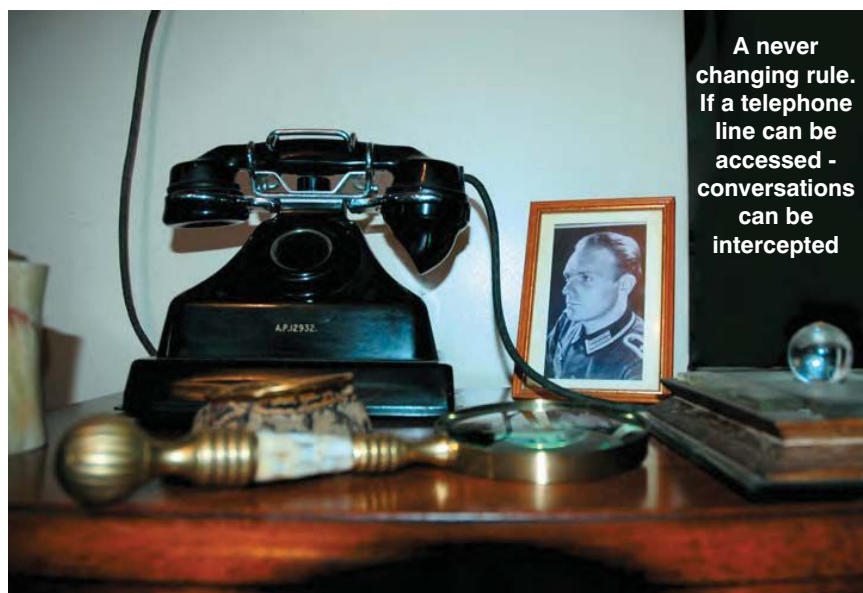
Whilst Osama bin-Laden used technology he feared cell phones and computers in respect of eavesdropping, tracking and interception. He created a small network of couriers who would transport materials and pass messages to others, rarely did he communicate directly with associates outside his safe house in Abbottabad, Pakistan. Such caution allowed him to go undetected for a decade - until the CIA and NSA began a process of elimination in respect of his couriers - and a little assistance from undisclosed sources

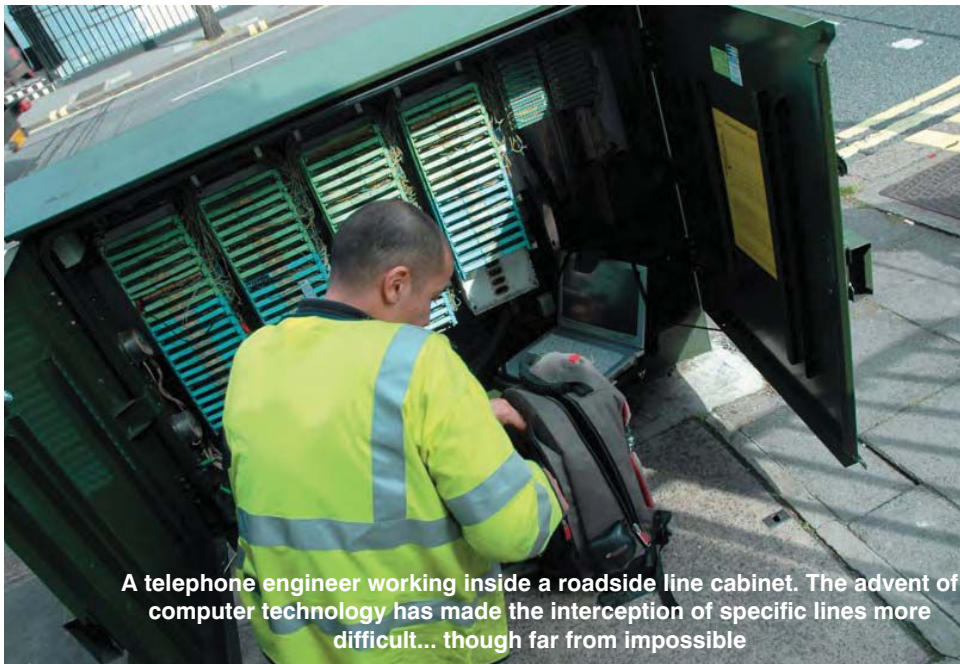


him to hide in plain sight for a decade. Eventually of course, his couriers were identified and the rest is history.

Today, organisations like NSA and GCHQ are engaged in projects to understand and 'break' an ever-evolving 'cell phone language' which is also used to conceal an agents' transfer of information and by those engaged in terrorism. Switching words and meaning: for example, Explosive becomes 'Having a Meal'... 'Meeting Point' - 'Holiday'. Such communications can be altered or tampered with or customised at any point, making an analysts task both difficult and at times frustrating. And of course, the same applies to text messaging. Nevertheless, there have been several case files where the government has successfully prosecuted people using such techniques to hide their illegal activities.

An interesting statistic to digest; there are more cell phone and communication devices in existence than there are people on this planet. And this is set to grow. One report stated such units are 'multiplying' five times faster than the human race - thus by 2025 there will be over 35 billion gadgets in existence enabling us to make contact with anyone in the world. If only the spooks operating on the Western Front in 1915 could have secured but a couple of these machines (and a transmitting mast or communications satellite of course)!





A telephone engineer working inside a roadside line cabinet. The advent of computer technology has made the interception of specific lines more difficult... though far from impossible



Cell phone detonated IED

Together with computers and other digital hard and software, this area and its cyber environment is easily the most important to those engaged in intelligence collection today. Sadly, it is an area being exploited more and more by the criminal fraternity. Just ask the officials of Talk Talk in Britain. Personal details of

hundreds of thousands of (cell) users were stolen two years ago leading to no end of problems and a massive fine for the supplier.

Similarly, the use of electronic media platforms in bomb making has also become an art. From using cell phones as detonators,

triggering devices thousands of miles away, to adapting lap top computers packed with explosives and a call-up system, the task of those countering the technology has increased immensely.

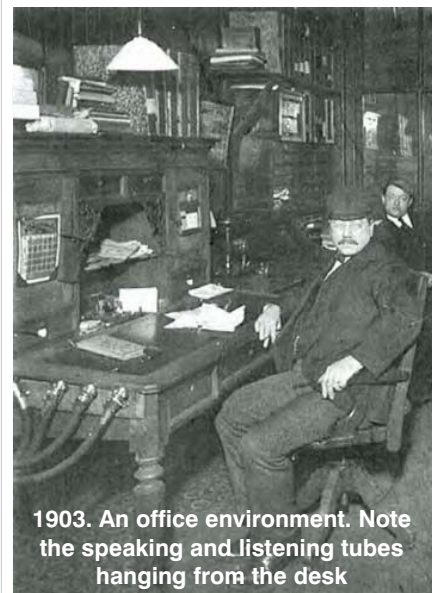
FROM ANTIQUE TO SPACE AGE

WORLD WAR ONE TIME CAPSULE – PIGEONS!

Communications continue to this day to be carried by pigeons. Their role in the 'game of espionage' has been well documented in the pages of Eye Spy. These images relate to WWI. **1.** Swiss troopers sending a message by pigeon. **2.** Camera-carrying pigeon used by Germany as a reconnaissance 'instrument'. **3.** Leg canisters used on pigeons by the US Army Signal Corps



Securing information from specific locations or covertly from knowing or unknowing individuals has always been an art, according to those engaged at the 'sharp end' of espionage. And even a century ago the early spymasters challenged their technicians to come up with inventions and methods that could achieve results. From early reconnaissance cameras attached to aeroplanes to secreting operatives under the floorboards with a tube to listen-in to meetings, spy tradecraft was evolving. However, just like today, the intelligence world soon found



1903. An office environment. Note the speaking and listening tubes hanging from the desk

THE LISTENER

Harry Houdini's Tradecraft That So Interested MI5

In Eye Spy's *The Insider's Guide to 500 Spy Sites in London*, several pages are devoted to the famous escapologist Harry Houdini, and his little known work for Britain's emerging Security Service - MI5.

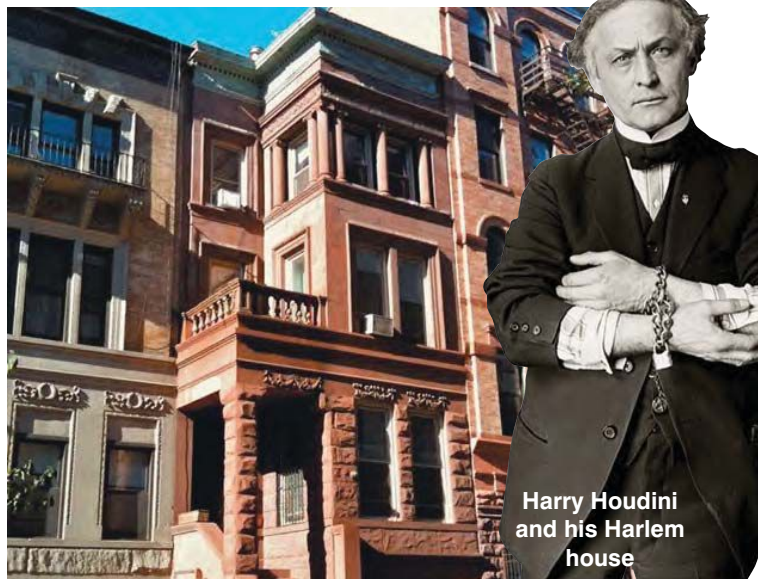


William Melville

As a friend and associate of future MI5 Director William Melville, Houdini gave a demonstration of his skills by showing how he could escape from handcuffs at Scotland Yard.

However, it's very likely he also revealed the secrets behind a number of espionage tricks performed on his unknowing guests who stayed with him at his home in Harlem in New York - a property he purchased in 1904 for \$25,000; a king's ransom at the time.

Houdini had the entire house 'wired' and installed listening devices that allowed him to 'listen-in' to conversations that were taking place around the house.



Harry Houdini and his Harlem house

When guests arrived and sat down to supper, he then amazed them with his supernatural 'mind reading' tricks - revealing personal secrets and intimate details that he could not possibly have known. At least that's what his guests thought! He, no doubt, shared his tale (and equipment) with his MI5 friend Melville.

For the record, besides an apartment in London, Houdini and his wife Bess lived in the Harlem house until his death in 1926.

It was recently placed on the market for a sale value of \$4.6 million (£3.6 million). *Bugs not included.*

ways to utilise emerging technologies - a prime example being our good friend the telephone. Listening to a conversation via an exchange was one option. And when recording audio became possible (well over a century ago), these devices provided additional opportunities, including data which could now be stored and utilised at a later date or given in evidence. Some recordings were of course used as 'persuasion tools' (blackmail) even securing the services of spies.

ENGAGING ELECTRONIC PLATFORMS

Cell phone and communication interception has become a growth industry. And one doesn't have to look too far beyond the operations of the NSA and GCHQ to understand the power of the machinery and technology now available to such organisations. Whilst there are obvious privacy concerns, the programmes that perform in the cyber world are set to become

Magnetic wire recorder on display at the Brade Works Industrial Museum, Denmark, invented by Valdemar Poulsen in 1898



Once an individual becomes a 'person of interest', there are numerous technical and physical procedures which can be implemented to collect intelligence

more powerful. Electronic eavesdropping is crucial in counter-terrorism. Without having the ability to listen (and watch), the world would be an even more dangerous place. The surveillance being performed is mostly governed by legislation. It's a grey area for those who perform in its theatre, but in the UK for example, new powers are being introduced that will allow further penetration of mobile devices and computers.

A SPY CALLED PAULETTE COMMUNICATING BY KNITTING

From as far back as the American Civil War and throughout both world wars, the intelligence services have taken advantage of the stereotype of 'women knitters.' Women were not allowed to engage in active duty so they were encouraged to knit socks, hats, and balaclavas for soldiers during many conflicts. Women knitting either in groups or alone were a common sight all over the world, but unbeknown to most people, some were used in the great game of espionage.

Whether used as a cover for reconnaissance or knitting codes in wool or fabric, there is a long history between knitting and espionage. *'Spies have been known to work code messages into knitting, embroidery, hooked rugs, etc'*, according to the 1942 book *A Guide to Codes and Signals*.

Knitting encoded messages was a form of stenography, a way to hide a message physically. By making a specific combination

of knits and purls in a pre-determined pattern, spies could pass on a custom piece of fabric and read the secret message, buried in an innocent scarf or hat.



Phyllis Latour Doyle

AGENT PAULETTE

One such person is Phyllis Latour Doyle, a British Special Operation Executive (SOE) agent in World War II. Doyle, codenamed Paulette, spent the war years passing information to her handlers using knitting as a cover. Parachuted into occupied Normandy in 1944, she regularly conversed with German soldiers. All the while, she sat knitting innocently, embedding her patterns with Morse code of the conversation. "An ordinary loop knot can make the equivalent of a dot and a knot in the figure-eight manner and will give you the equivalent of a dash," she said in an interview in 2009. "I always carried knitting because my codes were on a piece of silk - I had about 2000 I could use. When I used a code I would just pinprick it to indicate it had gone. I wrapped the piece of silk around a knitting needle and put it in a flat shoe lace which I used to tie my hair up."

In total, Doyle passed over 130 messages in this way. Today, she resides in New Zealand. Aged 96, this agent has received numerous medals for her outstanding bravery, including the French Knight of the Legion of Honour.



SOE agent Phyllis Latour Doyle - codenamed Paulette

The UK Government said it wants to 'modernise' the law and define legislation created in 1994 which talks about 'property'. An offshoot of this 'managed' law, according to industry specialists, means 'property' will be translated to cover equipment - smart phones and computers - even those encrypted types. Seeking out software vulnerabilities is key and today's intelligence services employ some very good specialists. The objective is of course to listen-in to specially selected targets - with a warrant. This has been ongoing for the best part of two decades, so it's hardly a new endeavour. Critics like Edward Snowden claim the programme will be 'all seeing' and could be exploited in *certain* areas by *certain* people. The CIA's Vault 7 programme (see Eye Spy 108), is evidence enough that intelligence services recognise much valuable information can be gleaned from everyday objects used by millions to

The cell phone has transformed communication and espionage



Knitting for victory - but some women used the 'art' for some very unusual purposes





Mechanical and electric typewriters and even computerised displays have been targeted by those engaged in espionage for decades



MI6 had strict rules on using carbon and duplicating paper



communicate. Langley didn't wait for clearance, before creating gateways to cell phones, laptops and even smart televisions. Though legislation is still a mitigating factor for government investigative agencies, it is a 'throwaway' term for hackers, criminals and yes... some spy agencies.

The word encryption has been used more and more in recent times by intelligence heads, including MI5 Director-General Andrew Parker. Countering penetration has led to some very good software that effectively blocks an

electronic probe. After Snowden's leaks about the NSA PRISM programme, there is collective agreement that terrorists and organised crime gangs began to change the way they communicate and plan. Former British premier David Cameron said: "We just want to ensure that terrorists do not have a safe space in which to communicate." Human Rights' advocates and others warn the legislation will be exploited.

A HIDDEN ADVANTAGE

Cell phone interception is big business, so too engaging tools to search computers or secure communications and text from word processing files and programmes. Just a few short years ago the written word was spelled out using an invention that in one form or another has been with us for over 150 years. Capturing information from typewriters is definitely a spy trait that evolved in time. In WWII and even edging towards the early Cold War years, MI6 warned its staffers to take special care when using carbon paper to make duplicates of letters - this before the advent of photocopiers. It was an offence to leave any scrap of paper on a desk when leaving! The communication of course visible on the paper.

And as strange as it may sound, efforts to develop listening methods to detect key strokes was engaged resulting in all manner of discussion and counter-measures. When electric typewriters emerged, interception proved even more successful. The computer and word processing programmes spoiled all the fun, but to the technology men and women whose task it was to discover what was being written, other devices and software would soon offer a hidden advantage.

An Adventure in Time: Communications and Espionage continues in Eye Spy 111

THE DOW

Dutch Government Announces Intent to Try Suspects

Bery Koenders, the Dutch Foreign Minister, says that suspects involved in the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 will be prosecuted in a Dutch court. The announcement came just days before the third anniversary of the airliner incident. All 298 people on board were killed when the aeroplane crashed on 17 July 2014, on a flight from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur.

In October 2015, the Dutch Safety Board and a joint investigation team (JIT), determined that the Boeing 777 jet was struck by a



Fred Westerbeke

Russian-made BUK missile. Whilst no suspects have been officially named, Dutch Chief Prosecutor Fred



Dutch Foreign Minister Bery Koenders (right) at a gathering of NATO officials in Brussels

DOWNING OF MH17



Buk surface-to-air missile launcher - the type used to bring down MH17

Westerbeke said over 100 'persons of interest' had been identified.

Russia continues to deny any involvement and vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution to investigate the case in July 2015.

Koenders said: "Flight MH17 was downed in a conflict zone which was the scene of heavy fighting and which is still difficult to access. We're still seeing a great deal of disinformation and attempts to discredit the



Igor Girkin

investigation." Tjibbe Joustra, who led the Dutch Safety Board investigation, added: "I don't see anybody going to jail quickly, but I think the truth will come out."

Of intelligence and investigative interest, a supposed 'key witness' to the MH17 incident, Russian Colonel Vasily Geranin, was allegedly detained by the FSB in June 2017.

Victims of the disaster, which occurred over territory held by pro-Russia separatists fighting Ukrainian government forces in the east of Ukraine, came from 17 countries, and included 196 Dutch citizens.

'KEY WITNESS' DETAINED

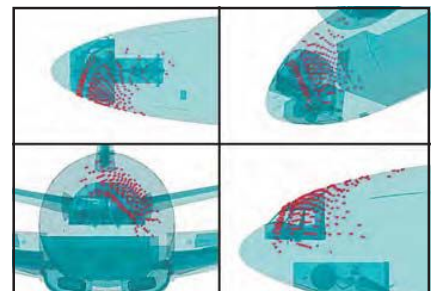


Colonel Vasily Geranin (right) pictured with Igor Girkin (a.k.a. Igor Ivanovich Streklov) around 2003. Geranin, has been 'detained' by the FSB, according to a Ukrainian monitoring service. As for Girkin, he is believed to be an officer with Russia's GRU, and has previously been linked to pro-Russian forces in the east of Ukraine. Girkin is said to have made several Internet postings relating to the shooting down of MH17 immediately following the incident.



A 9N314M missile exploded near the cockpit of MH17

Images from the Dutch Safety Board Report show impact damage from the missile





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6 DAYS

John McAleese, Friends, Jamie Bell and the Recreation of a Legendary SAS Operation

REFLECTIONS

John McAleese and I first met around 1973 when we both turned up at the Royal Citadel in Plymouth for what's known as the All Arms Commando Course. John and I hit it off from the moment we met and established a great rapport. We worked and played hard, and became the best of friends. After a one-month

"physical beat up" as it was called then, we passed Commando training and were chosen to go to Lympstone, Devon - home of the Royal Marines. John and I duly passed the Royal Marines training and were awarded our green berets. It was a proud moment. John was posted to 59 Commando Royal Engineers in Plymouth, while I headed to 29 Commando Royal Artillery, also in Plymouth. We saw a

Former SAS Soldier and Eye Spy Associate Editor, Rusty Firmin, reflects on his friendship with former colleague John McAleese and his input into a new motion picture - 6 Days. The movie, released in August, focuses on one of the most dramatic chapters in the history of the Special Air Service - Operation Nimrod and the ending of the 1980 Iranian Embassy Siege. Firmin, who played a lead role in the operation, and who became known as the 'man with no gloves', acted as technical advisor to the production team and along with colleagues, helped in providing unique insight into the operation



By Rusty Firmin

fair bit of each other over the next few years and of course, we socialised together whenever we could.

John was posted to Arbroath in Scotland for a while and we lost contact; no cell phones in those days! However, in 1976, I decided to leave 29 Commando and applied for Special Air Service (22 SAS) selection. Unbeknown to me, 'John Mac' had done exactly the same thing.

Pre-selection training was in the spectacular Brecon Beacons in South Wales. It also coincided with the hottest temperatures ever recorded in the region - a fact which still exists to this day. I reached the top of Pen-y-Fan with my fellow troopers - my mates. And just then,



Rusty Firmin pictured with Jamie Bell during filming for the movie - 6 Days

Bell as Firmin



Rusty Firmin (no gloves) and SAS colleagues enter the Iranian Embassy. The 'active' end of this operation lasted just eleven minutes



THE SAS - 11 MINUTES



to my great surprise and delight - John Mac and his unit came up from the other side on the hill! That's how we met again.

SAS SELECTION

We trained hard throughout the days, and at night we'd find a way to "crack some cider

between us." In 1977 John Mac and I entered SAS selection. What a great guy to know; he was fit, strong and very clever. After six months of gruelling SAS physical election training, combat survival, jungle training, skill at arms, etc., we were awarded our SAS berets. It was another fulfilling and very proud moment. We applied to join B Squadron; ➤



SAS 8 Troop John McAleese (left) and Rusty Firmin



John McAleese - gone but not forgotten by Firmin or his colleagues in 22 SAS



Rusty Firmin and Jamie Bell pictured with stunt men and specialists in New Zealand during filming

subsequently applied for 8 Troop, which was mobility, and we both got our wishes.

From 1977 until 1992 we were together in the same Squadron. We saw service in jungles, deserts, Northern Ireland, the Falkland Islands and elsewhere. We were best of friends and got to know each other really well over those years together. And then came the Iranian Embassy siege - 30 April - 5 May 1980.

I suppose this was our 'finest hour' together along with the rest of B Squadron. John Mac, myself along with three colleagues, will always be remembered for those scenes captured on live television as we entered the embassy via a balcony to rescue the hostages. Surreal moments viewed by the whole world. Like me, I'm sure John would be surprised that almost four decades later a film would be made of that iconic rescue mission.

Sadly, John McAleese passed away in 2011 and will not be around to see the film which focuses on the mission - one in which he was so instrumental in helping to rescue the hostages.

From years ago being his medic and staying with him 48-hours until a helicopter could airlift him out of the jungle, to delivering his eulogy in Hereford Cathedral in 2011 after his passing, John Mac played a big part in my life. I know he would be proud of the movie.

6 DAYS: THE TRUE STORY OF THE IRANIAN EMBASSY SIEGE

General Film Corporation New Zealand decided they would like to make a film about the siege,

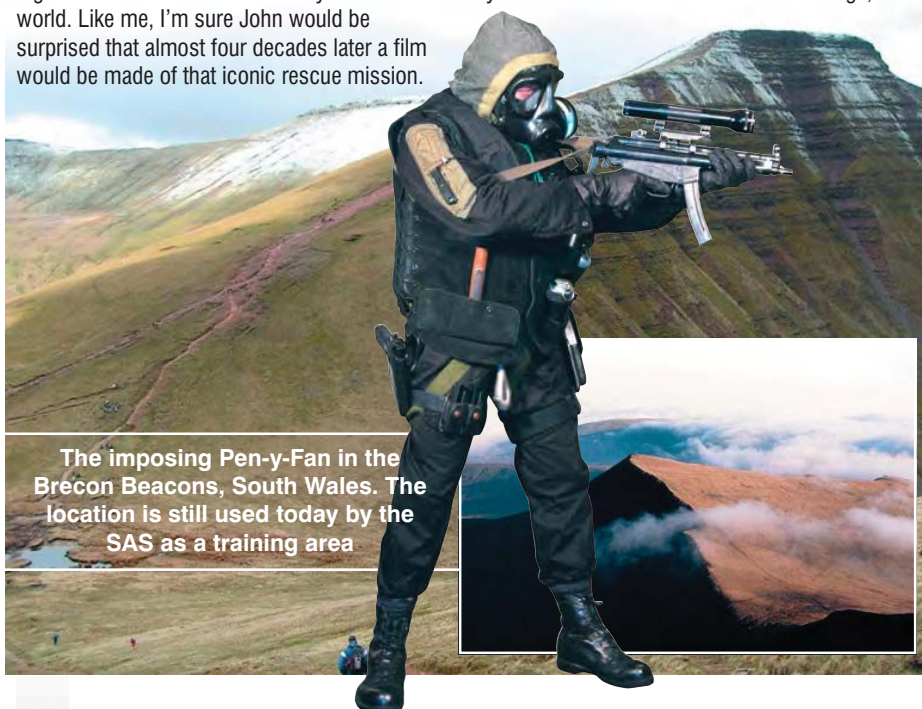
TRAINING DAYS

Jamie Bell in a specially built 'killing house' - a smoke-filled room. The actor is given guidance on various techniques



inspired by my book *GO! GO! GO!* released in 2010 on the 30th anniversary. When I first learned of this I didn't know if it would be really feasible. I met with the producer and I subsequently introduced the scriptwriter to a number of colleagues in Hereford who were involved in the siege - he made some notes, went back to New Zealand and wrote the script for the film. I was involved as an adviser/consultant to the film along with other ex-B Squadron consultants.

The cast was drawn up and Jamie Bell, a British actor, plays myself in the film. 'Rusty Firmin' is - or was - 'the man with no gloves' on that particular assault. I travelled to New Zealand and met with Jamie during some of the filming; I just had to teach him how to



The imposing Pen-y-Fan in the Brecon Beacons, South Wales. The location is still used today by the SAS as a training area



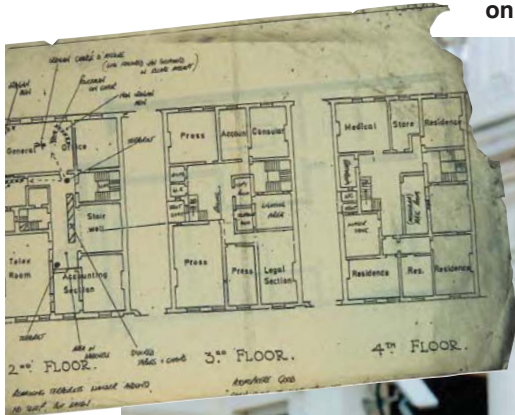
Rusty Firmin pictured today



Albert Memorial



Rusty Firmin pictured on top of the SAS holding area at 14/15 Princes Gate. Behind is the Iranian Embassy rooftop where SAS troops abseiled into the building. Nearby is the Albert Memorial, Hyde Park, where the six terrorists met on 5 May 1980, to plan the takeover of the embassy



6 DAYS: THE TRUE STORY OF THE IRANIAN EMBASSY SIEGE



Rusty Firmin pictured outside the Iranian Embassy



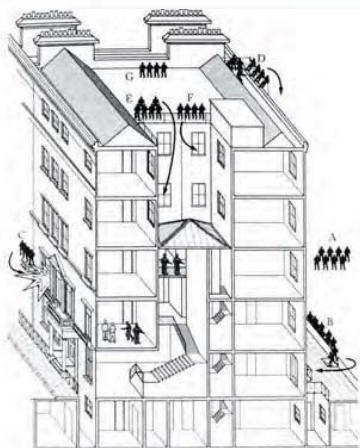
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Falkland Islands. SAS soldier Rusty Firmin pictured with an Argentinian Air Force fighter



8 Troop SAS soldiers in the Brunei jungle. Firmin and McAleese are circled



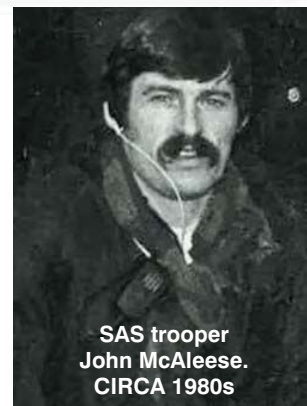
Six SAS units entered the building

become 'me' for the role! He was a very quick learner - he's a Northerner and has a working class background - just like myself! He is 30-years-old - exactly my age back in 1980 at the time of the siege. So there were quite a few similarities, but in his humble opinion, he "does not think he could pass selection for the SAS."

The story could have been told a number of ways by different SAS men who were involved, but the plotline that General Film Corporation New Zealand wants to tell is the one portrayed in 6 Days.

Nevertheless, I feel saddened that my friend John Mac was not around to have his input

into the film. However, I think the actor who portrays him in the film does a great job, and I know John Mac would be pleased.



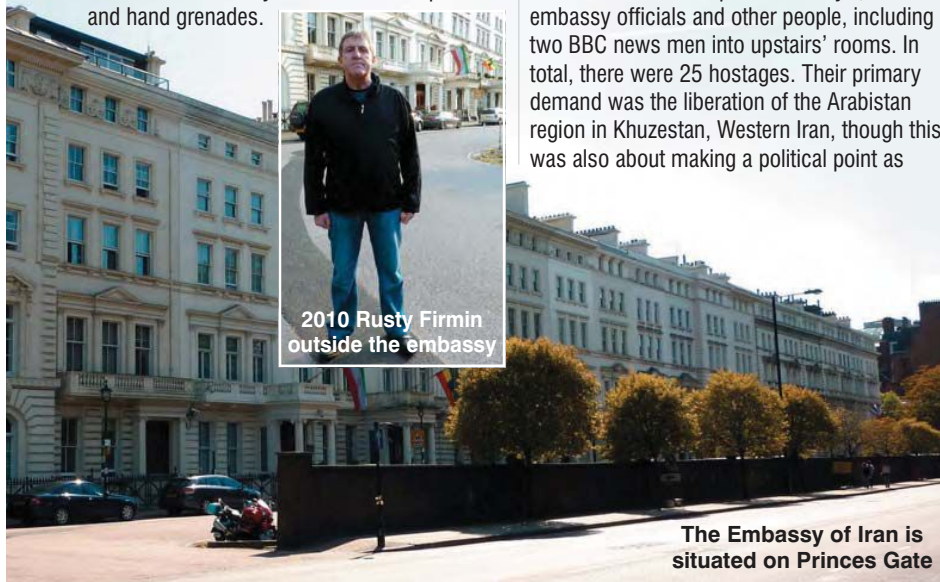
SAS trooper John McAleese. CIRCA 1980s

6 Days is due for release in August 2017.

THE IRANIAN EMBASSY SIEGE A Defining Moment in Time

On 30 April 1980, six Middle East terrorists opposed to the Iranian revolution of 1979, entered Iran's UK Embassy in Princes Gate, London. The men carried an array of fearsome weapons and hand grenades.

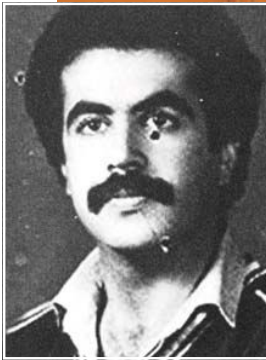
The only police officer on patrol at the embassy that day was Trevor Lock. At the time he was enjoying a cup of coffee with an embassy official. The gunmen, who called themselves the 'Group of the Martyr', ushered embassy officials and other people, including two BBC news men into upstairs' rooms. In total, there were 25 hostages. Their primary demand was the liberation of the Arabistan region in Khuzestan, Western Iran, though this was also about making a political point as



2010 Rusty Firmin outside the embassy

The Embassy of Iran is situated on Princes Gate





Terror cell leader Salim Towfigh lies dead in an embassy room

well. Regardless, it was a volatile and dangerous situation and one being watched by the world's media.

Unbeknown to all, an embassy official had pressed a security button which alerted New Scotland Yard that something was occurring. This marked the beginning of an extraordinary six days, ending only when several SAS units stormed the building in an operation codenamed Nimrod.



Margaret Thatcher

On the sixth and final day of the siege, SAS men Rusty Firmin, John McAleese and colleagues, entered the building. What followed was an incredible series of incidents, conversation, errors, terror, and at times, organised chaos that seemed impossible to compact into just 11 minutes. By the time the shooting stopped, five terrorists, including Salim Towfigh, the group's leader had been pronounced dead.

The dark-clothed sinister-looking men who had entered the building on behalf of Her Majesty's Government disappeared in a variety of civilian cars just as quickly as they had appeared. As Rusty explained, it was time for a few beers, the watching of the last few frames on the World Snooker Championship and a bizarre meeting with the 'Iron Lady' herself - Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. And then reflection.

- Eye Spy 68 carries a major interview with Rusty Firmin containing intimate and revealing details of the Iranian Embassy siege

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BEYOND FIVE EYES

Encryption App Favoured by ISIS Runs into Trouble in Moscow

On various electronic platforms, supportive web sites and propaganda leaflets, ISIS declared itself 'owners of the virtual world'. The bold announcement followed several reports that its operatives and supporters had out-manoeuvred security services such as NSA and GCHQ by communicating using apps with encryption capabilities. One such app is Telegram Messenger - now at the centre of a growing row in Moscow

between its controllers and Russian Intelligence. And unlike many recent incidents which have caused friction between intelligence services in the West and Russia, on this occasion the agencies seem united.

Khalid Masood, the Westminster Bridge and Parliament attacker is one example of terrorists using technology to stay off the 'radar'. MI5 discovered he used Telegram Messenger weeks before the attack and even

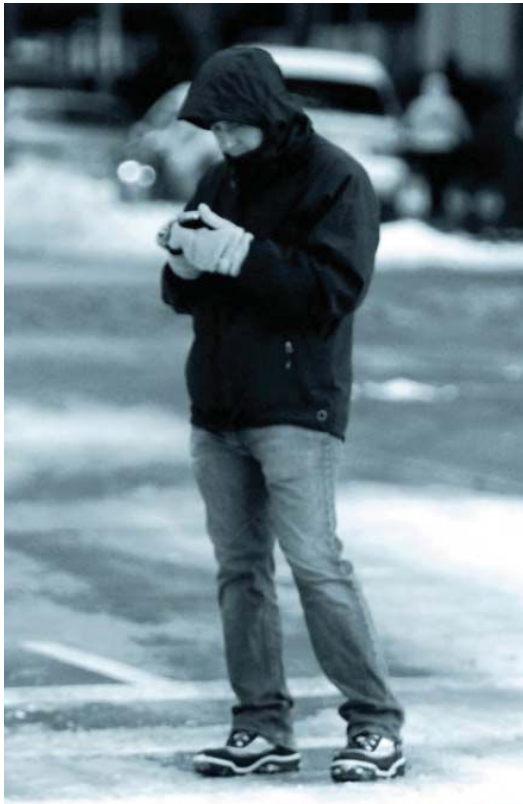
received an image of an ISIS fighter dressed like 'Jihadi John' holding a sword in front of Big Ben. The image - titled 'Fight Them' - showed a fireball and a torn Union Jack flying from a flagpole. Other similar imagery was also circulated just prior to the attack (below left). And just moments before the actual attack, Masood had been sending messages via WhatsApp, another encrypted messaging service. The recipients and senders of material linked to Masood remain unknown.



Khalid Masood



Intelligence analysts around the world say ISIS use such services to broadcast press releases aimed at recruiting and inspiring followers. "The encryption apps are being used to exchange information and advice, in much the same way an office worker would with an IT helpdesk," a security specialist said.



COUNTER-MEASURES

Roskomnadzor, the country's communications' regulator, may try and block Telegram Messenger. This followed news that it was used by terrorist Akbarzhon Jalilov and some of his contacts in the St. Petersburg's Metro bombing on 3 April, an action that resulted in the deaths of 15 people. An FSB spokesman said: "We have reliable information that the suicide bomber, his allies and the foreign curator (handler) used the Telegram Messenger for concealing their criminal plots at all stages of preparation for the terrorist attack. The Telegram provides terrorists with the opportunity to create secret 'dialogue' with a high level of encryption of transmitted



Akbarzhon Jalilov

have also reported use of Telegram Messenger by ISIS terrorists.

Telegram was founded by Russian businessman Pavel Durov, 32, and has around 100 million users. The service is free and allows groups of up to 5,000 people to communicate, exchange photos and videos all in the knowledge that such activity is beyond the watchful eye of government and regulators. Durov has thus far refused to allow Roskomnadzor access to encrypted messages on the app. Roskomnadzor chief Alexander Zharov, in a stern warning to Durov said: "I publicly call on the Telegram team and

information, and is the most popular among members of international terrorist groups." France and several Middle East countries



Headquarters of Roskomnadzor, Moscow



Sennaya Ploshchad Station

personally Pavel Durov to carry out the Russian law... the choice is yours." Russia

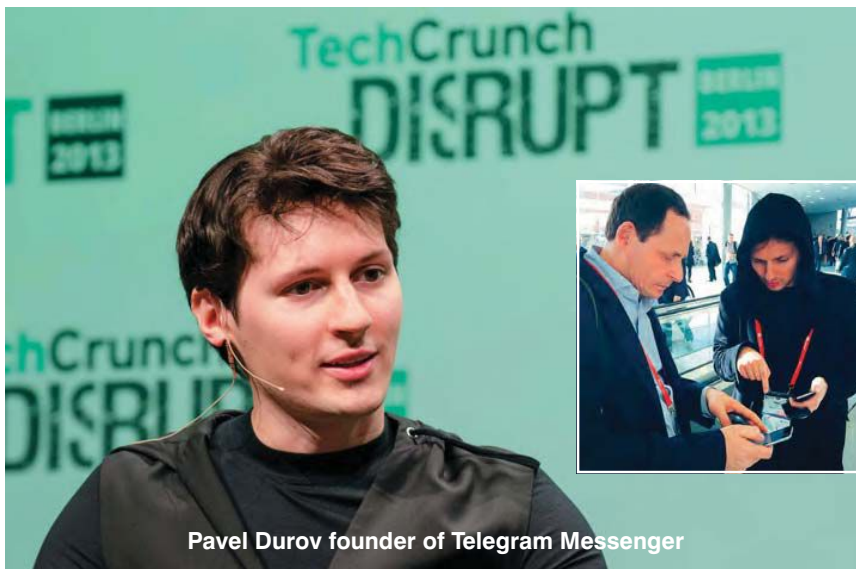
has already implemented bans on the messengers Zello and BlackBerry for refusing to register with Roskomnadzor. For his part, Durov believes such an action is not necessary and goes against the Russian constitution.



Alexander Zharov

Although Telegram Messenger has shut down 78 known ISIS channels across 12 languages, sceptics claim this is a minute fraction considering 12 billion messages are sent every day. However, intelligence analysts agree shutting them down will only divert ISIS users elsewhere.

In June, the European Union agreed to ask Internet giants such as Google, Facebook and Twitter to remove terrorist content and help authorities detect related communications. At present, there are no known restrictions on Telegram Messenger in any nation.



Pavel Durov founder of Telegram Messenger

The Deceptive Factor

PART 9

IN THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE



MCI

Mike Finn examines how a person's response to everyday situations has become an area of study for those in Intelligence charged with MANIPULATION, CONTROL AND INFLUENCE (MCI)

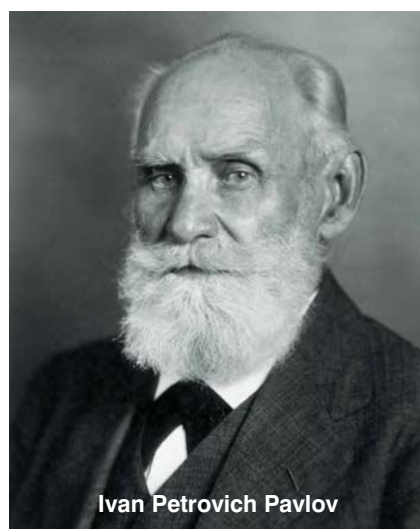
HUMAN CONDITIONING AND RESPONSE TECHNOLOGY

The world of intelligence is working on exciting new frontiers in 'conditioning' and 'response technology' as well as related sciences. Earlier in this series we covered areas in which a subject's cognitive weaknesses were targeted to control the individual or their perception of the environment, in order that manipulation could take place. In this feature we delve into unrelated areas of neuroscience research and aspects of psychological studies to form a more complete picture of this intelligence-related jigsaw puzzle.

To grasp the immense significance of this series as applicable today, we need to look at some of the original pioneers in the field. One piece of the puzzle can be found in the work of Ivan Petrovich Pavlov (1849-1936), who was a political reactionary to the Bolshevik rise to power. Pavlov, a Nobel Prize winner, was given a special government decree by Vladimir Lenin in 1921, allowing him almost unlimited and unhindered research facilities for his scientific

investigations into conditioned response. Pavlov started from the idea that there are some things that a dog does not need to learn. For example, dogs don't learn to salivate whenever they see food. This reflex is 'hard wired' into the dog. In behaviourist terms, it is an unconditioned response. However, when Pavlov discovered that any object or event which the dogs learned to associate with food (such as ringing a bell) would trigger the same response, he realised that he had made an important scientific discovery.

Another person studying in this area was John Watson (1878-1958), an American psychologist who established the psychological school of behaviourism. Based on Pavlov's research, his hypothesis was that there was no conscious process involved, only that of stimulus and response. In this sense it fell into the category of 'classical conditioning', which means that a new behaviour comes about through the process of association. In contrast to the above Edward Thorndike (1874-1940) was another American psychologist who

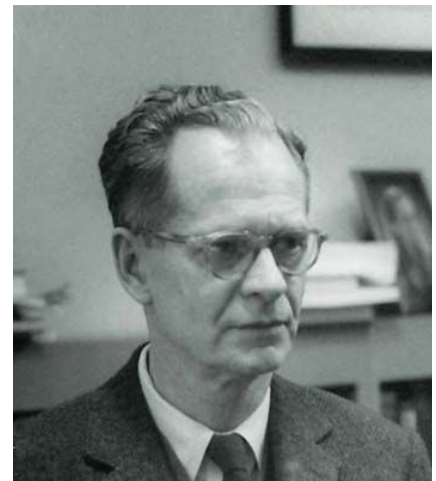


Ivan Petrovich Pavlov

established the 'law of effect'. In this case, if something pleasant influences a specific situation, it will encourage repetition. If the experience is unpleasant it is less likely to happen again. Last but not least, Burrhus F.



Ivan Pavlov Memorial Museum in Ryazan, Russia. Inset: One of Pavlov's dogs preserved at the museum



Burrhus F. Skinner

person (if a friendly force) would reciprocate with two clicks. The response association was to reveal themselves and come forward. In an ideal world this would have been a useful communication and instruction tool, much like Pavlov and the bell principle. Unfortunately, the same click sound was created when the enemy prepared their rifle bolt to shoot. Need I say more?

INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN MANIPULATION

Using principles like that described above to real effect takes consummate skill and exacting diversity. However, the rewards in manipulating areas, for example, the political theatre, using such precepts, far outweigh the risks of failure. Psy-ops studies, for example, include evaluation, analysis and projections, before any such concept is implemented. It's not easy to appreciate the use of such principles in action, especially within the intelligence world. Therefore I will use a simplistic illustration, just to show the crossover from concept to human ➤



John Watson

Skinner (1904-1990) yet another American psychologist behaviourist who established the concept of 'operant conditioning'. He believed that the mind did play a role in the processes

described above. In essence 'classic conditioning' centres on involuntary behaviour, while 'operant conditioning' involves a mental aspect of reward and punishment.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

Both classical conditioning and operant conditioning have value in psychological warfare of the Psy-ops type. However, understanding the difference is not easy. A simplified analogy of classical conditioning may be a person waiting at a traffic light. When the light is red a person waits, when it turns green they cross. Many would probably begin to cross at the exact moment the light turned green, even if there was traffic, because of the conditioning process. There is no reward or punishment, only stimulus and response (unless you include being run over). In contrast to the above, operant conditioning is founded on punishment and reward. For example: There are two boxes, 'A' contains money and 'B' contains an unpleasant substance. Once a person has had a number of tries, they will gravitate to opening box 'A'. The incentive is financial reward; the punishment is financial deprivation (or worse).



WWII 'cricket' or 'clicker'

One concept of stimulus and response was used during WWII. A number of American military and intelligence units used a hand held clicker mechanism when in enemy territory. If they thought an Allied trooper was nearby they would click the mechanism twice. The other



USING A CASH MACHINE. Four scenarios create and project very different, yet revealing responses by the user associated with MCI

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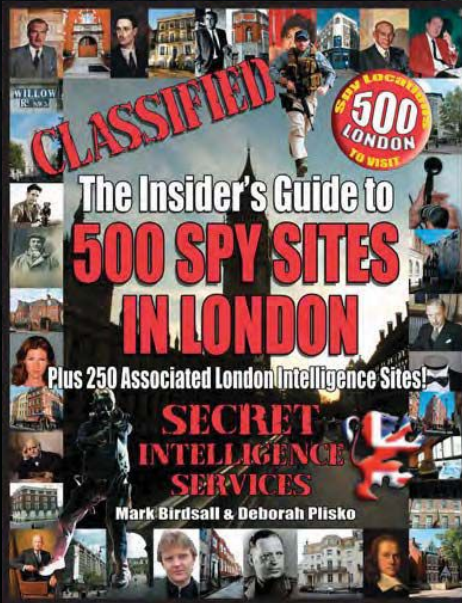
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manipulation. In this example we will make use of a cash machine, over which the operator has total control. The objective is to create conflicting but controlled emotional experiences, based on operant conditioning. The changing experiences will alter the emotional state of the subject and affect their attitude to this specific machine. The intensity of the emotion can also be regulated, relative to the experience.

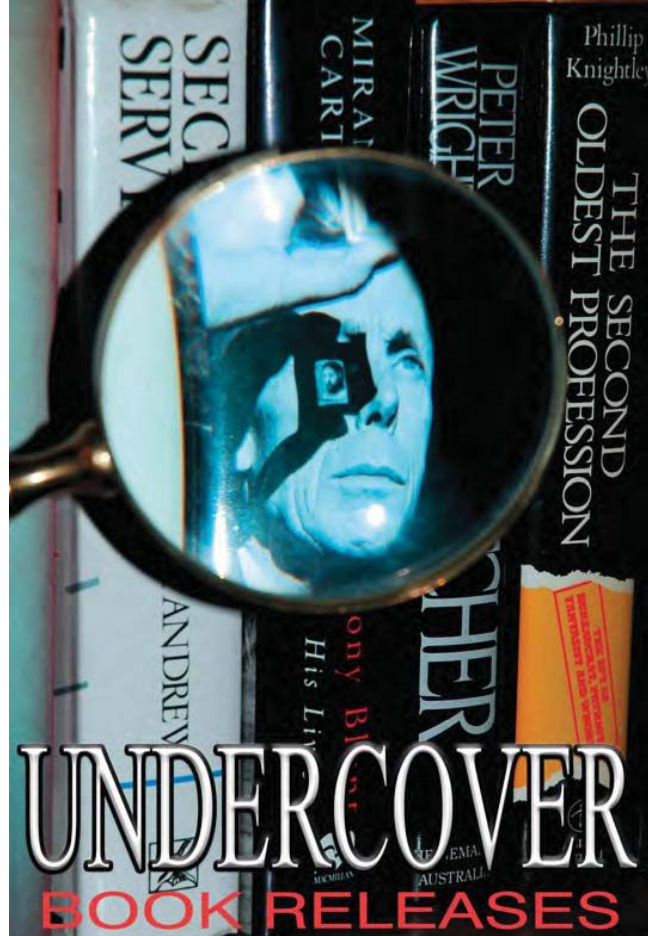
Our subject uses a cash machine with four different scenarios. 1. Normally as expected 2. Gets more money than expected. 3. Receives no money at all and 4. No money is ejected and the machine keeps the card.



In the first scenario the subject leaves in the same emotional state as they arrived. In the second, it changes for the better. In the third, it changes for the worst and in the fourth, it not only changes for the worst, the subject will also assume a mind set in respect of the machine itself.

The above is only an illustrative example, but the reader should be able to see how these concepts can be manipulated to control and influence and often create situations. As such they are increasingly used by some in the intelligence world to create situations. This article contains just one facet that has contributed to that development and growth of this intelligence element. From the early initiative of eliciting the knowledge of conjurers, many areas that touch on Neuroscience and its relevance to cognition have gone to make up this new science.

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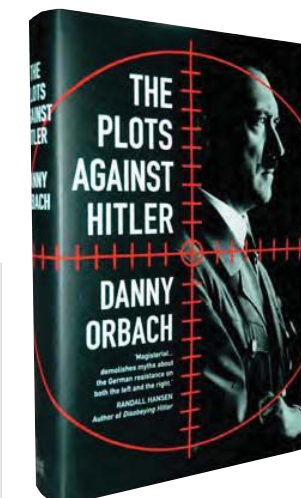
The destroyed map room at the 'Wolf's Lair', one of Hitler's headquarters at Rastenburg following the 20 July 1944 bomb plot (Operation Valkyrie). Inset: The last known photo of Adolf Hitler taken on 25 April 1945

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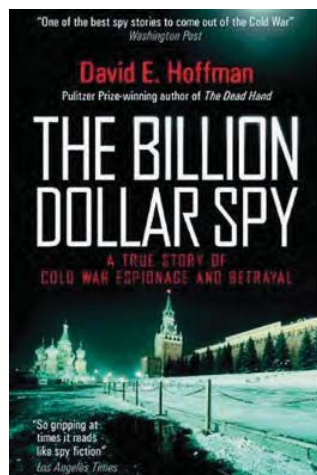


Hitler's dominance seemed complete. Yet over the next few years, an unlikely clutch of conspirators emerged - soldiers, schoolteachers, politicians, diplomats, theologians, even a carpenter - who would try repeatedly to end the Fuhrer's genocidal reign.

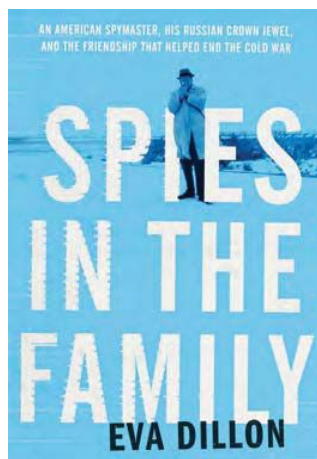
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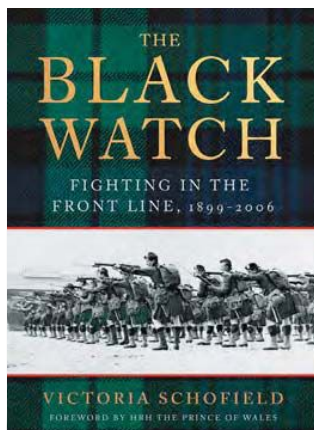
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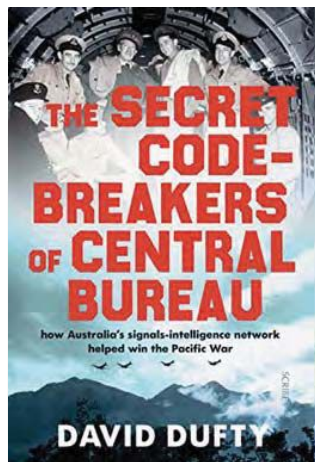


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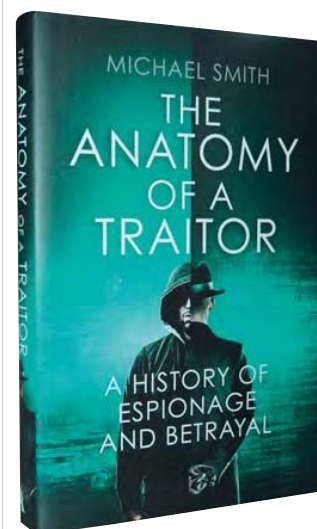
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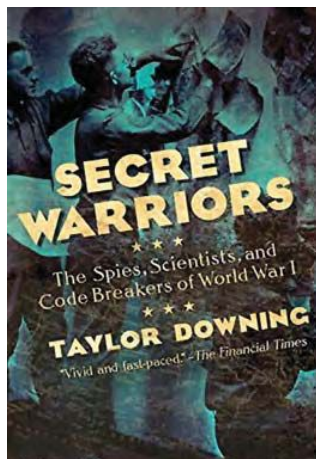
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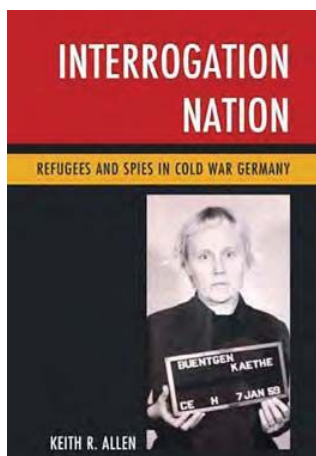
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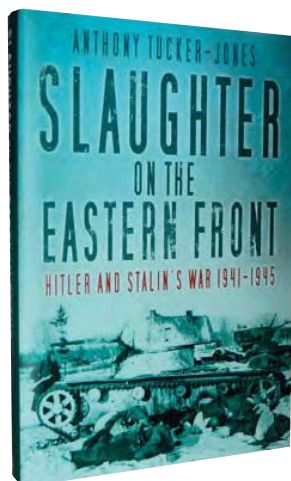
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ANATOMY OF A TERRORIST ATTACK

A HIDDEN ADVANTAGE

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2. enlarge investigation to secure more evidence or 3. take immediate action. In the latter category, this will mean organising various security and emergency elements and advising senior police and government officials that an operation will be launched. Safety to the public and participants is paramount in making such judgements. There is also a hazy maze of legal procedures which must be followed, warrants secured and additional finance and resources justified.

Quite often securing intelligence requires the use of extended surveillance, electronic intelligence collection and in some cases, agent contact and infiltration. MI5, like other international agencies such as the FBI, has specialist officers who can engage on an intimate level to secure additional information.



The use of agents is not uncommon. The scale of such operations is enormous, and in many instances is extended to friends, family and associates - it is not simply a case of tracking the primary target. In cases of ISIS operative surveillance, communications, addresses, associates, mail and quite often, overseas liaisons must be monitored. This then draws in resources from other services, such as GCHQ and even foreign agencies. Henceforth, it is easy to understand the complexities and difficulties faced by those who must make that ultimate decision to either act or not.



Butt was a vocal supporter of ISIS, but then if MI5 was to oppose and act every time an individual vents anger at the UK in the name of Daesh, it would be consumed and overwhelmed by information. And equally important, the Service does not have the manpower to carry out indepth operations on so many targets, a reason why sliding-scale watch lists are used.

No doubt there are lengthy discussions and sleepless nights for those officials charged with issuing 'preventive strike authority' orders. However, the consensus within the intelligence community is that Butt at least, should have been elevated on the watch list, and the fact that he secured a job on the Tube investigated post-haste. It has also been reported he attempted to secure a job at the 2017 Wimbledon tennis tournament.

OVERVIEW

The London attack took little preparation, and involved just a small number of people - unlike more complex terrorist operations such as 9/11. And this is central to why it remained undetected. To deflect attention from authorities, friends and family alike, in April the men rented a cheap flat above a betting shop in east London. Here they could plan the attack, build bogus bomb vests, assemble Molotov cocktail petrol bombs and generally hide in plain sight. Critics say that if Butt had been under surveillance, the plot would have been discovered.

It involved a paucity of weapons - kitchen knives - including hard-edged ceramic knives found on Butt and his cohorts, a rental van,



NSY Counter Terrorism Command (CTC) officers at Downing Street

NO 'INTELLIGENCE FAILURE'

HEAD OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD DEFENDS ORGANISATION

LONDON: New Scotland Yard Commissioner Cressida Dick rejected claims the London attack was an intelligence failure. Careful in her commentary, she said that



"one attacker (Butt) had been the subject of a call made to the anti-terrorist hotline." That phone call followed his appearance in 'The Jihadis Next Door' video. "I do not regard what I have seen as an intelligence failure," she said. However, she went on to say that an analysis of events would take place in order to "ensure that we learn everything that we can, and that we improve, improve and improve..."

Dick said terrorism was evolving and acknowledged that MI5 and NSY would review their actions.



NSY Commissioner Cressida Dick

TIP OF THE ICEBERG

LONDON: Colonel Richard Kemp, a former senior military intelligence officer who has advised various UK government bodies on security and intelligence matters, believes a recent assessment that some 23,000 people in Britain are potential jihadists, is "probably just the 'tip of the iceberg'."



little funding and limited planning. The time scale also appears compact, which is another clue to why the attackers probably avoided detection. The van was hired at 5.50pm on the day of the attack and driven away at 6.30pm - less than four hours before the plan was initiated.



The international media descend on Borough Market

Analysts already acknowledge this is the new modus operandi of ISIS, especially in countries where firearms and explosives are difficult to secure. Those who engaged in murder knew that they would probably be killed. However, an intelligence source told Eye Spy that MI5 and NSY are considering that the wearing of explosives' belts, albeit fake ones, is relevant, and suggestive of a wider plotline. We were informed the 'bombs' could have been used as 'threat devices' to take hostages. Similarly, CT officers may have been reluctant to engage the attackers at close proximity - fearful of detonation. In the end, the bravery of armed (and unarmed) police in confronting and then shooting the attackers must be commended. Commander Haydon said: "I have not seen this tactic used in the UK before where terrorists create maximum fear by strapping fake explosives to themselves." He too speculated that the intention may have been to create a siege situation. "It makes the bravery of those police officers and members of the public who tackled the terrorists even more remarkable."

The attack, like that just two weeks earlier in Manchester, was widely condemned by world leaders and heads of all religious faiths. Many security specialists believe the UK incidents will undoubtedly lead to a review in counter-terrorism policy. One fact is also paramount in the minds of those responsible for public safety, despite the best intelligence - not all attacks can be prevented...

NOTES: PROFILING TERRORISTS... ➔

London Payouts On Hold



Chancellor Philip Hammond has thus not 'officially' stated that the attack was a terrorist incident so businesses near the bridge and small traders at Borough Market who lost an estimated £1.4 million in revenue cannot receive insurance payouts. A Treasury spokesperson said: "Following an established legal process, we certified the Manchester and Westminster attacks as terrorist incidents for the purposes of insurance after discussions with the relevant

police forces. We are currently in active discussions with the Metropolitan police regarding the London Bridge attack and are confident that we will be able to provide certainty to insurers shortly."

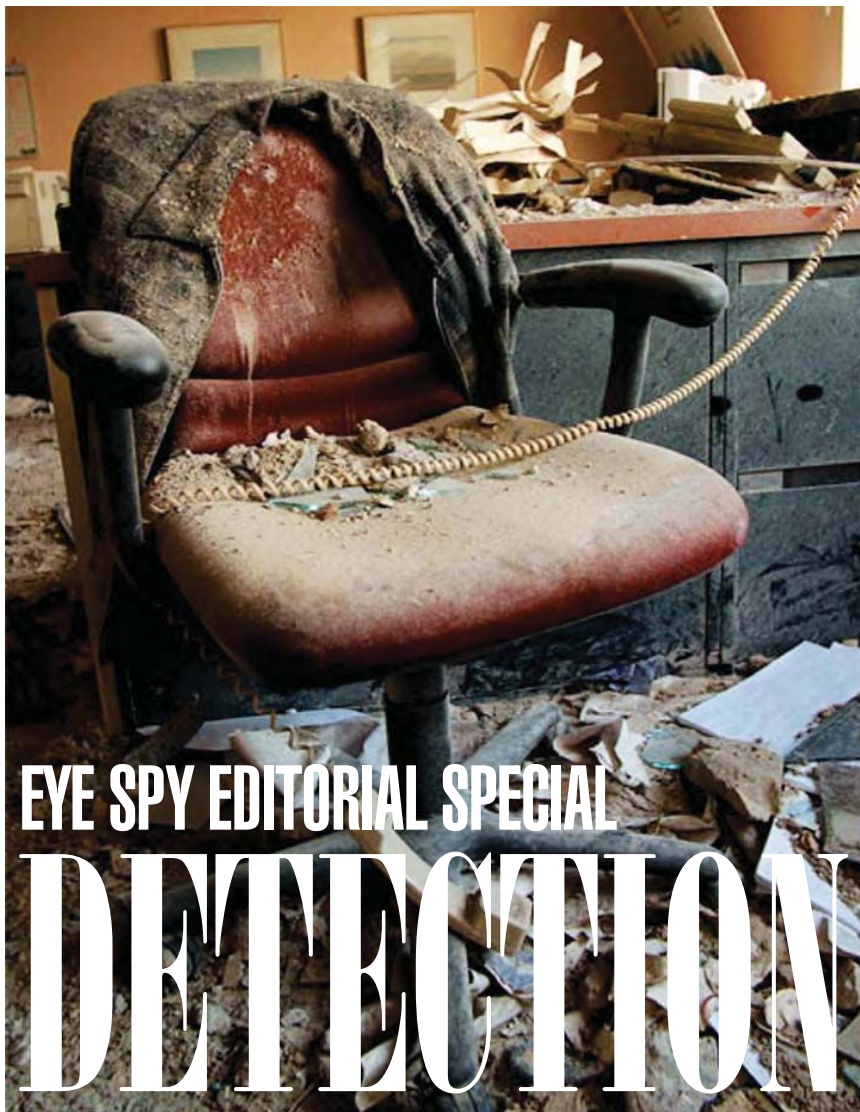


Philip Hammond



Messages to the deceased and injured - plus some designed for the attention of ISIS

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PROFILING A TERRORIST

Numerous studies have taken place in the last sixty years in an effort to investigate and build a 'picture' of those intent on terrorism. One of the earliest was carried out by US psychiatrist James Brussel, New York State's Assistant Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, following a spate of bombings in New York. Common sense was a term applied to various aspects and his commentary helped catch George Metesky - better known as the 'mad bomber'. Since then, many 'experts' in this field have added to the debate.

However, so complex is the subject of 'new terrorism', that previous studies are now regarded as 'contributing manuals' only, some have even been labelled "useless" by those engaged in today's investigative programmes. Much of course changed after 9/11.

A CHANGING CONTENT

Certain elements carefully sourced and studied by a whole manner of specialists, ranging from psychologists to counter-terrorism experts still apply. For example. The

Psychologists, security experts and the world of intelligence have often joined forces in an attempt to try and glean information on one burning issue - is there a profile which fits all persons intent on terrorism?



Carlos the Jackal - Ilyich Ramirez Sanchez

Terrorist Attack Profile. This has three dimensions; the attack, highly planned or not is usually Strategic, Symbolic and Catastrophic. The same can be said (general) of the attack sequence of a suicide bomber. In this case the terrorist or his controller chooses the time and place of action, according to the prevailing circumstances. The operation is usually low cost - such as recent attacks in London and Manchester; they often require no escape plan; besides identity (bomber recognition), little information is often sourced at the point of attack. All have an immense impact on the public and the media - especially those carried out in places that are well known such as London or New York. Indeed,



“THE AVERAGE AGE OF AN ISIS TERRORIST IS 26...”



the issue of media reporting and terrorism, plus its impact on the public has recently been debated by psychologists in Bristol, at a major gathering in June.

In more recent years, authorities now regard ‘target selection’ as a ‘profile element’, in that

much more attention is given to the location by the suicide bomber. All have an objective and are disruptive, others are conducted for shock value, whilst many form part of a wider agenda.

A controller may opt to use operatives who are unknown to the authorities - affording an attack plan a better chance of success. Other traits exist, and numerous studies have been performed by a host of eminent individuals and authorities seeking to identify if there is an archetypal person prone to influence - ‘Manchurian Candidate’ is a term occasionally applied to this field. Some people opt to act



Salman Abedi - ‘brainwashed’ or a calculated operative?

alone, such as Manchester Arena bomber Salman Abedi, whilst others are more content and at ease to interact with associates and friends, such as the London Bridge attackers.

A number of studies have attempted to examine if persons of a lower education, disengaged with life, susceptible to suggestion etc. are more prone to follow groups such as ISIS, or any other terror group for that matter. One specialist said: “Terrorists, be they individuals or operating within a group, convince themselves their objective (plot) is one worth performing.”

Attempting to create a ‘modern’ 2017 terrorist profile is difficult. The following notes were taken from one study used by US security services around the time of 9/11. ➤

EARLY 2000s CHARACTERISTICS



- Predominantly from the Middle East but groups and individuals exist throughout the world
- Predominately male
- Between the ages of 21 and 35
- Mostly unmarried
- Most are fundamentalists
- Some university education
- Upper middle class families
- Has a revolutionary ideology
- Live an average lifestyle - blends in
- Terrorists are not initially psychopaths
- Dysfunctional family backgrounds
- Joiner - a person who seeks out participation in groups
- Difficulty forming consistent group identities outside the home
- Most terrorists are not obviously or consistently mentally ill
- Slightly less socially interactive (not loners though)
- Active lifestyle - not a recluse

The report added a caveat - 'There is as of yet no identified universal terrorist personality pattern'. No doubt that this list is not nearly



Zeeshan ul-Hassan Usmani

adequate today, though some points are still very relevant. At the very least, a plethora of new fields could and should be entered.

RECENT STUDIES

A study in 2015 conducted by US-based computer scientist Zeeshan ul-Hassan Usmani, who runs a data company - PredictifyMe, focussed on the profile of those joining ISIS/Daesh. He found that recruits from Europe and the USA are more likely to be educated and come from middle or upper class families. The age was similar to the report above. Intelligence gleaned from captured ISIS recruitment dossiers is even more revealing. This was analysed by



WATCHLISTING GUIDANCE

In 2013, the United States National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) published a 166pp 'Watchlisting Guidance' document for internal distribution which eventually found its way into the mainstream media.

It was deemed controversial in nature, because of the way it allowed certain entries (people) to be designated 'persons of interest' and placed on national watch lists. Part of the mechanism used for insertion was based on characteristics and previously published studies - some linked to profiling. The civil liberties outfit - ACLU were opposed to its recommendations. Head of its National Security Project Hina Shamsi said: "Instead of a watchlist limited to actual known terrorists, the government has built a vast system based on the unproven and flawed premise that it can predict if a person will commit a terrorist act in the future."

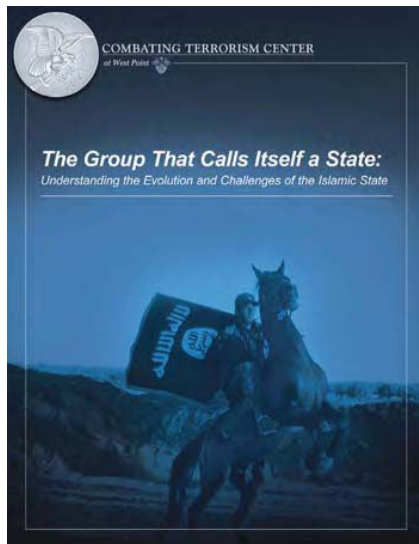
However, the report is but one of several documents compiled by the NCTC. Its website provides a plethora of important information from recognising suspicious activity to the terrorist attack planning cycle. There is **also** an in-depth section on the world's primary terrorist organisations.



UK and US Intelligence studies on those joining the ISIS terror group from Western nations are united in their belief, that many recruits have been influenced by propaganda found on the Internet



The Combating Terrorism Center is an independent, privately funded, research and educational institution situated at West Point that contributes to the academic body of knowledge and informs counterterrorism policy and strategy.



America's Combatting Terrorism Center (CTC - US DOD West Point). Here the average age was similar, but most when asked by their terror commanders if they wanted to be fighters or suicide fighters, nearly all opted for the former. The data also showed those recruited from Europe were younger men

compared to colleagues who had joined from the Middle East or North Africa. Ultimately the study showed the recruits were 'generally well educated', some holding PhDs in economics, computer science and physiology. Others said they had a trade or were students, but the vast majority said they were unskilled. Another large percentage said they felt they had little prospects of achieving anything at home. And finally, a large 70% described their knowledge about Islam and the Quran as basic.

The intelligence provided security officials with useful background on the type of person joining ISIS, and a focus point in the field of prevention.

UK and US Intelligence studies on those joining the terror group from Western nations are united in their belief, that many recruits have been influenced by propaganda on the Internet. Little wonder therefore that several governments have called for regulation.

MI5 like other intelligence services have a range of specialist officers working in the field

ISIS RECRUITMENT FORM

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Part of an ISIS recruitment sheet now in the hands of intelligence services worldwide. Besides providing identity information, the forms include a plethora of data that has allowed academics and intelligence analysts to study the type of person joining the terror group.

of terrorist profiling and behaviour. However, each time an attack takes place, different characteristics and facts emerge. The subject of terrorism is evolving and there are numerous situations which impact on the general profile of a terrorist. Uncertainty therefore generally affects those who are tasked with elevating an investigation, and determining just who should be investigated more thoroughly, once brought to the attention of MI5 analysts - like Khuram Butt, for example. Most security specialists still like to be in possession of 'hard evidence' before initiating a preventative strike order, or widening an investigation.

Media Reporting on Terrorism

Fear Factor: Newspaper Headlines and Content Affects Readers

Academics and research specialists recently analysed media reporting that focused on the heroic efforts of rescuers. A study showed that such copy can reduce public fear in the aftermath of terrorist attacks. That is the conclusion of



research presented in Bristol at the annual conference of the British Psychological Society's Division of Forensic Psychology* by Ellie Butcher and Dr Ciaran O'Keeffe from Buckinghamshire New University.

In her undergraduate research, Ellie Butcher presented 70 participants with one of three news articles about the 2016 Bastille Day attacks in Nice. The articles were:

1. A sensational report using exaggeration and graphic pictures
2. A report which focused on the 'hero' of the event
3. A fact-based report that used mainly factual language

After reading a randomly assigned article, participants completed a

standardised 'fear of terrorism questionnaire'. Butcher found that the participants who had been given the sensational report to read recorded a significantly higher score on the fear of terrorism than those who had read the fact-based or 'hero' reports. She also found that those who had read the factual report had a slightly lower fear of terrorism than those who had read the hero-based report, although post-hoc



tests showed there was no significant difference between these report styles.



The truck attack in Nice killed 86 people



The Nice attack research project will be replicated to study reaction to events in Manchester and London

"The way the media reports terrorist incidents has the potential to influence the public's level of fear of terrorism," said Butcher. "My research set out to explore this potentially symbiotic relationship, and the findings suggests that it does indeed have an effect."

Dr Ciaran O'Keeffe, a psychologist specialising in parapsychology



Dr Ciaran O'Keeffe



and forensic psychology said: "This is the interesting first step in a series of studies examining the influence of terrorism news reports using real world media articles. Future studies will examine similar reporting in the Westminster Bridge and Manchester attacks.

"They will also incorporate a tighter study design and use



fictitious reports where the lengths and photo content can be manipulated. In addition, the research will examine the influence of media-based photos (without text) and also whether social media based reporting has

a bigger influence compared to standard news outlets.

"Depending on the source, we have seen a subtle change in the media reporting of terrorist incidents, with some outlets incorporating more 'hero stories' than in the past. On the basis of the research we are presenting at the conference, this can only be a good thing."

*The British Psychological Society is the representative body for psychology and psychologists in the UK. It is responsible for the development, promotion and application of psychology for the public good.

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ABU DHABI: Etihad Airways, the only carrier that operates flights to the United States from the capital of the UAE, will no longer be subject to the ban on electronics in airplane cabins. The US ban was announced earlier this year in response to classified intelligence about the Islamic State wanting to use laptops to target aircraft.

Abu Dhabi International Airport already has a US Customs and Border Protection facility that allows passengers to clear screening before landing in America. US officials said the airport had implemented enhanced security to the full extent required. Homeland Security spokesman David Lapan said: "The enhanced security measures, both seen and unseen, include enhanced screening of passengers and electronic devices. We commend Etihad for working swiftly to implement these additional measures. Their efforts are a model for both foreign and domestic airlines."

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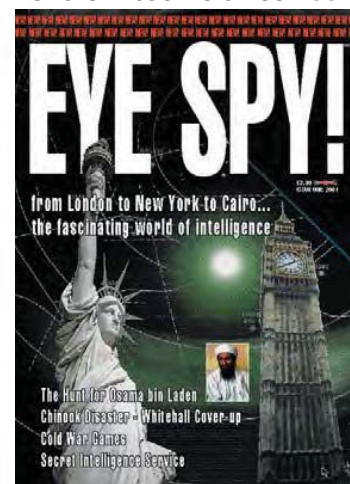
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