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BRIEF NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



Eye Spy associate editors recently spent time in New York City with police officers from the city's counter-terrorism division. We have a 'street level' account of their work in the world's most exciting city.

A short distance away delegates gathered for the 2006 Intelligence Summit in Virginia. It was a controversial affair with

some participants suggesting that the Bush administration advised its intelligence services to "stay away." We explain why.



The move by Britain and the United States to increase the potential of Special Forces by injecting more intelligence and counter-terrorism specialists is increasing. The Sunday Times journalist, Michael Smith (also an associate Editor of Eye Spy), has written one of the most controversial books detailing a new elite Special Forces command so secret it does not even have a name. The force traverses the world searching for high-profile targets. Move over Mossad. We have a stunning feature by Michael on 'the Activity' detailed in his book Killer Elite. It is just one of several fascinating features in Eye Spy 39.

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THE ACTIVITY

Donald Rumsfeld was never a man for diplomatic language. On 1 July 2002, in the early months of the global war on terror, the American defence secretary sent a two-line memo to Doug Feith, his under-secretary for policy, asking: "How do we organise the department for manhunts? We are obviously not well organised at the present time."

Rumsfeld was sick of being told that US forces could not go after terrorists because of a lack of "actionable intelligence". His fury was fuelled by a secret inquiry he had commissioned into America's failure to "take out" al-Qaida before the attacks of 11 September 2001.

It had found that the US joint chiefs of staff were so opposed to special operations missions, such as seizing Osama Bin Laden, that they insisted on failsafe requirements - principally that nobody should be killed.

Rumsfeld now gave his special operations teams new orders. They were "to capture terrorists for interrogation or, if necessary, to kill them, not arrest them."



GHOST PLANES GHOST CALL SIGNS

The USAF and other air fleet aircraft agencies have been accused of using call signs that are confusing, nonexistent and sometimes illegal. One CIA sponsored aircraft reportedly overflying Eastern Europe used the call sign Juliet Golf Oscar (JGO), followed by the aircraft flight number. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) says this number belonged to a now-bankrupt Canadian low-cost airline that traded as Jetsgo of Montreal. The JGO designation has reportedly been used as cover for covert flights to and from the Balkans. This sparked a major investigation as the JGO call sign became 'linked' to the programme.



JACK IN THE BOX

EXCLUSIVE: On site with NYPDs Counter-Terrorism Division

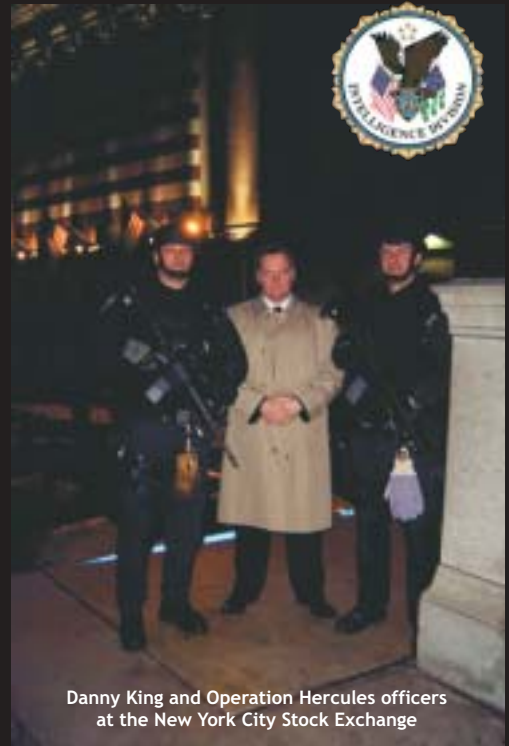
Following 9/11 it was important for the city officials in New York to help ease the fear and tension amongst the population and provide a visual sign that the security services were not prepared to let such an attack happen again. The authorities decided to create their own intelligence and counter-terrorism agencies, though this was greeted with scepticism by some federal agencies. Yet, in less than five years, the NYPD has built an organisation that has all the modules necessary to counter further terrorist actions.



Detective Danny King (centre) provided Eye Spy with a unique insight into the workings of several intelligence-led initiatives that involve using a variety of

methods, not least by interacting with corporate firms and members of the public, to obtain vital intelligence to protect the city.

This exclusive feature reveals documents the intense efforts to protect the city against another devastating attack. Not to be missed.



Danny King and Operation Hercules officers at the New York City Stock Exchange



Danny King with Eye Spy editor Mark Birdsall

DREAMCATCHER

At the time of publication, it is still not known if Zacarias Moussaoui, a 37-year-old of Moroccan heritage and the suspected 20th 9/11 hijacker, will face the death penalty or life imprisonment for his involvement in the attacks. The final comments from defence and prosecution have all but been heard, but Moussaoui is defiant - he is an al-Qaida operative and was supposed to be part of a "second wave" of hijacked airliners that would strike the White House.



During the trial and subsequent deliberations, many interesting facts have emerged, but none more so than Moussaoui's involvement and training at US flight schools. As the two legal parties battled their point of view in an Alexandria court house, much debate has ensued about Moussaoui's competence to fly.



Moussaoui has always denied he played a primary role in the 9/11 attacks, and the question over his competence to fly was seen as a crucial element in the sentence. One instructor said he thought Moussaoui was a rich man who was "just fulfilling a dream to play at it."

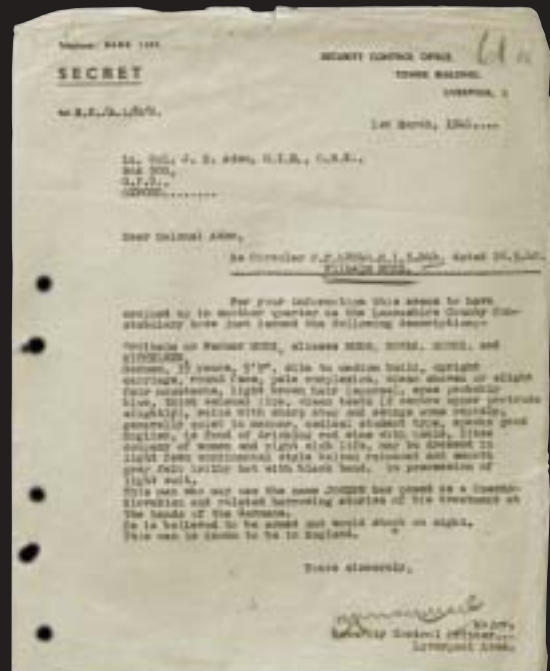
A THOROUGH SCOUNDREL SECRET DOCUMENTS RELEASED ON A NAZI 'SUPER SPY'

As Britain awaited Hitler's invasion fleet in 1940, MI5 and Scotland Yard were involved in a frantic search for suspected Nazi spy, Wilhelm Mörz, after receiving intelligence he was operating in London and beyond. Leading the operation to catch Mörz, who was described as "one of the cleverest secret agents", was Dick White, who would eventually head both MI5 and MI6.



Mörz had reportedly entered Britain disguised as a Dutch refugee in 1939. Berlin had charged him with establishing a 'Fifth Column' to cause confusion behind British lines after German forces had entered the UK. This fascinating

feature describes the hunt for a spy, who according to military commanders, could have disrupted the Allied invasion in 1944.



One of a series of documents released by the National Archives on Mörz. Courtesy National Archives

THE MAY DAY BUCCANEERS

How Brixmis plundered the secrets of the Soviets main battle tank

British military intelligence officers *bet their lives* the Soviets guarding a tank shed on May Day 1981, would be celebrating not soldiering. They stole in, opened the turret lid of the Soviet's new battle tank the T-64 and photographed its top-secret interior.

Captain Hugh McLeod led the triumphant Brixmis (see Eye Spy 34 and 35) crew consisting of Sergeant Tony Haw and Corporal Stephen Anderson and were accompanied by Corporal Wayne Fury and veteran SAS Sergeant Major Ken Connor.



Secret photography had established that the new Soviet battle tank was a formidable fighting machine, boasting a 125mm smoothbore gun and an automatic loading system that cut crew numbers from four to three. What photography could never reveal was the depth of the T-64's armour and how effective it would be against NATO anti-tank weaponry.



Intel photo - inside the T-64 Soviet tank

An MOD strategist later admitted: *"The T-64 intelligence gathered by the Brixmis team was so important, such high value, that without it NATO would have been unable to defend mainland Europe satisfactorily against a Warsaw Pact advance."*

THE DETECTORS

Sniffing out Terrorism

The sight of a canine being used alongside its handler to protect vital establishments is an everyday occurrence. However, several security services are intensifying the training programme of canines to help in the war on terror. The fear of a 'dirty bomb' attack in the United States or Britain has never been higher, and both nations have set in motion a series of programmes to augment overall security. Part of that ambition means a greater deployment of canines.



In days gone by, guard dogs were often used by households and companies to present a warning to would-be burglars. In WWII dog units would assist soldiers assigned to beach patrols and pier watches to aid in detecting enemy spies and saboteurs. Throughout recent history canines have also been used in search and rescue and narcotics detection. Early detection of threats is crucial to the safety and security at airports, maritime ports, shores, waterways and other transport entry points - a fact not lost to the intelligence world. Eye Spy looks at the growing use of canines by the security services.



COLD WAR ESPIONAGE RETURNS

MI6 Operation Rumbled as Russians find spy device

Without warning, Russian state TV station Rossiya, broadcast a documentary about the spy games which apparently came as a surprise to British Prime Minister Tony Blair. He said he became aware of the affair after switching on his television and flicking through the Teletext pages. He said: "I'm afraid you are going to get the old stock-in-trade 'we never comment on security matters'... except when we want to, obviously. I think the less said about that, the better."



Left: The MI6 device recovered by Russia's FSB. Right: An alleged MI6 officer caught on surveillance camera with the 'spy rock'

Central to the Rossiya claims was a light brown plastic 'rock' about 15 inches long. The object was hollow and inside the watertight box, a communications system for transmitting and receiving signals. The device was powered by several long-life lithium batteries. Moscow claims it was placed in the park in September 2005 by an "MI6 officer" already under surveillance.

The incident comes at a time when both nations have increased intelligence-gathering levels to that once witnessed in the Cold War. Moscow officials, who learned of the operation last summer, decided to gather as much information as possible in an effort to limit UK denials.

CHARLES DE MENEZES SHOOTING POLICE SURVEILLANCE LOG ALTERED



Charles de Menezes

According to intelligence sources, Special Branch surveillance officers changed data in the primary surveillance log following the tragic shooting of Brazilian Charles de Menezes last July. Mr de Menezes, 27, was mistaken for Hussein Osman - who had tried to blow up a train near Shepherd's Bush, London, just hours earlier. Mr de Menezes was shot seven times in the head. The revelation is further trouble for senior officers at the Metropolitan Police.



GPS - SURVEILLANCE BY STEALTH

One of the fastest growing areas of surveillance is electronic tracking. Previously only available to the intelligence world, ordinary people can now purchase a variety of trackers that use and interact with the Global Positioning System (GPS). Many people imagine such devices have limited use, but the security industry is vast, and so is this area of surveillance.



Placing a vehicle under manned surveillance can be costly - trackers and loggers offer an inexpensive method to determine the location of both the vehicle and places it has visited

PRODUCT REVIEW TRACK STICK

Surveillance expert Peter Jenkins takes a newcomer on the tracking scene 'Track Stick' for a test drive.



GPS satellites circum-navigate the Earth sending and receiving signal information. When data is forwarded by a tracker, GPS receivers process the signal and calculate the exact location by measuring the time difference from the satellites to



determine accurate distances from the satellites. At present the United States GPS receivers are fairly accurate to within about 10-30 yards. More advanced trackers can utilise WAAS (Wide Area Augmentation System) which can pinpoint the signal to within 15 feet. In Europe, technology that accesses the Galileo system is even more accurate.

For the security services and law enforcement, it is essential that they can ascertain the location of a target vehicle or object and track its progress, often across thousands of miles. Trackers or loggers available to services such as MI5 or the FBI are infinitely more advanced than those available to the private sector, but the technology gap is closing. Eye Spy looks at some of the latest devices on the market.

OPERATION PAGET - DEATH OF DIANA

Britain's official investigation into the death of Princess Diana has been anything but easy, according to Lord Stevens of Kirkwhelpington, the former Metropolitan Police Commissioner. He is heading 'Operation Paget' - the name given to the overall inquiry intended to answer many of the puzzling circumstances of the fatal crash in the Pont d'Alma underpass in Paris in 1997. Lord Stevens has revealed that it "has been much more complicated than any of those involved had anticipated." The couples Mercedes was being pursued by photographers after leaving the Ritz Hotel for Mr Fayed's apartment.



Former Police
Commissioner Sir
John Stevens

THE STEPFORD FILES

MI5's probe and Scotland Yard's investigation into the 7 July 2005 terrorist attacks on London - code-named **STEPFORD** - has not yet answered several crucial questions, according to a leaked report prepared by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC). It is understood that the report's findings

have changed little since it was written in late October 2005. In citing both the 7/7 and 21/7 attacks (code-name **HAT**), the JTAC states: "There is still no intelligence to link the Stepford and Hat attacks; we still do not know whether we are dealing with an orchestrated campaign or coincidental/copycat attacks."



Operation Stepford involves piecing together the movements of the four terrorists prior to the detonation of the devices in London. Many questions remain unanswered and analysts are struggling to reach proper conclusions, primarily because of the lack of data. Eye Spy looks at the latest developments in the hunt for more clues about the London attacks.

NSA MARITIME STING PIRATES ARRESTED OFF COAST OF SOMALIA

The National Security Agency's eavesdropping on US-based landlines might be causing controversy in Washington, but few critics would object to the role it



played in a major maritime operation against pirate vessels causing havoc off Somalia.

The Navy said it captured a dhow (a traditional vessel) in response to a report from the International Maritime Bureau in Kuala Lumpur . The



agency said pirates had earlier fired on the MV Delta Ranger, a Bahamian-flagged bulk carrier that was passing some 200 miles off the central eastern coast of Somalia.

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PREDATOR STRIKE

CIA OPERATION TARGETS AL-QAIDA NUMBER TWO

A specialist CIA-backed unit supported by local intelligence agents launched an operation to attack al-Qaida deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri. After securing intelligence that senior al-Qaida terrorists had arranged to meet for dinner in the remote village of Damadola in northeastern Pakistan, a CIA Predator drone armed with missiles attacked the location on 13 January. Initial reports said 18 civilians had been killed and al-Zawahiri was not amongst the casualties. The operation was widely criticised because of the civilian dead (including children) and the fact that it was carried out just inside Pakistan.



It has since emerged that five senior al-Qaida operatives, including a chemical and weapons specialist were also killed in the attack.

UNDER MI5 OBSERVANCE

MI5 AND MI6 HAD LONDON BOMBERS UNDER SURVEILLANCE

Renegade intelligence officers inside MI5 have allegedly leaked a top secret memorandum to journalists that relates to "missed intelligence" pertaining to the London attacks.

One document shows that MI6 did track one of the 21/7 terrorists to Pakistan just months before the failed London operation. This followed earlier statements that MI5 had a number of 7/7 bombers under surveillance in the UK but judged them "no threat."

Other Features

- Report on the recent Intelligence Summit 2006
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