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Trivia: The Bourne Ultimatum

"The Bourne Ultimatum" picks up where "The Bourne Supremacy" left off, with this former black-bag specialist for the C.I.A. grimly, inexorably moving toward final resolution. After a brush with happiness with the German woman (Franka Potente) he met in the first movie ("The Bourne Identity") and soon lost in the second, he has landed in London. Stripped of his identity, his country and love, Bourne is now very much a man alone, existentially and otherwise.(a-c)

Filmstart in Austria: 07.09.2007

- (a) www.thebourneultimatum.com/
- (b) <http://movies.nytimes.com/2007/08/03/movies/03bour.html?th&emc=th>

(c) www.moviemaze.de/media/trailer/3238/das-bourne-ultimatum.html

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Trivia: TNT's 'The Company' an ambitious effort

Based on Robert Littell's novel "The Company," the miniseries is anchored in the lives of three idealistic Yalies. Two of them – Jack McAuliffe (Chris O'Donnell) and Leo Kritzky (Alessandro Nivola) – are recruited into the recently created CIA while the third, Yevgeny Tsipin (Rory Cochrane), returns to his native Soviet Union, only to be sent back to Washington as a secret agent. (a, b)

- (a) www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070803/ENT03/708030329
(b) http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070802/ap_on_en_tv/ap_on_tv_the_company_3

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Terrornews weltweit

- - In Südafghanistan sind bei einem Selbstmordanschlag auf Nato-Truppen zwei Zivilisten getötet worden.(a)
 - Die Organisation der Islamischen Konferenz (OIC) hat die Ermordung der zweiten südkoreanischen Geisel in Afghanistan scharf verurteilt.(a)
 - As British forces pull back from Basra in southern Iraq, Shiite militias there have escalated a violent battle against each other for political supremacy and control over oil resources, deepening concerns among some U.S. officials in Baghdad that elements of Iraq's Shiite-dominated national government will turn on one another once U.S. troops begin to draw down.(c)
 - At least 45 civilians and four US soldiers died during another bloody day in Iraq. The Americans were killed in a combat explosion in Diyala province north of Baghdad. Twelve others had minor injuries and returned to duty.(d)
 - The Government Accountability Office (GAO) says the Pentagon cannot track about 30% of the weapons distributed in Iraq over the past three years.(e)

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/?url=/?ressort=Afghanistan>
(b) <http://derstandard.at/?url=/?id=2979979>
(c) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/08/06/AR2007080601401.html?wpisrc=newsletter>
(d) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/world-news/article2841526.ece>
(e) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/6932710.stm

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„Schäuble-Blocker“

-----Unter diesem griffigen Titel erschien in einer Computer-Zeitung ein Beitrag, der sich sehr detailliert mit der (nicht nur in Deutschland angedachten) „Online-Durchsuchung“ von PCs (Stichwort: Bundestrojaner) beschäftigt. Der Aufwand dieser Maßnahme dafür sei erstaunlich hoch und deswegen für eine Massenüberwachung nicht geeignet. Diese Aussage gelte aber nur für den derzeitigen Stand der technischen Entwicklung.

CHIP.DE, September 2007, S. 38-45

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„Investigativer“ Journalismus vs. Geheimschutz

Da immer wieder Verschlussachen des sog. "BND-Ausschusses" in den Medien veröffentlicht wurden, ließ der deutsche Bundestagspräsident diesen Umstand staatsanwaltschaftlich untersuchen. Das laufende Ermittlungsverfahren wegen des Verdachtes des Geheimnisverrates betrifft bis dato 17 Journalisten und eine unbekannte Anzahl UT (unbekannte Täter) in den Reihen der Parlamentarier. Letztere stehen in Verdacht, die Reporter mit den Geheimunterlagen versorgt zu haben.(a,b)

Wenig überraschend laufen die Medien selbst gegen dieses Verfahren Sturm, erstaunlicherweise fordern einige Politiker eine Gesetzesänderung, wohl in Richtung völliger Straffreiheit für die Journalisten. (c,d)

ACIPSS-Kommentar: Sowohl für die Seite des Geheimschutzes, als auch für die Vertreter der Pressefreiheit gibt es überzeugende Argumente. Im Prinzip ist aber die deutsche Situation weniger kompliziert als es den Anschein haben mag. Es handelt sich um den klassischen Fall einer Rechtsgüterkollision, bei welcher eine Interessensabwägung zwischen den beiden Rechtsgütern zu erfolgen hat. Nur eines muss schon klar sein: nach der derzeitigen deutschen Rechtslage ist die Veröffentlichung von Verschlussachen ein Verbrechen und dieser Sachverhalt muss auch schon wegen des Offizialprinzips ausermittelt und angezeigt werden.(e) Und es gibt kein Gesetz, das den Journalisten diesbezüglich ein Sonderrecht einräumt, sie müssen aufgrund des Redaktionsgeheimnisses zwar ihre Quellen nicht nennen, durch die Veröffentlichung bleibt aber der Tatbestand des Geheimnisverrates bestehen.(f)

In einem fast deckungsgleichen Vorfall in den Vereinigten Staaten (auch hier sollen die Ermittlungen eigentlich nicht gegen die Presse, sondern gegen die „leaks“ innerhalb der Politikerkaste gerichtet sein), findet ein Sprecher des US Justizministeriums klare Worte: Kein Berufsstand, also auch nicht Journalisten sind von den Strafbestimmungen des Geheimnisverrates ausgenommen (*Those statutes, "on their face, do not provide an exemption for any particular profession or class of persons, including journalists,"*). (g) Mit anderen Worten: Journalisten steht der Quellenschutz zu, die Veröffentlichung bleibt aber strafbar.

- (a) DER SPIEGEL 32/2007, S.75
- (b) http://de.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=domesticNews&storyID=2007-08-05T150218Z_01_HUD554126_RTRDEOC_0_DEUTSCHLAND-JOURNALISTEN-BND-WE-ZF.xml
- (c) <http://www.rp-online.de/public/article/aktuelles/panorama/deutschland/465566>
- (d) <http://www.lr-online.de/nachrichten/LR-News-Justiz-Medien-Geheimdienste-Bundestag;art16650,1730330>
- (e) <http://www.tagesspiegel.de/meinung/Kommentare;art141,2352073>
- (f) http://www.focus.de/politik/deutschland/bnd-berichte_aid_68812.html
- (g) www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2007/08/reporters_could_be_prosecuted.html

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FBI Conducts Raid in Leak Probe

FBI agents searched the home of former Justice Department lawyer Thomas Tamm last week in an effort to determine who leaked details of the warrantless eavesdropping program to the news media. In December 2005, The New York Times published a story exposing the Bush administration's warrantless wiretapping program to eavesdrop on international phone calls and e-mails of U.S. residents without court warrants.

The eavesdropping was conducted without public knowledge and without any court approval until last January, when the program was put under the authority of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

<http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2007/08/05/ap3988566.html>

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Kritik an US-Informanten von EU-Sonderermittler Marty

Harsche Kritik wurde an jenen US Geheimdienstbeamten laut, die aus Opposition gegenüber dem CIA rendition program, den Sonderermittler des Europäischen Parlamentes in Sachen CIA-Flüge Marty mit Informationen versorgt hatten. Ein Beitrag nimmt diese Informationsweitergabe unter dem Gesichtspunkt des Geheimnisverrates sowie der durch Terroristen betriebenen Gegenspionage unter die Lupe.

<http://www.strategypage.com/dls/articles/20078212434.asp>

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Intelligence report on Pakistan was altered

The Bush administration deliberately altered an intelligence document to show that Pakistan has allowed Al Qaeda to establish a safe haven in Pakistan, The Washington Post reported on Sunday. The claim was made in the US national intelligence estimate, submitted to President George W. Bush last month. "Drafts of that document were deliberately altered to reveal this conclusion, a move that 'changed the complexion' of the nearly finished report," a senior intelligence official familiar with the revisions told journalists.

<http://www.dawn.com/2007/08/06/top3.htm>

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Indischer Nachrichtendienst unter den „Top 5“

Einem Ranking des Sicherheitsunternehmens STRATFOR (a) zufolge, rangiert das indische Intelligence Bureau unter den Top 5 der internationalen Geheimdienste. (b,c)

Zu diesem überraschenden Standing passt auch die Meldung, daß das indische Intelligence Bureau den Iran nachrichtendienstlich aufklärt und im Iran 2 intelligence „outposts“ eröffnet hat. Indien ist bereits in der Vergangenheit als Waffenlieferant für den Iran in Erscheinung getreten, momentan soll es Pläne für die Lieferung einer Panzerabwehrlenkrakete geben.(d)

- (a) www.stratfor.com/
- (b) http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/The_United_States/Intelligence_Bureau_among_the_top_five_in_the_world/articleshow/2253440.cms
- (c) <http://in.news.yahoo.com/070802/139/6iy9t.html>
- (d) <http://in.news.yahoo.com/070802/139/6iy61.html>

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US Lawmakers tackling domestic spy program fix

Lawmakers hoping to adjourn on Friday for a month long recess struggled to amend the government's domestic spying program in way acceptable to President George W. Bush. Lawmakers were working to revamp a law that requires warrants for the monitoring of communications by people inside the United States. Congressional aides said the effort was prompted in part by a secret court's new restrictions on the ability of U.S. spy agencies to intercept telephone calls and e-mails of suspected terrorists overseas. The issue has been complicated by a dispute over Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' truthfulness in testimony about U.S. spy programs. (a-d)

And a new argument raised in the recent discussion: the tapping of mobiles is getting more complicated. The rapid growth in cellphone use in South Asia and the Middle East has added fire to the battle in Congress over whether foreign communications of suspected terrorists can be intercepted by intelligence agencies without court order. The spy agencies, backed by Republicans in Congress, are pressing to be allowed to tap phone calls between suspected terrorists abroad without approval from the Foreign

Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) court. The time it takes to secure an order, and difficulties in meeting legal requirements, means that "our Intelligence Community everyday is missing a significant portion of what we should be getting," Director of National Intelligence, Mike McConnell, was quoted as saying in a July 25 letter to the House Intelligence Committee.

(e)

- (a) www.reuters.com/article/politicsNews/idUSN0332080420070803
- (b) www.consortiumnews.com/2007/080207.html
- (c) <http://blog.wired.com/27bstroke6/2007/08/more-known-unkn.html>
- (d) siehe Newsletter-Meldung 568/07
- (e) <http://in.news.yahoo.com/070802/139/6iy2g.html>

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Israel failed in intelligence gathering

In his fourth televised performance in past two weeks, Hizbullah secretary-general attacked Israel over its moves during Second Lebanon War. Israel failed in the operational and intelligence aspects during the Second Lebanon War, Hizbullah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah said in a speech he delivered last week.

www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3433414,00.html

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Israeli-Iranian 'Intelligence War' Gains Momentum

The "intelligence war" between Iran and Israel is gaining momentum, as both countries' intelligence services are increasing efforts to recruit Hebrew and Persian speakers to their ranks, a report said yesterday. According to the Israeli daily Yediot Ahronot, the Iranian authorities need Hebrew speakers to work as translators, intelligence agents and as part of its propaganda machine against Israel. The main source of Hebrew speakers is Palestinian students studying abroad or Palestinian resistance activists sent for military training in Iran and Lebanon. Meanwhile, in Israel, the Mossad has recently published an ad in the newspaper inviting Farsi speakers to apply for "an interesting, challenging position," which apparently includes listening in on Iranian transmissions and translating materials published in Iran. (a,b)

- (a) www.arabnews.com/?page=4§ion=0&article=99157&d=1&m=8&y=2007
- (b) www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3431862,00.html
- (c) http://www.juedische.at/TCgi/_v2/TCgi.cgi?target=home&Param_Kat=3&Param_RB=4&Param_Red=8266

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Once again: Outsourcing US intelligence to private contractors

Over the past six years, a quiet revolution has occurred in the intelligence community toward wide-scale outsourcing to corporations and away from the long-established practice of keeping operations in US government hands, with only select outsourcing of certain jobs to independently contracted experts. Key functions of intelligence agencies are now run by private corporations. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) revealed in May that 70 percent of the intelligence budget goes to contractors.

www.alternet.org/story/57979/

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Former FSB chief: Litvinenko case a Berezovsky case?

It would be more precise to describe the cases of Alexander Litvinenko and Andrei Lugovoi as the case of Boris Berezovsky, former Federal Security Service Director and Chairman of the State Duma Committee for Veterans Affairs Nikolai Kovalyov told Interfax (a Russian news agency) in an interview.

www.interfax.com/17/298975/Interview.aspx

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Secret spy satellite abandoned by US

The US has given up on one of its most high-tech spy satellites after it failed to respond to repeated attempts at contact. The L-21, which was only launched in December, will be left to drop out of orbit and burn up in the earth's atmosphere, according to reports. The loss is an expensive blow to the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), which builds and operates reconnaissance satellites for the US military and security services.

www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/08/03/wspy103.xml

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Neue US-Strategie gegen den Iran

Eine übersichtliche Grafik zu diesem Thema ist im web abrufbar.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/ausland/100380.php?versenden#artikelbutt>

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CIA flights

A Boeing Co. unit falsified flight plans to disguise the Central Intelligence Agency's transporting of terrorism suspects to secret prisons overseas, the American Civil Liberties Union claims in a lawsuit. Jeppesen Data plan, a provider of navigation charts, refuelling plans and route planning based in Englewood, Colo., helped in more than 70 flights to move suspects to countries where they weren't protected by U.S. law, the group said. The prisoners were tortured and interrogated, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) said today in a complaint. (a) As a consequence of the ACLU statement two men who say they were flown by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency to secret overseas prisons where they were interrogated and tortured joined an American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit on Wednesday.(b)

(a) <http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,695197174,00.html>

(b) http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070801/ts_nm/usa_cia_kidnapping_dc_1

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BVT-Beamte unter schwerem Verdacht

Wie das Nachrichtenmagazin "profil" in seiner aktuellen Ausgabe berichtet, beschuldigen die Korruptionsfahnder des Büros für interne Angelegenheiten (BIA) in einer 70-seitigen Strafanzeige mehrere Ermittler des Bundesamtes für Verfassungsschutz und Terrorismusbekämpfung (BVT) des Amtsmisbrauches "und anderer Delikte nach dem StGB". Die BIA hat die Vorgänge rund um den so genannten "Höhenstraßen-Mord" ermittelt, bei dem der Niederösterreicher Werner Neymayer seine damalige Sekretärin Petra Müller im September 2004 mittels einer Handgranaten-Sprengfalle ermordet hatte, um an deren Lebensversicherung zu kommen.

profil 33/2007, S. 14-19

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US-Geheimdienstchef gibt Auskunft

Neben der Überwachung von E-Mails und Auslandsanrufen von US-Bürgern gebe es weitere geheime Programme, schrieb Mike McConnell, Chef des Nationalen Sicherheitsdienstes [NSA] und Geheimdienstkoordinator der US-Regierung, an einen Senator der Republikanischen Partei, wie die "Washington Post" berichtete.(a-c)

- (a) <http://futurezone.orf.at/it/stories/211707/>
- (b) http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/07/31/AR2007073102137_pf.html
- (c) http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/08/03/AR2007080302296_2.html?wpisrc=newsletter

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US whistleblower outed as traitor

The US soldier who exposed the abuse of Iraqi prisoners in Abu Ghraib prison found himself a marked man after his anonymity was blown in the most astonishing way by Donald Rumsfeld.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/6930197.stm

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Judge orders release of secret documents

New York City's efforts to prevent the release of nearly 2,000 pages of raw intelligence reports and other documents detailing the Police Department's covert surveillance of protest groups and individual activists before the Republican National Convention in 2004.

http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/07/nyregion/07police.html?pagewanted=2&_r=1&hp

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FBI went too far

A federal appeals court ruled yesterday that FBI agents violated the Constitution during their search of Rep. William J. Jefferson's Capitol Hill office last year, and ordered the agency to return all privileged materials. In a 3 to 0 ruling, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit did not block future FBI searches of congressional offices. But it ruled that FBI agents went too far during the May 2006 search when they viewed paper documents before giving the Louisiana Democrat an opportunity to say whether the material was connected to legislative activity and thus protected under the Constitution's "speech or debate" clause.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/08/03/AR2007080300696.html?wpisrc=newsletter>

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Agents given free reign to murder

Former officer Laurence Templeton - who received praise from Sir Hugh Orde for his "exemplary" service over three decades - broke his silence to allege that a small minority of officers brought shame to the force by allowing terrorist killers a free reign. The 50-year-old - whose career included three years in Special Branch - spoke exclusively to Sunday Life in a bid to help the relatives of loved ones murdered by loyalist and republican informers. In an explosive interview, the ex-officer claimed that: Special Branch officers competed against each other to see who ran the best agent; some officers were "seduced" by power; high-level

informants were known as the "protected species", and; Policemen were sacrificed to protect republican spies. Said the ex-cop: "The vast majority of handlers ran their agents both professionally and morally - but there were officers who were only concerned about which agent was perceived as the best. "Their careers were more important to them than arresting people for murder. Promotion was paramount. "They sat on intelligence about certain murders in order to move up the ladder - they were seduced by power. As a result of my experience in the force and of what I have seen and heard, I have no doubt there were officers who were complicit in murder.

<http://www.sundaylife.co.uk/news/article2836511.ece>

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Kolumbiens Militär von Spionen unterwandert

Der Verteidigungsminister Kolumbiens hat eingeräumt, dass sowohl die Drogenmafia wie die linksextremistische Guerilla Militär und Geheimdienst bis hoch hinauf infiltriert haben. Dies erklärt, warum Rebellen-Chefs Interviews geben können, ohne je verhaftet zu werden.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/international/kolumbiens_militaer_von_spionen_unterwandert_1.535574.html

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British army ends Ulster operation

The British army's operation in Northern Ireland came to an end at midnight on Tuesday after 38 years. Operation Banner - the Army's support role for the police - had been its longest continuous campaign, with more than 300,000 personnel taking part.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/6925263.stm

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INLA still active

GARDAI and the PSNI are growing increasingly concerned at the re-emergence of the extreme republican terrorist group the Irish National Liberation Army, suspected of carrying out two murders on either side of the border this year, grenade and gun attacks in Dublin, as well as public armed displays in the North.

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/the-inla-hasnt-gone-away-either-you-know-1047202.html>

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Shoot-to-kill inquiry in Northern Ireland

John Stalker, the English police chief who originally investigated shoot-to-kill allegations in the North in the early 1980s, has said he is willing to help the fresh inquiry by the North's Police Ombudsman into a series of RUC killings which left a number of republicans dead.

<http://archives.tcm.ie/businesspost/2007/07/29/story25494.asp>

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MI5 captured republican gun runner

A man alleged to be involved in gun-running for dissident republicans was released on bail in the High Court today after spending a year in custody.

<http://www.u.tv/newsroom/indepth.asp?id=83876&pt=n>

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Italienischer Geheimdienst wird reformiert

Die Kommission für Verfassungsangelegenheiten des italienischen Senats hat die Geheimdienst-Reform, die das Prodi-Kabinett vorgeschlagen hatte, einstimmig gebilligt.

<http://de.rian.ru/safety/20070801/70127011.html>

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Sergeij Antonov - die bulgarische Spur des Papstattentates

Der Tod eines 59jährigen Frühpensionisten hat kürzlich einen wahren Sturm in Bulgarien ausgelöst. Der Mann lebte allein und war schon seit einigen Tagen tot als man ihn fand. Sein Name ist wahrscheinlich in seiner Heimat bekannt: Sergej Antonov war nämlich die „bulgarische Spur“ beim Attentat auf den polnischen Papst 1981.

<http://nol.hu/cikk/458911/>

Die Übersetzung des Artikels ist auf der Homepage von ACIPSS abrufbar
(Special thanks to Robert Fuchs for the information and the translation)

616/07-----
Mugabe tightens surveillance laws

Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe has approved a new law allowing the security services to intercept postal, internet and telephone communications.(a,b)

- (a) <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/6930801.stm>
- (b) <http://www.baz.ch/news/index.cfm?ObjectID=3096A42D-1422-0CEF-70474112085B181F>

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