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Book-hint: Eddie Chapman, Lover, Betrayed, Hero, Spy



"Agent Zigzag" is the amazing but true story of Eddie Chapman, a professional criminal who became a highly effective double agent during World War II, winning the trust of German intelligence services even as he reported back to the spymasters of MI5. With his life constantly at risk, he gathered information that saved thousands of British lives; the duped Germans rewarded him with huge amounts of money and the Iron Cross; his fellow Brits tossed him out onto the street when he outlived his usefulness although Chapman had been credited with saving

countless lives: The Germans were sending their first V-1 missiles into London, where they inflicted heavy damage. But Berlin didn't know exactly where the missiles were landing and, because they trusted Chapman, he could send back false information that would cause them to adjust their targeting and point the V-1s outside London. Chapman's story has been told in fragments in the past, but only when MI5 declassified his files was it possible to present it in all its richness and complexity.

- (a) Ben Macintyre: Agent Zigzag. The True Wartime Story of Eddie Chapman, Lover, Betrayer, Hero, Spy. Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, 2007. ISBN-10: 0747587949, ISBN-13: 978-0747587941
- (b) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/09/30/AR2007093001139.html>
- (c) <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Agent-Zigzag-Wartime-Chapman-Betrayer/dp/0747587949>

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Terrornews weltweit

- At least 10 African Union soldiers have been killed and 50 are reported missing after a weekend assault on their base in southern Darfur.(a)
- A senior leader of al-Qaeda in Iraq was killed in a US air strike near Baghdad on Tuesday, the US military reports.(b)
- At least six people have been killed and more than 30 injured in three separate attacks across India's north-eastern state of Assam.(c)
- At least 11 people have died after a suicide bomber blew himself up in a bus carrying police in the Afghan capital, Kabul, government officials said.(d)
- Fourteen "high-value" terrorism suspects who were transferred to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from secret CIA prisons last year have been formally offered the right to request lawyers, a move that could allow them to join other detainees in challenging their status as enemy combatants in a U.S. appellate court.(e)
- Beim Treffen der Sicherheitsverantwortlichen der 27 EU-Staaten in Lissabon mit dem Ziel neue Strategien zur Bekämpfung des Terrors zu entwickeln, schlug Innenkommissar Franco Frattini vor, Webseiten, die „terroristischen Zwecken“ dienen können, zu sperren. Andere Mitgliedsländer sind dagegen und fürchten um die Grundrechte der Bürger.(f)
- Iran's Foreign Ministry yesterday joined the country's Parliament in labelling the US Army and Central Intelligence Agency as terrorist organisations in a largely symbolic move.(g-k)
- The CIA has warned its counterparts in Europe of the possibility of terror attacks in several countries. The al-Qaida agents may be planning suicide or bombing attacks in London and cities in Italy, France and Germany.(l)
- Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has criticized the US for its approach to the war on terrorism in his speech in Kentucky, USA.(m)
- An Italian intelligence agent who was kidnapped last month in Afghanistan and wounded during a NATO-led raid that freed him died on Thursday, the Defense Ministry said.(n)

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/world-news/article3015888.ece>
- (b) http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/7019009.stm
- (c) http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/7021426.stm
- (d) http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/7023271.stm
- (e) http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/09/27/AR2007092702458_2.html?wpisrc=newsletter

- (f) <http://www.netzwelt.de/news/76248-terrorbekaempfung-eu-will-webseiten-sperren.html>
- (g) <http://derstandard.at/?url=/?id=3056419>
- (h) http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2007/10/08/071008fa_fact_hersh?printable=true
- (i) <http://www.gulf-daily-news.com/Story.asp?Article=195496&Sn=WORL&IssueID=30195>
- (j) <http://uk.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUKDAH96407720070929>
- (k) http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2007-09-30-spyinside_N.htm
- (l) <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/world/AP/story/260228.html>
- (m) <http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=25748§ionid=351020602>
- (n) <http://nz.news.yahoo.com/071004/5/p/1xc8.html>

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Merger of Huawei and 3Com opens U.S. defense systems to China



3Com has developed many advanced technologies with definite military application and it is beyond belief that it be allowed to have its secrets made vulnerable to an entity such as Huawei. Whilst free and open trade between China and the US must be applauded, this deal if it goes through will directly threaten Western interests.

ACIPSS-commentary: *Huawei seems to have a monopoly on USB-modems. In Austria literally all of the mobile broadband providers sell their packages with modems produced by Huawei. What is even more astounding is the fact*



that the same software ("Mobile Connect") is provided, regardless if you opt for A1 broadband, Telering "Willi" or the other competitors.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071003/NATION/110030088/1001>

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The Russian Business Network: OC, hacking...and a strategic agenda?

The Russian Business Network appears to be a central touch point for the marriage between organized crime and cutting edge black hat hacking techniques. Reported to be the nesting ground for both the MPack exploit suite and the legendary 'Zliden', the father of the Storm 'bot, this outfit seems to have extremely powerful friends in Russia. How they are and what they want is unknown, but suspicions do point to possible links with Russian government cyberwarfare elements.(a-c)

- (a) <http://blog.wired.com/sterling/2007/09/the-russian-bus.html>
- (b) <http://news.zdnet.co.uk/security/0,1000000189,39289057,00.htm>
- (c) <http://www.scmagazineus.com/US-Consulate-in-St-Petersburg-hacked/article/35644/>

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NSA spies held courses for reporters

Frustrated by press leaks about its most sensitive electronic surveillance work, the secretive National Security Agency convened an unprecedented series of off-the-record "seminars" in recent years to teach reporters about the damage caused by such leaks and to discourage reporting that could interfere with the agency's mission to spy on America's enemies. The half-day classes featured high-ranking NSA officials highlighting objectionable passages in published stories and offering "an innocuous rewrite" that officials said maintained the "overall thrust" of the

articles but omitted details that could disclose the agency's techniques, according to course outlines obtained by The New York Sun.

http://www.nysun.com/article/63465?page_no=2

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New revelations in attack on American spy ship

Veterans, documents suggest U.S., Israel didn't tell full story of deadly '67 incident: The USS Liberty, a super-secret spy ship on station in the eastern Mediterranean, was attacked by four Israeli fighter jets flew out of the afternoon sun to strafe and bomb the virtually defenseless vessel on June 8, 1967, the fourth day of what would become known as the Six-Day War. Newly released documents suggest that the U.S. government, anxious to spare Israel's reputation and preserve its alliance with the U.S., closed the case with what even some of its participants now say was a hasty and seriously flawed investigation.

http://www.chicagotribune.com/services/newspaper/printedition/tuesday/chi-liberty_tuesoct02,0,1050179.story

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Blackwater in the focus of media and authorities

Guards working in Iraq for Blackwater USA have shot innocent Iraqi civilians and have sought to cover up the incidents, sometimes with the help of the State Department, a report to a Congressional committee said today.(a) The report(b), based largely on internal Blackwater e-mail messages and State Department documents, depicts the security contractor as being staffed with reckless, shoot-first guards who were not always sober and did not always stop to see who or what was hit by their bullets. The Lede(a website specialised on "notes to the news") added a few interesting excerpts from the document, including a State Department debate on how much a wrongfully killed Iraqi ought to be worth, what taxpayers are charged for a Blackwater security guard's working day, the reasons why more than 70 of those expensive contractors have been fired, and a jaw-dropping tale of vehicular recklessness.(c)

In addition to the public investigations a lot of private persons have begun digging into the mud of Blackwater, most notably Dr. R J Hillhouse, a former professor and Fulbright fellow, who has earned her Ph.D. in political science at the University of Michigan. Her latest novel, OUTSOURCED (Forge Books) is about the turf wars between the Pentagon and the CIA and the privatization of national security.(d)

And THAT seems to be the real scandal and not the security-related activities of Blackwater.(e) Blackwater has been one of the most visible of the new breed of security and intelligence contractors who perform services that were formerly the exclusive domain of government. In fact, many of these functions have been so heavily outsourced that the government no longer possesses the knowledge or capability to provide them without its contractors. The implications of the September 16th Blackwater shooting reach far beyond the fate of a single contractor: Taken to an extreme, they could be used to shut down the US war machine, including intelligence gathering and covert operations. Because the US has become so dependent upon contractors for its national security, allowing a foreign government voice in which firms may operate on its behalf could bring vital security functions to a standstill.(f,g)

- (a) <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/01/washington/01cnd-blackwater.html?ei=5065&en=eacf12349ae6b5bd&ex=1191902400&adxnml=1&artner=MYWAY&adxnmlx=1191297724-lrkKhkUvdYtibTi02c++vQ>
- (b) <http://oversight.house.gov/documents/20071001121609.pdf>
- (c) <http://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2007/10/01/the-price-of-an-iraqi-life-a-blackwater-guard-and-the-crash-happy-convoy/>

- (d) <http://www.thespywhobilledme.com/>
- (e) http://www.thespywhobilledme.com/the_spy_who_billed_me/2007/10/black_water-so-h.html
- (f) http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/09/30/AR2007093001352_pf.html
- (g) <http://www.diepresse.at/home/politik/aussenpolitik/334394/index.do>

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10,000 East Germans Spied for the West

It's a well-known fact that East Germany had agents crawling all over West Germany during the Cold War. Up to 6,000 of them, some in high places, were regularly passing information eastwards across the wall. According to a new study published on Friday, though, when it came to recruiting spooks, the West Germans were even better. Fully 10,000 citizens of Germany's communist half were spying for Bonn. German historians Armin Wagner and Matthias Uhl have pored over files released by Germany foreign intelligence agency(BND) covering the period between the formation of the communist German Democratic Republic(GDR) in 1949 and the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.(a,b)

- (a) <http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/0,1518,508518,00.html>
- (b) <http://www.netzeitung.de/deutschland/751973.html>

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Canadian Agency unclear how information on terror financing is used

The agency charged with gathering the intelligence about terrorists and their cash says it doesn't really know what is happening once the information is passed to the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. Two officials with the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada testified in Ottawa about the limitations of the current information sharing. FinTRAC is gathering intelligence upstream, but doesn't necessarily know if the information aids criminal cases.

- (a) <http://www.canada.com/nationalpost/news/story.html?id=e5e15baf-c6df-4610-be56-6d663b07ad81&k=78352>
- (b) <http://canadianpress.google.com/article/ALeqM5gUpMKFk9Jpv8ClaBe4jt0EnSLMwQ>

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Military Guide to Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century

U.S. Army intelligence has published an updated version of its handbook on terrorism in the 21st century.(a) Two out of the four supplements to this handbook, one on case studies in terrorism and one on terrorism and weapons of mass destruction(WMDs), have also been updated, Supplement 2 and 3 are from 2005.(b-e)

- (a) <http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/terrorism/guide.pdf> (4,6 MB pdf-file)
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/terrorism/sup1.pdf> (9,6 MB pdf-file)
- (c) <http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/terrorism/sup2.pdf>
- (d) <http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/terrorism/sup3.pdf>
- (e) <http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/terrorism/sup4.pdf> (13,6 MB pdf-file)

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Syrian Intelligence Training New Recruits in UK, Germany

Up to 350 new recruits are reported to have been dispatched to Germany (Berlin and Bonn), the UK (London), and North Korea for the purpose of learning about the latest techniques in communications interception and technological advancement, especially in the fields of Internet monitoring and email interception. The new recruits are trusted Ba'athist loyalists.

It is not clear however whether the governments of Germany and the UK were helping the trainees wilfully.

<http://www.aina.org/news/20070930144804.htm>

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Moscow releases Wallenberg files

A Russian intelligence agency transferred secret files about Raoul Wallenberg to Russia's chief rabbi. The files, containing sensitive information about the life and death of the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Jews during the Holocaust, will be housed in Moscow's new Museum of Tolerance, scheduled to open in 2008. Secret files containing sensitive information about life and death of Raul Wallenberg were transferred from Federal Security Service's archives to Museum of Tolerance. The director of the Federal Security Service, Nikolai Patrushev, personally handed over the sixteen files to Rabbi Berl Lazar.

<http://www.jta.org/cgi-bin/iowa/breaking/104393.html>

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US: New defense intelligence policy

A new Pentagon policy directive for U.S. military intelligence mandates information-sharing with U.S. domestic agencies and foreign partners and recognizes the leading role of the new director of national intelligence.

Although both have been longstanding priorities for the Bush administration, the new directive, drafted in the office of the undersecretary of defense for intelligence, retired Gen. James Clapper, and quietly published last month, is the first time they have been promulgated in such a high-level policy document inside the Pentagon. "Responsibility to provide" was the new principle replacing need-to-know. The directive, which replaces one more than 20 years old, also explicitly recognizes the role of the director of national intelligence, stating that all defense intelligence and counter-intelligence activities "shall conform to U.S. law and presidential guidance concerning the authorities and responsibilities" of the new post.

http://www.upi.com/International_Security/Emerging_Threats/Analysis/2007/09/28/analysis_new_defense_intelligence_policy/5548/

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Detained Iranian an intelligence agent

An Iranian arrested by US forces in Iraq's Kurdish region had been involved in Tehran's intelligence operations in Iraq for more than a decade, an American general said on Wednesday. "Multiple sources" had also implicated him in providing weapons to "Iraqi criminal elements in the service of Iran," US military spokesman Major General Kevin Bergner told a news conference in Baghdad. On September 20, US troops raided a hotel in Sulaimaniyah in the autonomous northern autonomous region and seized Mahmudi Farhadi, claiming he was a member of the Quds Force, the covert operations arm of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards. Iran condemned what it called the "unwarranted" arrest of a businessman it said was in Iraq at the invitation of the Kurdish regional government, and lodged a strong protest with the authorities in Baghdad.

http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5hjkpbmLqfIeJ99EK__kr8ezqKi3g

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CIA sees boost in minority hiring

More than one in four recruits offered jobs as undercover spies by the CIA this year are members of racial or ethnic minorities – a record high percentage, the agency's top spy says. But the CIA continues to lag in fielding spies from the Middle Eastern and South Asian backgrounds deemed most critical to the war on terrorism, said Jose Rodriguez, the outgoing director of clandestine intelligence gathering, in an interview with USA TODAY. Only about 5% of the agency's current undercover spy force is from an Asian background.(a)

Undercover spy work requires at least six years of training and on-the-job experience before an officer is truly useful. That preparation time has not changed since Rodriguez underwent training in the late 1970s.

To cope, the CIA is weighing several changes:

- For the first time, the CIA is considering hiring some spy recruits for non-classified work before security checks – which can take nine months or more – are completed.
- The agency has changed its longtime practice of embedding most of its spies within American embassies overseas. Instead, more spies than ever are operating under what are called high-risk "non-official cover" identities aimed at making it easier for them to approach targets such as terror groups. Official-cover spies traditionally work out of embassies posing as diplomats.
- The widespread availability of real estate, business and other public databases has made creating identities for undercover officers "hard as nails," Rodriguez said. The CIA is experimenting with new covers that are harder to break using the increasing number of public databases.(b)

(a) http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2007-09-30-cia-minority-hiring_N.htm?csp=34

(b) http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2007-09-30-spyinside_N.htm

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2 Deutsche in Nigeria in Haft

Zwei deutsche Filmemacher, der freie Dokumentarfilmer Florian Opitz und sein Kollege Andy Lehmann, müssen sich wegen des Vorwurfs der Gefährdung der nationalen Sicherheit vor einem nigerianischen Gericht verantworten. Bei einer Verurteilung drohen ihnen bis zu 14 Jahre Haft. Der Prozess wird am Freitag eröffnet. Der nigerianische Geheimdienst SSS hält Opitz und Lehmann bereits seit zwei Wochen zu Verhören fest.(a,b)

(a) http://elf.scm-digital.net/show.sxp/2973_regierung_in_nigeria_nimmt_dokumentarfilme_r_und_jour.html?&mantemp=jdeartikel&kein_pdf_anzeigen=1

(b) http://www.taz.de/index.php?id=digitaz-artikel&ressort=sw&dig=2007/09/29/a0084&no_cache=1&src=GI

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Polnischer Ex-Präsident ein Geheimdienst-Spitzel?

Der polnische Ex-Präsident Aleksander Kwasniewski wurde im kommunistischen Polen unter dem Decknamen "Alek" als inoffizieller Mitarbeiter des Geheimdienstes SB geführt, berichtete die Tageszeitung "Fakt". Dies gehe aus der Geheimdienst-Akte von Kwasniewski hervor, die vom Institut für das nationale Gedächtnis (IPN) aufbewahrt wird und in die ein Journalist von Fakt Einblick erhalten haben will.

<http://derstandard.at/?url=/?id=3052109>

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Real life informer inspires TV series

A real life undercover cop who the IRA tried to murder has been revealed as Jimmy Nesbitt's inspiration for his role as TV's hardest detective, DS Tommy Murphy.

Ex-cop Peter Bleksley - who was shot at, stabbed and held hostage during 10 years working undercover - has been hailed by the Ulster-born star as the man who put the steel into the revamped BBC1 series, Murphy's Law.

<http://www.sundaylife.co.uk/news/article3013217.ece>

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Official IRA chief still on anti-US crusade

The United States Justice Department is examining a document posted on the internet last week which claims to outline the activities of a secret department within the Official IRA which produced counterfeit American \$100 bills. The document, which is described as a "statement", outlines the alleged activities of Workers Party president Sean Garland, who is wanted in the United States for allegedly producing counterfeit US dollars.

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/garland-facing-fresh-counterfeiting-claims-1092494.html>

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INLA uncovers spy in own ranks

The 'Journal' can reveal that one of the INLA's most senior members in Derry has been working as a British agent for more than 20 years. A source close to the INLA says it recently discovered the man has been passing information to both MI5 and police Special Branch since 1985. It's thought that the man, believed to be from the Greater Shantallow area of the city, was a central figure in the organisation throughout the 1980s and 1990s. As such, it's understood he would have been aware of all INLA operations in the city.

<http://www.derryjournal.com/journal/Derry-INLA-uncover-39British-agent39.3241241.jp>

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British spy watchdog praises PSNI intelligence handling

The spying watchdog that missed a police informer's killing spree has praised the PSNI for "best practice" in its current handling of intelligence sources.

The Office of the Surveillance Commissioners(OSC) praised the PSNI for standards "practically unheard of in any organisation". The OSC's most recent report was issued weeks before its chief meets the Policing Board chairman to discuss UVF informer Mark Haddock.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/article2999043.ece>

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WW II Declassification Cost \$30 Million

An eight-year effort to declassify more than eight million pages of records related to U.S. involvement with Nazi and Japanese war criminals has cost the U.S. government nearly \$30 million. Much of that cost could have been averted had the government complied with its own declassification rules, according to a new report from the National Archives and Records Administration. A standing executive order requires the automatic declassification of records after 10 years unless their release will damage national security. That can extend classification to 25 years, at which time records are supposed to be released, again with a national security exception.(a) A copy of the full report to Congress of the Interagency

Working Group on Nazi War Crimes Disclosure is available on the FAS-website.(b)

- (a) <http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5j6VYyTXahqt3CHti7MKwuqFM8m0wD8S0MJPG0>
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/library/iwg2007.pdf>

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Ex-Nazi spies had dubious benefit for US

The U.S. government apparently derived no clear benefit by recruiting ex-Nazis as Cold War spies, but potentially huge gaps remain in the public record of U.S. ties to World War Two war criminals, according to a report issued on Friday. The report to Congress, by an interagency group that examined the United States' use of German and Japanese war criminals during and after the war, also said the CIA had no set policy for hiring former war criminals to spy on postwar foes including the Soviet Union. The group, created by the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act of 1998 and Japanese Imperial Government Disclosure Act of 2000, has released more than 8.5 million pages of previously classified government documents dating back to 1933. The list includes the entire 1.2 million-page operational file of the CIA's World War Two forerunner, the Office of Strategic Services.

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N28422574.htm>

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Chinese General called CIA the cyber hacking experts

According to media reports, Chinese authorities have taken the rare step of censoring an article in a Communist party magazine in which a top official urged tougher action for the "enormous" damage caused by US and other western cyber-spy attacks. The September edition of the Chinese Cadres Tribune was recalled quietly from circulation and replaced with a version that did not include the five-page article by Lou Qinjian, vice-minister of the Ministry of Information Industry. The division in the Chinese Military is also clear. In a recent gathering in Moscow, a Chinese General called CIA the cyber hacking experts. But on his return to China he was told to keep his mouth shut.

<http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/18377.asp>

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Report Finds FBI Still Vulnerable To Espionage

The FBI has failed to plug significant gaps that allowed jailed agent Robert Hanssen to spy for the KGB for more than two decades, the Justice Department reported on Monday. The department's inspector general's office said the FBI had not yet adopted significant recommendations in its 2003 report on the case, which it called the most damaging in the agency's history. The findings come as spying on the United States by Russia and China has rebounded almost to Cold War levels, according to U.S. intelligence agencies. The report said the arrest in 2005 and jailing of former FBI intelligence analyst Leandro Aragoncillo for giving secret documents to Philippine officials demonstrated the agency had lingering problems in rooting out spies.(a,b)

- (a) http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20071001/us_nm/security_usa_fbi_dc_1
- (b) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/01/AR2007100100673.html>

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CIA offered \$2m to Lockerbie witness and brother

The CIA offered \$2m(£1m) to the Crown's key witness in the Lockerbie trial and his brother, sources close to the case have told The Herald. Recently discovered papers show Scottish police officers investigating the 1988 bombing were aware the US intelligence service had discussed financial terms and witness protection schemes with Tony Gauci and his brother, Paul. They documented the talks and it would have been standard practice for such information to have been relayed to the prosecution team before the trial of Abdelbaset Ali Mohamed al Megrahi, the Libyan serving 27 years for the bombing. However, his defence team was never told of the CIA offer, in what critics say is another example of non-disclosure that undermines the credibility of Mr Gauci and, in turn, the Crown's case against Megrahi.

<http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.1730667.0.0.php>

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Österreich: Versucher Sprengstoffanschlag auf US-Botschaft

Ein 42-jähriger gebürtiger Bosnier hatte am Montag versucht, mit Handgranaten und Nägeln im Rucksack die amerikanische Botschaft zu betreten. Doch der Mann kam nicht weit: Als die Metalldetektoren am Eingang anschlugen, floh der Verdächtige und warf seinen Rucksack auf die Straße. Kurze Zeit später wurde er von der Polizei festgenommen. Nach dem vereitelten Anschlag auf die US-Botschaft in Wien hat die österreichische Polizei einen zweiten Verdächtigen festgenommen. Bei dem Mann handelt es sich um einen Bekannten des unmittelbar tatusübenden. Offenbar hatte der Täter seinen Komplizen belastet. Der Mann wirkte laut Angaben der Polizei bei seiner Festnahme verwirrt. Offenbar spricht der gebürtige Bosnier nur gebrochenes Deutsch. Im Verhör belastete der Verdächtige schließlich den inzwischen festgenommenen Bekannten. Zwar fand die Polizei in dem Rucksack des Mannes ein Buch, doch einen islamistischen Hintergrund schließt der österreichische Verfassungsschutz inzwischen aus.(a-d)

- (a) <http://www.diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/333929/index.do>
- (b) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/latest/story/0,,-6962467,00.html>
- (c) http://de.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=worldNews&storyID=2007-10-02T080634Z_01_HAG229184_RTRDEOC_0_STERREICH-USA-FESTNAHME.xml
- (d) <http://www.pr-inside.com/de/zweiter-verdaechtiger-in-wien-festgenommen-r230287.htm>

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Geheime Abhörprotokolle in österreichischem Magazin

Das österreichische Magazin NEWS veröffentlichte in seiner aktuellen Ausgabe Auszüge der Protokolle eines „Grossen Lauschangriffes“ gegen den mutmaßlichen Hintermann der im Internet veröffentlichten Droh-Videos gegen Österreich und Deutschland Mohammed M. (siehe Meldung 723/07).(a) Aus dem den Reportern offensichtlich vorliegendem Ermittlungsakt ergibt sich eine „klare Absicht auf einen geplanten und bevorstehenden Anschlag“.

ACIPSS-Kommentar: Der News-Bericht bringt nicht nur Repros aus dem Originalakt, sondern geht auch auf andere Details der besonderen Ermittlungsmethoden ein (Überwachung des Chatverkehrs, klandestine Installation eines Trojaners auf dem Laptop des Verdächtigen, Auswertung von Logfiles durch das Abwehramt, usw.). Bei allem Verständnis für die öffentlich zu gering geschätzte Tätigkeit der Verfassungsschützer darf doch die Frage gestellt werden, ob in diesem Fall der durchaus berechtigten Imagepflege nicht ein wesentlich höheres Gut geopfert wurde: die exakten Ermittlungsmethoden der Behörden.

- (a) NEWS 40/2007, S.20-28
- (b) <http://www.networld.at/index.html?/articles/0740/11/185095.shtml>

Trivia: Remembering Miss Money Penny
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„Many will always remember Lois Maxwell as Miss Money Penny, but to say that would be a understatement. I had the pleasure of Lois Maxwell's company when I portrayed James Bond and Lois was a talented actress. Lois occupied only a minute or so in each James Bond movie, but It's not easy to play such a part and be credible for one film, let alone a whole series. Lois proved to have many talents and have a unrequited passion burning inside, which made her invaluable. Such characters are rare today and Lois is worthy of our respect and remembrance.“

Sir Sean Connery

Ms Maxwell passed away, aged 80, on Saturday evening in Fremantle Hospital, Western Australia. The Golden Globe award-winning actress played the role of M's famous secretary in the first 14 James Bond films over 23 years, starring alongside three different James Bond actors. Lois Maxwell could very well have been a good secret agent: She had run away from home at 16 to join the Canadian army, been an amateur racing driver in Italy, earned a pilot's licence and - she claimed - had once armed herself with an M-16 to see off pirates while sailing in the South China Sea.

ACIPSS-commentary: As Sir Sean Connery put it wisely, actress Lois Maxwell only appeared for a few minutes in each 007 episode and was nevertheless capable to forever impress all movie watchers, very much the same way as actor Desmond Llewelyn did as Major Boothroyd, better known as "Q", thus her fame was built on less than one hour of screen time. Both played characters that in reality have a both vital and less respected function in every intelligence agency: Lois Maxwell aka Miss Money Penny stands for the archetype of the secretary, completely loyal to the service, shuffling the necessary paperwork without no organisation, least an intel service could survive, and while being desk-bound and not an operative nevertheless being totally committed and deeply feeling for "her" agents. It was not her cool flirtatious attitude towards 007 that made Lois Maxwell unforgettable but the caring look in her eyes when James Bond left her office.

- (a) <http://www.sueddeutsche.de/,tt10m2/kultur/artikel/919/135655/>
- (b) <http://www.spiegel.de/kultur/kino/0,1518,508720,00.html>
- (c) <http://www.n-tv.de/859736.html>
- (d) http://www.projo.com/lifebeat/markpatinkin/Mark04_10-04-07_KT7C169.1e659e0.html
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- (f) <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,22520341-15803,00.html>

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