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0071/08-----
Jahresbericht des Luxemburger Geheimdienstes - Addendum

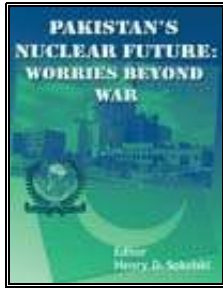
In Ergänzung zur ACIPSS-Newsletter-Meldung 0070/08 von vergangener Woche bedanken wir uns bei Herrn Michel Thiel von der Redaktion wort.lu für die Überlassung des Berichtes der parlamentarischen Kontrollkommissionen, der - unüblicherweise - nicht auf der Website des Luxemburger Parlaments unter der Adresse <http://www.chd.lu> zu finden ist. Der französischsprachige Bericht liegt in der ACIPSS-Redaktion auf.

0072/08-----
Website der Woche: Chatham House

Chatham House, formally known as The Royal Institute of International Affairs, is an independent membership-based organization for the debate and analysis of a wide range of international issues. Themes like International Economics, International Law and International Security are part of their program as well as publications, events and conferences. They publish a journal and a monthly magazine.

<http://www.chathamhouse.org.uk/>

0073/08-----
Online- Book: Pakistan's Nuclear Future: Worries Beyond War



The book "Pakistan's Nuclear Future: Worries Beyond War", edited by Mr. Henry D. Sokolski can be downloaded for free from the website of The Strategic Studies Institute of the US Army War College.

After Pakistani President Musharraf imposed a state of emergency in November 2007, the political turmoil that followed raised concerns that Pakistan's nuclear assets might be vulnerable to diversion or misuse. This volume details precisely what these worries might be.

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdf/PUB832.pdf>

0074/08-----

Media Alerts

Am 25.01. um 01.15 PHOENIX

Germany Made in USA - Wie US-Agenten Nachkriegsdeutschland steuerten

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 Minuten (a)

Inhalt: Der Krieg ist vorbei. Deutschland gleicht einem Trümmerhaufen. Doch schon bald setzt der Wiederaufbau ein - initiiert und tatkräftig unterstützt von den Alliierten, allen voran den USA. Luftbrücke für die Berliner, Care-Pakete und Marshall-Plan sind die Mittel. Was aber sind die Ziele? Bislang unveröffentlichte Dokumente enthüllen einen "Psychologischen Strategieplan für Deutschland", gesteuert und finanziert von der CIA. Der US-Geheimdienst beeinflusste die deutsche Kulturszene, unterstützte Medien, baute Gewerkschaften auf und bezahlte Politiker.

Am 25.01. um 02.00 PHOENIX

Tausche Ostagent gegen Westagent - Anwalt Vogels erster Coup

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 Minuten (b)

Inhalt: 10. Februar 1962: Der erste und zugleich spektakulärste Agententausch in der Geschichte des Kalten Krieges fand auf der Glienicker Brücke zwischen Potsdam/DDR und Westberlin statt. Mit dem Austausch des US-Spions Francis Gary Powers gegen den Topagenten der Sowjets, Rudolf Iwanowitsch Abel, begann zugleich die atemberaubende Karriere eines bis dahin völlig unbekanntes Anwalts aus Ostberlin: Wolfgang Vogel. Er bereitete fortan die Deals vor.

Am 25.01. um 04.45 PHOENIX

Deckname Blitz - Der Spion vom Teufelsberg

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 Minuten (c)

Inhalt: Als der "gefährlichste Spion des Kalten Krieges" wurde der Berliner Türke Hüseyin Yildirim 1989, im Jahr der Wende, in den USA eingeschätzt. Er hatte den Osten mit Informationen aus der wichtigsten amerikanischen Abhöranlage für Osteuropa, der "Teufelsberg Field Station" versorgt. Der Film rekonstruiert Yildirims Coup und berichtet vom unerwarteten Ausgang.

Am 25.01. um 05.30 PHOENIX

Das Spinnennetz - Stasi-Agenten im Westen

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 Minuten (d)

Inhalt: Seit Bestehen beider deutscher Staaten haben Spionageeinrichtungen der DDR systematisch versucht, die Bundesrepublik mit einem Agentennetz zu überziehen. Ihre Zahl wird auf etwa 6.000 geschätzt. Im Mittelpunkt der Dokumentation steht Lilli Pöttrich, die Jahre lang im Auswärtigen Amt für die DDR spionierte.

Am 31.01. um 00.35 ZDF

Showdown mit Iran: Kein Ausweg mehr? - Die Krise im Nahen und Mittleren Osten

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 Minuten (e)

Inhalt: Vordergründig scheint es um Irans Atomprogramm zu gehen. Doch in Wirklichkeit dreht sich alles um Macht und Einfluss im Nahen und Mittleren Osten. Die USA und Iran haben sich in Positionen manövriert, die kaum noch einen Ausweg lassen und geradewegs auf einen neuen Krieg am Golf zusteuern.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-19140495&SID=5dd65e6ad6c1753e557c6c0064a5acae>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-19140496&SID=5dd65e6ad6c1753e557c6c0064a5acae>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-19140500&SID=5dd65e6ad6c1753e557c6c0064a5acae>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-19140501&SID=5dd65e6ad6c1753e557c6c0064a5acae>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-19121113&SID=5dd65e6ad6c1753e557c6c0064a5acae>

0075/08-----

Saudi intelligence operations are set to be restructured

Saudi Arabia's intelligence operations are set to be restructured so as to be able to cope with international information challenges, according to Prince Muqrin, head of the Presidency of General Intelligence. "Saudi Intelligence will compete with international intelligence agencies. This requires that we restructure our work to cope with global information and knowledge," he told a Press conference in Riyadh recently. Prince Muqrin said that Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz had given him explicit instructions to develop and restructure the intelligence agency according to the needs of national security.

http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticleNew.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2008/January/middleeast_January281.xml§ion=middleeast&col=

0076/08-----

Issue 2 of the Combating Terrorism Center Sentinel

The Combating Terrorism Center announced the release of Issue 2 of the CTC Sentinel as part of their continued efforts to better understand and confront contemporary threats posed by terrorism, insurgency and other forms of political violence.

This month's issue features the following articles:

- Hassan Abbas: A Profile of Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan
- James Brandon: The Changing Face of Salafi-Jihadi Movements in the United Kingdom
- Gabriel Weimann: Al-Qa`ida's Extensive Use of the Internet
- Evan F. Kohlmann: Al-Qa`ida's "MySpace": Terrorist Recruitment on the Internet
- Pascale Combelles Siegel: Partner or Spoiler: The Case of the Islamic Army in Iraq
- Paul Staniland: The Challenge of Islamist Militancy in India

<http://www.ctc.usma.edu/sentinel/CTCSentinel-VollIss2.pdf>

(see also newsletter-report 0002/08)

0077/08-----

Iranischer Autor vom Geheimdienst verschleppt

Der iranische Autor Amin Ghazaei wurde in Teheran vom Geheimdienst verhaftet. Grund könnten seine Übersetzungen französischer Philosophen im Internet sein. Bisher fehlt von ihm jedes Lebenszeichen.

<http://www.netzeitung.de/feuilleton/kulturnews/881850.html>

0078/08-----

CIA Says Hackers Have Cut Power Grid

Criminals have been able to hack into computer systems via the Internet and cut power to several cities, a U.S. Central Intelligence Agency analyst said this week. Speaking at a conference of security professionals on Wednesday, CIA analyst Tom Donahue disclosed the recently declassified attacks while offering few specifics on what actually went wrong. Criminals have launched online attacks that disrupted power equipment in several regions outside of the U.S., he said, without identifying the countries affected. The goal of the attacks was extortion, he said. "We have information, from multiple regions outside the United States, of cyber intrusions into utilities, followed by extortion demands," he said in a statement posted to the Web on Friday by the conference's organizers, the SANS Institute. "In at least one case, the disruption caused a power outage affecting multiple cities. We do not know who executed these attacks or why, but all involved intrusions through the Internet."

<http://www.pcworld.com/article/id,141564-c,hackers/article.html>

0079/08-----

FBI Citizens' Academy - Wanted by the FBI: spy busters

The FBI Citizens' Academy, a six-week-long series of three-hour seminars -- with a separate firearms training and a SWAT team demonstration session -- is for South Florida citizens who have no prior criminal convictions and can pass an FBI background check. There is no charge for the classes. Currently, there are FBI Citizens' Academies based out of all of the FBI's 56 field offices, nationwide. The 2008 sessions in North Miami are seeking applicants to fill 30 slots for the April and October sessions.

http://www.miamiherald.com/news/miami_dade/story/384197.html

0080/08-----

FBI denies file exposing nuclear secrets theft

THE FBI has been accused of covering up a key case file detailing evidence against corrupt government officials and their dealings with a network stealing nuclear secrets. The assertion follows allegations made in The Sunday Times two weeks ago by Sibel Edmonds, an FBI whistleblower, who worked on the agency's investigation of the network. Edmonds, a 37-year-old former Turkish language translator, listened into hundreds of sensitive intercepted conversations while based at the agency's Washington field office. She says the FBI was investigating a **Turkish and Israeli-run network** that paid high-ranking American officials to steal nuclear weapons secrets. These were then sold on the international black market to countries such as Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. One of the documents relating to the case was marked 203A-WF-210023. Last week, however, the FBI responded to a freedom of information request for a file of exactly the same number by claiming that it did not exist. But The Sunday Times has obtained a document signed by an FBI official showing the existence of the file. Edmonds believes the crucial file is being deliberately covered up by the FBI because its contents are explosive. She accuses the agency of an "outright lie".(a-f)

- (a) http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us_and_americas/article3216737.ece
- (b) <http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/4631311/>
- (c) <http://www.bradblog.com/?p=5582>
- (d) <http://www.newsroomamerica.com/usa/story.php?id=406055>
- (e) http://blogs.guardian.co.uk/greenslade/2008/01/us_journalists_ignore_sunday_t.html
- (f) http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article3137695.ece

0081/08-----
 USAF: 480th Intelligence Wing realigned

 Air Force officials announced Jan. 14 the transfer of the 480th Intelligence Wing at Langley Air Force Base, Va., to the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency at Lackland AFB, Texas. Formal realignment of the affected units will occur on or before March 1. The 480 IW, formerly assigned to 8th Air Force under Air Combat Command, is the lead Air Force wing for Distributed Common Ground System operations, imagery and other intelligence products required for combat mission planning and execution.

<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123082936>

0082/08-----
 Europe "fails to act" on CIA rendition lessons

 European states have failed to tighten controls on foreign security agents since being caught up in scandals over secret CIA prisoner transfers, the head of the continent's top human rights watchdog said on Thursday. Terry Davis, Secretary General of the 47-nation Council of Europe, said their inaction over the past two years reflected U.S. pressure and an absence of political will.

"I think we can safely assume the government of the **United States** of America is putting a **lot of pressure** on their allies in Europe to prevent any discussion of this matter," Davis told Reuters in an interview in London.

In 2006, the former MP called **Europe** a "**happy hunting ground for foreign security services**" after evidence emerged that the **Central Intelligence Agency had abducted** terrorist suspects in European states and secretly transferred them across international borders.

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUKL1784265920080117>

0083/08-----
 Civil Service & intelligence community in charge of GB?

 Who runs Britain? As the Government announces its rescue package for Northern Rock, is it a combination of Goldman Sachs, Mervyn King and Richard Branson?

Or is it - as Euro-sceptic MPs will claim in the forthcoming debates on the EU reform treaty - the European Commission? Is it the gangs of feral youths who have frightened the Home Secretary off the streets in Hackney?

Does Gordon Brown call the shots? Or is it the old-fashioned Establishment, a combination of the Civil Service and the intelligence community that is really in charge? This is the question emerging from a Privy Council review of the use of intercept evidence in terrorist trials, commissioned by the Prime Minister soon after he moved into Number 10.

The inquiry is turning into a test of where power in Whitehall really lies. If the rumours are to be believed, wrangles are hardening into deadlock: the review has not come up with the answer that Mr Brown wants. It is hard to know what the outcome will be.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?xml=/opinion/2008/01/22/do2201.xml>

0084/08-----

GB: Police probe theft of MoD laptop

Police are investigating the theft of a laptop from a Royal Navy officer which had held the personal details of 600,000 people. Police said the laptop was taken from a vehicle which had been parked in the Edgbaston area of Birmingham. It contains data including passport numbers, National Insurance numbers and bank details. They relate to people who had expressed an interest in, or joined, the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and the RAF. The MoD said it was treating this latest theft with the "utmost seriousness".

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7197045.stm>

Editor-commentary: One again (see also report 0041/08: "Nato secrets USB stick lost in Swedish library"): it is a sad fact that things are stolen and get lost, this is awful enough. But how does it come that intelligence operatives are that careless to store sensitive data unencrypted? As it has been said once already: extremely powerful crypto software can be obtained as freeware from the web. In addition to the fault of the operatives there also seems to be a lack of control by their superiors.

0085/08-----

After Raids, 14 Held in Spain on Suspicion of a Terror Plot

Intelligence agents on Sunday were sifting through evidence collected during a weekend crackdown on a group of suspected Islamic militants who the police say were plotting an attack on Barcelona. The police arrested 14 men and raided several apartments, two mosques and a bakery in Barcelona, the capital of the northeastern region of Catalonia, a security official and local Muslim representatives said. The group included 12 Pakistanis, an Indian and a Bangladeshi, they said.

Alfredo Pérez Rubalcaba, the Spanish interior minister, said Saturday that the detainees "belonged to a well-organized group that had gone a step beyond radicalization." (a-d)

- (a) http://www.nytimes.com/2008/01/21/world/europe/21spain.html?_r=1&ref=europe&oref=slogin
- (b) http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5jjEEGS1-L7M_hIQYINEFLuXHT8iA
- (c) http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-01/19/content_7452177.htm
- (d) http://www.welt.de/wams_print/article1575306/Geheimdienst_verhindert_Anschlag_in_Barcelona.html

0086/08-----

Türkei: Geheimes Netzwerk ausgehoben

Über 30 Personen, die der nationalistischen Geheim-Organisation „Ergenekon“ angehörten, wurden in der Türkei verhaftet. Zahlreiche Mordanschläge sollen auf ihr Konto gehen.

http://www.welt.de/politik/article1585732/Tuerkei_landet_Schlag_gegen_Geheim-Netzwerk.html

0087/08-----

Stasi-files: Reassembling a puzzle with 600 million pieces

Attempting to shred some 45 million items as quickly as possible, the STASI agents fed page after page into shredding machines. The equipment quickly jammed, leaving the agents to tear up the materials by hand and throw them into garbage bags meant to be incinerated.

But with East Germany quickly falling into the hands of the west, the agents were stopped before they could burn the shreds. Some 600 million pieces in 16,000 bags became the property of the current German government. They have remained, for the most part, in that state.

Then, in May 2007, the German government revealed the world's most sophisticated **pattern-recognition machine**, the \$8.5 million dollar (U.S.) E-Puzzler, which can digitally put back together even the most finely shredded papers.

Developed in Berlin by the Fraunhofer Institute of Production Facilities and Construction Technology, the E-puzzler is a computerized conveyor belt that runs shards of shredded and torn paper through a digital scanner. Scanning up to 10,000 shreds at once, the machine links them together by their colour, typeface, outline, shape and texture - not unlike how the average human might try to piece together a puzzle. The machine then displays a digital image of the original document on a computer screen.

"The task to automatically reconstruct 16,250 bags full of torn documents using a technical system presents an enormous technological challenge," says Bertram Nickolay, the lead inventor of the machine.(a,b)

- (a) <http://www.thestar.com/article/295655>
- (b) <http://www.br-online.de/wissen-bildung/artikel/0611/30-stasi-schnipsel/index.xml>

0088/08-----
BRD: Versucher iranischer Technologie-Schmuggel

Im letzten Moment konnten deutsche Zollfahnder den illegalen Transfer von Tritiumgas für das iranische Atomprogramm verhindern.(a,b)

- (a) Focus 4/2008, S.14
- (b) http://de.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=domesticNews&storyID=2008-01-19T135020Z_01_HAG949798_RTRDEOC_0_DEUTSCHLAND-IRAN.xml&archived=False

0089/08-----
BRD: Ausweise im Internetcafé, Dauer-Handyüberwachung?

Vier Monate nach der Festnahme von drei Terrorverdächtigen im Sauerland beraten Verfassungsschützer heute über die Folgen. Ihre Ermittlungen waren immer wieder durch Pannen gefährdet worden. Jetzt fordern sie mehr Befugnisse. Kernpunkte: Die Verfassungsschützer fühlen sich durch juristische Vorgaben bei ihrer Arbeit behindert, wollen mehr Befugnisse, neue technische Möglichkeiten und einen besseren Informationsfluss. Und so spart das Papier auch nicht mit Kritik. So heißt es wörtlich zur Frage, wie die geplanten Anschläge verhindert werden konnten: "Die maßgeblichen Hinweise, die zur Aufdeckung der konkreten Anschlagsvorbereitungen führten, wurden allerdings von einem ausländischen Partnerdienst an das Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz herangetragen."

<http://www.tagesschau.de/inland/sauerlandgruppe2.html>

0090/08-----
Österreich: Der Spion des Kreml

Der vergangenen Jahres wegen des Verdachtes der nachrichtendienstlichen Tätigkeit zum Nachteil Österreichs verhaftete und nach diplomatischen Interventionen rasch wieder enthaftete mutmaßliche Schwager von Präsident Putin sorgt weiter für schwere Verstimmungen zwischen Wien und Moskau. Das

profil dieser Woche bringt die Chronik des größten österreichischen Spionageskandals seit dem Fall des Eisernen Vorhanges.(a,b)

(a) profil 4/2008, Titel und S.14-22

(b) <http://www.news.at/profil/index.html?/articles/0803/560/194951.shtml>

0091/08-----

James Bond in Bregenz



1.500 Menschen sollen für den neuen Film zu Festspiel-Besuchern werden. Der Ansturm auf das Casting zu James-Bond-Film übertrifft alle Erwartungen. Jugendliche haben das Nachsehen.

Für 1.500 Menschen könnte der Traum, in einem James-Bond-Film mitzuspielen, heuer wahr werden. In Bregenz, wo Teile des noch namenlosen neuen Bond-Streifens spielen werden, findet vom 18. bis 20. Jänner ein Statisten-Casting statt. Auf die Leinwand zu kommen wird aber nicht einfach, denn das Casting wird regelrecht gestürmt.

Gesucht werden rund 1.500 Männer und Frauen im Alter von 18 bis etwa 70 Jahren. Die Statisten sollen als die Zuschauer auf den Tribünenrängen der Festspielbühne Bregenz spielen. Gedreht wird vom 28. April bis 10. Mai 2008 vorrangig in der Nacht. Von circa 18 Uhr Abends bis 6 Uhr in der Früh heißt es dann: Gut aussehen für 007. Jugendliche könnten wegen des im Jugendschutz verankerten Nachtarbeitsverbots nicht als Komparsen mitwirken.(a-e)

(a) <http://diepresse.com/home/kultur/film/356280/print.do>

(b) <http://www.baz.ch/news/rss.cfm?keyID=D0987B04-9C09-4776-846770EF3819D044&startpage=1&ObjectID=8D0C5650-1422-0CEF-7048B1C59F182878>

(c) www.stuttgarter-zeitung.de/stz/page/detail.php/1614071

(d) www.tagesanzeiger.ch/dyn/news/vermishtes/833207.html

(e) www.hnp-online.de/index.php?mode=full&cat=172&open=&open_u=&&minDate=&begin=0&id=374243&s_id=442d3906f59c63e68be2f097d0fc0486

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