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0206/08-----
Media Alerts



Am 29.02. um 12.45 ARD Eins festival
KGB in Deutschland - Romeos und Residenten
Dokumentation
Dauer: 45 Minuten (a)
Inhalt: Der zweite Teil der TV-Dokumentation führt die Zuschauer wieder an die Frontlinie eines geheimen 'Heißen Krieges', von 1945 bis zum Ende des 20. Jahrhunderts. Deutschland, ein Land mit zwei Staaten und zwei Ideologien, durchschnitten von einer sehr realen Mauer, war das ideale Schlachtfeld für Geheimdienste wie den KGB.

Am 02.03. um 06.40 Phoenix
Der geheime U-Boot-Krieg der Supermächte
Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 Minuten (b)

Inhalt: Der Film berichtet von den größtenteils bis heute geheimen U-Boot-Operationen der ehemaligen Supermächte USA und UdSSR. Er beschreibt u.a. riskante Spionage-Einsätze der US-Kampfschwimmer in sowjetischen Gewässern. Dabei gab es zahlreiche Unfälle, denen auch Menschen zum Opfer fielen.



Am 06.03. um 13.30 ARD Eins festival

**"Achtung, wir rufen Kräuterhexe" -
Geheimbotschaften aus der DDR**

Bericht

Dauer: 45 Minuten (c)

Inhalt: 'Hier ist der 'Freiheitssender 904' - der einzige Sender der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, der nicht unter Regierungskontrolle steht...' Mit dieser Ansage meldete sich am 17. August 1956 ein neuer Radiosender in der Bundesrepublik. Das ist genau am Tag nach dem Verbot der Kommunistischen Partei. Von nun an erhob täglich auf der Mittelwellenfrequenz 904 die KPD West ihre Stimme - scheinbar aus der Illegalität. Doch Bundesregierung, Verfassungsschutz und bundesdeutscher Presse war bald klar: Der Sender stand im Osten. In Reesen bei Burg, etwa 30 Kilometer hinter der niedersächsischen Grenze.



Am 03.03. um 21.00 arte

Der unsichtbare Dritte

Spionagethriller

Dauer: 130 Minuten (d)

Inhalt: Dumm gelaufen: Der New Yorker Werbefachmann Roger Thornhill wird mit dem Spion George Kaplan verwechselt - der von der CIA aus dem Weg geschafft werden soll. Ahnungslos dient Roger als Lockvogel und wird dabei unfreiwillig zum Helden ... einer der besten Hitchcock-Filme!

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-19394088&SID=566a5d8493b2e90cadfc905235cflade>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-19414180&SID=566a5d8493b2e90cadfc905235cflade>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-19443408&SID=566a5d8493b2e90cadfc905235cflade>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-19360568&SID=566a5d8493b2e90cadfc905235cflade>

0207/08-----
wikileaks.org erreichbar unter wikileaks.cx

Die in einem einmaligen Vorgang abgeschaltete kritische Webseite wikileaks.org (siehe auch siehe auch ACIPSS-Newsletter-Meldung 193/08) ist in seiner Gänze erreichbar unter www.wikileaks.cx
(Special thanks to Gerfried Lehner for the information)

0208/08-----
Taliban controls 10 percent of Afghanistan

The Taliban has retaken control of about 10 percent of Afghanistan's territory, less than seven years after being run out of the country by US military forces, intelligence officials told Congress Wednesday. "The Taliban was able to control ... in the area about 10 to 11 percent of the country," Mike McConnell, US Director of National Intelligence (DNI) said in testimony before the Senate's Armed Services Committee.

The US-backed Hamid Karzai government meanwhile, controls just "30, 31 percent, and then the rest of it was local control," McConnell told lawmakers.

Another top intelligence official, General Michael Maples, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency told lawmakers that the gains can be attributed in part to aid from the Al-Qaeda international terror network.

<http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5gNnP8cSxPHd6MGqEFIKfjO-YzPnw>

0209/08-----
Israeli military intelligence warns Iran could have nukes by 2010

Iran could conceivably develop a "nuclear option" within two years, Major General Amos Yadlin, head of the Intelligence Branch of Israel Defense Forces (IDF), warned in a briefing to the Knesset (parliament)'s Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on Tuesday.

According to local daily Ha'aretz, Yadlin said the Iranians are continuing the development of nuclear material as well as nuclear weapons and will likely achieve a viable weapon in 2010.

Yadlin presented a list of existing Iranian weapons and those in development. Among other things, Iran has an arsenal of Shihab 3 missiles with a range of 1,300 km, Yadlin said, adding that these missiles could potentially strike Israel.

The Iranians are also developing an upgraded version of the Shihab, which will have a range of 2,000 km, he said. "This kind of range would allow the firing of missiles at Israel from deep inside Iran, rather than close to the border."

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-02/27/content_7674637.htm

0210/08-----
Paper reports on "vast US spy network" in Pakistan

While Pakistan might have benefited from hardcore actionable intelligence provided by the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the FBI in countering terrorism, one possible negative aspect has been the creation of a vast network of CIA and FBI agents - mostly Pakistanis.

Though intelligence cooperation between Pakistan and the US multiplied extensively after 9/11 and was aimed at the Taleban and Al-Qa'idah, many in Pakistan fear the network for these foreign agencies within Pakistan was also being used for other tasks, some probably falling into the definition of interference in our internal affairs. Al-Qa'idah.

Top authorities in Pakistan are said to be in knowledge of this phenomenal spread in the American spy agencies' network as the country's intelligence agencies have already reported this matter and even identified a number of those on the payroll of the US agencies.

<http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2008/2/26/paper-reports-on-vast-us-spy-network-in-pakistan.html>

0211/08-----
Israeli intelligence gets aggressive

Israel's intelligence chief Meir Dagan has intensified the use of assassinations in Arab capitals.

Western intelligence sources said Israel's Mossad has established networks in Beirut, Damascus and other Arab capitals capable of targeting leading Palestinian insurgency figures. At least seven operatives have been assassinated in Lebanon and Syria since Dagan entered office in August 2002.

"Dagan has been bolder than any other Mossad chief since the 1970s," a leading intelligence analyst said. "He firmly believes in taking the war to

enemy territory, and made Mossad much more active in both intelligence-gathering and operations."

In mid-February, Dagan's term was extended until the end of 2009, which would make him one of the longest-serving Mossad directors. The sources said the extension came in wake of the assassination of Hizbullah operational chief Imad Mughniyeh on Feb. 12 in Damascus. For decades, the sources said, Mossad was wary over conducting operations in Arab capitals, particularly Damascus. They said Mossad chiefs were concerned over the prospect of failure, Syrian arrest and retaliation. But Dagan ordered Mossad to target leading Palestinian and Hizbullah insurgents soon after he entered office in August 2002. Four months later, an Israeli defector to Hizbullah, Ramzi Nahara, was killed in Lebanon by a car bomb.

http://www.geostrategy-direct.com/geostrategy-direct/secure/2008/02_27/3.asp

0212/08-----

India: Intelligence agencies to go the 'wiki' way

The Indian intelligence apparatus is working on an ambitious project that aims to create an information-sharing platform for national intelligence agencies working within the country and overseas. Officials in the know said the National Technical Research Organisation has been working on it in collaboration with prominent technical universities like the Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai for the last two years. The NTRO, the technical arm of Indian intelligence reports to the National Security Advisor and the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister.

Officials privy to some aspects of the project say that on a basic level, the proposed platform will be on the lines of a 'wiki' and authorised users will be able to add, edit and correct information posted on the platform.

<http://www.dnaindia.com/report.asp?newsid=1152596>

0213/08-----

Satellitenabschuss: Das Ende des Taugenichts

Dem US-Militär gelang es tatsächlich, den außer Kontrolle geratenen Spionagesatelliten abzuschießen und in so kleine Fragmente zu zerlegen, dass diese beim Wiedereintritt in die Erdatmosphäre keine Bedrohung mehr darstellen. DER SPIEGEL ist der Ansicht, dass diese eindrucksvolle Demonstration der amerikanischen Militärtechnologie ein Wettrüsten zur Folge haben könnte.

Der Spiegel 9/2008, S. 147

0214/08-----

Bush ups pressure on House to pass intelligence bill

President Bush on Monday urged the House of Representatives to vote on an update to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, saying, "If the enemy is calling to America, we really need to know what they're saying." A temporary update to FISA permitting the intelligence community to conduct surveillance on foreigners without a warrant expired more than a week ago. Bush has been pressing Congress to pass a permanent update to FISA, arguing that its delayed passage hurts national security. Democrats have said the existing 1978 FISA law gives the government all the authority it needs to carry out surveillance and that passage of the final bill can wait until the House and Senate reconcile their differences. Both the House and Senate versions of the bill would allow U.S. intelligence to tap into phone and Internet traffic overseas without

obtaining a judge's warrant, even if the calls were routed through communications centers in the United States. (a-e)

- (a) <http://edition.cnn.com/2008/POLITICS/02/25/bush.speech/>
- (b) <http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5hJKgeE0Z-SivATjok-utYBdh9wDwD8V1J5JG0>
- (c) <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0208/8690.html>
- (d) http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=aVkBM_izWI6Q&refer=us
- (e) <http://www.fox12news.com/Global/story.asp?S=7914709>

0215/08-----

The dark Bush legacy on secrecy

There is no question that President Bush believed that he was doing the necessary and right thing in making secret decisions and setting secret policies as commander in chief against the jihadists. **But how will the next president know what has been done in our name**, and whether the resulting practices were, as Mr. Bush kept telling us, within the law? Accordingly, Steven Aftergood (whose online Secrecy News I have often cited in this column) – director of the Project on Government Secrecy at the Federation of American Scientists – has presented a quintessential challenge to the leading presidential candidates in an article for the Nieman Watchdog, a project of the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University. (a,b)

- (a) <http://washingtontimes.com/article/20080225/EDITORIAL07/183894758/1013/editorial>
- (b) http://www.niemanwatchdog.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=ask_this.view&askthisid=00321

0216/08-----

US: Intelligence Sharing Still Lacking

The Department of Homeland Security is stumbling in its efforts to coordinate the gathering and sharing of domestic intelligence with state and local officials, one of its core responsibilities, according to an internal report.

In particular, Homeland Security doesn't provide state and local officials with all the information they need, according to a report commissioned by the department and written by an outside consulting firm. It also often tailors intelligence reports for department officials in Washington rather than those at lower levels of government, the report said.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB120399463892892755.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

0217/08-----

UK: Whatever happened to that licence to kill?

Technically, under the Intelligence Services Act, the real James Bonds could commit any crime outside the UK, be it murder or bigamy, if it were authorised by the foreign secretary. However, while Dearlove conceded that there had once been a plan drawn up to kill a Balkans war criminal, the officer responsible was apparently rapped over the knuckles and told never to think such nasty thoughts again.

Really? Whatever happened to that licence to kill? Do Britain's enemies now hand over their secrets to MI6 so easily that our spies never have to kill anyone? Of course, we always knew that Bond himself was a fictional character. But Ian Fleming was a wartime intelligence officer with close links to MI6. (a,b)

- (a) <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article3422321.ece>
- (b) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2008/02/23/nmi6123.xml>

0218/08-----

MI5 emergency headquarter located in Northern Ireland

The security service, MI5, has drawn up plans to decamp to a state-of-the-art emergency headquarters in Northern Ireland if its base in London falls victim to a terrorist attack. The £20m building on the shores of Belfast Lough can house up to 400 staff and has a reserve computer system capable of co-ordinating all security operations.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2008/feb/24/uksecurity.northernireland>

(Special thanks to Oliver Plauder for the information)

0219-----

Ulster churchmen meet MI5 director Jonathan Evans

The group looking at how best to deal with the past has held talks with the security services in London. It is understood that co-chairmen Denis Bradley and Lord Robin Eames want MI5 to reveal details of its activities during the Troubles.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/7259854.stm

(Special thanks to Oliver Plauder for the information)

0220-----

Revival of "supergrass" system

The possible use of 'supergrass' evidence in the case of David McIlwaine and Andrew Robb could see a return to high-profile court cases of the early 1980s which resulted in hundreds of paramilitary suspects jailed on the word of informers.

http://www.irishnews.com/articles/540/5860/2008/2/22/580886_337428543997Ris_eandf.html

(Special thanks to Oliver Plauder for the information)

0221-----

Kräftige Tentakel - die mächtigste Mafia Italiens

Die mächtigste Mafia Italiens hat ihr Stammland nicht mehr in Sizilien, sondern in Kalabrien. Die „Ndrangheta“ kommt ohne strategische Führung aus und ist damit dem Netzwerk der Al Qaida nicht unähnlich.

Der Spiegel 9/2008, S.114

0222-----

Pandora's Box: Kosovo "Independence" and the "New Middle East"

Western public opinion has been misled. Unfolding events and realities on the ground in the former Yugoslavia have been carefully manipulated. Germany and the U.S. have deep-seated geo-strategic interests in dividing Yugoslavia. Washington, D.C. and Berlin have also been the first governments to recognize the secessionist states, which resulted from the breakup of the Yugoslav federation.

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=8132>

0223/08-----

BRD: Ringen um den Rechtsstaat

Seit den Anschlägen von 9/11 gibt es in Deutschland auf dem Gebiet der inneren Sicherheit kein parlamentarisches Korrektiv mehr. Wirksam greift nur das Bundesverfassungsgericht ein, das so heikle Fragen wie Online-

Durchsuchung, Abschuss von entführten Verkehrsmaschinen und großem Lauschangriff auf ihre Verfassungsmäßigkeit hin zu überprüfen hat.

Der Spiegel 9/2008, S.58-62

0224/08-----

Geheimdienst soll pädophilen Banker erpresst haben

Der deutsche Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) soll einen pädophilen liechtensteinischen Banker erpresst haben, um an die Kundendaten des Instituts zu kommen. Der Erpresste habe die Daten geliefert, außerdem hätten neben dem schon bisher bekannten BND-Informanten zwei weitere Personen Bankinformationen weitergegeben, berichtete die Schweizer Boulevardzeitung SonntagsBlick.

Da die vom ursprünglichen Informanten verkauften Daten nur bis 2002 reichten, hätten die Geheimdienstler mindestens sechs Angestellte liechtensteinischer Finanzinstitute "mit teilweise recht brutalen Methoden" zur Mitarbeit zu bewegen versucht, um an aktuellere Daten zu kommen. Dabei sei "mit Hilfe von Profis aus dem einschlägigen Milieu" ein pädophiler Banker in eine Falle gelockt worden. Sein Hotelzimmer soll mit versteckten Kameras und Mikrofonen präpariert worden sein. Mit den Aufnahmen sei es "ein Leichtes" gewesen, die Daten zu bekommen. Der BND habe der Zeitung dazu keine Auskünfte gegeben, auch die Deutsche Presseagentur (dpa) erhielt dazu am Sonntag keine Stellungnahme des Geheimdienstes.(a,b)

(a) http://derstandard.at/?url=/?id=3238177%26sap=2%26_pid=8786083

(b) <http://worldcontent.twoday.net/stories/4731498/>

0225/08-----

BND: Am Anfang waren Nazis

Trotz massiver Widerstände aus dem eigenen Apparat will nun auch der Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) seine Geschichte wissenschaftlich erforschen lassen. Im Blickpunkt stehen dabei besonders die ersten zwei Jahrzehnte des Geheimdienstes.

<http://www.tagesspiegel.de/politik/div/BND-Geschichte;art771,2482551>

0226/08-----

Österreich: Polizei will alle Autos filmen

Der niederösterreichische Sicherheitsdirektor will alle ASFINAG-Kameras für die Fahndung nach gestohlenen Pkws einsetzen. Datenschützer halten dagegen, dass es dafür keine Rechtsgrundlage gäbe.

Österreich, 28.02.2008, S.15

0227/08-----

Guantanamo in Wien Josefstadt?

Das profil brachte eine Entgegnung auf seine in der Vorwoche aufgestellte Behauptung über angeblich unmenschliche Haftbedingungen für zwei Terrorverdächtige (siehe ACIPSS-Newsletter-Meldung 201/2008).

profil 9/2008, S.8f

0228/08-----

Österreichisches Innenministerium: Men in Black

Eingeschüchterte Zeugen, „bespitzelte“ Bankmanager, Anstiftung zum Amtsmissbrauch: die Vorwürfe gegen das österreichische Innenministerium reißen nicht ab. Das profil bringt zu diesem Thema einen Beitrag, wie ein

Netzwerk bürgerlicher Jungpolitiker versucht hat, das BMI für seine Zwecke einzuspannen.

profil 9/2008, S.21-27

0229/08-----

Online-Fahndung: Österreich will deutsches Urteil einbeziehen

SPÖ und ÖVP haben sich im Anti-Terrorkampf darauf geeinigt, spätestens ab Herbst 2008 eine sogenannte Online-Fahndung auf privaten Computern zu starten. Wenn ein "dringender Tatverdacht" auf ein schweres oder terroristisches Verbrechen gegeben ist, soll die Polizei "Trojaner" einsetzen dürfen.

<http://www.networld.at/index.html?/articles/0809/543/198773.shtml>

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