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1201/2010 -----
Fox News Analyst Calls Times Sq. Bomb Incident "Intelligence Failure"

(Mediaite) It didn't take long for the politicization of the failed Times Square terrorist plot to start. Earlier today, Fox News analyst Peter Johnson, Jr. was a guest on America's Newsroom and was not demure in

criticizing the government's role in failing to uncover the failed plot.

(a)



In the end, it was secret Army intelligence planes that did Times Square terror suspect Faisal Shahzad in. Armed with his cell phone number, they circled the skies over the New York area, intercepting a call to Emirates Airlines reservations, before scrambling to catch him at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

There were many developments in the fast-paced investigation, but sources told CBS 2 how the operation went down. Spooked by reports that authorities were looking for a Pakistani-American, Shahzad rushed out of his Bridgeport, Conn. Home and headed for the airport. He made the reservations on the way, paying cash for his ticket.

Agents raiding his Bridgeport home found components for the bomb device, including firecrackers and the boxes for the alarm clocks. They also reportedly found a hand-drawn map of potential targets, including the 4, 5, and 6 trains and the Staten Island ferry. There was also evidence of his ties to Pakistan, including a Karachi ID and residency papers. (b)

- (a) <http://www.mediaite.com/tv/fox-news-analyst-calls-times-sq-bombing-incident-astounding-intelligence-failure/>
- (b) <http://wcbstv.com/local/times.square.car.2.1674692.html>
- (c) <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/05/nyregion/05arrest.html?src=mv>
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- (e) Pakistan Denies Taliban Claim in Times Square Bomb Attempt:
http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-503543_162-20003947-503543.html
- (f) FBI Times Square "Destructive Device" Bulletin:
<http://publicintelligence.net/ufouo-fbi-times-square-destructive-device-bulletin/>

1202/2010

The Global Crisis of Legitimacy

(StratFor) Financial panics are an integral part of capitalism. So are economic recessions. The system generates them and it becomes stronger because of them. Like forest fires, they are painful when they occur, yet without them, the forest could not survive. They impose discipline, punishing the reckless, rewarding the cautious. They do so imperfectly, of course, as at times the reckless are rewarded and the cautious penalized. Political crises – as opposed to normal financial panics – emerge when the reckless appear to be the beneficiaries of the crisis they have caused, while the rest of society bears the burdens of their recklessness. At that point, the crisis ceases to be financial or economic. It becomes political.

The financial and economic systems are subsystems of the broader political system. More precisely, think of nations as consisting of three basic systems: political, economic and military. Each of these systems has elites that manage it. The three systems are constantly interacting – and in a healthy polity, balancing each other, compensating for failures in one as well as taking advantage of success. Every nation has a different configuration within and between these systems. The relative weight of each system differs, as does the importance of its elites. But each nation contains these systems, and no system exists without the other two.



UNITED STATES

1203/2010 -----

Size of US nuclear stockpile to be disclosed

(FAS) In an historic step, the U.S. Government will formally reveal the number of nuclear weapons in the U.S. arsenal. (a)

Until now, the shifting size of the nuclear arsenal had only been declassified from 1945 up to 1961. Current stockpile figures were the subject of more or less informed speculation. The pending disclosure was first reported by the Washington Post. (b)

Among other things, the declassification of the nuclear stockpile is a milestone in secrecy reform. It means that what must be the single most significant number in the domain of national security policy will now be in the public domain. It will also set a standard by which the nuclear transparency policies of other nations may be assessed.

If there is any cause for dismay in today's announcement, it is that it took so long to accomplish. The Department of Energy, which has the highest concentration of nuclear weapons expertise in the federal government, had proposed declassification of stockpile size as early as 1992, as noted in a 2000 DOE fact sheet on the subject. But the DOE proposal was blocked by the Department of Defense.

- (a) <https://www.osti.gov/opennet/forms.jsp?formurl=document/press/pc26.html>
- (b) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/04/30/AR2010043002950.html>

1204/2010 -----

Experts question legality of CIA drone strikes

(Intelnews) A number of prominent American legal scholars have voiced concerns about the legality of the targeted killings by the CIA of suspected Taliban leaders in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Speaking last week before the National Security and Foreign Affairs subcommittee of the US House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, some of the experts warned that the killings may constitute war crimes. Among them was Loyola Law School Professor David Glazier, who reminded subcommittee members that the CIA remotely navigated drone pilots are not legally considered combatants, and thus employing them to carry out armed attacks "fall[s] outside the scope of permissible conduct". He also warned that "under the legal theories adopted by our government in prosecuting Guantánamo detainees, these CIA officers as well as any higher-level government officials who have authorized or directed their attacks are committing war crimes".

Dr. Glazier's view was seconded by American University law Professor Kenneth Anderson, who told the panel that only "uniformed military" has the legal right to conduct international military operations using lethal force.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/05/04/01-454/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

1205/2010 -----

Judge Martin L.C. Feldman Named to the FISA Court

(FAS) The Chief Justice of the United States has appointed Judge Martin L.C. Feldman of the Eastern District of Louisiana to a seven-year term on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, effective May 19, 2010. He replaces Judge George P. Kazen, whose term on the Court ends this month.

Judge Feldman's appointment to the FISA Court has not been publicly announced, but it was confirmed for Secrecy News on Friday by Mr. Sheldon L. Snook of the DC District Court, who also serves as a spokesman for the secretive FISA Court.

The FISA Court reviews and approves government applications for counterintelligence surveillance and physical search under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. The updated Court membership for 2010 may be found here.

Judge Feldman was appointed to the bench by President Reagan in 1983. Among his various other credentials and affiliations, he has served as an advisor to the "Court Appointed Scientific Experts" program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which assists courts in identifying scientific experts who can serve in judicial proceedings.

http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/05/judge_feldman.html

1206/2010 -----

Ex-CIA Star Accused of Rape Tasered Twice During Arrest

(ABCnews) Andrew Warren, the former CIA station chief accused of drugging, raping and taping a Muslim woman while serving overseas, was hit twice with a taser when he was arrested earlier this week, according to two U.S. officials. At a hearing in a Virginia federal court Tuesday, Warren was confined to a wheelchair and bruising was visible on his face.

Warren was arrested Monday after a bench warrant was issued for missing a pre-trial hearing for his coming trial for sexual misconduct. Local police, U.S. Marshals and officers from the Diplomatic Security Service found Warren at a Norfolk, Virginia Ramada Limited hotel late Monday.

When Warren missed his court date earlier this month, authorities had reached out to friends and family members for help in finding him, and said they believed he was abusing crack cocaine and might be in danger. As first reported by the Washington Post, the 42-year-old Norfolk native had a gun in his waistband when officers attempted to arrest him Monday, and officers used a taser to subdue him.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/cia-star-accused-rape-tasered-arrest-gun-crack/story?id=10512589>

1207/2010 -----

Comstat intelligence meetings to resume

The Baltimore Police Department's intelligence gathering and sharing meetings known as Comstat will resume this week, the department says. This is where commanders gather for hours to discuss crime trends and tactics, with plenty of fist-pounding accountability. Baltimore's been using the New York-based process, now a law enforcement staple across the country, since 2000. But Police Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeld III suspended them one month ago, amid concerns that they had become "stale" and "laborious," according to his chief spokesman. It's now coming back with few changes, namely a cut-off limit on presentations, a new seating configuration, and a ban on cell phones. After a month of hand-wringing, they're basically telling people to keep it snappy and turn off their darn phones.

http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/news/crime/blog/2010/05/comstat_intelligence_meetings.html

1208/2010 -----

US Police Wiretapping Jumps 26 Percent

(Wired) The number of wiretaps authorized by state and federal judges in criminal investigations jumped 26 percent from 2008 to 2009, according to a report released Friday by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

Courts authorized 2,376 criminal wiretap orders in 2009, with 96 percent targeting mobile phones in drug cases, according to the report. Federal officials requested 663 of the wiretaps, while 24 states accounted for 1,713 orders.

Not one request for a wiretap was turned down.

<http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2010/04/wiretapping/>



1209/2010 -----

Russian Court Rejects Appeal By Scientist Accused Of Spying

(Radio Free Europe) A court in the northwestern city of Arkhangelsk has rejected an appeal for the release of academic Igor Sutyagin, who is serving a 15-year sentence for espionage, RFE/RL's Russian Service reports.

Sutyagin, the former head of a division in the Russian Academy of Sciences' USA and Canada Institute, was sentenced in 2004 after being found guilty of passing state secrets to foreign officials.

Sutyagin, 45, denies the charges and in 2007 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe demanded his immediate release.

http://www.rferl.org/content/Russian_Court_Rejects_Appeal_By_Scientist_Accused_Of_Spying/2030021.html



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

1210/2010 -----

Israeli Military Intelligence: Hezbollah Scuds tip of iceberg

Israel is becoming increasingly concerned with the transfer of weapons from Syria to Hezbollah. Head of the Military Intelligence's (MI) research department Brig.-Gen. Yossi Baidatz said on Tuesday, "Weapons are transferred to Hezbollah on a regular basis and this transfer is organized by the Syrian and Iranian regimes. Therefore, it should not be called smuggling of arms to Lebanon - it is organized and official transfer."

He claimed that "the transfer of long-range missiles that was recently published is only the tip of the iceberg."

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3884753,00.html>

1211/2010 -----

PA urges Palestinians to stop using Israeli cell phone firms

(Haaretz) The Palestinian Authority is urging Palestinians to stop using the Israeli cellular companies Pelephone, Orange, Cellcom and Mirs.

But PA Communications Minister Mashhour Abu Daqqa told a press conference in Ramallah yesterday that this is not political boycott. Rather, he said, it is an attempt to regulate the PA's cellular communications market. Abu Daqqa told reporters that the Israeli companies operate in PA-controlled areas without a license, in violation of Palestinian law and the Oslo Accords. Moreover, he said, the companies do not pay any taxes to the Palestinian Authority.

According to World Bank estimates, Abu Daqqa said, each company should be paying the PA \$10 million a year for licenses alone, while other revenue from the companies should be adding \$100 million annually to the PA's coffers.

Any Palestinian company that provides services to Israeli operators will face legal action, he added.

<http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/pa-urges-palestinians-to-stop-using-israeli-cell-phone-firms-1.287359>

1212/2010 -----

Alleged Iranian spy cell busted in Kuwait

(Intelnews) A leading Kuwaiti newspaper has claimed that government agencies captured members of an alleged Iranian spy cell in the Gulf state. Citing "senior intelligence sources", Al-Qabas daily said that Kuwaiti counterintelligence officers arrested at least seven men last week, and are looking for up to seven others, in connection with an extensive espionage ring operating on behalf of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards. The Revolutionary Guards are an independent administrative and paramilitary institution in Iran, tasked with -among other things- exporting the Iranian Revolution abroad. They handle most of Iran's intelligence operatives around the world, who, according to some observers, number in the tens of thousands.

According to Al-Qabas, those arrested include Kuwaiti civil servants, as well as non-native Arab residents of Kuwait, all of whom frequently traveled to Iran as tourists or religious pilgrims. Kuwaiti government sources said that communications equipment, maps and photographs of Kuwaiti and US military installations, as well as US\$250,000 in cash, were found at the home of one of the alleged cell leaders, in the town of Sulaibiya. An Iranian government spokesman dismissed Al-Qabas' allegations as "utterly baseless propaganda" against the Iranian state.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/05/03/01-453/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

1213/2010 -----

Kuwaiti MPs want Iran envoy expelled over 'spy cell'

(AFP) Several Kuwaiti MPs on Sunday blasted neighbouring Iran over an espionage cell allegedly busted by the emirate's security forces, calling on the government to expel Tehran's ambassador.

"We call for freezing all agreements with Iran... The government should recall our ambassador from Tehran and expel the Iranian ambassador from Kuwait," hardline Salafi MP Mohammad Hayef told reporters. Hayef, who is well known for his anti-Iran stance, warned that if the government does not clarify its position "we will call for a special debate in parliament over the spy cell."

Citing a high-ranking security source, Al-Qabas daily reported on Saturday that security agencies had dismantled a spy cell working for Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards Corps. The Iranian embassy has denied the information in the report.

Independent MP Shuaib al-Muwaizri, the spokesman for parliament's interior and defence committee, called for the expulsion of the Iranian envoy in Kuwait "if the news about the spy cell is proved."

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hRqaEku4V15B_BG-bIOWmdYcanKA

1214/2010 -----

Propaganda websites used Turkey's Defense Ministry IPs

(Today's Zaman) Websites set up by alleged members of Ergenekon, a clandestine gang planning to overthrow the government, were created using IP addresses that belong to the Defense Ministry, according to a new indictment submitted to a court this week about an alleged military coup plan titled the Action Plan to Fight Reactionaryism.

<http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/news-208960-propaganda-websites-used-defense-ministry-ips.html>



FAR EAST & ASIA

1215/2010 -----

New videos show Pakistani Taliban chief thought to have been killed

(Washington Post) Videos released Monday of a Pakistani Taliban chief thought to have been killed by a U.S. drone strike in January reveal that he not only is alive but also has apparently expanded his group's ambitions.



In the videos, Hakimullah Mehsud vows attacks on U.S. cities, which he says his suicide bombers have penetrated. The videos provide the first solid evidence that he survived the missile strike, and they come after the Pakistani Taliban's widely dismissed claim of responsibility for the failed attack in New York's Times Square. In that case, authorities were zeroing in on a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan. A suspect was arrested late Monday, though reports of his ties to extremist groups in Pakistan could not be substantiated.

Mehsud's profession of global goals was a departure for the Pakistani Taliban, a motley militant network. The group is linked to al-Qaeda, but it has displayed no ability to carry out attacks outside Pakistan and Afghanistan. Last year, it falsely asserted responsibility for a shooting in New York.

- (a) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/03/AR2010050300502.html?hpid=sec-world>
- (b) <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/03/world/asia/03taliban.html>

1216/2010 -----

Mystery shrouds former Pak intelligence officer's killing

(OneIndia) The killing of former Squadron Leader Khalid Khawaja, who was a former intelligence official having a pro-Taliban tilt, is shrouded in mystery after a little-known insurgent group accused him of working for the CIA and its Pakistani counterpart. Khawaja's bullet-riddled body was buried on Sunday, and with it the mystery-gripping Pakistan remains. He had placed himself solidly in the anti-American, pro-Taliban camp, The Washington Post reports. "How could the mujaheddin kill their supporter?" asked Mohammed Zahid, 45, an engineer who attended the funeral.

According to emerging clues and security analysts, North Waziristan a hub of Taliban fighters with links to Pakistan's military has evolved into a

stew pot of militant groups, each with different loyalties, The Washington Post reports. "Fiefdoms have been formed. It's an area which is almost totally out of control of the state, and even the local Taliban leaders," said Saad Muhammad, a retired general based in Peshawar. Those messy alliances make it increasingly difficult to decipher who is on whose side, The Washington Post reports.

<http://news.oneindia.in/2010/05/03/mysteryshrouds-former-pak-intelligence-officerskilling.html>

1217/2010 -----

Ex-spy's killing exposes militant rifts in North Waziristan

(Washington Post) The hornet's nest of militant groups in Pakistan's mountainous northwest was already complicated. Now, analysts have to factor in the Asian Tigers.

The previously unknown group recently identified itself as responsible for the kidnapping of a British journalist and two former Pakistani spies who had traveled to the tribal areas in late March to film a documentary. On Friday, Pakistani authorities said the Asian Tigers had fatally shot one of the captives, prominent ex-intelligence officer Khalid Khawaja.

That would be an unsurprising fate in famously dangerous North Waziristan, a region populated by Afghan Taliban, Pakistani Taliban and al-Qaeda insurgents. But the two former spies were known allies of the Taliban and Osama bin Laden, which apparently led them to believe they would have safe passage. Pakistani officials, who confirmed Khawaja's death on the condition of anonymity, said they think the Asian Tigers are a sectarian faction of a militant group based in Pakistan's Punjabi region.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/04/30/AR2010043002387.html>

1218/2010 -----

Taliban splinter group executes Pakistani spy turned jihadi

(Guardian) A Taliban splinter group in the tribal belt has executed a former intelligence officer and prominent jihadi activist, raising fears for two other hostages being held by the same group.

Khalid Khawaja's body was found dumped by the road near Mir Ali, a notorious centre of militant activity in North Waziristan. Khawaja, a retired Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI) agent, had been shot in the head and chest. A note pinned to his body warned that other "American spies" would face a similar fate.

A previously unknown group named Asian Tigers claimed responsibility in an email to the Guardian titled "khalid khawaja (episode is over)". It read: "Khalid Khwaja is no more ... We have given the deadline in order to approve our demands. The ISI and government didn't take it serious. This is the last warning to set your minds. What would be the next?" Khawaja was a retired Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) official who boasted of his links with Osama bin Laden. He was kidnapped just over a month ago while travelling with another well known ex-ISI official, Colonel Imam, and Asad Qureshi, a journalist. Their fate is not known.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/apr/30/jihadi-activist-executed-taliban-group>

1219/2010 -----

Former Pak MI DG appears before fact-finding committee

(DailyTimes) Former Military Intelligence director general Maj Gen Nadeem Ejaz appeared before a fact-finding committee on Friday, according to unofficial sources.

Maj Gen Nadeem had denied any official role in the washing of the site of Benazir Bhutto's assassination. According to sources, former Rawalpindi police chief Saud Aziz had decided, in his own capacity, to hose down the crime scene after gathering all the evidence to avoid any law and order situation.

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2010%5C05%5C01%5Cstory_1-5-2010_pg7_15

1220/2010 -----

Pak's Indian spy to be produced in court

(TimesNow) Pakistan's mole in the Indian High Commission in Islamabad -- Madhuri Gupta, will be produced in Delhi's Tees Hazari Court later on Saturday (May 1) bringing an end to her 5 day police custody.



The arrested Indian diplomat incidentally a Grade B IFS officer working as a Second Secretary, was arrested on April 23 by the Delhi Police for passing on vital information to Pakistani intelligence agencies. After her arrest, intelligence sleuths grilled Gupta. On the same day, Pakistan distanced itself, saying that Gupta's arrest was India's internal matter.

A day later, Madhuri confessed to her crimes saying that she did what she did to take revenge some senior MEA officers. Intelligence agencies also quizzed a couple in J&K, who denied any links with the spy. And, finally on Friday, Gupta named Mubassar Rana & Jamshed as her Pakistan handlers -- both are ISI agents.

- (a) <http://www.timesnow.tv/Paks-Indian-spy-to-be-produced-in-court/articleshow/4344225.cms>
- (b) <http://www.deccanherald.com/content/67128/spy-service.html>
- (c) <http://www.indianexpress.com/news/how-pak-warmed-its-way-to-spy-who-felt-out-in-cold/614274/>

1221/2010 -----

Is there a spy wing in Aligarh Muslim University?

(timesofindia) It's an open secret in the Aligarh Muslim University that an 'intelligence wing' of the varsity snoops on students and teachers. The administration flatly denies the allegation though it admits that a "watchdog keeps an eye on outsiders and anti-social elements".

The purported 'local intelligence unit' (LIU) came into news with two recent unsavoury incidents on the campus. This unit was allegedly behind the expose on Srinivas Ramachandra, a gay teacher caught on camera in a compromising position with a rickshaw puller in his campus residence. Ramachandra was suspended, then reinstated and later found dead in his house outside the campus.

One of the three people who posed as a journalist and installed cameras in Ramachandra's house allegedly belonged to this so-called intelligence unit.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Is-there-a-spy-wing-in-Aligarh-Muslim-University/articleshow/5885083.cms>

1222/2010 -----

'The Intelligence Bureau was closer to MI5 than to Nehru'

(DNAIndia) In an exclusive interview, Christopher Andrew, Cambridge historian and author of The Defence Of The Realm, the authorised history of the British security service MI5, tells DNA how the heads of India's Intelligence Bureau were more in tune with MI5 than with Nehru's foreign policy.

http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_the-intelligence-bureau-was-closer-to-mi5-than-to-nehru_1377898



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

1223/2010 -----

Tschechien : Unbewiesene Anschuldigungen

(Prager Zeitung) Laut einem Bericht des Wochenmagazins „Focus“, in dem der Verleger Detlef Prinz der Spionage verdächtigt wird, habe die Tschechische Republik zwischen 1990 und 1999 die Namen einiger kommunistischer Agenten an die USA, Großbritannien und Deutschland übergeben.

Die Akten über die Agenten in Deutschland habe Tschechien nach seinem Nato-Beitritt 1999 übergeben, um sein Vertrauen in den Allianzpartner Deutschland zu demonstrieren, behauptet der „Focus“. Es ist nicht abwegig zu behaupten, die Vorwürfe sind zum großen Teil konstruiert.

Dass der tschechische Ex-Außenminister Jan Kavan die Übergabe der Dokumente in die Wege geleitet haben soll, ist an den Haaren herbeigezogen. Das Ministerium hatte damals schließlich keinen Zugang zu derartigen Informationen.

Die Tschechoslowakei brach nach der Samtenen Revolution 1989 korrekterweise mit allen Leuten den Kontakt ab, die sie im „Westen“ hatte. Einen derartigen Verrat wie ihn der „Focus“ beschreibt, gab es nicht. Sollte sich der Verdacht jedoch bestätigen, dass Steinmeier die Spionage-Akten von Detlef Prinz möglicherweise verschwinden ließ, anstatt sie der Bundesanwaltschaft zu übergeben, muss dies umgehend aufgeklärt werden. Prinz soll unter anderem seine eigene Partei, die SPD, für den

tschechoslowakischen Geheimdienst ausspioniert haben. Der 59-Jährige gilt als enger Vertrauter von SPD-Fraktionschef Steinmeier.

http://www.pragerzeitung.cz/?c_id=16175

1224/2010 -----

EU-Parlament schränkt US-Datensammler ein

(ORF) Das EU-Parlament hat am Mittwochnachmittag zwei Entschließungsanträge zu umstrittenen Anti-Terror-Datenübermittlungsabkommen angenommen. Es ging dabei um die Übermittlung von Zahlungsverkehrsdaten im Rahmen des SWIFT-Abkommens sowie die Übermittlung von Flugpassagierdaten an die USA und Australien.

Mit einer Entschließung verschob das EU-Parlament am Mittwoch in Brüssel die Entscheidung über die Übermittlung der Flugpassagierdaten (Passenger Name Records, PNR) an die Behörden der Vereinigten Staaten und Australiens. Die EU-Kommission solle das Abkommen zur Übertragung von Flugpassagierdaten zu Terrorbekämpfungszwecken bis zum Herbst neu verhandeln, es seien noch zahlreiche zentrale Aspekte wie Verhältnismäßigkeit und Datenschutzfragen nicht gelöst.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1646738/>

1225/2010 -----

Spione aus Kolumbien im EU-Parlament?

(Tagesspiegel) Vor wenigen Wochen beklagte der Menschenrechtsanwalt Alirio Uribe in Berlin, dass er, seine Kollegen und viele weitere, die sich für die Bürgerrechte in dem südamerikanischen Land einsetzen, vom Geheimdienst DAS überwacht und auch schikaniert würden. Verantwortlich dafür gemacht wird der rechte Präsident mit demselben Nachnamen - Alvaro Uribe. Der Hardliner führt einen Krieg gegen die Farc-Guerilla. Der Kreis der Terrorverdächtigen wird dabei - so werfen es ihm seine Gegner vor - sehr weit gefasst.

Zu weit gingen die Agenten, als sie auch den obersten Gerichtshof ausspionierten. Als der davon Wind bekam, schaltete er die Staatsanwaltschaft ein, die schließlich vor zwei Wochen die Räume des Geheimdienstes durchsuchen ließ. Das förderte Dokumente zutage, die sich als Sensationsfund bezeichnen lassen, obwohl Präsident Uribe abstreitet, davon gewusst zu haben. Fein säuberlich, ganz in Stasi-Manier, wird darin über mehrere Operationen zur Diskreditierung des politischen Gegners Buch geführt.

Und diese politischen Gegner sitzen offensichtlich auch in Europa. Als Ziel von „Verleumdung“ und „Sabotage“ sind in den Papieren unter anderem das UN-Hochkommissariat für Menschenrechte in Genf und der Menschenrechtsausschuss des Europaparlaments genannt. Der Wochenzeitung „La Semana“ zufolge, der die Dokumente zugespielt wurden, unterhielt oder unterhält der Geheimdienst in Brüssel eine Dependence, um Informationen über Abgeordnete zu sammeln, die sich kritisch zur Politik in Bogota äußern, und sie gezielt zu denunzieren. Von einem Ordner mit der Aufschrift „Europäisches Parlament“ will der Radiosender RCN erfahren haben.

(a) <http://www.tagesspiegel.de/politik/spione-aus-kolumbien-im-eu-parlament-/1812340.html>

- (b) <http://www.taz.de/1/politik/amerika/artikel/1/geheimpolizei-sabotierte-menschenrechtler/>

1226/2010 -----

Private Spies: Lawyers, Writers, Journos, Ex-Spies

(Cryptome) The proliferation of private intelligence agencies demonstrates that their services are not a peculiarly government function, but something that non-governmental actors can and do perform.

In fact, Monaco's trial counsel, Stanley Arkin, also owns a private intelligence agency called the The Arkin Group. During a meeting between Mr. Arkin and Eringer's counsel held November 24, 2009 in Santa Barbara, California, Mr. Arkin made sure counsel understood he owned an intelligence outfit, passed out his intelligence outfit's business card with his name on it, and made it known they had conducted an investigation into Eringer and would use their findings against him and that an investigation into his counsel had not been conducted, "yet." However, counsel did catch two thugs parked outside his residence watching his home. Presumably the investigations of Eringer and surveillance of counsel was performed in the employ of Monaco. See Declaration of Brigham J. Ricks, Para. 1.

<http://cryptome.org/private-spies.zip> (7 MB)



1227/2010 -----

Government must reveal 'sensitive' intelligence data

(BBC) The government must reveal the gist of "sensitive" intelligence material to a man bringing a damages action, the Court of Appeal has ruled.

Kashif Tariq, whose cousin was convicted over an airlines terror plot, was suspended as an immigration officer due to "national security concerns". Lawyers for Mr Tariq say he was treated unfairly by the Home Office. To pursue his claim he wants to know the essence of the material the Home Office is relying on for its defence.

Government lawyers argued in the appeal court that having to make such a disclosure would have "enormous ramifications" if it became the norm. The court upheld the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal that Mr Tariq was entitled to know the allegations against him in sufficient detail for his legal representative to be able effectively to challenge them. Three appeal judges ruled that Mr Tariq had a right to know the gist of the material both under Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights and at common law.

The government has 28 days in which to consider an appeal to the highest court in the land, the Supreme Court.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8660935.stm

1228/2010 -----

UK barring replacement of London's Mossad resident

(Intelnews) The British government is officially preventing the replacement of Israeli intelligence service Mossad's London representative, after it expelled his predecessor six weeks ago. The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office announced the expulsion in March, in response to the use of at least 12 forged British passports by a Mossad hit squad, whose members traveled to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, last January, to assassinate Hamas weapons procurer Mahmoud al-Mabhouh. According to Israeli media, the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office has requested written assurances from Israel that it will refrain from using British travel documents in future intelligence operations. But the Israeli government is so far refusing to comply with Britain's request, claiming that doing so would amount to "an admission of culpability" in the assassination of al-Mabhouh.

Israel's refusal to provide written assurances has brought about the current stalemate, which is also affecting the traditionally close relationship between the Mossad and MI6, Britain's foremost external intelligence organization. Commenting on the stalemate, a British Foreign and Commonwealth Office spokesperson refused to give precise information, but stated that "any Israeli request for the diplomat [sic] to be replaced would be considered against the context of these UK requests".

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/05/05/03-157/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29



GERMANY

1229/2010 -----

Verfassungsschutz informierte über Spionage

(sicherheit.info) Angesichts verstärkter Wirtschaftsspionage gegen deutsche Firmen bemühen sich die brandenburgische Wirtschaft und der Verfassungsschutz des Landes um eine stärkere Zusammenarbeit beim Schutz sensibler Informationen.

"Wirtschaftsspionage ist eine Bedrohung für die Konkurrenz- und Leistungsfähigkeit des Wirtschaftsstandortes Brandenburg", sagte Innenstaatssekretär Rudolf Zeeb bei der Eröffnung des 1. Brandenburger Forums Wirtschaftsschutz. Ein regelmäßiger Informationsaustausch zwischen Unternehmen und Sicherheitsbehörden sei deshalb von großer Bedeutung.

Der Hauptgeschäftsführer der Industrie- und Handelskammer (IHK) Potsdam, René Kohl, betonte: "Insbesondere die kleinen und mittleren Unternehmen sind oft zu wenig gewappnet, sich gegen Wirtschaftsspionage zu wehren. Produkte, neueste Technologien sowie Daten in elektronischen Netzwerken sind heiß begehrte aber leider oft mangelhaft geschützte Kronjuwelen." "Es wäre fahrlässig, anzunehmen, brandenburgische Unternehmen stünden nicht im Fokus fremder Nachrichtendienste", warnte Winfriede Schreiber, Leiterin des brandenburgischen Verfassungsschutzes. Leider zeigten viele Firmen aus

Furcht vor Reputationschäden noch immer große Zurückhaltung, wenn es darum geht, einen erkannten Spionagefall anzuzeigen.

<http://www.sicherheit.info/SI/cms.nsf/si.ArticlesByDocID/1110029?Open&Channel=SI-WI>

1230/2010 -----

Nato-Bericht zu Luftangriff: Freispruch mit vielen Fragezeichen



(SPIEGEL) Die Bundeswehr fühlt sich durch die Nato-Untersuchung des umstrittenen Luftschlags auf zwei Tanklaster in Afghanistan bestätigt. Der Feuerbefehl des deutschen Oberst sei "militärisch angemessen" gewesen. Doch für die Staatsanwälte bleiben viele Fragen offen.

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: *DER SPIEGEL liegt nicht ganz richtig, denn juristisch korrekt betrachtet wurde erst gar keine Anklage erhoben.*

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,658126,00.html>

1231/2010 -----

USA prüften mögliche Vergiftung der Bushs in Heiligendamm



(AFP) Die frühere First Lady Laura Bush glaubt, dass sie und ihr Mann, der damalige US-Präsident George W. Bush, 2007 während des G-8-Gipfels in Heiligendamm Gift erhalten haben könnten. Der US-Geheimdienst habe nach mehreren Erkrankungen in der US-Delegation einen solchen Verdacht untersucht, schreibt sie in ihren in Auszügen veröffentlichten Memoiren. Der Hoteleigner zeigte sich überrascht. In ihren Memoiren mit dem Titel "Spoken From the Heart" (etwa: Aus dem Herzen gesprochen) beschreibt die Gattin des früheren Präsidenten, wie ein Teil der US-Delegation während des Gipfeltreffens in dem Ostseebad im Juni 2007 plötzlich erkrankte. Ihr Mann habe den Beratungen der Staats- und Regierungschefs teilweise fernbleiben und das Bett hüten müssen. Zwar hätten die Ärzte einen Virus für die Erkrankung verantwortlich gemacht. Der US-Geheimdienst habe aber auch untersucht, ob sie vergiftet werden sollten. Das Buch der 63-Jährigen soll im Mai auf den Markt kommen. Im November zieht ihr Ehemann mit seinen Memoiren nach.

"Sehr, sehr überrascht", reagierte ein Sprecher der Berliner Fundus-Gruppe auf die Enthüllungen, zu der das Grandhotel Heiligendamm gehört. Er höre von dem Vorwurf zum ersten Mal und könne ihn "absolut nicht nachvollziehen". Die Bushs und ihre engsten Mitarbeiter wohnten während des Gipfels in der Orangerie des Grandhotels in Heiligendamm. Der Großteil der US-Delegation war in zwei Hotels in Rostock untergebracht.

Auch das Innenministerium von Mecklenburg-Vorpommern erklärte, bisher nicht mit dem Verdacht eines Giftanschlags in Heiligendamm konfrontiert worden zu sein

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5g0geD7RtZayPrFVI7tDLQAAonYYw>



SWITZERLAND

1232/2010 -----

Bundesbern hat kein Geld für einen «Anti-Spionage-Raum»

(a-z.ch) Wände können bekanntlich Ohren haben - dennoch will Bundesbern kein Geld für ein «abhörsicheres Sitzungszimmer» im Bundeshaus ausgeben. Die Geschäftsprüfungsdelegation bekommt nun für heikle Themen ein überwachtes Zimmer mit Safe.

Die Geschäftsprüfungsdelegation (GPD) mit ihren sechs Mitgliedern aus National- und Ständerat, hat die Aufgabe, Staatsschutz und Narichtendienst zu kontrollieren. Für die heiklen Sitzungen forderten Parlamentarier schon lange ein «abhörsicheres Sitzungszimmer».

Nun wird aber aus Kostengründen darauf verzichtet. Ein «Anti-Spionage-Raum» würde eine Million Franken kosten. Als Kompromiss gibt's nun eine Light-Variante: «Ein Sitzungszimmer mit erhöhtem Schutzgrad im Bundeshaus Ost». Vermutlich wird dieses einen videoüberwachten Eingang aufweisen und eventuell einen mit Code geschützten Zutritt. Dickere Mauern aber sicher nicht. Der GPD-Präsident Claude Janiak legt zudem Wert auf einen Safe - für die geheimen Akten.

<http://www.a-z.ch/news/politik/bundesbern-hat-kein-geld-fuer-einen-anti-spionage-raum-7613455>



AUSTRIA

1233/2010 -----

«Zilk-Platz»: Bissiger profil-Kommentar

Als "Fall politischer Willkür" bezeichnete der profil-Herausgeber Christian Rainer die Benennung des Platzes vor der Wiener Albertina nach dem früheren Bürgermeister Helmut Zilk.

Profil 17/2010, S. 13.



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

1234/2010 -----

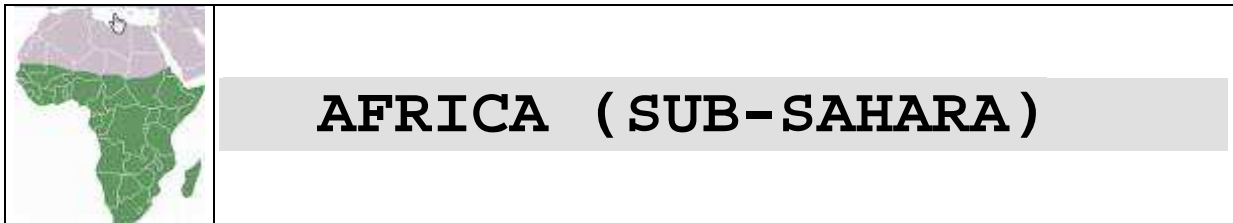
Somali piracy linked to Canada, intelligence analyst says

(The Star) A number of Somali-Canadians are staking pirates off the Horn of Africa and taking a cut of their ransom money, an intelligence analyst told a maritime security forum this week.

"We know where the money is going," Karsten von Hoesslin, senior analyst for Danish-based Risk Intelligence, told naval officers and other delegates from Pacific Ocean nations meeting in Victoria. "It's coming to Ottawa, to London (England) and Nairobi (Kenya)," he told the Maritime Security Challenges Conference hosted by the Canadian navy.

Risk Intelligence analysts travelled to Somalia to gather the information, von Hoesslin told delegates. The firm provides information and advice on piracy, terrorism and organized crime to companies and governments. Von Hoesslin made no mention of Toronto, home to 50,000 residents of Somali origin, and offered no details of an Ottawa connection, a published report from the conference shows. Von Hoesslin was travelling Friday and unavailable for further comment.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/article/803182--somali-piracy-linked-to-canada-intelligence-analyst-says>



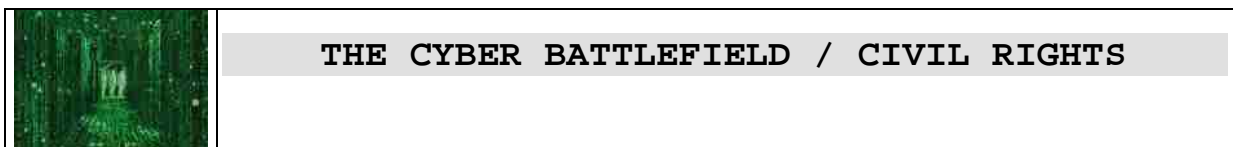
1235/2010 -----

Namibia : Kawana verteidigt Geheimdienst

(Allgemeine Zeitung, Namibia) Der Geheimdienst ist zur Abwehr von Gefahren für die demokratische und verfassungsrechtliche Ordnung Namibias unverzichtbar", erklärte Kawana am Mittwoch während seiner Vorstellung des Etats der Staatskanzlei im Parlament. Dieser sind im Haushaltsentwurf 360,3 Millionen N\$ zugedacht, von denen 199 Millionen N\$ auf den Geheimdienst entfallen sollen.

Kawana zufolge ist der Geheimdienst als Garant für Frieden und Sicherheit und als Instrument im Kampf gegen „Gewalt und Kriminalität“ von großer Bedeutung. Dies gelte vor allem angesichts der wachsenden Bedrohung durch internationalen Terrorismus, der auch jene Länder gefährde die sich zwar „nicht im Kriegszustand“ befänden, deren Bürger aber als „weiche Ziele“ dennoch Opfer von Anschlägen werden könnten.

<http://www.az.com.na/politik/kawana-verteidigt-geheimdienst.106199.php>



1236/2010 -----

New cyber attacks more malicious than Love Bug

(networkWorld) A decade after the Love Bug virus attacked millions of computers worldwide and put the Philippines in the IT world map in a

negative way, computer security experts have noticed that today's computer attacks are more malicious than the original computer security threat.

In its April 2010 security report, Symantec said it has detected 36,208 unique strains of malware that were designed to carry out targeted attacks. MessageLabs, which was acquired by Symantec later, was the first one to raise the alert on the Love Bug virus, which was designed to overwrite and destroy data. The virus came in the form of a message attachment when, once opened, sent itself to the addresses of the email recipient and spread on from there.

Ten years since Symantec Hosted Services, then MessageLabs, intercepted 13,000 copies of the virus in a single day on 4 May 2000, MessageLabs Intelligence said it now stops 1.5 million copies of malicious e-mails each day.

<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2010/043010-new-cyber-attacks-more-malicious.html>

1237/2010 -----

Untersuchungsbericht zur Webcam-Spionage bei Schüler-MacBooks

(MacTechNews) Nach einer zehnwöchigen Untersuchungen der Vorfälle zur Webcam-Spionage bei Schüler-MacBooks wurde gestern Abend der vorläufige Abschlussbericht vorgestellt. Die Vorgänge im Lower Merion Schulbezirk in Philadelphia wurden in dem 69-seitigen Dokument als inkonsistent, schäbig, fragwürdig und unverhältnismäßig beschrieben. Die Technik wurde zwischen September 2008 und Februar 2010 übereifrig und ohne Würdigung der Privatsphäre eingesetzt.

Fast 31.000 Fotos wurden in 177 Fällen durch die Webcams der Schüler-MacBooks erstellt, wobei jedoch kein Foto die Schüler in intimen Situation gezeigt haben soll. Darüber hinaus wurden auch 27.000 Screenshots des MacBook-Benutzers erstellt. Größtenteils soll beides aber bei tatsächlich vermisste MacBooks geschehen sein. Allerdings gibt es auch eine Reihe von Fällen, in denen die Aktivierung der Webcam-Funktion wegen Diebstahls fragwürdig ist. So ermitteln auch das FBI sowie die Polizei von Montgomery County in diesem Fall, um einen möglichen Missbrauch der Technik zu klären.

<http://www.mactechnews.de/news/index/Untersuchungsbericht-zur-Webcam-Spionage-bei-Schuler-MacBooks-146725.html>

1238/2010 -----

Facebook schließt Chat wegen Sicherheitslücke

(ORF) Facebook hat aufgrund einer schweren Sicherheitslücke seinen Live-Chat-Dienst vorübergehend abgedreht. Die Lücke habe es ermöglicht, die Chats aller Freunde mitzulesen, berichtete das Fachblog TechCrunch Europe. Auch Freundschaftsanfragen für andere User seien sichtbar gewesen. Das Problem wurde ausgerechnet in einer Funktion zur Sicherung der Privatsphäre entdeckt.

Über eine Vorschaufunktion können Facebook-Nutzer das Erscheinungsbild ihres Profils für andere Benutzer testen. Mit der Eingabe eines Namens eines anderen Facebook-Users kann so geprüft werden, wie die eigene Site für den jeweiligen User aussieht. Im Zuge einer solchen Simulation habe man über die Chat-Funktion Zugriff auf eventuell gerade laufende Gespräche des betreffenden Users gehabt, so das Blog.

Nach Bekanntwerden des Problems sei der Chat sofort geschlossen worden, wie Facebook auf seiner Website bekanntgab. Er solle bald auch wieder normal funktionieren.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1646758/>

1239/2010 -----

Steps for Decrypting Intelliforms Data

(Cryptome) A step to step guide how to crack one's Win XP or Vista.

<http://cryptome.org/isp-spy/intelliforms-spy.pdf>

1240/2010 -----

Compromising Tor Anonymity: Exploiting P2P Information Leakage

Privacy of users in P2P networks goes far beyond their current usage and is a fundamental requirement to the adoption of P2P protocols for legal usage. In a climate of cold war between these users and anti-piracygroups, more and more users a removing to anonymizing networks in an attempt to hide their identity. However, when not designed to protect users information, a P2P protocol would leak information that may compromise the identity of its users. In this paper, we first present three attacks targeting Bit Torrent users on top of Tor that reveal their real IP addresses. In a second step, we analyze the Tor usage by BitTorrent users and compare it to its usage outside of Tor. Finally, we depict the risks induced by this deanonymization and show that users' privacy violation goes beyond BitTorrent traffic and contaminate so their protocols such as HTTP.

<http://cryptome.org/TorBT.pdf>



SPYCRAFT

1241/2010 -----

High-value target killings and captures (Interactive timeline)



Since President Barack Obama took office January 2009, the United States has escalated the number of drone airstrikes against Taliban and al-Qaeda targets worldwide. Here are some significant "high-value" targets hit or caught – the success of one hit is now in question.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/special/world/high-value-targets/?tid=grpromo>

1242/2010

Counter Surveillance Makeup Can Hide Faces From Surveillance



Adam Harvey, a graduate student at the New York University, is developing a privacy enhancing counter technology to protect individual privacy of an average person. Adam gathered information from various face tracking programs and is experimenting with images to make them undetectable by these software. As part of this project, he used women's faces from a fashion design book and smeared make-up in asymmetrical designs to confuse the programs and hide them from face detection.

<http://ahprojects.com/blog/122>

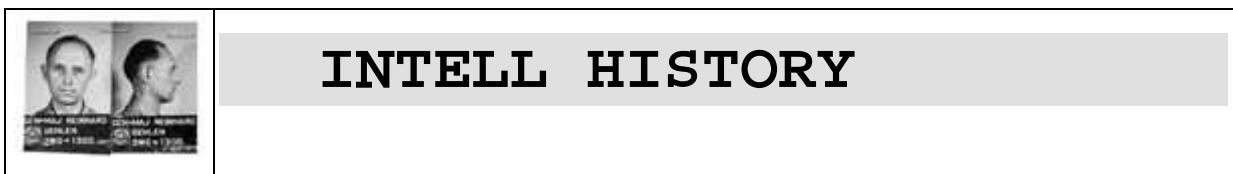
1243/2010

Kosten für Körperscanner weiter umstritten

(ORF) Die Verteilung der Kosten für Körperscanner auf Flughäfen in der EU bleibt umstritten. Die meisten EU-Staaten wollen Airlines und Flughäfen die Rechnungen dafür zuschieben, das Europaparlament will die Nationalstaaten zur Kasse bitten und hat am Mittwoch eine entsprechende Erklärung verabschiedet.

Die Kosten für Körperscanner und andere Flugsicherheitsmaßnahmen dürfen nach dem Willen des Europäischen Parlaments nicht auf die Passagiere abgewälzt werden, sondern sind von den Staaten zu tragen. Das EU-Parlament in Brüssel nahm am Mittwoch eine entsprechende Richtlinie über Flugsicherheitsentgelte mit überwältigender Mehrheit an.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1646746/>



1244/2010

A new FRUS Volume, after 6 years

(FAS) The latest volume of the official "Foreign Relations of the United States" (FRUS) series was published by the State Department yesterday on the topic of Korea, 1969-1972. It covers U.S. relations with the Republic of Korea as well as disputes with North Korea during the Nixon Administration.

Remarkably, declassification of the 489-page FRUS volume (pdf) took no less than six years.

"The declassification review of this volume, which began in 2003 and was completed in 2009, resulted in the decision to withhold 1 document in full, excise a paragraph or more in 5 documents, and make minor excisions of less than a paragraph in 17 documents," according to the Preface of the new

volume. Another FRUS volume on Japan during the same period also entered declassification review in 2003, but has still not emerged into the light of day.

This is no way to run a history program, historians and archivists agree. But without profound changes in declassification procedures the current backlog of records awaiting declassification is going to grow, not shrink, said Michael J. Kurtz of the National Archives. The Archives typically processes 11 million pages per year for declassification, Mr. Kurtz told the Public Interest Declassification Board on April 22, but it takes possession of an additional 15 million pages of classified records each year, for a net increase in classified historical files.

<http://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1969-76v19p1/media/pdf/frus1969-76v19p1.pdf>

1245/2010 -----

German court orders Eichmann files released

(AP) A federal court has ordered the government to release secret files kept by the German intelligence service on top Nazi Adolf Eichmann after World War II.

The ruling announced Friday came after reporter Gabriele Weber sued to have the BND release the 4,500 pages of files. She says they could fill in gaps about Eichmann's postwar life and how he escaped to Argentina. The BND had argued releasing the files could jeopardize the work of an informant and harm relations with a "foreign intelligence service" that provided some of the information.

But the Federal Administrative Court ruled that while the BND could withhold some files for those reasons it could not keep them all secret. It was not immediately clear when the files would be turned over.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gs86rtJ0aSXqpdclqvOwX9M7kH3AD9FDFT581>

1246/2010 -----

Flug über verbotenes Land



(NZZ) Vor genau 50 Jahren, am 1. Mai 1960, wurde ein amerikanisches Spionageflugzeug über dem Ural abgeschossen. Damit begann die sogenannte U-2-Krise, die das Verhältnis zwischen den beiden Supermächten einer heiklen Belastungsprobe unterstellte.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/international/flug_ueber_verbotenes_land_1.5598039.html

1247/2010 -----

CIA documents show US never believed Gary Powers was shot down

At 8.52 this morning a normally garrulous American is to observe a moment's silence outside the Lubyanka, headquarters of what used to be the KGB in central Moscow. He will be there to honour the good name of his father,

Francis Gary Powers, whose reputation has suffered for half a century by association with one of the most enduring mysteries of the Cold War.

Fifty years ago today, in a full-body pressure suit and helmet, Powers was slammed forward against the canopy of his U2 spyplane 70,000ft above central Russia by a Soviet surface-to-air missile exploding close behind him. The blast wave dismembered the plane, tearing off first its tail section and then its wings, but leaving its pilot miraculously unhurt.



In an outer pocket of his suit Powers carried a suicide pin that he chose not to use. He hit the ground in shock but with hardly a scratch. By that evening he was in Moscow, in the Lubyanka. The shooting down and survival of Powers changed the course of history: it wrecked a superpower summit at which President Eisenhower and Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Premier, had hoped to launch a new era of détente.

What was not known until the recent declassification of CIA documents seen by The Times, was that top US officials never believed Powers' account of his fateful flight because it appeared to be directly contradicted by a report from the National Security Agency, the clandestine US network of codebreakers and listening posts. The NSA report remains classified, possibly to spare the blushes of its authors. For it is now possible to piece together what really happened high over Sverdlovsk on May Day 1960 and to understand why America's most secretive intelligence agency got it so wrong.

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us_and_americas/article7113512.ece?print=yes&randnum=1272773720066

1248/2010 -----

Foto-Unternehmer Porst gestorben

(FAZ) Hannsheinz Porst ist tot. Der langjährige Eigentümer der Fotohandelskette „Photo Porst“ starb im Alter von 87 Jahren. Er galt als schillernder Unternehmer. Zweimal in seinem Leben musste er ins Gefängnis - einmal wegen Verdachts auf Spionage für die DDR-Stasi.



Porst sorgte in den 60er und 70er Jahren oft für Schlagzeilen - zweimal landete er im Gefängnis. 1964 wurde er auf dem Nürnberger Flughafen wegen Verdachts auf Steuerhinterziehung verhaftet. Im Herbst 1967 wurde Porst dann abermals verhaftet. Diesmal stand er unter dem Verdacht landesverräterischer Beziehungen zum DDR-Ministerium für Staatssicherheit. Gegen eine Kautions von 1 Mio. DM kam er wieder auf freien Fuß. Die Ermittlungen ergaben, dass Porst auf Veranlassung von Markus Wolf, der damals die Abteilung Aufklärung im MfS leitete, gleichzeitig Mitglied der SED und der FDP geworden war. Ende 1968 gab er beide Mitgliedschaften wieder auf.

Obwohl schnell offenkundig wurde, dass Porst keinerlei Staatsgeheimnisse verraten hatte, mochte das Gericht seine Darstellung nicht akzeptieren, dass er versucht hatte, einen gesamtdeutschen Dialog in Gang zu bringen. Im Oktober 1970 wurde Porst vorzeitig aus der Haft entlassen: „Ich wurde völlig missverstanden. Ich versuchte lediglich, gegenseitiges Verständnis zu fördern“, verteidigte Porst später seinen „missionarischen Eifer“, der

ihn dazu getrieben hatte, gleichzeitig der FDP und der SED beizutreten und angeblich für die Stasi zu spitzeln.

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: *Mag Porst zwar keine Staatsgeheimnisse verraten haben, ganz so harmlos war die Tätigkeit von Porst nicht, sondern in einem konkreten Fall sehr wohl handfeste Spionage: Porst, der sich gerne als naiver Sozialromantiker und Grenzgänger sah und der noch 2002 die Idee des Sozialismus als „die bessere Alternative zum Kapitalismus“ bezeichnete, war einer der ersten, der in den Zeiten der chemischen Filme im Westen Kombiangebote aus Film plus Entwicklung plus Bilder zu einem verlockend günstigen Preis angeboten hatte. So weit, so gut. Allerdings wurden die Filme in einem Labor in Ost-Berlin entwickelt! Deswegen warnte jede Spionageabwehr, die damals halbwegs auf Zack war, genau aus diesem Grunde vor dem Erwerb dieser Kombipakete.*

In jedem Falle: eine an sich raffinierte Abschöpfmethode.

<http://www.faz.net/s/RubD16E1F55D21144C4AE3F9DDF52B6E1D9/Doc-E46DDEA1F943F44B78DDC824F9F54E2A3~ATpl~Ecommon~Scontent.html>

1249/2010 -----

Operation Mincemeat and spycraft in World War Two

(The New Yorker) It was a dazzling feat of wartime espionage. But does it argue for or against spying? In the months before the invasion of Sicily, British spies fooled German spies with a caper inspired by a detective novel.

On April 30, 1943, a fisherman came across a badly decomposed corpse floating in the water off the coast of Huelva, in southwestern Spain. The body was of an adult male dressed in a trenchcoat, a uniform, and boots, with a black attaché case chained to his waist. His wallet identified him as Major William Martin, of the Royal Marines. The Spanish authorities called in the local British vice-consul, Francis Haselden, and in his presence opened the attaché case, revealing an official-looking military envelope. The Spaniards offered the case and its contents to Haselden. But Haselden declined, requesting that the handover go through formal channels—an odd decision, in retrospect, since, in the days that followed, British authorities in London sent a series of increasingly frantic messages to Spain asking the whereabouts of Major Martin's briefcase.

http://www.newyorker.com/arts/critics/atlarge/2010/05/10/100510crat_atlarge_gladwell?printable=true

1250/2010 -----

US asked for Egypt's spy help on Algerian nuclear reactor (1991)

(Intelnews) A US consular document, acquired by a leading Algerian newspaper, reveals that Washington asked Egypt's help in collecting intelligence on the Algerian nuclear energy program. The document, which dates from May 1991, was drafted by officials in the US embassy in Cairo, Egypt; it is not known how it came to the possession of Algerian daily Ennahar, which published it on Tuesday. It contains a summary of a May 1991 meeting in Cairo between Richard Clarke, who was then the US Department of State's deputy secretary for political and military affairs, and a senior Egyptian official whose name is in redacted in the document, but appears to have been Amr Moussa, Egypt's minister of foreign affairs at the time. The document, which is classified 'top secret', reports that the US delegation

asked the Egyptians to help them gather information on Algeria's Es Salam nuclear reactor, located in the city of Ain Oussera, in the province of Djelfa, in north-central Algeria.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/05/05/01-455/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

1251/2010 -----

Behind the Lines in Greece: The Story of Operational Group II

Behind the Lines in Greece is the story of twenty-two enlisted men and two officers of Operational Group II of the Office of Strategic Services, predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency, who served in German-occupied Greece in 1944. All but one of these soldiers were fluent in Greek. Some were U.S. born, the sons of Greek immigrants; others were recent arrivals in the United States. Some had "jumped ship" in U.S. ports. A few had previously served in the Greek Army.

This non-fiction book is based primarily on documents in the U. S. National Archives, including the official history of OG II. Other Archives sources include a record of the debriefing of the first leader of OG II, Lt. John Giannaris, after he was severely wounded, the diary of Robert Moyers, the OSS dentist serving as a physician who ministered to Giannaris at the clandestine airstrip where he awaited evacuation to Italy, the recently released "consolidated 201 files" of the men of OG II, and material from interviews with Giannaris and Nicholas Pappas (second leader of OG II).

<http://www.robertperdue.com/>



1252/2010 -----

Hacktivism of Chinese Characteristics and the Google Cyber Attack

(ISN) The paper is aimed at understanding the 'distinctive character' of 'Chinese Hacktivism', both in terms of institutional and individual activities and operations. There is essentially a 'pre-event hard side' and 'post-event soft side' of the operations. Leaving aside the specific 'pre-event hard side' of the Google Inc. episode, the paper will look into and focus on the basics of the Chinese cyber warfare infrastructure including the doctrine, responsible in part or entirely for the growth and development Chinese hacker organisations.

http://kms1.isn.ethz.ch/serviceengine/Files/ISN/113440/ipublicationdocument_singledocument/2533e975-eb94-4b60-97c3-8ac96ee73ddd/en/Hacktivism_Pandey_Mar10.pdf



LITERATURE

01253/2010 -----

CASIS Weller Essay Prizes

The Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies (CASIS) announces the 8th annual competition for the Geoff Weller Memorial Prize. The prize is awarded annually by CASIS in memory of Professor Geoff Weller, past president of CASIS and the first president of the University of Northern British Columbia, for the best undergraduate and graduate paper on a subject dealing with intelligence, security, or law enforcement.

Eligibility Criteria: The competition is open to undergraduate or graduate students enrolled at a Canadian university, or any Canadian student enrolled at a university outside of Canada. Essays must address some dimension of intelligence, security, or law enforcement issues in any time period and in any country. Submissions can be from any Humanities or Social Sciences discipline, inter-disciplinary programmes, or law school. Only papers submitted during the 2009-2010 academic year are eligible.

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<http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=174870>

(Hat tip to Martin MOLL for this info !)

01254/2010 -----

Call for Papers: Counterterrorism: From the Cold War to the WOT

Title: Counterterrorism: From the Cold War to the War on Terror, Volumes I and II

Date: **2010-07-15**

Description: We are looking for contributors (subject experts, professors, graduate students) for the 2-volume, illustrated, Counterterrorism: >From the Cold War to the War on Terror, Volumes I and II to be published by ABC-CLIO in 2011. Comprehensive in scope and written by top scholars in the field.

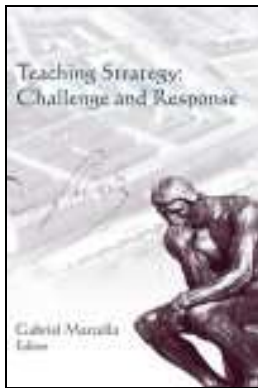
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(Special thanks to Martin MOLL for this info!)

1255/2010 -----

Gabriel Marcella, Teaching Strategy: Challenge and Response



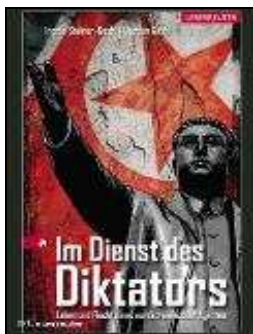
Teaching all strategy, from grand to military, is essential in the preparation of national security professionals and military leaders. The experience of the armed forces in recent wars recommends that those involved with the system of military education seriously study the way strategy is taught. The task is even more imperative because the ambiguous conflicts and the complex geopolitical environment of the future are likely to challenge the community of strategists, civilian as well as military, in ways not seen in the past. In this context, developing the appropriate curriculum and effective methods of teaching strategy will be the responsibility of universities, colleges,

and institutions of professional military education. The authors of this compendium ask and answer the central question of how to teach strategy. The findings, insights, and recommendations in this volume are those of professionals who are accomplished in the classroom as well as the crucible of strategy.

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=976>

1256/2010 -----

Ein Einkäufer Nordkoreas packt aus



Mit einem Diplomatenpass und Taschen voller Bargeld reiste Kim Jong Ryul 1974 erstmals in die österreichische Hauptstadt Wien. Kim sollte für den koreanischen Machthaber Kim Il Sung und seinen Familienclan Waren besorgen. "Ich habe alles mögliche gekauft", sagt der heute 75-Jährige. "Metalldetektoren, Giftgasdetektoren, Fingerabdruckgeräte. Die Diktatoren wollten auch Villen gebaut haben, mit vergoldeten Schallschutzfenstern und mit kugelsicheren Fenstern. Das habe ich alles produzieren lassen und in Container hineingeladen und nach Nordkorea geschickt." In dem Buch "Im Dienst des Diktators", das der

Nordkoreaner mit Hilfe zweier österreichischer Journalisten geschrieben hat, erzählt Kim nun erstmals aus seinem Leben.

Ingrid Steiner-Gashi und Dardan Gashi: "Im Dienst des Diktators. Leben und Flucht eines nordkoreanischen Agenten". Ueberreuter Verlag 2010. 207 Seiten, 19,95 Euro



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

1257/2010 -----

LVak : Buchpräsentation von Dieter Krüger, Brennender Enzian

Das Institut für Strategie und Sicherheitspolitik der Landesverteidigungsakademie erlaubt sich höflichst, Sie zur Buchpräsentation von Dieter

Krüger, Brennender Enzian. Die Operationsplanungen der NATO für Oberitalien und Österreich 1951-1960, einzuladen

Zeit: Dienstag, 11. Mai 2010, 18:30 Uhr

Veranstaltungsort: Landesverteidigungsakademie Wien
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Um Antwort wird gebeten bis **10.Mai 2010**

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(Hat tip to Harald KNOLL for this info !)

1258/2010 -----

Ausstellung: Stasi-Observationspunkt im Kirchturm von St. Nikolaus

(Tschechien online) Wenn Sie sich über die Karlsbrücke der Kleinseite nähern und dabei das malerische Barockensemble betrachten, werden sie wohl kaum auf den Gedanken kommen, dass da ein Mann auf dem Turm der St.-Nikolaus-Kirche sitzt und das Treiben unten genauestens beobachtet, ja vielleicht gerade Sie im Visier hat.



Doch genau diese Szenerie muss sich während der Zeit des Sozialismus tagtäglich wiederholt haben, als der tschechoslowakische Geheimdienst StB im Kirchturm einen Observationspunkt unterhielt. Die Lage war geradezu ideal, um die umliegenden ausländischen Botschaften und deren Besucher zu beobachten. Dem StB entging so niemand, der die Vertretung der USA, der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Italiens oder Frankreichs aufsuchte oder sie verließ. Diesem Umstand widmet sich seit Anfang April eine Dauerausstellung direkt im Kirchturm von St. Nikolaus.

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1259/2010 -----

"Burn Notice" für Staffeln 5 und 6 verlängert

(TVWunschliste) Die vierte Staffel von "Burn Notice" startet auf dem amerikanischen Kabelsender USA erst in zwei Monaten. Trotzdem hat man offenbar großes Vertrauen in die Spionage-Dramedy, die nun überraschend

bereits für eine fünfte und sechste Staffel verlängert wurde. Beide sollen je aus 15 bis 18 Episoden bestehen.



"Burn Notice" ist die meist gesehene Serie des Kabelsenders und konnte während der dritten Staffel durchschnittlich 7,1 Millionen Zuschauer für sich gewinnen, 3,3 Millionen davon in der Zielgruppe der 18- bis 49-jährigen. Somit hatte die Serie mit Jeffrey Donovan einen großen Anteil daran USA zum erfolgreichsten Kabelsender des ersten Quartals 2010 zu machen.

<http://www.wunschliste.de/news/7506>

1260/2010 -----

Media alerts

am Do, 06.05. um 02:30 zdf_neo

Hitlers Manager: Wernher von Braun - Der Raketenmann

Doku-Reihe, Folge 2

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: Er fand schon als Jugendlicher Gefallen an explosiven Stoffen und Feuerwerksraketen und träumte von Flügen ins All. 1969 ging die Vision des Wernher von Braun in Erfüllung, der erste Mensch setzte seinen Fuß auf den Erdtrabanten. Von Braun gilt als einer der "Väter des Mondflugs". Es war eine der großen Karrieren des vergangenen Jahrhunderts, deren dunkle Schatten erst allmählich sichtbar wurden. In Hitlers Vernichtungskrieg baute der begnadete Techniker für den Diktator "Vergeltungswaffen". Dem NS-Regime war von Braun als junger Ingenieur, der vor allem an die Verwirklichung seiner Pläne dachte, sehr willkommen. Als geschickter Manager spielte er die Waffengattungen gegeneinander aus und erlangte dadurch enorme Geld- und Materialressourcen.

am Sa, 08.05. um 23.10 SF2

Enigma - Das Geheimnis

Spionagethriller

Dauer: 115 min (b)

Beschreibung: Unter höchstem Zeitdruck arbeiten 1943 englische Mathematiker und Militärs daran, den deutschen Chiffriercode zu knacken. Spionage-Thriller mit Kate Winslet, Dougray Scott und Jeremy Northam.

am Mi, 13.05. um 01:35 arte

1983 - Am atomaren Abgrund

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 75 min (c)

Beschreibung: Ende des Jahres 1983 spitzten sich die Spannungen zwischen der UdSSR und den USA dramatisch zu. Um Haaresbreite wäre es wegen des Verdachts, eine Übung sei in Wirklichkeit der Ernstfall, zu einer atomaren Katastrophe gekommen. Der Dokumentarfilm beleuchtet die bisher kaum bekannten Ereignisse während dieser Phase des Kalten Krieges, die die Bewohner der Erde innerhalb einiger Tage im November 1983 an den Rand des Abgrunds führten.

am Di, 11.05. um 20:15 rbb

Die Hitlers - Eine Familiengeschichte

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (d)

Beschreibung: Das Ausmaß der Verbrechen Adolf Hitlers macht es beinahe unmöglich, sich ihn als Teil einer Familie vorzustellen. Er selbst hat seine Wurzeln immer verleugnet, doch auch Adolf Hitler hatte Verwandte, deren Schicksale verknüpft waren mit seinem Aufstieg und Untergang. Der Film begibt sich auf eine Spurensuche bei den Verwandten, bei Nachbarn und Vertrauten.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24833594&tvid=7e14d9c59c2008de7f9ab677078e7c9d>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24937513&tvid=7e14d9c59c2008de7f9ab677078e7c9d>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24788691&tvid=7e14d9c59c2008de7f9ab677078e7c9d>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24887905&tvid=7e14d9c59c2008de7f9ab677078e7c9d>

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