

believe to be deals with the Soviet leadership, which would allow Britain to emerge as the arbiter of affairs in the West. The Soviets are encouraging what they believe to be “inter-imperialist rivalries,” slyly awaiting their ultimate benefits.

This is the real substance behind the exploding “British Spy Scandal,” not the purported feats of Mr. Geoffrey Prime. In this matter, the litmus test to be applied on matters of national security is defense policy: It is imperative for the survival of Western civilization and of the United States that America move rapidly to develop relativistic-beam ABM weapons to be deployed in outer space. Failing this, as Dr. Edward Teller argues, the United States has two options: either sign its surrender documents now, or go for general nuclear war. Secretary Shultz’s policy of opposing this defense orientation makes him either the duped victim of Anglo-Soviet misinformation, or a witting participant in the grotesque, obsessive geopolitical irrationalities of the Royal Institute.

## Behind the scenes in the intelligence war

by Jeffrey Steinberg

As the story goes, two drunk Englishmen staggered home from the pub late one night. Being blind drunk, they missed their cottage doors and crawled instead through the front door of Her Majesty’s most secret spy station at Cheltenham. After sleeping through the night on the plush sofas in the office of the director, they awoke to discover their error. To cover this unfortunate “breach” and facilitate their departure, they carried out several boxes full of classified documents. Reportedly, the guards at the front door flagged down a lorry and helped place the boxes in a rear seat.

Such is the current reputation of Her Majesty’s most secret service.

Now, reputation has been amplified by a flesh-and-blood spy scandal that has already sent shockwaves across the Atlantic and back.

The scandal revolves around Geoffrey Arthur Prime, a Soviet spy arrested in July of this year. According to a New York Times article by Philip Taubman dated Oct. 24, Prime was a cryptographer and translator at the Cheltenham facility from 1968-1977, during which time he passed virtually everything he could get his hands on over to Soviet intelligence. According to the Taubman story, Prime’s information

allowed the Soviets to know every intercept point for British and American electronic espionage and to thereby maintain a constant flow of “disinformation” back into the West, concealing actual policy discussions, intelligence, etc. Cheltenham is the headquarters of the British equivalent of America’s National Security Agency, the top secret electronic espionage branch.

Reportedly, Judge William Clark, the director of the Reagan administration’s National Security Council staff and a top adviser to the President, is personally overseeing the investigation into the British government’s efforts to block further independent U.S. inquiry into the Prime matter. The personal involvement of Clark suggests that for the first time in decades, leading U.S. officials may have their eyes opened to the fact that British intelligence has repeatedly stabbed the U.S. in the back on any occasion that it has served Britain’s interests. The “special relationship” has been one of the cornerstones of Her Majesty’s doublecrossings.

It was the special relationship that was invoked with the cry of “Britain is our oldest ally” during last spring’s Malvinas War, when the U.S. violated the Monroe Doctrine to side with Britain and lost all respect as an ally in Ibero-America. It was the “special relationship” that, under self-described British agent Henry Kissinger, brought the U.S. into the absurd “China Card” which crumbled within a decade. It was the “special relationship” which has set the U.S. up for a disastrous rout out of the Middle East, where U.S. allies Egypt and Saudi Arabia are targeted for the Iran treatment by the British.

### Tip of the iceberg

According to intelligence community watchers on both sides of the Atlantic, including the London *Daily Telegraph*’s top “mole”-catcher Chapman Pincher, the Prime affair is merely the first phase of a much bigger spy scandal that will rock the very foundations of the British intelligence establishment. According to others polled by this news service, Prime is believed to be part of a homosexual spy ring involving at least a half dozen others. The ring, according to these U.S. intelligence sources, has maintained a penetration of Cheltenham up to the assistant director level up through at least three months ago.

Curiously, the *only* prominent intelligence community celebrity who is trying to downplay the significance of the Prime affair is former CIA Counterintelligence Director James Jesus Angleton. Angleton, who built up a reputation as an undaunted and often “paranoid” hunter of Soviet double agents, insisted to an NSIPS reporter this week that the Prime affair is of no significance and certainly does not jeopardize the “special relationship.” The last time that Angleton was known to have adopted such a protective posture towards a British intelligence officer was in the late 1940s, when he covered over the suspicions about his personal friend Harold “Kim” Philby, now a General in the Soviet KGB and then the MI-6 Chief of Station in Washington.