

The British Secret Intelligence Service at 100

A Centenary Review of Mi6

14/15th October 2010

A not-for-profit review of the formation, growth, and history of the British Secret Intelligence Service on the occasion of its Centenary

St Ermin's Hotel, London

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Conference Chairman:

Nigel West
Intelligence historian

Gavin McNicoll,
Director, Eden Intelligence

Tom King, Baron King of Bridgwater, CH, PC
Founder Chairman of the Parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee

Speakers:

Professor Keith Jeffery MRIA
Author of **MI6: The History of the Secret Intelligence Service 1909-1949**
Michael Smith, award-winning Sunday Times journalist and author of
SIX: The Unauthorized History of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service
Sir David Omand GCB, former Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee
The Rt. Hon. Sir Martin Gilbert, Official biographer of Winston Churchill
Andrey Rostov, retired KGB counterintelligence Colonel, "GROUP NORTH"
Brian Kelley, 40 year CIA case officer
Keith Melton, intelligence historian and author
Harry Ferguson, former SIS officer and intelligence historian
Hayden Peake, Retired CIA officer and bibliophile
Gill Bennett, former Chief Historian of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Raymond Batvinis, FBI Historian of World War II Counterintelligence

After dinner special event:

"Centenary Challenge – Intelligence officers vs. Intelligence historians"
Hosted by Jeremy Paxman of the BBC

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DAY 1 – 14th October - Main Conference

09.00 **Registration, with refreshments available**

09.15 **Opening Welcome: Gavin McNicoll, Director, Eden Intelligence**

09.20 **SESSION 1 Opening Keynote Chaired by Lord King**
Professor Keith Jeffery MRIA, MI6: The History of the Secret Intelligence Service 1909-1949 (60 mins)

Questions and Answers (35 mins)

10.55 **Mid Morning Break – (book sales and signing available) (35 mins)**

11.30 **SESSION 2 The Hoyer Network, a case study of SIS penetration of Soviet Russia in the 1920s, Chaired by Nigel West**

Michael Smith, award-winning Sunday Times journalist and author of **SIX: The Unauthorized History of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service (40 mins)**

Questions and Answers (10 mins)

12.30 **Buffet Lunch (70 mins)**

13.40 **SESSION 3 Early History, Chaired by Nigel West**

Harry Ferguson, former SIS Officer, The Early History of SIS - private sources (30)

Questions and Answers (10 mins)

14.20 **SESSION 4 (40 mins) Chaired by Gavin McNicoll**

Gill Bennett, Former Chief Historian of the FCO
The Whitehall view of SIS 1919-149

Questions and Answers (15 mins)

15.15 **Mid Afternoon Break (15 mins)**

15.30 **SESSION 5 Pre and post war SIS, Chaired by Lord King**

Nigel West (30 mins)
Raymond Batvinis, FBI Historian of World War II Counterintelligence (30 mins)

Questions and Answers (30 mins)

17.00 **Close**

Break until 19.00 to permit delegates to change into black tie / tuxedo for dinner

DAY 2 – 15th October

10.00 **Registration, with refreshments available**

10.15 **SESSION 1** **Chaired by Gavin McNicoll**
Sir David Omand, GCB, RUSI, former Security and Intelligence Coordinator (45)
Questions and Answers (15mins)

11.15 **Mid Morning Break (15 mins)**

11.30 **SESSION 2** **Chaired by Nigel West**
THE GORDIEVSKY CASE – THE VIEW FROM INSIDE THE KGB (45 mins)
Andrey Rostov, retired KGB counterintelligence Colonel
Questions and Answers (15 mins)

12.30 **Lunch (75 mins)**

13.45 **SESSION 3** **Chaired by Gavin McNicoll**
Brian Kelley, retired 40 year CIA case officer
Keith Melton, intelligence historian and author
Questions and Answers (15 mins)

15.30 **Mid Afternoon Break (15 mins)**

15.45 **SESSION 4 - Myths & Mysteries in the Intelligence Literature**
Chaired by Nigel West
Hayden Peake, Retired CIA officer and bibliophile
(50 mins)
Questions and Answers (10 mins)

16.45 **SESSION 5** **Churchill, Menzies and BONIFACE/ULTRA 1940-1945 (45 mins)**
Chaired by Nigel West
The Rt. Hon. Sir Martin Gilbert
Questions and Answers (15 mins)

17.45 **Closing remarks**
Gavin McNicoll, Director, Eden Intelligence
