

# SPIES OF WAR

DOCUMENTARY SERIES OF 4.52 MINUTES

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#### **SUMMARY**

Garbo, Brutus, Treasure, Fuchs, Gold, Penkovsky ...these names probably mean nothing to you, and yet those who carry them have contributed to changing the course of history in the greatest secrecy. Whether it was because of ideology, the lure of something exciting, or simply because they had no choice, these men and women were the greatest spies of the Second World War and the Cold War. They worked in the shadows for years on behalf of the CIA, MI-5, or the KGB. They stole top-secret documents, leaked false information, created false identities, uncovered «moles» ... and they played crucial roles in some of the most important moments of the 20th century.

This "Spies of War" Series brings the discovery of these fascinating and disturbing characters to life. How did secret double agents, recruited by the British secret services, set up the biggest disinformation campaign of World War 2? By what means did the Soviets obtain the plans of the atomic bomb developed by the United States? During the Cuban missile crisis, how did a Russian officer help the CIA to avert a nuclear war?

Through four episodes of 52 minutes each, you will glimpse the behind-the-scenes stories of these decisive events in history. You will see how a single man co-opted 24 different identities to simulate the existence of a spy ring. You will understand why a simple lover's dispute almost derailed the allies' landing in Normandy, or how scientists succeeded in providing the KGB with ultra-confidential plans of the atomic bomb. You will discover coded messages, letters written in invisible ink, microfilms hidden in boxes of chocolates, and all the astounding tactics conceived by these agents to transmit top secret information.

Relying on reconstructions, archival footage and still images, analysis of documents declassified by intelligence agencies, interviews with renowned experts, and the testimony of former secret agents, these films from the "Spies of War" collection will offer you an unprecedented immersion into the minds of these spies who turned the course of history.





# EPISODE 1 OPERATION FORTITUDE THE D-DAY SPIES

British MI-5's double agents organized the largest disinformation campaign of the entire Second World War. Their mission: to trick the Germans into thinking that the Allies would land in Pas-de-Calais and in Norway to keep the troops out of Normandy.



### MANHATTAN PROJECT THE ATOMIC SPIES

In the ultra-secure enclosures of the Los Alamos laboratory, KGB spies worked in the shadows for years. Their goal was to provide the Soviets with crucial information about the Manhattan Project for the development of atomic weapons.

## EPISODE 3 CUBA, 1962 THE SPY WHO PREVENTED THE WAR

In 1962, in the midst of the Cuban missile crisis, Oleg Penkovsky, a Soviet intelligence officer, became the CIA's greatest ally. In one of the biggest secret missions, this double agent provided several hundred confidential documents to the Americans. By exposing all the details of the Soviet military strategies, he played a major role in preventing a nuclear war.



# **OPERATION MINCEMEAT**THE SOLDIER WHO DID NOT EXIST.

On April 30, 1943, the corpse of a British officer was discovered on a Spanish beach. He carried confidential documents with him that revealed all the details of a military landing in the Balkans. The Germans, who immediately seized this valuable information, failed to recognize a major detail: the officer never existed, and the documents he carried were all false. It was, in fact, a MI-5 ruse to divert the German army from Sicily, where an allied landing was planned several months later.





#### **OPERATION FORTITUDE:** THE D-DAY SPIES

**EPISODE 1** 

On June 6, 1944, the "Overlord" mission was launched: nearly 130,000 British, American, and Canadian soldiers landed on the Normandy beaches of Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword, initiating the liberation of French territory held by the Nazis. Although this was the largest landing operation in History, no one in the German camprecognized its magnitude. There as on? The Nazis were convinced that the offensive in Normandy was merely a diversionary maneuver by the Allies prior to the actual landing in Pas de Calais. The bulk of the German troops was mobilized elsewhere ... and would not be deployed to Normand ground to fight until two months later.

How could the Axis forces be overtaken by the biggest landing operation in History? By what means did the allies succeed in concealing all Objective: to mislead Hitler and encourage him to tanks and wooden ships in the south of England. concentrate his troops away from Normandy.



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They recruited actors from Broadway and Hollywood with American accents to drown enemy ears with coded messages. And most importantly, the British secret services relied on a top-secret committee – the XX, or "Double Cross" committee - with a collection of odd characters: a Polish anglophile, a penniless Peruvian aristocrat, a Basque with delusions of grandeur, a young woman obsessed with dogs, and a fiery and seductive Serb. They were a collection of colorful individuals, all of whom were double agents. They had gained the confidence of the German secret services, but in reality they actually switched sides and were working for the British intelligence service, either through their own personal convictions or because they were «turned.» Their code names: Brutus, Bronx, Garbo, Tricycle, and Treasure.

In this episode of the series "Spies of War", you will discover the behind-the-scenes stories of an incredible military infiltration carried out by a group of spies who were as imaginary as they were effective. You will understand how men and women with curious and troubled identities lured Hitler into the Allied strategy by delivering reports to the Germans with a careful mix of truths and lies. You will read lines from the Treasure Agent's diary and messages from Agent Bronx who managed to gather crucial information while gambling at a casino. You will discover how Agent Garbo convinced the Germans that he had a network of 24 informers around him, although he was acting entirely alone.



You will be privy to coded messages that were sent to Nazi contacts during the landing, which convinced officers of an imminent offensive elsewhere than in Normandy. And you will witness how some of the most secret operations in the history of intelligence almost fell apart several times due to a lover's dispute, or because a radio operator was romancing a flamenco dancer, or because a dog was hit by a truck.

As the pieces are revealed, you will relive this extraordinary mission of disinformation, which although completely hidden in the shadows, contributed to the success of D-Day.



#### MANHATTAN PROJECT: THE ATOMIC SPIES

**EPISODE 2** 

On August 29, 1949, the first Soviet atomic bomb in history was dropped in Kazakhstan. Nicknamed "First Lightning", it was an almost exact replica of the American plutonium bomb dropped on Nagasaki four years earlier, on August 9, 1945. This event was pivotal in launching the nuclear arms race between the two enemy powers.

This USSR-developed bomb overtook the entire world. No one expected such a rapid technological advancement in the Soviet camp ... not even the British or American secret services. How did the USSR catch up so quickly when years of arduous research were needed for the first American prototypes? This major event, which froze the world into four decades of cold war, was the result of intense industrial espionage carried out by one of the most important network of «moles» of the 20th century. For a number of years, several physicists, who were involved in the secret Manhattan Project, had been delivering hundreds of crucial pieces of information about the atomic weapon to the KGB.





What prompted these young and brilliant scientists to divulge the secrets of the atomic bomb to the sworn enemy of the USA? How did this transpire at one of the most scrutinized sites in the United States, the secret Los Alamos National Laboratory? How did the KGB maneuver through this so that their colleagues were not suspicious of the "mole" activities? In this episode of the series "Spies of War", you will relive one of the most important legends of industrial espionage on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

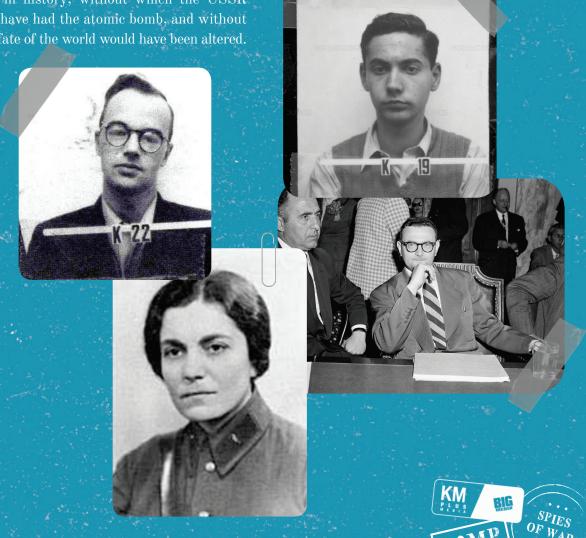
You will discover the astonishing infiltration masterpiece by the Russian spy, Elizabeth Zarubina, who used seduction to enter the inner circle of Robert Oppenheimer, the head of the Manhattan Project, and subsequently recruited moles. Whether it was sympathy with Communist ideology, or fear of the American atomic monopoly, you will understand the hidden motivations of Ted Hall, Klaus Fuchs, and David Greenglass, the three principal "Atomic Spies", who collaborated with the USSR from the very interior of Los Alamos. You will decrypt the very poetically encoded messages sent by Ted Hall to his contacts to coordinate document exchange. You will attend the discreet meeting of Klaus Fuchs and the KGB Harry Gold, who intersected on a bridge without a word to exchange ultra-sensitive data.



You will discover the methods of David Greenglass, who implicated his sister and brother-in-law Rosenberg in his spy work. You will see how Lona Cohen, another «courier,» instigated a deceitful ruse when she ran head-on into police officers as she dared to transport documents from the Manhattan Project hidden in a packet of tissues.

You will also discover the astonishing Venona Project, which was initiated by the US counterintelligence services. Its purpose was to decipher messages transmitted by the KGB, the NKVD, and the GRU, the three major Soviet intelligence agencies. For months, dozens of cryptanalysts scrutinized thousands of intercepted Russian messages to attempt to crack the code. In 1946, they were finally able to do so, and this was the beginning of an enormous system of discreet eavesdropping, which lasted until 1980. Through hundreds of decrypted messages, the CIA discovered the extent of espionage within the Manhattan Project and identified most of the moles. However, the Americans didn't want to reveal the fact that they had broken the Soviet code of communication. So how did they stop the spies and bring them to trial without official evidence? You will witness American intelligence agents tracking the atomic spies, trying to catch them in the act. Although a dozen spies were arrested, some, concealed by their code names, were never identified...

From the development of the first atomic bomb by the Americans until the declassification of the Venona Papers in 1995, this documentary will reveal every step of the most famous scientific espionage in history, without which the USSR might not have had the atomic bomb, and without which the fate of the world would have been altered.



#### CUBA 1962: THE SPY WHO PREVENTED THE WAR

**EPISODE 3** 

On 22 October 1962, President Kennedy appeared on American television screens, announcing that the United States had evidence of Soviet rocket launcher installations in Cuba. It was clear that nuclear-headed ballistic missiles would soon directly threaten American soil, and Kennedy announced the immediate establishment of a blockade around Cuba to prevent further deliveries of arms to the Soviet Union. People all over the world were gravely concerned. If Russian President Khrushchev refused to withdraw the missiles from Cuba, it would be nuclear war. Fortunately, after 10 days in which the world was holding its breath, the tension finally broke. The Russians removed the missiles from the communist island, and the Americans put an end to the blockade.

The Cuban missile crisis, the culmination of the spectacular clash between the two superpowers embodied in the two "K's" – Kennedy and Khrushchev – has already been told. But a crucial aspect of this crisis has long been a mystery:







the role played by Colonel Oleg Penkovsky, one of the greatest spies of the 20th century. At the end of World War II, this brilliant Soviet officer reached the highest echelons of the Soviet army's secret services. However, because of his cunning, he also became a priceless mole of the Westerners, passing thousands of documents through the Iron Curtain.

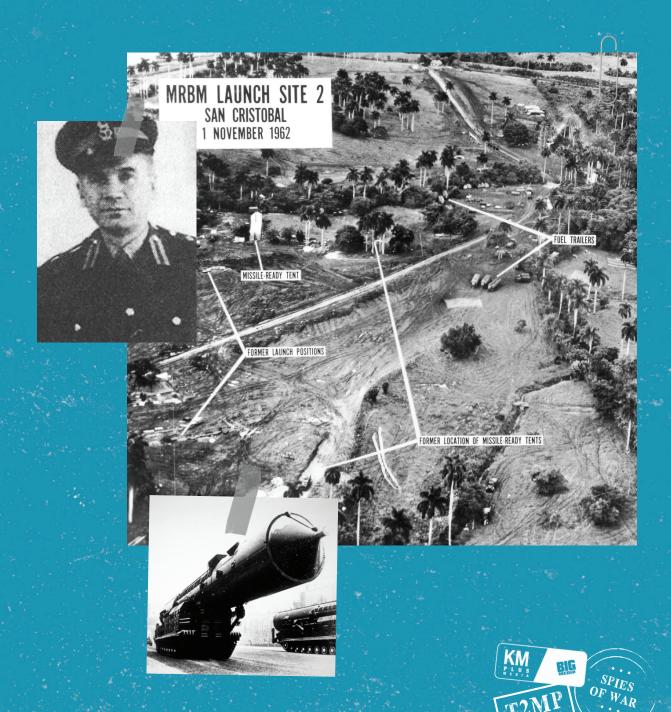
In this new episode of the "Spies of War" collection, you will discover the remarkable account of a spy who worked in the shadows of the CIA, and played a central role in the resolution of the Cuban crisis. You will discover how his family history led him to be a traitor to the Soviet Union. You will attend his first meeting with Agent Greville Wynne, which marks the beginning of his career as a spy for the British Crown. You will witness the MI-6 and CIA debriefing to verify his credibility to serve as a dual agent. You will also discover the amazing stunts that were fashioned to steal and transmit documents to the heart of Moscow without suspicion. Microphotography devices, dead letter boxes, carefully prepared furtive encounters ... strategies worthy of a James Bond film!



In total, Penkovsky handed over 5,000 strategic documents to the West. Thanks to him, the United States obtained vital information about USSR military power, as well as Khrushchev's intentions. Through the Cuban missile crisis, the CIA became aware of the true scale of the threat...and Kennedy was able to stand up to Khrushchev, thereby avoiding a nuclear apocalypse.

But the most precious mole of the Westerners was situated in the heart of the Soviet stronghold and had finally aroused suspicions of the KGB, who then put a large-scale surveillance system into place. You will see how Russian counter-intelligence gathered an enormous amount of evidence against Oleg Penkovsky. Photos, films, spyware, and poisons ... the USSR deployed everything necessary to capture this traitor in the act.

From his conversion to the Western cause until his arrest and execution in 1963, this documentary reveals the discovery of the incredible double life of Colonel Penkovsky, the spy who helped prevent a Third World War.



# OPERATION MINCEMEAT: THE SOLDIER WHO DID NOT EXIST

**EPISODE 4** 

On the morning of April 30, 1943, a sardine fisherman discovered the dead body of a British officer floating off the coast of Andalusia. In a leather briefcase attached to his wrist, there were top-secret documents detailing the preparations for a landing in Sardinia and the Balkans. The Germans immediately seized this valuable information, but they ignored a major detail: the English soldier had never existed, and the documents he transported were entirely false. It is, in fact, one of the most ingenious deceptions of the Second World War led by the British secret services: Operation Mincemeat. The objective was to divert the Wehrmacht troops from Sicily, where an allied landing was planned several months later.

In this episode of the series "Spies of War", you will relive all the details of this extraordinary hoax, tinged with black humor and led by teams in the "Double Cross" committee of the British MI-5. You will learn how Lieutenant Colonel Ewen Montagu, who was in charge of the project, came up with this incredible ruse. You will accompany

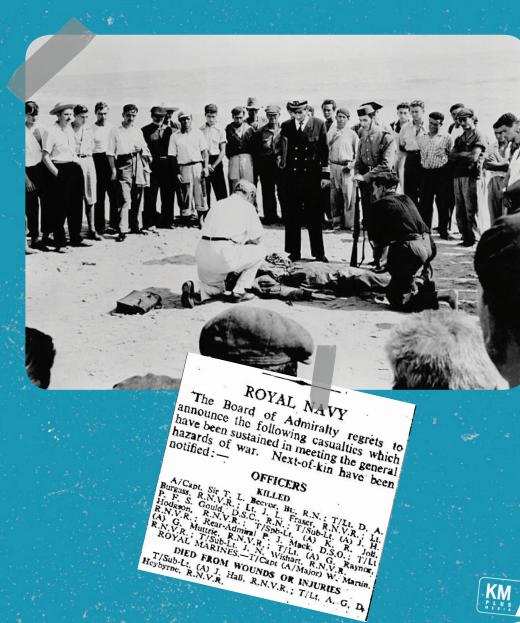


him in the search for the ideal corpse, and you will be acquainted with the vagrant Glyndwr Michael, the post-mortem hero of this gigantic deception. You will find out how MI-5 created a fictional character to deceive the Germans: Major William Martin, a Royal Marine captain born in Cardiff. Armed with a counterfeit identity card, love letters from a fiancée named Pam, a set of keys, a home in London, tickets for a play, and some earnest notes... his entire life had been imagined to the smallest detail.



You will also discover the behind-the-scenes of this false shipwreck worthy of a novel: how MI-5 ensured that the body would be found, that the documents would be recovered by the Germans, and above all, that they would be considered true. From the choice of the launching place of the corpse to its discreet recovery by the intelligence services of the Reich, from the official announcement of the death of Major Martin by the British authorities to the thorough investigation of a German spy to ensure reliability of the documents, you will see that nothing has been left to chance. Finally, because Hitler himself believed in this well-thought-out enterprise of deception, he diverted his troops to the Balkans and Sardinia, thus offering the Allies a successful landing in Sicily in August 1943.

Step by step, you will relive this fascinating and underappreciated episode of the Second World War – the story that began the victorious reoccupation of Europe by the South against Nazi Germany.





#### THE EXPERTS



#### ARNE KISLENKO

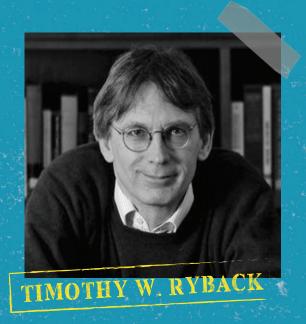
As Professor of History at Ryerson University, Canada, Arne Kislenko is one of the leading scholars in the history of intelligence services of the 20th century. For several years, he worked as a consultant for national security affairs for the federal government. As author of numerous works and an excellent pedagogue and popularizer, he also appears regularly in the media to comment on cases related to espionage or terrorism.



NIGEL WEST

The former member of the British parliament, also known as Rupert Allason, is a historian and writer specializing in espionage. He is the author of more than 30 books on the subject, but also an outstanding investigator, with several "big shots" to his credit. He notably discovered the double agent Garbo, who officially died in 1949 but had in fact returned to his life under another identity in Venezuela.

Coined the "expert of experts" by The Observer, he has privileged access to many documents, and has personally worked with several MI-5, CIA, and KGB spies. Some even think he is an undercover spy himself.

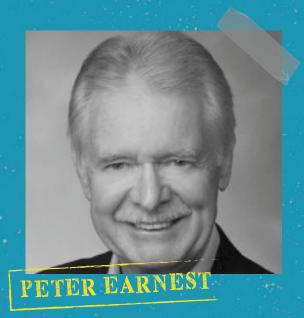


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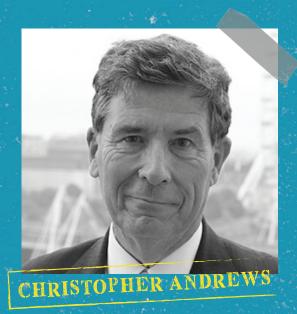
books that belonged to the Führer, is considered to be the Best Historical Novel of 2008 by the Washington Post.



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Peter Earnest is the founding Executive Director of the International Spy Museum in Washington and a 35-year veteran of the CIA. He conducted clandestine operations, primarily in Europe and the Middle East, and ran a wide range of top-secret intelligence collection, including counterintelligence and double agent operations. No one knows the secrets of US intelligence and counterintelligence better than Peter. He knows the recruitment process of spies, their motivations, methods, and faults, and he knows how to use all the specially designed «gadgets» for intelligence missions. Through him, we will experience an unprecedented immersion into the lives of the spies who worked in the shadows after the Second World War.



As Professor Emeritus of Modern and Contemporary History at the University of Cambridge and official historian of the British Security Service, Christopher Andrew is a leading expert in the history of the British and Soviet intelligence services. For years, he worked closely with exfiltrated Soviet officers, including the Mitrokhin archivist, who sent him thousands of top-secret documents from the KGB offices. His books, which include "Comrade Kryuchkov's Instructions: Top Secret Files on KGB Foreign Operations, 1975-1985" and "The Mitrokhin Archives", became bestsellers and revealed surprising information about Soviet secret police activities during the 20th century.



