

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-39409-3 - British Intelligence in the Second World War: Security and Counter-Intelligence, Volume Four

F. H. Hinsley and C. A. G. Simkins

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

**BRITISH INTELLIGENCE
IN THE SECOND
WORLD WAR**

VOLUME FOUR

**SECURITY AND
COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE**

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-39409-3 - British Intelligence in the Second World War: Security and Counter-Intelligence, Volume Four

F. H. Hinsley and C. A. G. Simkins

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

**The authors of this, as of other official histories
of the Second World War, have been given free access
to official documents. They alone are responsible
for the statements made and the views expressed.**

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-39409-3 - British Intelligence in the Second World War: Security and Counter-Intelligence, Volume Four

F. H. Hinsley and C. A. G. Simkins

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

VOLUME FOUR

SECURITY AND
COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

by

F. H. HINSLEY

Fellow of St John's College and Emeritus Professor of the History
of International Relations in the University of Cambridge

and

C. A. G. SIMKINS

Sometime Scholar of New College,
Oxford and of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS
NEW YORK

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-39409-3 - British Intelligence in the Second World War: Security and Counter-Intelligence, Volume Four

F. H. Hinsley and C. A. G. Simkins

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

© British Crown copyright 1990
First published 1990

Published in the USA by the
Syndicate of Cambridge University Press
32 East 57th Street, New York, NY10022, USA

Printed in the United Kingdom for
Her Majesty's Stationery Office

Dd 291446 C75 12/89

ISBN 0 521 39409 0

Cambridge University Press
978-0-521-39409-3 - British Intelligence in the Second World War: Security and
Counter-Intelligence, Volume Four
F. H. Hinsley and C. A. G. Simkins
Frontmatter
[More information](#)

CONTENTS

Preface	ix
List of Abbreviations	xi

PART I:

Chapter 1:	Before the War	3
Chapter 2:	The Twilight War	29
Chapter 3:	The Fifth Column Panic	47
Chapter 4:	The Re-Organisation of Security in the United Kingdom, June 1940 to June 1941	65

PART II:

Chapter 5:	The Decline of the Threat from Subversion to the End of 1942	79
Chapter 6:	The Defeat of the Abwehr's Offensive, June 1940 to the Autumn of 1941, and the Consolidation of the Double-Cross System	87
Chapter 7:	Counter-Espionage Operations and the De- velopment of Deception from the Autumn of 1941 to the End of 1942	107
Chapter 8:	Disputes about Responsibility for Counter- Espionage from June 1941 to the End of 1942	131

PART III:

Chapter 9:	The Development of Security Organisation Overseas to the End of 1942	141
Chapter 10:	Counter-Espionage and Deception Opera- tions Overseas to the End of 1942	157

PART IV:

Chapter 11:	Security Organisation in the United King- dom and Overseas after 1942	173
-------------	--	-----

Chapter 12:	Counter-Espionage Operations in the United Kingdom and Overseas from the Beginning of 1943 to mid-1944	193
Chapter 13:	Double-Cross and Deception in the United Kingdom and Overseas from the Beginning of 1943 to mid-1944	217

PART V:

Chapter 14:	Security Precautions for Operation <i>Overlord</i>	247
Chapter 15:	Counter-Espionage Operations in the Field	261
Chapter 16:	Security against Germany in the United Kingdom to the End of the War	273
Chapter 17:	Security against the Communist threat in the United Kingdom to the End of the War	283

APPENDICES

Appendix 1:	The German Intelligence Services	
	(i) The Organisation of the Abwehr	295
	(ii) The Sicherheitsdienst	299
	(iii) The Fall of the Abwehr	301
Appendix 2:	The CPGB's <i>Volte Face</i> in October 1939	305
Appendix 3:	Technical Problems affecting Radio Communications by the Double-Cross Agents	309
Appendix 4:	List of Subjects Considered by the Security Executive	315
Appendix 5:	Prosecutions under the Defence Regulations	
	(i) The British Union	319
	(ii) The Communist Party	320
Appendix 6:	Abwehr Agents; Autumn 1940	321
Appendix 7:	Two Seamen Agents	329
Appendix 8:	<i>Tate's</i> Report on Bomb Damage at Coventry as submitted for Approval and as Approved	331
Appendix 9:	Some 1942 Spies	
	(i) Enemy Double Agents	335
	(ii) Simoes	336
	(iii) Executed	337
Appendix 10:	Interrogation Methods	
	(i) The London Reception Centre	339
	(ii) Camp 020	341

Cambridge University Press
978-0-521-39409-3 - British Intelligence in the Second World War: Security and
Counter-Intelligence, Volume Four
F. H. Hinsley and C. A. G. Simkins
Frontmatter
[More information](#)

Appendix 11:	Six Spies Caught in 1943 and 1944	
	(i) Escapers	343
	(ii) A Parachutist	345
Appendix 12:	List of Important Items ‘which it is Undesir- able for Visitors to see’	347
Appendix 13:	The SHAEF Directive on Counter- Intelligence	349
Appendix 14:	The Case of <i>King Kong</i>	373
Appendix 15:	Double-Cross Agents Run in the Field 1944 to 1945	379
Index		385

Numbered notes to the text are to be found at the end of each chapter.

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-39409-3 - British Intelligence in the Second World War: Security and Counter-Intelligence, Volume Four

F. H. Hinsley and C. A. G. Simkins

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

ix

PREFACE

THIS BOOK forms part of the series entitled *British Intelligence in the Second World War*, of which the first three volumes, dealing with the influence of intelligence on strategy and operations, have already been published. In the course of producing it we have enjoyed the privileges that were extended to the authors of the earlier volumes, and have been governed by the same conditions. These privileges and conditions were set out in the prefaces to Volumes I, II and III and are here recapitulated.

We have been granted unrestricted access to the intelligence records for the inter-war years and the Second World War, as well as to other relevant archives, as a special measure. If any archives have escaped our attention we are satisfied that oversight on our part is the sole explanation. No constraints have been placed on us while carrying out our research. On the contrary, in obtaining access to the archives and consulting members of the war-time intelligence community we have received full cooperation from the Historical Section of the Cabinet Office and appropriate government departments.

In preparing the results of our research for publication, however, we have observed the ruling that was laid down by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on 12 January 1978 in a written reply to a parliamentary question. The reply advised war-time intelligence staff on the extent to which they were absolved from their undertakings of reticence in the light of recent changes of policy with regard to the release of war-time records. He drew a distinction between the records of the Service intelligence directorates, which will be placed with other departmental archives in the Public Record Office, and 'other information, including details of the methods by which this material was obtained'. He explained that this other information 'remains subject to the undertakings and to the Official Secrets Acts and may not be disclosed'. And he concluded with a reference to this History: 'if it is published, the principles governing the extent of permitted disclosure embodied in the guidance above will apply in relation to the Official History'. The 'other information' here mentioned is information in some of the records of the intelligence-gathering bodies.

As already stated, this ruling has not prevented us from consulting these records. Nor has it prevented us from incorporating in the text the results of our work on them; we have been required to restrict our use of them only to the extent that secrecy about

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-39409-3 - British Intelligence in the Second World War: Security and Counter-Intelligence, Volume Four

F. H. Hinsley and C. A. G. Simkins

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

x

intelligence techniques and with respect to individuals remains essential. It has, however, dictated the system we have adopted when giving references to our sources. To the files of the assessors, recipients, and users of intelligence – government departments, inter-departmental bodies, operational commands and other executive authorities – we have supplied precise references. This applies not only to documents already opened in the Public Record Office, and those to be opened after a stated period of extended closure, but also to individual files and papers which, though they may not be available for public research for a considerable time to come, nevertheless fall into categories of war-time records whose eventual opening in the Record Office may be expected. But it would have served no useful purpose to give precise references to the domestic files of the intelligence-gathering bodies, which are unlikely to be opened in the Public Record Office.

In the present volume, dealing with Security and Counter-Intelligence, the evidence derived from these latter, restricted, files constitutes a much higher proportion of the total source material than was the case with the volumes which dealt with the influence of intelligence on strategy and operations. To a considerable extent the account we give is accordingly one for which Public Record Office references for the sources cannot be provided. But we have attempted to give such references whenever, the security and counter-intelligence authorities having brought their concerns and the results of their work to the attention of government departments and other users of intelligence, the papers remain in the archives of the recipients.

The extent to which this has been possible is not sufficient to justify the provision of a bibliography or guide to sources. It should be noted, however, that the recipients were with few exceptions identical with the recipients of the product of other intelligence-collecting bodies, and that the bibliography in Volume III, Part 2, of this series contains a comprehensive guide to the location of such of their archives as have been or will be released to the public records.

We wish to acknowledge the help given by Miss Patricia McCallum in her capacity as research assistant. We should add that the contribution made by Miss Eve Streatfeild in respect of research and administrative management to this volume, as to the earlier volumes in the series, has been invaluable.

ABBREVIATIONS

AO	Auslands Organisation
ARCOS	All Russian Co-operative Society
BSC	British Security Co-ordination
BU, BUF	British Union (of Fascists)
‘C’	or CSS: Head of the Secret Service
CAS	Chief of the Air Staff
CCS	Combined Chiefs of Staff (Anglo-American)
CICI	Combined Intelligence Centre Iraq
CID	Committee of Imperial Defence
CIGS	Chief of the Imperial General Staff
COS	Chiefs of Staff (British)
COSSAC	Chief of Staff to the Supreme Allied Commander (Designate)
CPGB	Communist Party of Great Britain
CSDIC	Combined Services Detailed Interrogation Centre
CSO	Consular Security Officer
DF	Direction Finding
DMI	Director of Military Intelligence
DNI	Director of Naval Intelligence
DPP	Director of Public Prosecutions
DR	Defence Regulation
DSO	Defence Security Officer
FAK	Frontaufklärungs Kommandos
FAT	Frontaufklärungs Truppen
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FUSAG	Notional 1st US Army Group
GC and CS	Government Code and Cypher School
GPO	General Post Office
HDE	Home Defence Executive (not to be confused with the HD(S)E)
HD(S)E	Home Defence (Security) Executive (first name of the Security Executive)
HPC	Home Policy Committee
IRA	Irish Republican Army
ISO	Industrial Security Officer
ISOS	Intelligence Service, Oliver Strachey (the general term used throughout this volume to refer to decrypts and translations of German intelligence messages)
ISSB	Inter-Services Security Board

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-39409-3 - British Intelligence in the Second World War: Security and Counter-Intelligence, Volume Four

F. H. Hinsley and C. A. G. Simkins

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

xii

JIC	Joint Intelligence Committee
JIF	Japanese Inspired Fifth Columnist
KO	Kriegsorganisation (of the Abwehr)
LCS	London Controlling Section
LOC	Liaison Officers Conference
LRC	London Reception Centre
MEDC	Middle East Defence Committee
MEIC	Middle East Intelligence Centre
MI	Military Intelligence
NID	Naval Intelligence Division
NSDAP	National Sozialistische Deutsche Arbeiter Partei
OB	Ossewa Brandwag
OKH	Oberkommando des Heeres (High Command of the German Army)
OKW	Oberkommando der Wehrmacht (High Command of the German Armed Forces)
OSS	Office of Strategic Services (US)
PPU	Peace Pledge Union
PWE	Political Warfare Executive
RCMP	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
RSHA	Reichssicherheitshauptamt
RSHA (Mil Amt)	Reichssicherheitshauptamt Militärisches Amt
RSLO	Regional Security Liaison Officer
RSS	Radio Security Service
SCIU	Special Counter-Intelligence Unit
SCO	Security Control Officer
SD	Sicherheitsdienst
SE	Security Executive
SHAEF	Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force
SIC	Security Intelligence Centre
SIGINT	Signals Intelligence – the general term for the processes of interception, analysis and decryption and the intelligence they produced
SIME	Security Intelligence Middle East
SIS	Special or Secret Intelligence Service
SOE	Special Operations Executive
SSM	Service de Sécurité Militaire
TIS	Theatre Intelligence Section
W/T	Wireless Telegraphy