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## FILE ON A TIRED TRAITOR

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"SOMEBODY seems to think he's seen Alfred Dawes," said Hunter. "Dawes? ... He must be clocking on a bit now," said Callan. "Nonsense." Hunter's voice was testy. "He can't be a day over 60. A man in his prime." Oh dear, oh dear, thought Callan. When will I learn to be tactful?

"Dawes," Hunter said again. "The first of the great defectors. Sell

all thou hast and give

it to the Russians. . . "He sold for cash then?" Hunter glared, and Callan added gently, "It was a little before my time."

"How you do harp on age," said Hunter. "But it was a cash deal. The K.G.B. gave him a quarter of a million, and he gave them all he knew about the H-bomb we were trying to make . . . he knew rather a lot."

"Where was he spotted ?" Callan asked. "Cordoba," said Hunter.

"Where?"

"It's in Spain," said Hunter kindly. "More precisely in Andalucia. Moorish city. You'll like it."

Moorish city. You'll like it." "I'm going then?" "Indeed you are," said Hunter. "You're going to bring him back." Hunter swivelled to the drinks table, measured precise amounts of ice. Chivas Regal and water into a Waterford tumbler, and nended the mixture to Callan, his hands as sure as a pharmacist's... Callan took a healthy swig. He hated defector jobs: so often they invoked heart rending grief. "Who spotted him?" he

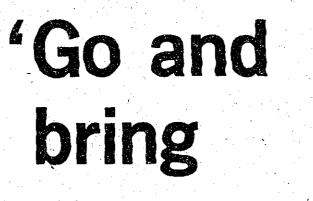
"Who spotted him?" he asked.

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asked. "Keith," said Hunter. "Sandy Keith?" "Mr. Alexander Keith to you," said Hunter. "He's only addressed as Sandy when he appears on that squalid little box." Sandy Keith, thought Callan. Telly pundit. King of the highbrow chat-shows.

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## this defector back-alive!'

## by JAMES MITCHELL

Whimsically intellectual, diffi-dently progressive—and with a dash, no more, of Scottish

feyness. "He would recognise Dawes after all these years?" "Twenty-seven," said Hunter. "Indeed he would. They, were at Cambridge together—as undergraduates and dons. He served as secretary to the H-bomb

group Dawes worked with.— as a civil servant, that is. Keith's not a scientist." He waited until Callan had taken another sip of whicky. "You won't like him," he said. "That doesn't matter. Just talk to him—then go and fetch Dawes for me." His hands scooped up the

His hands scooped up the file from the Sheraton table, and handed it to Callan:

doba. Best to save his breath. He walked to the door, then turned, one question still unasked.

yellow cover, surveillance officient of the cover, surveillance "You don't want Dawes knocked off, then?" Callan asked as he took it. "Certainly not just bring him to me, as I said." "Good dog, thought Callan. Fetch it. Good boy. He finished the whisky and rose. "Suppose he won't come?" "I have every confidence in your powers of persuasion." said Hunter. Once Callan would have argued that one, but not any more. Hunter wanted Dawes, and all Callan could do about it was the best he couid, and he wouldn't know what that would be till he got to Cor

then, when he was thirty-three, betrayed his country,

three, betrayed his country, took the money and ran. It took all sorts, Callan thought, but the ones who took the money sooner or later had to talk to Hunter, even if Hunter had to wait 27 years and Callan had to bring them back from Spain. Good dog. Fetch. Fetch. He parked the car by a neat little Georgian box a stroll away from the Vale of Health. Gleaming maroon doors; gleaming brass knocker. Very nice ... Callan walked up a path of worn brick between two manicured lawns, and a girl looked up from the flower-bed she was weeding : a long-

She didn't believe it: she wouldn't have believed it if he'd told her what two and two made. "Mr. Hunter sent me," Callan said. "My name's Callan."

Callan." "I see." She stood up then, taking off her garden-ing gloves. Her legs were admirable, but her mouth still pouted. "Somehow we hadn't expected anyone quite so-" Her voice tailed off, and Callan wished desperately to know quite so what, and hated her for not telling hum, as she preceded him to the front door. "You'd better come in. I

'I'm an undercover man for the Scottish Nationalists '

wanted to hear: "I can't give you details," he began. "It would be improper of e to request them." said

But Dawes is accountable for his actions," said Callan. "He will be brought to account."

account. "By you?" "That's not decided yet." "I hope it's you," said Keith. "I've dealt with your sort before—during my days at the Ministry. You look as if you'd be more than ade-duate at that sort of accounting."

accounting." The nastiest compliment I ever received, thought Callan. "Cordoba the beautiful," said Keith. "The most exquisite of mosques, the loveliest of balconied streets where Christian and Arab and Jew lived together and were content under the benign rule of Moorish kings. — And then. alas, Cordoba fell."

fell." Stop writing your script, thought Callan. Just tell me where Dawes is and let me get back to sanity. "Cordoba-one of the three great iewels in the Moslem crown. The equal of Damascus. or what John Milton calls the great Alcairo-"" "Where abouts is Dames?"

Whereabouts is Dawes? \* said Callan.

"I'll take you to him." legged brunette with a pout-ing mouth and eyes that deplored his suit. "Yes?" she said. "Mr. Keith," said Callan. "I have an appointment." She den't helleve it, she "That won't be necessary." "On, but it will," Keith said." "Kirsty and I are

going back there to do some work on the programme-and anyway. I insist."

and anyway. I insist?" And Callan knew he meant it: if there was to be a death, Keith wanted to be in on it, otherwise his 'memory would go again, and .so would Kirsty's. Callan put down his glass of whisk'd water, and said: "I'll pass on what you've told me."

of whiskv'd water, and said : "T'll pass on what you've told me." "Please do." said Keith, and Callan rose." That Milton you mentioned — does he write your scripts for you? he asked. Keith noded again: he could afford to. He was well ahead on points . . Kirsty Lomax hed Callan to the dor. When they reached it she, said. "You're damm rude." "I know." said Callan. "I morry about it. Do you think it could be because of the company I keep?" The door slammed behind him, and he got into the car, drove off towards the heath. He'd heard there had been foxes sighted there had been foxes sighted there had been fox sighted there had been fox sighted there had been fox sighted there had been for of him with a pigeon In its mouth. It was a charm-ing beast fiaring russet pelt, jaunty movements, and so he swerved to ayoid it-and the "You'd better come in I suppose," she said, then as he did so, "You didn't bring a briefcase—I thean for tape-recorders and things?" "No briefcase," said Callan. No. 357 Magnum either, he thought, but then I didn't expect I'd have to shoot my way in. . . . She waited while he wiped his feet. Down a corridor, then a proom that held a Persian and a water-colour by Turner, and a Sheraton sofa-table almost as good as faunty movements, and so he swerved to avoid it—and the fox repaid him by saving his life. For as he swerved the bullet entered the windscreen to his left, thudded into the as S of Chat well. desk passenger seat and kept on The windscreen's safety plass instantly became a fellied mass of fragments; clinging together opaquely, but our together Spry ma'n hut even so Callan put his foot down and kept going on into a deserted by-road, braked and leaved from the car right hand instantly reaching for a 357 Magnum rom "He lying," ecurity show he wasn't carrying. He hadn't thought he'd need one just to drive across feeldrink. om a ed her Hampstead Heath.



			STEREO AMPLIFIERS Trident Price	FROM ONLY	Frigidaire Auto 51	Electrolux 2502 39.75 Hoover U1012 38.95 Hoover U2002 39.95	Hunter's—a room that would be insured for scores of thousands of pounds. Chat shows, it seemed paid well.
	<b>169</b> .95	MUSIC CENTRE 200 pn	Leak 2200 109.90 Rotel RA312 64.90 Rotel RA612 107.50 Sansui AU2900 79.00	E12.95 EXELAR 3 function 12.95	Trident Price	Hoover U4002 49.95	shows, it seemed, paid well, The man behind the desk seemed smaller than he looked on the box, small, spry and enormously fit for a man
1 1 8 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Rac .	FIDELITY MC2 MUSIC CENTRES Ferguson Studie 6 126,90	TUNERS         80.90           Rotel RT224         56.40           Rotel RT324         73.90	EXELAR 3 function chrome finish 14:95 EXELAR 3 function gold finish 15.95 EXELAR 5 function chrome finish (illus.) 18.25	AUTOMATICS Trident Prise Indesit L5 LGB 77.95 Indesit L6 96.95		of 60. "It's the man from Security," the girl said, "He says his name's Callan."
	18" Decca 301* Trident Price £169.95 Trident Price £169.95 Trident Price 17" Ferguson 3727 178.95	G.E.C. 2817 138.90 J.T.T. 2030/LS17 139.90 Decca 5339 166.90 Ferguson 3464/3474 166.90	Sansui TU3900         94,90           TUNER AMPLIFIERS         162,50           Akai 1020         162,50           Goodmans Module 90         118,90	TEXAS Standard 5 function 14.95 TEXAS De-Luxe 5 function 15.95 TEXAS Super De-Luxe 5 function 18.50 TRAFALGAR 5 function	Bendix 7142A         134.95           Hoover A3006         734.75           Philco W35         119.95           Servis 72         145.95		Then he's probably lying," said Keith. "All Security men do." He smiled to show that there were no hard feel-
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	Grandig 2200         250.50           22° Py= 222         225.95           Ultra 6725         232.95           G.E.C. 2201         226.00	I.T.T. 1000         43.50           Ferguson 3047         44.80           Decca 633         59.95           Ultra 6462         59.95	Rotel RP1500 Turntable Trident Price	chrome finish (illus.) 23.95 GALA 6 function gold finish 25.96 GALA 6 function gold finish 29.95	Bendix 7414         48,95           Burco D6         47,95           Creda 275         48,75           Creda 400         58,95	Hoover 4354         5.95           Proctor Silex 1299W         8.35           Sunbeam AD19H D/L         6.75           Sunbeam GS23         8.35	"It's fifteen year old single malt." said the girl. "I'd stull like water." She picked up a carafe and
	Oscca 352* 232.95 H.M.V. 2725 230.50 Philips 550 237.95 LT.T. 610 249.95	H.M.V. 2046 62.80 STEREO UNITS WITH RADIO Fidelity UA3 62.50	£66.80	CAMERAS	Frigidaire 270 47.95 SPIN 31.95 Bendix 7514A 31.95 Creda 37055 34.95	Sunbeam ISS/I 11.95 TOASTERS Hoover 8505 9.95	drowned his drink. "I take it you're not a Scot, Mr. Callan," said Keith. No." said Callan. "I'm not." He sipped his whisky-
	Brundig 2210 249.95 Philips 556 251.00 (with remote control)	Fidelity UA6         88,50           Ferguson 3457         69,90           Farguson 3465         99,95           Decca Audio 12         99,90	Akai AP001         67.50           Rotel RP1500 (Illustrated)         66.80           Rotel RP3000         109.95           Sansui SR 222P         61.90	Kodak 130 10.95	Creda 37057 42.95	Proctar Silex T686W 8.65 Russell Hobbs 5511 9.65 Sunbeam XAT08 9.85 Kenwood A120 8.95	not." He sipped his whisky- flavoured water. "But then I'm a liar; so when I say No I probably mean Yes and I'm an undercover man for the Scottish Nationalists." He
	I.T.T. 640 288.00 (with remote control) Grandig 4200 (new infra red 339.95 remote control)	Pye SX 0841         107.90           Decca DS 9000         85.95           STEREO CASSETTE DECKS         Decca DC1100           Decca DC1100         54.90	Garrard 125SB plus Shure M7565 cartridge All turntables complete with base, cover and plinth.	Kodak 230         15.50           Kodak 330         18.95           Kodak 155X         8.95           Kodak 255X         12.95		MIXERS           Kenwood A360         17.95           Kenwood A351         10.95           Kenwood A701A         43.95	were no hard feelings
-	26" Decca 334* 263.95 1.7.7.704 279.95 Philips 526 285.95 Philips 535 299.95	Decca BC2000         79.90           Ferguson 3272         53.90           RADIOS & RECORDERS	SPEAKERS Goodmans Havant SL 55.40 Mezzo SI, 81.90 Leak 2030 77.50	Polaroid Swinger EE     9.50       Polaroid Colcur Swinger     11.95       Polaroid Super Colcur Swinger     14.20       Polaroid 87 Film     1.15       Polaroid 88 Film     2.05		Kenwood attachmants available SHAVERS Philips 1126 16.55 Philips 1134 10.95	The girl, Kirsty, looked furious, but Keith merely nodded as one acknowledging a point scored by an opponent on a chat show.
	(with remote control) Grundig 5012 299.45 Decca 307T* 299.95 LT.T. 740 335.00	DECCA CR1100	Whatfeidale Chevin XP 27.90 Denton 2XP 39.90 Linton 3XP 55.40 Glendale 3XP 76.95	5 Pack 87 Film 5.25 5 Pack 88 Film 9.75	REFRIGERATORS Frigidaire RM 1400L 52.95 Frigidaire RM 1600L 58.95	Ronson RS55         10.95           Ronson RS55         7.25           Ronson RS752         14.95           Braun Synchron Plus         16.95	You've come about Dawes," he said. "What will you do to him?" Sandy Keith's eyes were
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	BLACK & WATE T.V.	Fye 9009         42.90           Ferguson 3275         44.90           Pye 352         44.90	CASSETTE DECKS	1800 - 24 Features         18.95           NOVUS         750 - 5 Features         4.25           835 - 9 Features         5.95	Ignis ARF763         92.95           Ignis ARF769         105.45           Ignis ARF860         139.95           Tricity 3086         129.95	Carmen 300 Curlers 16.45 Carmen SCI Steam Styler 8.75 Braun Di St0 Steam Styler 8.75 Plus Teasmades • Electric Blankets,	would be better if we talked alone." "But we are alone," said: Keith. "Kirsty knows all my secrets."
	£53.75	Bush 8411         51.50           1.T.T. RC 1001         59.90           Grandia 4100/4500         67.90	Åkai 34D         99,40           Åkai 39D         136,90           Åkai 6XO 710D         179,80           Rotel RD20         137,40           Sansui SC3000/SC3003         162,90	8R – 7 Features 5.90	Algor RF280 133.95 UPRIGHT FREEZERS Electrolux TR620 86.95	<ul> <li>Sun Lamps - Fan Heaters</li> <li>Coffee Percolators - Electric Tooth- brushes - Infra-red Grills and Multi-Cookers.</li> </ul>	She isn't going to know mine, thought Callan. "Besides. she was there' when I saw Dawes."
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	TABLE MODELS           20" Decce 120         65.95           Ultra 6823         63.95           24" Ferguson 3834         78.95	Grundig Melody 600 36.90 Grundig City 1100 46.90 Grundig Concert 1100 52.90	Wharfedale Price Chevin Speakers £135.90 Rotel RX152 Tuner Amplifier Rotel RP1500 Turntable	ATTACHMENTS D 984 5" Circular Saw 4.50 D 988 Finishing Sander 4.50 SELF-POWERED TOOLS	Belling 90 HU Hob 70.95 Tricity 2253 Hob 59.95	OPENING TIMES MON. TUES. 10 am-5-30 pm WED. THURS. FRI. 10 am-8.00 pm SAT. 9 am-5.30 pm	before he switched off the set. "A funny thing about memory," said Keith. "It
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	ENGLAME CARL BATH 3-4 Henry St. CHEL Tel: 62944 CHEL PLRAINGHAM Cotteridge, Place	Tel: 55108 96018 TENHAM 28 Edinburgh Coronation Square. Tel: 55108 IPSWICH Carr F Tel: 55108 IPSWICH Carr F Tel: 55108 IPSWICH Carr F Tel: 55108	Precinct. PAIGNTON 7 Hyde Rd. Tel: 523837 The Parada, PETERBOROUGH 6 Bretton	Tel: 46094 SWINDON 93 Cricklade Rd. Tel: 31945 TRURO Duke St./Prince's St. CAMB	DON MECOUNTIES ERWELL 23. Cambervoll 5. Tal: 01-703 3445 Tel: Brighton 41492 Tel: Brighton 41492	SLOUGH 302 High St.           Tel: 23718           STREATHAM 72 Streatham           High Rd.           High Rd. Tel: 01-769 5786	Again it was Miss Lomax who displayed anger. "No indeed," said Keith "It was why I did my duty
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	Tel: 021-400 Orth BIRMINGHAM Erdington 56 High St. Tel: 021-382 3455 EASI BIRMINGHAM Ward End, EXET	BY Derwant St. Tel: 46297 REOURNE 137 Seaside Rd. 170077. TER-St. Thomas Centre, Ck St. Tel: 51139 NEWPORT 12 C Tel: 56932 NORTHAMPTO Centre, Market H Tel: 712774	PORTSMOUTH 140 Fratton	Precinct. Tel: 32346 Tel: 25 WOLVERHAMPTON FINCH	HAM The Borough. Parade, Queensway.	Centre. PAIGNTON 7 Hyde Rd. Tel: 523837	tell me what you'll do to Dawes, I won't tell you a damn thing. Callan told Keith what he
	Tel: 021-783 7040						

"U NOCCUPIED hous with a balcony. said Hunter." Idea house

aid Hunter. "Ideal for a sniper. No fingerpints or anything of that sort No cartridge shell. One wouldn't excect that if it was a pro. But we have identified the bullet. Russian -or so the boffins think. High velocity. That probably means a Kalashkinov rifle with a telesconic sight. You were lucky. Who knew you'd be going that way?" *Keith.*" said Callan. "And the oirl saw me drive oft." "But why on earth should he?" said Hunter. Callan shrugged. "You were right about one thing." he said. "He really is not likeable." " Ideal er. 🔣 No

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"But Mr. Callan. it doesn't make sense." said Lonely. "I'm whimsical." said Cal-lan. "I always was. Even in the Scrubs."

Lonely, sighed. He could never understand Mr. Callan's passion for breaking into posh gaffs and then not nicking anything

gatis and then not nicking anything. "All I want you to do," said Callan. "is open up the place and accept a modest fee." "How modest?" said Lonely. "A hundred nicker." "Blimey," said Lonely. "it must be a tough one." "Manson alignm custom"

"must be a tough one." "Manson alarm system," added Callan. "I saw it." The smell came then, but the merest whiff, the first hint of a breeze that could yet become a gale force wind. "Mansons is murder." said Lonely, "It could take hours." "Take as long as you like." said Callan. "The owner's atom."

away. "You're sure?" Solemnly Callan licked his finger. "Cross my heart and hope to die. Mand I'll be your minder, won't 1?

"Oh well, in that case," "Oh well, in that case," said Lonely, and suddenly there was no hint of a smell. "You're on, Mr. Callan. Always happy to oblige a friend. Could I have it in oncers?" He got it in oncers, and opened to Keith's gaff in a manner that was an education just to watch, first waiting in cover for the Panda car to drive by, then a quick nip round the back to immobilie the alarm system by the kitchen window, then slowly, painstakingly, cutting a hole in the window, reaching through to unserew a second alarm, before he swung the window wide, climbed in without a sound and opened the back i door to admit Callani. Callan.

Callan: They went to the drawing room, and Lonely opened up the filing' cabinet for Callan to browse through Lonely wandered restlessly, and finished up by a glass display case that held collection of spuif boxes Callan looked up then Lonely loved shuft boxes "See it yout can and "See if you can And A