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Mr Michael Littlefair  
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Dear Mr Littlefair

I refer to your complaint to the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security about certain experiences you had during your career. After reviewing your summary of concerns, your primary claims appear to be that you may have been an unwitting pawn used by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); that you were placed in what appeared to you to be espionage positions without your knowledge, agreement or training and as a result you considered your life had been in danger. You also expressed concern that you were performing work in locations where you considered you should have held a security clearance, but were never issued one.

The Inspector-General has no jurisdiction to consider the conduct of foreign agencies, so cannot investigate your concerns about the actions of British, Russian or American agencies.

The Inspector General is also unable to determine whether a security clearance should have been issued to you to give you access to specific locations. Any decision about whether or not to issue you a security clearance at sensitive sites would usually be determined by the relevant authority on the basis of security policies. For example, the Australian Government has established security policies that can be found on line at [www.protectivesecurity.gov.au](http://www.protectivesecurity.gov.au) to provide guidance to Australian entities on managing security requirements. The majority of security clearances in Australia are administered by the Australian Government Security Vetting Agency (AGSVA). Security policies in some sites allow uncleared visitors to be escorted around the site by security cleared staff, however this office does not have jurisdiction to determine whether this is the way security policies are implemented at sites around the world.

The Inspector-General is responsible for overseeing the activities of the Australian intelligence agencies, including ASIO. For security reasons this office is unable to give you any information about whether or not you have ever been of interest to an Australian intelligence agency. However, it is important to note that the focus of these agencies is the protection of Australia from threats to Australia's security, not on causing harm to families or individuals. Our oversight for over 30 years has included regular inspections of ASIO activities to consider the legality and propriety of their conduct and their compliance with Australia's obligations to uphold and respect agreed human rights treaties. This enables us to have confidence the events you described are not consistent with ASIO's practices. Further information about the Inspector General is available on line at [www.igis.gov.au](http://www.igis.gov.au) .

In light of our assessment of the matters you raised, your correspondence will be kept on file for our records, but no action will be taken on it.

Yours sincerely

Alison  
Senior Investigation and Review Officer

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