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Subject: Re: Your complaint to IGIS [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED].      OIGIS/OUT/  
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To: OIGIS - Info <info@igis.gov.au>

Dear Alison

My apologies for not being clear and succinct about my issues in the previous email. I hope that this correspondence with be more direct.

As you mentioned below, I have written a book about these issues which contain the real names of people and organisations involved. I am sure you are well aware that the intelligence agencies very rarely if ever leave a smoking gun, but if you were to read the whole book, I am sure there would be an overwhelming stench of cordite.

Let me confine my issues to four instances.

1. I started work at ADI (now Thales) as a senior Chemist at the explosives plant at Mulwala, NSW in 1998. I was sent to Indian Heads Naval Surface Warfare Centre (NSWC) in the US in 2000. A top secret establishment. I also attended a course in Baltimore on military explosives given by Managers from Lawrence Livermore Labs at New Mexico. I had discussions with John Zucas (Head of the US Explosives Society) who kept telling me that no one from the West had ever met Vladimir Belin, the Head of the Russian Explosives Society. When I left ADI (after being variously accused of being a communist and/or a British spy. I am an Australian Citizen and have never been a communist or a British spy) I discovered that all the time I had worked there, I have never been given a security clearance. Given that I also visited DSTO and Edinburgh Airforce Base in Adelaide and attended two Parari Conferences in Canberra as well as those places in America, I was left somewhat puzzled. Anyhow, after my life at Mulwala became very unpleasant, I left and my family and I moved to Newcastle, NSW. There I was given a job at Dyno Nobel Explosives as a Development Chemist at the Mount Thorley Research Labs.

In 2005 I was sent to a sea port in Western Russia to the north of Vladivostok called Vistochny. I have gone into detail in the book of the events that happened there. In summary, I was accompanied by a man called Gleb Linnikov who is a joint Russian/ Australian citizen and who lead me to believe that someone in Britain had paid the Russian Mafia in Vistochny 50,000 English pounds to have me killed (apparently through some connection with Berezovsky the Oligarch.) When Dyno Nobel threatened to cancel the deal to buy the Ammonium nitrate I was sent to the port to inspect, things became very unpleasant for me. I believe the manager in charge of the purchase at Dyno Nobel was Mark Vale. A Russian national from the Moscow office of Dyno Nobel came to Vistochny and we had to escape from the seaport by stealth. He also told me that someone in England

had paid 50,000 pounds to have me killed, but “When we discover that our enemies are planning something we always put a stop to it, because you can guarantee it will be detrimental to Russia.” When I got to Vladivostok airport, a man came up to me who I had met at Mulwala who had a briefcase with the words “Tanaga Kimia Golf Club” which he had had with him at Mulwala. I believe he was an ASIO employee. Incidentally, there is no Tanaga Kimia Golf Club.

When I returned to My Thorley, I was ‘greeted’ by a delegation of American Managers from Dyno Nobel Salt lake City in Utah. I was threatened and told to say nothing. I was under the impression that these managers were CIA. I was then concerned I had been used as an unwitting pawn by ASIO and the CIA. I believe that using an unwitting pawn in these people’s espionage games is a violation of the UN charter on human rights. If other Australian employees of Dyno Nobel are also being used in this way, it puts the lives of untrained innocent Australians in danger.

The managers at Dyno Nobel then began to make my life very difficult, it not nightmarish. I was told to leave by the Human Resources manager, Jane Mackney. But she said “You will not be allowed to leave until you have signed an agreement with Dyno Nobel.” I asked for a copy to give to my solicitor before signing. She told me “This agreement is so confidential you will not be allowed to show it to anyone else, especially your solicitor.” I refused to sign it. She told me “We will make your life very difficult if not impossible to get another job until you do.” I told her where she could stick her agreement. I went to a workplace nominated councillor at AusPsych in Newcastle to discuss what Dyno Nobel was doing to me. The psychologist told me that the manager there (Jeff Gore) who was the main focus of the ‘campaign against me’ was a typical psychopath and a dangerous one at that. Then he told me that one of his roles at AusPsych was to debrief ASIO agents and ‘bring them back to reality.’ ‘Gore sounds like a typical ASIO agent’, he remarked. A few days later I was unceremoniously sacked and given 5 minutes notice to leave the site. I have not had a steady job since.

Then I complained over the period of about a year to three Labor party MP’s about what happened, but they all ignored my requests for justice. Greg Combet, John Mills and Sonia Honery.

One further point about Gleb Linnikov. I visited Quinns Explosives plant near Gladstone in SA a number of times, the last time a few days before the explosion that killed 3 people. I knew Quinny, he was a decent Australian bloke. On that last trip I took some photos inside the plant that later exploded. They were produced at the inquiry I believe. That day Linnikov was there with another Russian, but the other Russian ran away as soon as Linnikov discovered I was there. From Quinny’s description he was very similar to the Russian manager at Vistochny port I had visited the year before. No one knew where the other Russian had gone. They still had not found him by the time I left. Three days later the plant exploded. This may of course be a coincidence. I reported my suspicions to Alex Mandl, the regulatory manager at Dyno Nobel who was an

officer the the Army when I returned to Mt Thorley.

2. I set up my own consultancy after leaving Dyno Nobel and was offered a place on a DeFAT mission to Europe (Poland and Russia) in 2011. When I arrived in Kemerovo in Siberia with the Australian delegation, it became clear to me that some of my family had gone there between 1928 and 1934. Again all the details are in the book. When the delegates returned to Moscow I was taken on a trip to see Professor Belin at Moscow, the only person in the West to have met him, apparently. A coincidence? I think not. Was I being used as a pawn by the Americans again?

I returned to Australia and was offered a job at Orica explosives at Kurri Kurri, where once again I was unceremoniously sacked. I was blamed for the failure of a project they had handed me that had been on going for four years which I had worked on for a month. But the manager who had been running this disastrous project for the previous four years called Steve Kotsonis was then promoted to corporate level!

3. In 2013 I was then offered a job at Chemring Explosives at Ardeer in Scotland. I didn't do any work, I was just interrogated in a very gentlemanly fashion each day, not about me but about what I knew about my father's work in British Military Intelligence in Italy in WW2. He worked for a General called WRC Penney, who was variously the Deputy Head of British Military Intelligence in 1940. The Head of Allied Intelligence in Italy in 1944, Supreme Head of Allied Intelligence South East Asia (including Australia) in 1945. My Father and Penney went to Moscow in February 1944 when the history books all say Penney was injured by an exploding German shell, and was unavailable in hospital for those 4 days! After visiting several British military facilities in the UK (including Shrivenham, Fort Halstead and several manufacturing facilities) I was told that a) my father's army record had now been completely destroyed and b) I would never get a security clearance in a thousand years. Again, I had been working in a military establishment without any security clearance! To me this sounds amazing, if not pretty scary to think that someone can be given a job working with these security sensitive materials without any security checks! Especially after have been to Russia twice! (Which I did make very clear to them at the interview!) So once again I was unceremoniously sacked and returned to Australia.

4. I decided to write my experiences as a biography and had it published on line in 2015. Then in 2016 I received an email from the vice Chancellor of Durham University (where I had done my BSc) that was venomous. It was written in 14 font, uppercase, bold and underlined. It was like a lunatic was screaming at me. I read the first line then deleted the email.

I then went to an Australian book publisher at Chatswood called LIME BOOKS in 2017. At the meeting was an old Englishman who claimed to work for British Military Intelligence and Australian Military Intelligence. He threatened me and my family. He basically told me that not only had I been subject to murder

attempts by the British Military Intelligence, but so had all my friends from my university days, who were all now dead. "You have been very lucky and survived. That is an achievement." He said. I did not think that these kinds of threats by a foreign power against Australian citizens could be made on Australian soil. Particularly where these threats were made by someone who claimed he was also part of Australian Military Intelligence. All I know was that he claimed to be 78 years old and his name was John. If you want further details I suggest you contact the owners of LIME BOOKS. The upshot of my book, is that I believe I have accumulated enough evidence to strongly suggest that the "Soviet mole at the highest levels of British intelligence" in the 1950s was General Penney himself. If my work is correct and Roger Hollis's appointment to set up ASIO in 1952 was approved by Penney, then it has serious implications for ASIO even today.

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Basically, I believe I have been used as a pawn by the Americans, The British and the Australian Intelligence agencies. I have been placed in what appears to be espionage positions without my knowledge or agreement or training that put my life in mortal danger. That this also happened with a commercial company (Dyno Nobel) must breach International trade agreements and UN legislation. No wonder Dyno Nobel Human Resources Manager Jane Mackney threatened to make my life a misery if I did not sign a "confidential agreement." I suspect Dyno Nobel may be a CIA front company that is using innocent Australian nationals in their subversive activities and putting these innocent people's lives in danger. This does not seem to me to be compatible with the action of a country that is Australia's ally.

I also believe that I have suffered because of the actions of my forebears in the British Army. I do not feel it is fair to be persecuted for the actions of your ancestors. You can only be held responsible for your own actions. Just think, if this was a precedent, every Australian descended from a criminal convict POHM would be barred from travelling overseas, denied employment or barred from holding management positions in companies. How fair would that be!!!!!!

Incidentally, Dyno Nobel's solicitor at Blue Street, North Sydney told me that "If you can ever prove Dyno Nobel ruined your career, you would be able to sue them in a civil court for upwards of \$10 million.

What am I asking for? An investigation into what happened to me and why so it can NEVER happen to another Australian EVER. And, although this is a long shot, an apology and compensation from Dyno Nobel.

I hope this is sufficient detail for you to be able to investigate my case. This is of course only a briefest outline. All the details are in the book I sent in the previous email.

Please note: in January 2018 I renounced my British Citizenship. I am now an Australian Citizen only, and have been for the last 29 years.

Kind Regards

Michael Littlefair

On 31 Jan 2019, at 2:37 pm, OIGIS - Info <[info@igis.gov.au](mailto:info@igis.gov.au)> wrote:

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Mr Michael Littlefair  
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Dear Mr Littlefair

I refer to your correspondence to the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security asking for an investigation into your grievance, as detailed in your attached book. Due to the length of the book, I am unable to identify your specific concerns. Before we decide whether we can look into your complaint, could you please summarise your concerns about the actions of any of the Australian intelligence agencies, noting that section 9AA of the *Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act 1986* (the IGIS Act) limits the Inspector-General's functions in that the Inspector-General is unable to inquire into matters such as those relating to a Commonwealth agency that occurred outside Australia, or before the commencement of the IGIS Act without the approval of the responsible Minister.

I have attached information about the role of this office which I trust you will find interesting.

Yours sincerely

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