

## REPORT FROM GERMANY

# Ms. ‘M’ Pulls Her Western Allies into a Dangerous Confrontation with Russia

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March 17—It only took a single day, once Chancellor Angela Merkel had sworn, in her oath of office, “to protect the German people from harm,” for her fully to support the irresponsible provocation of the British government against Russia, through the joint declaration of the governments of France, the United States, Great Britain, and Germany. Macron, Trump, May, and Merkel agreed that there was “no other plausible explanation” for the neurotoxin attack on former double agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter Julia, other than blaming Russia for it. This operation is so blatant that there is only one plausible explanation: The British Empire wants to involve the entire West in an escalation of the new Cold War and possibly more. And Mrs. Merkel jumps in without hesitation.

Meanwhile, a number of well-known experts have pointed out that the one-day ultimatum May gave to the Russian government, to clarify how the neurotoxin “Novichok” came from Russia to the United Kingdom, is a clear breach of the rules of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), of which the United Kingdom is also a member. It



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*British Prime Minister Theresa May.*

would have been necessary to give the OPCW samples of the substance for an independent analysis, after which the accused country, Russia, would have had ten days to comment on the allegation.

The former British ambassador to Uzbekistan, [Craig Murray](#), characterized the “Novichok” story, for which the British government did not provide the slightest evidence, as a hoax in the tradition of the alleged “weapons of mass destruction of Iraq,” which, as one may recall, was based on a memo from the British secret service, MI6. Murray also pointed out that Robin Black, the head of the only British factory that produces chemical weapons, emphasized in a prestigious scientific journal in 2016 that the evidence that this poison even exists is thin, and that its chemical composition was unknown. So, although Britain obviously did not have samples—and thus had nothing to compare to the poison used in the attack on Skripal—May claimed that only Russia could be responsible.

Incidentally, the British chemical weapons facility is located in Porton Down, interestingly enough just twelve kilometers from Salisbury, where the attack took place.



*Report by former British Ambassador to Uzbekistan, Craig Murray.*

Because of its nebulous nature, the OPCW had not included Novichok in its list of chemical weapons.

### Steele, Not Moscow

The story is even more interesting if one considers the role of Christopher Steele in the affair. Sergei Skripal, who was working for Russian military intelligence at the time, was apparently “turned” in 1995 by an MI6 agent named Pablo Miller, in an operation coordinated by Steele, who was then working under diplomatic cover in Moscow. When Steele “left” MI6 in 2009, he founded the private security firm “Orbis Business International,” whose business plan is public-relations marketing of allegations against Russia. These have included “Project Charlemagne” on Russia’s alleged interference in elections in France, Italy, Britain, and Germany; the alleged Russian funding of Le Pen, Berlusconi, and the Alternative for Germany (AfD); and an alleged Russian campaign to destroy the EU.

The absolute masterpiece of Steele’s career as a spook, however, is the attempted coup against President Trump through the collusion between the Obama Administration intelligence chiefs, the Democratic Party (DNC) leadership, the Hillary Clinton campaign, and the British intelligence service, all based on the “dirty dossier” on Trump that Steele and Orbis had produced. The U.S. House Intelligence Committee has just announced the outcome of its more than year-long



the U.S. Congress.

Peter van Buren, a 24-year high-ranking veteran of the U.S. State Department, emphasized the particular character of Steele’s intervention in a Feb. 15 article in *The American Conservative*, entitled “Christopher Steele: The Real Foreign Influence in the 2016 Election?”



investigation: that there was absolutely no collusion between the Russian government and Trump.

Instead, Senators Grassley and Graham, in a letter to Attorney General Sessions and his deputy Rosenstein, have called for a Special Counsel to investigate the FBI and senior members of the Department of Justice on well-founded suspicion of collusion with British intelligence and with Steele in his special role. Thus the entire apparatus of the so-called “Deep State,” the intelligence services’ “state within the state” and its involvement with British intelligence, is in the crosshairs of the investigation by

Steele and his company Orbis not only produced the dossier allegedly proving that Trump owed his election victory to Putin, but he and various Orbis employees carried out an extremely professional operation to place this disinformation in the top institutions of the state and to launch a full information war against the American public. Steele had managed to create entire networks, which then provided so-called “independent” confirmations of his disinformation, which were then used to get surveillance of Trump

and his team approved by the responsible secret court.

Who else belonged to the Orbis team of this operation, who passed Steele's dossier to Trump's opponent John McCain during a conference in Canada? Sir Andrew Wood, the British Ambassador to Moscow during the same period that Miller's Skripal was "turned" under Steele's supervision. It should also be mentioned that Steele was later instructed by MI6 to be the official in charge of the allegations against Russia in the case of Alexander Litvinenko, the precursor of the Skripal case.

In other words, the same circle of "former" MI6 operatives responsible for the propaganda operation on Trump's alleged collusion with Russia, which is now discredited as fake news, is at the center of the Skripal attack. If it waddles like a duck, quacks like a duck, and looks like a duck, it's most likely a duck—that is, a British intelligence operation.

### Propaganda Campaign Towards World War

Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov commented on the anti-Russian hysteria of the West at a Moscow forum entitled "Russia, a Land of Opportunities," with these words: "What we are experiencing right now is that the United States and its western allies are aware that the 500-year period of Western dominance of world politics is coming to an end." The transition to a new multipolar, democratic, and just world order will take a long time, but it is already painful for those who have been accustomed for centuries to ruling the world.

Exactly the same arrogance of power was the reason that for four years the neo-liberal establishment underestimated the enormous dynamic of the New Silk Road initiative of China, which now has 140 participating nations—only to react all the more hysterically to the fact that now this new paradigm dominates the world. For the same reason, this establishment underestimated Russia's re-emergence under Putin, who demonstrated in his March 1 speech, with the presentation of new weapons systems based on new physical principles, that Russia is not merely a "regional power," but has in fact surpassed the West in some technological areas.

Instead of reacting to these new strategic realities with methods from the dirty bag of tricks of the secret services, or endorsing these methods with "solidarity statements," we need a redefinition of our own politics. Instead of viewing the New Silk Road as a threat to a



*Prime Minister Theresa May at a joint press conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin, February 16, 2018.*

unipolar world which is no longer possible, we should accept China's offer of win-win cooperation. The ongoing, absolutely hysterical campaigns against Russia and China are obvious prewar propaganda for a new world war in which the loser can only be all of humanity.

Instead of being downgraded to the status of a colony of the British Empire, Germany should make a decisive contribution to shaping the future of one humanity's common destiny, of which President Xi Jinping always speaks. We could contribute our great tradition of German classical culture and the heritage of all our poets, thinkers and inventors, to shaping a more human future.

If we take up the offer of cooperation with the New Silk Road, as the Eastern, Central, and Southern European states, and the Balkan countries, Switzerland, and Austria have already done, we can not only rebuild the Middle East economically, together with Russia and China, and develop the African continent—solving the refugee crisis in the only possible humane way—but we can also build a new global security architecture based on economic integration. However, if the established political class in this country is unable to reflect on a perspective that can guarantee the long-term survival of our nation, then all thinking people should urgently work to ensure that cooperation with the New Silk Road is on the agenda.

If Ms. Theresa May feels she must imitate Judi Dench as "M" in a James Bond movie, that only betrays her bad taste. To be drawn into a confrontation with Russia by such a model is irresponsible.

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