

Donald Trump 'secretly recruited as KGB spy nearly 40 years ago on Moscow trip'

Former Kazakh intelligence chief Alnur Mussayev made the claims.



Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin. (Image: AFP via Getty Images.)

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[Donald Trump](#) was recruited as a Russian spy in the 1980s, it has been alleged. The sensational claims have been made by an ex-intelligence officer from the Soviet Union.

Alnur Mussayev claimed [The President](#) was recruited as a KGB agent nearly 40 years ago. Mussayev previously headed up Kazakhstan's National Security Committee.

And the [former spy](#) said his job at the time of the coup - when Trump was a 40-year-old real estate developer in New York - involved "recruiting businessmen from capitalist countries".

The former [Kazakh intelligence chief](#) didn't provide evidence to support his claim, which he made on Facebook, and said was achieved when Trump visited Moscow in 1987.



U.S. President Donald Trump (Image: Getty Images)

But [The Mirror](#) reports it has created further speculation about Trump's ties to Russia, dating back to his first visit to Moscow 38 years ago.

Trump, who was a rising star in the [New York property market](#), travelled to the Soviet Union to explore the possibility of building a hotel in the capital.

Soviet officials reportedly facilitated the trip, raising questions among [intelligence analysts](#) about whether it was a routine business opportunity or something more scandalous.

Several years ago a report highlighted how in 1985, [the KGB](#) updated a secret personality questionnaire distributed among its officers, detailing how to identify and recruit Western figures.

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The document, according to intelligence sources, instructed agents to target "prominent figures in [the West](#)" with the aim of "drawing them into some form of collaboration with us... as an agent, or confidential or special or unofficial contact."

Mussayev's claim appears to suggest Trump may have been one such target. Despite years of scrutiny, Trump has vehemently denied having any improper ties to Russia or colluding with President [Vladimir Putin](#).

However, some US officials repeatedly raised concerns about his close relationship with the Kremlin leader, particularly during his first term in office. [Anthony Scaramucci](#) briefly served as Trump's White House communications director in 2017.

He added to the intrigue during a recent episode of [The Rest Is Politics](#): US podcast. He suggested Trump's deference to Putin has puzzled many of his former senior officials. He said: "I think there is a mysterious 'hold' on the president."

Mr Scaramucci did not elaborate on what that "hold" might be but suggested several former Trump [administration officials](#), including H.R. McMaster, James Mattis, and John Kelly - also struggled to understand Trump's affinity for Putin.

He said: "I don't know why it's like this. McMaster couldn't figure it out, Mattis couldn't figure it out, Kelly couldn't figure it out." It comes as Trump was branded "Putin's puppet" in a banner held by a protester during a march in support of [Ukraine](#) in London.

Thousands of protesters marched on the Russian embassy in the capital on Saturday while calling on the [international community](#) not to "betray Ukraine" amid fears the country is being frozen out of peace talks between Moscow and Trump.

A coalition of Ukrainian community and UK-based labour organisations attended the rally calling for [Russian troops](#) to withdraw, ahead of the third anniversary of Putin's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.