## 27/2 Deco 30 MARCH OO - - Phe Observer

artin Bright

e Affaire Correspondent

RENEGADE MIs agent of Shayler last meth draloally escalated his battle in the Government when amed two serving intellice officers who he says is involved in a coverration to assassinate wan dictator. Colonel inmar dadaffil.

agent. ed step of naming the inquiry into the affair. In a of his increasing anger its in an attempt to force Povernment to launch a government efforts to stiis revelations about the which he ns are increasingly out of trol, he is also calling for rvestigation into Foreign s in 1997 that his allegalayler took the unpreceetary Robin Cook's assers were 'pure fantasy urity services,

says were involved in the Shay Gadaff plot have been dis- name closed to The Observer, buttor code legal reasons we are pre- alleg vented from publishing them, open News, that Shayer is taly herealing the identities of to will

revealing the identities of tagents will send shockwaves a through the intelligence services, whose officers are told to keep their jobs secret even drom their family and closest. Criends. It will also intensify in the Government's determination to pursue the errant fagent, currently in exile in its Paris, through the courts.

The Observer has discovered that Shayler sent Home Secretary Jack Straw full details of the alleged plot on 24 November last year, including the name of an Mio officer who tran the operation and, according to Shayler, paid for the assassination attempt. The letter demanded a criminal investigation finto his activities. It is now thought that

Shayter is also prepared to name the agent's boss at Mfs, cofenamed. Pffs, who is alleged to have authorised the operation. He may also identify his own Mfs line manager, to whom he voiced concerns about what he called a 'Boys' Own' operation.

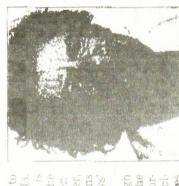
In a weekend of high drama, it emerged that the Government is to sue the former MIS officer and Associated Newspapers for damages for publishing Shayler's original revelations in August 1997. It also demanded the return of money Shayfer has garned as a result of writing about his experiences.

in have been quiet long enough, said Shayler from Paris last night. Why has there been no inquiry? Now the Government is trying to sue me and that is persecution. They should be made to the contract the contract of the con

pay.' Shadow Foreign Secretary

re names of the agents he

神人のはないとなるとはない。 いまれるがに、これ、このはないと、



Gadaffi: Shayler gave details to Home Secretary Jack Straw,

Francis Maude said last night: There are two simple questions for Robin Cook: "What was he told?" and "Did he mislead the public"?"

In his letter to Straw, Shayler claims he was approached by an MI6officer, codenamed PT16/B, in late summer 1996 to discuss a case he could not talk about over the telephone. At the time,

Shayler was working on the silabya desk at M5. According rito the officer, a senior ment is ber of Libyan intelligence had it waiked into the British weaked by Islamic extremists. In Revetum, the source said he return, the source said he would hand over the suspects kin the Lockerbie bombing his when Colonel Gadaffi had webeen toppled.

Shayler claims he attended several high-level meetings between. Mfs and Mfe throughout the autumn of 1997 at which the plot was discussed openly.

in early 1998 Shayler says he saw reports quoting Morbecan and Egyptian intelligence sources saying there had been an assassination attempt at Sirte, in northern Libya. This had failed because the plotters had targeted the wrong car'in a presidential cavalicade. In the

shootour that followed, serurity staff and civilians were killed and wounded. According to Shayler. PT16.B. who worked unit recently at a British embassy in southern Burope, later claimed credit for the assassination attempt.

ago, confirmed that 140 Secret Intelligence Service MIG) officers were told about the Islamic militants' plot by a and asked for help in carrying out. The Parliamentary Intelligence Committee has so Libyan source - codenamed least two months before it happened An intelligence document, known as a CX report, pubfar refused to accept any evi dence submitted by Shayler ished on the internet to Punworth -W.Peks

Shayler first made his allegations about the Gadaff plot in August 1997 in the Mail on Sunday. He later fled to Amsterdam and Paris, where he was arrested in August 1998.

cu. Robin Cook was first qui ref. B3C's Breakfast with Ph tho programme He said that M t a would have no interest

such an 'escapade'.

In a crucial statement!
said there was 'no SIS pi
posal to do it and I'm fair
clear there has never be
any SIS involvement'.

MIS reports into the bombit us campaign for an annes Britain. Shayler is also poisi to release more details abo of the Israeli Embassy in 196 He has always claimed th officers received early war ing of the attack, but that crucial memo was not passi on and was later found hi thought that Shayler is no willing to name the wons: In the past month, Shavl has increased the intensity den in a cupboard. It o allow him to return responsible for the error.

## Shayler is also prepared to name the agent's boss at MIS. cortenamed Pris. TO MARCH DO says were involved in the Gadaffi plot have been dis-Josed to The Observer, but for THE RENEGADE MIS agent Affairs Correspondent by Martin Bright

with the Government when nemamed two serving intelli-

gence officers who he says were involved in a covert dented step of naming the full inquiry into the affair. In a gents in an attempt to force sign of his increasing anger he Government to launch a le his revelations about the with government efforts to sti-Muammar Gadaffi.

vented from publishing them. legal reasons we are

0 rom their family and closest agents will send shockwaves through the intelligence serrices, whose officers are told to keep their jabs secret even riends. It will also intensify tion to pursue the errant the Government's determinaagent, currently in exile in revealing the identities News that Shay,er

to assassinate

peration

Colonel

ibyan dictator

Shayler took the unprece-

ered that Shayler sent Home November last year, including details of the alleged plot on 24 ng to Shayler, paid for the The Observer has discovthe name of an MI6 officer who ties. It is now thought that ran the operation and, accordassassination attempt. The let ter demanded a criminal overtigation into his activi aris, through the courts. ecretary Jack Straw

control, he is also calling for

claims are increasingly out of

an investigation into Foreign

Secretary Robin Cook's assertions in 1997 that his allega-

security services, which he

alleged to have authorised the to whom he voiced concerns taly his own MIS line manager, about what he called a 'Boys' operation. He may also idea Own operation.

drama, it emerged that the Government is to sue the forated Newspapers for damages for publishing Shayler's origmal revelations in August It also demanded the earned as a result of writing return of money Shayler has mer MIS officer and Associ In a weekend of about his experiences. 1887

enough, said Shavler from there been no inquiry? Now the Government is trying to tion. They should be made to sue me and that is persecu-Paris last night, 'Why "I have been quiet

Shadow Foreign Secretary

MAR 30,2000

аянттв

The names of the agents he

tions were pure fantasy

EBX NO 00226