



## *Operation Spy: Student Adventure*

### **MISSION DETAILS: BEFORE YOU ARRIVE**

# TOP SECRET

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Handlers (AKA teachers and chaperones)  
FROM: HQ  
RE: *OPERATION SPY: STUDENT ADVENTURE*

We are looking forward to your infiltration of The International Spy Museum for *Operation Spy: Student Adventure*. To make the most of your experience please take a moment to read through these materials and distribute the backbrief packet to your students.

### PRIOR TO ARRIVAL:

- 1) Divide your students into the appropriate number of teams to experience *Operation Spy*. Each session can accommodate up to 15 people. If you have more than 15 in your group you will need to divide your group. Teams will be deployed with a ten-minute gap. Each group should have at least one adult chaperone with them.
- 2) Distribute pages 3 to 17 to each student attending the program at least one day prior to the program and encourage them to review the materials.
- 3) Have each student develop their cover identity (alias). There is a form on page 4.

### WHEN YOU ARRIVE:

You will be greeted in the F. Street Lobby, and then escorted up the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor where you will be deployed into Operation Spy.

### The *Operation Spy* Experience:

Your students will play the role of U.S. Intelligence Officers deployed on an international mission to the fictional foreign country of **Khandar** to find a missing nuclear triggering device. In this intense, immersive experience, students will uncover layers of deception to reveal a world of double agents, shady officials, and deadly ambition. Guided by a senior officer (museum staff), students will assess and interrogate agents, conduct surveillance, penetrate a high-security compound, and uncover the **ground truth** in a setting where all is not as it seems and everyone has a hidden agenda.

**OPERATION SPY**

**BACKBRIEF**

**TOP SECRET**

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** U.S. Intelligence Officer Detail to Khandar  
**FROM:** HQ  
**RE:** *OPERATION SPY BACKBRIEF*

Soon you will be deployed on a very important (and top secret) mission to the foreign country of Khandar. To prepare for this operation we are providing you with some backbrief materials. Please take time to review these materials so you will be ready upon arrival.

**Your Cover:** You will be working for Khandar Exports a company that exports everything from wine, pottery, and hand-woven goods from Khandar to countries around the world.



(logo for your cover company, Khandar Exports)

Take a moment to develop your individual cover name and cover details.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_

Current address \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_ Gender M or F

# KEY TOP SECRET FILES FOR OPERATION SPY

## KR TOPAZ FILE

**NAME:** Nadia Cherat

**CODENAME:** Topaz

**HAIR COLOR:** Brown

**EYE COLOR:** Brown

**HEIGHT:** 5'5

**CASE OFFICER:** Joanne Francis, Chief of Khandar Station

**RECRUITMENT DATE:** June 1998



## MISSION HISTORY

Primarily provides information related to government policies and programs.

Has spent last two years providing valuable information on the Director of Energy, Alek Bitar

Recently reported that Bitar was not capable of selling nuclear secrets

## NOTES

Currently Science Advisor to Prime Minister

Parents were imprisoned over anti-establishment views

Unmarried, primary caregiver for elderly parents. No children.

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## **KHANDAR GOVERNMENT**

**NAME:** Joseph Trunishin

**OCCUPATION:** Prime Minister

**HAIR COLOR:** Black/Grey

**EYE COLOR:** Brown

**HEIGHT:** 6'1



### **BACKGROUND**

Leader of the Khandar People's Party

Came to power after a military coup fifteen years ago.

Long-time activist

Holds a neutral position on the west.

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## KR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PERSONEL

**NAME:** Alek Bitar

**OCCUPATION:** Director of Department Energy

**HAIR COLOR:** Brown

**EYE COLOR:** Brown

**HEIGHT:** 6'2



### BACKGROUND

After a shift in regime fifteen years ago, Alek Bitar, a war hero and an engineer by training, was appointed Director of the Department of Energy.

A strong Khandari nationalist, reported to be frustrated by the great influence America exerts on international nuclear affairs.

### NOTES

Noted to be very proud of nuclear program he has built for Khandar. Possibly wants other and small countries to have the same technological power?

Two weeks ago, the station in Khandar learned he may be developing a timing circuit (the "Trigger")—which could activate a nuclear charge small enough to fit in a backpack.

Medals received for military actions and technological growth.

Unmarried, No children.

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## PCS STAFF

**NAME:** Joanne Francis

**POSITION:** Chief of Station, Khandar

**RANK:** GS-15.

**HAIR COLOR:** Brown

**EYE COLOR:** Brown

**HEIGHT:** 5'10"

**RECRUITMENT DATE:** January 1985



### MISSION HISTORY

Recruited TOPAZ to work as a covert source (asset/agent) for U.S. intelligence in 1998.

After receiving a mysterious videotape, Francis set up a special command center and listening post in an old building across the street from the Director's apartment.

### NOTES

Married, one child.

Previously served two tours in Africa in paramilitary operations.

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## TDY PERSONEL

**NAME:** Howard Felton

**POSITION:** Senior Technical Operations Officer.

**RANK:** GS-14

**HAIR COLOR:** Brown

**EYE COLOR:** Hazel

**HEIGHT:** 5'9"

**RECRUITMENT DATE:** January 1989



### MISSION HISTORY

In Khandar station, our tech ops team is based out of a command center specially set-up for this operation near the home of the target of the operation (the Director of Energy).

### BACKGROUND

Three years into first tour in Khandar.

Specialization in security networks.

Previously served two tours in Southeast Asia in technical services.

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## TDY PERSONEL

**NAME:** Julian Taylor

**POSITION:** Junior Technical Operations Officer

**RANK:** GS-II

**HAIR COLOR:** Brown

**EYE COLOR:** Brown

**HEIGHT:** 6'0"

**RECRUITMENT DATE:** September 2006



### MISSION HISTORY

In Khandar station, our tech ops team is based out of a command center specially set-up for this operation near the home of the target of the operation (the Director of Energy).

### BACKGROUND

One year into first tour in Khandar.  
Specialization in clandestine photography.  
Completed training at headquarters prior to assignment.

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## PCS STAFF

**NAME:** Andrea Wilson

**POSITION:** Station Analyst

**RANK:** GS-14

**HAIR COLOR:** Brown

**EYE COLOR:** Brown

**HEIGHT:** 5'7"

**RECRUITMENT DATE:** October 1997



## BACKGROUND

Two years into first tour in Khandar.

Specialization in nuclear proliferation.

Previously served one tour in India.

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## **REPUBLIC OF KHANDAR**

**Case File:** No Classification.

**Republic of Khandar, established 1938.**

**Location:** central Asia. Population: 42 million.

**Government Type:** Federal Republic.

**Primary Language:** English; secondary languages: Farsi and Tibetan.



### **HISTORY**

Civil war eight years ago ended military dictatorship. Dissenting voices and militant insurgents continue to threaten burgeoning democracy. Aggressive pursuit of nuclear capability by Department of Energy.

## Khandar and Operation Spy: Back Story

### Fifteen Years Ago

Civil war rocked the small Central Asian nation of Khandar. A group of revolutionaries ascended to power, turning out all representatives of the old regime. Alek Bitar, a war hero and an engineer by training, was appointed Director of the Department of Energy. Dissidents who continued to support the old regime were thrown into jail.

### Ten Years Ago

Zirat Rebel Network is established.

Nadia Cherat, a young Khandari national in her twenties, visited her parents in jail. Imprisoned for their anti-establishment views, Nadia's parents were slowly wasting away from poor nutrition and diminishing hope that they would ever see the outside world again. For Nadia's cousin, Mansur, his aunt and uncle's imprisonment was a source of rage. For Nadia, it was a source of sadness. While her cousin became involved in violent underground activities, Nadia focused on her engineering studies, and slowly climbed the ladder of government-sponsored science positions. She grew into an analytical, introverted, work-focused adult.

ZIRAT POWER



DARE TO THINK  
DARE TO ACT

### Three Years Ago

A U.S. intelligence officer, the Chief of Khandar Station (COS), Joanne Francis, met Nadia Cherat, now the science advisor to the Khandar Prime Minister, at an official function. Ms. Francis was struck by Nadia's intelligence, ambition, and apparent dissatisfaction with her professional life. Over a series of meetings, the COS persuaded Nadia to work as a covert source (asset/agent) for U.S. intelligence. Nadia agreed, hesitantly, but over time became an excellent asset, and she was given the code name: TOPAZ. She seemed to thrive in her intelligence endeavors, enjoying the opportunity to benefit from secret political knowledge and career guidance from her station handler, the COS.

### Two Years Ago

After a year of solid work reporting covertly, the station assigned Nadia to find out as much as possible about the Director of the Department of Energy, Alek Bitar. Nadia already knew Bitar professionally, and she was able to develop their acquaintance into a close friendship that yielded much useful information for the station.

At this time, Nadia's cousin, Mansur, started to notice her growing prominence in government of Khandar circles. Mansur had joined a cell of the rebel Zirat network in Khandar which was working to topple the Khandar government.

Director Bitar was a strong Khandari nationalist and he was frustrated by the great influence America exerted on international nuclear affairs. He was extremely proud of the nuclear

program he had built for Khandar and wanted other small countries to have the same technological power.

### **Two Months Ago**

Mansur finds out that a newly-developed device—a timing circuit (the “Trigger”)—which could activate a nuclear charge small enough to fit in a backpack was being developed by the Khandar Department of Energy. Nadia mentioned the device to the Director, but he was unwilling to share any specific information about it—he knew how powerful it could be in the hands of the wrong people. Nadia dropped the topic with the Bitar so as not to arouse his suspicion.

### **Two Weeks Ago**

The US Embassy in Khandar receives an unmarked, sealed envelope containing a videotape addressed to U.S. intelligence.

When the COS and the station case officers viewed the video, they were amazed at its contents. The video featured jerky footage of a Department of Energy lab. The mysterious source (not pictured) explained that he was a Department of Energy engineer working on Khandar’s top secret nuclear Trigger project. Over the past few weeks, documents had gone missing—and now, the Trigger itself was gone. The source said he suspected Director Bitar might be behind the missing device as he had shown an unreasonable level of interest in the project over the last few weeks. Since Bitar was a powerful figure, the source said he did not want to go to the authorities—he regarded the U.S. intelligence services as his only chance to get the information out.

The station officers reviewed their options. They were concerned that the videotape could be a “dangle operation” against the station—intentionally set by an opposing service, and therefore, a possible trap. Station analysts determined from cell phone chatter, internet bulletin board activity, and radio chatter that a Khandari rebel group had been discussing the use of nuclear arms and materials as leverage against the government. Clearly, this could not only throw the country into turmoil and civil war—potentially destabilizing the whole region—but a nuclear device would be on the loose. The COS decided to follow up on the mysterious videotape by doing the following: first, she set up a special command center and listening post in an old building across the street from the Director’s apartment in the historic center city. Second, two technical operations officers (TECH OPS) set up a mobile surveillance station to monitor Director Bitar. Third, she contacted Nadia to get her opinion: could Director Bitar be stealing nuclear secrets? Nadia said it was highly unlikely—but she offered to meet with Bitar’s secretary to see if she could discover any information. Despite this opinion from Nadia, considered a highly reliable source, the COS decides she needs to ramp up station efforts to find out what is going on. She agrees to a Headquarters offer of support to send several new case officers to support this operation on a TTD (temporary tour of duty).



## SPY LINGO

**Agent:** Person secretly employed by an intelligence service.

**The Agency:** Slang term used to designate the CIA.

**Asset:** A clandestine source or method, usually an agent.

**Back Channel Communication:** Communication which travels through informal rather than formal channels.

**Back Story:** The history of the situation.

**Brush Pass:** A brief encounter where a package or document is secretly passed between case officer and agent.

**Bug:** Concealed listening device or other equipment used in audio surveillance.

**Case Officer:** Intelligence Agency staff officer who runs covert operations.

**Chief of Station (COS):** Officer in charge of an agency's office in a foreign capital.

**CIA:** Central Intelligence Agency; premiere U.S. foreign intelligence organization.

**Concealment Device:** A container designed for the secret storage of cash, messages, film, ciphers or other items. Usually innocent-looking.

**Controller:** Officer in charge of a network of agents (a handler).

**Counterespionage:** Spy-catching.

**Counterintelligence:** Activities to protect against foreign assassination, espionage, sabotage, and intelligence collection efforts.

**Covert Action:** Secret operations aimed at influencing foreign events.

**Dead Drop:** Secret location where materials can be hidden for another party to retrieve.

**Decode:** To take a message out of coded format and put into plain text.

**Double Agent:** An agent who works for two intelligence services, usually against his/her original employer.

**Eyes Only:** Documents intended to be read only by the recipient and designated individuals.

**The Farm:** Slang term for Camp Peary, the CIA's 10,000-acre spy training facility said to be near Williamsburg, VA.

**FBI:** Federal Bureau of Investigation; premier U.S. law enforcement organization, includes domestic counterintelligence service.

**Ground Truth:** The way things really are, not necessarily how we would like them to be, or how they may appear to be.

**KGB:** "Komitet Gosudarstvenoy Bezopasnosti;" Premier intelligence, counterintelligence, and security service of the former Soviet Union.

**Kremlin Suicide:** Members of Stalin's inner circle, fallen from grace, were known to kill themselves to spare their families' destruction by the OGPU (a predecessor to the KGB).

**Handler:** A case officer who is responsible for handling agents in operations.

**Langley:** Slang term used to designate the CIA. CIA headquarters is in Langley, VA, part of the Washington D.C. suburb of McLean.

**Mi-5:** British domestic counterintelligence service.

**Mi-6:** British foreign intelligence service.

**Mole:** An agent of one intelligence agency who manages to penetrate or otherwise be employed by another.

**Resident (Rezident):** Russian term for the head of an espionage network.

**Spymaster:** Leader of intelligence gathering activities. One who excels at recruiting and running agents.

**Stasi:** East Germany's Cold War domestic and foreign intelligence service.

**Station:** CIA office abroad.

**SVR:** "Federal'naya Sluzhba Bezopasnosti;" Russia's current foreign intelligence service.

**Swallow:** Russian term for a female agent, especially one operating in scenarios where sex is used to obtain information or to blackmail a target.

**Tradecraft:** The methods developed by intelligence operatives to conduct their secret or covert operations.

**Venona:** Code Name for the U.S. codebreaking project that deciphered portions of the texts of Soviet intelligence messages between Moscow and other cities in the 1940s.

**Wet Job:** A KGB term for a covert action operation involving assassination or life-threatening activities.