



PENGUIN ACQUIRES HISTORY OF MI5

London, 23 November 2004, Penguin is delighted to announce that Stuart Proffitt, Publishing Director at Penguin Press has acquired British and Commonwealth rights in the authorised history of the British Security Service (MI5) from Bill Hamilton at AM Heath.

The book, (as yet untitled), is to be written by Christopher Andrew, Professor of Modern and Contemporary History at Cambridge and Chair of the British Intelligence Study Group. Professor Andrew has been granted access to the Security Service's files and will be at liberty to express his judgements on his findings in them. The book will be published in hardback by Allen Lane to coincide with the centenary of the Service in 2009.

Professor Andrew is the author, among other books, of *Secret Service: The Making of the British Intelligence Community*, *KGB: The Inside Story* (the book which revealed the identity of the 'Fifth Man') and co-author (with Vasili Mitrokhin) of *The Mitrokhin Archive: The KGB and the West* and *The Mitrokhin Archive: The KGB in the World* (forthcoming in 2005).

Stuart Proffitt commented, "No security or intelligence service has ever opened its archives to a historian as the Security Service is doing now; the book is therefore an unprecedented publishing opportunity, and should be the most important and influential book about British history in the twentieth century for many years. It will contain many surprises, and will finally settle many questions about which there has been endless speculation and debate. Christopher Andrew has done more than any other single figure to make the study of intelligence into a serious scholarly subject and the project could be in no more secure hands. I look forward immensely to working with him and to publishing what will be a truly extraordinary book."

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