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"A CIA Operative Who Worked with Dad"

Ghislaine Maxwell dropped a name at a wedding. The email archive maps the intelligence web around it.

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October 15, 2005. Ghislaine Maxwell is at a wedding. She writes to Jeffrey Epstein:

■ *"was w/a CIA operative who sd that he 'worked' w/Dad! I was so shocked. He sd he could tell, all find all, and reveal all, (for a price)!! Tom knows him and will tell you all about it."*¹

Epstein's reply, in full: "going to island today."

Not "who was it?" Not "what did he say?" Not "are you okay?" Just — going to island today. The daughter of a dead intelligence asset tells a convicted sex offender that a CIA operative offered to sell her secrets about her father, and the man on the other end of the email changes the subject to his travel plans.

He wasn't surprised.

Dad

"Dad" is Robert Maxwell — Ghislaine's father. British media baron. Owner of the Daily Mirror, Pergamon Press, and a publishing empire that stretched across continents. He fell from his yacht, the *Lady Ghislaine*, on November 5, 1991. His body was found floating in the Atlantic near the Canary Islands. The coroner ruled it could have been suicide, accident, or murder.

After his death, the picture sharpened. Multiple intelligence agencies — Mossad, MI6, and the KGB, according to published accounts from former operatives — had used Robert Maxwell as an asset. He was buried on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir attended the funeral. So did six serving and former heads of Israeli intelligence.

Six heads of intelligence at a newspaper publisher's funeral.

Fourteen years later, his daughter was at a wedding, meeting CIA operatives who "worked with Dad." She wasn't shocked by the fact. She was shocked by the offer to sell what he knew.

The Software

Three years after that wedding email, Christine Maxwell — Ghislaine's older sister — sent her an update about the family business. Not newspapers. Software.

Christine ran **Chiliad**, a data-mining and intelligence software company. On June 1, 2008, she reported to Ghislaine:

“DHS buys Chiliad license! \$1.5M was transferred over to our AFRL vehicle on Friday to purchase an initial PILOT license and implementation of Chiliad software. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) will utilize Chiliad as its core infrastructure to search through the world’s largest supply chain management system. Once complete, this system will also be connected across to other agencies — including the FBI.”²

The deal: \$2 million per year in licenses, plus \$360,000 per year in software maintenance. Pfizer had also signed on for \$400,000.

Ghislaine forwarded it to Epstein with a single question: “Do you think I should buy some shares?”

Epstein’s reply: “yes.”³

Let that settle. The Maxwell family’s intelligence software company had just become the Department of Homeland Security’s core data search infrastructure — the system Customs and Border Patrol used to search supply chain data, soon to be connected to the FBI. And the Epstein-Maxwell circle invested in it.

The same Epstein-Maxwell circle that was, at that exact moment, operating a trafficking network across international borders. The same DHS whose Customs and Border Patrol might, in a functioning system, have flagged that operation.

Christine Maxwell wasn’t a peripheral figure. She was on Chiliad’s board. She reported directly to Ghislaine. And through Ghislaine, the investment decision went to Epstein. Father was an intelligence asset. Sister built DHS search infrastructure. Daughter ran the recruitment pipeline. The Maxwell family didn’t orbit the intelligence world. They were embedded in it.

The Briefing

On January 12, 2011, Dan Dubno — a technology advisor in Epstein’s circle — sent Epstein a detailed briefing on how Israel builds military-grade scientists. The subject line: “Science Minister of UAE.” The content: a roadmap for militarized science education, including this passage:

“Israeli schools suck. But to have a world class science infrastructure for their military, the Army understands it is *THEIR* job to teach enough science, engineering, and hacking to be dangerous. So they have **Unit 8200**, the **Talpiot program**, and specialized programs that take their soldiers and even before and during basic training — send them to highly specialized education (most notably at Technion)”⁴

Unit 8200 is Israel's signals intelligence unit — the equivalent of the NSA. Alumni include the founders of Check Point, Waze, and dozens of other tech companies. The Talpiot program is Israel's elite military technology track, producing officers with deep expertise in everything from cryptography to surveillance systems.

Dubno's email wasn't gossip. It was a structured memo with numbered proposals including "specialized advanced science units within the military" focused on "missile defense, WMD and explosive detection technologies, communication security and encryption, surveillance technology."

And the recipient wasn't a government official. It was Jeffrey Epstein — a registered sex offender living in Manhattan.

Epstein's response was characteristically dismissive of the educational angle — "Why do you all have to mix education with science minister, Los Alamos was not interested in educating people" — but he didn't question why he was receiving intelligence briefings on Israeli military programs. He expected them.

The Alarm System

January 12, 2016. Lesley Groff, Epstein's executive assistant, forwarded a message from Ehud Barak's team. Barak — the former Prime Minister of Israel, former Minister of Defense, former Chief of the General Staff of the Israel Defense Forces — had been using Epstein's New York townhouse regularly enough that his security detail had a request:

■ *"Our Israeli security just called me from Israel. As they see that we stay longer periods, they would like to fix an alarm system that will operate while we are not in NY. we ask your permission. they say that the company is a reliable one. **they are the ones that made the systems in our consulate in NY and in the consul and military attache home in NY.** they are ready to explain and talk to you."*⁵

Read the credentials they offered. The company that wired Israel's consulate in New York. The company that wired the Israeli consul's home. The company that wired the Israeli military attache's home. That company wanted to install a system — a "small modern one... near the entry door" — at a registered sex offender's Manhattan residence.

The former Prime Minister of Israel's security team wanted to wire Jeffrey Epstein's mansion using the same contractor that handled Israeli diplomatic and military facilities in New York.

This was 2016. Epstein had been a registered sex offender since 2008. The 2011 DOJ memo documenting his [videotaped encounters](#) was five years old. And the former PM of Israel's

security detail was asking permission to install hardware at his property — from a company whose other clients were the Israeli consulate and military attache.

The Bug Planter

On December 8, 2005, Epstein wrote to Les Wexner — his primary financial patron, the man whose relationship weight in the intelligence database is 41, the highest of any Epstein associate — about a corporate espionage concern at Wexner’s company:

“as part of glazbrooks team, he had a bug planter... ??? makes me very nervous.”⁶

Bugs made Epstein nervous. [Hidden cameras in Kleenex boxes](#) did not.

But the Wexner connection runs deeper than corporate security advice. Wexner was described in curated intelligence documents as “Epstein’s primary benefactor and business relationship.” Epstein managed Wexner’s finances, his staff, his security. Barak — the same former PM whose security team wanted to wire Epstein’s house — was paid for book “treatments” through the Wexner Foundation.

The triangle: Wexner’s money. Barak’s access. Epstein’s infrastructure. Three nodes, each connected to the other two, each connected to Israeli intelligence through separate channels.

The Wired Island

While Epstein warned Wexner about bugs and Barak’s team asked to install alarm systems, someone was wiring Little Saint James for something far more comprehensive than a home security upgrade.

Financial records document the infrastructure spend:

Vendor	Period	Amount	Purpose
TSG Technologies Inc	2010–2012	\$1.7M+	“LSJ LLC” infrastructure projects
Bonneville Contracting & Technology	2010	\$33K+	“LSJ Fiberoptics Work,” “LSJ Fiber Testing”

Vendor	Period	Amount	Purpose
Environmental Technology Control	2009–2018	\$133K+	NEC Phone Upgrade, Panasonic KX-TDE100 Digital Telephone/Intercom System

Fiber optic cables. A digital intercom system. NEC phone system upgrades. Over \$1.7 million to a single technology contractor for “LSJ LLC” — Little Saint James LLC — with individual wire transfers reaching \$1.1 million and \$248,000.⁷

A private island in the US Virgin Islands, run by a man who [purchased hidden cameras from a spy store](#), whose [personal safe held DVDs organized by name](#), who [told Reid Hoffman he ran heat maps off social networks](#) — that island was being hardwired with fiber optics, digital intercoms, and a professional phone system.

For what? Residential comfort? A man living alone on a Caribbean island doesn’t need a Panasonic digital intercom system. He doesn’t need fiber optic cable runs tested and retested over months. He doesn’t need \$1.7 million in technology infrastructure from a single contractor.

He needs that if he’s building a surveillance facility.

The Web

Pull back. Look at the connections, not the individuals.

The Maxwell family: Robert Maxwell — alleged intelligence asset of Mossad, MI6, and KGB. Ghislaine Maxwell — Epstein’s primary partner, forwarding CIA contacts and Chiliad investment pitches. Christine Maxwell — board member of Chiliad, DHS’s core search infrastructure, connected to the FBI’s data systems.

Israeli intelligence: Dan Dubno briefing Epstein on Unit 8200 and Talpiot. Barak’s security team — the same firm that wired Israeli diplomatic facilities — requesting access to Epstein’s property. Barak himself, paid through the Wexner Foundation, a regular guest at Epstein’s residences.

The financial axis: Les Wexner, relationship weight 41, Epstein’s primary benefactor. The Wexner Foundation coordinating payments to Barak. Epstein managing Wexner’s security while simultaneously running his own surveillance operation.

The infrastructure: Hidden cameras in Kleenex boxes. DVDs from a safe, organized by name. \$1.7 million in island technology. Fiber optics. Digital intercoms. [Heat maps off social networks](#). An [intelligence operation pitched to Reid Hoffman](#) as counterterrorism software.

Every node connects to at least two others. The Maxwell intelligence legacy connects to the DHS software contract. The Israeli military intelligence briefings connect to the alarm system request. The Wexner financial relationship connects to the Barak payments. The island infrastructure connects to the hidden cameras. And all of it flows through one address: 9 East 71st Street, New York, New York — the townhouse where Barak's security team wanted to install their system.

What Is Documented and What Is Not

The intelligence connections are documented. Ghislaine's own email confirms her father had CIA connections. Christine's emails confirm Chiliad served as DHS's core search infrastructure. Dubno's emails confirm Epstein received briefings on Israeli military intelligence programs. Barak's team's email confirms they wanted to wire Epstein's property using the same contractor that served Israeli diplomatic and military facilities. Financial records confirm millions in technology infrastructure on the island.

The chain of command is not.

We don't know if Epstein reported to anyone. We don't know if the surveillance operation served a foreign government, a domestic one, both, or neither. We don't know if the Chiliad/DHS connection was exploited. We don't know who, if anyone, received the product of those hidden cameras beyond the DVDs in the safe.

What we know is that a man who ran a [documented surveillance and blackmail operation](#) was surrounded — personally, financially, operationally — by intelligence professionals, intelligence software, intelligence infrastructure, and intelligence money. And that when his partner's daughter mentioned a CIA operative at a wedding, his only response was where he was going that afternoon.

The connections are in the archive. The chain of command is the question no one has answered.

This article is part of [The Blackmail Files](#) series. Previously: [The Heat Map — Counter-Surveillance and the Intelligence Pitch](#). Next: [August 10, 2019 — the death of Jeffrey Epstein](#).

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