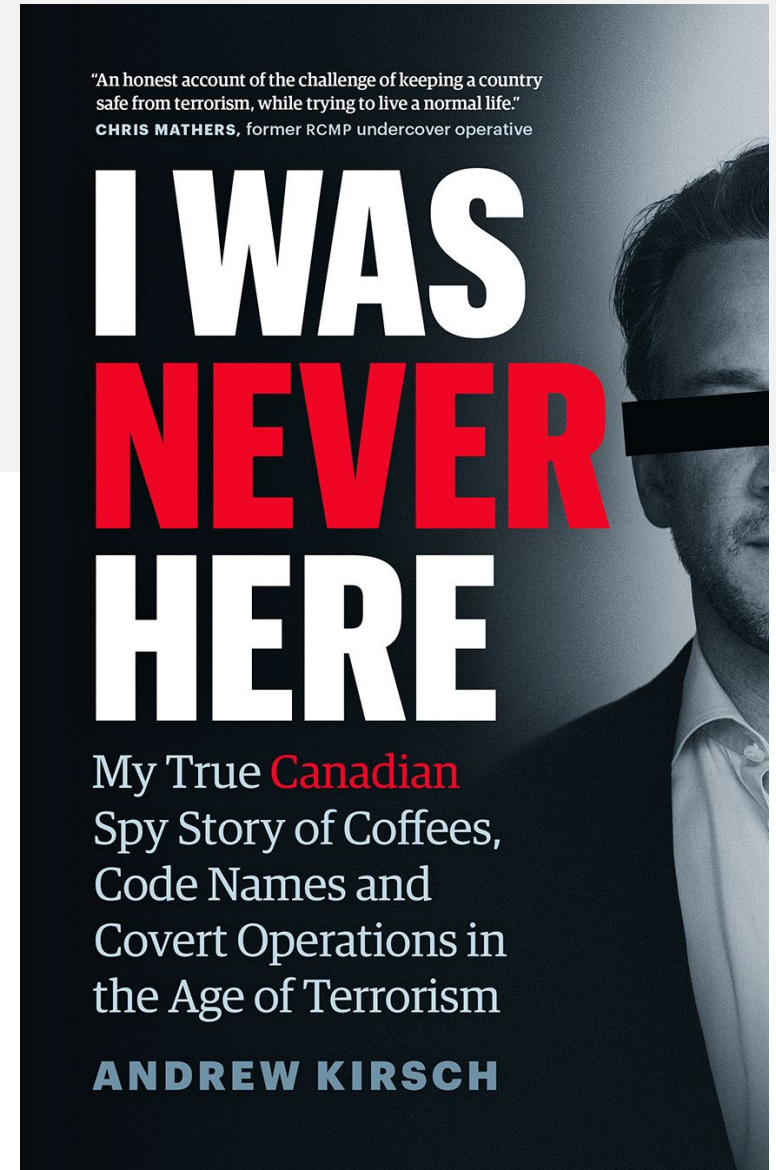




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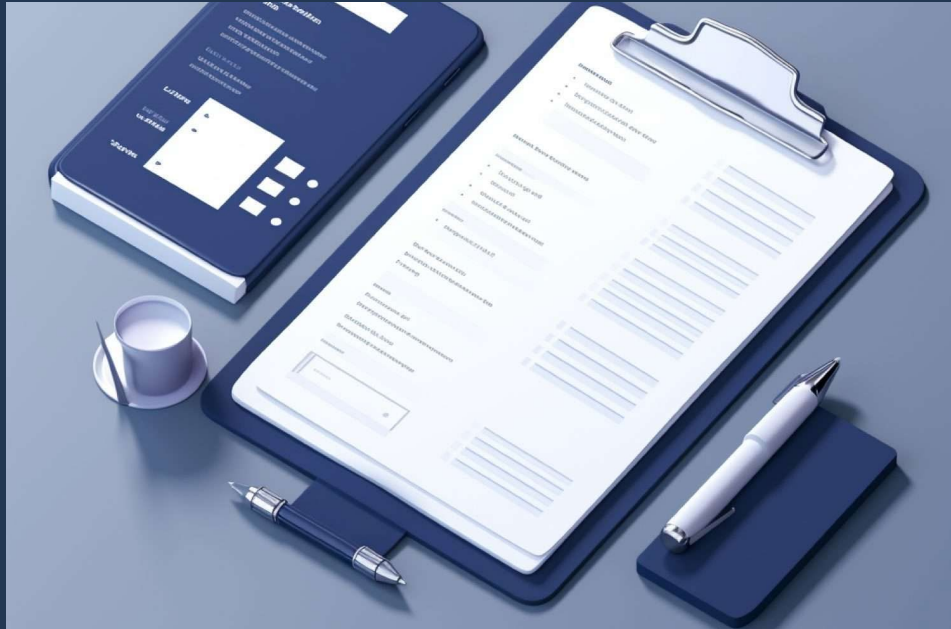


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# WHAT ARE WE GOING TO TALK ABOUT?



01

What is CSIS?

02

Some stories from my career

03

Why it's so important we talk more about security (And yes, I get the irony of this coming from an ex-spy)



# How did I become a spy?

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2001 – 2005

- 9/11
- Bali Bombings
- Moscow Theatre Hostage Taking
- Spanish Train derailment
- Saudi Barracks bombings
- 7/7





## WHY ITS IMPORTANT YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT IT

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- Nobody works alone
  - Rely on the assistance of others
- Things go wrong
  - That's rarely the whole story
- We cannot get complacent
  - When we keep things to ourselves, we are only helping our adversaries

# NOT A SECRET ORGANIZATION...

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...it's an organization with secrets

## Public Mandate to investigate

- Espionage and Sabotage
- Foreign Influence Activities
- Terrorism
- Subversion

# WE RELY ON OTHERS FOR ASSISTANCE

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- Field Collector in Toronto
- Coffee and Conversations
- Relying on people for help
  - People with access to sensitive information and would be willing to talk to me about it



# WHEN YOU RELY ON OTHERS FOR HELP AND OTHERS RELY ON YOU



- It's important everyone knows what everyone does
- And who to go to for help



# THINGS GO WRONG SOMETIMES - LESSON FROM SPECIAL OPERATIONS

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- 01 Intrusive Investigative measures
- 02 Close Access vs Remote Access
- 03 Warranted Technical Surveillance
- 04 Things don't always go as planned...

# No plan goes A to B to C

- Batteries Die
- Equipment Freezes up
- Views can change with the seasons
- Software updates can kill installs
- Stuff happens



# CONFIDENCE IN OUR INSTITUTIONS IS THREATENED

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- Tell our stories
- Be honest about our challenges
- Celebrate our wins







## WE CAN GET PRE- OCCUPIED AND COMPLACENT

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- What does anyone want with us?
- Some crimes are victimless
- That's what insurance is for
- If it was a problem, I'm sure someone would have said something
- It's easier not to say something
- I'm sure someone is looking after it



# THE THREAT VECTOR IS CHANGING

- Same threats new vector of attack
- The underlying hacking tools have not changed - the social engineering has
- Our interconnectivity and explosion of IoT devices used against us
- We don't feel a hack they way we feel an attack



# WHEN THINGS GO WRONG – GET HELP

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- If we don't know the risks, how can we protect ourselves?
  - What is the point of having great intel if you don't share it with people who need it
- Who are you going to call if you have a problem?
  - We are only as strong as our networks
  - If you have a problem someone else does as well and they probably don't know it yet



# We are all in this together

- Just because we can't be perfect doesn't mean we can't do our best
- We are the threat surface to protect everyone around us
  - Families
  - Communities
  - Companies
  - Country
- This is my knock on your door





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