

# THE HONEY TRAP

SCRIPTED MINI-SERIES

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BASED ON THE BOOK  
"Dancing with the Devil"  
by Rodney Barker



# THE BRIEF

Clayton Lonetree, the first US Marine ever tried for treason, finds himself at the center of a "spy for sex" scandal that rocked the 80s, intensified US-Russian relations, and tarnished the famous "Forever Faithful" (Semper Fi) motto of the US Marines. Not because he hated his country... he just fell in love with the wrong woman.



"The Espionage Case of the Century"  
~ Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger

A collage of newspaper clippings from various publications, including The New York Times, detailing the espionage case of Clayton Lonetree. The clippings include headlines such as "3d Marine in spy net Failed to tell of links with foreigners", "Queens Marine held Eyed as a Soviet spy", "Espionage Trial of Marine Hears From C.I.A. Agents", "Letters Link Lonetree To Russian", "30-Year Sentence Given to Lonetree", "Marines defeated by Soviet blonds?", "Pentagon was glib in Marine's story", "3d Marine in spy net Failed to tell of links with foreigners", "Moscow maze Sgt. unveils own sex plot", "Marine convicted by court-martial of embassy spying", "Discrepancies and Contradictions", "The Investigation Turns to Bracy", "2nd Man Held in Frankfurt Deal", "The Status of the Marines", "Not 'Fiancee'", "Officials Say Their Story Stands", "3d Marine in spy net Failed to tell of links with foreigners", "Moscow maze Sgt. unveils own sex plot", "Marines defeated by Soviet blonds?", "Marine convicted by court-martial of embassy spying", "Discrepancies and Contradictions", "The Investigation Turns to Bracy", "2nd Man Held in Frankfurt Deal", "The Status of the Marines", "Not 'Fiancee'", "Officials Say Their Story Stands". The clippings feature photographs of Clayton Lonetree, a woman, and a man in a military uniform. A red banner at the bottom of the collage contains the text "BASED ON A TRUE STORY... THAT'S BASED ON A LIE".

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A HONEY TRAP is "a trap set to capture, kill or compromise a person, commonly but not necessarily an opposition agent, officer, or employee, using sex as the lure."



(4) Former American Ambassador to the Soviet Union Arthur Hartman, standing in front of Marine Security Guard Clayton Lonetree.

Photograph taken by Lonetree at an afterhours party in Moscow showing embassy officials fraternizing with Soviet women. On right, Master Gunnery Sgt. Joe Wingate has his left arm around a previously identified KGB colonel known as "Raya."



(6) Violetta Seina posing with a rose in photo sent to Clayton Lonetree while he was stationed in Vienna.



(8) Violetta Seina as she appeared on the CBS newsmagazine Eye to Eye in January 1995.

**SEINA**



**LONETREE**



Sgt. Lonetree with the main members of his defense team. From left: co-defense counsels, William Kunster and Michael Stuhff, chief investigator Headley.

Lonetree (second

# THE FULL STORY



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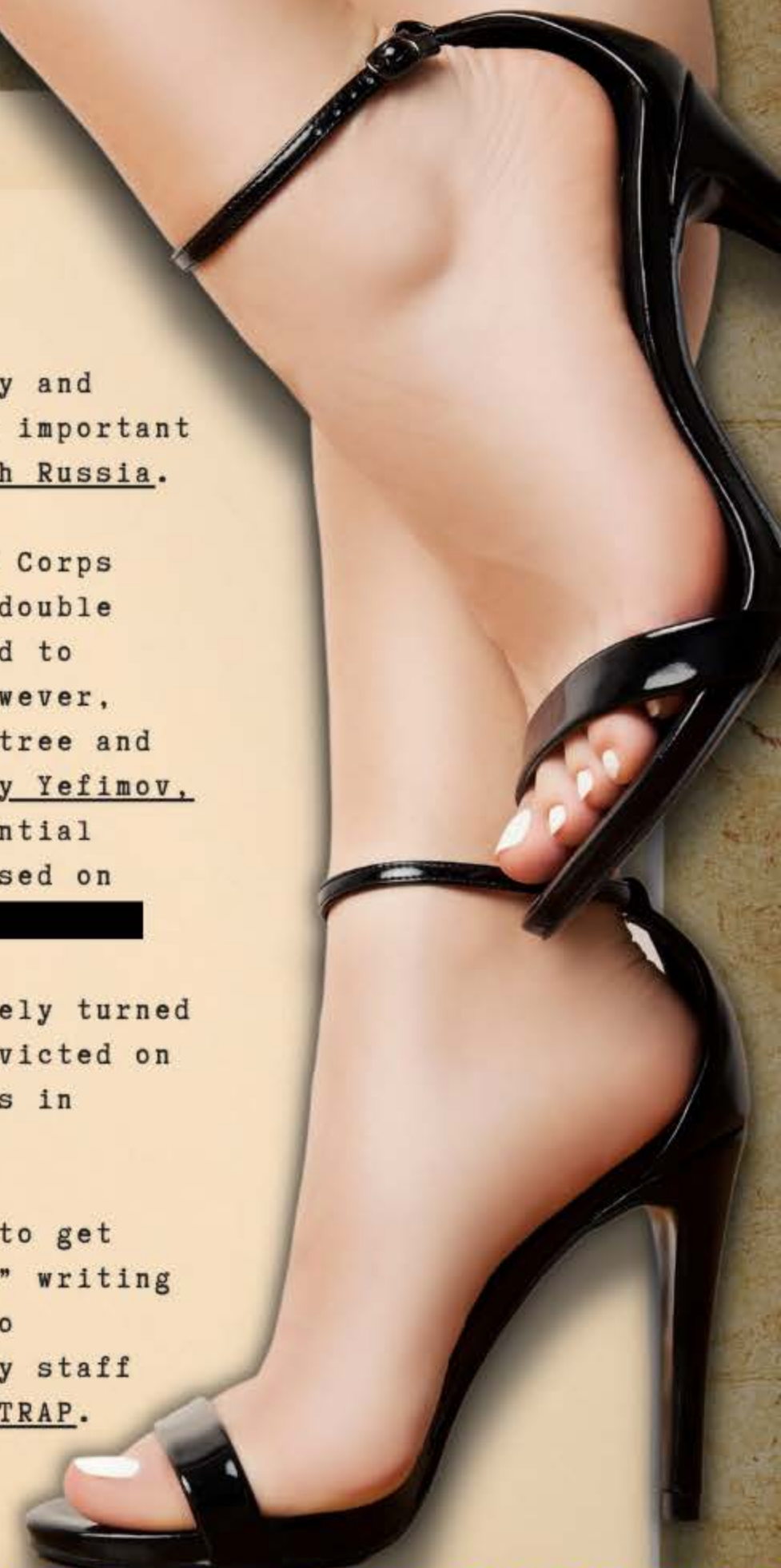
1985. Moscow's US Embassy. Height of the Cold War. Clayton Lonetree is the perfect target: an immature, lonely and demoralized Native American US Marine assigned to guard the Embassy in the heart of the wolf's lair. The most important US post in the world. Which became the headquarters of the spy-sex scandal that rocked American relations with Russia.

Marine Security Guard Clayton Lonetree was seduced by a Russian woman, "Violetta Seina," at the annual Marine Corps Ball in November 1985. She worked as a telephone operator and translator for the Moscow Embassy, but lived a double life as a KGB agent. Lonetree was so highly regarded that he was chosen to be part of the Marine unit assigned to provide security for the 1985 summit between Soviet premier Mikhail Gorbachev and President Ronald Reagan. However, despite the strict non-fraternization ("no frat") policy imposed on all MSGs in such parts of the world, Lonetree and Seina began a relationship soon after they met. She introduced him to her "Uncle Sasha," KGB operative Aleksey Yefimov, who asked Lonetree to become a "friend of the Soviet Union." Lonetree was soon convinced to turn over confidential information, including Embassy floor plans. After he was transferred to the Embassy in Vienna in 1986, he passed on blueprints and burn bags with top-secret cables, including intel on U.S. arms reduction and [REDACTED]

On December 14, 1986, Lonetree came forward to the CIA station chief in Vienna and confessed. He was immediately turned over to the Navy Intelligence Service (NIS) and placed under arrest, charged with espionage. Lonetree was convicted on multiple counts of turning over classified information, was court-martialed in 1987, and sentenced to 30 years in prison. He was the first U.S. Marine Corps member ever convicted of espionage.

What was initially supposed to be a quick fix turned into an ordeal that took a decade for everyone involved to get over. Embassy Moscow was assumed to have been so infiltrated that staff took to using children's "magic slate" writing pads to pass messages back and forth, while the new Embassy building was discovered to be "one huge, KGB radio station." The description of the laxity about security, the demoralizing conditions of the Marines and Embassy staff and the dimwitted Washington bureaucrats in charge of these things is the underlying story beneath THE HONEY TRAP.

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# THE MAIN TARGETS



**TOP SECRET**

## CLAYTON LONETREE



Native American, 25. A lonely US Marine embassy guard stationed in Moscow. He is seduced by Violetta Seina & thus compromised by the KGB into betraying his oath & his country.



FORREST GOODLUCK

**TOP SECRET**

## VIOLETTA SEINA



Russian brunette, 24. Alluring phone operator & translator at the US Embassy, Moscow. Seduces Lonetree, gets romantically involved with him & introduces him to her "Uncle Sasha".



PAULINA ANDREEVA



DIANA POZHARSKAYA

**TOP SECRET**

## ALEKSEI YEFIMOV



KGB operative, counter-intelligence & recruitment specialist. He poses as Seina's uncle to get intel from Lonetree. He remains his handler through Lonetree's reassignment to Vienna.



VLADIMIR VDOVICHENKOV

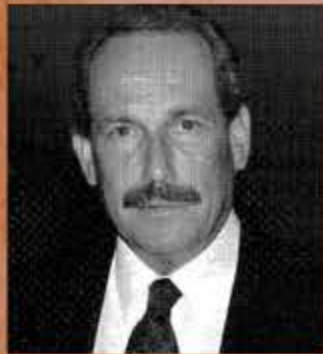


KONSTANTIN KHABENSKY

# THE MAIN TARGETS

TOP SECRET

## LANNY MCCULLAH



Director of Counter-intelligence, NIS. Late 40s, dapper. Old-school pipe smoker. In charge of forming a task force to prosecute Lonetree.



KYLE CHANDLER



JEFFREY DONOVAN

TOP SECRET

## ANGELIC WHITE



Head Prosecutor, NIS. Mid 30s, badass boss lady of DC. Gets things done. Recalls Marines, investigates exposure, and assembles team.



JESSICA CHASTAIN



ANNA PAQUIN

TOP SECRET

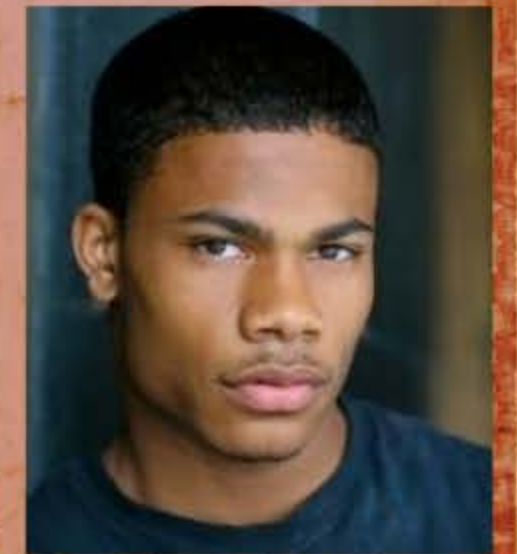
## ARNOLD BRACY



US Marine, 27, Black. Possible accomplice to Lonetree. He confessed to espionage activity, then recanted and was set free.



DENZEL WHITAKER



JORDAN CALLOWAY

# THE TRAJECTORY

## EPISODE 1 - "THE EAGLE AND THE BEAR"

Clayton Lonetree, a Native American Marine, is stationed in the heart of Communism during the Cold War. His job is to guard the Embassy and all of its secrets within. Lonely and introverted, he meets a young Russian translator at the yearly Marine ball and nothing would ever be the same for him. After a brief romance, she introduces him to her uncle Sasha, a KGB operative who compromises the young Marine into giving up secrets and names, for the sake of maintaining the clandestine love affair. After being pushed to the limit during his reassignment in Vienna, he turns himself in to the CIA station chief, marking the beginning of a scandal that rocked international relations to their core.

## EPISODE 2 - "WHO'S TO SAY?"

After confessing to espionage activities, Clayton Lonetree is transferred in shackles to the brig in Quantico. Major David Henderson (lead) is appointed to defend him as luck of the draw by the USMC. As Angelic White recalls all Marines from Moscow station and they begin to be interviewed, it becomes clear that the lax of security and demoralized attitude runs deeper than Lonetree. Especially after another Marine, Sgt. Bracy also confesses to breaking the non-fraternization rules and of possibly being compromised as well, this time lured by the embassy cook's assistant. The NIS appoints David Beck as lead prosecutor. The table is set and the players get ready for court.

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## EPISODE 3 - "RASHOMON"

This episode will be mostly in Russian with English subtitles as we explore the case from the Soviet POV. An in-depth look at the inner workings of how the Russian intelligence operated in 1985 and how specifically, Clayton Lonetree was targeted. Did he really run into Violetta in the subway or had she been planted there? We delve into not only her level of involvement, but her aftermath since Lonetree's arrest. Was she a cold-blooded seductress or were there real feelings involved? Did the swallow fall for the mark or was it all an act? These are some of the questions that will arise, as the story becomes a scandal in the US press; The embarrassment is furthered by the realization that the Soviets have implanted listening devices into our new embassy, rendering it completely useless. To our horror, with infra-red microphone tracking, the walls lit up like Christmas trees.

## EPISODE 4 - "RED DUSK"

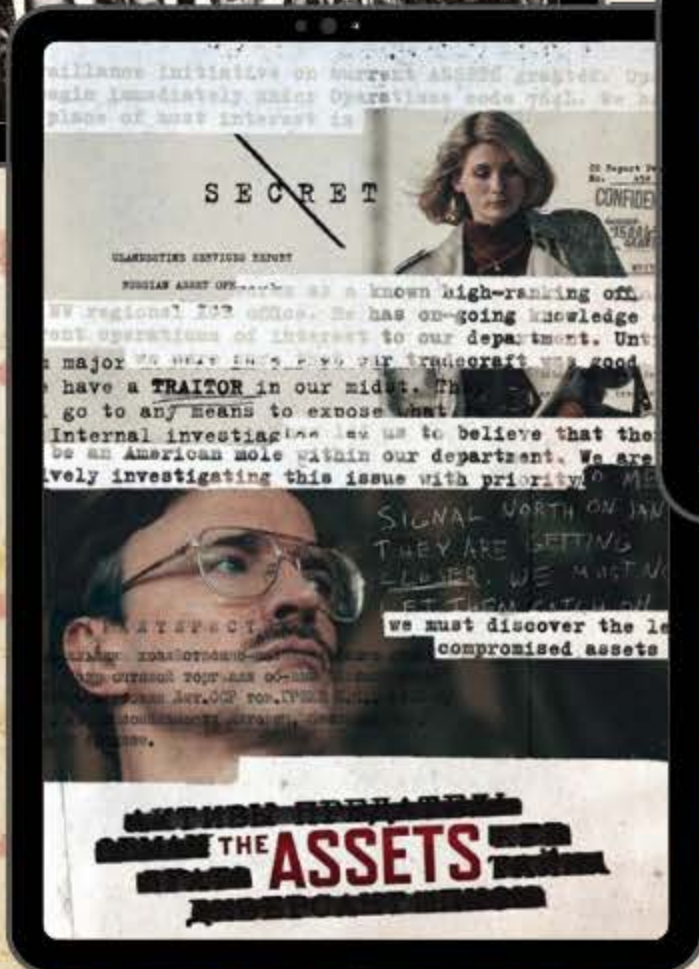
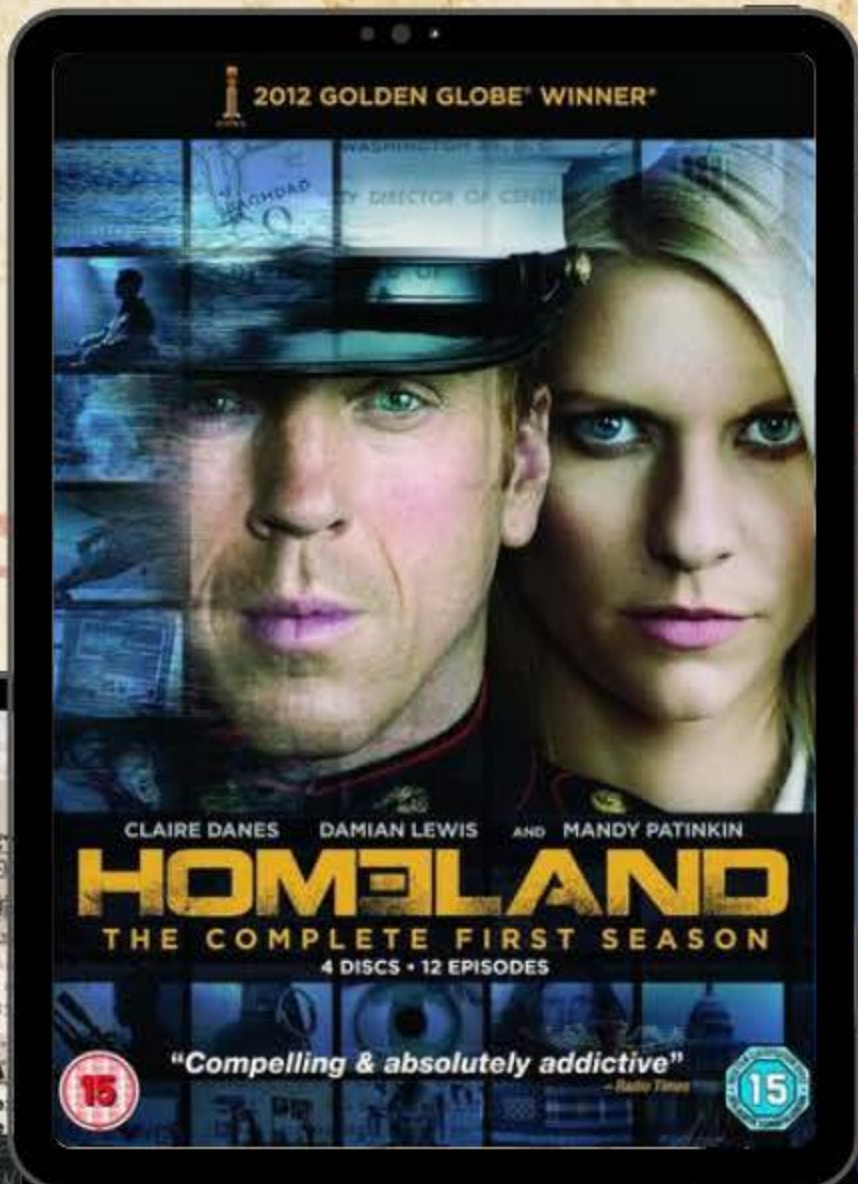
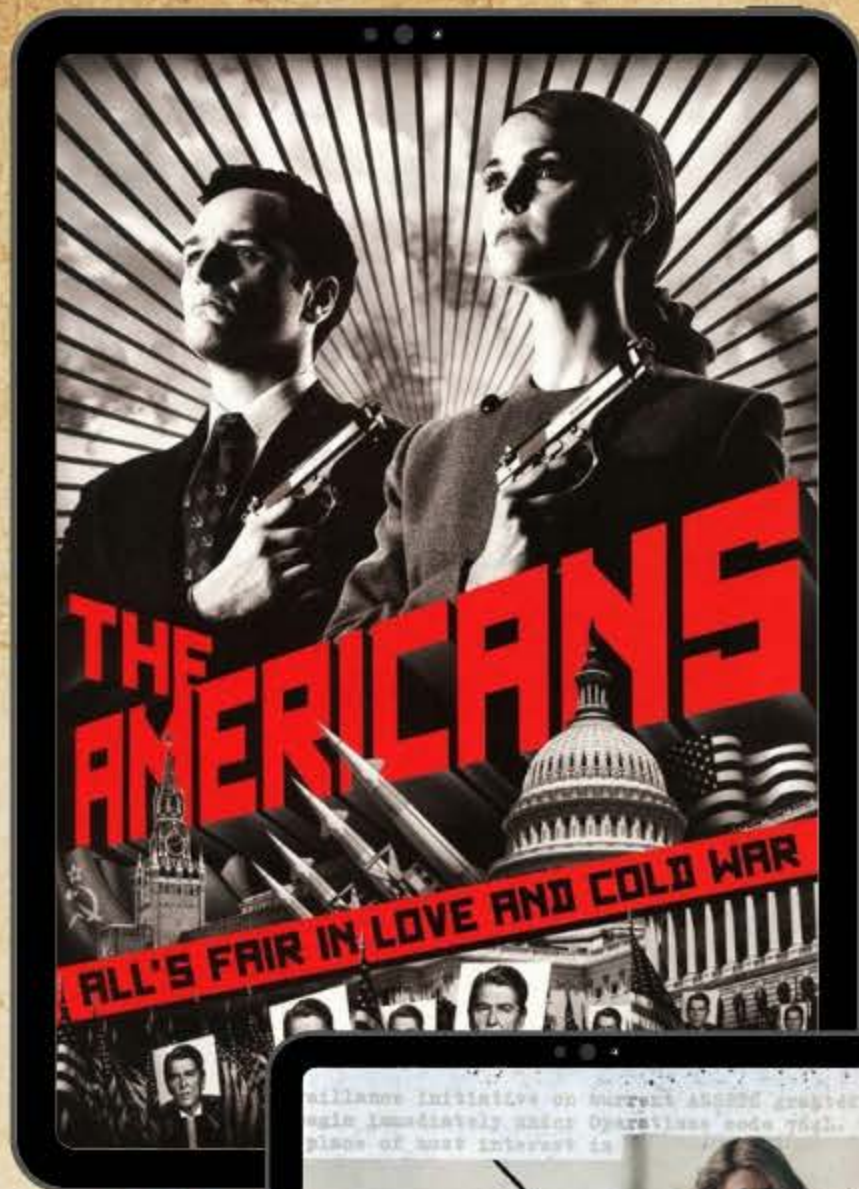
As Bracy recants, Lonetree remains the target of US prosecution. Flamboyant civil attorney, William Kunstler is retained by Clayton's family. Kunstler bases his defense on the notion that Lonetree is being scapegoated by the US government due to his background as a Native American. A defense that will prove disastrous. As witnesses are called to the stand, flashbacks and recollections further in detail some of what we already knew, while others are truly revelatory. The scandal grows as Lonetree remains in solitary confinement, partially to protect him from other Marines who fear he's tarnished the image of the unit. In the end, Kunstler's antics only lead to Lonetree becoming the first Marine to be convicted of espionage and is sentenced to 30 years\* in prison with a dishonorable discharge from the Marine core.

\*Lonetree was released from prison after serving nine years on a reduced sentence of 25 years.



# THE PRECEDENTS

THE HONEY TRAP has elements in common with each of these commercially successful series:



# THE INFORMANTS



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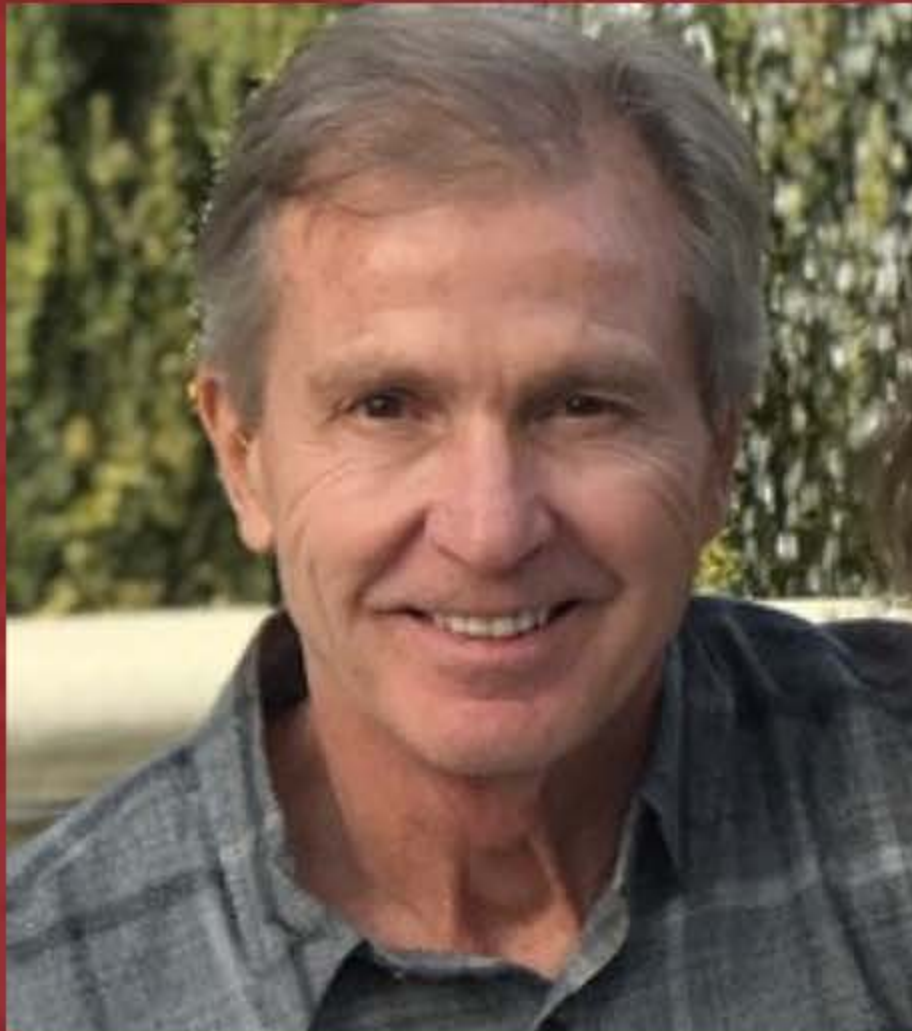
Born and raised in Madrid, Spain, the son of a Puerto Rican matador and Bostonian production secretary, Ramon was raised in the world of Show Biz from an early age. His mother worked on classic films such as "Dr. Zhivago" and "Patton". His Godfather Pedro Vidal, was David Lean's 1st AD. Fernandez began his career in the industry as a New York film critic, later becoming an actor and screenwriter. Fernandez has written four feature screenplays and three pilots, all of which were well received. His very first, "Blindfold" won Best Original Screenplay at the Manhattan Film & Video Festival. His second effort "The Johnson Crossing" was optioned by Michael Mailer (son of Norman) and his third "Anika" was optioned by the late Robert Evans (The Godfather).

In 1993 Ramon lived in Moscow, Russia as an exchange student. During this time he became aware of the Clayton Lonetree story, as it had just unfolded right before his arrival. He has a first hand knowledge of the look, sounds and even smells of the remnants of a 1980s Russia, awakening from its repressive nightmare and into a new world. A very specific era and feel.

As director, his first effort "Hot Tuesday" (wrote, produced, directed, starred & edited) won the 2014 Atlanta Shortsfest. His second film, the highly acclaimed documentary "Glory Daze: The Life and Times of Michael Alig", won the Manhattan Film Festival in 2016 and is currently trending on platforms such as Netflix, Amazon, iTunes, and many others. A well-studied cinephile at the peak of his game, Fernandez has been plotting story of "The Honey Trap" through many years of personal research to ensure accuracy down to the very detail.

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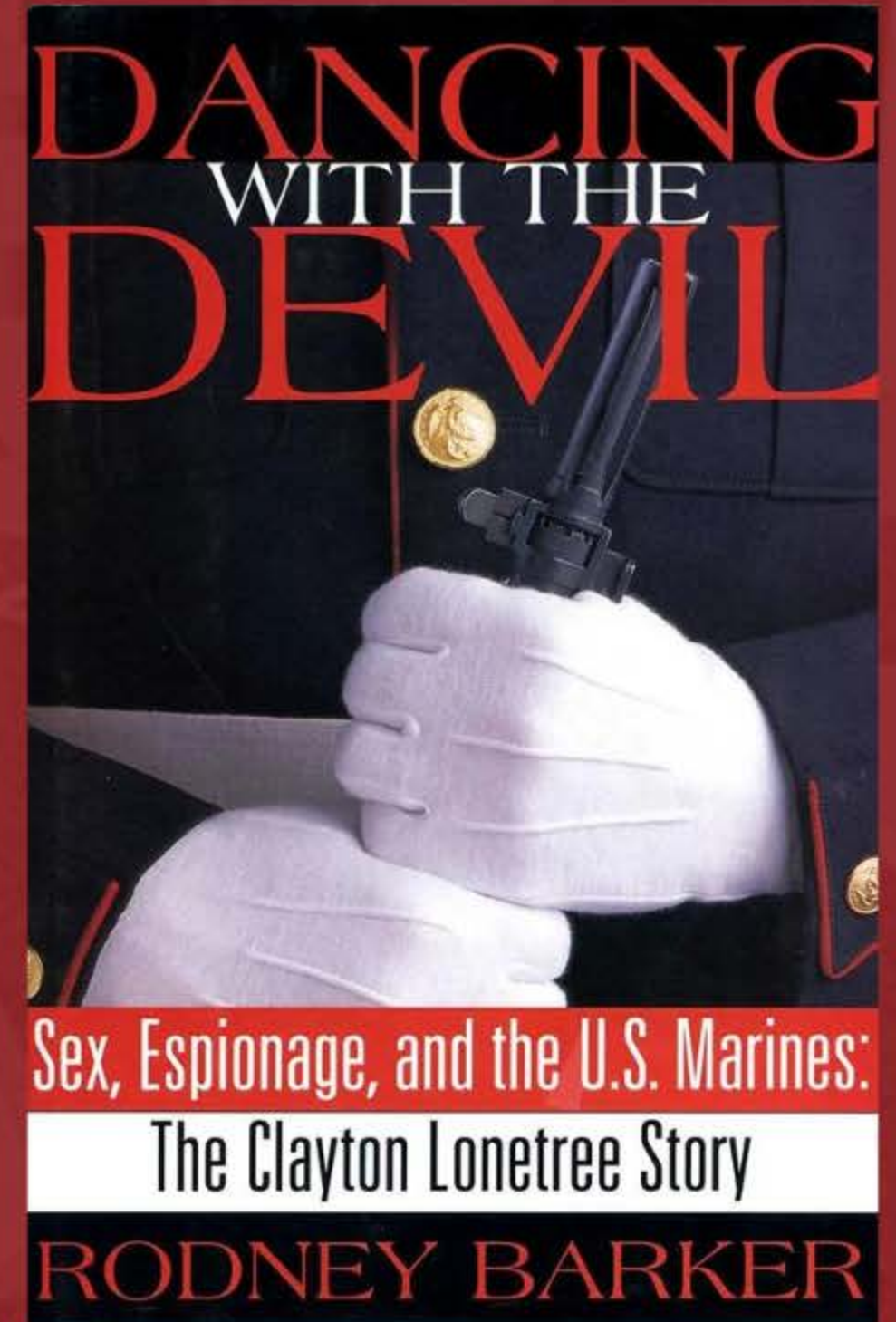
A former investigative journalist turned author of four acclaimed bestselling non-fiction books, Rodney Barker took advantage of research opportunities that opened up with the collapse of the Soviet Union to travel to Moscow and discover the truths behind the sex-for-secrets espionage scandal that rocked relations between the United States and Russia towards the end of the Cold War.



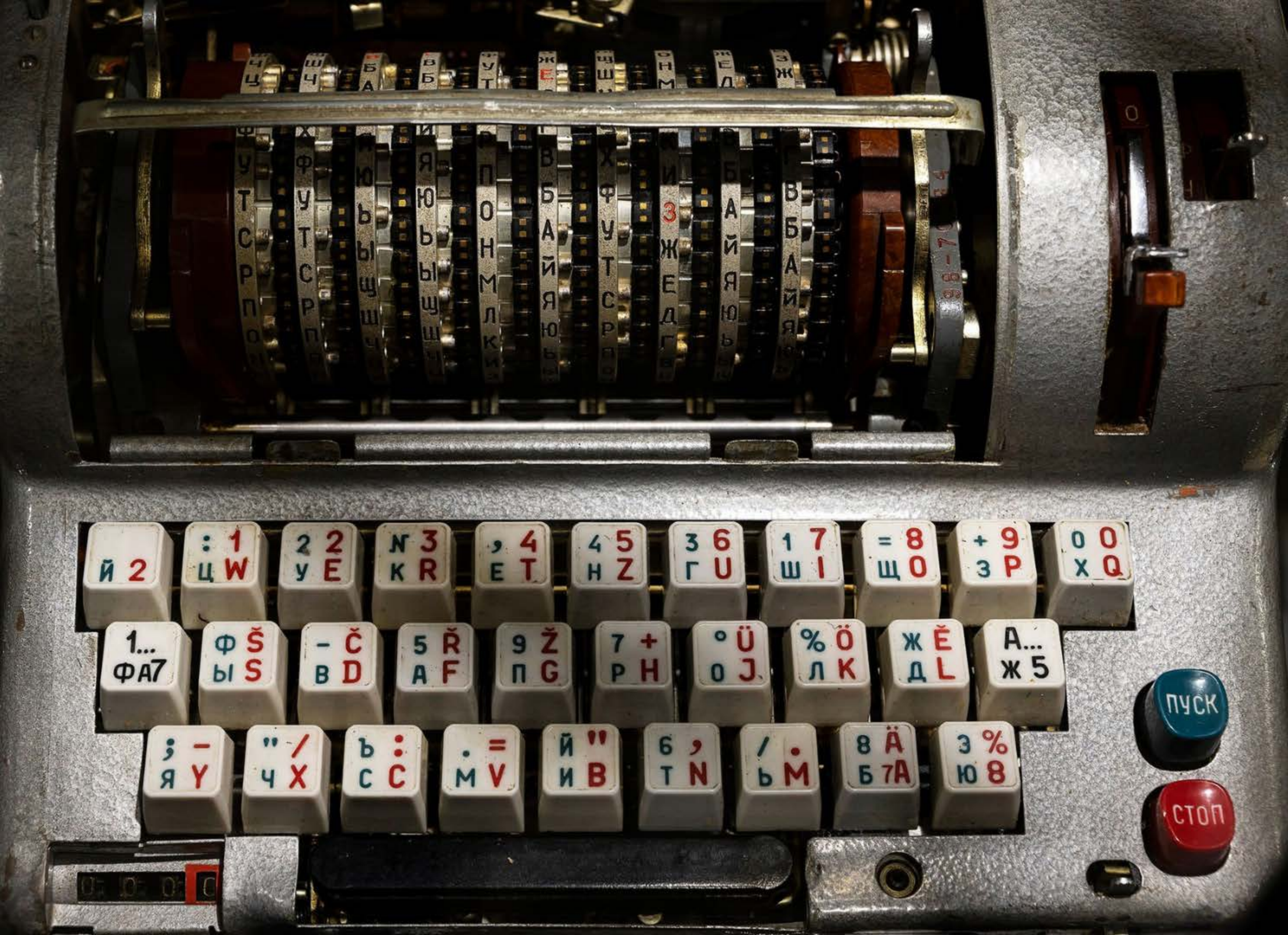
Author/Consultant,  
Rodney Barker

Receiving unprecedented cooperation from members of the American intelligence and law enforcement community, and hiring former KGB agents trained in the recruitment of Western spies, he was able to answer the mystery of what really happened when Marine Security Guard Clayton Lonetree, a Native American assigned to the American Embassy in Moscow, fell in love with Violetta Siena, a beautiful Jewish translator who had graduated from a Russian "charm school", and betrayed his country... only to become a pawn in a much larger more diabolical plot. His book, "Dancing with the Devil," was published by Simon & Schuster.

[Rod Barker Interview on Charlie Rose](#)



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