

## Re: Mimicing Heart Problems?

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It was with some apprehension that I learned Nicky Hager was researching the activity of our intelligence community. He has long been a pain in the establishment's neck.

There are many things in the book with which I am familiar. I couldn't tell him which was which. Nor can I tell you.

But it is an outrage that I and other ministers were told so little [yea NSA] and this raises the question of to whom those concerned saw themselves ultimately responsible.

David Lange  
Prime Minister of New Zealand 1984-89

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Another aspect of the Second World War that carried over into the Cold War era was the close co-operation between five countries – the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand – formalized with the UKUSA Security Agreement of 1948.

Although the treaty has never been made public, it has become clear that it provided not only for a division of collecting tasks and sharing of the product, but for common guidelines for the classification and protection of the intelligence collected as well as for personnel security.

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New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon, on June 12 1984, admitted the GCSB liaised closely with Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States – the closest the government has ever come to talking about the secret five-nation signals intelligence alliance of which the GCSB is part.

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The New Zealand analysts have a high level of contact with the overseas agencies, including overseas staff training, postings and exchanges. In

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the early 1990s the GCSB began conducting its own training courses, teaching them the special procedures and regulations governing the production of signals intelligence reports for the UKUSA network.

It is at these courses where the analysts are told about the UKUSA agreement, which is described by senior staff as the 'foundation stone' of all the arrangements with the 'partner' agencies.

P110 The GCSB introduces the new tr