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1. Helmut Voigt was a professional

He was on the run with several false passports

living under a false identity in the port city of Volos

He was caught when his wife Carla visited in 1992 with a tracking device hidden in her luggage

He was arrested at the hotel Balasca in Athens



2. The Hotel Balasca, just a few minutes walk across the park from Larissa Station, then hop on the train back to Volos with dear Carla



3. Volos

A pleasant enough place to hide away from the past

...and the future

<https://t.co/j6hdcM0KRa>

4. The Red Star



5. "He is," says a former Stasi major appreciatively, "the perfect secret service man. An absolute professional."



6. But even a shrewd secret service man can make mistakes. He wants his wife to visit him. He feels alone. According to the investigation, Helmut Voigt was just entering himself into the guest book of the hotel "Balasca" with the false name Alfred Hermann.



7. The double room No. 510 is simply furnished, costs the equivalent of 45 marks per night. Late in the evening, the porter recalls, "Hermann" leaves the hotel again. An hour later he returns with a woman by his side. It's Carla.



8. He tells Carla they will catch the train to Volos in the morning.

The trip is very scenic, she will like Volos.

Carla and Helmut eat well, they are happy.

Oh yes, they could take the night train, but what's the rush? They are safe at the Hotel Balasca

<https://t.co/ZfNypbhqEb>

9. The investigators apparently show sympathy for a long-separated couple. It wasn't until about seven hours later that two BKA officials, supported by ten Athens police officers, knock on the door of room 510. They say: "Mr. Voigt, please don't cause any trouble."

10. Then they lead him away.

Voigt is composed, goes bolt upright, as the hotel employee Maria remembers. Voigt stops shortly before the exit.

"Gentlemen," he says to the BKA officials, "I still have to pay."

"Correct," say former MfS officers, "Helmut has always been correct."



11. Helmut missed his train

<https://t.co/TXaKaHU3Mh>

12. Even a shrewd secret service man can make mistakes

He is calm, inconspicuous, hides his face behind a full beard. He introduces himself to his neighbours in Volos as a teacher
Then, Loneliness, Wife, Tracking Device & Airport Pick Up. He made some errors
It cost him 4 years

13. Instead, Korydallos State Prison

Korydallos is anger and despair, caged hatred.

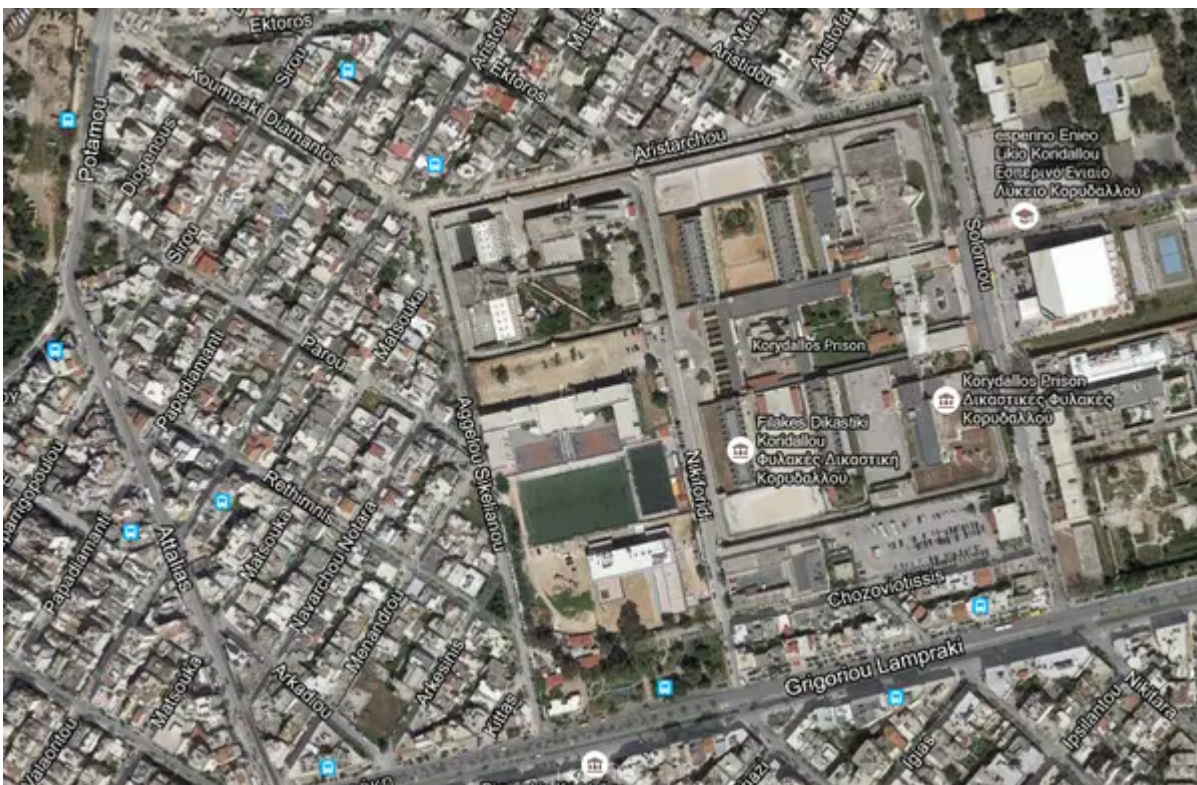
Every schoolchild in Athens knows that crime is in Korydallos. At night they roar in the narrow, stuffy cells, sometimes they are cries for help.

Neighbors whisper behind the high walls,



14. Chaos reigns. 2400 prisoners in a musty building, totally overcrowded and hot like a sauna in spring. Pure aggression: everyone is at everyone's throat.

<https://t.co/nDRFDUYKbm>



15. The jail has its hierarchy

Helmut Voigt, 50, the bearded German from the high-security wing, is right at the top.

He's not a thug, not a killer guy, not a bank robber. Helmut Voigt, it is said almost reverently in Korydallos, is a terrorist boss.

He is a popular guy there



16. Helmut's Dream

<https://t.co/vvSY5X7ujw>

17. He must forget Volos

<https://t.co/GeEJAthaiv>

18. and face his past, la Maison de France in West Berlin

August 25, 1983

<https://t.co/b4wcUlrgo6>



19. the former head of Stasi main department XXII / 8, Helmut Voigt, was sentenced to 4 years in prison for aiding & abetting murder. In 1983 he delivered the explosives to a Lebanese man for an attack on the "Maison de France" cultural center in Berlin,

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20. A different age, with different values

"only one nation, the nation of the oppressed" according to Carlos the Jackal

<https://t.co/eRbjhLiJOd>



▲ Carlos the Jackal pictured with his German girlfriend Magdalena Kopp, who went on to become his wife. Photograph: Security Services Archive, Prague

21. Since 1980 Voigt was responsible for the observation of "left-wing & international terrorism" in the MfS main department XXII. In this context he is said to have supported members of the organization of international revolutionaries around "Carlos"

<https://t.co/NfludXFx1y>

22. In 1994, Helmut Voigt was sentenced to 4-years imprisonment for his involvement in the bombing of the French Cultural Center. The verdict was the first time that a former Stasi agent was found guilty of committing a crime as part of his official duties.

23. The plastic explosives stayed under the control of Voigt, the Stasi contact man for the Carlos Group. After months of further discussion between Voigt and Weinrich, the explosives were released to Weinrich on August 16, 1983.



24. He in turn gave them to Nabil Shritah, the Third Secretary of the Syrian Embassy for safekeeping. A week later, Weinrich went to the Embassy and retrieved the explosives.

IN THE SHADOW OF CARLOS: THE CURIOUS TERRORIST CAREER OF JOHANNES WEINRICH

<https://t.co/cKP7iZmEv3>

25. The former Stasi officer Helmut Voigt had such a passport with him when he was arrested on September 6th last year in the Balasca Hotel in Athens.

Voigt had registered as:

"Alfred Hermann, born May 14, 1948 in Halle"

<https://t.co/h9l9xgh2rE>

Former employees of the East Berlin Ministry for State Security (MfS) have apparently gone into hiding with forged ID cards from a break-in more than two years ago. In the period from October 1990 to February 1991, 1,500 blank ID cards disappeared on the way from the Bundesdruckerei in Berlin to the Neuwied city administration in Rhineland-Palatinate from a warehouse of the transport company near Cologne, 500 passports each with the registration numbers K 7409001 to K 7409500, children's ID cards and provisional federal identity cards.

26. Bruno Breguet

In 1995, after traveling from Greece to Italy on the ferryboat "Lato", Italian authorities refused Breguet entry. Since then, Bruno Breguet has not been seen in public again.

<https://t.co/e0K7YA6Ej4>

Carlos even sent a letter to Obama from his French jail cell

In February 2009, "Carlos" wrote an appeal letter in behalf of Bruno Breguet to U.S. President Barack Obama:

Mister President, Your decision to close secret C.I.A. jails, honours you.

Our Comrade Bruno Breguet, a Swiss citizen, was abducted on 11th November 1995 from a ferryboat between Italy and Greece, in a special operation with NATO naval support.

We pray you to have Bruno released.

We were informed unofficially, that Bruno died accidentally during interrogation at a U.S. base in the south of Hungary.

If Bruno truly is dead, we need his body back, so his relatives, friends, and comrades, may mourn in neutral Switzerland, this hero of the Palestinian Cause, and his eternal soul join our martyrs in heaven.

Do not hesitate to have your services contact my Swiss attorney Marcel Bosonnet, and the coordinator of my defence team, and dearest wife, Maître Isabelle Coutant (Peyre), of the Paris Bar.

To erase the infamy attached to Guantanamo base, do return that occupied territory to its rightful owners, the Cuban people, on this 50th anniversary of their revolution.

I pray God Almighty that one day the peoples of our continent, free at last, may shout with one voice: "God bless our America!"

And as your grandfather would say:

«ALLAHOU AKBAR!»

I remain, Mister President, yours in revolution

27. From Voigt to Breguet via Carlos!

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