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*The Case of the Russian Diplomat (The Masao Masuto Mysteries Book 3) - Kindle edition by Howard Fast. Download it once and read it on your Kindle device, PC, phones or tablets.*

Russia has been accused of being behind the poisoning of former intelligence agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia Skripal. They were found collapsed in Salisbury on 4 March and are now in hospital in critical condition, as a result, it seems, of the use of a chemical said to have been identified as one of a group of nerve agents called Novichok. For a timeline of events so far, see here. Three days later Russia responded by announcing the reciprocal expulsion of 23 British diplomats, as well as the closure of the British Council in Russia and the British Consulate in St Petersburg. This very serious claim has been carefully analysed on EJIL: What is the legal basis for expelling diplomats? Diplomatic relations between States are governed on the international level by the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations VCDR, one of the most-ratified treaties in the world. Article 9 provides that: In any such case, the sending State shall, as appropriate, either recall the person concerned or terminate his functions with the mission. If the sending State refuses or fails within a reasonable period to carry out its obligations under paragraph 1 of this Article, the receiving State may refuse to recognise the person concerned as a member of the mission. Article 9 is not among those provisions, but would still bind the UK as a matter of international law including customary international law. When has this power been used? The expulsion by Queen Elizabeth I of the Spanish Ambassador, in 1580, after it came to light that he was party to a plot to overthrow her in favour of Mary Queen of Scots. The serious ramifications of a diplomatic expulsion were clearly appreciated: Expulsions of diplomats on allegations and counter-allegations of espionage happened on a number of other occasions during the Cold War. This led the Government to state that it would apply more stringent standards to diplomats accused of serious crime although see here for our analysis of whether effective standards are in fact being applied. On the face of it, that sits uneasily with the wording of Article 9. The US State Department takes the view that: The United States reputation for being a society governed by the rule of law is not served if it may be pointed to as having acted in an arbitrary, capricious or prejudiced manner in invoking the extreme diplomatic tool of declaring a foreign diplomat PNG [persona non grata]. Similarly, any PNG action which the US government is not able to defend in appropriate detail may be understood as a political action and might thus result in the reciprocal PNG of an entirely innocent American diplomat. What do such expulsions achieve? It is difficult to see what is achieved by such expulsions. As the above analysis shows, they are not what Article 9 was intended to cover. It is understandable that States sometimes wish to vent their displeasure with other States particularly in a high-profile incident where there are few other options for immediate retaliation. But the expulsion of diplomats who are not accused of involvement in the incident, leading to a tit for tat between the two States, is little more than a symbolic gesture, and may simply worsen diplomatic relations at a time when diplomacy "is most needed. There will need to be a thorough investigation into the Skripal case, in order to establish where responsibility lies. She regularly appears before both international and domestic courts and tribunals, acting for States, corporations and individuals, and is recognised by the leading directories for her work across international and domestic law. You Might Also Like.

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I will make hot tea. Go back to sleep. Kati read every article on nutrition that the Los Angeles Times printed, and it was her constant grief that away from her, Masuto subsisted on tacos, frankfurters, pizza, and other strange and barbaric concoctions. In his car, driving north on Motor Road from Culver City, where he lived, to Beverly Hills, Masuto reflected on the fact that he derived so much happiness from a marriage to a very simple and very old-fashioned Japanese woman. Being a Zen Buddhist as well as a member of the Beverly Hills police force, he never confused simplicity with a lack of wisdom; just as being a member of the Beverly Hills police, he never confused wealth with either intelligence or morality. And now as so often before, he congratulated himself on his choice of a mate. He had heard the children whispering as he left the house, awakened by the phone call, and right now Kati would be sitting in their room, singing softly. He smiled at the thought. During the past ten years, the Beverly Glen Hotel had achieved an international reputation as a symbol of wealth, opulence, and the entertainment industry. Situated somewhat to the east of Beverly Glen and within the city limits of Beverly Hills, it sat on a knoll overlooking the city, a huge, haphazard, sprawling pile of pink stucco and palms and Moroccan ivy. It was the only place to stay if you were a particular kind of person, and the place not to stay if you were another kind of person; and while Detective Sergeant Masao Masuto had never tasted its hospitality as a guest, he was nevertheless a not infrequent visitor in his professional capacity. In that capacity, he always kept in mind the difference between those who live in Beverly Hills—a small and unique city in Los Angeles County—and those who were guests at the Beverly Glen Hotel. The residents of Beverly Hills, particularly those who lived north of the railroad tracks—in this case, the Southern Pacific, which bisected the city from east to west—had a common bond: Given the restricted area of their residence, they were probably as rich as or richer than any group on similar acreage anywhere in the United States, or in the world for that matter. The guests at the Beverly Glen Hotel—most of them from New York City and its environs—might be equally rich or as poor as church mice. They might pay the going rate of one hundred dollars a room per night without pain, or they might skip, leaving their luggage behind them; in either case, they were an interesting selection, consisting of film stars, their agents, businessmen, diplomats, Mafia chiefs, producers, writers, congressmen, con men, cheap crooks, tourists—and anyone else who could put down a hundred dollars a day, mostly on an expense account, to stay in the Shangri-La of the film and television industry. It was 4 A. This one is a beauty. He was a skinny, nervous man, and the fact that this was the first time Masuto had seen him without his toupee attested to his condition. We got problems too. Will you take him there, Fred? Beckman remained in the lobby while the three of them went down the stairs, through the arcade of shops to the pool area. A drowning in our pool stinks. The ugly becomes beautiful, the beautiful ugly and mundane. The place was ablaze with light. Stretched out on a bench was the naked body of a man. Sam Baxter, skinny, normally bad humored, was as annoyed as everyone else at a thing like this taking place in the middle of the night. That made his disposition even worse. He was chief pathologist at All Saints Hospital, doubling as medical examiner in a place where, as he put it, one expects a minimum of violence. He was closing his bag as they entered, and he greeted Masuto with a scowl. Captain Wainwright turned from staring at the body to stare at Masuto. Masuto walked forward and looked at the body. His age, Masuto surmised, was somewhere between fifty and fifty-five. A guess would make him five feet eight inches in height, and he was fat, perhaps two hundred and ten pounds. Thin hair, pasty white skin. The eyes were blue. He touched the eyeball lightly with his thumb and forefinger, and then he peered closely at the small snub nose. No sign of violence. Sam thinks he drowned. We never had a drowning in the pool before. Wainwright looked at Gellman, who spread his hands and shook his head. But if he came in as a guest with luggage, Sal would have remembered him. Again Wainwright looked at Gellman, who shook his head. No sign of them. There are the marks. Any sign of the glasses and the wristwatch? He may be a foreigner. Where did he come from? How did he drown—if he did? Detective Beckman came in at that moment with the day desk clerk,

whom Gellman introduced as Ira Jessam. Jessam was forty or so, thin, dark, intense, and very much disturbed by the sight of the dead body. Jessam to stare at the corpse, more, Masuto suspected, because the man was naked than because he was dead. Jessam shook his head. According to the night operator, the call came from room three-twenty-two. The room is registered to a guy by the name of Jack Stillman, out of Vegas. The call came at exactly two forty-nine, and the operator switched it to the front desk. I want him out of here before any of the guests wake up. Both the night operator and the night clerk swear that the call was made by a woman. Very cool, very calm. She talks to the operator first. Then to the front desk. Where, asks the operator? In the swimming pool. What did she say to the night clerk? This Stillman guy claims he was asleep. Last month he married Binnie Vance, the dancer. Service entrance in the basement. Gellman pointed to the pool office. A moment later, they heard Wainwright telling the central office to put out a call for any woman on foot. God almighty, a man drowns, he drowns. Gellman turned desperately to Wainwright. Masuto and Beckman went through the lockers. The lockers were there for the convenience of the hotel guests, and none of them were locked. The search turned up a number of bathing suits, male, some sunglasses and a wristwatch, all of which Fred Comstock took into his custody. How about I sack down for a few hours? Then a third time. Then Jack Stillman opened the door, in his pajamas. This time he had not been sleeping. The pajamas were heavy black silk, and they had not been slept in. His hair was combed. Stillman was a large, fleshy man, over six feet, with a lot of muscle gone to fat. He had the heavy neck of a football player, cold blue eyes, and brown hair. Behind him, past the small foyer, Masuto saw the unmade bed, an open notebook next to the telephone, and then a window, probably the one that overlooked the pool. The room was overdecorated in the gold and ivory that was a signature for the Beverly Glen Hotel. This is Detective Beckman. May we come in? We have a population of over thirty thousand, and if you will not talk to us here, Mr. Stillman, we will be happy to wait until you are dressed and then take you downtown, where you can talk to us at the police station. Now may we come in? Masuto was almost as tall as Stillman, but narrower, leaner, no extra flesh. Stillman nodded, closing the door behind them. The bedroom was large, with a couch and two brocade armchairs facing the bed, and two windows. The drapes were drawn. Before he sat down, Masuto parted the drapes and looked down at the pool. The first glimmerings of dawn now. Masuto took one chair, Stillman the other. I was asleep from about midnight until he woke me. A woman made the call. Stillman, a woman used the telephone in this room.

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This article is over 7 months old Sergei and Yulia Skripal were poisoned with the nerve agent novichok in Salisbury. Social media More than 20 western allies have ordered the expulsion of dozens of Russian diplomats in response to the nerve agent attack in the UK, in a show of solidarity that represents the biggest concerted blow to Russian intelligence networks in the west since the cold war. Over Russian diplomats alleged to be spies in western countries are being told to return to Moscow, in a coordinated response to the use of a chemical weapon in the attempted murder of Sergei Skripal , a former Russian intelligence official, and his daughter, Yulia, in Salisbury on 4 March. The US has ordered the expulsion of 60 Russian officials who Washington says are spies, including a dozen based at the United Nations, and told Moscow to shut down its consulate in Seattle, which would end Russian diplomatic representation on the west coast. The EU members Germany, France and Poland are each to expel four Russian diplomats with intelligence agency backgrounds. Lithuania and the Czech Republic said they would expel three, and Denmark, Italy and the Netherlands two each. Iceland announced it would not be sending officials to the World Cup in Russia. Ukraine, which is not an EU member, is to expel 13 Russian diplomats, while Albania, an EU candidate member, ordered the departure of two Russians from the embassy in Tirana. Macedonia, another EU candidate, expelled one Russian official. Canada announced it was expelling four diplomatic staff serving in Ottawa and Montreal who the Canadian government said were spies. A pending application from Moscow for three more diplomatic posts in Canada is being denied. Australia confirmed that it too would expel two Russian diplomats who were in the country as undeclared intelligence officers, giving them seven days to leave. Belgium and Ireland made no announcements but have indicated action will be taken after cabinet meetings. The UK expelled 23 Russian diplomats in the wake of the poisoning, and Russia responded by ejecting the same number of British diplomats. Timeline Poisoned umbrellas and polonium: Russian-linked UK deaths Show September Georgi Markov In one of the most chilling episodes of the cold war, the Bulgarian dissident was poisoned with a specially adapted umbrella on Waterloo Bridge. As he waited for a bus, Markov felt a sharp prick in his leg. The opposition activist, who was an irritant to the communist government of Bulgaria, died three days later. A deadly pellet containing ricin was found in his skin. His unknown assassin is thought to have been from the secret services in Bulgaria. Litvinenko fell ill after drinking tea laced with radioactive polonium. He met his killers in a bar of the Millennium hotel in Mayfair. Putin denied all involvement and refused to extradite either of the killers. March German Gorbuntsov The exiled Russian banker survived an attempt on his life as he got out of a cab in east London. He was shot four times with a silenced pistol. He had been involved in a bitter dispute with two former business partners. November Alexander Perepilichnyy The businessman collapsed while running near his home in Surrey. Hermitage Capital Management claimed that Perepilichnyy could have been deliberately killed for helping it uncover the scam involving Russian officials. He may have eaten a popular Russian dish containing the herb sorrel on the day of his death, which could have been poisoned. March Boris Berezovsky The exiled billionaire was found hanged in an apparent suicide after he had spent more than decade waging a high-profile media battle against his one-time protege Putin. A coroner recorded an open verdict after hearing conflicting expert evidence about the way he died. December Scot Young An associate of Berezovsky whom he helped to launder money, he was found impaled on railings after he fell from a fourth-floor flat in central London. A coroner ruled that there was insufficient evidence of suicide. But Young, who was sent to prison in January for repeatedly refusing to reveal his finances during a divorce row, told his partner he was going to jump out of the window moments before he was found. Thank you for your feedback. US officials said the spies at the UN were abusing their residence privileges under the UN headquarters agreement. They said there were more than Russian spies in the US and the expulsions would significantly reduce Russian espionage capabilities in the country. The expelled Russians have seven days to leave the country. Mark Simakovsky, a former Russia desk

director at the Pentagon, said the mass expulsions by such a large number of countries acting in concert were unprecedented, but Moscow still had plenty of ways to spy on the west. I would start going after the money, and make clear that Russia is not going to find the west a convenient place to do business. Trump did not comment on Twitter, his usual form of expression on issues he feels strongly about. A senior US official said on Monday that the nature of the Russian response to UK allegations had helped convince the administration that the Kremlin was culpable. EU heads of state concluded last week that it was highly likely the Russian state was responsible for the attack. The EU is also looking at coordinated steps to rein back Russian hybrid warfare.

### 4: - The Case of the Russian Diplomat by E.V. Cunningham

*NEW YORK* "He was found just before 7 a.m. on Election Day, lying on the floor of the Russian Consulate on the Upper East Side. The man was unconscious and unresponsive, with an unidentified head wound "blunt force trauma," in cop parlance.

Sergei Skripal, a former Russian officer who sold secrets to Britain and moved there in a spy swap, remains in critical condition along with his daughter, Yulia, after they were found unconscious on a park bench in the sleepy English city of Salisbury on March 4. Britain says a military-grade nerve agent was used to poison them, and accused Moscow of perpetrating the attack. The European Union has already recalled its ambassador to Russia. "We will react," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement. British Prime Minister Theresa May welcomed on Monday the action of other countries to expel Russian diplomats, saying it sent a strong signal to Moscow that it cannot flout international law. British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said the Western action against scores of Russian diplomats in the United States and Europe was the biggest such expulsion of Russian spies ever. Expelled 23 Russians alleged to have worked as spies under diplomatic cover. Promised to freeze any Russian state assets that "may be used to threaten the life or property of UK nationals or residents". Closing Russian consulate in Seattle. Expelling four Russians alleged to have worked as spies or interfered in Canadian affairs under diplomatic cover. Denying three applications for Russian diplomatic staff. Ukraine, a non-EU country, joined the 14 states and expelled 13 Russian diplomats. Albania followed suit to expel two Russian diplomats. Russia has expelled 23 British diplomats and closed the British consulate in St Petersburg and the British Council cultural body. Moscow will expel at least 60 staff from U. RIA also quoted an unnamed Foreign Ministry source as saying: We will work on it in the coming days and will respond to every country in turn. Senior Trump administration officials said all 60 Russians were spies working in the U. The expelled Russians will have seven days to leave the U. S, said the officials. They added that the Seattle consulate is a counter-intelligence concern because of its proximity to a U. Canada ordered the expulsion of four Russian diplomats and denied credentials for three others. Freeland called the nerve agent attack "a clear threat to the rules-based international order" and a breach of conventions against chemical weapons use. She added it was "part of a wider pattern of unacceptable behavior by Russia, including complicity with the Assad regime in Syria, the annexation of Crimea, Russian-led fighting in eastern Ukraine, support for civil strife in Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova and other neighboring countries, interference in elections, and disinformation campaigns. Czechia said it is kicking out three staffers from the Russian embassy. Andrej Babis calls the measure an expression of solidarity with Britain. Denmark, Finland and the Netherlands said Monday they had ordered the expulsion of Russian diplomats over the poisoning of a former spy and his daughter in England, as EU nations step up the pressure on Moscow. There are no other plausible explanations," he said, urging Russia "to change course. The Italian foreign ministry said in a statement that two Russian diplomats must leave Italy within a week. Latvia said on Monday it would expel one Russian diplomat out of solidarity with Britain. The Netherlands said it was expelling two diplomats. Poroshenko says on Facebook that Ukraine is acting in the "spirit of solidarity" with its "British partners and trans-Atlantic allies. Poroshenko on Monday called for further "raising the price" for Moscow through financial and economic sanctions.

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