

The Ghost

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1 Michael McAra was last seen alive on 12th January. He was on the last ferry of the day from Woods Hole, Massachusetts to Martha's Vineyard. There was a strong wind when the ferry left at 9.45pm and the boat was crowded. McAra parked his car below decks and then went upstairs. No one saw him alive again. The journey to the island usually takes forty-five minutes. That night, because of the bad weather, it was nearly eleven o'clock before the ferry reached Vineyard Haven. When the driver of a new Ford Escape SUV did not come to take it off the boat, some of the crew pushed the car onto the dock and then began a search for the driver. They did not find anyone. A police check showed that the brown Ford Escape belonged to Martin S. Rhinehart of New York City, a well-known publisher. When the police telephoned Mr Rhinehart, he was safe in California. He said that he kept the car at his holiday home on Martha's Vineyard for himself and his guests to use. He told the police that several people were staying there at the moment. After telephoning the house, Rhinehart said that someone was missing – a man called Michael McAra. The next morning, a woman found McAra's body on a beach about six kilometres to the west at Lambert's Cove. The police took it to the little morgue in Vineyard Haven and then drove to Rhinehart's house to give the guests the news and to ask someone to come and identify the body. A person arrived at the morgue in a police car, followed by a second car with four armed guards. It was Adam Lang. Until eighteen months earlier he was the prime minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

2 1 *Ghostwriter*, 2 John Maddox, 3 Sidney Kroll, 4 Roy Quigley, 5 Rick Riccardelli

1 e, 2 b, 3 c, 4 a, 5 d

3 a 6, b 10, c 7, d 8, e 9, f 1, g 2, h 4, i 3, j 5

4 1 *'It's not the best thing to say when you're replacing a dead man.'*

2 *'So, tell me what you think of the manuscript.'*

3 *'He went to Cambridge to do the research and was there for almost a year.'*

4 *'Come on in and have a drink, man!'*

5 *'Well, I ask you questions and I turn your answers into a book.'*

6 *'He keeps calling me "man".'*

7 *'He always does that when he can't remember someone's name.'*

8 *'Did you see yesterday's papers?'*

9 *'Ask him what he plans to do about the wife and children of the man who died.'*

10 *'I've met someone – a man.'*

5 *study, shoulder bag, mini-recorder, laptop computer, notebook, manuscript, Memory Stick, book, room, shop, money*

6 1 F, 2 T, 3 T, 4 F, 5 T, 6 F

7 1 A, 2 B, 3 C, 4 C, 5 A, 6 C

- 8 27th January, 2.57pm. NEW YORK – **Britain's Ex-Foreign Secretary**, Richard Rycart, has asked the **International Criminal Court** (the ICC) at The Hague to investigate the reports that ex-**prime minister** Adam Lang illegally gave orders for **four** British citizens to be given to the **CIA** for torture **five** years ago. Mr Rycart, who was **dismissed from** Adam Lang's government four years ago, has passed various **documents** to the ICC.

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Who says	this	to whom	about what and/or why?
Amelia	Don't!	Lucy	Answering the phone.
Amelia	Why didn't you tell me?	Adam Lang	Rycart speaking to the papers.
Ghostwriter	Don't worry about it.	Adam Lang	Getting angry earlier.
Adam Lang	Thank you for letting me know.	Richard Rycart	Not being able to stay quiet any longer.
Ruth	Why didn't your friends at Downing Street warn us about this?	Amelia	About the ICC investigation.
Ruth	He can do it. He's supposed to be the writer.	Amelia	The ghostwriter making a statement to the press.
Ghostwriter	The international War on Terror is too important to be used as one man's revenge against me.	Lucy	Dictating Lang's statement to the press.
Amelia	Am I allowed to see it?	Ghostwriter	Lang's press statement.
John Maddox	Get him to talk to you about it, but not to anyone else.	Ghostwriter	The fact that Lang ordered the kidnappings.
Amelia	I'll get one of the men to take you.	Ghostwriter	Taking him back to his hotel.

- 10 I pulled back the curtains that January morning and looked out at a sea and sky as grey as ____ death. Below, ____ two cars drove up and stopped outside the hotel. Two men got out of the first car and one of them was holding a television camera. I got dressed, packed my suitcase and was downstairs by ____ 8.45am – an hour after the first ferry had arrived at ____ Vineyard Haven. By that time, the lobby was full of ____ newspaper and television reporters.

I bought a newspaper and went into the hotel restaurant to read it. Lang was on the front page.

____ EX-FOREIGN SECRETARY SAYS ADAM LANG APPROVED THE USE OF TORTURE BY THE CIA.

The article said that 'the White House fully supports the ex-prime minister at this difficult time'. But it was the last paragraph that made me forget to drink ____ my coffee:

Mr Lang's memoirs will now be published at the end of April. John Maddox, of ____ Rhinehart Publishing, said, "This is going to be a world publishing event. Adam Lang will be the first leader to give the real story about the War on Terror."

- 11 1 d, 2 h, 3 b, 4 f, 5 a, 6 e, 7 c, 8 g, 9 j, 10 i

12 1 RL, 2 TV, 3 RL, 4 TV, 5 TV, 6 RL, 7 TV, 8 RL, 9 RL

13 1 *In two hundred yards turn right.*

In fifty yards, turn right.

Turn right.

In two hundred yards, turn left.

In fifty yards turn left.

Turn left.

Turn around.

ENTER A NEW DESTINATION, RETURN TO HOME ADDRESS or REMEMBER LAST DESTINATION.

REMEMBER LAST DESTINATION.

Turn around.

In two hundred yards, turn right.

In fifty yards, turn right.

Turn right.

2 On the dock, in a queue for the ferry.

14 **Search Result 1:** *Arcadia Institution* started in 1991 to encourage democracy and freedom of speech and continually improve the friendship between Britain and America. It has offices in London and in Washington DC.

Search Result 2: Paul Emmett was the Arcadia institution's first president. Born in Chicago in 1949, he went to Yale University and St John's College, Cambridge, and was a lecturer at Harvard University between 1975 and 1979. Nancy Cline is his second wife.

Search Result 3: Arthur Prussia, president of the Hallington Group is pleased to announce that Adam Lang, ex-prime minister of Great Britain, will be joining the company as a consultant.

Search Result 4: news report: **Hallington jet used for CIA 'torture flights'?**

The Hallington Gulfstream Four jet aircraft was photographed at the Stare Kiejkuty military base in Poland on 18th February. It is believed that the CIA have a secret detention center there ... Between February and July of that same year, the jet made 51 visits to Guantanamo and 82 visits to Washington. The plane is also known to have visited Afghanistan, Morocco, Dubai, Jordan, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, Azerbaijan and the Czech Republic.

Search Result 5: from Secret Agents in Universities website

List of suspected CIA contacts.

Paul Emmett is reported to have joined the CIA as an officer in either 1969 or 1970.

15 1 off, 2 Pay, 3 one night, 4 England, 5 Don't use, 6 don't know, 7 Open

16	Questions	Responses
	So who are you?	I'm a ghostwriter.
	Who sent it to you?	At first, I didn't know. Then McAra phoned me.
	And what did he tell you?	He said that he'd been doing research in Cambridge for Adam's memoirs.
	What was it?	He wouldn't tell me on the phone.
	Have you heard of it?	Yes. And I've always thought the CIA were involved with it.
	Could it be true?	Oh yes, I can believe it.
	What year did Lang join the party?	1975.
	Do you remember Sir Reginald Giffen?	I think so.
	What are we going to do about it?	We don't have any <i>proof</i> .

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- 18 Chapter One: Langs
 Chapter Two: Wife
 Chapter Three: Ruth
 Chapter Four: Studying
 Chapter Five: In
 Chapter Six: Seventy-six
 Chapter Seven: Was
 Chapter Eight: Recruited
 Chapter Nine: As
 Chapter Ten: A
 Chapter Eleven: CIA

Chapter Twelve: Agent

Chapter Thirteen: In

Chapter Fourteen: America

Chapter Fifteen: By

Chapter Sixteen: Professor Paul Emmett of Harvard University

Hidden message: Lang's wife Ruth, studying in seventy-six, was recruited as a CIA Agent in America by Professor Paul Emmett of Harvard University.

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- 1 *No, he hasn't.*
 - 2 Four.
 - 3 He was killed in a car accident.
 - 4 That he had been Ruth Lang's lecturer at Harvard.
 - 5 Yes, he clearly did.
 - 6 In his last conversation with Lang.
 - 7 She was not pleased.
 - 8 Because strangers are starting to be suspicious of him.
 - 9 To Kate, his ex-girlfriend.
 - 10 He is dead.