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White door, ninth floor, silent number, it's autumn on a
cold avenue
Telex intercept, he sips a cigarette, warms up his V.D.U.

He gets his kicks from microchips, orders from the
C.I.A.
Birobugs and lasers, casual surveillance, boardrooms
and communique

Don't use your phone and don't use mine
Don't speak treason, they're tapping the li-ine

Break-in, stake out, tell it in code
Everything is legal, anything goes
The nights gettin' darker and the ill wind blows
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Trained in the ghettos of the Lebanon, truncheons and
an M16
Selling skag, a U.N. flag, now he's trading in securities

Darwin rendezvous, a B-52, trenchcoat slightly creased
From a coup in Asia, A U.S. Air Force major
Buying dirty laundry, swearin' it's for peace

Infiltration, we'll never know
Just like Chile but the bruises don't show-ow
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Spook behind the bar, unmarked car, rumour hangs
like stale perfume
Flushing under beds, sniffin' out the Reds, nobody can
feel immune

No names, no stress, no blame, no press
Clean when the dirty work's done
Allocate a budget, special branch thugs
Do it for the practice, do it for the fun

Midnight, flashlight, crash on the door
Rats on the table, blood on the floor-oor

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