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ABSTRACT

W. Rudyerd Boulton was a museum ornithologist in New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago who became a notable figure in Angola. He participated in several expeditions to Africa and the Americas, but published little. With the onset of World War II, he joined the newly formed US intelligence and espionage agency, the Office of Strategic Services. He became head of the Secret Intelligence desk for Africa and was connected to the top-secret import of Congolese uranium for bomb development. His postwar career remains largely classified, but in 1953 he was employed in a personnel office of the Central Intelligence Agency. Retired in 1958, he then moved to Southern Rhodesia, where he managed a foundation, an organisation of his own making, which appeared to have extensive funding of unknown origins. Boulton spent the rest of his life on his 'ecological research station', a farm outside Salisbury that he offered to American scientists as a research base.
A retired CIA official who moved to Africa during decolonisation is inherently suspicious. Despite exhaustive efforts, Boulton's continuing connection to Washington could not be documented. In fact, several indications - including his own managerial shortcomings - argue against the conclusion that he moved to Africa as a CIA plant. This paper provides an alternative explanation for his relocation, that it was the organic culmination of decades of self-construction effecctively accomplished through marriages to accomplished women, two of whom were wealthy. Through his partnerships with Laura Cunningham Stark, and Louise Rehm, he developed into an expert on African nature, a liberal on American racial matters, wealthy patron of scientific work. Evidence of Boulton's intelligence gathering may yet turn up, but far more of his life provides a better way to explain his relocation to Africa. Although American interests cannot American origins mattered in that his African retirement was based on wealth, prestige and racial privilege.

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'Wild Birds Call Couple to Africa: A 30-Year Dream' was the headline in the *Washington Post* in 1959. Boulton had begun his career as a specialist in the birds of Africa and had taken several expeditions to 1920s and 1930s. This field experience, the article reported, had qualified him for service with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the American intelligence agency during the Second World War. Since then, he had been 'shuffling papers' in the personnel office at the Department of Defense. Now he had taken an early retirement from the Pentagon to relocate with his wife Louise to the Rhodesias. Moving to Africa had been his dream for thirty years, he said. His hopes were to spend 'the rest of his life watching birds'. The relocation was sponsored by an organisation Rudyerd had created, the Atl...
The Boultons had equipped themselves splendidly, with a telescope, a bird blind, five cameras, a parabolic reflector capable of picking up bird calls from 180 metres away, a tape recorder, a four-ton truck, and a 5.5-metre trailer (‘caravan’ in southern Africa) with a darkroom for colour as well as black and white film. The Washington Post photograph of the Boultons with their equipment. Another article with a photograph of Rudyerd and the parabolic reflector appeared in the Rhodesia Herald in May 1960 (Fig. 2). Here we learn that the equipment was also for science. Boulton claimed: ‘Thanks to the mobile laboratory, the whole of Southern Africa, from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean, becomes a potential stage for scientific field work.’ The Rhodesia Herald introduced the Boultons to their new community. Just a few months earlier, they had settled on a farm in Rhodesia (now Harare, Zimbabwe), which they called ‘The Atlantica Ecological Research Station.’

Until decolonisation, Europeans with professional appointments in colonial administrations had generally conducted scientific research in Africa. Imperial governments sponsored research and colonial officials in Africa to pursue their research avocations. Lacking the sinecure of government support, American natural historians went to Africa as collectors of specimens or on museum-sponsored expeditions, but there were few of them and they did not usually stay long. By the mid-1950s, Fulbright and other American funding sources were changing the research landscape. For example, the largely US-funded College of African Wildlife Management in Mweka, Tanzania began to train National Parks in the early 1960s. The creation of the Atlantica Foundation occurred during this expansion of American influence in Africa. American science promoted US influence, even while operating well within colonial precedents.
Still, something about this particular story niggles. What sort of birder needed a parabolic listening device and what sort of a birdwatcher could afford such high-tech surveillance equipment? What would a civilian experience with the OSS do in the Pentagon? For that matter, what was the Atlantica Foundation? I talk to attorneys in Washington DC and Louise’s nephew from her first marriage, who had helped with the cost they were abroad. I asked John, ‘What did Rud do for the Department of Defense?’ ‘Well,’ John said, ‘Rud was with what we call "The Company."' 'The Company' is, of course, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

In decolonising Africa, a hint of CIA involvement intensifies the political stakes exponentially. A CIA agent had been orienting himself toward scientific outreach in Africa for decades, relationships before retirement. Whether or not Washington decided it needed a man in decolonising Africa, Boulton the man they were abroad. I asked John, ‘What did Rud do for the Department of Defense?’ ‘Well,’ John said, ‘Rud was with what we call "The Company."' 'The Company' is, of course, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The Boultons’ surveillance equipment, their move to Africa during decolonisation, and their intention of having researchers in a different light. Field biologists count on being indulged for their use of surveillance information about him. Among spies, Flower and Devlin were exceptionally chatty and if nothing to say about a man who really had retired.

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Field biologists count on being indulged for their use of surveillance information about him. Among spies, Flower and Devlin were exceptionally chatty and if nothing to say about a man who really had retired. I contacted Devlin, who told me Boulton was his nephew from her first marriage, who had helped with the couple’s arrangements. Devlin gave him the pseudonym ‘Dad.

In 1969 it further acted as an outpost of US surveillance and espionage during the decolonisation of Africa. This is noteworthy: the Smithsonian Institute had received military funding to track bird migration and collect blood samples globally.

The Boultons’ property now belongs to the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Authority. In 2011 my search for Boulton’s records under the Freedom of Information Act but was unsuccessful. His papers in Harare include some unused CIA stationery with a 1953 print run, but beyond that the classified materials to the historical literature, we find nothing on Boulton. Spies and stories about the Cold War in Central Africa have not drawn anyone’s attention to him. Ken Flower, head of the Rhodesian Parks service received me graciously. His house now hosts administration and education offices. The research wing with laboratory, darkroom, and museum is now well maintained and receptive to visitors, but few come to use the outdated holdings. Unfortunately his work, his politics, and his life are fit to shut down Ripley’s access to forests in border regions. In 2013, when a huge ornithological survey of the Pacific had provided information for US biological warfare, the Smithsonian Institute had received military funding to track bird migration and collect blood samples globally.

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Wolfrid Rudyerd Boulton was born in western Pennsylvania, in the city of Beaver, in 1901. He became an associate of the American Ornithologists' Union when he was still a boy. In 1913 the magazine *Home Progress* published his ornithological researches. It included a postscript from his mother Cora Marie, praising his conscientious and accurate work, and that of his brother too. The only hedge to her bragging was one that others who knew Rud later in life understand: he and his brother were 'a little slow always about writing their answers promptly, for, in reading up for them, they reach familiar and favorite bits, and ramble on.' He attended Amherst College in Massachusetts, but received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1924.10

Boulton had three careers. The first was from the early 1920s until 1942 as a museum ornithologist specialising in Africa. He did not publish much as a professional scientist, but his expeditions became known. His second career he began in 1942, when he left ornithology and joined the newly created US intelligence agency, the OSS. After the war he remained in the CIA. Retiring (overtly, at least) from government work in 1958, he took up his last career, as director of an organisation which was most active in the early 1960s. As it diminished and as he aged, he stayed in Africa and died in 1983.11

An attractive, generous man with an inquisitive spirit (see Fig. 3), Rud also had three marriages, closely corresponding to his three careers. His wives were all accomplished women and two had the added resource of wealth. In 1925 he married ethnomusicologist Laura Craytor, from whom he separated in late 1938. He married the Chicago heiress, poet, arts patron, and self-proclaimed psychic Inez Cunningham Stark in 1942. She died in 1958 and in 1959 he married again, to Louise Rehm, a wealthy widow from Washington DC. In Salisbury, Louise took up volunteer work, travel, and managing the foundation. She died there in 1974. Fortunately his wives left a deeper impression on the historical record than he did. Toward marriage multiplied what we know about him.

Figure 3: Rudyerd Boulton on the Straus African Expedition of 1929. Laura C. B Collection, Archives of Traditional Music, Indiana University
These women are more than mere sources for a man's career as a spy and scientist. Each of them led lives of purpose and, in their own ways, were central to his work. Pursuing their avocations, they fostered Rud's development. The Washington Post article credits Rud with practically handing off between them. If we want to make sense of Boulton's move to Rhodesia, the intimate politics of their dispositions. Variations in the orientations of Rud, Laura, Inez, and Louise were significant, as through changing times. Their evolving responses to American civil rights, Central African multiracial white minority rule, and African nationalism - always against the background of fluctuating wealth - created new constructions and social positions, in both the US and in Africa. Under these circumstances it was possible to explain that the Boultons' presence in Rhodesia as an expression of American interests in colonial Africa, the South Side of Chicago, white-minority-ruled Rhodesia, and independent Zimbabwe liberal about the removal of racial barriers, but not inclined to criticise structural impediments or cultural privilege and affability, they actively engaged the world, turning up in places where people of their kind were exceptional: white minority rule, and African nationalism - always against the background of fluctuating wealth.

My investigation into Boulton's life began with the hopes of uncovering a CIA plant, but this history reveals that through the inspiration and support of his wives, and many special benefits, a mediocre scientist could devise a personal project so grand that it could be taken for a US government initiative.

Ornithological Expeditions and Laura Craytor Boulton

The ornithology department of the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) in New York hired a small team of ornithology department by 1924. Around that time he began courting Laura Craytor, an Ohio girl and a graduate of Dennison University, who was working as a research assistant in genetics at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory at the time Laura sang in choirs. They married in 1925 and agonised about being apart when he made his first trip to Africa in 1926, and Laura continued their travels to Cape Town on an expedition for the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and so the couple moved to Pittsburgh. 13

Rud's experience qualified him to lead collecting expeditions. In 1929 the Carnegie Museum gave him permission to participate in another AMNH venture, to Nyasaland, Uganda and Kenya, financed by Sarah Lavanburg Straus of Macy's department store. Mrs Straus (a 68-year-old widow) and her grandson accompanied him, Laura bringing along her own collecting equipment; for her, this was wax cylinders for recording music rather than guns. The Boultons also used the equipment to make the first-ever recordings of Afro-tropical bird calls. The benefactors bequeathed them comfortable lives with foreign travel, exquisite things, fine food, and plenty of hired help. Their culture of liberal about the removal of racial barriers, but not inclined to criticise structural impediments or cultural privilege and affability, they actively engaged the world, turning up in places where people of their kind were exceptional: white minority rule, and African nationalism - always against the background of fluctuating wealth.

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Boulton’s) woodland warbler. Neither Laura nor Rud came from money, but through museums they connected with wealthy patrons. It must have been tremendous fun for a young adventurous couple.14

In 1931 Rud found a better position, as curator of birds at the Field Museum in Chicago, and the couple wrote a book, an illustrated explanation of bird migration for children, Traveling with the Birds. Laura registered as a graduate student at the University of Chicago. Until then, her musical research had been a personal pursuit while she accompanied her husband, but now the Carnegie Corporation funded the purchase of better recording equipment and underwrote another expedition, the first to provide explicit support for Laura’s musical research. Aged 74, Mrs Straus again joined the party, which travelled 12,900 kilometres from Dakar through the Sahel to Nigeria and Cameroon. Photographs the 1934 Straus Expedition convey a companionable marriage with the adventure and status available Africa (Fig. 4). On this trip Rud again collected bird specimens, but Laura’s work had become equal to agent and tried the lecture circuit.15

Laura claimed expertise on Africa; what did that continent mean to her? The early chapters of her 1969 Hunter recount her movement through Africa. She describes landscapes and wildlife (birds figure prominently), and provides historical background. The book was a travelogue more than a discussion of society and culture. Africans come across as subjects of kings and members of tribes who had rituals, musical instruments and an innate artistic sense ‘forceful, free melodic outlines and rhythmic complexities’ of the music she recorded. Rule by Europe comment.16
Laura never completed the doctoral requirements of the University of Chicago. After 1936 she travelled to London, Paris and the West Indies. Their surviving correspondence conveys some stress and their hope to overcome it. They wrote to each other with news of their friends, including Inez, who gave Laura professional introductions. It was a problem that her lecture fees could not be counted on to cover her travel costs. In late 1938 the Boultons separated and Laura moved to New York City. Laura and Rud fell out of touch, apart from the transfer of US$100 alimony every month. Of Rud and his three wives, Laura is the best remembered today. She is recognised as a founding figure in the field of ethnomusicology, an important collector of the world's musical heritage, if perhaps self-promotional. Laura remained single for the rest of her life and died in 1980. Her memoir made no mention of Rud or even that she had been married.17

The Intelligence Service and Inez Travers Cunningham Stark Boulton

During the Second World War, US intelligence officers and agents were well educated and often had overseas experience. As specialists on Greece, for example, the OSS recruited archaeologists. Anthropologists provided the Agency with analyses and information gathered in India and all regions of Africa. We have seen that the ornithologist Ripley worked in South Asia. In fact the Agency used two ornithologists for its Africa work: Boulton and his friend James Chapin, the specialist in the birds of the Belgian Congo at the AMNH. Chapin took up a post in Leopoldville as the official OSS representative to the Congolese government. He reported to Boulton, who held the title of Divisional Deputy for Africa in the Secret Division (SI). In 1943 Boulton was additionally made the 'desk man' for a joint programme between SI and the X-2 (Counter Espionage) in Africa.18

The history of the OSS in Africa has not been written. Its archives, which have been selectively declassified, reveal that the organisation monitored and took action in many places. The greatest US interest in sub-Saharan Africa was the procurement of Congolese uranium from Shinkolobwe mine in Katanga for the Manhattan project and the 1945 bombing of Hiroshima. Boulton would have been informed about its strategic importance by late 1942, when his subordinate Chapin was deployed to Leopoldville. Declassified OSS archives do not provide much detail about Congolese uranium, but it may have been possible to convey information about the element without mentioning it by name. In January 1943 Chapin wrote Boulton a two-page letter under the subject line 'Possible Sabotage to Congo Copper Carriers'. The interest in copper is puzzling. The United States and other countries in the Americas had extensive and known reserves of the metal. What could motivate Chapin to write in detail about Congolese copper production and sabotage again from Katanga, also the site of uranium mines, and that the word 'copper' could serve as a plausible stand-in for uranium?19

A biography of Boulton's subordinate on the Africa SI team, Adolph Schmidt, gives specifics of OSS activity around Congolese uranium. Schmidt had been tasked with uncovering the smuggling of industrial diamonds from Angola to Axis countries. In January 1944 he was ordered on a top-secret mission to the Belgian Congo, to monitor shipments of uranium. He was to facilitate delivery to American freighters and make sure none of the ore was siphoned off. Biographer: 'I knew nothing about uranium except that it was a radioactive element, but what could that have to do with World War II?' Seeing two freighters lying off the port of Matadi at the mouth of the Congo River put his doubts to rest. 'I double-checked, thinking maybe two freighters anywhere on the west coast of Africa at that time was an event, but two freighters, one loading and the other waiting - something important was going on.' Unlike Schmidt, Boulton never went on record about his OSS experiences. He seems to have travelled overseas only once during the War, to North Africa in 1944.20

After the War the OSS was disbanded and reformed as the Strategic Services Unit (SSU), a precursor to the CIA. In February 1946 Boulton was still in the position of head of the SI Africa division. He resigned from the position of curator of birds at the Museum, explaining only, 'The work that I am doing and have been doing in Washington is unfinished and no one, literally, can tell when it will be... I firmly believe that the activity in which I am now engaged is the most important for the welfare of our country.'21

Rud married Inez in 1942 when he moved to Washington. His employment with the federal government conterminous with his marriage to her, the only one of his wives who never went to Africa but may be the key to his Atlantica vision. A poet, psychic and rail-thin socialite, Inez Travers was born in 1888 to a wealthy Chicago Catholic family.
tour to Europe, including Vienna, where she was reportedly analysed by Adler. In 1916 she married H.K. Tribune ran a sketch of the bride (Fig. 5). In Chicago the couple lived in a grand apartment building or Cunningham committed suicide in 1932. Inez married again in 1934, to the writer Harold Stark, and di-

Inez flits through histories of bohemian pre-war Chicago as an 'eccentric society matron' (Fig. 6). She painters, poets, dancers and writers. She was an American early patron of a few European modernists: leading mid-western modernist artists. She published in Poetry and was a reader for submissions.23
Inez was also a spiritualist. She wrote a pseudonymous memoir about her gifts: *Beyond Doubt: A Record of Psychic Experience.* (Ever the aesthete, her nom-de-plume was ‘Mary Le Beau.’) Communicating with a spirit guide called Trust through life, at first she used an alphabet board but later developed the skill of automatic writing. He guided her to an understanding of a higher plane, where the truths of Christianity, reincarnation and evolution intersected. The author’s husband ‘Bob’ was of a scientific mind but was also open to Trust’s messages.

The art of Africa and by African Americans was a specific interest for Inez. Partygoers found African sculptures in her bathroom. Several biographies of African American artists mention connections with her. In 1941 and 1942 she taught African Americans at the South Side Community Art Center in Chicago, an organisation funded by the Works Projects Administration. Her most famous student, Gwendolyn Brooks, the first African American Pulitzer Prize winner, began studying poetry with Inez at the age of 23. Brooks recalled Inez fondly:

> She did not care to be regarded as a teacher, but as a friend who loved poetry and respected our interest in it. I can see her now, tripping in, slender, erect, and frosted with a fabulous John Fredericks hat, which sported vegetables as fruits, flowers or feathers. Her arms would be loaded with books. Books from her beloved library, to be freely loaned to any member of the class who wanted them. Or books especially purchased for the occasion, because of some point she wished to stress or introduce. Once she gave a *Poetry* subscription to one of some fifteen members of the class. These books she would put down on the long table. She was one of those women who know how to combine friendliness with good will with easy modesty and dignified discretion.

The two remained in contact after Inez’s move east, when Inez arranged for a reading at Howard University, the leading historically black institution of higher learning, in Washington DC, and introduced Brooks to the publisher Harper & Brothers.
Inez's agenda, seeking out black poets to cultivate their talents in what she thought was a universal medium, was classically liberal. There is no indication that any of the Boultons ever supported civil rights in a more pointed way, by joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, but Trust told Inez that her questioning of racial hierarchies led him to choose her as his channel: 'You consider women of all races and creeds your sisters. No superiority in their welfare.' Inez did not always understand what this meant in practice: in New York, when Brooks was not allowed to freshen up in Inez's room at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel in New York, Inez was led to wonder should have refused to stay there, but she did not.27

As for Rud, further confirmation of his CIA career appears in a handful of documents released through Information Act. They give his title in 1953 as Executive Secretary, CIA Career Service Board. The 1959 corroborated: he did work in personnel, but in 1953, at least, it was with the CIA, not the Department of he had gone from work he considered 'the most important thing that I can do for the welfare of our co to in the Washington Post article as 'paper shuffling'.28

He retained connections with ornithology. He remained affiliated with the Field Museum as a research wrote to colleagues there about his intention to return to the study of the birds of Angola. In later years ornithological expeditions to Africa, the first to North Africa in 1952, but I have not been able to find ev Inez or the CIA may have funded it. The second was to Southern Rhodesia and Angola with the Field M his first trip to southern Africa since 1934.29

In 1957, Southern Rhodesia appeared to be firmly connected to the new Central Africa polity known as Rhodesia and Nyasaland, a state that both empowered the white minority and purported to be based on 'partnership'. A white American liberal might not have noticed that partnership was more a performan Federation's 'progressive' politics in the mid-1950s were defined by the Capricorn Africa Society, which colour bar and 'all types of racial discrimination' even while seeking 'to make effective the moral, cult standards of civilization and to help all members of all races to attain these standards'. More to the po white settlers in Southern Rhodesia access to resources and capital in Zambia and to labour from Malawi. a disproportionately small Africa representation in legislatures were byzantine and increasingly used by a qualified minority was a legitimate form of decolonisation. (African nationalists disagreed!)30

The eradication of a colour bar and Capricorn's affirmation of universal standards would have appeal valued science and up-to-date poetry. Neither Inez nor Rud left any indication of their thinking in 195: The trip to Southern Rhodesia could have germinated the idea of a move to Africa. If they wanted to re Southern Rhodesia would have been an appealing prospect: the white-minority government of 1965 w and, compared with the bald segregation of apartheid South Africa, the violence and reprisals in Keny: nationalism in Ghana, the Central African Federation could have struck wealthy white American libera arrangement. Think, too, of Rud's boredom and disappointment to find himself in a personnel office, 'a career that had begun with expeditions and birds! Inez's inherent wealth made a different life possibl Rud quit his government position in April 1958 and Inez died in August. Her library went to Howard U wealth to Rud. Should any not be used in his lifetime, she asked it be bequeathed to 'a suitable organi field of parapsychology'. Her most interesting legacy may have been as a guiding light for an educatio in Africa. This would be appropriate for a woman who believed she could communicate with the recer

The Atlántica Foundation and Sarah Louise Super Rehm Boulton

In February 1959 Rud photographed Louise Rehm, looking relaxed and happy (Fig. 7). They married i was recently widowed; her husband, Lane Rehm, an OSS veteran and a friend of Rud's, had also passed before Inez's death.32
Of all the principals in this story, Louise left the faintest paper trail. Her nephew by marriage, John, told me she had not been to college and she had been a lead buyer at a major department store. Friends in Zimbabwe recalled her as bright and cheerful, but reserved and even delicate. She is remembered as a ‘fantastic’ cook. Her letters from Rhodesia are written in a light and chatty tone. What I have learned about Louise’s early life came from tracking down her first husband, Lane Rehm, whose previous marriage that ended in 1926. That same year he married Sarah Louise Super, who had been born in 1897 in Pennsylvania.33

Lane worked in finance, for the major investment firm Brown Brothers Harriman. He did well enough for himself - even after the 1929 Wall Street crash - to retire in his forties and dedicate himself to painting. Wealthy and disinterested in money, he was considered incorruptible and so when the Second World War began he was deemed qualified to supervise OSS finances. Their home became a retreat for OSS personnel; Louise's cooking was appreciated. In 1948 they were living in a fine house on R Street in the Georgetown section of Washington DC.34

Just a few months after they were married, Rudyerd and Louise Boulton legally established the Atlantica Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation empowered to work and acquire property anywhere in the world.

Atlantica’s mission statement was ambitious. Science, fine arts and parapsychology are all in its brief and scope (Africa is not mentioned):

- To establish, conduct, maintain and support scientific, literary and educational institutions;
- To aid, carry on, conduct and foster, in any part of the world, education investigation, research the fields of the arts, sciences and humanities, including but not limited to ecology, zoogeography and parapsychology;
• To stimulate, teach, train, aid, guide, counsel and advise scientists and/or artists in research, creation, performance and/or publication in the various branches of the natural, physical and social sciences and in the liberal, useful, graphic, applied and fine arts;

• To conduct lectures, exhibitions, public meetings, conferences experiments and studies intended directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to advance the arts, sciences and humanities;

• To make collections of natural or man-made objects, specimens, books, pictures, sculpture, in other artifacts of the animal, vegetable or mineral kingdoms which may enhance, or contribute development of the arts, sciences and humanities.35

Its educational outreach is reminiscent of Inez's teaching with the South Side community arts center.35

By February 1960 the Boultons were on a farm on Saffron Walden Road near Lake McIlwaine (now Lake Chivero), about 25 kilometres from Salisbury, a property with rock paintings and iron age smelters. They expanded and renovated the house on mid-century modernist lines (Fig. 8). A guest at Atlantica recalled:

Manicured lawns, flowering bushes, and well-tended flower beds greeted us as we followed the drive to a rambling stone building with a residence wing, a living wing, and a laboratory wing. Books, scientific and art research papers, magazines, and art lined every passageway and crowded every room. Arrived at the public library or the Museum of Modern Art?37

It would have seemed a good life to the Boultons. Politically palatable and paying good dividends on Rhodesia offered a critical mass of upper-middle-class residents who cared about art and birds. Again fancy cooking. Her early letters show her joining in Rhodesian society without critiquing it. She shared learning Fanagolo and about the 'garden boy' doing the work while she stood nearby 'supervising'.38

The meltdown in the Congo in mid-1960 prompted Atlantica trustees to express concern about the Bo
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Rud wrote back.

US$1000 donations in-law in the Pittsburgh Mellon family and after the War he became board member Schmidt about expend too much capital, Rud financed by borrowing ‘very extensively’. Atlantica did not pay Rud made a loan of US$50,000 to the Foundation and Louise mortgaged CIA seed funding. If the Agency did contribute, Paying for all Atlantica’s activities, Boulton’s travel Lambiris recalls, a Second World War-era prismatic compass, used in surveying, Rud made recordings of bird calls retrofit of a meteorological device, with a microphone rather than an antenna. Lambiris, who began his specialisation whatever they see to photograph, and digging up other things as well’. Rud always And with their mobile laboratory, the Boultons travelled. In 1961 they covered a good 9000 kilometres Kalahari and Tanzania. Trips continued in 1962 and 1963, when Louise reported Rud gone for two months; whatever they see to photograph, and digging up other things as well’. Rud always took his listening equipment on his travels. Of all the Boultons and Tatums visited, Lyle and Rud had long conversations about Southern Rhodesia’s prc companionable fellow Americans. Although Boulton was not closely connected to African nationalists able to follow them through Tatum. Whether he channelled what he learned to Washington, we do not know.

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Paying for all this required planning. It has been impossible to reconstruct whether Atlantica and the CIA seed funding. If the Agency did contribute, it was not sufficient to cover costs. In 1960, the year Atlantica purchased used recorded. Atlantica did not pay the Boulton’s interest and they did not pay rent on the house. For further expenses, Schmidt about the burden of keeping up with interest payments from his personal in-law in the Pittsburgh Mellon family and after the War he became president of a family charitable trust. US$1000 donations to Atlantica and pleaded with Rud to apply for Foundation support.45

Rud wrote back with promises to do so, but he cashed in on Inez’s art collection instead, shipping 13 paintings to Sotheby’s in London. Kandinsky’s, 'Ludwigskirche in Munich' (1908) sold first for £12,000, which came to US$33,600.
They must have country, Rudyerd and Atlantica also kept a white woman on the payroll as a secretary. Linens laundered daily. Four was having been heirs their private politics and personal preferences, they had the legal a private person who rarely discussed appeal. During my 2011 visit to Zimbabwe, I interviewed people who remembered Federation had been attractive to him as cloak-and-dagger to paper shuffling? Would the CIA have entrusted was working in Secret Intelligence. Between attention deficit and hyperfocus, his impracticality shines some light Rud was, Masterson put it in Rud's obituary: the definitive book on the birds of Angola but he never did. As his friend Alex Masterson put it in Rud's obituary: Matters became more difficult in 1967 when the US imposed sanctions. Rud began to consider contingency including dissolving the entire Atlantica Foundation or affiliating with an American museum or university materialised. Invested in Rhodesia, the Boultons stayed and so Rud, a liberal with connections to How ensconced in minority-ruled southern Africa. He had moved some distance from Inez. As UDI made the place less conducive for foreign involvement, international contacts faded. Rud cultivated to be available to him, in the white naturalist community. The Atlantica Foundation became a supporter of the Rhodesia Scientific Societies in Rhodesia. He served as managing editor of the Rhodesia Science News and later v Rhodesia Scientific Association. The station also hosted school fieldtrips and received official permits for Environmental organisations. The newsletter ceased after 1967 and the board in the US held no meetis and February 1969. By the end of the 1960s, Atlantica was much less than the grandiose vision of ten years of UDI, finances, and ageing all diminished what Rud could achieve, and he characteristically had trouble too. His birder friends in Rhodesia noticed his poor executive functioning. His personal retirement plan had been to write a definitive book on the birds of Angola but he never did. As his friend Alex Masterson put it in Rud's obituary:

The man was a perfectionist, but this trait so consumed his work that it smothered much of his potential. If there were three ways of tackling a problem Rud would find a fourth and more difficult, the outcome might have been a little bit more satisfactory: if something could be said in two minutes, he would have had something to add.

Rud was, Masterson said, 'forever being sidetracked'. Lambiris described him as 'almost fanatical' about attention deficit and hyperfocus, his impracticality shines some light on what we know of his was working in Secret Intelligence. By 1953 he was in the Personnel Office. Could his work habits have cloak-and-dagger to paper shuffling? Would the CIA have entrusted this distractable retiree with strategic work? Rud was loath to talk politics. He did not discuss his options as they narrowed and Rhodesia moved right. If the Central African Federation had been attractive to him as an American liberal, post-UDI Rhodesia under minority rule appeal. During my 2011 visit to Zimbabwe, I interviewed people who remembered the Boultons. I was a private person who rarely discussed politics. All the same he and Louise were considered liberal on their private politics and personal preferences, they had the legal and social status of whiteness and the having been heirs of American capitalists. On a camping trip in 1970, Rud told Alzada Kistner and her I entomologist from California, stories of Ralph Pulitzer bringing a butler and Sarah Straus a maid to Afi was on a 'safari from another era', with furniture, fine china, gourmet cuisine, classical music on the tape recorder, and fine china, gourmet cuisine, classical music on the tape recorder, and fine china, gourmet cuisine, classical music on the tape recorder, and fine china, gourmet cuisine, classical music on the tape recorder, and fine china, gourmet cuisine, classical music on the tape recorder, and fine china, gourmet cuisine, classical music on the tape recorder, and fine china, gourmet cuisine, classical music on the tape recorder, and fine china, gourmet cuisine, classical music on the tape recorder. Four servants attended to the campers while other members of the household were expected to do the cooking. Atlantica also kept a white woman on the payroll as a secretary. With the ability to command service at country, Rudyard and Louise Boulton are prime examples of the global mobility of privilege in the mid-20th century.
Rud was dedicated to research on the Atlantica property. Soon after his arrival, he hired a surveyor to marker beacons over his property at intervals of 100 metres. With this grid and his prismatic compass, Atlantica was subjected to extremely close surveillance for the production of ecological intelligence. Researchers published on bats, termites, bacteria, beetles, reptiles, soil and the ecology of the nearby lake. A bush fire in 1978 destroyed most of the natural vegetation; Rud, was a research opportunity and so he and Lambiris, the herpetology specialist, tracked the regeneration of plants and animals for the next two years.

A 1968 *New York Times* feature portrayed Rud as a 'chipper' eccentric with a dream of raising termites as a dietary protein supplement. Termites are an established food source in Zimbabwe. Rud’s grand vision for improved nutrition tapped into vernacular practices, but he did not have much luck capturing or raising termites. 'We can keep ourself without going a mile from this place,' he said. 'We haven't done a stroke of work for years... It's all bee

That was actually not true. Louise suffered a degenerative cognitive condition that seems a lot like Alzheimer's disease. Kistner conveys Louise's decline into senility in an account of her 1970 visit to Atlantica. She was only sometim with the help of servants, including Wulalani Banda and Mendoza James, a chef in a tall white hat who and ran the household.

In 1971, Rud explained that Louise's condition served to keep them in Rhodesia:
Louise says that she is, and she appears to be, more contented in her own home here at Atlantica else that we can think of. Her personal surroundings, furniture and possessions of a lifetime, her neighbors that drop in to see her from time to time, her dog, and relatively unlimited friendly servants and maids all contribute to her peace of mind. I think it would be pointless to uproot her from here in to see her from time to time, her dog, and relatively unlimited friendly servants and maids all contribute to her peace of mind. I think it would be pointless to uproot her and for us to return to America where we no longer have any property or fixed home of our own.

In 1973 the Kistners returned and found Louise incoherent and under 24-hour care. At the end she also in August 1974. Her will named Rud as her only heir. He grieved deeply at her passing.

Widowed again and in his seventies, Rud decided not to go back to America. Staying for the end of Rhodesia’s insecure prospect, but for Rud it was possible because of the people in his circle - the scientists, birder and botany across the board was phenomenal... He taught magnificently, so that it was all one never-ending adventure and wonder. Rolf Chenaux-Repond remembered him warmly: 'Rud was generous, suppor humane'.

Rud's Washington connection and the privileges of wealth and race were sufficient to raise suspicions. Lambiris that the Rhodesian Central Intelligence Organisation quizzed him about Rud’s career with the Zimbabwe, I heard about a mysterious account at Barclays bank in Harare held in the name of the US, turned up a good decade after he died and did not have any obvious connection to Rud. But Alex Mast who also had served as the Boultons' local attorney, recounted, 'Money plus America plus birds; that was speculated that this was some sort of secret slush fund. When I asked current members of BirdLife remembered him, 'Did you think he was CIA?' I was told, 'We knew, but we considered him harmless.'

commentary on Rud’s peculiarities, maybe a statement of trust from his friends. Gossiping about the I could have been fun for beleaguered Rhodesians. Any CIA connection would have had a very different who struggled against minority rule and against the anti-communist policies of the US during the Cold War. Boulton’s estate secured his favor with the Zimbabwean government.

After Louise died, Rud turned to the question of his estate. Overtures to American researchers found no invest in Rhodesia. In 1976 Rud returned to the US to work out arrangements for the future of Atlantica incorporation were amended to allow the trustees to liquidate the Foundation and transfer its proper corporation, US or foreign. By 1978 Rud had arranged to transfer Atlantica’s property to the Conservati have not been able to reconstruct how the Foundation passed from being a nongovernmental organic National Parks, or what Rud thought about endowing the government of liberated Zimbabwe. It could if the remnants of two medium-sized American fortunes and the culmination of four lives built on white power to the independent government of Zimbabwe. Or, perhaps the National Parks donation was a final echo of Inez’s to Africa by Rud and Louise, and was not ironic at all. The lives of these four people in their contexts to the global phenomena of whiteness, American interest in African decolonisation, and Cold War scient variable.

One former employee who remembered Rud was at Atlantica when I visited in 2011. Zebu Zebu had 1978, as a gardener. By proving himself good at finding birds’ nests and butterflies, he was promoted to work with collections. He lived at Atlantica, as a companion to Rud as well as a museum employee along well. Zebu told me that, after independence, students from Mozambique and Zimbabwe used Atlantica as a place to learn about the science, government service and white privilege had brought extraordinary opportunity to a charming middling and provincial origins who had no great scientific or managerial talent. In Africa, with the he wives, he created a romantic, adventurous, comfortable life. As for the surveillance equipment describe Washington Post article: undeniably it looks like spy paraphernalia and it stands to reason it was direct intelligence, but most likely the chain of causation in this history of knowledge production should be undercover agent using birding as a cover for his listening devices and mobile darkroom, it seems a so
been spymaster applied his CIA experience and his inherited wealth to his personal goal of acquiring equipment.

**Knowns and Unknowns in the Politics of Knowledge Production**

Working with the evidence of the past, historians have something in common with those who analyse known knowns (what we know), known unknowns (areas of recognised ignorance), and unknown unknowns (unrecognised areas of ignorance). On Boulton’s scientific production, the known knowns include that his personal ornithological output was meagre and that the networks that sustained individual scientists were vital. Since science is by definition public knowledge that circulates, the known unknowns about what happened in Boulton’s ornithological career have a lot to do with his slim publication record.59

On his intelligence career, we know that Rudyerd Boulton was a specialist on Africa with the OSS and worked for the CIA until 1953, at least, and that he retired from a federal position in 1958. This makes it likely that Southern Rhodesia was supported by and intended to be of service to the CIA, but what he really did not just a known unknown, but a guarded secret. This unknowability cannot be an end point; questions are pressing and this one demands a provisional judgement: nothing I have learned about Atlantica’s finances, its isolation from known intelligence networks, the ageing of its founders - justifies saying intervention and intelligence gathering. But it does not follow that Atlantica was therefore unconnected to the CIA. In 1959 the Agency offered a bit of encouragement or funding to put a well-liked and bereaved colleague not retire from the CIA as one would from an actual company. Imagine if under-cover travellers in late 1959 Atlantica could have provided a hide-away. Had Rud ever heard anything worth reporting, he had the least, and possibly former colleagues in Washington. He would have passed on what he learned. We have learned from him and how it acted on it. Boulton’s role in intelligence after 1959 remains a known unknown and parties will disagree on it. We may yet learn more.

Unknown unknowns are beyond us. Rud himself created gaps in our imagination by not telling much critical points that were unimagined in the 1959 *Washington Post* article about Rud’s scientific and federal careers. Known knowns include: Louise’s ability to manage a gracious home, Laura and Inez’s very existence, Inez and Louise’s appreciation of adventure, Inez’s concern with matters of race, Rud’s experience of philanthropy, and companionable marriage. If the Boultons’ move to Southern Rhodesia was not at the behest of the CIA, the best way to make sense of it. In that sense, Rud’s life, idiosyncratic as it was, offers good lessons at knowledge production: no matter how impressive others’ scientific production may have been, no matter how much CIA plants, a lifetime of relationships, abilities, affordances, and affections created them. Had there been CIA involvement or had Rud left a legacy in counter-insurgency or disciplinary authority in Zimbabwe, it might not have necessary to ferret out the surprising and revealing stories of his earlier life. A known known among television audiences would have remained unseen: even spies have intimate lives that matter.

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