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COLONEL REDL

The spying, the scandal, the facts

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Sensational: Newly discovered records on the Habsburg Monarchy's largest case of espionage

Alfred Redl, officer of the Austrian general staff under Franz Joseph I. and in his majesty's secret service, sold explosive military secrets of the Habsburg empire to Russia, Italy and France to pay for his extravagant lifestyle and love life. His suicide, however, averted the final solution of this scandalous case of espionage that affected half of Europe – stuff that myths and legends are made of... 100 years later, Verena Moritz and Hannes Leidinger went on a fascinating search for clues: What information was sold? Was Redl the head of a whole network of secret agents? What was his motivation? How has this treason influenced World War I? The two historians unearthed sensational material from the archives and shed light on one of the most mysterious chapters in Austrian history.

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