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Dear Pam,

The head of Special Operations for Mossad is said to be known as "Mike". This man is supposed to have led the "Hit Team" which avenged Munich. I've never come across any clues to this man's real identity. However, here's a possibility:

After Abraham Stern was murdered by the Colonial Investigation Department in 1942, the Lehy was reorganised by a young accountant called Itzhak Yezernitzky. He arranged a break-out from a prison camp, and became chief-of-staff for the Lehy. He was, apparently, a superb fighting man.

After the 1948 war Yezernitzky joined Shin Beth, and was responsible for the bomb that killed the Gaza terrorist Commander Aly in the fifties. All this comes from Maxim Ghilan's book How Israel Lost Its Soul, which you've probably read.

The thing is, Yezernitzky's code name was Michael. Maybe Michael and Mike are one and the same. Or maybe Mihhael was the first "Mike", and afterwards everybody who held that job was called Mike, rather like MI6's "C".

My dear, once this speculation had occurred to me I had to try it out on someone, and you're the only person I know who knows anything at all about Israeli Intelligence. You'll guess from all this that my next book is a Middle East thriller. I'm struggling a little with the book, but otherwise I'm happy, healthy, and obscenely rich.

Take care,

Ken Follett.