Recruited by MI5: the name's Mussolini. Benito Mussolini

Document reveals Italian dictator's plan to recruit in 1932 with help of Cossack volunteer Fyodor Yegorov.

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History remembers Benito Mussolini as a warmonger, co-founder of the fascist regime and collaborator with the Nazis and Adolf Hitler. But a new piece of evidence has surfaced suggesting that the former Italian prime minister may have had a more nefarious agenda.

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For the British intelligence agency, it must have seemed like a good deal. Mussolini, then 54, was well-liked in Russia and was willing to work with the British secret service MI5. He was also willing to use the country's new allies to 'persuade' neutral powers to stay neutral.

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