

Our Man in Vienna



Andrew King, SIS chief in Vienna during Operation Classification and London SIS point man for the Berlin tunnel, was always noted for his love of fast cars. Here he is seen at the wheel with a friend in Munich in the 1930s

city and just beyond the terminal of one of the main tram lines. Here ran one of the underground cables linking the Imperial Hotel with the nearby city airport and Soviet military headquarters for Austria in St Pölten.

But how to dig a tunnel and install a tap without anyone finding out? Lunn took a look around the neighbourhood and decided the safest way would be to purchase a house close by. From there, out of public view, SIS could burrow away.

A large and comfortable villa with an extensive garden and big trees, the house had a lengthy driveway leading down to the