Revealed: The former head of MI6 stashed a £39million ‘BOMBSHELL’ fund for ‘BRIBES’

THE former head of MI6 stashed a whopping £39million “bombshell” fund for “bribes”, it has been revealed.

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Sir Stewart Menzies maintained the huge sum during his tenure at the secret service, according to documents released from the National Archives.

When questioned by Sir Edward Bridges, a civil servant, about the size of the account, Sir Stewart declared that the money could be used for “a very large inducement” or in the event MI6 funds were ever cut.

The moment the chief revealed the stash was described as a “bombshell of inheritance” by Rory Cormac of the University of Nottingham.

He added that the stash was dubbed the “unofficial reserve” for almost 10 years, but its existence was unknown by seemingly everyone.

Mr Cormac went on: “Not the Treasury or the Foreign Office. Certainly not ministers. And not even MI6’s own finance director.”

The lucrative stash was disclosed to two senior officials from the Treasury and Foreign Office.

MI6 files are classified and therefore unavailable for public viewing, however the document detailing the account was made viewable from the Cabinet Secretary’s secret and personal archive.

The document states that some of the £39million was contributed to by “well-wishers, including a particularly large sum from an American”.

The rest of the funding for the incredible sum is unknown.

The account was later combined with smaller moneys and has paid for MI6 secret operations.
Sir Stewart Menzies was the head of MI6 from 1939 to 1952

When Sir Stewart took the helm of the organisation in 1939 its operations were relatively subdued due to a lack of funding thanks to monetary strains from the First World War and the Great Depression.

However, during World War Two the organisation, also known as the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS), expanded exponentially and continued to do so during the Cold War.

Sir Steward is credited for playing an influential role during the course of World War Two – he had over 1,500 meetings with Winston Churchill.

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