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'I only know that he who forms a tie  
is lost. The germ of corruption has  
entered into his soul.'

*Joseph Conrad*

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A novel based on life in any Secret Service must necessarily contain a large element of fantasy, for a realistic description would almost certainly infringe some clause or other in some official secrets Act. Operation Uncle Remus is purely a product of the author's imagination (and I trust it will remain so), as are all the characters, whether English, African, Russian or Polish. All the same, to quote Hans Andersen, a wise author who also dealt in fantasy, 'out of reality are our tales of imagination fashioned'.

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