Name of the author: Jack Higgins
Edition: Unabridged
Date of writing: 1992
Theme: an attempt to explain the mortar attack at the British War Cabinet on Feb. 7th 1991
Place: Most of the time the story plays in London, but Dublin is also an important place
Time: It takes place of course at the beginning of February 1991
Time element in the story:
1. The events re told in the order in which they occur
2. from the beginning till the end, that is about 2 weeks or so.
Characterization
1. Sean Dillon, Martin Brosnan, Charles Ferguson and Liam Devlin
2. all of the characters are flat, but from the character Sean Dillon you know the most.
3. – Sean Dillon > the one who prepared and attacked the War Cabinet
   – Martin Brosnan > former allies in the IRA with Sean, now is enemy
   – Charles Ferguson > commander of MI5 and Special Branch
   – Fahy > a good friend and technician of Sean, he makes the mortar
   – Michael Aroun > he gets the assignment from Saddam Hussein to show that Saddam’s arm can reach everywhere.
Narrator: the whole story is told by the omniscient narrator
Genre: a historical thriller
Summary:
The air war against Iraq (Gulfwar 1991) has begun and Saddam wants to set the world on fire. He gives Michael Aroun the order to find a man who can set the world on fire. Sean Dillon is the perfect man for that job. He is anti-British and former IRA terrorist.
Sean Dillon starts with preparing for the job. His helpers are Russian KGB agents who have a mole at the headquarter of MI5 (the British security service for inland business).
First he wants to kill Margareth Thatcher when she is in France. He failed and MI5 is hunting him, together with Martin Brosnan.
Brosnan and his mates are getting more and more clue’s that Sean Dillon is preparing something big. Dillon goes to Dublin to shot Tommie McGuire because McGuire is going to talk against Brosnan and
that could prevent Dillon from doing his job.

Finally after some shooting scenes between Dillon and Brosnan, Dillon is ready for the attack, but not completely. Fahy the constructor of the mortar and the grenade, wants to make some fins on the grenade so he is more stable and accurate in flight.

The shooting begins and it turned about to be failure. The War Cabinet is not hurt and Sean Dillon is already flying to Saint-Denis (France). There is Aroun waiting and Aroun tries to shoot Dillon but instead of Dillon dies, Aroun dies.

Meanwhile, Brosnan and some others are preparing the landing on Saint-Denis, a gun fight between Brosnan and Dillon breaks out and Dillon seems dead after getting two bullets in heart, but he wearied a bullet-proof vest. Brosnan and the others are ordered to get away as quickly as possible because they are on French territory. They didn’t checked Dillon if he was really dead, and the story finish when Dillon just walks away and drives away while he pretends to be a tourist.

Personal opinion:
This book was really marvellous and very easy to read. I really liked this book and first I did not thought that it would be a good book.

It is very daring to write a book about such a thing. Higgins tries to give a view how the mortar attack could have happened. Maybe he is terribly wrong, or maybe he is quite right with this book. I have read more books of Jack Higgins and Flight of Eagles is one of the best of his books. Although Eye of the Storm and Night of the Fox are also good ones.