

***The Colonel's Mistake* by Dan Mayland**  
**Cast of Characters**

**Main Characters**

**Mark Sava**—Former CIA station chief of Azerbaijan, currently employed as a professor of international relations at Western University in Baku, Azerbaijan.

**Daria Buckingham**—Iranian American CIA operations officer. Fluent in both Azeri and Farsi. Works in a nonofficial cover position in Baku, Azerbaijan.

**John Decker**—Former Navy SEAL. Is trying to find work as a private security contractor in Baku, Azerbaijan.

**Colonel Henry Amato**—Advisor to US national security advisor James Ellis. Amato specializes in Iran-related issues.

**The Rest**

**Ayatollah Khorasani**—Supreme leader of Iran.

**Fatima**—Young Iranian woman who helps Mark and Daria.

**Jack Campbell**—Retired deputy secretary of defense who was assassinated just prior to when the novel begins.

**James Ellis**—US national security advisor. Advises the president of the United States on national security issues. Ellis is Colonel Henry Amato's boss.

**General Ali Aryanpur**—Head of Iran's Revolutionary Guards; the second most powerful man in Iran, after Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khorasani.

**George Logan**—CIA station chief of Azerbaijan; Logan was Mark Sava's replacement.

**Jimmy Holgan, Jr.**—CEO of Holgan Industries, the largest oil services company in the world.

**Larry Bowlan**—Former CIA station chief, now works at US consulate in Dubai. Mark Sava's first boss at the CIA.

**Leonard Peters**—CIA operations officer based in Baku, Azerbaijan.

**Maryam Minabi**—Leader of the Mojahedin-e Khalq (MEK), an Iranian resistance group.

**Martinez**—One of two special operations soldiers aiding Colonel Henry Amato. (It's not mentioned in the book, but Martinez works for the US Army's Intelligence Support Activity unit.)

**Nika**—Mark Sava's Azeri girlfriend.

**Orkhan Gambar**—Azeri minister of national security. Worked with Mark Sava when Sava was the CIA station chief of Azerbaijan.

**Reza Tehrani**—Daria Buckingham's uncle and a high-ranking member of the MEK.

**Sabir**—Nika's son.

**Stu Waltrop**—Executive vice president of an oil services company owned by Holgan Industries.

**Ted Kaufman**—Chief of the CIA's Central Eurasia Division and Mark Sava's former boss. Works at CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

**Tural**—Nineteen-year-old Iranian member of a Mojahedin-e Khalq (MEK) cell based in Astara, Azerbaijan.

**Yaver Mustafa**—An Iranian leader of a Mojahedin-e Khalq (MEK) cell based in Astara, Azerbaijan.