

Come See the New Spy!

The International Spy Museum announces New Installations, New Programs, and a New Gallery for 2010



WASHINGTON, D.C. – There’s always something new at the International Spy Museum! The Museum is pleased to announce the addition of new rare artifacts, some on display for a limited time only. The artifacts include an original 1777 letter written by George Washington, a 19th century copybook written by Civil War Spy Ring leader Elizabeth Van Lew, as well as personal items owned by Kim Philby, member of the famous Cambridge Five Spy Ring. Now through Spring Break a new installation will be revealed each week! These additions join the Museum’s new gallery dedicated to espionage in the 21st century and a slate of new programs that over the course of the next few months uncover the secret history of spying and explore today’s hot topics, daily impacting the world of intelligence.

2/5/10 Aurora Experiment. In the Spy Museum’s new gallery dedicated to Cyber War, *Weapons of Mass Disruption*, video of an experiment conducted for the Department of Homeland Security depicts a simulated cyber attack on a generator control station. The simulation led to the generator’s destruction, demonstrating the all-too-real infrastructure vulnerabilities of the U.S power grid. On loan

from four of the lead engineers who created and carried out the Aurora experiment, the Museum is pleased to display parts of the disabled generator.

2/12/10 Richard Welch Exhibit. CIA Station Chief Richard Welch was tragically assassinated in Greece in 1975 by the radical Marxist organization Revolutionary Organization 17 November (17N.) Welch had previously been outed as a CIA operative in the East German publication *Who's Who in CIA*. His assassination eventually led to the Intelligence Identities Protection Act. On loan from the Welch family, the Museum will display the wristwatch Welch was wearing at the time of his assassination; copies of *Who's Who in CIA* and the Senate Hearing leading to the Intelligence Identities Protection Act; and a reproduction 17N terrorist flag.

2/19/10 George Washington Letter. Did you know that George Washington – The Father of our Country – was also America's first spymaster? Part of the Museum's permanent collection, the original 1777 letter from Washington to Mr. Nathaniel Sackett requesting a spy network's establishment in New York, will be on display in time for President's Day 2010.

2/26/10 Cambridge Five Installation. Disillusioned by capitalism and British imperialism, Kim Philby was ready to explore any new idea...and communism became particularly attractive to him. A member of a group of students from Cambridge University – united by their beliefs – Philby forged one of the most successful spy operations in history. On loan from Museum Board Member H. Keith Melton, the Museum is proud to display several of Philby's personal

items including a flask, camera, coat, and photo of Lenin. Additional Cambridge Five artifacts will also join the installation including fellow conspirator John Cairncross' passport and a 1st edition book written by Anthony Blunt.

3/5/10 Canadian Intelligence Installation. Celebrating its' 25th anniversary, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) has loaned several artifacts for display in the Museum's School for Spies gallery. Previously on display in the Canadian Embassy, these tools of the trade will include a camera concealed in a woman's handbag, a toy truck with a miniature one-time pad, special lens and encoding sheet hidden inside, and a concealment device designed to look like a tree branch. CSIS has also loaned several items pertaining to Igor Gouzenko, a clerk for Soviet military intelligence at the Soviet Embassy in Canada, who defected and is often regarded as the first instance of Cold War espionage. Gouzenko's gun, his written statement to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as well as a scrapbook of his clippings will have a dedicated case in the Museum's Red Terror gallery.

3/12/10 Elizabeth Van Lew Artifact. A new acquisition to the Museum's permanent collection, this copybook by Virginia-based Civil War Union spy Elizabeth Van Lew will join the Sisterhood of Spies gallery. Written prior to Van Lew's spy ring leadership, the book reveals a significant passage: "Keep your mouth shut and your eyes and ears open".

The International Spy Museum is located at 800 F Street, NW in Washington, DC's historic Penn Quarter, within four blocks of the National Mall, directly

across the street from the National Portrait Gallery, and within one block of FBI headquarters and Ford's Theatre. The Museum is conveniently located near the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metrorail station serviced by the red, yellow and green lines. www.spymuseum.org

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