



Raleigh Spy Conference

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'SEXSPIONAGE' SUBJECT FOR SIXTH RALEIGH SPY CONFERENCE

December 11, 2008 (RALEIGH, NC, USA) -- Lady spies have played a crucial role in espionage for centuries, from ancient civilizations through the Biblical era, world wars, the Cold War and today's sophisticated environment of modern espionage. As the flood of newly declassified documents over the past 15 years attests, female operatives were responsible for many of the most daring intelligent operations of the modern era – while others played a notorious role working against the US. And the role of sex in spy adventures has taken center stage through the ages.

On March 26-27, 2009, the sixth annual **Raleigh Spy Conference**, founded by Bernie Reeves and sponsored by *Raleigh Metro Magazine*, salutes lady spies – and their counterparts on the other side – with expert speakers delivering riveting tales of "Sexspionage," the new term characterizing the current emphasis on gender in the murky world of international intrigue.

- **Brian Kelley**, popular former Raleigh Spy Conference speaker and retired CIA operations officer, returns to Raleigh with a special presentation highlighted by videotaped, jailhouse interviews of convicted spies and their wives (the spouses of former FBI agents Earl Pitts and Richard Miller along with the former wife of CIA officer, Jim Nicholson); wives who were complicit in their husband's espionage (Barbara Walker, Anne Henderson Pollard and Rosario Ames); and an interview of the former Soviet citizen who seduced FBI agent Richard Miller on behalf of the KGB.

- **Ron Olive** is a retired special agent from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and author of the definitive book *Capturing Jonathan Pollard: How One of the Most Notorious Spies in American History was Brought to Justice*, that uncovered the complicit role of Pollard's wife Anne. For the Raleigh Spy Conference he will present a power point presentation on the role of the Pollards and the incredible damage they did to our national security.

- **I.C. Smith**, former FBI Special Agent in charge, will return to the Raleigh Spy Conference to present the inside story of Katrina Leung, known inside the FBI as "Parlor Maid," who managed to seduce and compromise her two FBI case agents during the

course of this 20-year operation. She was first used by the FBI as a double agent, then "doubled back" or "tripled" by Chinese intelligence against the FBI and later became the only known "quadruple" (re-doubled back against the Chinese by the FBI) agent yet exposed. The intelligence the FBI derived from the Parlor Maid case went to four US presidents.

-**Terry Crowdy**, British espionage writer and researcher, will offer the role of female spies and tales of seduction from antiquity through the Christian era to modern lady spies at work today. Crowdy's book *The Enemy Within* is considered one of the top surveys of the history of espionage.

- **Nigel West**, the keynote speaker, is an old friend of the Raleigh Spy Conference. The former Member of Parliament - and a leading expert on modern espionage – is the author of the forthcoming *Historical Dictionary of Sexspionage*, due out before the conference. West is a popular and engaging speaker sure to offer telling insights and entertaining stories on this intriguing subject.

For this special conference, women are invited to attend for \$125, one-half off the registration cost.

The 6th Raleigh Spy Conference will convene at the North Carolina Museum of History in downtown Raleigh. Stay tuned for more details as event plans are finalized by going to www.raleighspyconference.com or by calling Maury Jefferson at 919-831-0999.

The Raleigh Spy Conference begins Thursday morning, March 26, with four 90-minute sessions. The annual Spy Gala – included in the registration fee -- is set for Thursday evening. Friday morning, March 27, conference speakers convene for a wrap-up panel, followed by the keynote address by Nigel West at 11 AM. The conference concludes at 12 noon.

Costs:

Full registration for all sessions and one ticket to the Spy Gala: \$250

Veterans, members of the military and the intelligence community: \$175

Seniors over 62, teachers and students: \$145.

Special discount for ladies: only \$125 for the entire conference package.

Registration is available online at www.raleighspyconference.com or by calling 919-831-0999.

History of the Raleigh Spy Conference:

Bernie Reeves, editor and publisher of *Raleigh Metro Magazine* (www.metron.com) became interested in the subject of espionage after the realization that intelligence is the calculus of history in the modern era. Keying back to the declassification of the Ultra

Secret from World War II, Reeves says: "We don't know what really happened until someone declassifies something."

Reeves founded The Raleigh Spy Conference in 2003 to dramatize the sudden and voluminous data available from the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991; the identities of Soviet-controlled American agents released by CIA and NSA at the Venona Conference in 1995; and to recognize the immense contribution made by scholars who have researched and published seminal works critical to the re-writing of modern history caused by the flow of newly declassified information.

The first Conference approached recent **Cold War revelations**, featuring appearances by the world's most well known intelligence expert Christopher Andrew of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; former KGB major general Oleg Kalugin; curator of the CIA collection Hayden Peake; the wrong man in the Robert Hanssen case Brian Kelley of CIA; and researcher and author Nigel West.

In year two, Bruce Hoffman of RAND - the leading **expert on Al Qaeda** - headlined a conference with security experts discussing the connection between intelligence and terrorism as the argument raged about where to place the blame for 9-11. Former Member of Parliament Nigel West revealed the role of MI5 in uncovering IRA terrorists, Dennis Pulchinsky discussed embassy security and Hamas expert Kim Cragin revealed formerly unknown information on the profile of suicide bombers

In year three the conference turned to the **scholarship of the Cold War** with co-authors Harvey Klehr and John Earl Haynes; Ronald Radosh, the former communist who authored the Rosenberg File and Red Star Over Hollywood about the influence of the Soviet Union in the film industry; Jerrold Schecter, author of seminal books on Soviet activities; Steve Usdin with new information on the Americans who helped kick-start the computer age in the USSR; and IC Smith on the emerging danger from Chinese espionage.

In year four in 2006 the RSC opened on the subject of **Castro and Cuba** the same week Fidel became ill. Featured were CIA Cuba expert Brian Latell; author and researcher Tim Naftali, Gene Poterat of CIA who was in the thick of the Cuban Missile Crisis; anti-Castro activist Humberto Fontova; and Miami journalist Don Bohning who has covered Cuba under Castro since the communist take-over in 1959. Three segments of this conference were aired by C-SPAN.

In year five the conference made international headlines with the appearance of former CIA officer Tennent Bagley who was shunned by the CIA after his book *Spy Wars* refuted the acceptance of KGB double agent Yuri Nosenko as a bona fide defector. Also appearing was CIA historian David Robarge who delivered the first truly complete profile of infamous counterintelligence CIA chief **James Angleton**. Brian Kelley revealed formerly classified details about the most famous double agent cases of the Cold War and Washington Post associate editor and espionage novelist David Ignatius related his career to events and revelations in the world of intelligence.

Year six RSC presents "Sexspionage and the Subtle Art of Seduction" featuring the role of lady spies and the use of sex in intelligence operations. Go to www.raleighspyconference.com for details and make plans to attend what promises to be an exciting event.