

SPY Welcomes New Historian

Museum Adds to Ring of Resident Spies



Washington DC- The International Spy Museum has welcomed an experienced intelligence analyst, author and scholar as the organization's new historian. Mark Stout has 13 years in intelligence, including time spent with both the CIA and the State Department.

"With his practical experience in the intelligence world, Mark Stout's background will be a great addition to the Museum's exhibitions and programming team", said Peter Earnest, Executive Director of the International Spy Museum. "We look forward to him providing both a historical perspective and a spy's eye view of today's rapidly changing world of espionage."

Mr. Stout will be responsible for exhibit and artifact research, program design and assisting with the Museum publishing efforts. He will also act as a resource for the press and public; using his firsthand knowledge to provide a context that fosters understanding of the important role of intelligence in impacting current and historic events.

The Museum's commitment to providing visitors with an experiential journey through the lens of intelligence has drawn over 5 million visitors since opening in 2002. From its inception SPY has taken the lead in providing a truly interactive visitor experience through its evolving exhibition and special themed programming offerings. The Museum has further explored the challenges of 21st Century espionage with the opening of new cyber warfare gallery, *Weapons of Mass Disruption*. Embracing new technology, SPY has introduced the second mission to the GPS-guided game, *Spy in the City*. Operation Sly Fox offers participants the opportunity to test their spy skills as they explore DC neighborhoods.

"I'm pleased to further the Museum's work as it provides a great public service, revealing/the exceptional work of the intelligence community and the many challenges analysts and operatives face", said Stout. Stout spent more than 20 years serving in the Defense Department, State Department and CIA and working in a Defense Department think-tank.

Mr. Stout has degrees in Political Science, applied mathematics and Public Policy from Stanford and Harvard Universities and has recently defended his PhD dissertation in History at the University of Leeds. He is the co-author of three books and he has published articles in *The Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, *Intelligence and National Security*, and *Studies in Intelligence*.

**** NOTHING IS WHAT IT SEEMS****

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.

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