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Author of *Sacred Secrets: How Soviet Intelligence Operations Changed History* To Address 2008 Raleigh Spy Conference

March 13, 2008 (RALEIGH, NC) – Jerrold L. Schecter, co-author of *Khrushchev Remembers: The Glasnost Tapes*, *The Spy Who Saved the World*, and *Sacred Secrets: How Soviet Intelligence Operations Changed History*, will be a featured speaker at the fifth annual **Raleigh Spy Conference** to be held at the North Carolina Museum of History in downtown Raleigh March 26-28.

Jerrold Schecter is a historian and journalist with extensive first-hand experience in Russia, Ukraine, Japan, China and Southeast Asia.

He began his career with the *Wall Street Journal* then spent 18 years with *Time Magazine*. He was a foreign correspondent covering Indo-China based in the Hong Kong bureau (1960-1963); a Nieman Fellow at Harvard (1963-1964); bureau chief in Tokyo (1964-1968) and Moscow (1968-1970); White House correspondent (1971-1973) and diplomatic editor (1973-1977). While based in Moscow he was instrumental in the acquisition of Nikita Khrushchev's memoirs and their preparation for publication.

Schecter served on President Jimmy Carter's White House staff as associate White House press secretary and spokesman for the National Security Council (1977-1980). From 1980 to 1982 he was vice president for public affairs of Occidental Petroleum Corporation reporting directly to Chairman Armand Hammer. In 1987 he organized the production of a documentary for Frontline titled *Back in the USSR*, the return of his family to Moscow after 17 years to report on the changes under Gorbachev's *perestroika*.

From 1990 to 1994, Schecter was a founding editor of *We/Mbl*, an independent Russian-American newspaper, started by the Hearst Corporation and Izvestia. In 1992 he was a producer and director of research for the Hearst Entertainment's mini series, *The Kremlin Conspiracy*, about the attempted coup d'etat against Mikhail Gorbachev in August 1991.

In 1987-88, Jerrold Schecter organized the making of a Frontline documentary, *Back in the USSR*, returning with his family after 17 years to examine former Prime Minister Mikhail Gorbachev's *perestroika*. His most recent book, co-authored with his wife, Leona P. Schecter, is *Sacred Secrets, How Soviet Intelligence Operations Changed American History* is his most recent book, which he co-authored with his wife, Leona P. Schecter.

For complete details on the Raleigh Spy Conference, including the full speaker line-up, schedule and reservations, go to <http://www.raleighspyconference.com>.

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