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### **International Spy Museum's *Spies, Traitors & Saboteurs* Opens at Tampa Bay History Center**

**A new traveling exhibition at the Tampa Bay History Center explores the history of domestic terrorism and espionage from 1776 to Sept. 11, 2001.**

(Tampa) – Wall Street. Sept. 16, 1920. 12:01 p.m. A horse-drawn carriage loaded with dynamite detonates in front of the J.P. Morgan Bank, killing 38 people and shutting down New York's Financial District.

The bombing of Wall Street more than 90 years ago is one of many episodes in America's long history of domestic terrorism, espionage and civil disobedience uncovered in *Spies Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America*, a new exhibition opening at the Tampa Bay History Center on Sat., Feb. 4.

On loan from the world-famous International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., *Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs* revisits long-forgotten events in our nation's history, from the capture of the White House in 1814, to the bombing of the U.S. Capitol building in 1971 to recent events such as the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and the September 11 attacks of 2001.

The exhibition dramatically illustrates the challenges of securing our nation against internal threats without compromising the civil liberties upon which it was founded, and reflects on how responses to domestic attacks continue to affect our everyday lives.

*Spies, Traitors & Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America* will make its only scheduled stop in Florida at the Tampa Bay History Center Feb. 4 - June 24. The exhibition is recommended for ages 12 and up.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Tampa Bay Times and TBT and is supported in part by the Kimmins Family Foundation. For more information on related programming, visit [www.tampabayhistorycenter.org](http://www.tampabayhistorycenter.org) or call (813) 228-0097.

### Timeline of Events

- **The City of Washington captured and the White House burned** – August 24, 1814
- **Manhattan hit by massive explosions in New York Harbor** – July 30, 1916
- **Anarchist bombings target American leaders** – June 2, 1919
- **30,000 Ku Klux Klan members parade down Pennsylvania Avenue** – August 8, 1925
- **American helps Japanese pilot terrorize Hawaiian island after Pearl Harbor attack** – December 7, 1941
- **Kremlin launches one of the first Cold War attacks against the United States** – April 1945
- **Radical group detonates a bomb in the U.S. Capitol** – March 1, 1971
- **Massive bomb destroys the Federal Building in Oklahoma City** – April 19, 1995
- **Beyond September 11th** – Terrorism Today

### Artifact List

- More than 145 historic photographs and documents
- Timeline tracing more than 170 different events
- **Anarchist Globe Bomb** (replica, ca. 1886) presented as evidence in the trial of the men tried in connection with the Chicago Haymarket riot.
- **APL Badge and ID Card** (1917) carried by operatives of the American Protective League (APL) who spied on their fellow Americans on behalf of the U.S. Justice Department during World War I
- **Ritual Klan Red Robe** (c. 1965) worn by the Klan “Kladd,” the elected Klan officer who presided over the secret rituals and ceremonies of the Ku Klux Klan.

- **Fragments of the Planes that Hit the World Trade Center** (2001), recovered after the attacks on September 11, 2001, and used as evidence by the FBI in their ensuing investigation.
- **Visitor Polling Stations**, unique computer interactive that allow visitors to express their opinions on questions raised in the exhibition about how the nation has responded to the historical events presented. Poll questions were developed in consultation with The Gallup Organization. Visitors also can see how Americans responded to similar questions posed by the Gallup Poll throughout history.

**The Tampa Bay History Center** includes three floors of permanent and temporary exhibition space focusing on 12,000 years of Florida history. The History Center features a museum store, the Witt Research Center (a branch of the Hillsborough County Public Library System), a map gallery, an event hall and the Columbia Cafe. One of Tampa's premier cultural venues, the History Center's hands-on, kid-friendly activities, together with cutting-edge interactive exhibits provide a unique educational experience for all ages. [www.tampabayhistorycenter.org](http://www.tampabayhistorycenter.org).

#### **About the International Spy Museum**

The International Spy Museum, the only public institution in the world dedicated to presenting the world history of espionage, features the largest permanent collection of international spy-related artifacts on public display. Through interactive exhibits with state-of-the-art audiovisual effects, film, and hands-on components, the museum traces the evolution of espionage through the people who practiced the profession and it provides a context for guests to better interpret the role intelligence plays in current events.

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