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## **Salem Press Announces *Defining Documents in American History: Espionage & Intrigue***

Espionage is the practice of “spying” on a government or organization to acquire information and pass it on to an unauthorized source. It involves devising a means to access the desired information, gathering that information by some method, and communicating it to, usually, an intelligence agency or similar body for processing and evaluation. Espionage and intrigue have always played a role in the history of the United States, from the American Revolution and Benedict Arnold to the cyber-spying activities of today, in which social media outlets like Facebook have been implicated.

*Defining Documents in American History: Espionage & Intrigue* offers in-depth analysis of 73 primary source documents, tracing the role that espionage and intrigue has played in the history of the United States. These include book excerpts, speeches, political debates, testimony, court rulings, legal texts, legislative acts, essays, newspaper articles, and interviews. The first volume of this set focuses on national security and defense and leaks of sensitive governmental and political information. The second volume is dedicated to corporate whistleblowing, industrial espionage, and trade secrets. A variety of motives stand behind the actions of those featured in this set, from greed and power to a strong sense of patriotism and national pride.

The material is organized into six sections, and each section begins with a brief introduction that examines the titular subject before exploring a variety of historical documents.

- **Early Espionage and Intrigue** includes documents that track the early history of espionage, including an Exchange of Letter between George Washington and Robert Hunter Morris; a Letter from Paul Revere Describing Secret Intelligence Gathering and the “Midnight Ride”; and a Ciphred Letter of Aaron Burr to General James Wilkinson.
- **World Wars: Secrets and Intercepts** includes documents that trace the uses of espionage during both World Wars, such as The Zimmerman Telegram; the Espionage Act of 1917; and a Report on the Failures of the U.S. State Department to Assist European Jews.
- **Spy Networks, Science and Loyalty Screenings** begins with “The Case Against the Reds,” and includes Ronald Reagan’s Testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee, Atomic Explosions of the U.S.S.R., and the Launching of the *Sputnik* Satellite.

- **Twentieth-Century Foreign Intrigue** is the most extensive section, and includes such pivotal documents such as an Official History of the Bay of Pigs Operation, a Taped Conversation Regarding the Pentagon Papers, and Operation Mongoose.
- **Economic and Corporate Espionage** provides such important documents as *United States v. Kelly*—An “Abscam” Case, Lost American Jobs Tied to Unfair French Competition, and a Report of Foreign Economic Collection 1999.
- **Into the New Era** is the final section, covering espionage of the twenty-first century. It includes a Transcript of the Putin-Trump Press Conference in Helsinki, “US Public Misled about Afghanistan War,” and the Inspector General’s Report on the FBI’s “Crossfire Hurricane” Investigation.

Each Historical Document is supported by a critical essay, written by historians and teachers, that includes a Summary Overview, Defining Moment, About the Author, Document Analysis, and Essential Themes. An important feature of each essay is a close reading of the primary source that develops broader themes, such as the author’s rhetorical purpose, social or class position, point of view, and other relevant issues. Each essay also includes a Bibliography and an Additional Reading section for further readings and research.

Appendixes in this book include:

- **Chronological List** which arranges all documents by year;
- **Web Resources**, an annotated list of websites that offer valuable supplemental resources;
- **Bibliography** lists of helpful articles and books for further study

### About the Series

The *Defining Documents* series provides in-depth commentary and analysis on the most important primary source documents in the United States and the world. *The Defining Documents* series is perfect for students, those researching a particular era, or anyone interested in world history. Visit [www.salempress.com](http://www.salempress.com) for more information about additional titles in this series.

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