
Alexander Vassiliev's Notebooks and the Documentation of Soviet Intelligence Operations in the United States, 1930-1950

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20 May 2009

3:00p.m. *Welcome Remarks* by **Christian F. Ostermann**, director, History & Public
Policy Program, Woodrow Wilson Center

3:15 – 5:30p.m. Panel 1: *Provenance of the Notebooks and their use in Spies: the Rise and
Fall of the KGB in America*

Chair: **James G. Hershberg**

Presentations by:

Alexander Vassiliev on “*How I came to Write the Notebooks*”

John Earl Haynes on “*Digesting the Notebooks: Transcription,
Translation and Concordance Preparation*”

Harvey Klehr on “*Highlights and Findings (Expected and
Unexpected) in Spies*”

Comments by:

Mark Kramer of Harvard University

Katherine Sibley of St. Josephs University

James G. Hershberg of the George Washington University

Discussion

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10 – 12:15p.m.

Panel 2: *Hiss, Stone, and Counterintelligence*

Chair: **G. Edward White**

Presentations by:

Eduard Mark on *“In Re Alger Hiss: A Final Verdict from the Archive of the KGB.”*

Max Holland on *“I.F. Stone Reconsidered”*

John Fox on *“What the Spiders Did: U.S. and Soviet Counterintelligence before the Cold War”*

Comments by:

G. Edward White of the University of Virginia School of Law

Bruce Craig of the University of Prince Edward Island

Discussion

1:45p.m.

Panel 3: *Atomic and Technical Espionage*

Chair: **Ronald Radosh**

Presentations by:

Steve Usdin on *“The Rosenberg Ring: Industrial-Scale Conventional and Atomic Espionage”*

Gregg Herken on *“Target Enormoz: Soviet Atomic Espionage on the West Coast, 1942-1950”*

Robert S. Norris on *“George Koval, Manhattan Project Spy”*

Comments by:

Ronald Radosh, Professor *emeritus*, City University of New York

Barton Bernstein of Stanford University

Discussion

4:00 – 4:30p.m.

Concluding Panel

Chair: **Mark Kramer**

Discussion among Audience and Panelists