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## **GO UNDERCOVER AND DISCOVER THE SECRET LIFE OF SPIES AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

PHILADELPHIA, PA (March 6, 2006) – Was Benjamin Franklin a secret agent? Families and school groups will have the chance to find out the history of spying in Philadelphia and learn what it takes to become a code cracking sleuth during the *Spies in Philadelphia* program on Wednesday, March 29 at 11 a.m. in the Kirby Auditorium of the National Constitution Center. They will also discover Franklin's own link to the world of espionage and the spies who called Philadelphia home with author Thomas B. Allen. The *Spies in Philadelphia* event is FREE and open to the public. Regular museum admission is not included. For advance reservations call 215.409.6700.

Allen is the author of two books on espionage in America, *George Washington, Spymaster: How the Americans Outspied the British and Won the Revolutionary War* and *Spybook: The Encyclopedia of Espionage*. *George Washington, Spymaster* was selected by the New York Public Library as the best children's book of 2004 and *Spybook* is the principal source book for the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC.

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## ADD ONE/SPIES IN PHILADELPHIA PROGRAM

*Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World*, a blockbuster exhibition celebrating Franklin's 300<sup>th</sup> birthday, makes its world premiere at the National Constitution Center from December 15, 2005, through April 30, 2006. Created by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, this exhibition is being hosted locally by CBS 3. Tickets for the exhibition, which also include regular museum admission, are \$14 for adults; \$12 for children ages 4-12, seniors, and college students; and \$8.50 for groups of 20 or more. For advance tickets, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and is a partner of NPR's "Justice Talking," a program of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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