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## (U) Dedication of PURPLE Exhibit and Seminar on Pearl Harbor

(U) Hurry if you want to register for this event.

(U) On Wednesday, 3 December 2008, the National Cryptologic Museum (NCM), the Center for Cryptologic History, and the Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a full day of Agency events that will focus on the cryptologic aspects of attack on Pearl Harbor on Sunday, 7 December 1941.

(U) First, from 1030-1145, Dr. David Kahn, author of the seminal cryptologic work *The Codebreakers*, and Mr. Stephen Budiansky, author of *Battle of Wits, The Complete Story of Codebreaking in World War II*, will be autographing the aforementioned works outside the OPS 1 cafeteria. A limited number of books will be available for purchase. Due to the limited number of copies of books that will be available for purchase, you may bring your own copy for Dr. Kahn and Mr. Budiansky to sign.

(U) After the book signing, DIRNSA will dedicate the new "Magic of PURPLE" exhibit at the NCM. The event will begin promptly at 1330. Immediately after the dedication, the CCH will present a 90-minute history seminar "Pearl Harbor: Case Closed?" in the MAGIC Room.

(U) The seminar will explore the continuing controversies surrounding the 7 December 1941 attack through the views and opinions of several noted historians to include Dr. David Kahn, Mr. Robert Hanyok, Dr. John Ferris, and Mr. Stephen Budiansky. In addition, the seminar will provide a unique opportunity to present the CCH's newest publication, Mr. Robert Hanyok's *West Wind Clear: Cryptology and the Winds Message Controversy - A Documentary History*. Dr. David Hatch of the CCH will moderate the event, which will include a general discussion of the topic followed by a Q&A session.

(U) Due to the limited seating and space, registration will be required to attend. To register, please visit [redacted]

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(U) After registering online, you will receive a confirmation e-mail message. IMPORTANT: Please bring your registration confirmation printout with you to the event. The printout will enable you to gain access to the NCM for both the dedication and seminar. NOTE: There will be limited seating in the MAGIC room; however, there will be additional limited standing room in other areas of the NCM. Finally, all attendees should recognize that there is the possibility that print and broadcast media will be in attendance.

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1679 [redacted] @ 2008-11-26 11:14:19

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(U) Betsy, I am very sad because it sounds like an awesome event, but I will be TDY and miss yet another fantastic thing held by the NCM/CCH. Do you know if they will be recording any of the speakers for later viewing?

1680 re 1679 [REDACTED]@ 2008-11-26 11:15:45

**Re: Foiled Again!**

(U) I don't know if it will be taped, I'll ask the museum folks (it will be a PAO decision, they run the museum and have organized this event). Sorry you will miss it.

1685 re 1679 [REDACTED]@ 2008-11-26 13:40:51

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(U) The museum curator, Patrick Weadon, assures me that the event is "being recorded for posterity". Not sure how it will be available, but when I know I'll post it here.

1692 [REDACTED]@ 2008-11-26 16:28:11

Someone viewing this event in the registration system might be confused by the date listed in the event description:

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1697 re 1692 [REDACTED]@ 2008-12-01 10:51:25

(U) Yeah, I noticed that, will let the PAO folks know.

1699 re 1697 [REDACTED]@ 2008-12-01 16:03:13

(U) Thanks. They fixed it.

(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36