

A.C. Frieden Searches Paris for Historical Information

PARIS, France (Nov. 23, 2008) – Author-lawyer A.C. Frieden traveled to Paris, France in late November in search of research materials for a novel set in both France and Indochina in 1951. His search focused on archival photos, books, maps and other historical materials (such as stamps, currency, newspapers and posters), capturing the city and people of the period. “The manuscript is about one-fourth complete,” said Frieden, “and since most of the Parisian scenes take place in the beginning of the novel, this is the time to write them, with historically accurate attention to detail.”

Frieden also found some time to research information on the country’s colonial past. Having traveled to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City earlier in the year, Frieden had found only a fraction of the historical information he needed. “In Vietnam, information about the day to day life in Indochina during that period is dominated by an anti-colonialist, communist war perspective, leaving very little else with varying perspective,” said Frieden. “So, for that kind of information you have to come to the source, to France, to its rich libraries and bookstores, to the collectors.”



Above: A.C. Frieden standing on the Pont d'Arcole, over the Seine River. In the background is the Palais de Justice and La Conciergerie.



Above: The Alexandre III bridge over the Seine, which is featured in the opening chapter of Frieden's story, before his main character is sent to Indochina.



Above: Views of western Paris and *La Défense* from the Eiffel Tower.

On this trip Frieden stayed two weekends in Paris, while spending the days in between them in Marrakesh, Morocco, another important research location for another novel currently being completed by Frieden.

About the author: A.C. Frieden is a Swiss-Brazilian mystery novelist and lawyer living in Chicago. He is currently working on two political novels, one set principally in Indochina and the other in Latin America, as well as the sequel to *Tranquility Denied*. For more information, visit his website at www.acfrieden.com and his literary travel blog.

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