

## **A.C. Frieden Visits Los Angeles for Research and Book Promotion**

**LOS ANGELES, California, USA (Nov. 15, 2010)** – Chicago-based author A.C. Frieden attended events and meetings in Los Angeles in part to prepare for book launches and related promotional activities next year. He also had private meetings with various heads of chambers of commerce, government officials and others with knowledge of the publishing industry. During his stay, he also visited a number of sites for scenes that will be used in two upcoming books, including areas in Beverly Hills, such as the famous Beverly Hills Hotel, and other sites in Century City, Hollywood and the area near Wilshire Country Club. “These areas will form distinct scenes relating to the back stories of at least two characters in his novels,” said Frieden.



*Photo above: A.C. Frieden enjoys a striking east view from the Hyatt Century City hotel.*

For further research, Frieden visited the Museum of Tolerance. Of particular interest to him is the relatively new exhibit featuring artifacts of renowned Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal. The collection features a number of historical records and other Nazi-era documents, maps and other items of significance to a series of scenes in one of Frieden’s stories currently in development. Wiesenthal founded and headed the Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna and became a freelance Nazi war crimes expert. With the help of the Israeli, former West German and other governments, Wiesenthal tracked down over a thousand Nazi war criminals, including Adolf Eichmann (architect of mass deportation of Jews and extermination camps), Franz Murer (in charge of mass murders of Jews in Lithuania), and Karl Silberbauer (Gestapo officer who arrested Anne Frank). Wiesenthal was himself an inmate in several Nazi concentration camps. He and his wife lost eighty-nine family members during the war. Weighing less than 100 pounds, Wiesenthal was barely alive when the Mauthausen camp was liberated on May 5, 1945. Soon after the war, he began gathering evidence on Nazi atrocities for the U.S. Army’s War Crimes Section and later started his independent work to track down former Nazi officials around the world. In addition, he served as an historical consultant for several publications as well as for the motion pictures *The Odessa File* (Paramount, 1974) and *The Boys from Brazil* (Twentieth Century Fox, 1978). Wiesenthal died in 2005.



**Photo above:** A.C. Frieden at the Bar Nineteen 12 in the famous Beverly Hills Hotel as part of his research during his trip to Los Angeles. A scene in the hotel bar will be featured in one of his upcoming books.



**Photos above:** A.C. Frieden visited the Tolerance Museum in Los Angeles (left), including a special exhibit on Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal that contains most of the Nazi-hunter's former office and other artifacts (right).

