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**THE MUSEUM OF IDAHO'S GUEST SPEAKER SERIES:
CHURCHILL'S SECRET AGENT: A TRUE-LIFE STORY OF A SECRET AGENT DURING WWII**

Idaho Falls, ID – On Nov. 17th, the Museum of Idaho will host their *Guest Speaker Series* for bestselling authors of *Churchill's Secret Agent*, Max and Linda Ciampoli. Based on Max's exploits as a secret agent during World War II, Max Ciampoli and his wife Linda will give a special presentation followed by a Q&A and book signing from 7:00 – 8:30pm at Trinity United Methodist Church located next to the museum.

Now 88 years old, Max Ciampoli was recruited from France as a spy at the age of 17 by family friend, Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Before being captured by the French Militia and tortured by the Nazis, Ciampoli successfully completed dozens of dangerous and daring missions for Churchill from 1940 – 44. Code named Michel Corcoran, Max saved thousands of Jewish children from the Nazi death camps and personally requested and gained assistance from Pope Pius XII to accomplish the mission. He also smuggled a scientist—critical to the defense of England—along with his entire family 2000 miles, on foot, across Europe from Bulgaria to Spain, and then traveled across German-occupied Austria underneath freight trains to eventually recover a German code-breaking device which would prove invaluable to the Allied cause. Throughout his service to Churchill, Ciampoli proved himself to be one of Britain's most industrious and successful agents behind enemy lines.

Offered in conjunction with the Museum of Idaho's current exhibit, *A Grateful Nation: A Look Back at WWII*, tickets for *The Museum of Idaho's Guest Speaker Series: Churchill's Secret Agent* are on sale now at the front desk or at the door (on the day of the event). Tickets are \$5.00/adult or \$3.00/student and volunteer.

For more information on The Museum of Idaho's *Guest Speaker Series: Churchill's Secret Agent*, please contact Britni Storer, Director of Marketing at 522-1400 ext. 3004 or via email at britnistorer@museumofidaho.org.

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