

Chris S. Simmons was a central figure in ending or crippling the espionage careers of over 80 spies. A career Counterintelligence Officer with the U.S. Army and the Defense Intelligence Agency, from 1996-2004, he was deeply involved in most of the U.S. Counterintelligence successes against Cuba. He was a central figure in the identification, investigation, and debriefing of convicted Cuban spy, Ana Belen Montes -- the highest-ranking Cuban spy ever imprisoned in the United States. Additionally, he was the lead military official in the May 2003 expulsion of 14 Cuban spies serving under diplomatic cover, the third largest expulsion in U.S. history. He previously lectured on Cuban intelligence to the U.S. Intelligence Community and now routinely briefs Congress and academia. Widely cited in the U.S. and foreign media, he wrote a periodic column on Cuban intelligence for *The Miami Herald* from 2007-2008. Now retired, he founded the espionage-centric blog, *Cuba Confidential*, in April 2012.