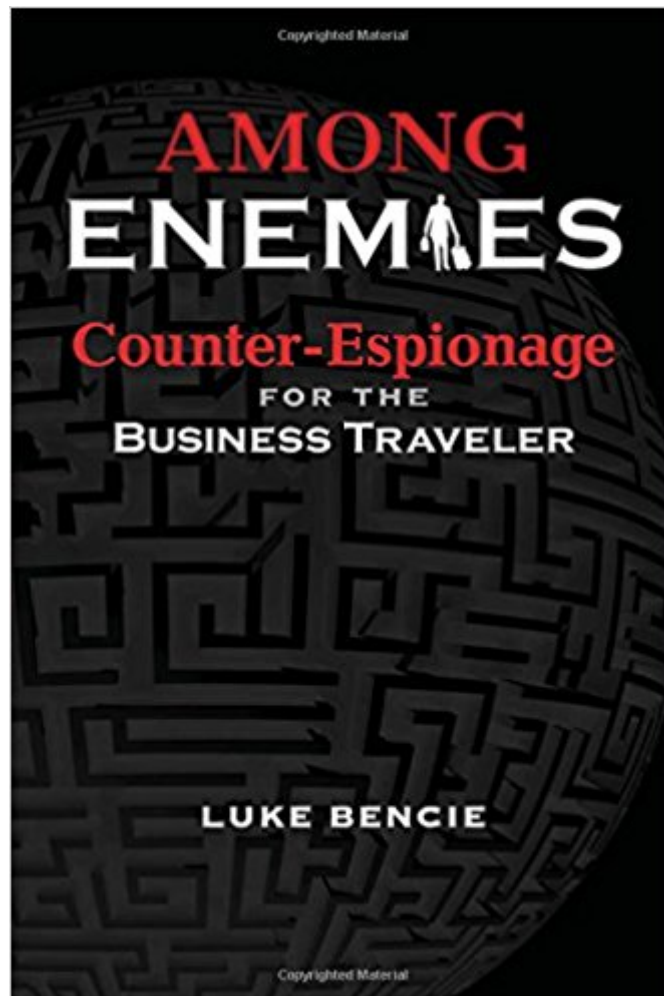




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# Among Enemies: Counter-Espionage For The Business Traveler



## Synopsis

Each business day, some 35,000 executives, scientists, consultants, and lawyers pass through the nation's airports to destinations across the globe. They carry, along with proprietary documents and computer files, the latest in personal electronic gear. However, carefully watching most of those travelers beginning the moment they arrive at the airport and often sooner are uncounted numbers of espionage operatives. These individuals work for foreign intelligence services and economic concerns and seek to separate international business travelers from their trade secrets. To succeed, they use many time-tested techniques to lure unsuspecting travelers into vulnerable or compromising positions. They also employ the latest electronic means to steal business information often at a distance from their prey. This is the 21st century, after all, and economic and industrial espionage have become multibillion-dollar enterprises, utilizing a wide array of the most sophisticated means to obtain proprietary information. Luke Bencie is a veteran of this struggle. He knows intimately the threats business travelers face and how to combat those threats. In *Among Enemies: Counter-Espionage for the Business Traveler*, Bencie provides everything you need to know to protect yourself and your company from attempted espionage.

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A marvelous book! ... The most handy, the most accessible 'how-to' book to be aware of the threats that we're facing. --Frank Gaffney, Secure Freedom Radio  
The author really knows [his] stuff ... He covers all aspects of locking down your business information ... I have a new appreciation of the 'leakiness' of my electronic devices ... [An] easy read -- this one is immediately useful. --Reg

Nordman, RocketBuilders.com An indispensable and authoritative companion for every business traveler engaging in overseas business activities. --Dr. Joshua Sinai, The Journal of Counterterrorism & Homeland Security International

Luke Bencie has traveled to more than 100 countries over the past 15 years on behalf of the U.S. intelligence community, as well as for the private defense industry. While abroad, he has experienced, firsthand and sometimes painfully, the threat of espionage and the lengths to which foreign intelligence services and other hostile global competitors will go to steal American business secrets. He currently serves as the managing director of Security Management International, LLC, a security-consulting firm in the Washington, DC area and frequently lectures to defense contractors, government agencies and Fortune 500 companies on how to protect their employees, and the intellectual property they carry, while traveling overseas.

So interesting and easy to read that I couldn't stop reading, with concise descriptions and information of danger zones and things to not do when traveling in order to protect business data from espionage. The book is crammed full of good suggestions. If you travel at all, you need this book even if you don't have any intellectual property to protect. It's got plenty of examples of situations and how to avoid them, such as preventing theft at airports, crossing borders with a laptop computer, hotel thefts, room bugging, along with relevant war stories in counter-intelligence. It will sensitize you to be on guard when encountering overly friendly strangers in foreign nations by describing signs that you are being "recruited", or a target. You will discover how amazingly easy it is to lose proprietary information and secret data by inattention to details. This is one of those rare books that I make a core part of my business library, because it is that good.

When traveling you have to stay alert. You may have been targeted without even knowing it. Learn to tell the signs. Read this book. Spies, thieves and stalkers can easily recruit staff working at cafes, hotels, airports, restaurants or bus-stations. You may be drugged at the cafe and then robbed in your hotel room. Some taxi drivers may be in on it too. Lots of freelancing con-men and surplus spies around. They often work in groups. Be aware, that in some places police officers, health care workers, military personnel, public servants, staff at pharmacies and even firemen may be helping the criminals. Recommended reading for all business travelers carrying sensitive business information or intellectual property. Government agencies have control over wireless networks in airports and big hotels whereas freelancing industrial spies and con-men may have hotel staff, taxi

drivers or others on their payroll. Stalker-T.I's may find the book useful too since gang-stalkers play spies... According to the book industrial-espionage is a crime that goes almost unnoticed. The same is true of organized-stalking. Both are invisible crimes that the police or media rarely pick up on. By the way, the writer has some interesting advice on how to behave when being stalked by industrial spies or con-men: Don't ever try to out-smart them. If you do, they will make the rest of your business-trip a nightmare. (They become vindictive if the Target tries to reveal them). And - from then on - they will undermine your business-dealings in every way they possibly can. Pretend you don't know they are spying on you and take precautions. For instance, never leave your electronic devices or passport out of sight. This is a highly readable book with hands-on advice. (The writer is a former FBI industrial and economic espionage expert)

What a great book for anyone who travels especially overseas. I have share it with a couple friends and one of returning from a business trip called to tell me that he was placed in a location in the hotel as predicted in the book and observed several other things predicated that he had never noticed in previous trips. Interesting enough he had told me after reading it that he and the company he works for had nothing of interest but discovered that was not the case.

If you want to know what OPSEC is, this is the book. The two rules should be every business travelers mantra.If you've ever travelled on business be forewarned - each chapter will have you looking back an realizing this was happening to you

The author covers a topic that many business travelers do not realize is a real threat to their company's intellectual property. The US government intelligence community separates itself completely from the business world. That is not the case in many other countries. This book is a great wake up call and should be read by anyone doing business outside the US.

Luke Bencie has hit a home run out of the park with this work. This book is not only for the business traveler but can and should be used by everyday citizens who are concerned about their personal information getting into the wrong hands. I enjoyed this book so much that I also bought it for a friend who works in the financial sector. A Must Read!!

This book provides solid information and insights into protecting yourself and your company from economic espionage. It should be required reading for any executive traveling abroad.

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