– press release –

**Dutch court bans book on Srebrenica**

*The Hague (The Netherlands), December 25, 2015 — The district court in The Hague ruled the nonfiction thriller* The Cover-up General *(*De doofpotgeneraal*) to be banned, effective immediately.*

A former agent of the Dutch military secret service had filed a lawsuit against author Edwin Giltay arguing she was depicted unjustly in the publication and demanded it to be censured. The ex-spy claimed untruths abounded in the book, yet she did not produce any evidence to substantiate her accusations.

The ruling surprised Mr. Giltay: 'The only thing we heard from this former spy was: 'It's all a farce!' But she never demonstrated convincingly exactly what was. She bluffed her way through the proceedings; successfully it now appears.'

The author expected the court to rule in his favor: 'To ban a book, meticulously documented and researched thoroughly — unbelievable!' Prior to printing, Giltay had sent his manuscript to the Dutch Minister of Defense, who did not object to publication.

The verdict prohibits Mr. Giltay to distribute his book and reprint it. Also, in a bizarre twist, he received a gag order and is hence unable to talk about the contents of *The Cover-up General* in public. Nevertheless, the publication — although sold out — can be found in some 60 libraries in The Netherlands and abroad.

Mr. Giltay will appeal the verdict and if necessary, Amsterdam law firm Boekx will pursue his case all the way through to the European Courts.

*The Cover-up General* recounts an espionage scandal relating to the disappearance of footage depicting war crimes at Srebrenica. This saga disgraced the Dutch military.

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– ARTICLES ON THE BOOK BAN –

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– BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS –

'Meticulously written and well documented.'
— Jan Pronk, former Dutch minister

'This is an important book about an important affair in which the secret service withheld evidence of war crimes, at the expense of an arbitrarily chosen but surprisingly thoughtful civilian.'
— Roel van Duijn, Dutch politician

'Reminds of Graham Greene's famous *Our man in Havana*, yet situated in Delft in the offices of an internet provider …'
— Christ Klep, military historian

'*The Cover-Up General* is a shocking eye-opener on how our secret services work.'
— Philip Dröge, investigative journalist

'Good to see this is being reported.'
— Arnold Karskens, war correspondent

'This book makes clear the necessity of solid external control on intelligence and security services.'
— Bram van Ojik, former Dutch political leader

'A must-read for everybody who wants to know more about government espionage in practice and the dangers entailed for all involved.'
— NBD Biblion, the Dutch library purchasing organisation

'Giltay calls all involved by name, he gives dates, locations, and his narrative never runs amok.'
— *Leidsch Dagblad*, Dutch daily

'*The Cover-Up General* reads like a thrilling and very detailed 'roman à clef' in which the true names are revealed.'
— *Checkpoint*, Dutch veteran's monthly

'A good observation of a sad internal struggle within the army command' / ****
— *Nieuwe Revu*, Dutch opinion weekly

'This is not a bad joke, but really happened. In a down-to-earth writing style with attention to detail, Edwin Giltay describes in *The Cover-up General* the clumsy performance of two spies with poor manners, that he witnessed.'
— *Haarlems Weekblad*, Dutch weekly

'A very interesting book'
— *Nasa Bosna*, BiH Platform (Bosnian organisation in the Netherlands)

‘Edwin Giltay describes how his rights were sacrificed by the State of the Netherlands to cover-up the film roll of Srebrenica. Once again, the suspicion is fed that the State is responsible for letting disappear the infamous photo roll.’
— Marco R. Gerritsen & Simon van der Sluijs, lawyers of the ‘Mothers of Srebrenica’