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Gillespie to Respond to History Channel at New England Air Museum Appearance

Oxford, Pennsylvania, USA – July 13, 2017 – At the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Connecticut on Sunday, July 16th, TIGHAR Executive Director Ric Gillespie will give a presentation responding to the History Channel show “Amelia Earhart – The Lost Evidence.” TIGHAR warned the media that a much-hyped photo did not show Earhart and her navigator in Japanese custody before the photo was exposed as being from a book printed two years before the pair disappeared. The centerpiece of the show has collapsed but the History Channel and NBC maintain that other evidence still supports the theory that Earhart and Noonan were captured by the Japanese. Mr. Gillespie will address that supposed evidence.



The main focus of the presentation, titled “Finding Amelia With Hard Facts and Sound Science,” will be a review of the genuine documents, photographs and artifacts supporting TIGHAR’s hypothesis that the Electra made a safe landing on the reef at Gardner Island (now Nikumaroro). Earhart sent radio distress calls for nearly a week before rising tides and surf washed the airplane into the ocean leaving the fliers as castaways on an uninhabited, waterless atoll. Earhart’s partial skeleton was discovered in 1940 but misidentified.

Mr. Gillespie’s presentation will also include the first report on the findings of TIGHAR’s recently-completed 12th expedition to Nikumaroro which featured four forensic dogs sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

The New England Air Museum is located on 36 Perimeter Road (off Route 75) on the north end of Bradley International Airport airfield in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Mr. Gillespie’s presentation will begin at 1:00 p.m. Turn out is expected to be heavy and space is limited. Call (860) 623-3305 for reservations.

Mr. Gillespie will be available for media interviews beginning 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. To schedule an interview contact ric@tighar.org or call 302-584-2543.

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