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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER PRESENTS TERRORISM EXPERT RICHARD CLARKE *Adviser to Four Presidents Turns to Fiction*

PHILADELPHIA, PA (October 18, 2005) — On November 8, 2005 at 6:30 p.m., the National Constitution Center continues its look at national and Homeland Security post 9/11 in a Citizens' Constitutional Conversation with Richard Clarke, presidential adviser for two decades. Clarke offers an insider's look at terrorism in America by discussing his work of fiction, *The Scorpion's Gate*, as well as *Against All Enemies*, and his real life, real time experiences. A book signing will follow the program. Admission is \$9 for members, \$12 for non-members, and \$6 for students. Reservations are required, and can be made by calling 215-409-6700.

Richard Clarke began his career as Presidential Security Advisor in 1973. During this time, Clarke provided national security advice to Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush. Clarke specializes in homeland security, counter-terrorism, and cyber-security. He was the counter-terrorism adviser on the U.S. National Security Council when the September 11th attacks occurred. He retired in 2003 to write his first book, *Against All Enemies*, a *New York Times* best-seller.

Clarke's second book, *The Scorpion's Gate*, is his first endeavor into the world of fiction. *The Scorpion's Gate* is a geopolitical thriller set five years into the future. The novel is centered around a battle between the Middle East and the United States to procure oil. Both parties are prepared to begin a war, this time on a nuclear level.

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During his appearance at the National Constitution Center, Clarke will talk about *The Scorpion's Gate*, *Against All Enemies*, the latest developments in Iraq, terrorism, and our Homeland Security. Citizens' Constitutional Conversations are underwritten by the Citizens Bank Foundation.

Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 4, 2003, the museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center is open seven days a week, and admission is \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available.

The National Constitution Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and as a home for visiting scholars. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional debate, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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