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EXAMINE THE LIFE OF JFK THROUGH HIS SPEECHES WITH AUTHOR ROBERT DALLEK AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, PA (April 27, 2006) – The National Constitution Center will present a conversation with author Robert Dallek, one of the most prominent John F. Kennedy biographers on Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. In an interactive presentation, Dallek will discuss his latest book, *Let Every Nation Know*, which provides insight into the life of Kennedy through his political speeches. Admission is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members and \$6 for students and K-12 teachers. Advance reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Kennedy is often considered by historians as one of the most articulate and eloquent presidents, with words from some of his most memorable speeches still resonating in the minds of Americans today. In *Let Every Nation Know*, Dallek and co-author Terry Golway present the speeches on a CD with Kennedy's own voice, while the book sets the historical context to each of the CD's 32 tracks. The speeches and commentary trace JFK's presidential career from the 1960 campaign through his death and include campaign debates with Richard Nixon, White House press conferences, and comments on such topics as the integration of the University of Mississippi and the Cuban missile crisis.

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Dallek has taught at Columbia, UCLA, and Oxford. He is currently a professor of history at Boston University. He is the author of several books about the U.S. presidency including *Lone Star Rising: Lyndon Johnson and His Times; 1908-1960*, *Franklin D. Roosevelt and American Foreign Policy, 1932-1945*; and *John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963*, a controversial *New York Times* bestseller due to its new findings about the late president.

A book signing will take place following the program courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. 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 also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and is a partner of NPR's "Justice Talking," a program of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, 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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