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**WEST WING VETERANS DISCUSS  
PRESIDENTIAL POWER IN A POST 9/11 WORLD  
AT NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**  
*Federal Judge Appointments at Top of Agenda*

Philadelphia, PA (June 15, 2005) – West Wing veterans C. Boyden Gray and Theodore Sorensen will discuss presidential power during their time in the White House and how it has evolved in “Presidential Power in a Post 9/11 World” at the National Constitution Center on June 28 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$6 for students, \$9 for members and \$12 for non-members. Reservations are required and can be made at 215-409-6700.

The page-one debate about the selection of federal judges, the filibuster and the possibility of a Supreme Court vacancy will be debated in this event. In addition, the program will probe the following questions: Post 9/11, where does the balance of powers tilt? Has the President wrested more power from the Congress because of the war on terror and, if so, what are the implications of this? Generally, how strong is the Congress’s grasp on its power compared to the President, and how does it fare in specific areas such as the power to declare war, guide foreign policy, reinvigorate the intelligence community, choose federal judges, and appropriate dollars? Has the partisanship and inertia of the legislative branch undermined its hold on power in the President’s favor?

C. Boyden Gray was Counsel to former President George H. W. Bush from 1989-1993. As chairman and founder of Committee for Justice, a leading conservative organization, Gray is deeply involved in the current debate about the judicial selection process. He has also served as Counsel to the Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief and as Director of the Office of Transition Counsel for the Bush transition team. He served on the Bush-Cheney Transition Team for the Department of Justice.

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Theodore C. Sorensen served for 11 years as policy adviser, legal counsel, and speech writer to Senator and President John F. Kennedy. He was deeply involved in such matters as the Cuban Missile Crisis, civil rights legislation, and the decision to go to the moon. He has written extensively about the Kennedy years, including his 1965 book *Kennedy*, an international best seller. He has also written *Why I Am A Democrat* (1996), six other books on the presidency, politics and foreign policy, and numerous articles on those subjects in *Foreign Affairs*, the *New York Times*, and other publications.

Located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's 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". From June 10 through November 4, the museum will also feature its first new traveling exhibition, *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*. 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](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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