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**PRESIDENT REAGAN'S ARMS CONTROL DIRECTOR KEN ADELMAN
DISCUSSES THE WEEKEND THAT ENDED THE COLD WAR
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA (November 11, 2014) – **Ken Adelman** visits the National Constitution Center to provide a behind-the-scenes look at the unexpectedly historic 1986 President Ronald Reagan-Mikhail Gorbachev summit in Reykjavik, Iceland – the key turning point in the Cold War. Adelman paints an up-close portrait of President Reagan at one of his most challenging moments, as documented in his most recent book, *Reagan at Reykjavik: Forty-Eight Hours That Ended the Cold War*.

The program will take place on **Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 12 p.m.** Admission is FREE. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 215-409-6700 or visiting constitutioncenter.org. A book sale and signing will follow the program.

Based on now-declassified information and private discussions between Reagan and his team, [Reagan at Reykjavik](#), tells the story of one of the most dramatic and spontaneous moments of the Cold War. Originally planned as a short, inconsequential gathering to outline future talks, the meeting in Reykjavik quickly turned to major international issues, including the strategic defense initiative and the possibility of eliminating all nuclear weapons—negotiations that laid the groundwork for the most sweeping arms accord in history the following year.

[Ken Adelman](#) was President Ronald Reagan's arms control director at Reykjavik during the 1986 superpower summit with Mikhail Gorbachev. Adelman accompanied Reagan to three superpower summits in all. He has also served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and assistant to the secretary of defense. After leaving government, he taught Shakespeare at Georgetown University and George Washington University, and National Security Studies at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities. He is the author of several books, including *Shakespeare in Charge* and *The Defense Revolution*. Graduating as a religion major from Grinnell College, Adelman received a Masters in Foreign Service Studies and a Doctorate in Political Theory from Georgetown University.

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