



Jimmy Carter Library & Museum News Release

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CARTER LIBRARY ON C-SPAN FRIDAY NIGHT

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT TREASURES IN THE CARTER LIBRARY

ATLANTA, GA. - This Friday night, take an inside look at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. This two hour, live behind-the-scenes visit to the only Presidential Library in the Southeast will be on C-SPAN beginning at 8 p.m. eastern time.

As the nation prepares for the 2008 presidential elections, C-SPAN, with extensive assistance from the National Archives, is introducing a new television series that offers viewers a rare look at the modern American presidency.

Every Friday night at 8 p.m. through November 30, C-SPAN is airing a live, two-hour program on location from one of the Presidential Libraries. C-SPAN's latest history series features never- or rarely-aired archival materials, interviews and viewer call-in segments with respected experts such as curators, archivists, historians and other "witnesses to history." Live segments take viewers where the public cannot go -- beyond the exhibit halls and into the archives of each library where rare artifacts are preserved. Each program re-airs later the same night at 11 pm ET (8 pm PT).

More than 1,000 rare recordings, identified for this series from the various Libraries' holdings, will be digitized by C-SPAN and made publicly available via the Internet.

Highlights from the Jimmy Carter Library include the President and Mrs. Carter's visits to the Middle East and Panama; Carter at Camp David where he presides over negotiations between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and the signing of the Camp David Accords.

Richard Norton Smith, a nationally-recognized presidential historian who has served as the director of four National Archives Presidential Libraries, is a consultant to C-SPAN for this series and will take part in all twelve programs in both live and taped segments.

C-SPAN's *Presidential Libraries* will be available on multiple platforms across the C-SPAN networks.

A companion Web site, www.c-span.org/presidentiallibraries will feature exclusive online offerings such as weekly podcasts, digitized recordings from the libraries' archives, and other resources. C-SPAN Radio will complement the TV series with archival sound recordings from the libraries starting Saturday, September 8 at 3 p.m. ET and airing every Saturday during the 12- week series as part of its *American Political Archive* program. C-SPAN Radio is heard exclusively on XM Satellite Radio. Highlights of the TV series will subsequently be offered to cable systems across the country for on-demand (VOD) viewing.