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HISTORIC EXHIBITION COMING TO CARTER LIBRARY

FIRST TIME OUT OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Atlanta, GA. - The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum has been selected as the first site outside Washington D.C. to display the highly acclaimed multi-media exhibition "Eyewitness- American Originals from the National Archives." The exhibition opens Friday, February 2nd and will be on display through April 29th.

These gripping, firsthand accounts of historic events are vivid and intensely personal, offering the visitor a unique view of events ranging from stunning stories of personal adventure to grisly tales of war. Many of these accounts, never before exhibited, offer a fresh and surprising perspective on history.

The *New York Times* calls the exhibition "fascinating," adding "the events may be immense but the personal experience is haunting and illuminating."

The exhibit, created by the National Archives and Record Administration and the Foundation for the National Archives draws on rarely-displayed documents, audio recordings and film footage culled from the National Archives and its Presidential Libraries to present eyewitness accounts of historic events.

The exhibit includes materials stretching from a 1775 letter by General George Washington about his fear that the British will use chemical weapons (small pox) on American troops to a transcribed telephone report from President George H. W. Bush on the reunification of Germany in 1990.

Among the highlights are John Lewis' description of the voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery that became known as "Bloody Sunday;" President Kennedy's audio notes during the Cuban missile crisis; the account of President Lincoln's doctor on his treatment of Lincoln the night he was shot; and the televised interview with an American POW during the Vietnam War when he blinked his eyes in Morse code spelling out the word T-O-R-T-U-R-E.

The Carter Presidential Library is the **first** of only six cities to host the exhibit as part of its two year national tour. For more information, visit the "Eyewitness" website at

<http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/eyewitness/> and the Jimmy carter website at www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov.

The Carter Presidential Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4:45 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors (60+), \$6 for military and students with IDs. Those 16 and younger are free. Parking is free.

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