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“EYEWITNESS” OPENS FRIDAY AT CARTER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Opening Ceremony at 10 am Friday

Atlanta, GA. – “Eyewitness: American Originals from the National Archives” opens Friday at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. The *New York Times* calls the exhibition “fascinating.”

Congressman John Lewis, whose description of the 1965 civil right march from Selma to Montgomery is one of 25 “eyewitness” accounts of historic events, says the exhibit is “very moving and very powerful.”

An opening ceremony featuring National Archives curator Stacey Bredhoff; Jay Hakes, director of the Jimmy Carter Library, and Congressman John Lewis (by recording) will be at 10 am, Friday, February 2nd.

“Eyewitness” draws on rarely-displayed documents, audio recordings and film footage culled from the extensive holdings of the National Archives and its Presidential Libraries and Regional Archives.

History books describe the slaves' fight for freedom or the liberation of concentration camps at the end of World War II, but the power of the original accounts written or recorded by players in these dramas enable visitors to be transported back in time to these events, almost as if they are experiencing them firsthand.

Many of the documents come alive in the **free audio guide**, in which visitors hear actors speaking the words written in the documents.

These 25 gripping, firsthand accounts of historic events are vivid and intensely personal, offering the visitor a unique view of history ranging from stunning stories of adventure to grisly tales of war.

“Eyewitness” was created by the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC, and the Foundation for the National Archives. The national tour of “Eyewitness” is sponsored by the Boeing Company.

The Jimmy carter Presidential Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am until 4:45 pm and on Sunday from noon until 4:45 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$6 for seniors (60+), \$6 for military and students with IDs. Those 16 years old and younger are free. Parking is free.

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