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Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library author talk and book signing:
Barry H. Landau
THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE:
TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF DINING AND DIPLOMACY

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to announce that **Barry H. Landau**, author of **THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE: TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF DINING AND DIPLOMACY**, will speak at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center on Sunday, December 2, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. Following the talk, Mr. Landau will be available to sign copies of his book.

THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE offers a sweeping visual history of the American Presidency as seen through Presidential entertaining from George Washington to George W. Bush. In this lavishly illustrated history of Presidential dining, historian Barry H. Landau brings the backstory of the American Presidency to life. Interweaving stories of dining and diplomacy, he creates a spellbinding narrative from the early days of provincial entertaining in the capital, through the golden era of sumptuous state banquets, to the modern White House dinners of today.

With more than 300 never before seen illustrations, **THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE** provides an insightful and entertaining look at our dining habits as the nation grew through social and economic change. The book reveals the parallel growth of the United States and its Chief Executives, and the diplomatic and political interests served along

with Presidential meals. **THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE** will fascinate anyone with an interest in American history and Presidential politics.

Renowned historian **Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.** said, “**THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE** offers menus that serve as storytellers of a young nation rife with social and economic change, while reflecting the growth and expansion of a burgeoning American Presidency. Barry Landau weaves these previously missing links of Presidential history into a fascinating tapestry and narrative of Presidential lore.”

Former Secretary of State **Henry A. Kissinger** remarked, “Landau escorts the reader to the Head Table at State Dinners from George Washington to George W. Bush and provides a social history that is great fun to read.”

On December 2, Mr. Landau will talk about his rare collection of presidential memorabilia and artifacts, his personal relationship with Mrs. Roosevelt as a boy, and his friendship with the Roosevelt family today. His talk will include how dining and diplomacy were affected during a war time White House of the only President elected to four terms; explaining how the President fulfilled the duties of his office with style and grace, in spite of his paralysis. Mr. Landau will bring several pieces from his collection including a hand-written letter written by King George VI of England to his mother, Queen Mary, describing a state dinner hosted at the White House by President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Copies of Mr. Landau's book will be available for sale after the talk. There is no charge for this program. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of twelve presidential libraries administered by the National

Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.