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## **THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM OFFERS TOURS OF RESEARCH ROOM FOR “ARCHIVES WEEK”**

**HYDE PARK, NY**—In celebration of Archives Week 2006, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library will be offering escorted tours to the Research Room on Saturday, October 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Documents selected by the archival staff will be on exhibit. Among the items displayed will be the 1942 letter from the Baseball Commissioner Landis to President Roosevelt offering to shut down Major League Baseball for the duration of the war. "I honestly feel that it would be best for the country to keep baseball going," Roosevelt replied. The President's original "green light" letter is in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Cynthia Koch, Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, explained how the Library's research room is where the public can access the papers of FDR, as he intended. She said, "The Research Room opened May 1, 1946, a little over a year after Roosevelt's death. Roosevelt himself had favored a policy of opening the papers as soon as possible and most of his papers were available to the public in 1951. The bulk of the

restricted material, related to foreign policy and military operations of World War II, did not become available until the early 1970s.”

Koch added, “Over the years the library successfully developed an access policy that made materials available to researchers on an equal basis, while protecting the security interests of the federal government and the privacy of citizens. Nearly all of the library's holdings are now open to the public.”

Tours are limited to 15 persons each and are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. To register, please call the Research Room at (845) 486-1142. The escorted tours are free of charge.

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 our website at [www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu).

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