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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum  
presents an author talk and book signing with  
STEPHEN C. SCHLESINGER co-editor of  
THE LETTERS OF ARTHUR SCHLESINGER, JR.  
Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Henry A. Wallace Center at the  
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present an author talk and book signing with **STEPHEN C. SCHLESINGER** -- coeditor of **THE LETTERS OF ARTHUR SCHLESINGER, JR.** The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2014 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the presentation, Schlesinger will be available to sign copies of his book about his renowned father. Attendees can visit the Library's new permanent exhibition after the program, free of charge. This event is free and open to the public.

An advisor to presidents, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, and tireless champion of progressive government, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., was also an inveterate letter writer. Indeed, the term "man of letters" could easily have been coined *for* Schlesinger, a faithful and prolific correspondent whose wide range of associates included powerful public officials, notable literary figures, prominent journalists, Hollywood celebrities, and distinguished fellow scholars.

**THE LETTERS OF ARTHUR SCHLESINGER, JR.** reveals the late historian's unvarnished views on the great issues and personalities of his time, from the dawn of the Cold War to the aftermath of September 11. Here is Schlesinger's correspondence with such icons

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of American statecraft as Harry Truman, Adlai Stevenson, Hubert Humphrey, Henry Kissinger, Bill Clinton, and, of course, John and Robert Kennedy (including a detailed critique of JFK's manuscript for PROFILES IN COURAGE). There are letters to friends and confidants such as Eleanor Roosevelt, John Kenneth Galbraith, Gore Vidal, and Jacqueline Kennedy (to whom Schlesinger sends his handwritten condolences in the hours after her husband's assassination), and exchanges with such unlikely pen pals as Groucho Marx, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Bianca Jagger. Finally, there are Schlesinger's many thoughtful replies to the inquiries of ordinary citizens, in which he offers his observations on influences, issues of the day, and the craft of writing history.

**Stephen C. Schlesinger** was director of the World Policy Institute at the New School from 1997 to 2006, and publisher of the quarterly magazine the *World Policy Journal*. After editing and publishing *The New Democrat Magazine*, he became a staff writer at *Time*, then served as a speechwriter and foreign policy advisor to Governor Mario Cuomo. He is the author of ACT OF CREATION: THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS (a Harry S. Truman Book Award winner), and THE NEW REFORMERS, and co-author of BITTER FRUIT: THE STORY OF THE AMERICAN COUP IN GUATEMALA. He is a contributor to magazines, newspapers, and web sites, including *The Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Nation*, and *The Huffington Post*.

Copies of Schlesinger'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](mailto:clifford.laube@nara.gov) with questions about the event.

### **Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum**

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor

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