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**The Pare Lorentz Center at the FDR Presidential Library
and WMHT Educational Telecommunications present
a Pre-broadcast Screening of Highlights from
Ken Burns' New Documentary Film
THE ROOSEVELTS: AN INTIMATE HISTORY and WMHT's
NINE LONG DAYS: TR'S JOURNEY TO THE WHITE HOUSE
Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Pare Lorentz Center at the FDR Presidential Library and WMHT Educational Telecommunications will present a pre-broadcast screening of highlights from Ken Burns' new documentary film **THE ROOSEVELTS: AN INTIMATE HISTORY** and WMHT's **NINE LONG DAYS: TR'S JOURNEY TO THE WHITE HOUSE** on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The program will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. ***This event is free and open to the public. General admission seating is first-come, first-served.***

THE ROOSEVELTS: AN INTIMATE HISTORY chronicles the lives of Theodore, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, three members of the most prominent and influential family in American politics. Theodore, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt overcame personal obstacles as they independently -- and collectively -- transformed the model of America's responsibility to its citizens and the wider world. It is the first time in a major documentary television series that their individual stories have been interwoven into a single narrative. Follow the camera crews into the grand estates and intimate cottages of the Roosevelts. Visit the studio as Burns records the voices of the stars who read the diaries, letters and contemporary accounts of this noteworthy family.

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WMHT will also share a brief clip of WMHT's new documentary **NINE LONG DAYS: TR'S JOURNEY TO THE WHITE HOUSE**. The documentary will cover the most important journey in the life of Theodore Roosevelt.

President McKinley was visiting the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo on September 6, 1901, when an assassin shot him twice in the stomach. By September 10, doctors in Buffalo thought he was recovering. They encouraged Vice President Roosevelt to reassure the country by continuing with a planned family outing in the Adirondack Mountains. Three days later, returning from climbing the highest peak in the Adirondacks, he met a messenger bearing the fateful telegram summoning him to return to Buffalo. On September 14, 1901, Theodore Roosevelt took the oath of office as the 26th and youngest president of the United States in the library of Ansley Wilcox's fine house in Buffalo. For Roosevelt it was "a dreadful thing to come into the Presidency in this way." In typical Roosevelt fashion, however, he continued, "Here is the task, and I have got to do it to the best of my ability."

THE ROOSEVELTS: AN INTIMATE HISTORY -- presented in seven 2-hour episodes over seven consecutive days -- will have its broadcast premieres on Sunday, September 14 at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on WMHT. NINE LONG DAYS: TR'S JOURNEY TO THE WHITE HOUSE will premiere on Monday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m., airing again on Thursday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

The Pare Lorentz Center's mission is to apply the audiovisual techniques pioneered by Pare Lorentz to teach history and social studies, and to perpetuate Lorentz's use of the

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documentary format in inspiring social and political messages. Located at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the center is funded through a generous grant from the New York Community Trust to the Roosevelt Institute. Pare Lorentz created groundbreaking documentary films -- a powerful synthesis of stunning imagery, poetic narration, and evocative music -- for New Deal agencies of the Roosevelt Administration. The Pare Lorentz Center creates and disseminates educational documentary materials and films to teach the history of the Age of Roosevelt and illustrate the enduring social issues (poverty, social equality and conservation) that President Roosevelt and Pare Lorentz cared so much about. Visit www.parelorentzcenter.org for more information.

WMHT Educational Telecommunications, a trusted community resource for over half a century, uses the power of non-commercial public television, radio, the web and other media to enrich the lives of more than a half million households throughout eastern New York state and portions of western Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Television broadcast channels include WMHT-DT (17.1), WMHT-Create (17.2) and WMHT-WORLD (17.3). Radio stations operated by WMHT include WMHT-FM 89.1 & WRHV-FM 88.7 (classical public radio) and WEXT 97.7 (AAA public radio). WMHT also operates RISE, a radio reading service for the visually and print disabled. In addition, WMHT offers numerous community outreach and family learning initiatives that inspire, educate and entertain for a lifetime.

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