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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents
an author talk and book signing with FRANK COSTIGLIOLA
author of *ROOSEVELT'S LOST ALLIANCES:
HOW PERSONAL POLITICS HELPED START THE COLD WAR*
Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present an author talk and book signing with **FRANK COSTIGLIOLA** author of ***ROOSEVELT'S LOST ALLIANCES: HOW PERSONAL POLITICS HELPED START THE COLD WAR***. The program will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23, 2012 in the Henry A. Wallace Center. Following the presentation, Professor Costigliola will be available to sign copies of his book. This event is free and open to the public.

In the spring of 1945, as the Allied victory in Europe was approaching, the shape of the postwar world hinged on the personal politics and flawed personalities of Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin. ***ROOSEVELT'S LOST ALLIANCES*** captures this moment and shows how FDR crafted a winning coalition by overcoming the different habits, upbringings, sympathies, and past experiences of the three leaders.

Costigliola contends that even as he pursued a lasting peace, FDR was alienating his own intimate circle of advisers and becoming dangerously isolated. After his death, postwar cooperation depended on Harry Truman, who, with very different sensibilities, heeded the embittered "Soviet experts" his predecessor had kept distant. A Grand Alliance was painstakingly built and carelessly lost. The Cold War was by no means inevitable.

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With a gripping narrative and subtle analysis, *Roosevelt's Lost Alliances* lays out a new approach to foreign relations history. Frank Costigliola highlights the interplay between national political interests and more contingent factors, such as the personalities of leaders and the culturally conditioned emotions forming their perceptions and driving their actions. Foreign relations flowed from personal politics -- a lesson pertinent to historians, diplomats, and citizens alike.

FRANK COSTIGLIOLA is professor of history at the University of Connecticut and former president of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. He is the author of *France and the United States* and *Awkward Dominion*.

Copies of Professor Costigliola'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.

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