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TAYLOR BRANCH TO DISCUSS PRESIDENT CLINTON DIARY PROJECT AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (September 14, 2009) – Pulitzer Prize-winning historian **Taylor Branch** will join the National Constitution Center to discuss *The Clinton Tapes: Wrestling History with the President*, his account of President Clinton's confidential diary project, on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

The Clinton Tapes, based on 2,600 pages of material from the 78 sessions between Branch and Clinton from 1993 to 2001, provides a unique glimpse into the thought processes and concerns of a sitting president. Clinton shares spontaneous observations and personal details about events including war in Bosnia, health reform failure, anti-terrorist strikes, the 1996 re-election campaign, and Whitewater investigations culminating in his 1999 impeachment trial.

The Clinton Tapes is Taylor Branch's first book since completing *America in the King Years 1954-68*, his landmark trilogy on the modern civil rights era. Its first volume, *Parting the Waters*, won a Pulitzer Prize for History and the National Book Critics Circle award. *Pillar of Fire* won the Sidney Hillman Prize and the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award. *At Canaan's Edge* won the *Chicago Tribune's* Heartland Prize, and was a finalist for the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle award, and the *Los Angeles Times* Book Award.

A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

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