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SNEAK PREVIEW EXHIBIT OPENS JANUARY 25, 2010 **AT THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

SPECIAL EXHIBIT TO PROVIDE FIRST GLIMPSE AT NEW STORIES AND ARTIFACTS

(SIMI VALLEY, Calif.) – President Reagan, on the occasion of his 73rd birthday, joked, “*Birthdays are special moments. But I must tell you, even though this is the 34th anniversary of my 39th birthday, those numbers don’t faze me at all. I remember something that Thomas Jefferson once said. He said, “We should never judge a President by his age, only by his works.” And ever since he told me that, I’ve stopped worrying.*” The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to announce the opening of its latest temporary exhibit, *A Sneak Preview*. Opening on January 25, 2010, *A Sneak Preview* presents Reagan Library visitors a first glimpse into the stories and artifacts that will be used to tell President Reagan’s life story when the galleries are renovated over the next year in time for President Reagan’s 100th birthday in 2011.

“Since the Library’s opening in 1991, utilizing research and the President’s handwritten diaries, we have uncovered so much more about President Reagan’s life and works,” said R. Duke Blackwood, director of The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum. “The Sneak Peak Exhibit provides guests with a fascinating first look into what’s to come as we prepare for these new galleries.”

“President Reagan’s upcoming Centennial Celebration is an exciting time for us at the Reagan Foundation and Library,” said John Heubusch, executive director of The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. “Utilizing new stories and artifacts to showcase President Reagan’s remarkable life is just one way we’ll be honoring him in the year to come. This Sneak Peak Exhibit brings the excitement of our planning to our guests today.”

A Sneak Peak contains six themed areas: “Western and Cowboy,” “Iconic,” “President Reagan’s Funeral,” “Presidential Gifts: Head of State and International,” “Presidential Gifts: Firearms and Ceremonial Swords,” and “Presidential Gifts: Crystal and China.” Items on display include a saddle given to President Reagan by the United States Secret Service that was often used at Rancho del Cielo, the leather riding boots worn by President Reagan that were also used on the “rider-less” horse in Washington, D.C. during his funeral procession, a Soviet Assault Rifle (AK-47) gifted to President Reagan after it was captured during the Grenada

Rescue Mission in 1983, and the actual suit that President Reagan was wearing during the March 1981 assassination attempt on his life.

The Reagan Library is located at 40 Presidential Drive in Simi Valley, California. Public hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Museum admission fees are \$12.00 for general admission, \$9.00 for seniors 62 and over, \$6 for children 11-17 and free for children 10 years of age and under. For more information, call (800) 410.8354 or visit www.reaganlibrary.com.

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