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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
and the Roosevelt Institute present the
Final Live Webcast 2011 Fall Forum:
“FDR’s INNER CIRCLE: FOREIGN POLICY”
Sunday, October 23, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The FDR Presidential Library and Museum and the Roosevelt Institute will present the **final live webcast 2011 Fall Forum entitled “FDR’s INNER CIRCLE: FOREIGN POLICY”** on Sunday, October 23, 2011. This program will examine the significant historical figures -- both official and personal -- who were critical to the success of President Roosevelt’s military and foreign policy. The discussion will conclude with an examination of how modern presidents cope with international crises and who they rely on more -- military and diplomatic figures or close personal and/or political confidants. *Poughkeepsie Journal* Executive Editor Stuart Shinske will moderate the panel discussion. In addition to house seating the program will be webcast live (www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu) with online viewer participation. C-SPAN will record the event. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. ***To register call Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745.***

With the outbreak of war in September 1939, the focus of the Roosevelt Administration turned increasingly toward international affairs and military preparedness. With this shift in priorities also came a shift in Franklin Roosevelt’s Inner Circle. Domestic advisers were often marginalized in favor of military, diplomatic and intelligence leaders, longtime friends became ill or died, and personal staff changed. Even as FDR’s attention became global, his private world became smaller as a result of wartime secrecy and

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security. Eleanor Roosevelt, on the other hand, became a world traveler -- visiting American servicemen overseas and serving as a good will ambassador. Roosevelt surrounded himself with names like John Gilbert Winant, "Wild Bill" Donovan, Averell Harriman, Harry Hopkins, and George C. Marshall.

The program's panelists include **Stuart Shinske (moderator)**, Executive Editor/Director of Content and Audience Development, *Poughkeepsie Journal*; **Lynne Olson**, author of *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour*; **Douglas Waller**, author of *Wild Bill Donovan: The Spymaster Who Created the OSS and Modern American Espionage*; **Thomas Parrish**, author of *Roosevelt and Marshall: Partners in Politics and War*; **Allida Black**, Executive Editor, fdr4freedoms Digital Initiative and Board of Governors, Roosevelt Institute; and **David Woolner**, Senior Fellow and Resident Hyde Park Historian, Roosevelt Institute and Associate Professor of History, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

For detailed information about the program or to register please call Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or visit the Roosevelt Library website's events page at:

<http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/publicprograms/calendar.html>.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication

to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.

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