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## **Foundation for the National Archives Releases *To the Brink: JFK and the Cuban Missile Crisis***

### ***Exhibition Catalog Examines Nuclear Crisis 50 Years Later***

**Washington, DC** – The Foundation for the National Archives announces the release of its latest book, *To the Brink: JFK and the Cuban Missile Crisis*.

The 96-page, full-color exhibition catalog was written by Curator Stacey Bredhoff of the National Archives' John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, and includes a message from Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero.

The new publication is the fourth book in a series published by the Foundation for the National Archives to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kennedy Administration. It accompanies the National Archives Experience exhibition, also titled "To the Brink: JFK and the Cuban Missile Crisis," which was developed by the National Archives in Washington and its Kennedy Library and Museum in Boston. The exhibit opens October 12 in the National Archives' Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery in Washington and will travel to Boston in the spring of 2013.

Using records from the National Archives and its Kennedy Library, *To the Brink* tells the story of the 13 days in the fall of 1962 when President John F. Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev stood on the brink of thermonuclear war, then stepped back. The catalog features documents, artifacts, photographs, and transcripts of audio recordings President Kennedy made at the White House as he worked through the crisis with his team of advisors.

Other books in the JFK anniversary series include: *Moon Shot: JFK and Space Exploration*; *Poetry and Power: The Inaugural Address of President John F. Kennedy*; and *Winning West Virginia: JFK's Primary Campaign*.

All of the books are available for purchase in the Archives Shop in Washington, DC, at the Kennedy Library and Museum in Boston, and online at <http://estore.archives.gov>.

For a listing of other publications published by the Foundation for the National Archives, please visit us online at:

<http://www.archives.gov/nae/support/shop/books.html>

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### **About the Foundation for the National Archives**

The Foundation for the National Archives is an independent nonprofit that serves as the National Archives' private-sector partner in the creation of and ongoing support of the National Archives Experience, which includes permanent exhibits, educational programs, traveling exhibits, special events and film screenings, educational literature, and historical/records-related products and media. The Foundation helps the public understand the importance of the holdings of the National Archives by presenting the depth and diversity of the records through award-winning, interactive educational exhibits and programs. It generates financial and creative support for the National Archives Experience from individuals, foundations, and corporations who share a belief in the importance of innovative civics education.

### **About the National Archives Experience**

The National Archives Experience, created by the National Archives in partnership with the Foundation for the National Archives, has transformed the visitor experience at the National Archives' Washington, DC building, and includes a renovated Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom, the award-winning Public Vaults permanent interactive exhibition, the William G. McGowan Theater, the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery for special exhibits, the Boeing Learning Center, and the Digital Vaults online exhibit. These components make the rich resources of the National Archives accessible to Americans nationwide.