FORMER NIXON AIDE TO DISCUSS RARE INTERVIEWS HE CONDUCTED WITH THE 37th PRESIDENT

Historian and writer Frank Gannon and LBJ Presidential Library Director and Presidential Historian Mark Updegrove will review Richard Nixon’s personal reflections on his resignation

YORBA LINDA, Cal. (Aug. 20, 2014) - Former Nixon White House aide Frank Gannon and LBJ Presidential Library Director Mark Updegrove will examine a 1983 interview that Gannon held with Richard Nixon about his resignation, in a discussion at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum on Wednesday, August 27 at 7 pm. The public is invited and the event is free.

Gannon sat with the former President for more than 30 hours during 1983, resulting in the most substantial and candid videotaped interviews the thirty-seventh President ever gave. The topics covered his entire life, from his earliest memories growing up in Yorba Linda to his service in WWII, in Congress, as Vice President, and President. The June 10, 1983 session covered the resignation.

The program, entitled "Nixon: Reflections on the Resignation," commemorates the 40th anniversary of the President’s resignation and will examine segments of the interviews in which Nixon recalls his final days in the White House. The videos show Nixon reflecting on his decision to resign, the intimate meetings with his family, and his last hours as president.

This is the first time Gannon will speak about these presidential interviews conducted more than 30 years ago. “This event provides the audience a unique opportunity to hear from Dr. Gannon as well as the President reflecting upon his resignation in his own words,” said acting Director of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, Susan K. Donius.

Gannon was chosen as a White House Fellow in 1971, and joined the White House Staff as a Special Assistant to the President in 1973. He was aboard Air Force One on August 9, 1974, when President Nixon returned to California. In San Clemente, as the former President’s Chief Editorial Assistant, Gannon organized the researching and writing of RN: The Memoirs of Richard Nixon (1978)

The Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum has made the Nixon/Gannon interview videos available to researchers in its Yorba Linda Research Room. The materials were donated to the Walter J. Brown Media Archives and Peabody Awards Collection at the University of Georgia, where they have been available to scholars, researchers, and other interested individuals since 1999.

"Researchers, authors and historians will find these interviews to be an excellent - and unique - historical resource just as President Nixon intended when he agreed to sit for them,” said Frank Gannon.

Those interested in attending can RSVP by clicking here.

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The Richard Nixon Foundation is a privately supported, non-profit institution dedicated to educating the public about the life, legacy, and times of the Thirty-Seventh President. For more information, call 714-993-5075 or go to nixonfoundation.org.
The Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum is one of thirteen Presidential Libraries operated by the National Archives and Records Administration. The Nixon Library is located at 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd, Yorba Linda, CA, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exceptions of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The Museum is fully handicapped accessible. For more information, call 714-983-9120 or go to nixonlibrary.gov.

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