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Philip L. Graham Fund Gives \$100,000 to the Foundation for the National Archives *Grant Made in Honor of Retired Washington Post Company Executive Patrick Butler*

March 24, 2009--Washington, DC –The Philip L. Graham Fund awarded an unrestricted grant of \$100,000 to the Foundation for the National Archives to strengthen the Foundation’s organizational capacity. The grant was awarded in honor of Foundation board member Patrick Butler, who recently retired as senior vice president of the Washington Post Company.

The grant will enable the Foundation to expand its retail operations, including its museum shop, which provides the Foundation with vital revenue that goes directly to supporting educational initiatives at the National Archives.

The grant is designed to enhance the Foundation’s revenue potential in support of the Foundation’s long-term mission to educate, enrich, and inspire a deeper appreciation of our national heritage through the collected historical evidence held in trust for the nation by the National Archives.

The Graham Fund first supported the Foundation in 2004 with a \$100,000 grant to support the development of the *National Archives Experience* Learning Center and its ongoing educational activities offered to Washington residents and visitors from around the world.

Eileen Daly, President of the Philip L. Graham Fund, said, “We are delighted to be able to support the Foundation for the National Archives with our grant. We believe that the civic education the Foundation offers visitors to the National Archives helps to build an informed citizenry, benefitting both the city of Washington and the nation.”

“This Graham Fund grant is a fitting tribute to Foundation Board member Pat Butler for his long service at the Washington Post Company and his decades of leadership in the Washington community,” said Kenneth Lore, President and Chairman of the Foundation for the National Archives. “This grant will allow us to maximize our resources so the Foundation can focus on what it does best...enabling millions of people to learn about and personally interact with the original records of our democracy. We thank Mr. Butler and the Philip L. Graham Fund for their continued support.”

Foundation Board member Patrick Butler said, “I am deeply honored that the Philip L. Graham Fund would make this generous donation to the Foundation for the National Archives in my honor. I want to thank Don Graham, Eileen Daly and her predecessor Candy Bryant, and the fund trustees for this most undeserved but much appreciated tribute, and I am certain the Foundation will put this investment to very good use.”

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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 private-sector partner of the National Archives in the creation of the *National Archives Experience*, which includes permanent exhibits, educational programs, traveling exhibits, special events and 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.