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Author of *The Ike Files* Discusses New Book

ABILENE, Kan.—Brian Burnes, staff writer for *The Kansas City Star* will discuss his new book *The Ike Files: Mementos of the Man and His Era from the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum*. The event will be held in the Eisenhower Visitors Center Auditorium on Oct. 14 at 7:00 p.m. Monroe Dodd, history editor of the *Kansas City Star*, and Eisenhower Library archival staff will also participate in the discussion. Dodd assisted Burnes with some of the research and was the book editor.

Participating in the discussion from the staff at the library will be Archivist Jim Leyerzapf and Archives Technician Chalsea Millner. “Our archival holdings play a starring role in this book. Being a part of this project has been an honor and I look forward to sharing some of the highlights of the research process,” says Millner.

Following the discussion will be a book signing and reception. The reception will include birthday cake in honor of Eisenhower’s 118th birthday. “The book demonstrates the uniqueness of the Eisenhower presidential archives. I believe *The Ike Files* will contribute to a better understanding of President Eisenhower and his era, and the community of Abilene where his formative years occurred,” says Karl Weissenbach, director.

This coffee table book is published by Kansas City Star Books and underwritten by the Dwight D. Eisenhower Foundation. The *Ike Files* uses original documents from the archives to show Eisenhower’s life – personal and professional. The full-color compilation of photos, love letters, and handwritten notes collected from before, during, and after his presidency brings the human side of Eisenhower to life. Also included is the famous note written accepting full responsibility for the D-Day invasion in case of failure.

The Ike Files is available at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum gift shop. The book normally sold for \$29.95 will be available that evening at a one-time discounted price of \$25.00. The author will be available to sign copies of the book.

This event is free and open to the public, but reservations are recommended. For reservations, please call 785-263-6700 or toll free 1-877-RING IKE. The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum is one of twelve presidential libraries operated by the National Archives and Records Administration. To learn more, please visit www.eisenhower.archives.gov.

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Dwight D. Eisenhower, Homecoming Speech, Abilene, Kansas, June 22, 1945

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