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FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION ABOUT U.S. - CHINA RELATIONSHIP AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ON THE EVE OF THE OLYMPICS

Philadelphia, PA (June 20, 2008) – Exactly one month before the opening of the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, the National Constitution Center will present a film screening and discussion about the relationship between the United States and China. From U.S. debt to trade regulation, and human rights to freedom of speech, the backdrop of the Olympic Games has brought the complicated and fraught relationship between these global powers into sharp focus. The Center will show parts of *Koppel on Discovery: The People's Republic of Capitalism*, a four-part series examining contemporary China, produced by veteran broadcaster Ted Koppel, which will air on Discovery Channel on Wednesday, July 9 at 10:00 p.m. and will continue through Saturday, July 12. A discussion about U.S. - China economic relations with producer Elissa Rubin will follow the screening. The program will take place on Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

In 1991, Elissa Rubin joined the political unit at WABC-TV in New York. After working in local news for a few years in San Francisco, Rubin went back to New York to join ABC Network News. She then moved to ABC's Washington, D.C.-based *Nightline* in 2000. Rubin currently serves as a producer at *Koppel on Discovery*.

In each hour-long program, Ted Koppel and his team explore America's economic relationship with China as well as capitalism's effect on the Chinese people.

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Koppel on Discovery is produced by Discovery Channel's managing editor, Ted Koppel and Tom Bettag, executive producer. Together, they are producing a slate of long-form programming exclusively for Discovery Channel that touches on some of the most important events, people and places changing lives today. From field reporting to script writing, every aspect of the series is shaped by Koppel's 42 years of experience and unparalleled journalistic integrity.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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