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**PENTAGON WHISTLEBLOWER DANIEL ELLSBERG
ON GOVERNMENT CRISES AND THE PUBLIC TRUST**

(Mahwah) - Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked a secret 7,000-page Pentagon study of U.S. government decision making in Vietnam to *The New York Times* and 18 other newspapers, will address students at Ramapo College of New Jersey Monday, November 14 at 2 p.m. in the H-Wing Auditorium. Ellsberg's presentation, "The Role of a Free Press in a Time of War" discusses government crises and the public trust. At 3:30 p.m., he will present "From Vietnam to Iraq: Lies, Truths, and Leaks in Times of War" in the Sharp Theater on the college campus. A reception follows the presentation at 5 p.m. The 3:30 presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Pat Keeton at pkeeton@ramapo.edu or Peggy Monges at pmonges@ramapo.edu.

Ellsberg's actions contributed to the eventual conviction of White House aides and the impeachment of Richard Nixon for government misconduct. In his address to a campus-wide audience at 3:30 p.m., Ellsberg will draw parallels between the historical impact of his own "Pentagon Papers" case and current debates over contemporary government leaks, such as the "outing" of CIA agent Valerie Plame and the leak last July of a pessimistic Pentagon Intelligence Estimate report on the progress of the Iraq war.

In his 2 p.m. meeting with students, Ellsberg will examine the responsibilities and challenges of the press in times of crises and war. Students in journalism, public policy, history, communications, sociology, and other classes will have a chance to hear Ellsberg and ask questions based on research some have been doing to prepare for his visit.

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In conjunction with Ellsberg's visit to Ramapo College, there will be five screenings of the Academy Award-winning *Hearts and Minds*, a Vietnam-era documentary on November 9, 10, 11 and 14 in the H-Wing Auditorium. The 1974 film features interviews with Ellsberg and a history of the Vietnam era. In the film, Ellsberg describes decisions by five different presidents to keep the conduct of the war secret from the American people, as documented in the government study. Screening times are Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 10, at 2 and 6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 14 at noon in the H-Wing Auditorium. The documentary, the first on the war to achieve theatrical distribution, features footage of civilian life in Vietnam, archival footage, and interviews with prominent government leaders, both hawks and doves, as well as veterans for and against the war. Generating controversy and lawsuits by former government officials at the time of its release, *Hearts and Minds* has since come to be considered by critics and cultural historians as an important record of the era.

Sponsors of the event include The American Democracy Project, the Student Affairs Platinum Series, the School of American and International Studies, the School of Contemporary Arts, the Communication Arts major, the Office of the Provost, the Cahill Center for Experiential Learning, the Educational Opportunity Fund Office, the Office of International Education and Ramapo Local 2274 of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT).

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