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REAGAN'S RIGHT-HAND MAN

New Book on the Life of Reagan's Closest Advisor and Confidant Reveals Reagan's Vision and How the U.S. Won the Cold War

San Francisco, CA – The most important biographical record of the Reagan years – from the Reagan governorship to the 40th president's period in the White House – has not been written until now. ***The Judge: William P. Clark, Ronald Reagan's Top Hand*** [Ignatius Press, October 27, 2007, \$27.95] offers the first biography of "the most powerful national security advisor in American History," Ronald Reagan's indispensable man, confidant, and single most important adviser: **William P. Clark**, known to many as simply "The Judge."

As Reagan's most trusted aid and a powerful national security advisor, Bill Clark was instrumental in implementing the policies that undermined Soviet communism and brought an end to the Cold War. ***The Judge*** reveals how he and Ronald Reagan, two ranchers, truly changed history. The book gives first-hand insight into Reagan's vision for the country, his belief system and management style.

"As he had no interest in promoting himself, Clark's contributions had not been fully reported," note co-authors **Paul Kengor** and **Patricia Clark Doerner**. "Many of his actions in the 1980's have remained secret, particularly his Cold War communications with Pope John Paul II and his meetings with Margaret Thatcher, Francois Mitterand, Saddam Hussein, and others."

The Judge portrays the 40th president with stunning accuracy and a unique insight never before seen in other books.

"William Clark was the most important and influential person in the first administration. Clark had Reagan's ear and next to Reagan, was the most powerful man in the White House," said President Reagan's official biographer, Edmund Morris.

"Bill Clark was enormously important in the achievement of the president's goals and his success – including during the governor years – but that's generally not known today," said Former Secretary of Defense, Casper Weinberger.

Paul Kengor is the acclaimed author of the best-selling books *God and Ronald Reagan*, *God and George W. Bush*, and *The Crusader: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism*. He is a professor of Political Science at Grove City College, and is a frequent contributor to MSNBC, C-SPAN, NPR, and FOX News channel. **Patricia Clark Doerner**, writer, historian and community activist, raised four children before graduating summa cum laude from the University of California. She earned an honors graduate degree from University College Dublin, and now teaches at UCSB and Cal State University, Northridge.

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