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### REDFORD ON *PRESIDENT'S MEN*

First commentary recorded for special edition of movie

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Robert Redford has recorded his first DVD audio commentary, which will be on the first special edition of *All the President's Men*. It will be released Feb. 21 by Warner Home Video.

Redford and co-star Dustin Hoffman, as well as the reporters they portrayed, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, all participated in the bonus features on the two-disc set, being released in the 30th anniversary year of the film's initial theatrical release and timed to President's Day.

The previous DVD edition of the 2-hour and 18-minute movie was one of the first titles issued on the then-new DVD format in 1997 and therefore did not have tremendous sales as few people had DVD players.

Based on the book of the same name by Woodward and Bernstein, *President's* dramatizes the *Washington Post's* investigation and reporting of the Watergate scandal that resulted in the unprecedented resignation of President Nixon.

The DVD scored a spike in interest last year when the identity of Woodward's primary source for the story, the man he called Deep Throat, was revealed as Mark Felt.

One of three new documentaries and featurettes on the second disc profiles Felt.

Although neither Felt, who does not remember Watergate, nor Hal Holbrook, who played Deep Throat in the movie, were available for interviews for the DVD, Holbrook does provide narration for the new mini-docs.

The producer of the special edition, Gary Leva, said Redford, who also created and starred in the politically charged *The Candidate*, chose this movie for his first audio commentary because he and his production company were responsible for getting the film made.

In the commentary, which Redford does alone, he describes meeting with Woodward and Bernstein as they were writing the book. At the time, the reporters were writing the book in third person from the perspective of the Nixon White House. Woodward and others confirm in interviews that it was Redford who persuaded he and Bernstein to write the book in first person from the perspective of young reporters.

George Feltenstein, senior VP theatrical catalog marketing at WHV, said the studio was already beginning work on the special edition when Felt's family revealed that he was

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Deep Throat. The timing of the news allowed them to also discuss his identity in interviews for the special edition.

Feltenstein said the timing of the release might also work well for those who feel that issues in today's politics and journalism resemble those during the Nixon administration.

Warner has remastered the movie, which Feltenstein said looks a little muddy and grainy on the older disc.

In addition to the three new programs on the disc--"Telling the Truth About Lies: The Making of All the President's Men," "Out of the Shadows: The Man Who Was Deep Throat" and "Woodward and Bernstein: Lighting the Fire"--the special edition also includes a vintage featurette, "Pressure and the Press: The Making of *All the President's Men*," and an interview with Jason Robards (who played *Post* editor Ben Bradlee) on the TV show *Dinah!*, hosted by Dinah Shore.

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