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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ZEIFMAN TO OFFER NEW THEORIES ABOUT WATERGATE SCANDAL

CHARLESTON -- Theories and observations about what really took place in Washington during the Richard Nixon impeachment proceedings will be the topic of a public presentation by former House Judiciary Committee chief counsel Jerry Zeifman at 3 p.m. Monday in Eastern Illinois University's Coleman Hall Auditorium.

During his talk, Zeifman will share information from his recently published book, "Without Honor: The Impeachment of President Nixon and the Crimes of Camelot," which gives a personal account of the judiciary process using first-hand material from November 1973 through August 1974 to show how the historic impeachment inquiry was tainted.

Zeifman's book is based primarily on an 800-page diary he kept at the time, describing the actions, ethical and otherwise, of key impeachment figures such as Nixon; John Doar, special counsel to the inquiry and formerly a key figure in Robert Kennedy's Justice Department; and Doar aide Hillary Rodham (now the First Lady) and her fellow staffer Bernard Nussbaum, who recently resigned as President Clinton's

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chief White House counsel.

Zeifman charges that these and other individuals used intentional delay, flawed legal theories and behind-the-scenes tactics to turn the proceedings into a charade that almost kept Nixon in office.

According to Zeifman, those who served on the impeachment inquiry staff, surrendered their responsibilities to conduct a thorough investigation and instead conducted a sham inquiry structured by its leaders -- all of whom were high Justice Department officials during the Kennedy administration -- to avoid revealing the crimes of Camelot.

"What Ziefman has to say about Watergate and journalism in this country will be controversial and thought-provoking," said associate journalism professor Susan Kaufman, who became acquainted with Zeifman in the early 1980s when doing research on the Watergate conspiracy.

"He brings to light the players in the drama and provides poignant information dealing with the legal, constitutional and ethical issues surrounding the Nixon presidency, Watergate and Congress, all of which students, faculty and others should find particularly compelling," Kaufman said.