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**SHOAH FOUNDATION  
NAMES DOUGLAS GREENBERG, Ph.D.  
AS SHOAH FOUNDATION PRESIDENT AND CEO**

Los Angeles, CA; May 12, 2000 – Today Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation announced that Douglas Greenberg, Ph.D. has been named President and Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Greenberg's appointment as Shoah Foundation President and CEO will begin September 5, 2000.

Dr. Greenberg has been President of the Chicago Historical Society since 1993. He was formerly Vice President of the American Council of Learned Societies (1986-1993), and has served on the faculties of Rutgers, Princeton, and Lawrence Universities. During his distinguished academic career he has written three books and edited or contributed to dozens of scholarly and popular publications. He holds a Ph.D. in History from Cornell University and a B.A. from Rutgers University.

In addition to his activities as a teacher and scholar, Dr. Greenberg has long been involved in the communication of historical understanding to the public. A former member of the Council of the American Historical Association, he serves on the Executive Board of the Organization of American Historians, as well as on many other boards in Chicago and throughout the United States.

As President of the Chicago Historical Society, Greenberg led the organization through one of the most vibrant eras in its history, during which its budget nearly doubled. He also undertook a strategic planning effort that resulted in the construction of the Historical Society's integrated Research Center, and implemented a major technology initiative that expanded the institution's capacity to serve researchers, K-12 schools, and the general public. The Historical Society is about to complete a \$30 million capital campaign. In recent years, Greenberg has also been a frequent speaker and author, both in this country and abroad, concerning libraries, research institutions, and their challenges. He serves as lead consultant for technology, preservation, and access projects at the Center for Jewish History in New York.

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"Doug Greenberg's passionate commitment to tolerance education, his capacity for visionary leadership, and his expertise in the fields of history and information technology make him an ideal choice to lead the Shoah Foundation into the future," said Steven Spielberg, Shoah Foundation Chairman and Founder. "We look forward to his guidance as we bestow our archive of Holocaust survivor and witness testimonies to future generations."

In making the announcement, Spielberg praised Executive Director Ari Zev for his longtime dedication and effective leadership. Zev will continue to serve as Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer.

Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation was established by Steven Spielberg in 1994 to videotape and preserve the testimonies of Holocaust survivors and witnesses so that future generations can learn from the past. The Foundation has collected more than 50,000 eyewitness testimonies in 57 countries and 32 languages, and is committed to the broad and effective educational use of the archive worldwide. The Foundation has produced a groundbreaking CD-ROM, *Survivors: Testimonies of the Holocaust*, and three documentaries: *The Last Days*, 1999 Academy Award winner for Best Feature Documentary; *The Lost Children of Berlin*, honored with the Edward R. Murrow Award; *Survivors of the Holocaust*, winner of the Peabody and two Emmy Awards. Individuals interested in supporting the efforts of the Shoah Foundation are encouraged to call 818/777-4673 or write to P.O. Box 3168, Los Angeles, Calif., 90078-3168. The Foundation's home page is [www.vhf.org](http://www.vhf.org).

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