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Poetry Reading and Commentary by Peter Dale Scott

Cambridge, Mass. – On Sunday, September 18, 2011, poet and writer Peter Dale Scott will give a poetry reading and offer commentary on his other works. The program takes place at 4 pm in the carriage house at Longfellow House–Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site, 105 Brattle Street. It is free, and open to all. Mr. Scott is Professor Emeritus of English at the University of California, Berkeley and a former Canadian diplomat. An anti-war speaker during the Vietnam and Gulf Wars, he was a co-founder of the Peace and Conflict Studies Program at UC Berkeley, and of the Coalition on Political Assassinations (COPA).

His poetry volumes include *Mosaic Orpheus* (2009), *Coming to Jakarta: A Poem about Terror* (1989), *Listening to the Candle: A Poem on Impulse* (1992), *Crossing Borders: Selected Shorter Poems* (1994), and *Minding the Darkness: A Poem for the Year 2000* (October 2000). In 2002 he received the Lannan Literary Award for Poetry. The former U.S. poet laureate Robert Hass has written (*Agni*, 31/32, p. 335) that "*Coming to Jakarta* is the most important political poem to appear in the English language in a very long time."

Mr. Scott's political books have focused on war, covert operations, the politics of crime, and the international drug traffic. Recent titles include *The Road to 9/11: Wealth, Empire, and the Future of America* (2007), *The War Conspiracy: JFK, 9/11 and the Deep Politics of War* (2008), and *American War Machine: Deep Politics, the CIA Global Drug Connection, and the Road to Afghanistan* (2010).

Longfellow House–Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site was home to America's most popular 19th century poet and scholar, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and his family from 1837-1950. The historic 1759 colonial mansion was also General George Washington's first major headquarters during the American Revolution. Its extensive collections and grounds represent more than 250 years of America's history and literature. The house and collections were a gift to the nation from Longfellow's descendants in 1972. In December 2010 President Obama signed legislation changing the name of the site from Longfellow National Historic Site to Longfellow House–Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site. This redesignation underscores the house's significance in American history and literature.

The site is easily accessible from the MBTA Red Line Harvard Square subway stop. On-site parking is not available except for designated accessible (handicapped) parking. Call 617-876-4491 for more information or visit www.nps.gov/long.

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