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**MARKET:** Historians and students of American history and politics from the late eighteenth century to the present day, high school students, research, public and school libraries, anyone interested in American history and nationhood.

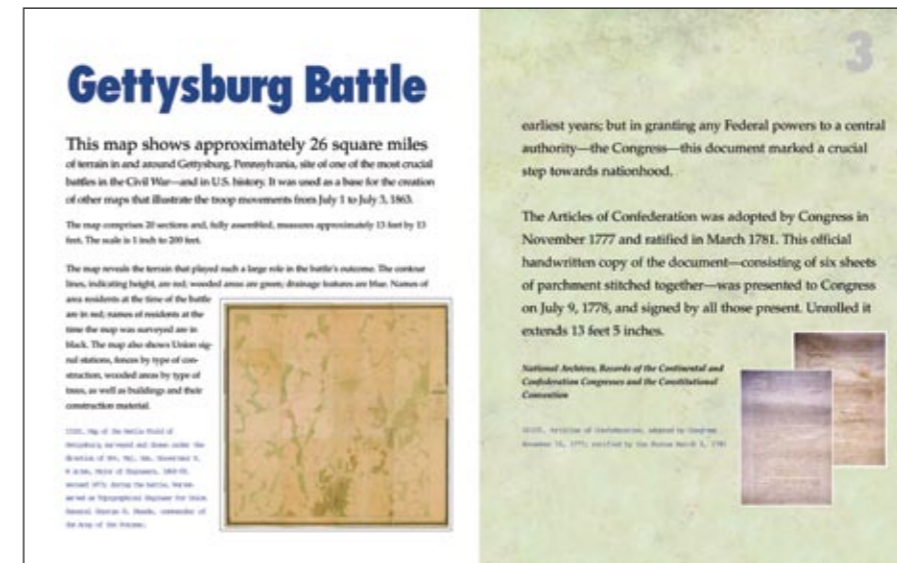
**SALES POINTS:**

- Publication accompanies a major exhibition opening at the National Archives in March 2009 to celebrate its 75th anniversary
- Features some of the largest (both in size and historical significance) records from the National Archives Collection
- Includes a 13 foot square map of the Gettysburg battlefield and details of President Taft's reinforced bed

**CONTENTS:** Published to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the National Archives, Washington, D.C. in 2009, this new volume features big records, big events, and big ideas from the National Archives collection. Starting with the 13-foot scroll of the Articles of Confederation, these full-scale records reveal some of the formative moments in American history.

Among the items reproduced, are a section from the enormous 13-foot square map of the Gettysburg battlefield, drawn a few years after the critical Civil War battle; the helmet worn by General Clarence Huebner, commander of the U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division (known as the "Big Red One") which

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formed the first wave of the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944; and a 19-page telegram, called "the long telegram", sent by George Kennan, a U.S. diplomat in Moscow in 1946, which set the direction for US/Soviet relations over the next 50 years. The variety of documents and objects is huge, ranging from orders relating to fitting out a ship with reinforced beds to carry William H. Taft - at 320lbs, the heaviest President in U.S. history - to prints of the mammoth glass-plate negatives of Yosemite National Park by photographer Carleton Watkins, dating from the 1860s.

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