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SPIKE LEE ACQUIRES FILM RIGHTS TO *TIME TRAVELER* by Dr. Ronald Mallett with Bruce Henderson

New York, NY – Film rights to *TIME TRAVELER* by Dr. Ronald Mallett with Bruce Henderson -- the inspiring memoir by one of America's first African American Ph.D.'s in theoretical physics who has discovered the basic equations for a working time machine -- have been acquired by director Spike Lee's production company, Forty Acres & A Mule Filmworks, Inc. The Emmy-winning and Academy Award-nominated Lee will co-write the script and direct.

TIME TRAVELER: A Scientist's Personal Mission to Make Time Travel a Reality (Basic Books) is the compelling and touching story of a man whose deep childhood trauma -- at age ten the sudden death of his father -- drove him on a quest to build a time machine in an attempt to go back in time to save his father. In telling his story, Mallett explains in "easy-to-read" (*Publishers Weekly*) language and elegant metaphors the physics that makes time travel possible -- based on Einstein's theories of relativity -- and offers what *New Scientist's* editor Michael Brooks calls an "actual blueprint for a time machine." The title has been reprinted in Korea, Taiwan and the United Kingdom.

Kirkus Reviews found *TIME TRAVELER* an "inspiring blend of personal narrative and scientific exploration," and the London *Daily Mail* said of Mallett: "In pursuit of his seemingly impossible goal, he has overcome poverty and prejudice to become one of only a handful of top-flight black physicists in the United States."

Spike Lee recently finished filming *Miracle at St. Anna*, based on the novel that follows members of the U.S. Army's 92nd Division of all-black buffalo soldiers during World War II as they become trapped between forces beyond their control and between different worlds. Regarding *TIME TRAVELER*, Lee says: "I'm elated to have acquired the rights to a fantastic story on many levels, but also a father-and-son saga of loss and love."

Mallett received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in physics from Pennsylvania State University. He worked for United Technologies from 1973-5, and in 1975 joined the physics faculty at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, where he has been a professor of theoretical physics ever since. Mallett has published numerous papers on black holes and cosmology in professional journals. His breakthrough research on time travel has been featured extensively in the media

around the world, including NPR's *This American Life*, and the History Channel, Science Channel and Learning Channel. Mallett resides in East Hartford, Connecticut.

Henderson is the author or co-author of more than twenty nonfiction books, including *Down to the Sea* (Smithsonian/Collins) and *True North* (W. W. Norton). His previous titles include a #1 *New York Times* hardcover bestseller, *And the Sea Will Tell*. He teaches writing at Stanford University, and lives in Menlo Park, California.

Mallett and Henderson are represented by Paul Bresnick Literary Agency, LLC, New York, and for film by United Talent Agency.