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### **CARTER/MONDALE TO SET RECORD NEXT WEEK**

*PAIR WILL BECOME LONGEST LIVING, POST-ADMINISTRATION TEAM*

**ATLANTA, GA.-** On Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale will become the longest-living, post-administration President and Vice President in U.S. history. On that day, they will surpass President John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Adams and Jefferson lived 25 years, 122 days after the end of their administration. Both Adams and Jefferson died on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1826.

On Thursday, President Carter and Vice President Mondale will have lived 25 years, 123 days after leaving office.

"While breaking the Adams and Jefferson record is certainly a milestone, the important thing is how President Carter and Vice President Mondale have used that time," Carter Presidential Library Director Jay Hakes said.

In 1982, a year after leaving the White House, President and Mrs. Carter founded the Carter Center to advance peace and health worldwide. Since then, the nonprofit Center has observed 62 elections in 25 countries; helped farmers double or triple grain production in 15 African countries; mediated or worked to prevent civil and international conflicts in North Korea, Haiti, Bosnia, North Korea, Sudan, and Liberia; intervened to prevent unnecessary diseases in Latin America and Africa, including the near eradication of Guinea worm disease; and strived to diminish the stigma against mental illness.

"A unique nongovernmental organization, The Carter Center is a permanent legacy to the vision and values of both President and Mrs. Carter," said Center Executive Director Dr. John Hardman. "Because of their passion and commitment, once forgotten people in 65 developing nations have renewed hope for lives free of preventable diseases, a voice in their own governance, and the means to create sustainable peace."

Former Vice President Walter Mondale has also continued a distinguished career of public service. Having traveled extensively throughout the United States and the world promoting U.S. policy as Vice President, Mondale was selected as the Democratic Party's nominee for President in 1984. Following that election, he practiced law, taught, served as a director on both non-profit and corporate boards and was the chairman of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, a Washington DC-based organization that conducts non-partisan international programs to help maintain and strengthen democratic institutions.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton nominated Mr. Mondale to be Ambassador to Japan. As Ambassador, Mondale helped negotiate several U.S.-Japan security agreements, including a resolution to the controversy over the U.S. military presence in Okinawa.

In 1998, Mondale was President Clinton's special envoy to meet with Indonesia's then President Suharto regarding the Asian financial crisis and economic reforms in Indonesia. He has also been a vital contributor to the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota. "The Vice President," according to Dean J. Brian Atwood, "has been a driving force in teaching tomorrow's leaders about public service and in founding our new Center for the Study of Politics and Governance."

Mondale is Senior Counsel with the law firm Dorsey & Whitney, LLP and is active in the firm's Asia Law Practice Group. He also serves on the boards for the Nobel Peace Prize Foundation and the Mansfield Foundation.