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### Carter Library Documents Basis for Ambassador's Memoir

*John Gunther Dean's Career Detailed in Danger Zones: A Diplomat's Fight for America's Interests*

Atlanta, GA. - Former Ambassador John Gunther Dean has detailed his life and career as a Foreign Service Officer in his new book *Danger Zones: A Diplomat's Fight for America's Interest*. The book is based on many of Dean's papers donated to the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and available to researchers.

During his career, Dean held several ambassadorships: 1974-1975 U.S. Ambassador to the Khmer Republic, 1975-1978 United States Ambassador to Denmark, 1978-1981 United States Ambassador to Lebanon, 1981-1985 United States Ambassador to Thailand, and 1985-1988 United States Ambassador to India.

His new book, published by New Academia/Vellum and can be purchased from the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training (703-302-6990)—or by e-mail at [admin@adst.org](mailto:admin@adst.org).

Dean's manuscript is already drawing attention, particularly in the Middle East. The Jordan Times writes

*"In his memoir titled "Danger Zones: A Diplomat's Fight for America's Interests," Dean recalls that when he was serving as ambassador in Lebanon, in August 1980, a three-car convoy carrying him and his family was attacked near Beirut.*

*"I was the target of an assassination attempt by terrorists using automatic rifles and antitank weapons that had been made in the United States and shipped to Israel," he writes.*

*"Weapons financed and given by the United States to Israel were used in an attempt to kill an American diplomat!"*

Lebanon's El-Marada writes *"Dean's memoir, to be published in May for the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Memoir Series by New Academia Publishing under its Vellum imprint, has been read and approved for publication by the State Department with only very minor changes, none affecting Dean's major points. Its underlying theme is that American diplomacy should be pursued in American interests, not those of another country, however friendly. A Jew whose family fled the Holocaust, Dean resented what he saw as an assumption, including by some in Congress, that he would promote Israel's interests in his ambassadorial work.*

For more information about the Dean papers at the Carter Presidential Library, visit <http://jimmycarterlibrary.gov/library/oralhistory/clohproject/dean.phtml> or call 404-865-7100.