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Diplomat Coming to Washington D.C. to Discuss International Issues

Ambassador John Gunther Dean Available to Discuss Personal Papers Donated to Carter Presidential Library

Atlanta, GA. – Ambassador John Gunther Dean will be in Washington D.C. in February and available to discuss his donation of personal papers and oral history to the Carter Presidential Library. Dean served as U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia, Denmark, Lebanon, Thailand and India during a Foreign Service career that stretched from 1956 to 1989. His papers offer a keen perspective of important diplomatic events during the Cold War, the Vietnam War, the Paris Peace Talks and the final year of American diplomatic presence in Cambodia.

Ambassador Dean, who lives in Paris, will be in Washington D.C. from February 10 through February 20, 2005 and available to discuss the donated documents and how they impact on today's international issues. To set up an interview with Ambassador Dean, email your request to johnmartinedean@aol.com.

Ambassador Dean's oral history and personal papers provide a better understanding of U.S. policy toward the Near East and its impact on Israeli-Palestinian relations. Dean will also be available to discuss how the future of Afghanistan depends in part of U.S. policies toward Pakistan and India; the impact of past U.S. policies in Cambodia on the upcoming legal procedures in Phnom Penh against the Khmer Rouge; whether coalition governments established by diplomacy (example Laos 1973) are preferable to imposition by military force of governments friendly to the U.S.; and whether the United States is sliding into an antagonistic confrontation with the Russian Federation.

“This is one of the best collections of personal papers on diplomacy I seen in my twenty-five years as a Presidential library archivist,” Carter Presidential Library Deputy Director Robert Bohanan said. “I encourage historians to take the opportunity to talk with Ambassador Dean in person about his papers and recollections,” Bohanan added.

Additional information about the Dean papers and oral history is available at www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov