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Author Richard N. Gardner Discusses Winning the Cold War at Carter Library *Former Ambassador to Italy talks of Jimmy Carter's "Forgotten Role"*

Atlanta, GA. – Former Ambassador Richard N. Gardner will discuss his new book "Mission Italy" at a free lecture and book-signing at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Richard N. Gardner Lecture

"Winning the Cold War: The Forgotten Role of Jimmy Carter"

8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct.25

MISSION ITALY, Richard Gardner's intensely compelling and meticulously detailed memoir, draws on hitherto classified material to offer unique insights into the foreign policy of the Carter Administration, portraits of American and Italian leaders, and details of policy differences inside the Carter Administration and between Washington and Gardner's Rome Embassy. Balanced, scrupulous, and compelling, this major contribution to our understanding of crisis diplomacy and the victory of the Western Alliance in the Cold War is invaluable reading for all those interested in the inner workings of U.S. foreign policy, diplomacy, and European politics.

Global turbulence and political upheaval marked the four tumultuous years of Richard Gardner's ambassadorship to Italy (1977-1981). The kidnapping and murder of Aldo Moro, the failed attempt of the Italian Communist Party to take power, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and the seizure of American hostages in Tehran all left their marks upon the rapidly changing political landscape. The culmination of these events resulted in Italy's historic decision to deploy U.S. cruise missiles, which Mikhail Gorbachev identified as a decisive factor in his decision to shift Soviet foreign policy toward genuine disarmament and peaceful cooperation, ultimately signifying the end of the Cold War era.

President Jimmy Carter calls *MISSION ITALY* "a dramatic, accurate account of one of the most difficult and successful diplomatic missions in the history of the Cold War."

According to Giuliano Amato, former Italian prime minister, "Richard Gardner's account of those years, nourished by his personal records and by previously unpublished documents, helps us to better understand the greatness and smallness of Italian leaders of those times and the role played by the United States on the delicate boundary between an unavoidable active interest and an interference it wished to avoid. Portraits and analyses are presented with great effectiveness."

Pulitzer-prize winning historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. said "Richard Gardner's memoir of a crucial time in U.S. relations with Italy is both an enthralling story and a significant contribution to the history of the Cold War."

Richard N. Gardner is Professor of Law and International Organization at Columbia Law School and Of Counsel to Morgan Lewis, a global law firm. He served as US Ambassador to Italy from 1977 to 1981 and as US Ambassador to Spain from 1993 to 1997. During his service in Spain, he received the Thomas Jefferson Award for his contributions to US citizens abroad. From 1961 to 1965 he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

The 8 p.m. lecture and book-signing are free and open to the public. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Editors Note: Interviews with Richard Gardner can be scheduled through the Carter Library Public Affairs Office