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## **Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Coming to Carter Library** *Join Us for a Conversation with Sec. Albright on Wednesday, September 7th*

**Atlanta, GA.** The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum welcomes former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright for the opening of *“Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection.”* The exhibition features more than 200 pins, many of which Secretary Albright wore to communicate messages during her diplomatic tenure. It will be on display at the Carter Museum from September 3 through November 27.

Secretary Albright will take part in a conversation about the exhibition, world affairs, and her tenure as the first woman Secretary of State. The talk will be on **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm** in the Carter Center’s Cecil B. Day Chapel. The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, so arrive early. Pre-signed copies of her book, *Read My Pins: Stories from a Diplomat’s Jewel Box*, will be available for purchase at the event.

“I found that jewelry had become part of my personal diplomatic arsenal,” Secretary Albright said. “While President George H.W. Bush had been known for saying ‘Read my lips,’ I began urging colleagues and reporters to ‘Read my pins.’”

The exhibition and the book explore the stories behind the pins and their historical and artistic significance. A highlight of the exhibition includes a brooch that began Albright’s use of pins as a diplomatic tool. After Saddam Hussein’s press referred to her as an “unparalleled serpent,” Albright, then U.S. Ambassador to the UN, wore a golden snake brooch pinned to her suit for her next meeting on Iraq. The exhibition features the famous snake brooch among many other pins with similar stories—some associated with important world events, others gifts from international leaders or close friends.

In addition, the exhibition showcases a group of Americana pins that are at the center of Secretary Albright’s collection. One pin made for her is a silver brooch that shows the head of Lady Liberty with two watch faces for eyes, one of which is upside down—allowing both her and her visitor to see when it is time for an appointment to end. As demonstrated in this clever work, the exhibit also explores Secretary Albright’s unique impact on the interplay of jewelry and diplomacy.

*“Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection”* was organized by the Museum of Arts and Design in New York. Generous support for this exhibition has been provided by the Coca Cola Foundation. Support for the original exhibition was provided by Bren Simon and for the exhibition catalogue by St. John Knits.

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