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Fellowship offered by the University of Maryland

This coming January, the University of Maryland's School of Public Affairs will be inaugurating the U.S. Foreign Policy-making Program, designed to provide mid-career professionals from other countries with a deeper understanding of the American foreign policy process. The Commission has been invited to suggest two candidates for the program, the outline of which is as follows:

United States Foreign Policymaking Program

The School's United States Foreign Policymaking Program provides a select group of policymakers, advisors and policyoriented scholars from abroad with intensive exposure to how the United statesmakes and implements foreign policy. Directed by I.M. Destler, a leading specialist on the U.S. foreign policy process and author of the award-winning book American Trade Politics; System Under Stress, this unique program combines the resources of an excellent faculty and access to high-level policymakers in nearby Washington, D.C. Faculty members at the School of Public Affairs are recognized authorities on U.S. foreign strategic and economic policy, as well as the operation of U.S. government agencies. Direct contact with foreign policymakers and institutions in Washington is an integral part of

the program.

The program addresses a serious need. Citizens of many nations are strongly affected by American foreign policy and therefore have a stake in understanding the complex process by which it is made and implemented. But the U.S. foreign policymaking process has become, in the past quarter-century, far more politicized and conflict-ridden. It involves not only the traditional foreign policy and national security agencies of the executive branch, but also an imposing array of official and informal actors: the Congress, agencies primarily responsible for "domestic" policy, the media, private research institutes, special interest lobbies, and public opinion as interpreted and transmitted through these and other channels. The Maryland program is designed to help, foreign nationals, primarily from the developing countries, understand the foreign policy process in the U.S. and apply their improved understanding to the formulation and analysis of future policies in their own countries.

Participants in the program will be selected through a worldwide competition. Candidates must have demonstrated analytical skills on foreign policy issues; university training; several years of policy-relevant experience in their own countries; and command of written and spoken English. Nationals of developing countries, and candidates with graduate training and experience in the U.S. are preferred. Full fellowship covering tuition, travel, housing, and a modest stipend are provided by the Ford Foundation.

The program runs for seven months from January to August. The core seminar is led by Professor Destler and designed exclusively for program participants. It provides a comprehensive overview of the U.S. foreign policymaking through a blend of lectures, analytic and topical readings, and discussion sessions. Closely linked to the core seminar is a series of Fellows' luncheons held at the School and in downtown Washington, addressed by executive branch and Congressional officials and other experts.

In addition, each Fellow will choose one course from those offered by the School of Public Affairs or other departments of the University of Maryland, such as the Departments of Government and Politics, and Economics. Courses available include offerings on United States politics, defense and national security, international negotiations, public sector decisionmaking and international economic policy. Additional courses may be audited. Interspersed with course meetings will be frequent visits to federal government agencies, Congressional committees, influential private interest (lobbying) groups, major newspaper and television

organizations, policy research institutes, and multinational organizations.

During the spring semester each Fellow will launch an individual research project, tailored to his or her specific interests and those of his or her country. For example, a Nigerian might explore how the United States makes policy on oil imports; a Honduran might focus on policy toward Central America. Each such project, developed in consultation with senior faculty experts and involving direct contact with Washington officials, will provide the basis for the Fellow's research paper, a requirement for successful completion of the program.

For the final three months of the program, Fellows will combine completion of their research papers with an ongoing Washington program and specially arranged trips outside the national capital area - to meet, for example, influential groups in Miami and New York.

On successful completion of the program, Fellows will receive a certificate from the School of Public Affairs. This is not a degree program.

Through academic training and interaction with policymakers, the program aims to sharpen the participants' understanding of the complex U.S. foreign policymaking process and to establish ties with faculty at the School of Public Affairs, influential members of the Washington foreign policymaking community and among the program Fellows.

TO APPLY;

- Complete the application form obtained on request from the Consultative Committee on Exchanges (H. BETTENTRUP, Tel. 53733)
- Provide an up-to-date resume
- Provide three letters of recommendation including one from where you are presently employed
- Provide academic credentials that are as accurate and complete as possible. These should include transcripts of undergraduate and graduate work completed, showing years of attendance, courses taken, grades received, class standing, and the degree, diploma, or certificate conferred. English translations of these documents must be provided.
- Provide a recent photograph
- Provide a language certificate or statement where you studied the language if you are a non-native speaker of English. Non-native speakers of English who have received a university degree in an English-speaking nation are exempt from presenting such certificate or statement.

For application forms and further information contact

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at the Commission.

DEADLINE:

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
BY NOVEMBER 15, **1987.**

Due to the extremely short application deadline, all candidates are invited to apply directly to the University of Maryland, forwarding a copy of their application to Mr. C.D. EHLERMANN, President of the Consultative Committee on Exchanges, office: Berlaymont, 1-23. The University of Maryland will then proceed to the selection procedure.

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