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**WALTER F. MONDALE JOINS BOARD OF MAUREEN AND MIKE
MANSFIELD FOUNDATION;
THOMAS S. FOLEY ELECTED BOARD CHAIRMAN**

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes understanding and cooperation among the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States, announced today that Walter F. Mondale has joined the Foundation's board of directors. Thomas S. Foley was elected board chairman.

"We are delighted to have Ambassador Mondale join our board," said Mike Delaney, president of the Mansfield Foundation Board. "Mr. Mondale has extensive knowledge of Asia and an understanding of today's complex geopolitical realities. He has served our nation with distinction at the highest levels, including as vice president and ambassador to Japan. Mr. Mondale's participation on our board will enhance the ability of the Mansfield Foundation to strengthen collaborative relationships among the United States, Japan, China, Korea and other Asian nations."

Walter F. ("Fritz") Mondale's record of public service includes vice president of the United States (1976-1980), U.S. ambassador to Japan (1993-97), U.S. senator (1964-72), and attorney general for Minnesota (1960-64). He also was Democratic Party nominee for president in 1984. He is currently a partner with the law firm of Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, headquartered in Minneapolis.

Thomas S. Foley first served on the board of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation from 1995 until his appointment as ambassador to Japan in 1997. He was reappointed to the board in 2002. Mr. Foley is currently North American chairman of the Trilateral Commission and a partner in the law

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firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, Washington, D.C. He served as U.S. ambassador to Japan (1997-2001), speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives (1989-95), and U.S. congressman from Washington State's Fifth Congressional District (1965-95).

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes understanding and cooperation among the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States. Maureen and Mike Mansfield's values, ideals and vision for U.S.-Asia relations continue through the Foundation's exchanges, dialogues, research and educational programs, which create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explore the underlying issues influencing public policies, and increase awareness about the nations and peoples of Asia.

The Foundation was established in 1983 to honor Mike Mansfield (1903-2001), a revered public servant, statesman and diplomat who played a pivotal role in many of the key domestic and international issues of the 20th century as U.S. congressman from Montana, senate majority leader and finally as U.S. ambassador to Japan. The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C.; Tokyo, Japan; and Missoula, Montana.

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