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TEN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AWARDED MANSFIELD FELLOWSHIPS AS PROGRAM CELEBRATES ITS TWENTIETH YEAR

(Washington, D.C.) The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation today announced that ten U.S. federal government officials have been awarded Mike Mansfield Fellowships for 2014-2015. This is the nineteenth group of Fellows to have been selected for the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program, which is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year. The program was established by Congress in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. government officials with substantial Japan expertise.

The ten members of the nineteenth group of Mansfield Fellows include:

Jeffrey Dallas, Captain, United States Air Force

Andrew Durfor, Chemist, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Jason Ferguson, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Rachel Ianacone, Captain, United States Air Force

Takashi Nelson, Supervisory Air Traffic Control Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration

Isaac Nichols, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Cameron Salony, Public Affairs Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy

Howard Stone, Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Justice

Alice Tsujihara, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Ariel Wyckoff, Program Analyst, U.S. Department of State

The nineteenth group of Fellows is the second to be selected under the Fellowship Program's new structure, which allows ten Fellows to participate in a one-year program that includes a seven-week homestay and intensive Japanese language program in Ishikawa Prefecture and ten months of placements in the government of Japan and nongovernmental entities. During their placements these U.S. government officials will work side-by-side with their Japanese counterparts on issues in their professional fields. They will gain an in-depth understanding of Japan's government and policymaking process as well as a network of contacts in the government of Japan and the business, professional, and academic communities.

"The world has grown in complexity since the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program was established twenty years ago, and the skills and interests of this new group of Mansfield Fellows reflect changes in the world and in the U.S.-Japan partnership in those two decades," said David Boling, interim executive director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation and director of the Mike

Mansfield Fellowship Program. “The ten Mansfield Fellows selected this year are committed to helping the United States and Japan work together to address critical challenges including terrorism, regional and global security, and white-collar crime. They also are eager to exchange ideas and information that will help our countries take advantage of new opportunities including clean energy technology development and innovative community-oriented policing. As the U.S.-Japan partnership has grown, so has the need for U.S. government officials who understand these challenges and opportunities and who are able to build their expertise and networks through the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program.”

One hundred and twenty Fellows, representing twenty-four agencies, commissions and departments of the U.S. government, have entered the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program since its establishment by the U.S. Congress in 1994. The program is administered by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation through an annual congressional appropriation, with the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs as grantor.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations. It 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. 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 has offices in Washington, D.C.; Tokyo, Japan; and Missoula, Montana.