


A Statement of Support for Creation of the  
**Visitor Center and Diplomacy Museum**

American diplomacy has a rich history, yet few Americans are aware of it or of the role diplomacy plays in their lives. The State Department is engaged in a project that we believe can help fill this gap. It is creating a Visitor Center and Diplomacy Museum, open to the public, which will contain a museum of the history and practice of American diplomacy. Adjacent to it will be a conference and briefing center, which will support the museum's activities.

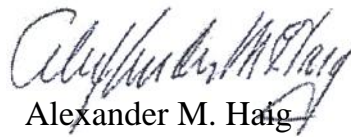
This is a non-partisan effort, begun by Secretary Albright and continued by Secretary Powell. The Department of State has allocated space in the Department for the Center and Museum, and promised to provide staff and security.

However, the Department's expanding responsibilities are greater than its limited budget, so that the museum exhibits will have to be funded from non-governmental sources. The Foreign Affairs Museum Council was created under former Senator Charles Mathias's chairmanship to assist in the effort.

We believe that this is an important initiative that will stimulate considerable interest and is deserving of the support of those who recognize the need for a place to promote the public's understanding of diplomacy.



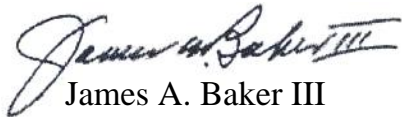
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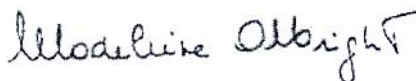
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