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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

New On-Line Exhibit: ***Voices of U.S. Diplomacy and the Berlin Wall***

The U.S. Diplomacy Center, Bureau of Public Affairs, is launching the Web exhibition *Voices of U.S. Diplomacy and the Berlin Wall* on its web site

<http://diplomacy.state.gov/berlinwall>

The international diplomacy of world leaders played a significant role in the demise of the Berlin Wall, the end of communism and the immediacy of German unity, topics all receiving wide coverage on the Internet. This exhibit draws upon different and less well covered aspects of diplomacy and shares experiences of U.S. diplomats serving in Germany from the time of the Wall's construction to its demolition. The exhibit reveals their untold stories and contributions to the diplomatic process.

This behind-the-scenes narrative is told using oral histories (recorded narratives) given by the diplomats themselves. This collection of oral histories, called Frontline Diplomacy, is a unique treasure collected by the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training (ADST). Charles Stuart Kennedy of ADST has been interviewing retired diplomats for more than two decades. *Voices of U.S. Diplomacy and the Berlin Wall* marks the first time these oral histories have been featured as the centerpiece of a museum exhibition.

Commemorating the twenty year anniversary of the Berlin Wall was a natural choice for the U.S. Diplomacy Center, as its demise was a peaceful resolution to a conflict fraught with tension and potential violence.

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