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INTRODUCTION OF REV. THEODORE M. HESBURGH

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My assignment this evening is to make a closing announcement. My privilege this evening is to bring Father Theodore Hesburgh, a member of our Board, to the microphone so that he can properly close this meeting in a spirited and spiritual manner.

Before I proceed with the announcement, however, I wish to express the deep appreciation we all feel for Secretary of State George Shultz's splendidly stimulating presentation this evening. It was totally within the spirit of our Institute's objective to help highlight and ease the transition from a cold war atmosphere to one permeated by the new technologies that are altering every phase of our lives.

I also want, on behalf of our Board and all of you, to thank Katherine Graham for her thoughtful and gracious introduction of the Secretary and for escorting him to our dinner this evening.

Now for the announcement:

Those of us who have had the pleasure of serving on the Board of the United States Institute of Peace have been proud of what we have been quietly and steadily pursuing since the Congress 12 years ago asked us to explore and develop paths toward conflict resolution and peace with freedom. In that

pursuit, we have worked with high schools, high school students and teachers, university scholars, diplomats, thinkers, non-governmental organizations, and occasionally brilliant wild cards with tantalizing proposals. Our only restriction imposed by law was that we use government funds alone in the pursuit of that task.

[BACKGROUND PANORAMIC PHOTO OF THE MALL]

It was particularly satisfying, therefore, when the Congress last year decided that we can now use private funds in our search for a permanent home as a national symbol to represent our national dedication to peace and democracy. To advance and support that goal, the Congress, under extraordinarily fine leadership which I will soon recognize, enacted legislation that has given us a site on the northwest edge of the Mall for our permanent headquarters facility. That site, you will soon see, is quite impressive, across the street from the Department of State and facing the war memorials.

[PHOTO #2 OF THE BUILDING SITE]

The leadership in the Congress for that far-sighted move was provided by former Senator **SAM NUNN** of Georgia, who made the project one of keen personal interest to him and who is with us this evening along with Mrs. Nunn; by former senator **NANCY KASSEBAUM** of Kansas, who is with us tonight (accompanied by her husband former Senate leader **Howard Baker** of Tennessee); and by our friend and neighbor Senator **JOHN WARNER** of Virginia.

We are also indebted to Secretary of the Navy **John Dalton**, represented here this evening by **Dr. Mavin Langston**; to Under Secretary **Richard Danzig**; and to Assistant Secretary **Robin Pirie**, for their active support of the project. Were it not for their willingness to transfer the property to us,

there would have been no legislative effort, let alone a successful one. To give up land, let alone a parking lot in this city, particularly one with an unobstructed view of the Lincoln Memorial, is, indeed, an act of selfless patriotism. Thank you, Navy!

[PHOTO #3 OF THE SITE]

It is also appropriate that I note with appreciation the indispensable cooperation from Gordon Adams, Associate Director of OMB and from other senior officials at the State Department and the Pentagon.

All that remains for us, now that the Congress and the President have acted, is for us to organize and begin a capital campaign to raise the funding necessary to construct the permanent headquarters building.

Our good friend, former Secretary of State George Shultz has agreed to serve as honorary chairman of the campaign committee. Our Board member, Father Ted Hesburgh, will serve as the honorary co-chair of the effort. In addition to our Board members those joining the committee include:

Reverend Sid Lovett, a founding member of the Board and current member of the New Hampshire state legislature, who is with us this evening;

Professor Elspeth Davies Rostow, a former Chair of our Institute's Board and professor of political science at the University of Texas, who is with us this evening;

John C. Whitehead, former Deputy Secretary of State, and one of the most generous and respected citizen leaders of our country; and

William McSweeney, one of our Washington community's most active, energetic and responsible civic leaders.

We will add others — and you may wish to be among them.

As I now bring Father Theodore Hesburgh to the microphone, I assure you that both he and I are aware that our dinner is too far along to say grace; and that it is also too early in the week for a sermon. We are also aware of the fact that it has been a long day.

Nevertheless, a dinner should end with a proper benediction. It is an honor for me to present Father Ted who will bid us an inspirational good night following an appropriate message. Father Hesburgh performs that role not only with formal ecclesiastical authority, but also with the authority earned from a lifetime of devotion to public service, a keen sense of community responsibility, extraordinary leadership in education, an active dedication to democracy, and a deep commitment to peace — Father Theodore M. Hesburgh.