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### **MONDALE JOINS MAUREEN AND MIKE MANSFIELD FOUNDATION BOARD**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. –**

Former U.S. Vice President Walter “Fritz” Mondale has joined the board of directors for The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, a nonprofit organization that promotes understanding and cooperation between the United States and the nations and people of Asia. Former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Thomas S. Foley has been elected board chair.

The Foundation supports the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana-Missoula.

Like Mansfield, both Mondale and Thomas were ambassadors to Japan, and the three were colleagues on Capitol Hill.

Mike Delaney, Mansfield board president, said he is delighted to have Mondale on the board because of the former vice president’s extensive knowledge of Asia and understanding of today’s complex geopolitical realities.

“Mondale’s position 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.”

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Mondale's record of public service includes vice president under Jimmy Carter during 1976-1980, U.S. ambassador to Japan during 1993-1997 and U.S. senator from Minnesota during 1964-1972. He also was the Democratic Party nominee for president in 1984. He currently is senior counsel for the Dorsey & Whitney law firm, headquartered in Minneapolis.

Foley was first appointed to the Mansfield Foundation board in 1995 and served until his appointment as ambassador to Japan in 1997. He was reappointed to the board in 2002. Foley currently is North American chair of the Trilateral Commission and a partner in the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld in Washington, D.C. He was speaker of the U.S. House during 1989-1995 and a U.S. congressman from Washington state during 1965-1995.

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 that create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explore the underlying issues influencing public policies and increase awareness about the nations and people of Asia.

The foundation was established in 1983 to honor Mansfield, a UM alumnus and history professor. A revered public servant, statesman and diplomat, Mansfield played a pivotal role in many of the key domestic and international issues of the last century as a U.S. congressman from Montana, Senate majority leader and U.S. ambassador to Japan. The foundation has offices on the UM campus and in Washington, D.C., and Tokyo, Japan.

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