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FORMER AMBASSADOR SAYS U.S. MUST BECOME "HONEST BROKER" *AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON TO HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE THURSDAY*

Atlanta, GA. – Former U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon John Gunther Dean says “as long as the United States does not re-establish its reputation as an "honest broker", the US will have problems in many parts of the world.” Dean, who served as U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia, Lebanon, Denmark, Thailand and India, will discuss the current world situation—in particular, the Middle East—at a **10 a.m. press availability on Thursday, April 26 at the Carter Presidential Library.**

Ambassador Dean says the White House and Congress must use their influence to bring about a negotiated solution to the Palestine-Israel-Jerusalem problem. “If peace can return to this crucial section of the world without delay,” Dean says, “ Israel's security assured, and a viable Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital established, many problems around the world can be addressed more easily. It will also improve the US-Russian relations.”

Ambassador Dean has donated his official papers to the Carter Library and much of the collection is currently available to researchers. The collection documents his role in some of the most important diplomatic events of the Cold War, including the Vietnam War, the Paris Peace Talks, an attempted coup in Laos and the final year of American diplomatic presence in Cambodia. Dean’s papers on India help explain the problems of Afghanistan today. As the late Prime Minister of India, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi put it, "a non-aligned Afghanistan may be good enough for all parties concerned". The India file at the Carter Library also helps to explain the problem of nuclear proliferation and perhaps the need to rewrite an outdated treaty.

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