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Miller Center Announces Miller Center Presidential Cabinet

**Charlottesville, VA — December 6, 2000** In an effort to encourage greater personal and financial support among its most loyal supporters, the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia has inaugurated the Miller Center Presidential Cabinet. The Cabinet, a group of individuals, corporations, and foundations who provide sustained financial support for Miller Center programs, will further the Miller Center's mission and promote its outreach activities.

Through annual contributions of \$1,000 (including matching gifts), patrons will have the opportunity to become more actively engaged in the Center's programs and activities. Membership will include invitations to private lunches and dinners with Forum speakers, to special events, and to briefings by the Miller Center's director, scholars, and Media Releases. For those able to provide outstanding leadership gifts, there will also be an opportunity to become a Lifetime Member in the Miller Center Presidential Cabinet through cumulative lifetime gifts of more than \$100,000.

The Miller Center Presidential Cabinet is being stewarded by two long-time supporters of the Center, Andrew D. Hart, Jr. and Leigh B. Middleditch, Jr. Hart and Middleditch, both well respected leaders in the Charlottesville community, have led a group of twenty prominent Miller Center supporters in becoming charter members of the Cabinet. These charter members will shortly be asking hundreds of others in the community to join this important effort.

Middleditch, formerly a managing partner and now of counsel in the Charlottesville law offices of McGuireWoods LLP, says, "Over the years, I have enjoyed listening to many of our nation's leaders at Miller Center Forums. As well, I have been interested in the content of the Miller Center Reports. Now, the time has come to increase our support of an organization that contributes so much to the life of the University community and our nation."

According to Hart, a founding partner of the global recruiting firm Russell Reynolds Associates, Inc., "The consistent quality and quantity of Forum speakers—from David

Gergen to James Baker– that the Miller Center brings to this community is remarkable. Over the next few years, we hope to develop a core group of several hundred who will join the Miller Center Presidential Cabinet. I hope that the Miller Center's friends and supporters will see this as an opportunity to become more involved in the life of this fine institution."

B. Wistar Morris, III, Executive Director of the Miller Center Foundation, notes, "Through the establishment of the Miller Center Presidential Cabinet, we seek to encourage greater sustained giving to support the work of the Miller Center. This support is critical to the future of the Center. I look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new ones into the Miller Center Presidential Cabinet."

The Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia is a nonpartisan research institution dedicated to studying the national and international policymaking of the United States, with particular emphasis on the American presidency. Historian Philip D. Zelikow has been the Center's director since July, 1998. He succeeded former Director Kenneth W. Thompson who led the Center for twenty years and is now Senior Scholar and in charge of the Miller Center's Forum program.

For more information about the Cabinet or the Miller Center's other development efforts, please contact B. Wistar Morris, III at the Miller Center Foundation, 434-924-7236.

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