



**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Lisa Todorovich
434.243.4096; ltodorovich@virginia.edu
<http://www.millercenter.org>

U.Va., Miller Center of Public Affairs Enhance Policy, Security Studies with James R. Schlesinger Distinguished Professorship

Feb. 12, 2007 – The University of Virginia has announced the creation of the James R. Schlesinger Distinguished Professorship at the Miller Center of Public Affairs.

Building on Dr. Schlesinger's interest in strategic theory, the Schlesinger Professorship will provide a unique place for public servants and scholars with expertise in foreign policy or national security to participate in the academic programs at the Miller Center, teach courses at the University, and produce significant independent research.

"The Schlesinger Professor will be a great asset to both the Miller Center and the University of Virginia," said Gerald L. Baliles, Director of the Miller Center. "It represents an extraordinary opportunity for scholars and public servants to use their real-world experience with matters of national importance and engage in a real dialogue with students and through research."

The Schlesinger Professorship marks a strengthening of Dr. Schlesinger's ties to the University of Virginia; he taught economics at the school from 1955 to 1963, and published his first book, *The Political Economy of National Security* in 1960. His second book, *America at Century's End*, was published in 1989.

Dr. Schlesinger's expertise on budget and energy matters led him to the public sector, where he has served several presidents. He was the nation's first secretary of energy, serving from 1977 to 1979, after President Carter charged him with drafting a plan to establish both the Department of Energy and a national energy policy. Dr. Schlesinger served as Secretary of Defense during the Nixon administration from 1973 to 1975, and before that served as Director of Central Intelligence. From 1971 to 1973, he was chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and was a consultant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and to the Bureau of the Budget.

Currently chairman of MITRE's Board of Trustees and senior advisor to the investment banking firm of Lehman Brothers, Dr. Schlesinger is also a consultant to the Departments of Defense, State, and Homeland Security, and a member of the Defense Policy Board, the International Security Advisory Board, and the Homeland Security Advisory Council. He has also served on many government commissions and advisory groups, has been

awarded eleven honorary doctorates, and is the recipient of numerous medals for distinguished public service.

Dr. Schlesinger received a Bachelor of Arts degree (1950) from Harvard College and his Master of Arts (1952) and doctoral degrees from Harvard University (1956).

The Board of Visitors approved the creation of the Schlesinger Professorship on Feb. 9.

Founded in 1975, the Miller Center of Public Affairs is a leading nonpartisan public policy institution that aims to fulfill Jefferson's public service mission by serving as a national meeting place for engaged citizens, scholars, students, media representatives and government officials to research, reflect, and report on issues of national importance to the governance of the United States, with special attention to the central role and history of the presidency.

#####

Street address: 2201 Old Ivy Road | Mailing address: P.O. Box 400406 | Charlottesville, VA 22904-4406
434.924.7236 (voice) | 434.982.2739 (fax) | millercenter.org