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DEMOCRACY AND DIPLOMATS MIX AT NDI'S INTERNATIONAL AUCTION "OUT OF THIS WORLD"

WASHINGTON, DC, MAY 16, 1989 Politics and diplomacy will mix at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs' annual international auction "Out of this World" to be held Tuesday, May 16 at Meridian House International, 1630 Crescent Place NW.

Special guests, auctioneers and bar hosts include Geraldine Ferraro, Bruce Babbitt, Senator Wyche Fowler, Bob Squier, Senator Christopher Dodd, Paul Kirk, Frank Mankiewicz and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. They will be joined by more than two dozen ambassadors and Members of Congress to raise funds for the international arm of the Democratic Party.

The live auction will begin at 8:30 pm and will include Senator Wyche Fowler auctioning off a retreat at Musgrove Plantation on St. Simon's Island, Georgia, the site used by Jimmy Carter for his first cabinet meeting. A reception and silent auction will take place from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Items include a wine cellar -- cases of vintage wines from countries around the world; holidays in Greece, London, Brussels, Ottawa, Scotland, and Puerto Rico; art objects -- a handmade Afghan war rug, Waterford crystal, a Papua New Guinea tribal carving, fine Chinese porcelain vases; embassy dinners; a personally autographed "globe" basketball by Senator Bill Bradley; as well as domestic and international political potpourri.

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conducting nonpartisan international programs to help maintain and strengthen democratic institutions

Chaired by former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, NDI conducts nonpartisan political development programs overseas. It sponsored the international delegation led by former President Jimmy Carter to Sunday's Panamanian election. It has also organized international election observer delegations in Chile, Haiti, Pakistan, and the Philippines. NDI has conducted a series of democratic programs in nearly 30 countries, including Argentina, Barbados, Botswana, Brazil, Haiti, Nicaragua, Northern Ireland, Senegal, South Korea, Taiwan and Uruguay.

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