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SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM AND SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCHELL TO RECEIVE DEMOCRACY AWARD

WASHINGTON, DC, October 27, 1993 -- The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) will present its eighth annual W. Averell Harriman Democracy Award jointly to Korean President Kim Young Sam and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell. The award will be presented at a 7:30 p.m. dinner on November 22 at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

The W. Averell Harriman Democracy Award is given annually to individuals from the United States and abroad who exemplify NDI's commitment to democracy and human rights.

In announcing the 1993 recipients, NDI President Kenneth Wollack cited President Kim's vital role in leading the Republic of Korea's transition to democratic government and Senator Mitchell's contributions to the American political system.

NDI worked closely with Korea's democratic movement in 1986 when the Institute sponsored programs with the New Korea Democratic Party, co-chaired by President Kim.

At the dinner, House of Representatives Speaker Thomas Foley, the 1989 recipient of the Harriman Award, will present this year's award to President Kim. U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Madeleine Albright, former Vice Chair of NDI, will give the award to Senator Mitchell. Last year's honorees were former President Jimmy Carter and St. Petersburg Mayor Anatoly Sobchak.

This year's award dinner is chaired by NDI Board member Lewis Manilow. The 70-member Congressional Host Committee for the event is headed by Senate Assistant Majority Leader Wendell Ford, Speaker Foley and House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt. More than 700 guests, including members of Congress and the diplomatic corps, and Administration officials will attend the dinner.

The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, a nonprofit organization, conducts nonpartisan international programs to help promote, maintain and strengthen democratic institutions in new and emerging democracies. Working with political parties, civic organizations, legislatures and other democratic institutions, NDI has sponsored political development projects in more than 60 countries.

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