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Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke to Speak at the Yale Center for International and Area Studies

April 4, 2002. New Haven, CT Richard C. Holbrooke, Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and Dayton Peace Accords chief negotiator, will be the speaker at the George Herbert Walker, Jr. Lecture in International Studies on Thursday, April 11. His talk, entitled "Seven Months After 9/11: The Present Situation," will be held at 4pm, Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut. It is sponsored by the Yale Center for International and Area Studies.

Ambassador Holbrooke most recently served as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, where he was also a member of President Clinton's cabinet, from 1999 to 2001. In that capacity and others, he played a central role in the development of U.S. policy toward the United Nations, the Balkans, Africa, Asia, the Middle East and humanitarian crisis issues such as AIDS. He was the chief negotiator for the historic 1995 Dayton Peace Accords that ended the war in Bosnia. He received five Nobel Peace Prize nominations for his efforts. His best-selling account of the Dayton negotiation, To End A War, was named one of the ten best books of 1998 by the New York Times.

George Herbert Walker III established the Lecture in 1986 in memory of his father, a distinguished graduate of the Yale Class of 1927. It supports lectures in International Studies at YCIAS. Previous George Herbert Walker, Jr. lecturers include: Jesus Silva-Herzog, David Lange, Bruce Gelb, Strobe Talbott, Paul Wolfowitz, Edward Jaycox, George Schultz, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Madeleine Albright, Brent Scowcroft, James Baker III, and George Mitchell.

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