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CIA's Deputy Director Will Speak on the CIA Role in American Foreign Policy

PRINCETON, N.J.--Robert M. Gates, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, will speak about "CIA and American Foreign Policy" at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School on 29 September. His lecture will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will be held in Dodds Auditorium of the Woodrow Wilson School.

Robert M. Gates was appointed as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence in April 1986 and is the principal deputy to the Agency's Director. He served as acting Director of the Agency from 18 December 1986 until 26 May 1987 following the illness and death of the Director, William M. Casey.

Gates joined the CIA in 1966, serving first as an intelligence analyst and as one of two assistant national intelligence officers for strategic programs. In 1974, he was assigned to the staff of the National Security Council; in five years at NSC, he served three presidents. He returned to the CIA in late 1979 and was subsequently appointed to a series of administrative positions, serving as National Intelligence Officer for the Soviet Union before being appointed as Deputy Director for Intelligence in 1982.

In this position, he directed the division of the CIA that is responsible for all analysis and production of finished intelligence. In September 1983, Gates was also appointed as chairman of the National Intelligence Council, where he directed the preparation of all National Intelligence Estimates prepared by the Intelligence Community.

Gates, a native of Kansas, earned a B.A. from the College of William and Mary; and M.A. in history from Indiana University; and a Ph.D. in Russian and Soviet history from Georgetown University.