

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTERIM REPORT

THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES,

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

The Center for International Security and Strategic Studies, a self-supporting entity of Mississippi State University, was established in 1980 to provide interdisciplinary teaching, research, and public service in accordance with the goals of this University. The Center is a university-level organization, reporting to the Office of the Vice President for Research. The primary thrust of the Center's activities is to examine foreign policy issues, the strategic balance of power, the influence of military doctrines, and arms control. The Center has also, through its conferences and lecture series, vigorously assisted business and industrial leaders, State officials, and the public in understanding vital international matters and the impact of world events on industry and agriculture in the United States.

At present, the Center combines the talents of 15 associated faculty at Mississippi State University from a wide variety of disciplines including History, Sociology, Nuclear Engineering, Economics, Philosophy, Political Science, and Agricultural Economics. The Center's annual program is designed to implement the special talents of our associated faculty and provide a multi-disciplinary approach to international security issues.

On a continuing basis, the Center provides for the University, business and general public of Mississippi a number of special lectures and seminars which are presented to increase public awareness and understanding of the vital international issues affecting our lives.

Each year, the Center organizes international conferences which provide indepth studies of major issues affecting international security relations. At each conference, a select group of recognized experts are brought together to offer their individual insights, as well as to interact with the other participating authorities. In the past, for these conferences, we have been successful in finding additional support to fund student attendance and pay expenses associated with the attendance of professors from universities across the Southeastern United States. These professors, in return, were asked to hold seminars at their home institutions on the findings of the conference; through this means, the Center has been able to insure that conferences have a regional impact. Moreover, the Center regularly collects and publishes, in book form, the proceedings of each conference.

The Center's education program is designed to expand and develop curricula at Mississippi State University in the areas of International Security, Arms Control, and International Relations and Conflict Resolution. In 1985, the Center organized the establishment of the Mississippi Consortium for International Security, which includes Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, and Mississippi Valley State University. The Consortium's three year program for the development of permanent curricula in International Security and the Russian and Chinese Languages is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Another part of the Center's education program involves the development of six new university courses designed to study global peace and conflict resolution. The courses in this two year program began in the Summer of 1987 and have been developed by an inter-disciplinary group of professors at Mississippi State University. The project is funded by

the United States Institute of Peace. The curricula will be made available for high schools and junior colleges upon program completion.

A Summary of our 1987 activities (January-October) to date follows:

1. Education Program:

- Completed 2nd year teaching of "International Security Studies," "Arms Control and Disarmament" and "Diplomacy in the Nuclear Age" courses. Prepared together with Foreign Language Department, MSU., Chinese Language course. Program funded by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Began 1st year of "Global Peace and Conflict Resolution" teaching program. This two-year program is funded by the United States Institute of Peace.

2. Research Conferences:

- A National Conference on "The Persian Gulf and International Security in the 1980's and Beyond." Keynote speaker was Major General Davis Rohr, Deputy Commander of U.S. Central Command. Luncheon speaker was Marion Creekmore, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of State. Held in Jackson in April, 1987.
- Mid-Winter Conference of Mississippi Municipal Association on Economic Development and Training. Consul Generals and Trade Commissioners of the Common Market and major trading countries of the U.S. in the Far East participated. Held in Jackson in January, 1987.

3. Speakers of the Lecture Series:

- His Excellency Emmanuel de Margerie, Ambassador of France to the United States, lectured at Mississippi State University and spoke at an Executive Lecture Forum banquet in Jackson in February, 1987.
- Kurt Leonberger, Senior Staff Member of the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, lectured at Mississippi State University and met with group of Executive Lecture Forum in Jackson in April, 1987.

- Dr. Gerd Langguth, former member of West German Parliament and Professor of Political Science at University of Bonn. Lectured at Mississippi State University and at Mississippi College in September, 1987.
- His Excellency Herman Dehennin, Ambassador of Belgium to the United States, spoke at Mississippi State University and at an Executive Lecture Forum in Jackson in October, 1987.

4. Foreign Travel:

- At the invitation of the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany--A Six member Mississippi Journalists' Delegation's visit to the Federal Republic of Germany to observe and report on that country's federal elections (January 18-27, 1987).
- At the invitation of the Japan Foundation--CISS Director's visit to Japan to establish contacts with security related Institutes. As a result of the trip the Center has submitted a major research proposal to Japan's National Institute for Research Advancement. Trip was made in July, 1987.
- At the invitation of the German government, in early November, 1987--CISS Director's visit to Federal Republic of Germany to establish contacts with universities, and government officials on security related programs. Prepared Prime Minister of Baden Wurtemberg Lothar Spath visit to Mississippi.

Our Plan for the remainder of the 1987-1988 Academic Year

1. Education Program:

- The 3rd year teaching of "International Security Studies," "Arms Control and Disarmament" and Chinese and Russian language programs. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education.
- First year preparing and teaching of "Global Peace and Conflict Resolution" courses. Funded by the United States Institute for Peace.

2. Research Conferences:

- Mississippi Municipal Association Mid-Winter Conference to be held in Jackson in January 27-28, 1988. Center will organize international economic development portion of conference.

- Regional Security Conference on "The China-Japan-U.S. Triangle: A Forecast for the 1990's and Beyond," to explore the possibilities of a triangular economic and security relationship in the Pacific Basin. To be held on March 24-25, 1988 in Jackson, Mississippi. Funded by the U.S.-Japan Friendship Commission.
- International Security Conference on "Differential Population Growth and Western Security" will examine the security implications of the differing rates of population growth in Western and Eastern Europe. To be held on July 21-22, 1988 at King's College in London. Funded by Bradley Foundation.
- Regional Security Conference on "The Latin American Narcotics Trade and United States National Security" will focus on the national security implications of this problem, and the use of military forces in efforts to interdict this traffic. To be held in Fall of 1988 in Gulfport, Mississippi. Decision of Tinker Foundation concerning funding is expected before the end of the year.

3. Speakers of the Lecture Series:

- Ms. Martha Mautner, Deputy Director, USSR and East European Office in Department of State's Bureau for Intelligence and Research.
- Dr. Allen Mense, Chief Scientist, Strategic Defense Initiative Office.
- The Honorable Richard Armitage, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.
- Hua Di, Director, CITIK Research International Center for International Trust and Development Cooperation, Beijing.
- Professor Shinkichi Eto, President, Asia University, Tokyo.
- Lt. General Robert Beckel, Deputy Chairman, NATO Military Committee, NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium.

4. Foreign Travel:

- Organize together with State Department of Economic Development, a Mississippi Congressional Delegation's visit to Japan in the Spring of 1988 to expand friendly relations between our State and Japan.