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Dear Colleague:

You will recall that the Academy's first Joseph J. Sisco Memorial program in June 2005 explored the report of the Congressionally-mandated Task Force on UN Reform. On that occasion Carol Sisco announced that she and her sister Jane were prepared to offer a \$25,000 challenge grant, to be matched by Academy members, to help finance a continuing series of diplomatic outreach events in honor of their father.

We rose to this challenge, and through over 50 contributions Academy members matched the generosity of the Sisco family. With a view to growing a Sisco Fund sufficient to endow an annual program, Joe's daughters have offered a second grant totaling \$25,000, again on condition that it be matched. If successful, this effort will bring our Sisco Fund to approximately \$175,000.

Meanwhile, another event in the series, focused upon UN peacekeeping, will be held November 7 in Minneapolis, co-sponsored by the Academy and UNA-USA. A panel will include Academy members Brian Atwood, now President of the Hubert Humphrey Institute in Minneapolis, and Bill Swing, who heads the UN's largest peacekeeping operation in Congo, plus Bill Durch, director of peacekeeping programs at the Henry L. Stimson Center. Bruce Laingen will salute the memory of Joe Sisco, and Academy member Walter Mondale will preside at the subsequent dinner, introducing Bill Swing as keynote speaker.

We call upon our friends and fellow Academy members again to match the Sisco family's offer in order to endow an annual event dealing with diplomatic issues of special concern to our former chairman. Please forward checks to the Academy made out to "AAD Sisco Fund." If you prefer to give appreciated securities please call Ron for advice. Gifts are fully tax deductible.

With warm personal regards,

Thomas R. Pickering
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