

# PREFACE

NATO's future is indeterminate but significant for all nations emerging from the debris of the Cold War. The following commentary and insights provided by veterans of that war, both military and civilian, will aid others in developing their own conclusions about NATO's role in the past, present, and future. The exceptional success of the conference, sponsored by both the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute and the George C. Marshall Foundation, was due to the inspired leadership of General Andrew J. Goodpaster, chairman of the committee which organized the meeting leading to these proceedings. The committee included Albert J. Beveridge, III, President of the Marshall Foundation; Linda Maini, its Program Director; Jane L. Kratovil, Executive Director of the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute; and Carl W. Reddel, its President and CEO.

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Whatever history's future judgment will be on NATO, these proceedings will be a valuable primary source reflecting the opinions of Cold War contemporaries almost a decade following the end of the war. The troubled times of the transition from war to peace were very much on the minds of the conference participants. We can all benefit from their concern, expressed candidly and forthrightly in the following pages.

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