The vitality of the Council’s Washington Program attests to a recognition of the complexity of today’s foreign policy. The Washington Program offers a panoply of speakers dealing with diplomacy, economic globalization, and national security. The more than 1,000 capital-area members take advantage of opportunities offered by the Washington Program, such as the Middle East Forum, directed by Judith Kipper, and the Eyewitness to History Series. Over 25 Studies staff members are now based in Washington, including several Next Generation Fellows. Their work demonstrates the Council’s commitment to serve America’s international interests through research and debate.

The Washington office engaged capital-area members in yet another year of timely programs. Significantly, many of them were suggested by Council members. These included general meetings with Brian Atwood on “Foreign Aid into the Next Century” and Eric Holder on “Combating International Organized Crime,” panel discussions on terrorism and nuclear threat reduction, and debates on key post–Cold War topics such as financing the United Nations, dealing with North Korea, and gauging the possibility of major war. A two-part series was also held to assess the question, “Is There a Republican and Democratic Foreign Policy?” By popular demand, the Council addressed the topic “America as a Global Leader” again this year, drawing on a discussion among foreign journalists, moderated by CNN’s Frank Sesno.

Among the groundbreaking programs was the video-conferenced opening of the Peter G. Peterson Center for International Studies. Members gathered in Washington and around the country to hear Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former secretaries of state give their views via videoconference on challenges confronting the United States in the post–Cold War period. Washington members were also joined by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

Centrally located, the Washington office undertook numerous activities to engage Congress. In particular, a bipartisan and diverse group of members of Congress stepped up to the Council’s podium as both speakers and presiders, including Christopher J. Dodd, Porter J. Goss, J. Robert Kerrey, Jon L. Kyl, Carl M. Levin, John E. Porter, Charles S. Robb, Robert G. Torricelli, George V. Voinovich, and Paul D. Wellstone.

A highlight of the Washington meetings program was the continuing Embassy Luncheon Series. Members were invited to small, informal exchanges at several embassies, including those of Great Britain, Singapore, Israel, Colombia, Russia, Costa Rica, Italy, and China.

This year, the Washington office launched a new initiative, the Atlantic Partnership Program, to cultivate a successor generation of foreign policy experts. The program brought together emerging political leaders and opinion makers in the United States, Canada, and Europe to examine critical issues confronting the transatlantic alliance in the 21st century. The roundtables on NATO enlargement and reform were held in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, and Paris, and involved the Council’s term members, Military Fellows, International Affairs Fellows, Next Generation Fellows, and national members.

Overall, the Washington Program had an active year, serving the needs of members as well as making a unique contribution to key foreign policy debates.

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Vice President, Washington Program
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Speaker Michael D. McCurry, former Assistant to the President and Press Secretary, at the December 16, 1998, Annual Daughters and Sons Event, “A View from the Mike.”

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DIMITRIJ RUPEL
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“A Palestinian State: How to Negotiate Final Status”
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Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development
“Foreign Aid into the Next Century”
Presider: JULIA V. TAFT

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Presider: ROBERT M. KIMMITT

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Executive Chairman, United Nations Special Commission
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Presider: FRANK C. CARLUCCI

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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Lockheed Martin Corporation
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Presider: LESLIE H. GELB

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Prime Minister, Italy
“A Conversation with Massimo D’Alema”
Presider: JAMES B. SITRICK

GUILLERMO FERNANDEZ DE SOTO
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Colombia
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Member, U.S. Senate (D-Conn.)
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