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*** ADMIRAL THOMAS B. FARGO, USN (retired) NAMED NEW SHALIKASHVILI CHAIR***

The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) is pleased to announce Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, US Navy (retired), as the second holder of the **John M. Shalikashvili Chair in National Security Studies (The Shali Chair)**.

A 1970 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Admiral Fargo comes to NBR after a distinguished thirty-five year career in the U.S. Navy, which culminated in his position as Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) from May 2002 to February 2005. Admiral Fargo was the senior U.S. military commander in Asia responsible for joint operations of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force across PACOM's 100 million mile area of responsibility. Prior to becoming Commander, Admiral Fargo served as the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet from October 1999 to May 2002, as well as Commander of the U.S. Fifth Fleet and Naval Forces of the Central Command during two years of Iraqi contingency operations from July 1996 to July 1998. His career included six tours in Washington, DC, and five commands in the Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Middle East. He is a 1989 recipient of the Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership.

"We are thrilled to have a person of Tom's integrity and wisdom continue the important work of the Shali Chair," said Rich Ellings, President of NBR.

At NBR, Admiral Fargo will draw on his extensive experience in the Asia-Pacific region to inform policy debates on critical U.S. interests in the region through activities such as briefings to congressional, military, government, and intelligence representatives; provision of congressional testimony; travel to Asia to meet with senior-level counterparts; research and writing; and provision of remarks at public and private workshops and conferences. "Tom's leadership and vision represent the best of our country and the positive impact the United States can have around the world. We are proud to have him join NBR in a position that is personally very dear to me," said former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General (ret.) John M. Shalikashvili.

NBR endowed the Shali Chair in April 2006 to honor General Shalikashvili for his thirty-nine years of military service to our nation, his leadership on the NBR Board of Directors, and his role as Senior Advisor to NBR's Strategic Asia Program. The Chair provides a platform for a distinguished practitioner in the national security field to inform, strengthen, and shape the understanding of U.S. policymakers on critical current and long-term national security issues related to the Asia-Pacific.

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