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GMF ANNOUNCES 2004 AMERICAN MARSHALL MEMORIAL FELLOWS
~ 55 Emerging American Leaders Chosen for Intensive Study of Europe ~

Washington, DC - (November 12, 2003) - The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) today announced the names of 55 emerging American leaders from 16 states and the District of Columbia selected for the prestigious Marshall Memorial Fellowship. The 2004 American Marshall Memorial Fellows (AMMFs) will spend three weeks learning about European institutions and exploring economic, political and social issues. The Fellowship introduces the next generation of American leaders to Europe and the importance of the transatlantic relationship, and equips them to work with European counterparts on a range of international and domestic issues.

“At a time when tensions between the United States and Europe on a number of issues have grown, the Marshall Memorial Fellowship is creating a vital network of informed leaders on both sides of the Atlantic who remain committed to the transatlantic relationship,” said Craig Kennedy, President of the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

Three groups of 18-19 Fellows each will travel to Europe in March, June, and September of 2004. They will meet in Washington for orientation and then travel to Brussels, Belgium for high-level briefings on the European Union, NATO, and transatlantic issues. Smaller groups go to cities in northern, southern, and central Europe for one-on-one meetings, site visits, hands-on experiences, and formal briefings. Fellows then reunite in either Paris or Berlin at the end of the three weeks for final briefings and evaluations of the program. The network and relationships are maintained through a Marshall Memorial Fellowship database, a listserv, and annual meetings.

Selection Process:

All Fellows were selected through a competitive review process and come from politics, government, the media, business and the non-profit sector. GMF works with partners in ten U.S. cities to identify and select the Marshall Memorial Fellows. Partners include the Cleveland Foundation, the Forum at the University of Washington’s Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, the Pacific Council on International Policy in Los Angeles, the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the World Affairs Council of Greater Dallas, the International Visitors Center/World Affairs Council of Raleigh, the University of Denver School of Public Policy Studies, the Southern Center for International Studies, and the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California-Berkeley. National partners include the American Council of Young Political Leaders, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Council of State Governments and the National League of Cities.

Background:

The Marshall Memorial Fellowship program (MMF) was created in 1982 to provide young European leaders with an intimate understanding of U.S. political, social and economic institutions, and has expanded over the past twenty-one years to include leaders from 14 European countries. It was extended to include the reciprocal component for American leaders in 1999. The Fellows network now counts over 1,000 leaders

from politics, government, the media, business and the non-profit sector, including the former prime minister of Hungary, high-ranking ministers across Europe, several members of the European Parliament and national parliaments, and editors of top European news media. In the U.S., the network includes several state representatives and senators, mayors, advisors to governors and members of Congress, directors of leading non-profit organizations and executives from major U.S. companies.

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) is an American institution founded in 1972 through a gift from Germany in honor of post-war Marshall Plan assistance. GMF's mission is to promote the exchange of ideas and cooperation between the United States and Europe in the spirit of the Marshall Plan. GMF gives grants for the study of international and domestic policies, sponsors fellowships that support comparative research and foster debate, and promotes information sharing that strengthens broad understanding of transatlantic issues and perspectives.

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