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Letter from the Founding President

When Professor Michel Oksenberg died on February 22, 2001, NBR lost a close friend and colleague. Mike was one of the world's leading China scholars, and for three decades he played a leading role in U.S.-China relations in both academia and government. Mike authored numerous works on Chinese politics and U.S.-China relations. It is hard to imagine this field without him.

My longtime friendship with Mike began when we were both advisors to Senator Henry M. Jackson. Mike first met Senator Jackson in 1973 and for the next decade advised him on China issues. As senior staff member of the National Security Council from 1977 to 1980, he and Senator Jackson were in frequent communication regarding the normalization of relations with the People's Republic of China (PRC). Mike and I accompanied the Senator on his last trip to the PRC during three weeks in August 1983. In 1986 I invited Mike to the University of Washington as the Henry M. Jackson Visiting Professor.

Mike served on NBR's Board of Advisors from our founding in 1989 and was the driving force behind our China programs and projects. From the beginning he was actively involved in furthering our research goals and mission. He led NBR's first conference on U.S.-China Policy, held at the State Department in 1991, helping to introduce NBR to the policymaking community. He was the author of many NBR studies published in the *NBR Analysis*, including: "Generational Succession in the Asia-Pacific Region: From Founders to Bureaucrats to Politicians" (November

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Tracking the Strategic Environment in Asia

NBR is launching a major research program with two core purposes. *Tracking the Strategic Environment in Asia* aims to provide the nation's authoritative assessment of the evolving strategic environment in the Asia Pacific region. It will also consider how the strategic environment could change and underscore the reasons for, and implications of, such strategic discontinuities.

The Strategic Environment program will track significant developments from Central Asia and Russia through South, Northeast, and Southeast Asia and across the Pacific to the United States. This will entail long-term commitments to: 1) tracking the capabilities of states and the consequent changing balance of power in the region as measured by a set of political, economic, and military indicators; 2) examining the perceptions and strategies of regional actors; and 3) assessing how trends, perceptions, strategies, and non-linear changes combine to create new strategic challenges and opportunities for the United States.


The first annual report, to be published in September 2001, will contain an assessment of the balance of power and strategies in the region, together with country-by-country studies. Concurrently, NBR is developing a website that will be used to disseminate the report to the widest possible audience and that will provide full access to a database containing a selection of strategic indicators for all the countries of the region. The web-based aspect of the program will enable policymakers, the media, and researchers to obtain up-to-date information



Strategic Environment executive committee meeting in Washington, DC. From l to r, Rajan Menon, Michael Green, Sheldon Simon, Kenneth Pyle, Ashley Tellis, Aaron Friedberg, Nicholas Eberstadt, Richard Doyle, Thomas Christensen, Richard Ellings, John Shalikashvili.

and analysis in concise summaries, tables, and graphs.

General John Shalikashvili, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is serving as special advisor to the program. A distinguished executive committee—Professor Herbert Ellison of the University of Washington; Professor Francine Frankel of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. James Fuller of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; General Mark Hamilton of the University of Alaska; Professor James Clay Moltz of the Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies; Professor Kenneth Pyle of the University of Washington; Professor Richard Samuels of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Professor Robert Scalapino of the University of California (Berkeley); and Mr. Enders Wimbush of SAIC—is advising the program.

NBR is grateful to the following funders for their support of the program: the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, Boeing Company, and Microsoft. 

Japan-U.S. Email Discussion Forum Launched

On December 15, 2000, with support and funding from the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, NBR launched the Japan-U.S. Discussion Forum with the goal of providing an opportunity for in-depth and focused discussion and exchange on contemporary Japanese affairs. This electronic discussion forum is open to all those interested in issues surrounding Japan-U.S. relations, Japanese politics, economics, social issues, history, and security. To ensure appropriate,

relevant discussion, Dr. Edward G. Griffin, former State Department officer and professorial lecturer in history and international relations at George Washington University, moderates the forum. Eric Dinmore, a Ph.D. student specializing in twentieth-century Japanese history at Princeton University, serves as assistant moderator. In addition, a select group of leading Japan specialists serves on the forum's advisory board: Robert Alan Feldman, Managing Director,

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Japan; Eric J. Gangloff, Executive Director, Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission; Michael J. Green, Director for Asian Affairs, National Security Council; Edward J. Lincoln, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies, The Brookings Institution; T. J. Pempel, Boeing Professor of International Studies, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington; Kenneth B. Pyle, Founding President of The National Bureau of Asian Research, and Professor of History and East Asian Studies, University of Washington; Akihiko Tanaka, Professor of International Politics, Institute of Oriental Culture, University of Tokyo; Ira Wolf, Senior Advisor for Trade Policy and International Finance, Office of Senator Max Baucus.

Response to the forum has been extraordinary. The subscriber list has grown to over 500 people from around the world. A lively atmosphere for debate has been created through commentaries posted by individuals in the United States and abroad. In order to further encourage international participation in the forum, the United States-Japan Foundation awarded NBR a grant to market the forum in Japan and recruit new Japanese members. To subscribe to the forum, please visit the forum home page at <http://lists.nbr.org/japanforum> and click on the "subscribe" link in the upper left-hand corner. (NBR)

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1993); "The Challenge of Sino-American Relations" (July 1994); "Advancing Intellectual Property Rights: Information Technologies and the Course of Economic Development in China" (November 1996); and "Preserving Hong Kong's Political Autonomy" (June 1997).

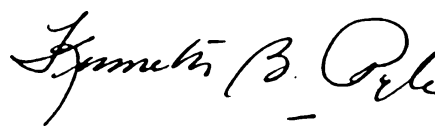
Mike's greatest contribution to NBR was his leadership of one of our most important and far reaching projects: *Advancing Intellectual Property Rights: Information Technology and the Course of Economic Development in China*. The project was born out of the need to explore the role of intellectual property in stimulating and promoting innovation and economic development. Mike led two regional conferences and training workshops. The first took place in Chongqing in fall 1998, followed by a similar program in Shanghai in spring 1999. The program activities culminated in a national seminar and training workshop in Beijing in spring 2000.

The Shanghai conference was extraordinary because it opened the day after the NATO bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade. In his last letter to me and my wife shortly before he died, Mike wrote that the events at the time remained vivid in his mind. Owing to the Chinese anger over the incident we were not certain the conference could proceed. But Mike opened the conference with an unforgettable appeal for calm, recalling the ups and downs of U.S.-China relations that he had experienced over his lifetime. He spoke with extraordinary

eloquence of the need to preserve the relationship in the long-term interest of our two peoples. Later we also met with our host Wang Daohan, former mayor of Shanghai and patron of the Academy of Social Sciences. On these occasions Mike's prestige with the Chinese carried great weight and the conference proceeded successfully.

Prior to his death Mike was a senior fellow at the Asia/Pacific Research Center at Stanford University. Mike took his BA at Swarthmore College in 1960 and his MA and PhD in political science at Columbia University. He taught at Stanford University (1966-68) and at Columbia (1968-74). He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1973, where he was Director of the Center for Chinese Studies. From 1977 to 1980, he served as senior staff member of the National Security Council with special responsibility for China and Indochina in the Carter administration. From 1992 to 1995, he served as president of the East-West Center in Honolulu.

The loss of Mike's leadership and innovation will be felt by NBR, but his influence will continue to benefit and guide China scholarship for generations to come.



Kenneth B. Pyle
Founding President

Recent NBR Publications

NBR Briefing

- *The 107th Congress: Asia Pacific Policy Outlook*, by Daniel Bob (February 2001).

NBR Analysis

- *Japan's Energy Angst and the Caspian Great Game*, by Kent E. Calder, vol. 12, no. 1 (March 2001).
- *India's Emerging Nuclear Doctrine: Exemplifying the Lessons of the Nuclear Revolution*, by Ashley J. Tellis, vol. 12, no. 2 (May 2001).
- *The Transformation Continues: The Status of Chinese State-Owned Enterprises at the Start of the Millennium*, by Lisa A. Keister and Jin Lu, vol. 12, no. 3 (June 2001).



From l to r, Don Emmerson, Doug Paal, and Mike Oksenberg at the 1996 conference “National Strategies in the Asia-Pacific: The Effects of Interacting Trade, Industrial, and Defense Policies” in Monterey, California. The conference was cosponsored by the Monterey Institute of International Studies.



Pitman Potter and Mike Oksenberg share a laugh while taking a break from the 1998 IPR conference in Chongqing.



Resolution of Condolence for Professor Michel Charles Oksenberg

The Board of Directors of The National Bureau of Asian Research wishes to express its deep sympathy and condolences to the family of Michel Oksenberg. Mike contributed in many important ways to the growth and vitality of our organization. He was the leader of NBR’s program on intellectual property rights in China, one of our largest and most ambitious projects. In addition, he frequently wrote for our publications and participated in our programs. We feel both a profound sense of loss over Mike’s passing and, at the same time, gratitude for having known his brilliance, his infectious optimism and energy, and his joy for life’s challenges.

Professor Oksenberg speaking to members of the House of Representatives in 1994 on the topic “MFN Status for China: What’s at Stake?”



Professor Oksenberg enjoys a quiet moment in China prior to the 1998 conference on IPR.



Professor Oksenberg, back row, 5th from the right, at NBR’s 1991 U.S. China Policy meeting at the State Department in Washington, DC.



From l to r, interpreter, Professor Oksenberg, and former Shanghai Mayor Wang Daohan talk following Dr. Wang’s dinner speech at the 1999 IPR conference in China.


Colleagues and Friends

NBR board member **Robert Zoellick** has accepted President George W. Bush's nomination to be U.S. Trade Representative and has resigned his membership as a director.

NBR board member **Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman Jr.** has accepted President Bush's nomination to be Deputy U.S. Trade Representative with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. Previously, he was Vice Chairman of the Huntsman Group in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Michael J. Green has withdrawn from two major NBR projects and resigned his position as the Olin Senior Fellow for Asian Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations to accept President Bush's nomination to be Director for Asian Affairs, National Security Council.

NBR welcomed a number of new Congressional members to its Board of Advisors this year, including: **Congressman Rod Blagojevich**, Illinois; **Congressman Earl Blumenauer**, Oregon; **Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell**, Colorado; **Senator Maria Cantwell**, Washington; **Congressman Philip M. Crane**, Illinois; **Congressman Joseph Crowley**, New York; **Senator Mike DeWine**, Ohio; **Congressman Lloyd Doggett**, Texas; **Senator Richard J. Durbin**, Illinois; **Congressman Phil English**, Pennsylvania; **Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr.**, Illinois; **Senator Mary Landrieu**, Louisiana; **Congressman Rick Larsen**, Washington; **Congresswoman Nita Lowey**, New York; **Congressman James P. Moran, Jr.**, Virginia; **Senator Ben Nelson**, Nebraska; **Congressman Solomon Ortiz**, Texas; **Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez**, California; **Congressman Joe Skeen**, New Mexico; **Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher**, California; **Senator Craig Thomas**, Wyoming; and **Congressman William M. Thornberry**, Texas.

Yeltsin, a 2-hour documentary film for PBS, was nominated for an Emmy award. The film was produced by **Professor Herbert Ellison**, Professor of history at the University of Washington and Founding Director of NBR's Eurasia Policy Studies Program; **Daniel Wolf**, Managing Director at First Circle Films; and **Eugene Shirley**, President of Pacem Productions. *Yeltsin* was first broadcast nationally in August 2000. 

NBR Welcomes New Board of Directors Members

NBR welcomed A. Kenneth Nilsson, former executive of the Cooper Companies and chair of the Eureka group, to the Board of Directors in February 2001. Mr. Nilsson has resided and operated extensively in Europe and Asia. He holds an MA in political science from the University of California, a BA in telecommunications from the University of



Ken Nilsson

Southern California, and is a graduate of the United States Defense Language Institute. Mr. Nilsson has lectured extensively on international affairs and speaks several languages, including Japanese.

NBR also welcomed Lisa B. Barry, Se-



Lisa Barry

nior Vice President, International Public Policy in AOL Time Warner Inc.'s Global Strategic and Planning Group, to the board in May 2001. Prior to joining AOL, Ms. Barry served as The Boeing Company's Vice President for Commercial International Operations and International Trade Policy. She also worked as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration at the Department of Commerce. In addition, she spent six years at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative serving in a variety of positions. Ms. Barry holds an MS in Foreign Service, with high honors, from Georgetown University. 

NBR at a Glance

Freeman AccessAsia International Internship

In January 2001, NBR sent its sixth Freeman AccessAsia intern—Juliana Wilson, an MA student at the University of California—to Indonesia to assist the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Jakarta with its AccessAsia operations. She spent the month of January living in Seattle and working at NBR and then traveled to Jakarta, spending February and March at CSIS, assisting with their AccessAsia operations.


The internship program was established in 1998 with support from the Freeman Foundation and the Henry M. Jackson Foundation to strengthen the efforts of the AccessAsia Global Consortium, a multinational enterprise that tracks Asia specialists and their current policy-relevant research worldwide. Each year, two graduate students of Asian affairs are chosen to participate.

Bangladesh and Energy Reserves

NBR is embarking on a research project that will explore the use of natural gas re-

sources in Bangladesh. The Dhaka-based Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) is collaborating with NBR on the first stage of the project, a state-of-the-field survey of existing research on the gas utilization issue.

China and the Global Revolution

NBR and Pacem Productions are developing a new documentary film series for PBS entitled *China and the Global Revolution*. The film interweaves human drama with expert analysis to explore one of the most pressing public policy issues of the day: globalization. The series travels from the factories of China's entrepreneurial southeast to the deserts of its wild, wild west to China's Big Apple, Shanghai, in search of stories of people whose lives are being most radically transformed by the global economy. Three programs investigate the world's great experiment with globalization in terms of its practical effects and the moral questions it raises as seen from the perspective of individuals, communities, and the places they inhabit. The Starr Foundation has generously provided a grant for the research and development phase. 

New Books:

Energy and Conflict in Central Asia and the Caucasus

NBR is pleased to announce the availability of *Energy and Conflict in Central Asia and the Caucasus*, a volume edited by Robert Ebel, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Rajan Menon, Lehigh University and NBR (Rowman & Littlefield and NBR, December 2000).


Energy and Conflict in Central Asia and the Caucasus examines the relationship between competition for energy resources and the propensity for conflict in the Caspian region. Taking the discussion well beyond issues of pipeline politics and the significance of Caspian oil and gas to the global market, the book offers significant new findings concerning the impact of energy wealth on political life and the economies of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan. The differing interests of ruling elites, the

political opposition, and minority ethnic and religious groups region-wide are addressed. Chapters also explore the ways in which Russia, China, Iran, and Turkey are attempting to uphold their energy interests in the newly independent states, and the impact of competition for production contracts and pipeline routes on regional security. Chapters relate regional issues to central questions of international politics and to theoretical debates concerning the role of energy wealth in political and economic development worldwide. Implications for U.S. policy are examined throughout the book.

Korea's Future and the Great Powers

In cooperation with the University of Washington Press, NBR has published *Korea's Future and the Great Powers*, edited by Nicholas Eberstadt, American Enterprise Institute, and Richard Ellings, NBR. In this volume, thirteen prominent scholars discuss the historical, political, and eco-

nomie contexts, as well as the strategic implications, of Korean reunification. They address, among other issues, the question of achieving a stable and resilient political order for the newly united Korean nation; the problem of financing a potentially massive Korean economic reconstruction; the framework and conduct of diplomatic relations between Korea and the four great powers of the Pacific; the security relationships that evolve between a united Korea and these four powers; and the impact of Korean reunification on the commercial, diplomatic, and security relations among the great powers of the Pacific themselves.

The time for judicious consideration of these questions is now, while reunification is still just over the horizon. *Korea's Future and the Great Powers* provides thought-provoking answers and recommendations for sound policies designed to increase the odds of an outcome favorable to peace and stability in Northeast Asia. 

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U.S.-Japan Scholarship Survey

For some time, academics in the United States have been concerned about the dearth of young scholars in the fields of security studies and international economics, within the context of U.S.-Japan relations. They fear this could lead to the lack of a professional community in the United States that understands the security and economic issues Japan faces and the strategic importance of U.S.-Japan relations.

NBR is therefore conducting a study of master's and doctoral degree programs in the United States in the fields of security studies and international economics. Surveys have been conducted to gather information on the institutions that are offering graduate programs and the scholars who are guiding students in these fields, as well as to analyze the opinions of specialists from Japan and the United States about the state of scholarship in their disciplines.

NBR hosted a workshop in Seattle on

March 28, 2001, at which leading U.S. and Japanese scholars discussed the initial findings of the study.

The final report will incorporate the data and findings from the surveys with the discussions at the workshop to: 1) offer a concise picture of the state of scholarship on security studies and international economics, 2) identify the areas of concern regarding the long-term development of scholarship in these fields, and 3) list recommendations for consideration by academics, foundations, policymakers, and research institutions.

The project is being directed by Professor Kenneth Pyle, Founding President of NBR and Professor of History and East Asian Studies at the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington. NBR is grateful for the full support of the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership toward this project. ^(NBR)

Staff Changes

Michael Wills joined NBR last November as Program Manager and Associate Editor. He is responsible for NBR's projects relating to East and Southeast Asia. Before joining NBR, Mr. Wills worked in Phnom Penh for five years as Publications Coordinator for the Cambodia Development Resource Institute and Editor at the Center for Advanced Study. He holds a BA (Honors) in Chinese Studies from Oxford University.

Brigitte M. Gort-Allen was named Vice President for Development at NBR. Ms. Allen was formerly Director of Corporate Relations and Development.

In June, **Meira E. Meek**, Codirector of AccessAsia and Program Officer at NBR, accepted an offer from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to work in the Cancer Prevention Research Program. We wish her the best of luck in her new position. ^(NBR)



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