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WALTER DOWLING - BIOGRAPHY

Walter Dowling, former United States Ambassador to Bonn, was elected Chairman of The International Council of The Museum of Modern Art in December 1963. He succeeded August Heckscher, who was the Council's first Chairman.

Mr. Dowling was with the Foreign Service for more than thirty years and has served in seven countries, including Norway, Italy, Brazil, and Austria. He was Ambassador to Korea from 1956 to 1959, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs in 1959, and then was Ambassador to Bonn from 1959 to 1963. He is now Director General of the Atlantic Institute in Paris, and is a member of the Board of the Atlantic Council of the United States.

As Ambassador to Bonn, Mr. Dowling was the recipient of the first selections of art sent to the Bonn Embassy by The International Council's Art in Embassies Committee.

Born in Georgia, Mr. Dowling was educated at Mercer University and holds honorary doctorates in law from Seoul National University (1959), from Mercer University (1961), and from the University of Maryland (1962). He is married to the former Alice Jernigan, and has two children, Patricia and Michael. He holds the Grand Cross, Order of Merit, from the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Gold Badge of Honor of the Republic of Austria.

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