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WALTER DOWLING ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Walter Dowling, former United States Ambassador to West Germany, has been elected Chairman of The International Council of The Museum of Modern Art. He succeeds 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 West Germany from 1959 to 1963. He is now Director General of the Atlantic Institute in Paris.

As Ambassador to West Germany, 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. Since 1960, the Council has sent loan collections of works of art to seventeen different United States Embassies around the world.

The International Council, composed of 125 art patrons and community leaders from eighteen states and six foreign countries, has sponsored the Museum's International Exchange Program since 1957. Since the inception of that program in 1952, more than eighty exhibitions have been circulated to 58 countries on all the continents.

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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