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## RESUME OF RALPH MAGNUS

Ralph H. Magnus is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, where he received his A.B. degree with honors in political science and military science and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1958. He later received an M.A. (1966) and Ph.D. (1971) in political science from Berkeley, specializing in Middle East area studies. In 1971-72 he was a post-doctoral fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace of Stanford University.

From 1958 to 1960 he served on active duty with the U.S. Army. From 1961 to 1965 he was a foreign service officer of the U.S. Information Agency in Kenya and Afghanistan. He has taught at Oregon State University, the University of Texas at Austin and California State University, Northridge. In addition, he has been the Assistant Director of the National Energy Project of the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research in Washington, D.C.



Professor Magnus joined the faculty of the Department of National Security Affairs in 1976. He was appointed Associate Professor in 1982, and is the Area Coordinator of Middle East Area Studies. In July 1988 he was appointed Associate Professor for Instruction. His areas of specialization include: Afghanistan, Iran and the Persian Gulf, United States security policies in the region and Middle East oil. He has lectured on these areas and been a consultant to a number of institutions, including the Defense Intelligence College, the U.S. Army War College, TRW Energy Systems, Inc. and the Stanford Research Institute. In 1980, Professor Magnus toured six countries in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia for USIA to lecture on American foreign and defense policies.

Since 1983 he has served as the Executive Director of the Americares for Afghans project of the Americares Foundation of New Canaan, Connecticut, which provides medical supplies and care for Afghan victims of Soviet aggression. He is a member of the Middle East Studies Association, the Middle East Institute and the Afghanistan Studies Association. His publications include: Documents on the Middle East and Afghan Alternatives: Issues, Options and Policies (edited); Gulf Security Into the 1980s: Perceptual and Strategic Dimensions (co-edited); and a number of articles and chapters on Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf, Middle East oil and United States interests and policies in the Middle East.