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DAYTON, Ohio, September 15, 1971 --- One of the country's leading experts on Europe, Dr. Martin Hillenbrand, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, will receive the sixth University of Dayton Distinguished Alumnus Award, given over the past five years. The 1937 graduate of UD will receive his honor on Saturday evening, September 25, at the annual National Alumni Homecoming dinner (6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.) in the University's John F. Kennedy Memorial Union building.

Dr. Hillenbrand is the first career diplomat to receive the coveted award created through the joint efforts of the National Alumni Association Board and the University Relations Department at UD. Previous awards have been given to four successful businessmen and one of the country's leading research professors in chemistry.

Dr. Carroll A. Hochwalt, '20, was given the first award in 1967. He is the Director of the St. Louis Research Council and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. The 1968 presentation was a dual award to Mr. Edwin G. Becker, '14, Judge of the Court of Common Appeals of Hamilton County, Ohio, and director, chairman and president of several companies and professional groups in Ohio, and Mr. Alphonse H. Mahrt, '12, who had retired in 1959 as a member of the Board of Directors of Mead Corporation and generally considered to be one of the men who built the Mead enterprises. Mr. Mahrt, a UD football star in the first decade of the century, died in June of 1970.

The 1969 award was presented to Dr. Joseph D. Park, Ph.D., '29, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Colorado and lecturer, author and recipient of many national and international education citations.

Mr. John B. Alexander, retired Vice President of the Southwestern Portland Cement Company in Los Angeles, was the fifth recipient in 1970.

The selection committee seeks a person, or persons, "who has been prominent in their chosen field of endeavor or by reason of exceptional public service. The person must have been an alumnus of the University of Dayton at least 25 years prior to receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award." The Committee consists of three alumni and two UD administrators.

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Dr. Hillenbrand, who assumed his current State Department position on February 20, 1969, is returning to his alma mater for the first time since he received an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree in 1963

In the interim, the native of Youngstown, Ohio, has been Chairman of the Fulbright Commission for Germany, 1963-1967, and served as Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission in Bonn in the same period. Following those duties he was appointed in 1967 as the first United States Ambassador to Hungary since that country's 1956 uprising.

Dr. Hillenbrand's first appointment to Foreign Service in 1939 was Vice Consul in Zurich. He subsequently served in Rangoon, Calcutta, Lourenco Marques (Mozambique), Bremen, Paris and Berlin. Assignments within the Department of State have included Officer-in-Charge, Division of German Government and Administration in the Bureau of German Affairs; Director of the Office of German Affairs; Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for European Affairs; and Director of the Berlin Task Force.

He is the author of Power and Morals, a book on the ethics of international politics, published in 1949 and received the Department of State's Superior Service Award in 1960. He is a member of the American Foreign Service Association.

Dr. Hillenbrand is married to the former Faith Stewart. They have a daughter, Ruth Marie, and two sons, David Martin and John Steven.