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Joseph J. Kruzel Memorial Lecture

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"Future Security for Iraq"

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 3:30 p.m. *
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Walter B. Slocombe was, from May to November 2003, Senior Advisor and Director for Security Affairs (National Security and Defense) in the Coalition Provisional Authority for Iraq. Following his return from Iraq, he returned to his position as a partner at the Washington, DC, law firm of Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered, from which he was on leave during his service. At CPA, he supervised the program for creating a new Iraqi Army and for planning the new armed forces of the country, assisted in the coordination of other programs to establish new or reformed security services for Iraq, oversaw the program for paying interim stipends to former Iraqi military personnel, and advised the Iraqi interim authorities on setting up national security institutions and procedures suitable for the new Iraq.

He had previously served as Under Secretary of Defense for Policy from September 1994 to January 2001. Prior to becoming Under Secretary, he was Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy from June 1993, and, pending confirmation for that post, a consultant to Secretary of Defense Aspin from January 1993. In earlier DOD service, he had been Deputy Under Secretary for Policy Planning from November 1979 to January 1981 and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs from January 1977 to November 1979. In both jobs, he served concurrently as Director of the DOD Task Force on the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT).

Following his service as Under Secretary, he was a partner ("member") of Caplin & Drysdale, where he had been an associate from 1971 to 1974 and partner from 1974 to 1977 and 1981 until 1993. At the firm, his practice has been in the fields of bankruptcy litigation, defense trade, tax litigation, and tax-exempt organizations.

He received his undergraduate education at Princeton University (A.B. 1963, summa cum laude). From 1963 to 1965 he was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University where he did graduate research on Soviet politics. His legal training was at Harvard Law School (L.L.B. 1968, summa cum laude) where he was Note Editor of the Law Review. After graduating from law school, he clerked for United States Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas in the October 1968 Term. Following a brief period as a Special Assistant in the Office of Economic Opportunity Legal Services Office, he served on the National Security Council staff in 1969 and 1970, working on strategic arms control, nuclear issues and intelligence analysis policy.

He has published a number of articles and monographs on defense policy and organization and on tax law issues. He is a director and Secretary of the Atlantic Council of the United States, a Senior Advisor to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a member of the Board of Directors of the American Council for Germany and of the International Advisory Council of the Geneva Center for Democratic Control of Armed Forces, and a member of the US Department of Defense's Policy Board. (During his service at CPA, his membership in all these organizations was suspended.) In each of the three years since 2001, he has been a Visiting Fellow at the Australian Defence College's Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

In addition to academic honors, he has been four times awarded the Department of Defense's Distinguished Public Service Medal (1981, 1995, 1997, 2001) and received its Joseph Kruzel Award for Distinguished Service in the

Pursuit of Peace (2000). He has also been awarded, by the German Federal President, the Grosse Verdienstkreuz mit Stern (Grand Cross and Star of the Order of Merit), by the President of the Republic of Korea, the Order of National Security Merit (Gugseon Medal), and named an Honorary Submariner by the U.S. Navy's Fleet Submarine Force.

He was born in 1941 and educated in public schools in Erie, Pennsylvania, and Ann Arbor, Michigan. He now lives in Washington, DC, with his wife, Ellen Seidman, who is Senior Managing Director for National Practice at Shorebank Advisory Services, and their son, Will (b. 1984), who is a student at the University of Chicago. He has two grown daughters, Sasha and Merrin, and a granddaughter, Xela Jane Perun (b. 2001). His non-professional interests include naval and military history, cryptology, bicycling, weight lifting, sea kayaking, and gardening.

*R.S.V.P. to [Ann Powers](#) if you plan to attend this event.

Joseph J. Kruzel

Dr. Joseph Kruzel served as a member of the Mershon Center's senior faculty and as Associate Professor of Political Science from 1983 until his death in 1995. He was a 1967 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and also held Master and Doctoral degrees from Harvard University. Professor Kruzel was killed in Sarajevo, Bosnia, while serving an appointment as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Affairs.

President William J. Clinton memorialized Kruzel in this fashion: "Joseph Kruzel put his mind to the test of creating lasting security in a world that's known too much war. Besides his outstanding work in Bosnia, he led the Pentagon's efforts on critical issues of NATO enlargement and the re-integration of Eastern Europe into the West after the Cold War. His service to our country spans 28 years, from an Air Force officer in Vietnam, to work on Salt 1, to being a major force in bringing the nations of Europe into the Partnership for Peace. The world is a more secure place because of his dedication."

To honor the life, work, and memory of Professor Kruzel, the Mershon Center hosts the Joseph J. Kruzel Memorial Lecture each year.