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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

## SECRETARY SHULTZ PORTRAIT UNVEILING

MONDAY, MAY 5, 1975

I'M VERY PLEASED TO BE ASKED TO BE HERE TONIGHT --

TO PAY TRIBUTE TO GEORGE SHULTZ AND TO THANK HIM FOR THE MANY YEARS

OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE HE HAS GIVEN TO THIS NATION.

## HE HAS BEEN AN ADVISOR TO MORE THAN ONE PRESIDENT

AND HIS INFLUENCE HAS BEEN FELT IN GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION,

LABOR AND MANAGEMENT. HIS INVOLVEMENT IN ECONOMIC

MATTERS STARTED EARLY.

ACCORDING TO HIS BIOGRAPHY, WHEN HE WAS TWELVE YEARS

OLD, GEORGE TRIED TO SELL HIS OWN, HOME-MADE MIMEOGRAPHED

NEWSPAPER TO A NEIGHBOR FOR FIVE CENTS. THE NEIGHBOR ASKED

HIM, "WHY SHOULD I BUY YOUR PAPER WHEN FOR THAT SAME FIVE CENTS

I COULD GET THE SATURDAY EVENING POST?"

WELL, I HAVE RESEARCHED THIS EXTENSIVELY AND ACCORDING TO ALL
OF MY INFORMANTS, THAT WAS ABSOLUTELY AND POSITIVELY THE LAST
TIME GEORGE SHULTZ WAS EVER STUCK FOR AN ANSWER.

IN THE LAST DECADE, GEORGE HAS BEEN SECRETARY OF LABOR,

DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, SECRETARY OF THE

TREASURY, AND ON ONE MEMORABLE OCCASION, GEORGE SHULTZ WAS EVEN

AGRICULTURAL ADVISER TO THE CABINET. AGRICULTURAL ADVISER TO THE

CABINET: I'M SURE YOU ALL REMEMBER THE DAY HE TOLD MEL LAIRD TO KEEP

HIS COTTON PICKIN' HANDS OFF THE ECONOMY.

FORTUNATELY FOR US ALL, GEORGE SHULTZ HAS APPLIED HIS

OWN HANDS AND VERY UNIQUE TALENTS TO COPING WITH SOME OF THE GREAT

PROBLEMS AMERICA FACES. HIS SKILL AS A CALM, REASONING AND

REASONABLE MEDIATOR IS WELL KNOWN. HIS ACHIEVEMENTS

IN THE POSITIONS OF HIGH TRUST HE HAS HELD HAVE ALREADY BEEN

TOUCHED ON BY BILL SIMON.

BUT IF I HAD TO SETTLE ON ONE PHRASE TO DESCRIBE OUR HONORED GUEST

TONIGHT -- I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THIS: GEORGE SHULTZ IS A MAN

OF INTEGRITY. YOU CAN TELL HE'S A MAN OF INTEGRITY. WHO ELSE

DO YOU KNOW PLAYS GOLF WITH GEORGE MEANY AND ACTUALLY TRIES TO

WIN?

## WHEN AN ASSOCIATE OF GEORGE SHULTZ WAS ASKED WHAT

THE SECRETARY'S HOBBIES ARE, HE ANSWERED, "ONE OF HIS BIG

RECREATIONS IS HIS FRIENDS." AND I'M HONORED TO NUMBER MYSELF

AMONG THE MANY FRIENDS OF GEORGE SHULTZ.

BILL SIMON HAS DONE SUCH A FINE JOB OF LISTING GEORGE'S VIRTUES AND

ACCOMPLISHMENTS, I WON'T EVEN TRY TO ADD TO THEM. LET ME JUST

SAY THIS ONE LAST THING ABOUT GEORGE SHULTZ AND IT'S VERY PERSONAL:

ANYONE WHO LOVES GOLF, SMOKES A PIPE, AND PLAYED FOOTBALL

IN COLLEGE -- CAN'T BE ALL BAD!

AND NOW, IF YOU'RE AS CURIOUS AS I AM, LET'S TAKE

A LOOK AT THE PAINTING!

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