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# Press Release

NEW AMBASSADOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Ambassador Günther van Well, the newly appointed Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany will arrive in Washington in mid-July.

His predecessor in office, Ambassador Peter Hermes, is leaving Washington to take up a new assignment as Ambassador to the Holy See.

Günther van Well was born in 1922. He studied law and economics at Bonn University. Before joining the German Foreign Service in 1951, he obtained a Master's degree in economic science in 1949 and graduated in law in 1950. His first assignment abroad was in 1954 to the Permanent Observer of the Federal Republic of Germany at the United Nations, New York. Back in Germany in 1959, he served in the Personnel Department of the Federal Foreign Office in Bonn.

In 1962-63 he was a Visiting Fellow at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University.

From 1963 to 1967 Mr. van Well served as Political Counsellor to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Tokyo. On his return to Bonn he was appointed Head of the Foreign Policy Section in charge of matters relating to Berlin and to Germany as a whole. He played a prominent part in coordinating the Western position in the four-power negotiations on the Quadripartite Agreements on Berlin. After one year as Deputy Director of Political Affairs he was appointed Head of the Political Department for East-West Relations, Arms Control and Disarmament. In this position he took part in negotiations in which the European Community countries agreed on a common policy particularly regarding the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Middle East and the United Nations.

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From 1977 to 1981, Mr. van Well served as State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office in Bonn. Among his main concerns were security policy within NATO, European political cooperation, the implementation of the treaties with East European countries and the formulation of a policy toward Third World countries based on equality, partnership and respect for non-alignment. He represented the Federal Republic of Germany at a number of international conferences.

Since June 1981, Mr. van Well has been Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for East-West Security Studies in New York.

Mr. van Well is married to the former Carolyn Bradley of Short Hills, New Jersey. They have two grown-up children.

Washington, 30th of June, 1984

## Curriculum vitae

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Ambassador Günther van Well

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15 October 1922	Born in Osterath near Krefeld
1949	Studied at Bonn University economics degree
1950	First state law examination
1952	Entered the diplomatic service
1954-1959	Office of the Permanent Observer of the Federal Republic of Germany at the United Nations, New York
1959-1962	Federal Foreign Office, Bonn
1962-1963	Fellow at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
1963-1967	Counsellor (political affairs) German Embassy, Tokyo
since 1967	Federal Foreign Office, Bonn
1967-1971	Head of section (foreign policy questions concerning Berlin and Germany as a whole)
1971-1972	Deputy Director of Political Affairs
1972-1977	Director of Political Affairs
1977-1981	State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office
1981-1984	Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations
Since July, 1984	Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United States of America in Washington, D.C.

Married, two children.

