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“Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott Heads for Asia.” State Department news release describing Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott’s schedule for his upcoming mission to the Asia-Pacific region. (950119)

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Deputy Secretary Strobe Talbott will travel to the Asia-Pacific region from January 23 to February 2 with stops in Tokyo, Seoul, Phnom Penh, Wellington, and Canberra.

At all stops, according to a State Department announcement, the deputy secretary will discuss regional and bilateral security and economic issues, particularly the role of APEC and the ASEAN Regional Forum in achieving the President’s vision of a Pacific Community. He will seek to encourage the increasing role that Japan, Australia, Korea and New Zealand are playing in addressing issues of global significance, including peacekeeping, U.N. reform, trade liberalization, non-proliferation and counternarcotics.

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Following on Prime Minister Murayama’s visit to Washington, Talbott will underscore the importance of the U.S.-Japan partnership. In Tokyo, he will make a policy address on the opportunities and challenges facing this partnership and the emerging regional architecture in post-Cold War Asia.

In Seoul, the deputy secretary looks forward to meeting the new South Korean foreign policy team. There and elsewhere in Asia, Talbott will continue close coordination with our allies and friends over implementation of the North Korea nuclear accord.

The stop in Phnom Penh will demonstrate our continued strong commitment to Cambodia’s fledgling democracy.

The visit to New Zealand will further develop our improving bilateral relations.

In Canberra, Deputy Secretary Talbott will discuss the wide range of global and regional policy objectives on which the United States and Australia work closely together.

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