

Launch of ADST Anthology of Oral History Highlights

In honor of its 40th anniversary, the Association of Diplomatic Studies and Training (ADST), in collaboration with DACOR, is hosting on February 10th a launch party for its latest publication, "Representing America: Firsthand Accounts from a Century of U.S. Diplomacy." The book contains hundreds of oral history excerpts, organized by geographic region and specialized topic. It includes a Development Chapter with more than 40 excerpts from former USAID (or predecessor agency) officers, ranging from the Marshall Plan in 1948, to the earliest assistance to India and Africa in the 1950's, to the creation of USAID and its work through the following six decades. If you are interested in attending the launch at DACOR on February 10 and/or interested in buying the book, you can do so at this link: <https://adst.org/event/adsts-40th-anniversary-and-launch-of-the-77th-volume-in-the-adst-dacor-diplomats-and-diplomacy-series/>. The Development Chapter ends with the words of two titans from USAID's history, Joe Wheeler and Haven North. Haven's final words are especially appropriate today: *"One cannot know the answer but: what if the U.S. had not taken the lead in international development in the 1940s? What would be the image of the U.S. today in the world? What kind of a world would we be living in today?"*