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INTRODUCTION

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It is with a great deal of sadness that I am substituting here for the late Mosby Harvey, who was certainly a major supporter of the Institute starting with his days as the general counsel of Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. Mosby passed away suddenly from a heart attack in February. So we have fond memories of working with him on these programs and in shaping them. He played a major role in the Institute’s focus and its activities.

Today we are going to look at NAFTA at three-and-a-half years, where do we stand and where do we go?

Our first speaker is Greg Mastel, who is Vice President for Policy Planning and Administration at the Economic Strategy Institute. He is also a professor at the University of Maryland Graduate School of Management and Technology. Previously, he worked in the U.S. Senate for eight years, where he served as Chief International Trade Advisor to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee’s International Trade Subcommittee. While in the Senate, Mr. Mastel worked on issues such as negotiating Fast Track, negotiating Uruguay Round trade agreements, MFN status, and many, many other issues. He holds a Ph.D. in International Economics, and an MBA.

Our second speaker is Bradly Condon. He is Director of the Council for North American Business Studies, a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Foundation for the Americas, and he teaches international trade policy at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia.

He has had experience as a guest lecturer in Mexico City. He has also published numerous articles, and he was selected by the U.S. government to participate in the 1995 Congressional Program on International Trade. He has a B.A. from the University of British Columbia, a law degree from McGill University, and an LL.M. from the University of Calgary.