Albright to Speak July 4

United States Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright will address individuals from countries around the world as they take the oath of U.S. citizenship at Monticello’s 38th Annual Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony on Tuesday, July 4, 2000. The ceremony will take place on the West Lawn of Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence and our nation's third president. The one-hour program, which will begin at 11 a.m., is free and open to the public.

As the sixty-fourth Secretary of State, Albright follows in the footsteps of Thomas Jefferson who served as the first Secretary of State from 1790-1793. Secretary Albright is the first female Secretary of State and the highest ranking woman in the U.S. government.

Prior to her confirmation as Secretary of State in 1996, Albright served as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and as a member of President Clinton’s Cabinet and National Security Council. She holds a B.A. from Wellesley College with honors in Political Science, she studied at the School for Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, received a Certificate from the Russian Institute at Columbia University, and her Masters and Doctorate from Columbia University’s Department of Public Law and Government.

Monticello’s July 4th event has been named a local legacy as part of the Library of Congress 200th Anniversary celebration.