

their reduced pay is even more detrimental given their increased life expectancy as they are forced to live on less money for a longer period of time. In addition, more women over age 65 tend to live alone at a time when illness and accidents due to decreased mobility are more likely. For these women, it is imperative that we guarantee that Social Security and Medicare remain solvent for future generations.

I believe we should use this month as an opportunity to reflect not only on the achievements and challenges of American women, but to recognize those of women internationally. We know that a variety of ills hinder the potential of women in many parts of the world—labor practices that oppress women and girls, the rapid spread of HIV and AIDS, and limited or non-existent suffrage rights. We must broaden access to education, the political process, and reproductive health globally so that girls and women everywhere can maximize their options. To have a credible voice in the international arena, the United States must lead by example, showing that American women enjoy these rights fully.

While obstacles remain, women have achieved impressive progress. This good news includes a decline in the poverty rate for single women and an increase in those holding advanced degrees. Recent figures show women received approximately 45 percent of law and 42 percent of medical degrees awarded in this country. This is a dramatic improvement from a few decades ago and should continue as more and more women enter professional programs.

In my home State of Maryland, as in the Nation, women are a guiding force and a major presence in our national business sector. From 1987 to 1999, the number of women-owned firms in the United States grew by 103 percent. Women were responsible for 80 percent of the total enrollment growth at Maryland colleges and universities throughout the last two decades.

I am pleased to report that during my service in Congress, I have strongly supported efforts to address women's issues and correct gender discrimination and inequality. In the present session, I have cosponsored the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would provide more effective remedies to victims of wage discrimination on the basis of sex. Along with many of my colleagues, I have supported the Equity in Prescription Insurance and Contraceptive Coverage Act, which would prohibit health insurance plans from excluding or restricting benefits for FDA-approved prescription contraception if the plan covers other prescription drugs. In order to build a national repository of the contributions of women to our Nation's history, I cosponsored legislation to establish a National Museum of Women's History Advisory Committee. I am proud of these efforts and I will continue my commitment to bring fuller equality to all women.

Indeed, women have made great progress. I think it is appropriate to point out the accomplishments of women in history, but it is also important to educate present and future generations about gender discrimination so that we do not repeat past mistakes. We all look forward to a day when these conditions will be distant and unimaginable. We are closer to that day than we were yesterday, but we still have some distance to travel. I am confident that the women of America will lead this journey and continue to exemplify and advocate for those values and ideals which are at the heart of a decent, caring, and fair society.

NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, the National Security Education Program has released an Analysis of Federal Language Needs. This analysis will appear later this year as part of its annual report to Congress. It confirms the need to support foreign language instruction at the elementary and secondary education level.

It also is compelling evidence that the Senate should pass S. 541, the Foreign Language Acquisition and Proficiency Improvement Act, which will provide assistance to schools for foreign language instruction. I ask unanimous consent that the March, 2001, National Security Education Program Analysis of Federal Language Needs, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM (NSEP) ANALYSIS OF FEDERAL LANGUAGE NEEDS

INTRODUCTION

There is little debate that the era of globalization has brought increasingly diverse and complex challenges to U.S. national security. With these challenges comes a rapidly increasing need for a workforce with skills that address these needs, including professional expertise accompanied by the ability to communicate and understand the languages and cultures of key world regions: Russia and the former Soviet Union, China, the Arab world, Iran, Korea, Central Asia and key countries in Africa, Latin America and East Asia.

Some 80 federal agencies and offices involved in areas related to U.S. national security rely increasingly on human resources with high levels of language competency and international knowledge and experience. Finding these resources and, in particular, finding candidates for employment as professionals in the U.S. Government, has proven increasingly difficult, and many agencies now report shortfalls in hiring, deficits in readiness, and adverse impacts on operations. Some important documentation of these needs and shortfalls can be found in September 2000 testimony provided to the United States Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services, chaired by Senator Thad Cochran.

Since 1994, the National Security Education Program (NSEP) has funded outstanding U.S. students, both undergraduate

and graduate students, to study those languages and cultures critical to U.S. national security and under-represented in U.S. study. NSEP award recipients make an important contribution to future U.S. national security by working in the federal government or in higher education.

NSEP SURVEY

The National Security Education Program (NSEP), as per its legislative mandate, conducts a yearly survey to identify those world regions, languages, and fields of study critical to U.S. national security and under-represented in U.S. study. The findings are used to better understand the current and projected needs of the federal government by emphasizing those same countries, languages, and fields of study in the annual application guidelines for the NSEP Undergraduate Scholarships, Graduate Fellowships, and Grants to U.S. Institutions of Higher Education.

Using as a baseline the current annual list of world regions, languages, and fields of study emphasized by the program, (see Attachment A) NSEP asks a broad range of Federal agencies and organizations with responsibilities in the national security arena to consider the next five to ten years in recommending additions and/or deletions to the existing list. These changes are reflected in annual guidelines for applications, released each fall.

NSEP, in its 2000–2001 survey, broadened the scope of the survey by first, increasing the number and types of agencies and/or offices queried, and second, by identifying the role that professional competency in critical languages plays in the capacity of the federal agencies to execute their missions. This type of information is of critical importance as we attempt to refine and modify existing and potentially new programs to respond to the demands of the 21st century. Questionnaires were mailed to 91 federal agencies and/or offices that deal with international issues. Forty-eight respondents from 46 agencies/offices sent their feedback to NSEP. Attachment B provides a list of agencies who responded to the 2000–2001 survey.

The purpose of this report is to provide results from this analysis and to contribute to our understanding of the increasing need for language and international expertise in the federal sector.

SURVEY RESPONSES

The responses to the 2000–2001 survey confirm the significant need for language expertise in the federal sector. In addition, respondents indicate that when language expertise is either required, or an important asset to an organization's missions and functions, the language must be at the advanced level. The responses show that the demand for advanced language skills exists across the board. Agencies from all functional areas—political/military, social and economic—vouch that professional proficiency in languages are imperative to the function of their missions.

The chart at Attachment C provides some additional insight concerning languages identified by federal organizations and the advanced levels of expertise associated with these requirements. Eleven languages (French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Russian, Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese, Korean, Urdu, and Arabic) were identified by at least four different federal organizations. An additional 19 languages were identified by at least two different federal organizations; 40 languages were identified by single organizations.

The following examples serve to provide some additional insights into federal needs:

The National Cryptologic School of the NSA stated that "language skills tied to any

academic discipline is a plus", while the DIA stated that "all languages must be at the advanced level." The U.S. Secret Service indicated needs for bilingual capabilities for Special Agents assigned to certain permanent overseas posts. Special Agent personnel affected by this requirement attend a language immersion course and receive certification documenting their level of proficiency. In addition, the Service foresees a need to provide bilingual capability to those personnel tasked with providing training to foreign law enforcement officials and to those individuals who engage in the forensic analysis of evidence, including those responsible for the examination of computers used in criminal activity.

The International Broadcasting Bureau of the Broadcasting Board of Governors reported a unique need for professionals with language and area expertise. While in its management and daily operations language knowledge is not required, intermediate or advanced proficiency in a major regional language (such as Russian for Russia and the former Soviet Republics) is a tremendous advantage and sometimes necessary for marketing officers who place BBG programming in local markets, as well as for engineers who establish, manage, and maintain the Bureau's global transmission network.

The Centers for Disease Control of the Department of Health and Human Services works in more than 140 countries each year to address public health challenges. In addition, CDC has more than 100 assignees in 41 countries to provide long-term assistance on disease surveillance, disease eradication, HIV, infectious and chronic diseases, and other priority programs. Due to the nature of CDC's work, the agency may carry operations in countries where the US has no diplomatic relations to address critical health needs.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has strong needs for proficient language skills in Russian, Japanese and Spanish.

The Drug Enforcement Agency has 78 offices in 56 countries. Language training is provided to personnel posted to these offices by two contract language service companies. These employees receive one-on-one instruction for the training period required for the specific language. All employees must achieve a competency of Level 2 for both speaking and reading prior to completion of the training.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has a critical need for translators proficient in the following languages: Arabic, Farsi, Hindi, Pashto, Punjabi, Turkish, Urdu, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Chinese (all dialects) and Vietnamese. Applicants must pass a language proficiency test 3+ (Advanced/Native Speaker)."

The U.S. Customs Service enforces over 600 laws for 60 other agencies involved in international commerce and travel. "Knowledge of a foreign language is not a mandatory requirement for employment by the U.S. Customs Service. However, with over 300 Customs land, sea and air ports in the U.S., twenty-four Customs attaché and senior representative offices established at American embassies and consulates in strategic areas around the globe, and advisory teams in thirteen countries, possessing foreign language skills is highly desirable to accomplish our mission as U.S. Customs investigators, inspectors and other officers."

In 1999 the U.S. Coast Guard independently carried out an in-depth study to determine how to best meet the foreign language needs of its service. All cutters, stations, groups, air stations, districts and the Coast Guard Intelligence Service were tasked with reporting the number of incidents requiring foreign

language skills. The selected comments from the study are highly instructive on the kind of repercussions that lack of language expertise has for the Coast Guard:

"Absence of effective communications influenced decision not to board";

"Lack of interpreter reduced quality of right of approach questions";

"Never determined nationality due to lack of interpreter";

"All Alaskan Patrol cutters should have Russian interpreter on board";

"Lack of interpreter made overall Fish Mission ineffective";

"Lack of interpreters in Chinese, Russian, Polish, Japanese and Korean curtail any intelligence gathering which is critical to success of mission";

"50% of crew bilingual, critical to mission success";

"Heavy workload for 2 Spanish speakers during two intense patrols; multiple daily interactions with immigrants";

"Delay due to sharing of Coast Guard and INS interpreters";

"Delay attributed to availability of interpreter being ashore and underway. Lack of Japanese interpreter resulted in no radio communications";

"Lone bi-lingual crewmember over tasked. Assistance of INS Asylum Pre-Screening—Officer critical to relay medical problems of migrant".

CONCLUSION

The NSEP analysis, while not intended as a comprehensive survey of language needs of the federal government, provides some valuable insights into the need for global skills in the federal sector and, more specifically, the need for professional competencies in languages critical to national security. Along with other ongoing efforts to codify the need for language expertise, these data serve to continue to build the case for a more proactive role for federal programs like NSEP.

The comments received in response to our survey, the interactions with officials from various agencies, and the congressional testimonies to the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs reveal disjunctions between the existing demand for language expertise in the federal sector and the corresponding capacity to meet those needs.

ATTACHMENT A—NSEP AREAS OF EMPHASIS 1999–2000

World Regions

Africa

Angola	Ethiopia	South Africa
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	Kenya	Morocco
Rep. of the Congo	Liberia	Sudan
Eritrea	Nigeria	Tanzania
	Rwanda	Uganda
	Sierra Leone	

Latin America

Argentina	Cuba	Peru
Brazil	Guatemala	Venezuela
Chile	Mexico	
Colombia	Panama	

East Asia and the Pacific

Burma	Japan	Philippines
Cambodia	North Korea	Taiwan
China	South Korea	Thailand
Indonesia	Malaysia	Vietnam

South Asia

Afghanistan	India	Pakistan
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Europe

Albania	Croatia	Poland
Armenia	Czech Republic	Romania
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Russia
Belarus	Hungary	Serbia & Montenegro
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Kazakhstan	
Bulgaria	Macedonia	
	Moldova	

Slovakia	Tajikistan	Ukraine
Slovenia	Turkey	Uzbekistan

Near East

Algeria	Jordan	Saudi Arabia
Bahrain	Kuwait	Syria
Egypt	Lebanon	Tunisia
Iran	Libya	Unit. Arab. Emira.
Iraq	Oman	Yemen
Israel	Qatar	

Languages

Albanian	Japanese	Sinhala
Arabic (and dialects)	Kazakh	Swahili
Armenian	Khmer	Tagalog
Azeri	Korean	Tajik
Belarusian	Kurdish	Tamil
Burmese	Lingala	Thai
Cantonese	Macedonian	Turkmen
Czech	Malay	Turkish
Farsi	Mandarin	Uighur
Georgian	Mongolian	Ukrainian
Hebrew	Polish	Urdu
Hindi	Portuguese	Uzbek
Hungarian	Romanian	Vietnamese
Indonesian	Russian	
	Serbo-Croatian	

Fields of Study

Agricultural and Food Sciences
 Applied Sciences and Engineering: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics, and Physics
 Business and Economics
 Computer and Information Science
 Health and Biomedical Science
 History
 International Affairs
 Law
 Other Social Sciences: Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, and Policy Studies

ATTACHMENT B—FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS RESPONDING TO NSEP NATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT, 2000–2001

Executive Office of the President

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
 National Intelligence Council

Department of Agriculture

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

Department of Commerce

International Trade Administration: U.S. Foreign Commercial Service
 National Communications & Information Administration (NTIA): Office of International Affairs

Department of Defense

Defense Intelligence Agency
 National Security Agency
 Defense Threat Reduction Agency
 National Imagery and Mapping Agency
 Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict

Strategy and Threat Reduction
 Department of the Navy: International Programs Office

Department of Energy

Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation

Department of Health and Human Services:

Office of International and Refugee Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 Food and Drug Administration

Department of Justice

Drug Enforcement Administration
 INTERPOL
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

Department of Labor

Office of International Economic Affairs.

Department of State

Bureau of Intelligence & Research
 Office of the Legal Adviser
 Under Secretary for Global Affairs: Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs

- Bureau of Consular Affairs
- Foreign Service Institute
- Department of Transportation
 - Office of Intelligence & Security
 - U.S. Coast Guard: Office of the Commandant; and Intelligence Coordination Center
 - Federal Aviation Administration: Asst Administrator for Policy Planning & Intl Affairs
 - Federal Highway Administration: Office of International Programs
 - Maritime Administration: Associate Administrator for Policy and Intl Trade
- Department of the Treasury
 - U.S. Customs Service: Office of International Affairs
 - International Revenue Service: Office of the Commissioner, International
 - U.S. Secret Service
- Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Assistant Secretary for Public & Intergovernmental Affairs: Intergovernmental & International Affairs
 - U.S. Agency for International Development
 - Bureau for Global Programs, Field Support & Research
 - Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Broadcasting Board of Governors
 - International Broadcasting Bureau
- Export-Import Bank of the U.S.
 - Policy Group
- Federal Communications Commission
 - International Bureau
- Federal Reserve System
 - International Finance Division
- International Trade Commission
 - Office of Operations
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 - Office of Human Resources and Education
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 - Office of International Programs
- U.S. Postal Service
 - International Business

ATTACHMENT C—LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AT ADVANCED LEVELS

Language—Number of Federal Organizations

Haitian-Cr—3	Italian—3
Farsi—3	Urdu—4
Hindi—3	German—4
Vietnamese—3	Korean—5
Turkish—3	Japanese—6
Romanian—3	Portuguese—7
Ukranian—3	French—9
Serbo-Croatian—3	Mandarin—9
Bulgarian—3	Russian—12
Arabic—4	Spanish—16

Additional Languages (at the Advanced Level) Identified by Federal Organizations

Afan Oromo	Hungarian	Sengalese
Amharic	Ibo	Shona
Armenian	Indonesian	Sinhala
Azeri	Kazakh	Slovenian
Bangla	Khmer	Swahili
Belarus	Kinyarwanda	Tagalog
Burmese	Kirundi	Tajik
Czech	Kurdish	Tamil
Danish	Kyrgyz	Thai
Dari	Lao	Tibetan
Dutch	Latvian	Tigrigna
Estonian	Lingala	Turkish
Finnish	Lithuanian	Turkmen
Georgian	Malay	Uzbek
Greek	Mongul	Xhosa
Hausa	Pashto	Yoruba
Hebrew	Polish	
Hongul	Punjabi	

COMMEMORATION OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 180th anniversary of Greek Independence. On March 25, 1821, ordinary Greek citizens with a conviction for freedom rose up against their oppressors. And, much like America's patriots, they struggled against overwhelming odds and won, bringing about their independence. For this reason, I was pleased to join my colleagues in cosponsoring and passing Senate Resolution 20 which designates March 25 as Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy.

On this anniversary, Greeks and Greek-Americans can reflect on the struggle for independence and be proud. Their ancestors stood up and fought for their freedom, ending 400 years of rule by the Ottoman Empire. History is quick to forget the details and summarize the outcome. That is why remembering the sacrifices, the oppression, the battles, the poorly armed men standing outnumbered, and their victory are so important.

March 25th, however, is not just for those of Greek descent. It is a day for all who appreciate freedom and treasure democracy. Territorially, the nation of Greece is smaller than the state of Alabama. Yet, for such a small nation it has left a large mark on history and society. The Hellenes have produced many lasting societal advances and cultural contributions, art, science, philosophy, and architecture are just a few. In addition, they have had a rich and lasting impact upon politics. Democracy, the modern day pinnacle of government, was founded in Greece over two thousand years ago.

As citizens of a great democracy, we are proud to recognize the contributions of the Hellenic culture in our own nation. From the education of the Founding Fathers to the development of our Constitution, Greek ideas have shaped America. In my own state, the Greeks have been members of Rhode Island's communities for over 100 years. Originally starting as factory workers and fishermen, today's descendants of the first immigrants continue to advance both economically and professionally, contributing to our state with their hard work and active citizenship.

Therefore, on the day marking the 180th anniversary of the revolution for independence, I congratulate all Greeks and Greek-Americans and express my appreciation for their contributions and those of their ancestors.

AMERICA'S FIRST TOP SECRET HERO

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, today I had the honor of presenting a personal letter to Mr. Hiroshi H. Miyamura at an event honoring Mr. Miyamura and commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. Mr. Miyamura is a native New Mexican, a Medal of Honor recipient, and a true American hero.

In honor of Mr. Miyamura and in recognition of the events surrounding his contribution in the Korean War, I ask

unanimous consent that a copy of my letter to him and a short historical sketch about Mr. Miyamura be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MARCH 21, 2001.

Mr. MIYAMURA: I would like to thank the Fairfax-Lee chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army for inviting me to celebrate today's guest of honor. I sincerely apologize for my absence at this event.

Recognizing the awesome deeds of our men during the Korean War during the 50th Anniversary of that conflict is a humbling task. And, today, we meet to recognize the heroism of one particular soldier, Mr. Hiroshi H. Miyamura. Mr. Miyamura's story is not only one of tremendous courage, his has an element of intrigue. Mr. Miyamura is also America's first secret hero.

Mr. Miyamura is a native New Mexican, and still resides there. He enlisted in the Army during World War II and served in a unique special Japanese-American regiment, but the war ended before he saw combat. He got out of the service after WWII and went back to Udall where he married his sweetheart, who had been in an American Internment Camp during the war.

One year after reenlisting in the Army Reserves, North Korea invaded South Korea. At this time, Corporal Miyamura was activated and assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division. For his actions on the night of April 24, 1951, Mr. Miyamura was awarded the Medal of Honor. However, his citation was classified top-secret and filed away in the Department of the Army's tightest security vault. On April 25, he was captured and held as a Prisoner of War (POW) for more than twenty-seven months.

When Sergeant Miyamura, who was promoted while in captivity, was finally released on August 20, 1953, in a POW exchange between the United Nations command and the Communists, he was greeted by Brigadier General Ralph Osborne and informed for the first time that he had been awarded the Medal of Honor. According to General Osborne, the citation had been held top-secret because "if the Reds knew what he had done to a good number of their soldiers just before he was taken prisoner, they might have taken revenge on this young man. He might not have come back." Sergeant Miyamura was presented the Medal of Honor by President Eisenhower on October 27, 1953.

Words will fail to appropriately encompass the gratitude and indebtedness Americans have to Mr. Miyamura and his compatriots. The freedom and prosperity we enjoy is a constant reminder of our Veterans' contribution. As a fellow New Mexican and admirer of the sacrifices you made for our great country, I personally thank you, Mr. Hiroshi H. Miyamura.

Sincerely yours,
 PETE V. DOMENICI,
 U.S. Senator.

[From Military History, Apr. 1996]
 FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS, HIROSHI MIYAMURA'S MEDAL OF HONOR WAS A TIGHTLY GUARDED SECRET

(By Edward Hymoff)

It was the beginning of a long, chilly April night in 1951. Red Chinese bugles howled and whistles shrieked for the umpteenth time. "They're comin' again," the slightly built corporal whispered to his machine-gun detail. Flares burst above the ridge, and an enemy mortar barrage again began to creep toward the American positions.

The ghostly light of falling flares played across the face of the machine-gun section's