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L. Gordon Flake joined the Mansfield Foundation in February 1999. Previously, Flake worked as a Senior Fellow and associate director of the Program on Conflict Resolution at the Atlantic Council of the U.S. as well as the director for research and academic affairs at the Korea Economic Institute of America. He is editor of the companion volumes *One Step Back? Reassessing an Ideal Security State for Northeast Asia 2025* (Mansfield Foundation, March 2011) and *Toward an Ideal Security State for Northeast Asia 2025* (Mansfield Foundation, September 2010). He has co-edited *New Political Realities in Seoul: Working toward a Common Approach to Strengthen U.S.-Korean Relations* (Mansfield Foundation,

March 2008) with Park Roh-byug. He has authored numerous book chapters on policy issues in Asia and is a regular contributor to the U.S. and Asian press. Flake has traveled to North Korea numerous times and speaks fluent Korean as well as Laotian. He is a member of the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, and a board member of the U.S. Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (USCSCAP) and the U.S. Committee for Human Rights in North Korea. He also serves on the Advisory Council of the Korea Economic Institute of America. He received a BA degree in Korean, minor in international relations, and a MA from BYU.



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