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of

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whose 1939 book *Union Now* ushered  
in the era of  
unifying the democracies  
in the pursuit of peace

and of

Jean Monnet (1888–1979)  
who showed Europe  
how to begin

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# Foreword

This is a book which looks at the world differently – differently from the way the policy pundits, media denizens and foreign policy experts are wont to do. The author, James Huntley, rests his case on a fundamental truth, often overlooked: that the ‘foreign’ relations of the United States and its highly-developed partners are no longer ‘foreign’ in the old sense. Over the past half-century, we have become thoroughly enmeshed in one another’s economies, societies and political networks. Interdependence is no longer a convenient slogan, it is an inescapable fact of modern life for Americans and all others who aspire to keep up with a transparently interconnected world.

Our interdependence has grown out of the inexorable interlocking of modern scientific and technological development, instant communication (the Internet and Worldwide Web are merely the latest manifestations) and rapid transport of people and goods. Borders have become increasingly less relevant.

The United States has exercised world leadership since 1945 because no other nation was able to do so, nor would be accepted by the other powers. Successive US administrations used this leadership for the most part wisely by promoting, as a first priority, the institutionalization of joint effort among the democratic allies. The reason is simple: the other democracies’ views of the world and their aims and interests most closely approximated ours, and our leaders understood this. We worked together well and, in the process, began to form a series of communities of interest and joint endeavour which have stood us – and the entire world, for that matter – in good stead. The most important ties have been institutionalized and made more or less permanent in such bodies as NATO, the OECD, the European Union and their ancillaries. Moreover, much of the way the democratic allies conduct themselves in more universal bodies, such as the United Nations, reflects their open, democratic, free market goals and methods and – increasingly – world sentiment as a whole.