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ARAB AMBASSADORS JOIN TOWN HALL MEETING TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG ARABS, AMERICANS

WHAT: The Ambassador of the Arab League and a distinguished group of Arab Ambassadors to the United States will present background on their nations and cultures. Local citizens will ask questions on important issues of our time in an event organized by the Friendship Caravan.

WHO: Introduction: Hercules Pinkney, Ed.D, Vice-President and Provost
Montgomery College, Germantown Campus

Welcome: Mayor Sidney Katz, City of Gaithersburg, MD

Moderators: Michael Kirtley, President, Friendship Caravan
Jean AbiNader, Managing Director, Arab American Institute

Panelists:

- **League of Arab States to the United States,**
H.E. Ambassador Dr. Hussein Hassouna,
- **BAHRAIN:** H.E. Ambassador Khalifa Bin Ali Al-Khalifa
- **EGYPT:** H.E. Ambassador Nabil Fahmy
- **MOROCCO:** H.E. Ambassador Aziz Mekouar
- **SUDAN:** H.E. Ambassador Khidir Haroun
- **U.A.E.:** H.E. Ambassador Alasri Saeed Al-Dhahri

WHERE: MONTGOMERY COLLEGE-GERMANTOWN
High Technology & Science Center, Globe Hall
20200 Observation Drive, Germantown, MD

WHEN: Thursday, October 23, 2003, 7:30-9:00 pm

BACKGROUND

This Town Hall Meeting is presented by The Friendship Caravan, in association with Montgomery College. The Friendship Caravan is the first announced post-war program of its kind to renew and consolidate the relationship between Americans of all faiths and the Arab world in positive ways that promote the themes of the fundamental goodness and shared commonalities in all people. Arabs visiting from Bahrain and other nations of the Middle East will gather in Gaithersburg, MD from October 21-25, for meetings with local citizens and events with a particular accent on music, hospitality, and outreach to children as the basis for nurturing inter-cultural understanding. The Friendship Caravan is an American 501c3 non-profit organization. For more information, visit: www.friendshipcaravan.org.