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## EDITOR'S NOTE

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### The Last Word

It is with sincere regrets that I inform you that this is the very last issue of *Foreign Policy Bulletin* that will be published by Cambridge University Press, and likely the last issue of this journal to appear.

The economics of publishing have changed dramatically. At one time, it was virtually impossible for anyone to access all the materials presented in the pages of FPB – state department speeches, executive orders, military reviews, congressional hearings, statements by foreign leaders on U.S. policy – without spending months burrowing into the stacks in government documents in major university or public libraries. The experts at FPB did that work, and provided the key documents arranged by subject in a timely manner.

Today however, with virtually every public and government pronouncement appearing in full on the internet, the work of gathering materials is much easier, for anyone with a terminal and account. Of course, FPB still took things one step further, by editing the vast raw materials on the internet and presenting U.S. policy documents arranged by subject. Yet even that service is increasingly being performed and the results posted online by non-government organizations such as the Council on Foreign Relations, and by government organizations themselves as they improve their web presence.

The result is that university libraries are no longer willing to pay the subscription costs that have sustained publication of FPB.

They correctly argue that this material is already on the web, and that their clients, if equipped with the right web search engines and the right leads, can obtain these materials for themselves. And I have to admit that to a large degree they are right.

So rather than mourn the end of FPB, let us celebrate the arrival of a new internet-driven era of greater access to information on U.S. government policies, direct from the government itself. If we can protect and maintain that open access to information, we all benefit. My final words are thus: “stay informed.” While FPB will no longer be here to help you do that, we believe you can (and must) stay informed on your own, from the comfort of your laptop, desk workstation, or your tablet or smartphone. Do take advantage of all that is out there, and I hope you will not miss us (too much).

One final acknowledgement – I want to thank the wonderful managing editors I have had at FPB: Kevin Fandl, Callie Le Renard, and Bilal Wahab. They have done the work of turning scattered raw materials into a polished and skillfully composed and laid-out journal. They deserve your thanks as well as mine for making FPB a reality for the last five years.

Jack A. Goldstone

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