The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following honorary appointment within the General Division of the Order of Australia:

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The Honourable George Pratt Shultz was the United States Secretary of State from 1982 to 1989. During this time, and since, he has provided support, friendship and helpful advice to Australia. He had an appreciation of the value of Australia, our opinions and initiatives which meant that Australia could rely on a subtle understanding of its foreign and national security policies in the United States administration.

Mr Shultz ensured a massive flow of American information to Australia and smoothed a path for many Australian initiatives in return. These went to arms control agreements, initiatives in Indo-China, the creation of APEC, ending apartheid in South Africa and outreach to China.

More recently, Mr Shultz has been a useful interlocutor to many Australian officials and private citizens. He has also been an important source of support for Australian initiatives on nuclear non-proliferation and has made a significant contribution to increasing awareness of nuclear non-proliferation on the world stage generally.