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C-SPAN AIRS INTERVIEW WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR YURI DUBININ

Departing Diplomat Discusses His Years in Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C., May 14 -- On his final day in office, departing Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin reflects on his years in Washington during a 40-minute taped interview on C-SPAN **Tuesday, May 15, at 8pm ET.**

Mr. Dubinin discusses his tenure as ambassador and the changes in U.S.-Soviet relations that have taken place since he first came to Washington in 1986. He oversaw the opening of the Soviet embassy to reporters under Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of glasnost.

He is expected to be named the new Soviet ambassador to France.

Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, currently the Soviets' first deputy foreign minister, will replace him as the head of the Soviet embassy in Washington.

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