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Ralph Braibanti has more than 35 years experience in international affairs, including 10 years serving as director of the Department of State's Office of Space and Advanced Technology. He participated in interagency deliberations under four U.S. presidents to develop new space policies on such topics as space exploration, commercial remote sensing, space transportation, satellite navigation, national security space programs, and space cooperation with emerging space powers.

He served as chief U.S. negotiator for a number of major space cooperation agreements, including the 1998 agreement concerning cooperation on the International Space Station (with Europe, Russia, Japan, and Canada) and the 2004 agreement with Europe on GPS-Galileo cooperation. Ralph received the Warren Christopher Award, the State Department's most prestigious award for achievement in global affairs, for his leadership on integrating space activities into U.S. foreign policy objectives. He also coordinated U.S. participation in a wide variety of multilateral science and technology programs.

Braibanti has a wealth of experience fostering cooperation between the United States and other countries. Before turning to space issues in the mid-1980s, he worked overseas for eight years (in Yemen, Paraguay, and the Philippines) and held State Department positions as Cuba desk officer, El Salvador desk officer, and Latin America expert on the Secretary's policy planning staff. These varied assignments have given him exceptionally keen understanding of S&T capabilities and interests around the globe and of the challenges and opportunities for building collaboration across national boundaries.

Braibanti received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Duke University and a Master of Public Administration degree from Cornell University. He is a member of the Institute of Navigation.