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## Chairman at Stimson Center Proposes New Ideas for Empowering U.S. Diplomacy

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Ambassador Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr. has served as Chairman of the Stimson Center since 2008. He was the U.S. Special Envoy for MANPADS Threat Reduction, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs and Special Representative of the President and Secretary of State for Humanitarian Mine Action. Mr. Bloomfield has acted in other capacities in the Department of State, Department of Defense, as well as publishing two books and many articles on international affairs.

At DACOR, Mr. Bloomfield discussed possible changes the Department of State can undergo in order to increase its efficiency and effectiveness. U.S. diplomacy is the voice of America navigating the world and promoting American interests, and its role in U.S. influence is more influential than many perceive. However, its current state could be improved. While personnel numbers and funding need to be increased, the department also needs to better streamline what resources it does have. It can learn from past challenges, reorganize its structure to look at regional issues not just specific countries, and restructure the number of assistant and undersecretaries to allow leaders in the department to have closer relations with top officials.

This was a great talk for those interested in management and administration, diplomacy and governance.

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