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**FORT BENNING SOLDIERS RECEIVE A SURPRISE VISIT FROM
FAMOUS AUTHOR ROBIN MOORE**

COLUMBUS, Georgia., 27 Oct 2001— Hundreds of the Fort Benning's initial entry soldiers jammed the Target Technologies Display in the EXPO CENTER at the Buick Challenge Golf Tournament in Callaway Gardens during Military Appreciation Day this weekend to meet author Robin Moore. The Partners International Foundation, a tax-exempt organization, Target Technologies, the Xerox authorized sales agent and re-seller in Columbus, Georgia and the National Infantry Association, sponsored the book signing at the Buick Challenge to raise funds for charity. Mr. Moore is the author of over twenty-five published books that include *The Green Berets, The French Connection, Pitchman, The Devil to Pay, Hotel Tomayne, The Country Team, The Khaki Mafia, The Fifth Estate, The Moscow Connection, The Accidental Pope.*

In addition to the opportunity to meet the author and receive a personally autographed copy of his book, the soldiers had an added surprise courtesy of Mr. Steve Thomas, owner and operator of Target Technologies. Mr. Thomas and his staff took photographs of the soldiers, many with Mr. Moore in front of a giant American flag and presented one printed using XEROX's state-of-the-art printer technology. Mr. Moore personally signed the photos. When asked why he was donating so much to the effort when most companies were advertising their wares, Mr. Thomas replied: "In the near future these young men will be in harm's way fighting the war on terrorism. It's my way to show them that every American cares and prays for them every day. It's the least we can do." Mr. Moore agreed. "I came here to show my support for the young men and women who are going to be at the tip of the bayonet in this fight. We owe them this and much, much more." Mr. Moore should know. In preparation for his book, **The Green Berets**, Mr. Moore was the first and only civilian to attend and successfully complete both Airborne School and the Special Forces Qualification Course.

Mr. Moore was staying on Fort Bennis, where soldiers there received an additional surprise. Returning from the Buick Challenge through one of the many checkpoints establish to protect Fort Benning, Mr. Moore noticed many of the early entry soldiers and military police guarding the gate. When the stopped his vehicle for a the routine check, Mr. Moore gave each of

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the soldiers a personally autographed copy of **The Green Berets**, and a case of the books to distribute to their fellow soldiers. "These young men and women put their lives on the line every day in a thousand ways the rest of us American's never see. It's may way of thanking them."

Mr. Moore was in Columbus as the result of a project started by Miss Katie Morris, 14, a student at Hardaway High School. Miss Morris approached Partners International who agreed to sponsor her project to raise funds initially for children who lost a parent in the Pentagon attack on September 11th. Target Technologies, the local Columbus, Georgia Xerox reseller quickly agreed to provide all the resources necessary for the event, and the National Infantry Association supported with volunteers. "It's young adults like Katie Morris", says Moore. "Who show me our future is in very safe and capable hands."

Contributions to Miss Morris' project can also be made to Partners International Foundation through its web site at www.partners-international.org or by mail to Partners International Foundation, 41 Cedar Hill Road, Newtown, Connecticut 06470. All contributions are tax-exempt to the full extent of the law. Autographed copies of Mr. Moore's book can be obtained by contacting Partners International at partners@partners-international.org.

The National Infantry Association is a nonprofit corporation that supports the goals of the Chief of Infantry; promotes camaraderie among Infantrymen, former Infantrymen, and Infantry supporters; and preserves the Infantry heritage through support for the current, and construction of a new National Infantry Museum, through the National Infantry Foundation. Contact Dick Nurnberg, Executive Director at (706) 323-2560, by email at infantryassn@earthlink.net, on the web at www.infantryassn.com, or by mail at PO Box 2823, Columbus, Georgia 31902.

Target Technologies, is the locally owned Xerox authorized agent and reseller in Columbus, Georgia. They are donated space in their tent located in the EXPO AREA at the Buick Challenge where they demonstrated the latest in Xerox products. As part of those demonstrations, Target Technologies provided a color print taken with Robin Moore for anyone purchasing a book and free to soldiers. For more information, contact Steve Thomas, at (706) 561-3420 or by mail at 3730 University Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31907.

Hardaway High School is located at 2901 College Drive Columbus, Georgia. Contact Ms Brinker or Chris Metclafe at (706) 649-0748 for details on Mr. Moore's address to students and to arrange coverage of events at Hardaway High School.

Partners International Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization comprising professionals in the field of humanitarian assistance, including planning and operations, organizational efficiency, and quality management. The foundation's current focus is on humanitarian assistance, disaster response (to include the September 11th attacks), K-12 education support, women and children's wellness, human rights training for international military officers, and civil-military planning. Countries of interest include Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the United States. The foundation has no paid employees. Further information about Partners International can be obtained and direct donations made through its web site or by contacting them (telephone number and e-mail address above).

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