

Strobe Talbott

Strobe Talbott assumed the presidency of the Brookings Institution in July 2002 after a career in journalism, government and academe.

His immediate previous post was founding director of the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization. Before that, he served in the State Department from 1993 to 2001, first as Ambassador-at-large and special adviser to the Secretary of State for the new independent states of the former Soviet Union, then as Deputy Secretary of State for seven years.

Mr. Talbott entered government after twenty-one years with *Time* magazine. As a reporter, he covered Eastern Europe, the State Department and the White House, then was Washington bureau chief, editor-at-large and foreign affairs columnist. He was twice awarded the Edward Weintal Prize for distinguished diplomatic reporting.

His books include: *Engaging India: Diplomacy, Democracy and the Bomb*, *The Russia Hand*, *At the Highest Levels* (with Michael Beschloss), *The Master of the Game*, *Reagan and Gorbachev* (with Michael Mandelbaum), *Deadly Gambits*, *Reagan and the Russians*, and *Endgame*. He translated and edited two volumes of Nikita Khrushchev's memoirs in the early 1970s.

He has also written for *Foreign Affairs*, *The New Yorker*, *Foreign Policy*, *International Security*, *The Economist*, *The Financial Times*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *Slate*.

Mr. Talbott has been a fellow of the Yale Corporation, a trustee of the Hotchkiss School, a director of the Council on Foreign Relations, the North American Executive Committee of the Trilateral Commission, the American Association of Rhodes Scholars, and a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He is currently a member of the Aspen Strategy Group and, in 2007-2008, served as a member of the National Commission on War Powers.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1946, he was educated at Hotchkiss, Yale (B.A., '68, M.A. Hon., '76) and Oxford (M.Litt., '71). He has honorary doctorates from the Monterey Institute, Trinity College, Georgetown University and Fairfield University, and he has been awarded state orders by the presidents of Estonia, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, and Poland, and the king of Sweden.

He and his wife, Brooke Shearer, live in Washington, D.C. They have two sons.

