

Strobe Talbott

The Honorable 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. From 1993 to 2001 he served in the State Department, 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 became Washington bureau chief, editor-at-large and foreign affairs columnist.

His books include: *At the Highest Levels* (with Michael Beschloss), *The Master of the Game, Reagan and Gorbachev* (with Michael Mandelbaum), *Reagan and the Russians*, *Endgame*, and *Khrushchev Remembers*. He has also written for *Foreign Affairs*, *The New York Times*, *Foreign Policy*, *International Security*, *The Economist*, *The Financial Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *Slate*.

Mr. Talbott has been a director of the Council on Foreign Relations, the North American Executive Committee of the Trilateral Commission, the Aspen Strategy Group and the American Association of Rhodes Scholars. He is currently a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a member of the participating faculty of the World Economic Forum.

Educated at Hotchkiss, Yale (B.A., '68, M.A. Hon., '76) and Oxford (M.Litt., '71), he has honorary doctorates from the Monterrey Institute, Trinity College and Georgetown University, and he has been awarded state orders by the presidents of Lithuania and Poland. He and his wife, Brooke Shearer, live in Washington, D.C. They have two sons.