

Biography of William R. Graham



Dr. Graham received a B.S. Degree with Honors in Physics from Caltech in 1959, and a PhD. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University in 1963. He then reported for active duty as a First Lieutenant at the Air Force Weapons Laboratory, where he led a group that worked on both the analytical understanding of EMP and the simulation and testing of EMP effects on military systems.

After departing the Air Force in 1965, he joined the Physics Department of the RAND Corp., became a founder of R&D Associates in 1971, served the Reagan Administration as the Chairman of the President's

General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament from 1981 through 1985, as the Deputy and Acting Administrator of NASA from 1985 through 1986, and then moved to the Executive Office of the President as the President's Science Advisor and the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy from 1986 to 1989. He later served as the Chairman and CEO of National Security Research, Inc., from which he retired in 2005.

His honors include membership in Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Xi Honorary Societies, recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Defense Special Weapons Agency's Lifetime Achievement Award, the American Defense Preparedness Association's Strategic Defense Award, and the Aerospace Industry Association's Achievement Award.