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## **Linton Brooks Assumes Post as Deputy Administrator for NNSA Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Office**

Ambassador Linton F. Brooks was sworn in today as the Deputy Administrator for the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Office. Ambassador Brooks was nominated by President Bush on July 19, 2001 and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on October 16. NNSA carries out the national security responsibilities of the U.S. Department of Energy.

In this position, Ambassador Brooks will direct the NNSA's nonproliferation programs involving nuclear, chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction. The office promotes international nuclear safety and supports programs that ensure the security of nuclear weapons materials in Russia and other countries. The nonproliferation office also supports research and development of detection systems for biological and chemical agents.

"We are fortunate to have Linton join our senior management team," National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Administrator John Gordon said. "His knowledge, experience and leadership skills will be great assets for our nonproliferation programs, especially now, as we rise to the challenges of America's war on terrorism. I am delighted to get him on board."

Prior to joining the NNSA, Ambassador Brooks was the Vice President and Assistant to the President for Policy Analysis at the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA), a federally funded research and development center located in Alexandria, Virginia. His extensive government experience includes service as the Assistant Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Chief U.S. Negotiator for the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, Director of Arms Control for the National Security Council, and a number of Navy and Defense Department assignments.

NNSA enhances U.S. national security through the military application of nuclear energy, maintains the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile, promotes international nuclear non-proliferation and safety, reduces global danger from weapons of mass destruction, provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion, and oversees national laboratories to maintain U.S. leadership in science and technology.

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## *Ambassador Linton F. Brooks*

Prior to joining the George W. Bush Administration, Ambassador Linton F. Brooks was Vice President and Assistant to the President for Policy Analysis at the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA), a federally funded research and development center located in Alexandria, Virginia. As such, he was responsible for broad policy analyses of issues of national importance.

Prior to joining CNA, Ambassador Brooks had an extensive career in government service. During the first Bush Administration, he served as Assistant Director for Strategic and Nuclear Affairs at the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and in the State Department as Head of the United States Delegation on Nuclear and Space Talks and Chief Strategic Arms Reductions (START) Negotiator. In this latter capacity, he was responsible for final preparation of the START I Treaty, which was signed by Presidents Bush and Gorbachev in Moscow on July 31, 1991. In December 1992, he performed a similar function during the final preparation of the January 3, 1993, START II Treaty. Thereafter, he served as a consultant on START II ratification to the Clinton Administration.

Before becoming Head of the United States Delegation to the Nuclear and Space Talks in April 1991, Ambassador Brooks served for two years as Deputy Head of the Delegation, holding the rank of ambassador. He joined the delegation after spending over three years as Director of Arms Control on the staff of the National Security Council, where he was responsible, among other things, for all aspects of United States strategic arms reductions policy and nuclear testing policy during the final third of the Reagan Administration.

Ambassador Brooks' National Security Council service culminated a thirty-year military career. Prior to his retirement as a Navy captain, Ambassador Brooks served at sea in destroyers, ballistic-missile submarines and attack submarines, commanded the nuclear-powered attack submarine USS WHALE (SSN 638), and served in a variety of Washington assignments relating to nuclear policy, military strategy, and arms control.

Ambassador Brooks holds a BS in physics from Duke University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and an MA in government and politics from the University of Maryland. He is a Distinguished Graduate of the U.S. Navy War College and has published a number of prize-winning articles on naval and nuclear strategy.

The son of a career Army officer, Ambassador Brooks was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on August 15, 1938. He now resides in Vienna, Virginia with his wife, the former Barbara Julius of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The couple has two grown daughters, Julie and Kathryn.