



C. Paul Robinson

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C. Paul Robinson joined Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) in October 1990, serving as Director of Systems Analysis, then Vice President of Laboratory Development—leading the Lab’s efforts in Technology Partnerships, Quality Assurance, and Change Management. In July 1995 he was selected President of Sandia Corporation, a Lockheed Martin Company, and Director of Sandia National Laboratories. Sandia Corporation manages SNL, with principal sites in Albuquerque, NM and Livermore, CA, for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration. During his 10 years as Sandia’s President, he managed the operation and growth of SNL from a \$1.3-billion annual budget to more than \$2.4-billion and greater than 8,500 full-time employees. Under his leadership, SNL diversified its mission support activities to include larger efforts in nuclear weapons design and development, non-proliferation and material control around the world, counterterrorism, homeland security, and support for the Defense Department and intelligence communities. He developed broad and innovative strategies for partnering with universities and industry and led a major revitalization of laboratory buildings and experimental facilities. He retired from LMC and Sandia on January 31, 2006.

Robinson currently serves on the US State Department Council on International Security for Secretary Condoleeza Rice and on the Comprehensive Review of US Nuclear Weapons Command and Control for the Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates. Since 1991 he has been a member of the Strategic Advisory Group for the Commander, US Strategic Command, where he chaired the Policy Panel from 1992 to 2005. He served as the Chairman of the US Presidential Technical Advisory Group on Verification of Warhead Dismantlement and Special Nuclear Materials Controls, and on the Scientific Advisory Group on Effects for the Defense Nuclear Agency, as well as the Defense Threat Reduction Advisory Committee. He has served on the NASA Advisory Council, on several Defense Science Board studies, and routinely provides advice to many other government agencies. He has testified before the US Congress more than 80 times.

Appointed by President Ronald Reagan, confirmed by the US Senate, and reappointed by President George H.W. Bush; Ambassador Robinson served as Chief Negotiator and head of the US Delegation to the US/USSR Nuclear Testing Talks in Geneva from 1988-90. These negotiations produced Protocols to the “Threshold Test Ban Treaty” and the "Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty." Both, along with the treaties, were ratified unanimously by the US Senate and are in force between the US and the Commonwealth of Independent States. The Joint Verification Experiment, which he negotiated and carried out in 1988, laid the foundation for much of today's US/Russian Lab-to-Lab efforts. Robinson currently serves on the Nevada Test Site Advisory Council.

From 1985-88, Robinson was Senior Vice President, Principal Scientist, and Board Member of Ebasco Services, Inc., a major New York-based engineering and construction firm. He spent much of his early career (1967-85) at the Los Alamos National Laboratory serving in the Nuclear Test Division, the Advanced Concepts Group, led the Laser Spectroscopy and Isotope Separation Division (AP), and led the nuclear weapons and other defense programs.

Dr. Robinson was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1998. He received the Outstanding Public Service Medal from the Joint Chiefs of Staff for *contributions to strategic forces*, the Smyth Nuclear Statesman Award from the American Nuclear Society for *40 years of contributions to national nuclear efforts*, the American Physical Society Pake Prize for *outstanding leadership and research accomplishments*, the New Mexico Governor’s Distinguished Citizen Award (twice), and the Department of Energy Secretary’s Gold Award. He has also served as a trustee of the Kazakhstan Nonproliferation Institute.

Dr. Robinson earned a B.S. in Physics from Christian Brothers College and a Ph.D. in Physics from Florida State University, and also received an honorary doctorate from Christian Brothers University.