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Resume of DARNELL M. WHITT II

Darnell Whitt was born in Missouri on 17 May 1937. He graduated from Harvard College (in the honors program on organic chemistry), studied abroad with fellowships twice, and earned his doctorate (in politics and economics) from Johns Hopkins University. During the early 1960s, he served at sea as a Destroyer officer with tours in the Mediterranean, Atlantic, and East Asia.



Thereafter, he held civilian posts in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the US diplomatic mission to NATO in Paris and Brussels, and the Department of State; plus he taught and published research at the School of Advanced International Studies in the Johns Hopkins University and later at the School of Foreign Service in the Georgetown University. He was also Executive Director of the Committee of Nine, a distinguished group of international experts which reassessed European-American relations.

For eleven years, he served as Intelligence Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, the Pentagon's third-ranking official who directs the Defense Department's role in the national security decision-making process. Before leaving this appointment, Dr. Whitt coordinated Executive Branch analyses and support for the President's national bipartisan Commission on Integrated Long-Term Strategy. For distinguished performance in these assignments, he was twice awarded the Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, by the Secretary of Defense for President Carter in 1981 and by the Secretary of Defense for President Reagan in 1988.

He has contributed to published and unpublished studies by the Atlantic Council of the United States, the Brookings Institution, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, various committees of the Congress, as well as other organizations; and he is author of Detente Diplomacy: United States and European Security in the 1970s and Quarrel on the Rhine: Intra-Alliance Diplomacy in an Interdependent World.

Among other affiliations, he has been a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London) since 1965 and the Editorial Advisory Board of The Atlantic Community Quarterly since 1971. Qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer, he has more than 35 years of naval service -- with ten years as Captain in the Naval Reserve.

Dr. Whitt was appointed Associate Professor of Defense Policy at the Defense Resources Management Education Center in 1988; his teaching and research interests include the assessment of ambiguous threats, the implications for US defense policy of underlying trends in American alignments, the burdens and benefits of making overseas commitments seem credible, and force planning in an era of military retrenchment.