

Lehman, Christopher M.: Files, 1983-1985

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Textual

Biography

Brief Biography

Christopher Lehman is a former public official and an active neo-conservative, writing opinion pieces and editorials on national security policy issues.

Christopher Lehman was born in the 1950s in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is the youngest of the three Lehman brothers prominently involved with the Reagan Administration. His oldest brother, John Lehman, was the Secretary of the Navy and is known as the proponent of the "600-ship" navy. Their middle brother, Joseph Lehman was the chief spokesperson for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA). The Lehman family are first cousins once removed of actress Grace Kelly, the former Princess of Monaco.

Christopher Lehman began his public service as a staff member of the Senate Armed Services Committee under Senator Robert Byrd of Virginia and then from 1979-1981 for Senator John Warner of Virginia. At the State Department, Lehman was the Director of the Office of Strategic Nuclear Policy in the Department's Bureau of Poltico-Military Affairs. From 1983-1985, Lehman was a Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and was the Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs at the NSC. In those years he worked to get Congress to pass the MX missile funding, funding for the Nicaraguan Contra fighters, defense budgeting and arms control issues.

Leaving the White House, Lehman began work for the Black, Manafort, Stone and Kelly public relations and lobbying firm. He has continued to work in this area and his latest job known is with Commonwealth Consulting.

Lehman was reported in the press as part of the neo-conservative thinkers who strongly backed the Iraq war and was a part of a group centered on Douglas Feith at the Defense Department pushing these views. He continues to write opinion pieces and articles on defense and security issues such as maintaining a competent navy and pushing back on Chinese aggression.

Scope and Content Note

The Christopher Lehman collection consists of four series: SERIES I: Subject File, SERIES II: Central America File, SERIES III: MX File, and SERIES IV: Chronological File.

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OPEN

Blue Ribbon Commission on NTL Defense (Congressman

Dickinson)

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CLOSED

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CLOSED START and Build-Down 10/03/1983 (Binder) (1)(2)

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OPEN Strategic Doctrine

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