



Janka, Leslie A. "Les": Files, 1983

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Biography

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Leslie “Les” A. Janka is President of Quincy International LLC, Saudi Arabia, resident in Riyadh Saudi Arabia.. Janka is a frequent writer and lecturer on the Washington political scene, specializing in international affairs and the formulation of U.S. foreign and defense policy.

A graduate of the University of Redlands, Janka received a Masters Degree in International Relations and Middle East Studies from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

Janka worked for the United States Information Agency from 1964 to 1968 and was Assistant Dean of the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University from 1968 to 1971. He was appointed as a staff assistant to Henry Kissinger, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs serving from 1971-1975. Janka became a senior staff member of the National Security Council Staff Member for Legislative and Public Affairs in 1975-1976. He moved to the Pentagon 1976 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near Eastern and African Affairs. Between 1978 and 1982, he worked for DGA International, a consultant assisting European corporations in marketing advanced military technology to the Pentagon.

He was appointed a Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary for Foreign Affairs and began work on September 1, 1983. He remained at the White House for only two months.

In 1984, he founded the Council for American-Saudi Dialogue, a foreign policy lobbying and public affairs consulting firm.

Prior to joining Quincy International, Janka was President of Raytheon Arabian Systems Company in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Prior to managing his independent consulting firm, Les Janka International from 1995 to 2007, he directed the international practice of the energy utility and telecommunications specialty consulting unit of Arthur Anderson, LLP.

He was born June 9, 1940, in San Bernardino, Calif. He is married to the former Michele Reich

Scope and Content Note

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Chronological File and SERIES II: Asian Trip Subject File.

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