

LIEUTENANT GENERAL DANIEL O. GRAHAM
US Army, Retired (Deceased)



LTG Graham graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1946. As a Quartermaster officer he participated in the Berlin airlift in 1949. He served tours as Commander of the Quartermaster 41st Depot Group Europe from 1950-1951 and then commanded the Parachute Maintenance Company of the 11th Airborne Division.

Assigned as a member of the staff and faculty at the psychological warfare school from 1954-1955, LTG Graham branch transferred to Military Intelligence (MI). He joined the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, became Russian language-qualified and was assigned as the estimator of Soviet affairs. After a tour with the Central Intelligence Agency's

(CIA) Joint Support Group in 1963, LTG Graham became the Chief of Current Intelligence Indications and Estimates Branch at Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) from 1967 to 1968. He worked as the Deputy Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) from 1969 to 1973 and Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Affairs at the CIA from 1973 to 1974. As the Director of DIA from September 1974 until his retirement in December 1975, LTG Graham oversaw a comprehensive overhaul of DIA production functions, organization, and management.

After retirement from the Army, LTG Graham became a research professor at the University of Miami. He served as a military advisor to Ronald Reagan in both the 1976 and 1980 campaigns. At the President's request in 1982, LTG Graham published a report entitled, "High Frontier: A New National Strategy." It sought answers in technology, particularly space technology, to the strategic problems that plagued the United States and the world. In particular, Graham endorsed the abandonment of the strategy of Mutually Assured Destruction, seeking instead a strategy for Assured Survival through the creation of effective defenses against ballistic missiles. His findings were instrumental in the development of President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative known as the "STAR WARS" space plan.

LTG Graham was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal, the Legion of Merit (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the National Armed Services Award, presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

LTG Graham was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 1988. He passed away in December 1995.

In 1995, LTG Graham published an autobiography, Confessions of a Cold Warrior, which tells his story from West Point to DIA, and also addresses the mistakes made in the intelligence community during the Vietnam War.



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