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## INTRODUCING...

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### William Brock

1988-Present The Brock Offices - specializing in human resource development and international trade and investment.

1985-1987 United States Secretary of Labor

1981-1985 United States Trade Representative

1977-1980 Chairman, The Republican National Committee

1971-1977 United States Senate – Tennessee

1963-1971 Member of Congress – Third District of Tennessee

Following his 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, Bill Brock was

elected Chairman of the Republican National Committee. He left that responsibility to join President Reagan's Cabinet in 1981 as the United States Trade Representative. Brock initiated the first free trade agreements ever negotiated by the United States and was recognized (by The Financial Times of London, along with three others) as a principal 'father' of the Uruguay Round of Trade Negotiations and the World Trade Organization.

As the United States Trade Representative, then Ambassador Brock was largely responsible for the expansion of the world's international trade rules to encompass, for the first time, intellectual property, services, and investment, issues of paramount interest to this nation. To achieve these reforms, coordinate the activities of the more advanced trading nations, and facilitate

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more open trade generally, he created the Quad Forum (a quarterly informal meeting of the Trade Ministers of Europe, Japan, Canada, and the United States), the Rio Group (the Trade and Finance Ministers of the seventeen largest trading nations), and co-founded the Eminent Persons Group composed of senior Ministers from Asia, Europe, and the Americas to pursue the cause of global trade liberalization and promote the expansion of the World Trade Organization.

As Secretary of Labor, he was widely praised for his leadership in restoring the Department from a virtual state of collapse. Among his other initiatives, he sponsored the landmark study of workforce and workplace trends in a global economy entitled Workforce 2000.

Senator Brock subsequently co-chaired the National Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce and its widely heralded report, America's Choice: High Skills or Low Wages, chaired The Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS), whose report and recommendations set a new course for elementary and secondary education, the Wingspread Group on Higher Education, and its report An American Imperative: Higher Expectations for Higher Education, and co-edited (with Robert Hormats) "The Global Economy."

These and related activities led the National Academy of Human Resources to award him its highest award for "outstanding life achievement in advancing human development." Senator Brock currently serves on the Board of Directors of: HealthExtras, as a member of the Executive Committee and also the Audit Committee; Strayer University, a 28 campus for-profit university system, as chair of the Governance and Nominations Committee; ResCare, the nation's leading provider of support services for people with disabilities and special needs, as a member of the board; and On Assignment, as a member of the Compensation Committee.

One of four founders of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), Senator Brock chaired this organization during much of the time that the nascent democratic movements, funded by the NED, became significant catalysts in the collapse of the Socialist world. He is Senior Counselor and Trustee of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC.

Presently, his time is devoted to his role as co-leader of the National Center on Education and the Economy's effort to dramatically transform the entire US education and training system – as described in its' just published report: "Tough Choices, or Tough Times".



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