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Summary information

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After discharge, he received an undergraduate degree from New York University in 1947, a master's from Columbia University in 1949 and a doctorate from Georgetown University in 1961. He became an analyst with the Rand Corp. in Washington in 1954 and in 1959 transferred to Rand's Santa Monica, Calif., branch, where he began to develop his ideas on civil defense. He also advised President Lyndon B. Johnson's administration on military policy in Vietnam.

In 1969, he moved to the University of Miami's Center for Advanced International Studies, where he was director of Soviet studies. In 1980, he joined Science Applications International Corp., a McLean consulting firm, and was director of Russian and Central Eurasian studies until his retirement in 2004. He was the author or co-author of more than a dozen books, including "The Siege of Leningrad" (1962) and "Civil Defense in the Soviet Union" (1962).

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