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### Edward M. Ifft, Ph. D. - Class of 1955



When the United States and Russia resumed Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) in 1990 in Geneva, Ifft was the senior State Department representative and the only delegate on either side who was at the first Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT I) in 1969.

Shortly after the START Treaty was signed in 1991, Ifft moved on the On-Site Inspection Agency as Deputy Director. The agency monitors all U.S. arms control agreement inspections. A graduate of Antioch College, Ifft received a Ph.D. in physics in 1967 from Ohio State University and joined the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. He later moved to the State Department. From 1978 to 1981 Ifft was chief of the Office of International Program Policy in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

In 1989 Ifft was recognized by President George Bush as a Meritorious Executive, one of six State Department members of the top-level Senior Executive Service. Ifft is the author of a chapter in the book *Avoidance and Settlement of Arms Control Disputes* published by the United Nations in 1994. A resident of Falls Church, VA, Ifft attended the former Institute Hill Elementary School. His parents reside in Butler.