Leader and statesman, MICHAEL CHER-TOFF's greatest successes have earned few headlines — because the important news is what didn't happen. Serving as 2nd Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Mr. Chertoff oversaw the federal behemoth operating 22 agencies and 218,000 employees, and faced the daunting task of managing the risk of numerous threats to America's security.



Secretary Chertoff worked to strengthen American borders; provide intelligence analysis and infrastructure protection; increased the Department's focus on preparedness ahead of disasters; implemented enhanced security at airports and borders; and spearheaded a national cyber security strategy. Following Hurricane Katrina, then Secretary Chertoff transformed FEMA into an effective organization. He also served periodically on the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council, and on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

Mr. Chertoff is Founder and Chairman of The Chertoff Group, a security and risk management firm, where he provides high-level strategic counsel to corporate and government leaders on a broad range of security issues, from risk identification and prevention to preparedness, response and recovery.

Mr. Chertoff is a graduate of Harvard College (1975) and Harvard Law School (1978). From 1979-1980 he served as a clerk to Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, Jr. Former Secretary Chertoff is married to Meryl Justin and has two children.

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