

GERALD S. “JERRY” BLAINE

Professional background

For the past 35 years he has been a senior security executive for IBM and ARCO International Gas and Oil. Since his retirement in 1999 he has consulted as an independent and with Hill & Associates. Prior to joining IBM he served in the US Navy during the Korean War and later as a special agent in the United States Secret Service assigned to the White House detail under Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson. Mr. Blaine joined IBM as a marketing representative in 1964 specializing as an IBM Industry Consultant in Law Enforcement and Intelligence for 10 years. During this period he assisted in the design of the National Crime Information Center (FBI) and “Walnut” the CIA linkage and information center. He designed and created the specifications for a law enforcement mobile terminal, a fingerprint scanner and a resource allocation system. He lectured worldwide and was an author on the use of computers in Criminal Justice and Intelligence. Mr. Blaine was appointed an IBM Security Director in 1974 when IBM sustained a series of trade secret thefts.

His security assignments at IBM included Director of Security for manufacturing and development; America’s Far East Division; Worldwide Security Operations and IBM United States. His last assignment prior to retiring from IBM was with the Government Relations office in Washington D.C. where he lobbied for a Federal Trade Secret Law and was on loan to the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) at the US Department of State during the gulf war. He retired from IBM in 1991.

Mr. Blaine Joined ARCO International Oil and Gas in Dallas as Director – International Security, Government Relations and Foreign affairs in 1991. Responsibilities included personal, physical and Intellectual Security, Country start-up planning, personnel protection, Investigations, crisis management and establishing liaison with foreign governments. He retired in April of 1999.

Education and professional associations

Mr. Blaine holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from the University of Colorado. He is the past President of Former Agents of US Secret Service Association and served as Chairman of the Computer Security Committee for the American Society of Industrial Security, where he also served on the terrorism committee. He served on the Private Sector Advisory Council of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and was a member of ISMA (International Security Managers Association). He served as a member of the OSAC (Overseas Security Advisory Council) representative. Mr. Blaine served as a board member of the Intellectual property Institute.

Global Experience

With IBM, Mr. Blaine had responsibility for World Wide security operations related to Intellectual property protection and crisis management. He was also responsible for the security of all personnel and facilities in Canada, the Far East and Central and South America including Mexico. His responsibilities included the major manufacturing plants and development labs in Europe.

Mr. Blaine directed security operations for ARCO in the following countries: Algeria, Pakistan, Syria, Egypt, Turkey, Tunisia, Yemen, Oman, Qatar, UAE, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Georgia, Russia, Romania, United Kingdom, South Africa, Mozambique, Angola, Ethiopia, Congo, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brunei, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Myanmar.

During his career he has been responsible for Crisis management planning and implementation for man made and natural disasters. During the Gulf War, while on loan to the State Department, he coordinated the private sector evacuation of oil worker personnel and dependents from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

During his IBM career he was involved in personnel evacuations in Vietnam and Uganda. He established a crisis management plan for Mexico utilizing short wave radio communication that served as the communication link for corporate and government agencies during the 1985 earthquake in Mexico City when the telephone system was destroyed. He also had to coordinate security in Argentina during the dirty war, Chile during the Allende terrorist crisis, Peru with the Sendero Luminosa, and the kidnapping environment of Colombia and Brazil.

During his ARCO career he coordinated evacuations from the Congo, Yemen, Georgia and Indonesia. Crisis management was the major focus since most of the countries where ARCO operated were either at war or under a terrorist threat.

Consulting specialties

Mr. Blaine specializes in Crisis Management planning, implementation and execution/resolution, Threat Assessment and Intellectual property protection.