



Walter F. Mondale record of public service includes: vice president of the United States, U.S. ambassador to Japan, and U.S. senator and attorney general for the State of Minnesota. He was also the Democratic Party nominee for U.S. president in 1984. He is currently a partner with the law firm of Dorsey & Whitney LLP, headquartered in Minneapolis with 16 offices worldwide. He serves as chair of the firm Asia Law Practice Group. In March 1998, serving as President Clinton special envoy, Mondale traveled to Indonesia to meet with then-President Suharto regarding the Asian financial crisis and economic reforms in Indonesia. Walter Frederick (Fritz) Mondale was born in Ceylon, Minnesota, on January 5, 1928, the son of Theodore Sigvaard Mondale and Claribel Cowan Mondale. He spent his boyhood in the small towns of southern Minnesota, where he attended public schools. After he helped manage Hubert H. Humphrey first successful U.S. Senate campaign in 1948, he earned his BA in political science from the University of Minnesota in 1951. After completing service as a corporal in the U.S. Army, he received his LLB (cum laude) from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1956, having served on the law review and as a law clerk in the Minnesota Supreme Court. Mondale practiced law for the next four years in Minneapolis. In 1960, Minnesota Governor Orville Freeman appointed him to the position of State attorney general. Mondale was then elected to the office in 1962, and served until 1964, when Governor Karl Rolvaag asked him to fill the U.S. Senate vacancy created by Hubert Humphrey election to the vice presidency. The voters of Minnesota returned Mondale to the Senate in 1966 and 1972. During his 12 years as a senator, Mondale served on the Finance Committee, the Labor and Publi...

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