American Diplomat Who Led Arms Talks With Soviet Union Dies at 92

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Max Kampelman, an American diplomat famous for leading arms talks with the Soviet Union during the Reagan administration, died at 92 of congestive heart failure.

He died at his home in Washington on Friday, The New York Times reported.

In 1984, having no previous experience in negotiating arms control, he was appointed head of the American delegation for negotiations with the Soviet Union in Geneva. Those negotiations led to the 1991 signing of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

Ahead of the negotiations, he said of the Soviet Union: "We cannot wish it away. It is here, and it is militarily powerful. We share the same globe. We must try to find a formula under which we can live together in dignity. We must engage in that pursuit of peace without illusion but with persistence, regardless of provocation."

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