

About the Author

Gordon Tullock (link) has just retired as the University Professor of Law and Economics and Distinguished Research Fellow at the James M Buchanan Center for Political Economy, George Mason University. He has taught at the University of South Carolina, University of Virginia, Rice University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and University of Arizona. His book, *The Calculus of Consent* (1962), cowritten with Nobel Laureate James M Buchanan, is a founding text of the public choice movement. Dr Tullock's recent book *Open Secrets of American Foreign Policy* was published by World Scientific Publishing Co.

Brief Biography by Dr Gordon Tullock

I was born in Rockford Illinois in 1922. With the exception of one winter in Florida with my parents, I stayed there and attended the Rockford Public Schools. I then went to the University of Chicago and began in their law school. In my second year, I was drafted and served in the rear echelon of an infantry division in France. On being discharged, I went back to law school. On graduation I took a job in a downtown law firm.

I had passed the Foreign Service exam and decided to join the foreign service. I was sent to Tientsin, China shortly before the communists captured the place. After a year, I was sent back to the United States, and was sent to Yale and Cornell to study Chinese. I then went to China as a Vice Consul. I was transferred to our embassy in Korea, and after about a year, I returned to Washington. I resigned in order to write a book. I then got an academic job and began writing a book. Since then, I have held academic posts in several universities and have written about 20 books. I am now retired but intend to continue writing.

I now live with my sister and brother-in-law in Tucson Arizona.