The Colonel: The Life and Wars of Henry Stimson, 1867-1950

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See also. Stimson (SSBN-655) — USS Henry L. Stimson (SSBN 655), a Benjamin Franklin class ballistic missile submarine, was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for Henry L. Stimson (1867–1950), who served as Secretary of State and of War. Her keel was laid down on 4 September 1965, and she was commissioned as the eighth SSBN of the United States Navy on 21 October 1967. Henry Lewis Stimson was a lawyer and a distinguished public servant, occupying key posts in the administrations of five presidents between 1911 and 1945. As secretary of state, he sought disarmament, while as secretary of war he advocated the use of the atomic bomb against Japan in World War II. Stimson was born on September 21, 1867, in New York City.