

TURMOIL & TRIUMPH

THE GEORGE SHULTZ YEARS

About the Producers

DAVID deVRIES (Producer, Writer, Director) has produced, directed, written and often photographed television documentaries in thirty-one countries for American and international networks. His credits include the four-hour *T.R.: An American Lion* for The History Channel (winner of a 2003 CINE Special Jury Award for Best Historical Documentary); the Emmy nominated *Egypt: Beyond the Pyramids*, also for The History Channel, and *The True Story of the Bridge on the River Kwai*. His more recent work includes *Fields of Freedom*, a four million dollar, wide screen film, which he wrote and directed for a new visitor center at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. In 2008, David was again nominated for an Emmy, this time for writing the two-hour History Channel special, *Life Without People*.

THOMAS SKINNER (Executive Producer) is Senior Executive Producer at Free To Choose Media where he served as Developer and Co-Writer of *The Power of Choice: The Life and Ideas of Milton Friedman* and developer and co-writer of *The Ultimate Resource* and *The Power of the Poor* with Hernando de Soto. Skinner is an award-winning television and film executive with over 45 years of experience in public and commercial broadcasting. He is an experienced innovator and administrator with a solid academic background and extensive national production credentials. From 1970 through 1993 he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of QED Communications in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he also served as Co-Executive Producer of 16 seasons of *National Geographic Specials*, the Emmy-award winning *Planet Earth*, *The Infinite Voyage* and many other series and specials for PBS. Beginning in 1993, he joined Resolution Productions in Burlington, Vermont where as Vice President for Programming he created several series for TBS, A&E and Discovery including *Pirate Tales*, *Floating Palaces*, *California and the Dream Seekers*, *The Story of Money*, *Battleship*, and *The Secret World of Air Freight*.

Skinner taught at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and at San Diego State University. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards including four national Emmy awards, three Peabody Awards, a Dupont/Columbia Award and was Director of the Academy Award winning film *Journey Into Self*.

BOB CHITESTER (Executive Producer) has more than forty years experience in television management, program development and production. He is the founder, President and CEO of Free To Choose Media, izzit.org (formerly In the Classroom Media) and The Idea Channel, operating divisions of the Free To Choose Network, a 501-c-3 public foundation. He is founder and is CEO of Chitester Creative Associates, a private television production company. Chitester conceived and led the

development of *Free To Choose*, Milton Friedman's award winning PBS television series and the best selling book derived from the series. Creatively, Bob also serves as Executive Producer of programs and series for Free To Choose Media, most recently for the PBS special *The Power of Choice: The Life and Ideas of Milton Friedman*, and *The Ultimate Resource*. Chitester holds a B.A. and M.A. degree from the University of Michigan, and received an honorary Doctor of Literature degree from Allegheny College.

