

# Warren Christopher Quotes

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When I was a very young lawyer, I had a senior partner who advised me never to get mad, except on purpose.

~Warren Christopher

Environmental degradation, overpopulation, refugees, narcotics, terrorism, world crime movements, and organized crime are worldwide problems that don't stop at a nation's borders.

~Warren Christopher

I wish the meeting had been as good as the lunch.

~Warren Christopher

It will be undertaken, of course, in the June or July summit, and then to bring NATO closer to Russia or vice versa is a way to move toward integration - toward the integration of Europe.

~Warren Christopher

One always wonders about roads not taken.

~Warren Christopher

It's been President Clinton's dream that we'll have finally a fully integrated Europe.

~Warren Christopher

We've had it very clear to the Bosnians that our obligation to equip and train their forces is completely conditional on the foreign forces being gone.

~Warren Christopher

I was born in a very small town in North Dakota, a town of only about 350 people. I lived there until I was 13. It was a marvelous advantage to grow up in a small town where you knew everybody.

~Warren Christopher

I'm very skeptical about the good intentions of Milosevic.

~Warren Christopher

I'm very much in favor of focused responsibility, and so in the main areas that I'm worried about, I try to have a single person who is basically the key person in that area.

~Warren Christopher

My father was a small-town banker. He became very ill when I was 10 years old, and we went to California three years later in an attempt to recover his health, which never happened.

~Warren Christopher

Sometimes you have to learn how to give the right answer to the wrong question.

~Warren Christopher

I've got many close friends, but there's an awful lot about friendship that is not demonstrative in my case.

~Warren Christopher

It's very important not to lose your temper in a courtroom, or in anything else you're doing.

~Warren Christopher

Only two countries in this hemisphere are not democratic, but many countries in both Central and South America, and in the Caribbean, are really fragile democracies.

~Warren Christopher

We see considerable strain in Russia, and that's obviously a matter of concern to us. It's in the very strong self-interest of Russia to continue on the reform path.

~Warren Christopher

I think before 1997 is over, NATO will have taken giant strides in what's called adaptation, the discussions about bringing the French fully into the NATO forces.

~Warren Christopher

The Palestinian election is something that was really a turning point. It's a mandate for peace.

~Warren Christopher

The NATO forces will, to the extent that they have capacity, assist the war crimes tribunal.

~Warren Christopher

It's very important to always put things in their historical contexts. It teaches important lessons about the country in question.

~Warren Christopher

An independent and free media is essential to ensure democracy.

~Warren Christopher

Probably the most useful thing I can do as secretary of state is to assist the president in adapting and renewing the transnational institutions that were created after World War II.

~Warren Christopher

My clerkship with Justice Douglas was tremendously important. He told me, Christopher, get out into the stream of history and see what happens. I've tried to follow that advice.

~Warren Christopher

I ask the Philippines Government to put an end to journalists' killings by giving journalists' safety the priority it deserves.

~Warren Christopher

I don't want to talk about intelligence matters. I will say, however, that intelligence-community estimates should not become public in the way of this city and in the way of Congress.

~Warren Christopher

It was helpful to have the American troops there in great strength. They knew there'd be consequences if they didn't move back. Now, there has been some removal of the foreign forces.

~Warren Christopher

Both sides were supposed to release all their prisoners, those were unconditional. There was some prisoner release that took place but it's not been satisfactory.

~Warren Christopher

Despite the demands of this job, one of the things my wife and I try to do is to spend time together alone. And one of the things we really enjoy doing together is seeing a good movie.

~Warren Christopher

The United States has done more for the war crimes tribunal than any other country in the world. We're turning over all the information we have, including intelligence information.

~Warren Christopher

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