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**JAMES H. DOUGLAS**

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James Henderson Douglas was nominated by President Eisenhower to be Secretary of the Air Force on March 26, 1957 and was sworn into office by the President on May 1, 1957. Secretary Douglas had served as Under Secretary of the Air Force from March 3, 1953. On December 10, 1959, he took office as Deputy Secretary of Defense and retired from that office on January 20, 1961. He was awarded the Medal of Freedom.

Secretary Douglas was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on March 11, 1899. During 1918, he was on active duty as an Army second lieutenant at Camp Hancock, Georgia. He graduated from Princeton University in 1920, studied at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, England for one year, and received his LL.B. degree from the Harvard Law School in 1924. He has honorary LL.D. degrees from Princeton University, Lake College, Cambridge.

Mr. Douglas was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1925 and practiced at Chicago with the law firm of Winston, Strawn and Shaw. In 1929, he joined Field Glore and Company, investment bankers. From March, 1932 to June, 1933, he served as Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, and in 1934 became a member of the Gardner, Carton & Douglas law firm.

During World War II, Secretary Douglas served three and a half years as a major, lieutenant colonel and colonel in the Air Force. During most of this service, he was Deputy Chief of Staff of the

Air Transport Command and he completed the period as Chief of Staff, Air Transport Command. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

In 1946, Mr. Douglas returned to Gardner, Carton & Douglas, and from 1946 to 1948 was also a member of the law firm of Douglas, Proctor, MacIntyre and Gates, of Washington, D. C.

Prior to his appointment as Under Secretary, Mr. Douglas was a Director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the Chicago Title and Trust Company, American Airlines, Inc., and the Chicago Corporation. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago. He was a board member of the Fund for Advancement of Education, the Fund for the Republic, and the executive board of The Boy Scouts of America. He has been President of the Commercial Club of Chicago, President of the Community Fund of Chicago, Vice Chairman of the Illinois Public Aid Commission (1941), and President of the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America. He also belongs to the American, Illinois, Chicago and District of Columbia Bar Association.

Mr. Douglas married Grace Farwell McGann on November 26, 1927, and they had four sons—James H., III; Robert Stuart; John Bruce and David Ogden. She died February 1, 1949 and he married Elinor Thompson Donaldson, September 2, 1950. His home is in Lake Forest, Illinois.

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