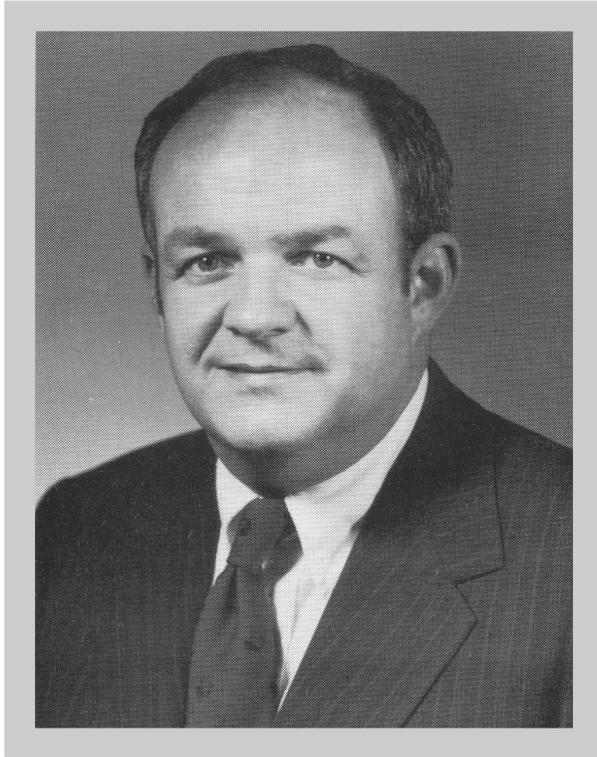




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SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

THOMAS C. REED

Thomas C. Reed

Mr. Thomas C. Reed became Secretary of the Air Force on January 2, 1976. Prior to his appointment, he was Director of the Telecommunications and Command and Control Systems in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Mr. Reed served as Secretary of the Air Force until April 5, 1977, when he became Chairman of the Department of Energy Activation Task Force. He served in that capacity until the Department of Energy was established on October 1, 1977.

Mr. Reed was born in New York City, NY, on March 1, 1934. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University, graduating first in his class in 1956. As an undergraduate, he was enrolled in Cornell's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program and was the highest ranking officer, cadet colonel, during this senior year. He was designated a distinguished military graduate and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force upon graduation.

Mr. Reed began active duty with the Air Force in November 1956 and served until 1959 as technical project officer for the Minuteman Re-Entry Vehicle System with the Air Force's Ballistic Missile Division. While on this assignment, he attended the University of Southern California during off-duty hours and earned a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering.

In 1959 he was assigned to the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory of the University of California, engaged in thermonuclear weapons physics. He was released from active duty with the Air Force in May 1961, but he rejoined the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory as a civilian for the 1962 test series, continuing there as a consultant until 1967.

In 1962, Mr. Reed organized Supercon Ltd. of Houston, Texas, as its managing partner. That company developed and produces alloys superconducting at cryogenic temperatures.

While maintaining an interest in Supercon Ltd., Mr. Reed organized the Quaker Hill Development Corporation at San Rafael, California in 1965, and served as its Treasurer, President and Chairman. Quaker Hill has agricultural, recreational and construction projects in California and Colorado.

Mr. Reed initially joined the Department of Defense as an Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense in 1973, and was appointed Director of Telecommunications and Command and Control Systems in February 1974.

Following his service with the Department of Energy Activation Task Force, Mr. Reed returned to his business at Quaker Hill, adding the duties of Chairman and C.E.O. of the River Oaks Agricornp.

During the period of 1982-83 Mr. Reed joined the National Security Council staff and served as a Special Assistant to the President of the United States. His areas of responsibility included Defense Policy, Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence, and Strategic Forces. In the latter capacity, Mr. Reed helped organize the President's "Scowcraft Commission on Strategic Forces," served as its Vice Chairman, and was instrumental in building a consensus that led to Congressional approval of the Peacekeeper (MX) Missile Program

Mr. Reed was the sparkplug for modernizing the strategic forces of the USAF. He was the leader in convincing Congress of the need for the B-1 production. He signed the first B-1 production order in December 1976, authorized full-scale development of the Peacekeeper (MX) in 1976 and personally directed efforts that led to its production approval.

Mr. Reed is the son of Gordon W. and Naomi (Bradley) Reed. He is married to the former Leslie Jean Papenfus. They have three children: Carolyn, Gordon, and Andrew.

The Falcon Foundation,

It is a pleasure for the Gertrude Skelly Trust to establish scholarships in honor of Secretaries of the United States Air Force. Their outstanding civilian leadership through the years has been a key to the strength of our Nation's military posture. It is only fitting that these leaders be recognized and honored by the award, each year, of scholarships to deserving sons or daughters of career military personnel who will become the future leaders in our Air Force.

It is our privilege to establish this scholarship, in perpetuity, honoring Thomas C. Reed, Secretary of the United States Air Force (2 January 1976 to 5 April 1977).

Sincerely,

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