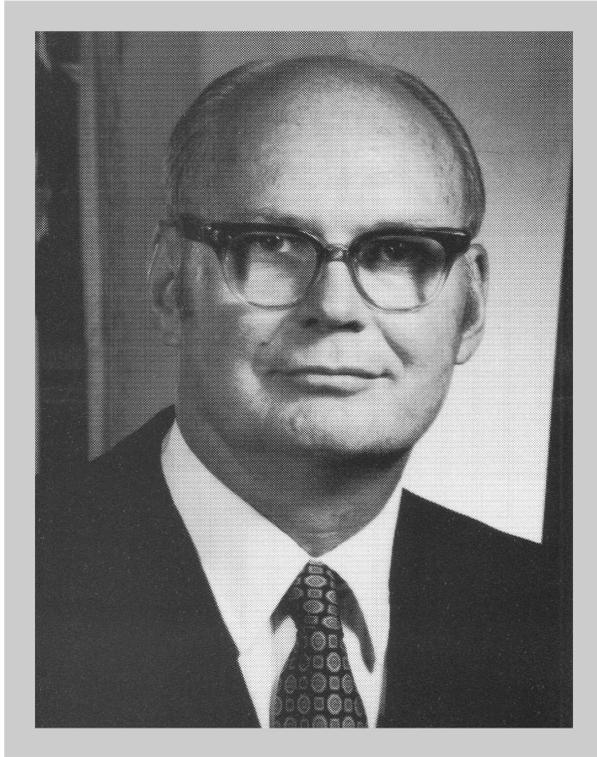




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SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

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Dr. John L. McLucas became the tenth Secretary of the Air Force on July 19, 1973. He had been Acting Secretary of the Air Force since May 15, 1973, and Under Secretary of the Air Force since March 1969. His appointment by the President brought to this position a man of unique abilities in management, technology, and science. He has been associated with national defense for more than 30 years - on active and reserve military duty, in industry and in government.

Dr. McLucas was born in Fayetteville, N.C., on August 22, 1920. He attended public school in McColl and Latta, S.C., and graduated from Latta High School in 1937. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Davidson College in 1941, a Master of Science degree in physics from Tulane University in 1943, and his Doctorate in physics with a minor in electrical engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1950.

He has worn the uniform of three Services. He completed the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps program but accepted a commission in the U.S. Navy, served as a radar officer from 1943-1946, and during World War II was in the Pacific area. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, from May 1949 to September 1951, as a captain in the 112th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron.

In May 1962 Dr. McLucas was appointed to the staff of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering as Deputy Director (Tactical Warfare Program) with responsibility for supervision of the research development, test and evaluation programs, and projects relating to tactical warfare. He was awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service in 1964 "for

exceptionally distinguished service to the Department of Defense in research and development on tactical warfare systems and programs."

In July 1964 he assumed the position of Assistant Secretary General for Scientific Affairs, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with additional duties as Chairman of both the NATO Science Committee and the Defense Research Directors Committee. In this position, Dr. McLucas advised on scientific and technical matters in both military and civilian fields.

Dr. McLucas continued his association with defense research when in 1966 he was named president of The MITRE Corporation, organized by Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a non-profit corporation to work on national defense problems.

He left MITRE to accept appointment as Under Secretary of the Air Force on March 17, 1969. In recognition of his substantial contribution to the national security, he received in January 1973, the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service (First Bronze Palm). "His direction of the Air Force space program has brought significant gains to the United States... his impressive knowledge of electronics has opened new horizons and capabilities in weapon delivery accuracy. Dr. McLucas stimulated new developments in reconnaissance concepts and operations that led to major advancements in this crucial defense area." In May 1973 he received the Department of the Air Force Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service.

Dr. McLucas was Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration from 1975-1977. He

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then became President of COMSAT's World Systems Division. This organization provides satellite communications service through the INTELSAT and INMARSAT international organizations.

Throughout his career in government and industry, Dr. McLucas has maintained an interest in community service programs. In State College, Pa., he was active in the Chamber of Commerce. In Massachusetts he continued his community efforts and pushed for low-income housing and locally-owned black businesses in the inner city. In the Departments of Defense and the Air Force he has been concerned with community service programs and believes that these programs are a positive force in our attack on social problems and that the Air Force also receives significant benefits.

He was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in 1971; and a member of the National Academy of Engineering in 1969. Dr. McLucas is a member of the Chief Executives Forum; American Physical Society; Operations Research Society of America; and of several honorary societies, including Sigma Pi Sigma and Sigma Xi. He is a former member of the Defense Science Board, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, and the Young Presidents Organization.

Dr. McLucas received an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from Davidson College in 1974. In 1975 he received an Honorary Doctor of Aviation Management Degree from the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida.

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 Dr. John L. McLucas, Secretary of the United States Air Force (19 July 1973 to 23 November 1975).

*Sincerely,
Gertrude Skelly Trust*

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