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SECRETARY MCNAMARA ADMINISTERS OATH TO FOUR NEW DEFENSE OFFICIALS

On the date on which he equalled the tenure in office of any of his predecessors, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara today administered the oaths of office to a new Secretary and Under Secretary of the Air Force, a Director for Defense Research and Engineering, and a new Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower. The unprecedented swearing-in ceremony, held in the Office of the Secretary, was attended by high ranking civilian and military members of the Department of Defense, their families and friends.

Dr. Harold Brown became the eighth Secretary of the Air Force, succeeding Eugene M. Zuckert who has served in that position since January 24, 1961. Dr. Brown has been Director of Defense Research and Engineering since May 8, 1961.

Dr. John S. Foster, Jr., nominated by the President on September 13 and confirmed by the Senate on September 24 as Director of Defense Research and Engineering, took the oath of office succeeding Dr. Brown.

Dr. Foster has been Director of the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory in Livermore, California.

Norman S. Paul, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower since 1962, was sworn in as Undersecretary of the Air Force. He succeeds Brockway McMillan who resigned effective September 30, 1965.

Thomas D. Morris, a former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installation and Logistics, became Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, replacing Mr. Paul. Mr. Morris had left the Department last year for private industry.

Secretary McNamara today has served 4 years, 8 months and 10 days in this position, which equals the previous tenure in office set by the late former Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, who served from January 28, 1953 to October 8, 1957. Secretary McNamara's term of office began on January 21, 1961.

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