

C I T A T I O N

Colonel William McChesney Martin

LEGION OF MERIT

"Colonel William McChesney Martin served as Assistant to the Executive of the Munitions Assignment Board and of the President's Soviet Protocol Committee from April 1942 to September 1945. He was largely responsible for solving difficult problems involving partial jurisdiction by the Munitions Assignment Board, War Production Board, Combined Raw Materials Board and the Combined Production and Resources Board. The allocation of raw materials in connection with the Russian protocols in 1942, 1943 and 1944 was based in large part upon his critical analyses and findings. He was advisor on supply matters to the personal representative of the President on his mission to the Soviet Union, and through his tactful and diplomatic approach made a distinct contribution to the successful solution of delicate, involved problems. He was primarily responsible for the coordination of the United States section of the Joint War Aid Committee (United States and Canada), with particular reference to supplying China and France. His broad experience, executive ability and effective staff work among numerous agencies, and his coordination of aid programs avoided duplication of effort and effected major savings of many critical materials. Colonel Martin contributed materially to the war effort.

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