



THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

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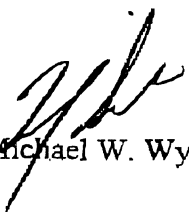
Dear Secretary Gates,

I have been a long-time proponent of accepting responsibility and being accountable for actions and activities within our Air Force. I have read with regret the recent report concerning the control of nuclear-related assets. Control of this strategic area is a firm commitment by our Air Force to America.

It is in this spirit that I offer you my resignation as Secretary of the Air Force, a position of high honor and responsibility. I have to live up to the same standards I expect from my Airmen.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of being the Secretary of the Air Force, working beside you, General Moscley, and the magnificent group of patriots serving in the Department of Defense and the United States Government. Please convey my thanks to the President for the trust and confidence he placed in me.

Sincerely

  
Michael W. Wynne

## SECAF Statement

Since November 3, 2005, it has been my privilege to serve this country as the 21<sup>st</sup> Secretary of the Air Force. I have relished the opportunity President Bush gave me to lead the strongest Air Force in the world during a time of war, and I have marveled at the tremendous accomplishments of our Airmen and civilians in their valiant defense of this country and its interests. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as their Secretary while working side-by-side with General Moseley and the magnificent patriots serving in the Department of Defense and the United States Government to win today's fight, take care of our people, and prepare for tomorrow's challenges.

I have been a long-time proponent of accepting responsibility and being accountable for actions and activities within our Air Force. I have read with regret the recent report concerning the control of nuclear-related collateral assets. Control of this strategic area is a firm commitment by our Air Force to America.

It is in this spirit that I intend to offer my resignation as Secretary of the Air Force to Secretary Gates. I have to live up to the same standards I expect from my Airmen.

Even as I do, my heart, my thoughts, and prayers remain with America's Airmen who will continue to do magnificent things for this great country.