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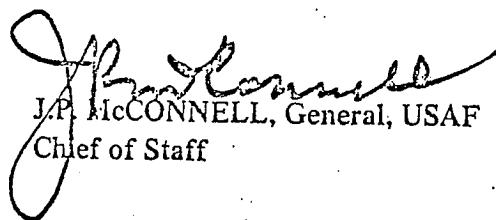
TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE

KOREN KOLLIGIAN, JR., TROPHY

The Koren Kolligian, Jr., Trophy is awarded to Major LeRoy R. Mulch in recognition of his outstanding feat of airmanship in successfully coping with an emergency while participating in aerial flight.

On 20 September 1968, Major Mulch distinguished himself while performing a heavyweight takeoff in a KC-135 at Ching Chaun Kang Air Base, Taiwan. On that date, he experienced failure of an outboard engine at lift-off which was immediately compounded by a fire and subsequent failure of another engine. Through extraordinary skill and unerring assessment of a rapidly deteriorating situation, Major Mulch averted a crash on takeoff that would have taken the lives of many innocent civilians residing near the airfield. By expertly judging his critically low airspeed and altitude and jettisoning fuel as he flew an emergency pattern, Major Mulch accomplished a perfect landing with only two engines functioning at a gross weight of 193,000 pounds.

Major Mulch's outstanding feat of airmanship conforms to the highest standards established for the Koren Kolligian, Jr., Trophy and reflects great credit upon himself, the Strategic Air Command, and the United States Air Force.


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