

# PRESENTATION STATEMENT

General LeMay, members of the Executive Board of the  
National Aeronautics Association, and distinguished guests:

Normally, our President makes the annual award of the Collier  
Trophy. This morning I am honored to make the presentation  
on his behalf.

As aviation's oldest continuing award, the Collier Trophy is  
awarded for the greatest achievement in America in the realm  
of flight. Selection of the recipient is done by a panel of the  
Nation's experts. It is being presented today to General Curtis E.  
LeMay -- a very great patriot -- a devoted American -- an  
intrepid airman -- to whom our country owes a great debt for  
his years of dedicated military service. General LeMay has been,  
and is, an outstanding example of professional competence. He

has an unflagging dedication to his profession and is universally  
recognized for his deep-rooted [ ] integrity. His  
35 years of military service are full of great achievements --  
of new aircraft -- new boosters -- new missiles -- new management  
concepts -- of progress and daring.

The citation for the Robert J. Collier Trophy reads as follows:

"For the greatest achievement in aeronautics  
or astronautics in America, or with respect  
to improving the performance, efficiency or  
safety of air vehicles the value of which has  
been thoroughly demonstrated by actual use  
during the preceding year."

For years it has been universally accepted as one of the most  
prized of all aeronautical honors in the United States, if not the world.

It is with personal pleasure that I present the Collier Trophy  
to General LeMay -- we are indeed proud of him.

Congratulations, General LeMay.



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