IN MEMORIAM

JOHN FRANCIS KELLY

Lieutenant Colonel John Francis Kelly, Associate Professor in the Air Force Science Department at The University of Texas, died at Bergstrom Air Force Base hospital of acute myocardial infarction on June 1, 1966. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Louise Kelly, and his five sons John F. Jr., Stephen M., Patrick J., James A. and Neal R.

Colonel Kelly was born on October 19, 1920 in New York City. After completing St. Peter's High School he attended Fordham University in New York. In November of 1942 Colonel Kelly entered the Aviation Cadet program where in June of 1943 he received his navigator's wings and a reserve commission as a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He served as a radar bombing instructor at Midland, Texas until the end of World War II. In November of 1945 he left the service to pursue his college degree, graduating from The University of Texas in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. He was a member of the Newman Club, the Corpus Christi Club and the Ex-Servicemen's Association.

In July of 1951 he was recalled to active duty for Korean War service. After being promoted to Captain and attending several navigation refresher courses, he was sent to Korea for duty in the RB-26 as a radar-navigator, accumulating a total of 44 aerial combat missions and 121 combat hours from February to July of 1952. After the Korean War he was reassigned to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, where he served as the Director of Training and the Director of Personnel.
He was integrated into the Regular Air Force in 1958 and was promoted to Major in February of 1959. In 1960 Major Kelly was reassigned to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska as the Director of Personnel. For his outstanding achievements there he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service.

In June of 1963 Major Kelly was assigned to the Air Force Science Department at The University of Texas as the Executive Officer and Associate Professor. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel just shortly before his untimely death. Colonel Kelly's Air Force decorations and awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Korean and United Nations Service Medals. He was a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and the Air Command and Staff College.

He was an active member of the Catholic Church and served as President of the Holy Name Society while serving in Montana. He was also a member of The University of Texas Ex-Students Association and was an ardent supporter of all varsity athletics. Each year of his AFROTC assignment he assisted the Texas Relays as an official. His hobbies included golf, basketball, baseball and football. His eldest son, John, is currently a junior at The University of Texas as a Plan II major and has received an AFROTC two-year scholarship.

Colonel Kelly will always be remembered for his wit and good humor and his presence will be acutely missed by all those who were close to him.
He served his country with honor and reflected the finest traditions of the United States Air Force and The University of Texas.

Respectfully submitted.

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