



UPDATED -- Resignation statement from the secretary of the Air Force

6/5/2008 - **WASHINGTON (AFP)** -- Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne issued the following statement today:

Since November 3, 2005, it has been my privilege to serve this country as the 21st 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 assets. Control of this strategic area is a firm commitment by our Air Force to America.

It is in this spirit that I offered 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.



Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne made a statement June 5 announcing his plan to tender his resignation to Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates. (U. S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young)