

Council on Foreign Relations

On the occasion of the resignation of

Henry M. Wriston

from the Board of Directors of the Council

the members of the Board at a meeting held May 25, 1967

registered in the following words their regret at his
decision and their appreciation of his long services

We have today accepted, reluctantly and with profound regret, the resignation of Henry M. Wriston as a Director of the Council on Foreign Relations. The Board of Directors cannot fail to record with gratitude the length and breadth of his services to the Council and the part they played in shaping its scholarly pursuits. A great part of the quality which the Council has achieved since World War II is a product of his energy, imagination and intolerance of the slipshod.

Dr. Wriston became a Director in 1943, and thus for 24 years he has taken a direct and vigorous part in all the Council's affairs. For 13 of those years he served as President of the Council. Under his leadership it not only grew in size and influence but acquired increasing respect as an institution of integrity and independence, without which material progress would have been empty of meaning.

A full account of the services which have put the Board of Directors, the staff and the membership of the Council so deeply in Dr. Wriston's debt cannot be spread on these minutes. But the debt can be acknowledged appreciatively and joyfully. His wit and wisdom will long be remembered, and the recollection of his gentle and acerbic encouragement will be especially cherished by the staff. So long as the Council lasts, Henry Wriston's spirit will live in its works.