THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

6 June 1955

Dear Mrs. James,

You and the Admiral and your family were very kind indeed to come down last Thursday morning for the unveiling ceremony and we particularly appreciate the part you played on this occasion. I regret very much that Mrs. Stimson could not be here, but we are happy that a member of her family could represent her.

The color reproduction is being framed now and, in about a week, it should be ready to send on to Mrs. Stimson. I hope she will like it.

I am sorry that the enclosed photographs turned out so badly but I thought you might be interested in them in any case. I sent a set on to Mr. Klots, together with my remarks.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

A. A. CRAIG Lieutenant General, U. S. Air Fo

Commandant

NEWS RELEASE PLEASE NOTE DATE



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
Washington 25, D. C.

NO. 544-55JUN 7 1955 LI 5-6700 Ext. 71252

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PORTRAIT OF HENRY L. STIMSON UNVEILED AT NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE

A portrait of the late Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War from 1940 to 1945, was unveiled by his niece, Mrs. Jules James, during a ceremony at the National War College, Washington, D.C. today.

The portrait, painted by Raymond P.R. Neilson, was presented to Lieutenant General Howard A. Craig, Commandant of the National War College, by Mrs. Stimson. Mrs. Stimson, who resides in New York, was unable to attend the ceremony. Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens, members of the College Staff and faculty, and close relatives and friends of the Stimson family were present.

Mr. Stimson's portrait will be placed in the rotunda of the College as an addition to the collection of portraits and busts of contemporary statesmen.

Mr. Stimson was Secretary of War during the major part of World War II. He was also Secretary of War in President Taft's cabinet and served as Secretary of State during President Hoover's administration. His career of public service included other positions such as Governor General of the Philippines and Chairman of the United States Delegation to the London Naval Disarmament Conferences between World War I and World War II.

During World War I, Mr. Stimson served as a Colonel of Field Artillery in the Army. He died in 1950.

The National War College was established in 1946 in the old Army War College building at Fort Lesley J. McNair. It operates under the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a joint educational institution for senior officers in the Armed Service and executive departments of the government.

END





