

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

14 Mar 69

Ray:

Here is the Capt Kainer  
package I briefed you on.  
Looks fine to me.

R. Hermann

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13 March 1969

AFA Schilling Award to Captain Kaiser

SAMSO (SME)

1. Reference telephone conversation between [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted], this office. The following information actions are proposed regarding Capt Kaiser's receipt of the AFA David C. Schilling Trophy for Flight.

a. Release of the attached story (atch 1). Fifty copies of a release based on the citation approved by General Martin will be provided the SAMSO information officer accompanying Capt Kaiser for distribution as necessary.

b. Appearance of Captain Kaiser with General Ferguson in a short film session at AFA conducted by the Home Town News Center. The film session will last approximately 45 seconds and will cover such general subjects as who the captain is, where he is from, with whom he is talking (Gen Ferguson), the Air Force Association and why he got the award. Attachment 2 is a copy of the HTNC prepared story from which the film script on the award and Capt Kaiser will be prepared. It is based on the citation approved by General Martin.

c. Radio interview at AFA to be conducted by HTNC personnel. The radio taping will be conducted by a senior member of the HTNC radio staff who will also conduct a pre-session interview with Capt Kaiser. The SAMSO information officer accompanying him is invited to sit in on this. [redacted] HTNC has been informed that any discussion of Capt Kaiser's actual work is not to be attempted. She has been informed that the Captain will be briefed at SAMSO prior to his arrival at the convention and that he will be accompanied by a SAMSO information officer. For the radio tape the HTNC interviewer plans to spend the bulk of the time talking about the Association and the honor bestowed on the Captain rather than on details of his work. Only the material from the citation as used in the HTNC release and film script will be used in the interview with Capt Kaiser in discussing the award and his work.

SAFSL (Col Hermann)

3. The AFA release concerning award winners has been amended and the first sentence of the approved citation has been substituted for that information previously used.

4. The HTNC has informed us that the only areas they could possibly release their story to would be Imperial, Calif., and Honolulu, Hawaii.

FOR THE COMMANDER

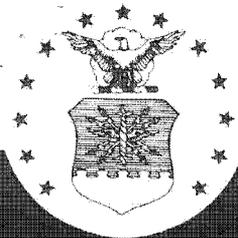
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Chief, Public Information Division  
Office of Information

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1. News Release
2. HTNC News Release

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# NEWS RELEASE

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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March 12, 1969

FOR RELEASE: Upon presentation of award expected at Air Force Chief of Staff Luncheon, Thursday, March 20, 1969, 12:00 - 2:30 PM CST

### AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND OFFICER RECEIVES AFA TROPHY

ANDREWS AFB, Md. --Captain Albert R. Kaiser, an Air Force Systems Command C-130 pilot with the 6594th Test Squadron located at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, received the Air Force Association's David C. Schilling Trophy for Flight. It was presented during the Association's convention at Houston, Tex., March 20.

He was cited for "meritorious airmanship in the aerial recovery of parachute-suspended capsules of Air Force and National Aeronautics and Space Administration research and development space programs." In addition, he

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\*The lines of the AFSC shield stand for various R&D resources from which the command draws. The converging of the lines indicates the systems management procedures uniting the resources toward operational weapon systems symbolized by the arrow point.

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helped in adding two "firsts" in the field of aerial recovery: the first operational recovery of the Case Institute parachute and airborne stellar observatory; and the first aerial recovery of the NASA biosatellite project.

An Imperial, Calif. , native, Captain Kaiser was graduated from El Centro Union High School, El Centro, Calif. , in 1951. He attended Imperial Valley Junior College in 1952.

Captain Kaiser entered the Air Force in 1954 and was commissioned following graduation from aviation cadets in 1955.

Prior to his present assignment in Hawaii, Captain Kaiser was stationed at Norton AFB, Calif.

He is married to the former [REDACTED]

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HOME TOWN NEWS CENTER STORY TO BE  
RELEASED ON CAPTAIN KAISER

AFA CONVENTION, HEADQUARTERS HOUSTON: Captain Albert R. Kaiser of Imperial, Calif., has received national acclaim for his contribution to the U. S. Space Research and Development Programs.

Captain Kaiser was presented the David C. Schilling Trophy during the March 18-21 Air Force Association convention here.

Honored by civilian and military dignitaries attending the 23rd AFA national convention, the captain was cited for distinguishing himself by exceptionally meritorious airmanship in the aerial recovery of parachute-suspended capsules of Air Force and NASA research and development space programs for the past three years.

He was instrumental in adding two significant firsts in the field of aerial recovery: the first operational recovery of the Case Institute parachute and airborne stellar observatory and the first aerial recovery of the NASA bio-satellite project.

Captain Kaiser, a 1951 El Centro (Calif) Union High School graduate and former student at Imperial Valley Junior College, flies modified C-130 Hercules transports for the 6594th Test Group, an Air Force Systems Command organization at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

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The AFA, a private organization of more than 98,000 civilian and military members dedicated to furthering the role of aerospace power in the maintenance of peace, presents the award each year for distinguished service in flight. Last year the trophy, named in memory of the late Air Force Colonel David C. Schilling, was awarded to Brig Gen Robin Olds, top MiG killer in the Vietnam war and now U. S. Air Force Academy Commandant of Cadets.

(Additional material which the HTNC will add at the end of this release will concern Captain Kaiser's wife and the number and names of his children.)

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Q. I recall an article that mentioned that the Air Force has recovered around 40 or 50 capsules during the past year. Is this true? If so, how many of these forty or fifty did you recover?

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Q. Since many of these capsules have been launched into a polar orbit from Vandenberg AFB, can't we assume that they are passing over the Eastern Hemisphere -- Russia -- China?

A. I don't know where they are launched from or where they pass over.

Q. If you recall President Johnson's statement made to the press last year that our satellites are worth every penny we spent on them because they provide information on missile sites and submarine activities -- then -- can we not in fact say that the United States is orbiting satellites over USSR and China with some regularity in an effort to obtain certain information?

A. ? ?

Q. And, since you go through so much effort to snag these capsules in midair rather than let them hit the water for ship pick-up can't we say that the capsules might contain delicate instruments like cameras, sensors, computers, telescopes, etc??

A. ? ?

2. In view of the above, recommend that:

a. Citation be revised.

b. SAFOI be advised to direct AFSC and AF personnel who will man the press desk at AFA that publicity will not be generated and that Captain Kaiser will not be exposed to the news media.



R. ROSE  
SAFSS

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Ray,

The attached represents a copy of the proposed citation (as approved by Gen. Martin) and a list of questions developed by [redacted] PRO, BAMSO (not briefed) which could be representative of questions asked Capt. Kauer during a press interview. Gen. Martin says indeed SAFO1 should be advised to direct AFSC and others that no formal press interviews will be arranged, no advance publicity will be generated, and Kauer to be subjected to exposure to news media will be at absolute minimum. Also make such request to SAFO1. In meantime Capt. Kauer will be briefed to extent that he will be advised that he does not talk in terms of numbers, (over)

Proposed citation for the Schilling Trophy Award to Captain Kaiser. This proposal has been approved by Gen Martin and

"CAPTAIN ALBERT R. KAISER DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS AIRMANSHIP IN THE AERIAL RECOVERY OF PARACHUTE-SUSPENDED CAPSULES OF AIR FORCE AND NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SPACE PROGRAMS WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE 6594 TEST GROUP FROM 20 JANUARY 1966 TO 10 JANUARY 1969. DURING THIS PERIOD, CAPTAIN KAISER COMPILED A RECORD UNEQUALED IN THE HISTORY OF THIS UNIQUE AND COMPLEX FORM OF PRECISION FLYING. *IN ADDITION,* HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ADDING TWO SIGNIFICANT AEROSPACE "FIRSTS" IN THE FIELD OF AERIAL RECOVERY: THE FIRST OPERATIONAL RECOVERY OF THE CASE INSTITUTE PARACHUTE AND AIRBORNE STELLAR OBSERVATORY; AND THE FIRST AERIAL RECOVERY OF THE NASA BIOSATELLITE PROJECT. HIS OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL SKILL, KNOWLEDGE, AND LEADERSHIP AIDED IMMEASURABLY IN IDENTIFYING PROBLEM AREAS AND IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING SAFE AND EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS. THE SINGULARLY DISTINCTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CAPTAIN KAISER REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE."