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To the Editor
The Washington Post
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Washington, D.C. 20071

Dear Sir:

Last week your newspaper reported the death of Orval DuBois, a former Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

We, all former employees of the Commission during the time Orval served there, would like to let people know that Orval's career represented the kind of dedicated and efficient devotion to public service that deserves special notice. We are just a few who happen to be in Washington, but we are sure we speak for a great many others, both here and throughout the country.

Orval entered service as an ordinary secretary and earned the respect of such extraordinarily able people as James Landis, later a Dean of Harvard Law School, William Douglas, later a Justice of the Supreme Court, and Jerome Frank, later a Judge of the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He became the Secretary of the Commission itself and administrator of its own work, as well as its official spokesman.

He was quiet, dedicated, hardworking, easy to get along with. He handled difficult problems of the Commission in such a pleasant way that the difficulties almost seemed not to exist.

He was a role model of a government servant. For many years he helped make the Commission and its administration the admiration of the general public.

We, the signators, have all gone on to separate careers, but none of us will ever forget the pleasure of having worked with Orval DuBois, and the admiration we had for his qualities.

If there were a Hall of Fame to recognize the outstanding contributions of self-effacing, able and dedicated federal civil servants (as, perhaps, there ought to be), we would nominate Orval DuBois.

To his widow, Vera, and his family, we express our most sincere condolences.

Sincerely,

Herbert B. Cohn
John F. Davis
Dorothy T. and Henry C. Fischer
Phyllis and Milton V. Freeman
David Ginsburg
Harry Heller
Gerald W. Siegel