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The Honorable Robert C. McFarlane

Robert C. McFarlane's distinguished record of public service includes ten years in the White House and State Department in posts of ever greater responsibility that included service as Military Assistant to National Security Advisors Henry Kissinger and Brent Scowcroft, Counselor to the Secretary of State, The President's Special Representative in the Middle East, and ultimately as President Reagan's National Security Advisor.

He is perhaps best remembered as the architect of the comprehensive set of U.S. policies – including most notably the Strategic Defense Initiative (or Star Wars) – which so stressed the Soviet economy as to bring it down and in the process accelerated the collapse of Marxism in the former Soviet Union.

After leaving the Reagan White House, Mr. McFarlane founded Global Energy Investors LLC, which sponsored energy and environmental projects in Brazil, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia and China. Currently, Mr. McFarlane serves as Chairman and CEO of McFarlane Associates Inc., a consultancy focused on the development of alternative fuels and other measures designed to reduce US reliance on oil.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, served 20 years in the US Marine Corps, holds a Master of Science from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, and was selected as a White House Fellow.

In 2011, Mr. McFarlane co-founded (with James Woolsey, former Director of Central Intelligence) The U.S. Energy Security Council. The USESC is a bipartisan group of former Cabinet-level officials, Fortune 50 CEOs, a Nobel Laureate, and retired military officers focused on raising public understanding of the risks to (and the means to restore) the security of our nation when all air, sea, and land transportation must utilize a single fuel (oil) whose price is set by a foreign cartel.

Bud and his wife, Jonda, have three children and eight grandchildren. He is currently serving as a ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church. As a Marine Officer he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star (with Combat V), the Navy and Army Commendation medals and numerous other personal and unit citations. He is also the recipient of the Secretary of State's Medal for Distinguished Public Service.