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GEORGE ELBERT KIMBALL

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George Kimball received his Ph.D. in chemistry from Princeton in 1932. He was teaching physical chemistry at Columbia when World War II broke out, and was one of that small group of scientists who initiated operations research in the U. S. in the Navy's Operations Research Group (later Operations Evaluations Group), of which he was Deputy Director for two years. He returned to Columbia after the war, but left his professorship in 1956 to join Arthur D. Little, Inc., where he became Vice President in 1961. He was coauthor of a famous text on quantum chemistry, held numerous high-level consultantships and other honors, and was listed in principal reference works, including *Who's Who in America*.

George Kimball's name is inextricably intertwined with the history of operations research and of our Society. At the close of World War II he co-authored (with Philip Morse) a book-length Confidential document, OEG Report # 54, entitled *Methods of Operations Research*. Eventually declassified, revised and published by Wiley-MIT Press in 1951, this became the first book on Operations Research. He was a founding member of ORSA. He served on innumerable committees and held various offices in the Society. He served as President in 1964–1965, and was in his third and final year as Past President/Council Member when he died. He was active in Society affairs to the end, having participated in the meetings in Chicago in November, 1967.

We shall miss him, as friend, as scholar, and as elder statesman.

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