IN MEMORIAM

John Gallup Laylin

John Gallup Laylin, an eminent practitioner of international law, died on February 16, 1979. Assistant General Counsel of the Treasury Department in the early days of the New Deal, he had been a member of the firm of Covington & Burling, Washington D.C., for forty-four years.

His practice covered a wide variety of international legal matters. He advised many foreign governments on matters of high importance, and was decorated by four of them. John’s abilities received perhaps their greatest challenge, and their greatest triumph, in the Indus Waters dispute between India and Pakistan, in which he advised Pakistan in a protracted controversy and in negotiations leading to the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960, which divided the waters of the Indus system equitably between the two countries.

John was active in professional associations and conferences, and was a strong believer in evolving legal principles through the give-and-take of such groups. He was the principal founder of the Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs and a member of the State Department’s Advisory Committee on the Law of the Sea. The author of many scholarly articles and monographs on international legal subjects, he was always a friend and supporter of the International Lawyer, and a few months before his death agreed to serve on its Editorial Advisory Committee. He had served as a member of the Council of the International Law Section and as chairman of three Section committees: the Committee on Relations of the Executive and the Legislative Branches of the Government, the Committee on Uses of International Inland Waters, and the Committee on Oceanography.

His graciousness, charm and generosity will be missed as much as his superb legal skills.

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