

**ALAN TOWER WATERMAN**, scientist and scientific administrator *par excellence*. With baccalaureate and doctorate degrees from Princeton University, this son of a Professor of Physics at Smith College was himself long a Professor of Physics at Yale. He served during the first World War in the Signal Corps of the United States Army; in World War II his able work for the Office of Scientific Research and Development brought him the nation's highest civilian award, the Medal of Merit. Subsequently establishing the program of the Office of Naval Research in support of the basic sciences, in 1951 he was named the first Director of the newly created National Science Foundation. As a qualified Maine Guide, he skillfully threads his way down the trails and turbulent streams of the Allagash Region; so does he forthrightly guide the complex course of our nation's many-faceted scientific program. His researches concerned with the electrical properties which stabilize solids, his own solid qualities now stabilize us in this electrifying nuclear age.

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