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Mr. McCleary is a co-founder of Keep Our Republic, a non-profit bipartisan civic organization focused on Presidential emergency powers and asymmetrical threats to the Republic. (keepourrepublic.com)

He was a White House Deputy Assistant to President Carter, where he oversaw an agency wide personnel and management review. He served as Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee and sat on its National Executive Committee.

Mr. McCleary was President of Sawyer-Miller International, a leading international political and media consulting firm of its time. The firm ran presidential and prime minister campaigns in 15 countries plus developed strategic plans for international governments and companies such as Coca Cola, Goldman Sachs, and Apple.

He has led projects for the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security regarding pandemic and biological defense issues. With corporate partners such as Merck, GE, IBM, and UPMC he developed an innovative flexible biologics production solution for mass pandemic and casualty events. In 2013 he conducted the first review of the former U.S. offensive biological and toxin weapons programs. Mr. McCleary has also prepared briefing materials for the U.S. Congress on the threats of assassination with CBR agents.

McCleary served under Chairman John Mekalanos on the board of advisors for the Microbiology Department of Harvard Medical School.

For a decade he has given an annual lecture series at Stanford University on the threats of pandemic and biological events.

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