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TO CG, ALL BOMBING WINGS

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I TAKE PLEASURE IN TRANSMITTING TO YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES:  
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THE FOLLOWING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES RECEIVED BY THE SUPREME COMMANDER ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL PERSONNEL OF YOUR COMMAND:

A. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, HARRY S. TRUMAN: "IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNCONDITIONAL AND IRREVERSIBLE SURRENDER OF THE NAZI BARBARIANS PLEASE ACCEPT THE FERVENT CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATION OF MYSELF AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE HEROIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUR ALLIED ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCES BY THEIR SACRIFICES, SKILL AND COURAGE. THEY HAVE SAVED AND EXALTED THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. ALL OF US OWE TO YOU AND TO YOUR MEN OF MANY NATIONS A DEBT BEYOND APPRAISAL FOR THEIR HIGH CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONQUEST OF NAZITISM. I SEND ALSO MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION OF THE SUPERB LEADERSHIP SHOWN BY YOUR COMMAND AND YOUR COMMANDERS IN DIRECTING THE VALIANT LEGIONS OF OUR OWN COUNTRY AND OF OUR ALLIES TO THIS HISTORIC VICTORY. PLEASE TRANSMIT THIS MESSAGE TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICERS OF YOUR COMMAND AND PUBLISH IT TO ALL ALLIED FORCES IN YOUR THEATRES OF OPERATION".

B. MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR: "IN THIS FIRST MOMENT AFTER ONE OF THE GREATEST MILITARY VICTORIES IN ALL HISTORY, I FIND IT MOST DIFFICULT TO EXPRESS TO YOU IN WORDS THE TRANQUILITY WHICH FILLS THE HEARTS OF MILLIONS OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN FOR ALL THAT THE VICTORY MEANS TO THEM. IN THIS GREAT HOUR OF VICTORY I JOIN WITH ALL PEACE LOVING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD IN SENDING MY MOST HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU, YOUR STAFF AND COMMANDERS, AND TO EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR ALLIED ARMIES"

C. MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY: "THE UNITED STATES NAVY SENDS TO YOU AND YOUR COMMANDERS ITS CONGRATULATIONS AND ADMIRATION FOR THE SUPERB ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE AMERICAN ARMS IN ACHIEVING IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR ALLIES THE DESTRUCTION OF NAZI GERMANY. TO YOU PERSONALLY GOES MY UNBOUNDED ADMIRATION FOR A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT IN TERMS OF MILITARY STRATEGY, LEADERSHIP AND ABOVE ALL THOSE QUALITIES OF WILL, PATIENCE, AND TACT WHICH HAVE EARNED FOR YOU THE UNSWERVING SUPPORT OF OUR OWN FORCES AND THOSE OF OUR ALLIES."

D. MESSAGE FROM ADMIRAL KING: "ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE U.S. NAVY, I EXTEND HEART AND SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND ALL OFFICERS AND MEN UNDER YOUR ABLE COMMAND ON THE VICTORY ATTAINED IN EUROPE. THE UNSELFISH DEVOTION TO DUTY DEMONSTRATED BY YOUR FORCES WILL SERVE AS AN INSPIRATION TO RENEW OUR DETERMINATION TO HASTEN THE DAY OF VICTORY OVER JAPAN."

E. MESSAGE FROM ADMIRAL NIMITZ: "THE SMASHING VICTORY OF AMERICAN AND ALLIED ARMS OVER GERMANY ENDS THE REIGN OF BRUTE FORCE AND TERROR IN EUROPE. MILLIONS OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE ARE BEHOLDEN TO YOU AND THE SUPERB FORCES UNDER YOUR COMMAND FOR THE RESTORATION OF THEIR RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. THE VICTORY CONFIRMS THE WISDOM OF OUR WORLD STRATEGY WHICH REQUIRED THE USE OF THE

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BULK OF OUR STRENGTH AGAINST GERMANY WHILE HOLDING JAPAN AND DRIVING THEM BACK WHEN POSSIBLE. NOW THE WHOLE OVERWHELMING WEIGHT OF OUR FORCE CAN BE TURNED UPON OUR TREACHEROUS ENEMY IN THE PACIFIC. JAPAN DESERVES AND FROM NOW ON WILL RECEIVE OUR UNITED AND UNDIVIDED ATTENTION. MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, YOUR STAFF AND ALL THE MEN OF YOUR COMMAND ON THE COMPLETION OF A FORMIDABLE TASK SUPREMELY WELL DONE."

F. MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS: "PLEASE ACCEPT MY MOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE GREAT AND DECISIVE VICTORIES WHICH HAVE CAUSED THE FINAL DOWNFALL OF A POWERFUL AND RUTHLESS ENEMY. TOGETHER WITH ME AND MY PEOPLE, GRATEFUL THANKS TO YOU AND ALL THE ARMIES UNDER YOUR SUPREME COMMAND, WHO, BY THEIR UNFLAGGING BRAVERY AND SACRIFICE, HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT THE TRIUMPH OF OUR COMMON CAUSE AND THE LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS."

G. MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA: "I SEND TO YOU AND TO THE FORCES UNDER YOUR COMMAND THE HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF CANADA UPON THE FINAL DEFEAT OF THE MILITARY MIGHT OF NAZI GERMANY TO WHICH DEFEAT THE ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE CONTRIBUTED SO DECISIVELY. WE ARE INDEED PROUD THAT CANADIANS HAD SO WORTHY A PLACE IN THE GREAT COMPANY OF THE FORCES OF LIBERATION WHICH YOUR SUPREME COMMAND HAVE ACHIEVED SO COMPLETE A VICTORY.

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