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FROM 9TH AIR DIVISION 11/130103
TO COMMANDING OFFICERS, ALL UNITS, 9TH AIR DIVISION

RESTRICTED 9AB M-471-G FOLLOWING TWX RECEIVED FROM CG 9TH AF:
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL US STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION: QUOTE ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 3. THE WAR IN EUROPE IS OVER. THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF OUR AMERICAN FORCES TOGETHER WITH OUR TEAM MATES ON THE GROUND AND ON THE SEAS HAVE JOINED WITH THOSE OF YOUR ALLIES TO ANNIHILATE A POWERFUL FOE. ALL OF YOU HAVE PLAYED A GREAT PART IN THIS VICTORY THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION OF OUR COMBAT CREWS HAS BEEN MATCHED BY THE TIRELESS DEVOTION OF GROUND CREWS AND STAFFS. TO THOSE BRAVE MEN WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE PRICE WE HAVE PAID, WILL GO THE EVERLASTING GRATITUDE OF THEIR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN. IT IS A MATTER OF THE DEEPEST PRIDE TO ME TO HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO BE YOUR COMMANDER. SPAATZ UNQUOTE SIGNED VANDENBERG.

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