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RESTRICTED. 9BD M-419-B1 FOLLOWING TWX FROM 9AF QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

QUOTE TO ALL PERSONNEL OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE PD ORDER OF THE DAY CMA THE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF ALL GERMAN FORCES MARKS THE ATTAINMENT OF OUR OBJECTIVE IN EUROPE PD IT FOLLOWS THE COMPLETE DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY ON LAND CMA SEA AND IN THE AIR PD FROM FRIENDS AND ENEMIES ALIKE HAS COME ABUNDANT EVIDENCE OF THE TREMENDOUS ROLE OF AIR POWER IN ACCOMPLISHING THIS HISTORIC SUCCESS PD IN OUR PRIDE CMA MAY WE GIVE HUMBLE THANKS TO ALMIGHTY GOD FOR THE FAITH AND STRENGTH HE GAVE US IN OUR CAUSE CMA AND PRAY HIS GRACE FOR THOSE WE HAVE LOST IN THE BATTLE PD EACH MAN WHO FOUGHT AND DIED IS INSEPARABLE WITH THOSE WHO FOUGHT AND LIVED PD BY THE STRENGTH OF YOUR FAITH AND IN YOUR DETERMINATION YOU HAVE COME THOUSANDS OF MILES TO DRIVE A POWERFUL ENEMY FROM THE SKIES CMA THEN TURN YOUR WEAPONS AGAINST THE FOE ON THE GROUND TO DESTROY HIS ABILITY TO RESIST PD TO EACH ONE OF YOU IS DUE THIS CREDIT PD OUR FORCE COULD NOT HAVE FOUGHT WITHOUT THE UNTIRING EFFORT OF THE INDIVIDUAL PD WE MUST GUARD AGAINST THE ILLUSION OF FINAL SUCCESS PD WE MUST NOT ONLY DEFEAT OUR REMAINING ENEMY CMA BUT WE MUST INSURE ALSO FUTURE VIGILANCE AGAINST THE CAUSES OF WAR PD THIS SO THAT THE WORLD MAY NOT AGAIN SUFFER UNDER A RUTHLESS CONQUEROR PD IN THIS ULTIMATE SUCCESS WE SHALLFIND THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AS WELL AS THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THOSE WHO HAVE SURVIVED PD VANDENBERG UNQUOTE

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