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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
Office of the Supreme Commander

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Dear General Spaatz:

By direction of the Combined Chiefs of Staff the U. S. Strategic Air Forces are no longer operationally responsible to SHAEF Headquarters. Nevertheless this whole Command will continue with entire confidence to look to General Doolittle and the Eighth Air Force for the same type of prompt and effective cooperation as that organization has constantly exhibited throughout the preparatory stages of the invasion as well as during its actual execution.

The Strategic Air Forces have not only answered every call made upon them, cheerfully, promptly and effectively, but have taken the lead in discovering new means and methods whereby they could help toward the attainment of common objectives.

I hope that every member of the Strategic Air Forces may have personal assurance of my lasting gratitude and will realize that this whole Command feels indebted to them for examples of unexcelled courage, skill and perfection in cooperation.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower (Signed)

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