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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE
Office of the Commanding General
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Dear General Eisenhower:

The expression of your appreciation for the work of the Strategic Air Forces contained in your letter of September 28th will be deeply appreciated by every officer and man in that organization. You know, I am sure, how much I personally value the commendation you have given to the personnel under my command.

During all the long days of the air assault against Germany leading up to the invasion itself, your appreciation of the value of strategic bombing made it possible for us to do this part of our job. I am sure I express the feelings of my entire command when I say that they are proud to have been able to make this contribution to the success of your ground forces.

By decision of the Combined Chiefs of Staff the Strategic Air Forces are no longer operationally responsible to you. Regardless, however, of any chain of command which may be set up, I know that you realize that you can count not only on the same full measure of support you have enjoyed in the past, but that the strategic forces under my command will redouble their efforts to see that every possible support is given to your forces.

Every member of the Strategic Air Forces will be proud to receive your expression of gratitude which I am passing on to them.

Sincerely

(Signed)

CARL SPATZ
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

General Dwight D. Eisenhower
Supreme Commander
Allied Expeditionary Force

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