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ROUTINE Date-Time 200729/99 Classification PLAIN Precedence: IT IS WITH PRIDE AND GRATIFICATION THAT I TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE QUOTE FOR ADMIRAL CHESTER W NIMITZ X AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE OF RE-PRESENTATIVES, UNANIMOUSLY EXPRESSED TO YOU THE OFFICERS AND MEN SERVING WITH YOU AND ALSO THE PARTICIPATING AIR CORPS OUR GRATEFUL THANKS AND AD-MIRATION FOR THE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING ALL OPERATIONS AND ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST X WE SALUTE YOU ALL AND SEND WARMEST REGARDS X SIGNED SAM RAYBURN SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNQUOTE. MY ANSWER IS AS FOLLOWS QUOTE THE HONORABLE SAM RAYBURN SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON D.C. X MY HEART FELT THANKS FOR THE MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS JUST RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE OF-FICERS AND MEN OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET AND PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS X WE ARE ENORMOUSLY PROUD TO HAVE THE CONFIDENCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE HOUSE X THERE EXISTS WITH US A KEEN AWARENESS THAT OUR ACHIEVEMENTS CAN BE TRACED BACK TO THOSE WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING US WITH THE MEANS TO OUT-SHOOT "OUTFIGHT" AND OVERPOWER THE ENEMY X THE VICTORIES WE ARE WINNING IN JAPANESE HOME WATERS HAD THEIR GENESIS ON MAIN STREET AND IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS X WE ARE PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL FOR THIS CONTINUED GENEROUS AND EN-THUSIASTIC SUPPORT X YOUR HEARTENING MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED AT ONCE TO EVERYONE UNDER MY COMMAND X SIGNED C.W. NIMITZ "FLEET ADMIRAL" US NAVY" COMMANDER IN CHIEF" PACIFIC FLEET AND PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS UNQUOTE.

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