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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT THE
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL PRESENTATION
TO GENERAL ANDREW J. GOODPASTER

THE CABINET ROOM

12:45 P.M. EST

Let me just say I have known General Goodpaster, I guess, since 1951, or thereabouts, and all of you know better than I his long and distinguished record, 35 years or more in the military, a wide variety of commands and responsibilities.

Somebody told me that you were a real triple threat operator in the service, General, and as I looked at the record I am very, very impressed with that broad area of responsibility and achievement.

I certainly congratulate you on this fine, fine record.

Those who have served with you in the military of course know infinitely better than I the things that you have done and the achievements that you have accomplished. And I share with them the pride that I have as Commander-in-Chief. And I can assure you that we look upon people such as yourself as the epitome of achievement in the military, representing all of us who are civilian.

And I congratulate the service. And I congratulate you. And I thank your wife and family for I am sure the many hours that you were gone, and the difficulties that they had in holding the fort, so to speak, while you were serving your country.

And I congratulate you, and thank you, and wish you the very, very best.

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(AT 12:53 P.M. EST)