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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1982

Dear John:

I am delighted to join the Veterans of the OSS in congratulating you on receiving the William J. Donovan Award.

Throughout your career, you have repeatedly demonstrated your deep concern for the future of America and the Free World. You have served your country with great distinction for more than four decades, leaving an indelible mark of quality and excellence in your work with the nation's foreign intelligence community. This legacy has served many Presidents and our country exceedingly well and set the standard for future operations.

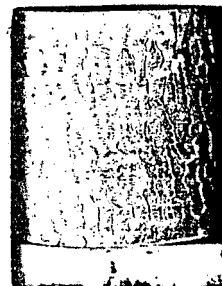
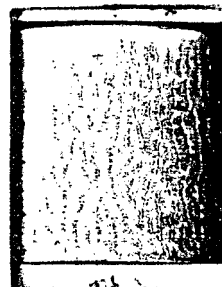
In the past I have sought and received your wise counsel, and I will continue to call on you as we address the challenges of the future. Your wealth of experience, judgment, and discerning mind make you an insightful and valuable observer of world events.

The nation acknowledges gratefully your devoted service and outstanding achievements. All freedom-loving Americans join me in once again congratulating you on this fitting tribute to a distinguished career.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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