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NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER


18 February 1963

TO: Robert E. Larue

The President of the United States has formally recognized the vital contribution of the members of this organization, during the critical period last year, by awarding a Presidential commendation to the National Photographic Interpretation Center.

A copy of the commendation which is attached will be made part of your official personnel file, and a certificate of commendation is being presented to you for your retention.

Once again let me add my expression of appreciation for your efforts which enabled all of us to merit this achievement.


ARTHUR C. LUNDAHL
Director

Acknowledged: Robert E. Larue

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in commending the NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER for outstanding achievement and service to the security of the United States and the Free World during a time of grave international crisis.

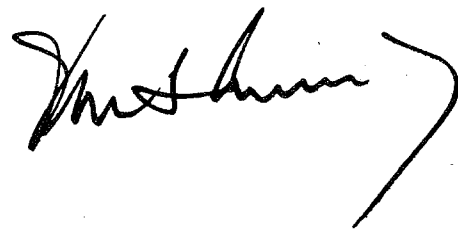
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"The National Photographic Interpretation Center distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service during the period from 1 May 1962 through 31 December 1962. During the period of international crisis, the Center served as the focal point for the receipt and immediate analysis of intelligence photography and was instrumental in identifying the nature and magnitude of the threat to world peace. Although working under great stress, personnel of the Center were able to carefully analyze and process a massive volume of critical intelligence material, thereby enabling the United States to respond immediately and effectively to the developing threat. The outstanding achievement of the members of the National Photographic Interpretation Center is in keeping with the finest traditions of service to the United States."

All Armed Forces personnel assigned or attached to the Center and performing duty at any time during this period are hereby authorized to wear the emblem or ribbon for the following decoration, as appropriate to their service:

- Army - Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Navy - Navy Unit Commendation
- Air Force - Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

All members of the Center will be presented an appropriate certificate in recognition of their outstanding achievement and will have this commendation made a matter of record in their official files.



THE WHITE HOUSE,

9 January 1963