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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

April 9, 1981

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I join all Americans in mourning the death of General of the Army, Omar N. Bradley. For sixty-nine years he wore the colors of an American soldier -- with courage, integrity, professionalism and, above all, honor. Even as he rose in rank, humility never left his side. He was the "G.I.'s General" because he was, always, a G.I.

In World War II his conspicuously brilliant leadership thrust him to the top of the U.S. military command. Whether at Normandy, North Africa, or Sicily, the Bradley command always meant good fortune for freedom's defenders.

General Bradley's memory will be revered by his countrymen. He left to us exemplary qualities that long will be the standard of every soldier who takes the solemn pledge to defend this Nation.

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