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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
(Colleville, Sur Mer, France)

For Immediate Release

June 6, 1984

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
DURING A TELEPHONE CALL
TO THE
CREW OF THE USS EISENHOWER

Aboard Marine One

7:10 P.M. (L)

THE PRESIDENT: Greetings to all of you, the officers and men of the USS Eisenhower. Believe me, all of us up here are inspired by the sight of your magnificent ship and the battle group which accompanied you to the coast of Normandy.

We're returning from a commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the D-Day landing -- the heroic operation that was planned and commanded by General Dwight D. Eisenhower. The memory of "Ike" our great allied leader still inspires heroic efforts on both sides of the Atlantic.

Today, as 40 years ago, our Navy and all of our Armed Forces are advancing the cause of peace and freedom. The dedication of you, our sailors and marines, particularly during your recent deployment in the Eastern Mediterranean, is in the highest tradition of the service.

The American people, and our allies in Europe and beyond, are all more secure because men of your caliber are on station when, and where needed. Admiral Flatley, Captain Clepton, officers and men of the "Ike" -- I salute you for your devoted service to the cause of freedom.

You know, I'm up here hoping that you've been able to hear me. I'll just say, God bless you all, and if it won't be too demoralizing, wave, and I'll know whether you've heard this.

Thank you. Thank you all. Good sailing, and God bless you..

END

7:12 P.M. (L)

(ELLIOTT)

Julie
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1984

GREETING TO USS EISENHOWER

GREETINGS TO YOU, THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE USS EISENHOWER! I HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY THE SIGHT OF YOUR MAGNIFICENT SHIP AND THE BATTLE GROUP WHICH ACCOMPANIED YOU TO THE COAST OF NORMANDY. WE ARE RETURNING FROM A COMMEMORATION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS, THE HEROIC OPERATION PLANNED AND COMMANDED BY GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. THE MEMORY OF IKE, OUR GREAT ALLIED LEADER, STILL INSPIRES HEROIC EFFORTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC.

TODAY, AS 40 YEARS AGO, OUR NAVY AND ALL OUR ARMED FORCES ARE ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND FREEDOM. THE DEDICATION OF YOU, OUR SAILORS AND MARINES, PARTICULARLY DURING YOUR RECENT DEPLOYMENT IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, IS IN THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF YOUR SERVICES.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND OUR ALLIES IN EUROPE AND BEYOND, ARE MORE SECURE BECAUSE OF MEN OF YOUR CALIBER WHO ARE "ON STATION" WHEN AND WHERE NEEDED. ADMIRAL FLATLEY, CAPTAIN CLEXTON, OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE "IKE," I SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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(Elliott)
June 5, 1984
5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GREETING TO U.S.S. EISENHOWER
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1984

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God bless you all.

Intelligence Security Council
The White House

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Phil went ahead and prepared this. You might consider if this is better than what you have. J

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~~THE HEROIC OPERATION~~ WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, WERE PLANNED AND COMMANDED BY ~~YOUR NEREBAKE,~~
 GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, ~~THE NAME OF THAT GREAT AMERICAN~~
~~AND ALLIED LEADER~~ EVOKES ~~STRONG AND FOND~~ MEMORIES ~~IN THIS PART~~
~~OF THE WORLD.~~ ~~BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC.~~

~~YOU CAN ALL TAKE PRIDE IN THE POWER FOR PEACE WHICH YOUR~~
~~GREAT SHIP SYMBOLIZES.~~ TODAY, AS IN ~~JUNE OF 1944,~~ ~~THE U.S. ARMED~~
 FORCES -- ~~AND THE U.S. NAVY WHICH YOU REPRESENT~~ SERVE THE CAUSE OF
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changes - please take care of 381 for background.*

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USS EISENHOWER (CVN-69)

I am delighted to see USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER steaming today off this historic stretch of coastline. My compliments to Rear Admiral James H. Flatley, III, Commander, Carrier Group Eight, Captain Edward W. Clexton, and to the officers ^{Sailors and Marines} and ~~men~~ of IKE and Carrier Air Wing Seven. You are a splendid sight. I hope that you all enjoyed your recent visit to Portsmouth, England. Your visit enabled the British people to see firsthand the best of our young Americans while enabling you to enjoy the warm hospitality offered by our English friends. Forty years ago, General Eisenhower uttered the words, "Ok, We'll go". We launched the greatest seaborne invasion in history and nearly three million troops began the assault on Hitler's Atlantic wall. When the fighting ended the world had been changed forever. But liberty is unfinished business. In keeping with the tradition of your namesake, the men of USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER have made a considerable and lasting contribution to world peace in troubled areas of the globe. I hope that our recognition today of this historic event will be an inspiration to the entire crew, including the embarked American and twelve French midshipmen who are using a part of their summer to train with the fleet. Through your deployments to the Mediterranean and Indian ocean, supporting friends and allies, you have shown this country's resolve to preserve our cherished freedoms. Your spirit, professionalism and dedication continues to inspire all who are working to achieve world peace. Thank you and God bless.

*Never
was for
"free time"
(Suggest facilities)*