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Subject: Announcement of the Award of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award

1. Under the provisions of DoD Directive 1348.33-M, September 1996, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious achievement to the Defense Courier Service (to include the 23 geographically separated activities), during the period 30 September 1998 to 1 October 2000.

2. The streamer (FSN 8345-01-169-5944) and ribbons (FSN 8455- 01-170-5143 and FSN 8455-01-170-5144) may be obtained from normal supply channels.

FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL:

EDWARD M. ROGERS
Chief, Staff Management Branch

Citation

to accompany the award of the

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

to the

Defense Courier Service

The Defense Courier Service distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement from 30 September 1998 to 1 October 2000. During this period, contributions by members of the Defense Courier Service to our Nation's security were noteworthy. Their aggressive effort, flawless coordination, and meticulous planning played a crucial role during the NATO Peacekeeping Operations where Defense Courier Service couriers were responsible for escorting highly classified, time-sensitive material throughout the Balkan area of operations. Vital missions included providing secure command, control, communications and intelligence connectivity between the National Command Authorities and tactical field commanders and providing timely responses to Intelligence Community requirements. Through their extraordinary efforts, the Defense Courier Service accomplished the secure, rapid and responsive delivery of more than 215,100 articles of critical, often-perishable, material weighing over 4 million pounds, in support of more than 6,300 customers across the globe. During this period, Defense Courier Service personnel continued to display total professionalism and resourcefulness, despite all adversities, in the discharge of their duties as the "Nation's couriers." By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of the Defense Courier Service have brought great credit upon themselves, their Service, and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 31st day of January 2001

Henry H Shelton

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff