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BTF MDE RUFHJA 183 24/1640Z

Info R 241630Z ZEA

SS FM USBER BERLIN

G TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC

SP INFO RUDLSK/USNMR SHAPE

L RUFHOL/AMEMBASSY BONN

H RUFLC/USCINCEUR

SAL RUFLUE/USELMLO

EUR RUFPA/USAREUR

IO ZEN/AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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USIA ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ACTION DEPT 455 INFO BONN 406 LONDON 163
NSC MOSCOW 161 PARIS 189 USCINCEUR USAREUR FOR POLADS USNMR SHAPE
INR FOR BURNS USELMLO FROM BERLIN 24 SEPT 6PM

CIA PARIS ALSO FOR USRO.

NSA SUBJ: US AWARDS FOR US SOLDIERS INVOLVED IN RESCUE OF MICHAEL MEYER.

DOD REF 396 TO BONN 436 DEPT.

RMR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN MADE FOR GEN FRANKLIN TO PRESENT ARMY
COMMENDATION MEDAL OR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT TO SP-4 PUHL AND
SVERAL OTHER US SOLDIERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN RESCUE OF MICHAEL
MEYER ON SEPT 13. SIMPLE AWARD CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 1000 HRS
ON SEPT 25 PRESS WILL ALSO BE INVITED. NO PRESS STATEMENTS ARE
PLANNED BUT CITATIONS BEING DRAFTED WITH VIEW TO THEIR RELEASE TO
PRESS.

COMPLETE LISTS OF AWARDS AND RECIPIENTS FOLLOWS:

- A. ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL FOR HEROIC ACTION- SP-4 HANS W PUHL
- B. ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
SP-4 WILLIAM E. SWARTWOOD, SP-4 ROBERT A. PHILAGE AND PVT OWEN LEE
HOFFMAN.
- C. CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
PSG JOHN S SCHULTZABERGER.

COMMENT: ACTION WILL RENDER APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION TO THOSE MEN
WHO, AT RISK TO THEMSELVES, PARTICIPATED IN SAVING MICHAEL MEYER.
IT WILL ALSO SERVE TO QUIET SOME LOCAL RUMORS THAT US AUTHORITIES
HAD NOT FULLY SUPPORTED PUHL'S ACTIONS. GP-4 CALHOUN

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By CB ,NARA, Date 7-6-00

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