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MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. By direction of the Secretary of the Army under the provisions of paragraph 203, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following units of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

1. UNITED STATES ARMY BAND with citation as follows:

The United States Army Band distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement and performance of duty while providing support to the President of the United States during the period 20 January 1969 to 20 January 1971. During this time, the Band fulfilled a variety of assignments with unusual and outstanding dedication, loyalty, and skill. The Band provided musical representation at state and official ceremonies in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere, at which world leaders and dignitaries were in attendance. The performance of the members of the band demonstrated total and remarkable professionalism in the music field. Officials of the highest ranks have been unstinting in their praise for this renowned unit. The President of the United States has often expressed his personal pleasure and appreciation for its outstanding performances. The exceptional record of achievement and manner in which the members accomplished their assignments demonstrated unusual dedication, professionalism, and devotion to duty. The superior performances of the Band reflect great credit upon its personnel and the United States of America and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army.

2. UNITED STATES ARMY EXECUTIVE FLIGHT DETACHMENT with citation as follows:

The United States Army Executive Flight Detachment distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service in providing outstanding helicopter support to the White House during the period 20 January 1969 to 19 January 1971. The unit provided helicopter service to the President, the Vice President, members of the Cabinet and the Congress, foreign heads of state, and other dignitaries. During this period, the unit transported the President of the United States 146 times in 14 states and nine foreign countries, including the combat zone of the Republic of Vietnam. Maintaining a constant state of operational readiness and poised for instant deployment, the United States Army Executive Flight Detachment was committed throughout the world on many occasions, rendering flawless service in support of White House transportation requirements. The safe, dependable, and expeditious helicopter service provided the White House under varying environmental conditions demonstrated an unsurpassed technical and professional ability. The diligence, dedication, and devotion displayed by the officers and men of the United States Army Executive Flight Detachment in performance of their demanding and sensitive tasks are in the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit on the military service.

3. UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORTATION AGENCY (WHITE HOUSE) with citation as follows:

The United States Army Transportation Agency (White House), is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of the President of the United States during the period 10 January 1969 to 31 December 1970. The members of the United States Army Transportation Agency demonstrated dedicated devotion to duty, sound judgment, and professional competence by providing the highest standards of chauffeur and vehicle support to the President of the United States, the White House staff, visiting chiefs of state, and other official guests of the President on a 24-hour-a-day basis. Personnel were dispatched on 68,522 separate trips for a total of 1,198,872 miles driven without an accident resulting in personal injury. During this critical period in the Vietnam conflict, personnel supported and accompanied the President on trips, foreign and domestic, which included the Republic of Vietnam and Thailand. Further, the agency provided personnel to accompany and support the Vice President of the United States on his trips to Southeast Asia, to include the Republic of Korea. Many long hours of planning, training, and preparation were given by the members in this unit to successfully accomplish the assigned mission with such astonishing results. In achieving such success, the members of the United States Army Transportation Agency (White House), by their meritorious actions, incisive judgment, professional competence, and outstanding leadership and direction have brought credit upon themselves, the Military Assistant to the President, and the United States Army.

4. WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY with citation as follows:

The White House Communications Agency is cited for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding communications support for the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces during the period 10 January 1969 to 31 December 1970. Personnel of the White House Communications Agency exhibited outstanding devotion to duty, determination, professional competence, and consistent performance of their mission in a most superior manner. The White House Communications Agency has provided the President of the United States, his staff, and associated support elements with complete communications facilities within the Washington, D.C. area, as well as such places throughout the world as the Republic of Vietnam, Yugoslavia, and Romania. Personnel of this Agency have met all challenges with efficient teamwork, personal initiative, and aggressiveness in providing the highest level and quality of communications for the President and his staff. With unrelenting perseverance, determined resourcefulness, and professional competence, members of the White House Communications Agency accomplished the vital mission of keeping the President of the United States constantly in communications contact with all elements of the government, including the military commanders. The extraordinary diligence, tenacity, proficiency, and devotion to duty displayed by personnel of the White House Communications Agency are in keeping with the highest traditions and reflect distinct credit upon every member of the uniformed services.

By the Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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