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SECY FOR AIR, 4E871 PENTAGON BLDG WASHDC=

SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS WELL DESERVED AIR FORCE
AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE. REGARD THIS AS TOKEN OF
APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES WHICH I BELIEVE YOU TO
HAVE RENDERED ALL FORMS OF AVIATION FOR QUARTER CENTURY.
YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO AIR FORVE AND NATIONAL DEFENSE COULD
NOT HAVE BEEN GREATER IN ANY UNIFORMED ROLE. REGRET I CANNOT



BE AMONG THOSE PRESENT TO HONOR YOU ON THIS OCCASION BUT 26

BELIEVE ME I JOIN THEM IN SPIRIT=

ROBERT J SMITH= ••