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PERSONAL FROM THE PRESIDENT TO LT GEN WAINWRIGHT PERIOD DURING
RECENT WEEKS COMMA WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING WITH GROWING ADMIRATION
THE DAY BY DAY ACCOUNTS OF YOUR HEROIC STAND AGAINST
THE MOUNTING INTENSITY OF BOMBARDMENT BY ENEMY PLANES AND HEAVY
SEIGE GUNS PERIOD IN SPITE OF ALL THE HANDICAPS OF
COMPLETE ISOLATION COMMA LACK OF FOOD AND AMMUNITION YOU HAVE
GIVEN THE WORLD A SHINING EXAMPLE OF PATRIOTIC FORTITUDE AND
SELF SACRIFICE PERIOD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ASK NO FINER EXAMPLE
OF TENACITY COMMA RESOURCEFULLNESS COMMA AND STEADFAST COURAGE PERIOD THE
CALM DETERMINATION OF YOUR PERSONAL LEADERSHIP IN A DESPERATE SITUATION
SETS A STANDARD OF DUTY FOR OUR SOLDIERS THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD PERIOD IN EVERY CAMP AND ON EVERY NAVAL VESSEL
SOLDIERS SAILORS AND MARINES ARE INSPIRED BY THE GALLANT STRUGGLE
OF THEIR COMRADES IN THE PHILIPPINES PERIOD THE WORKMEN IN
OUR SHIPYARDS AND MUNITIONS PLANTS REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS BECAUSE OF
YOUR EXAMPLE PERIOD YOU AND YOUR DEVOTED FOLLOWERS HAVE BECOME
THE LIVING SYMBOLS OF OUR WAR AIMS AND THE GUARANTEE
OF VICTORY PERIOD

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

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*The above is the original of the last message
received at Corregidor from the President.*

*It was handed to me at about 4²⁰ AM, May 6, 1942;
some hours after the hostile landing on the island had
been effected, and during the ensuing combat.*

*That it was transcribed on this rough paper is proof of
the complete exhaustion of official message blanks.*

J. M. Wainwright, Lt. Gen. USA.