

Exhibit #7

**SECRET**

HEADQUARTERS AIR BASE AREA COMMAND  
LAKE CHARLES ARMY AIR FIELD  
Office of the Area Commander

Lake Charles, La.  
June 15, 1945.

SUBJECT: Appreciation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 416th Bomb Group (1), Lake Charles, Army Air Field, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

1. Your Base Commander desires to express to you his appreciation for the many efforts made by you and your command to cooperate with the personnel of this base. Upon your own initiative you have accomplished many things above and beyond that normally expected, which have added not only to the morale of your own organization and the appearance of your organization area, but also to the appearance and morale of the base as a whole.

2. All members of my staff, besides many other officers of the base, have mentioned to me the cooperativeness of the personnel of your group, and have expressed pleasure that your group is based at this station. You personally have been most cooperative with this headquarters. The personnel of this base and your Base Commander, personally, look forward with anticipation and pleasure to your continued stay at this base. It is requested that you extend to your entire personnel the appreciation of myself and the otherbase personnel.

A copy of this communication will be placed in your 201 File at this station as a matter of permanent record.

/s/ Harold L. Mace  
HAROLD L. MACE,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
Commanding.

c.c. Commanding General,  
III Air Support Command,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

This is a TRUE COPY:

*Frank M. Hoppe*  
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1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Historical Officer.

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