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FROM RSO FRANKS

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SUBJECT: MERITORIOUS HONOR AWARD - ROBERT J. FRANKS,  
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1. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, ROBERT J. FRANKS, REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, WAS AWARDED A MERITORIOUS HONOR AWARD. THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY AMBASSADOR PRINCETON LYMAN AT A FAMILY STAFF MEETING HOSTED AT THE EMBASSY AND ATTENDED BY MR. FRANKS AND MISSION PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS. THE NOMINATION FOR THE INCENTIVE AWARD IS BEING PROCESSED THROUGH NORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE CHANNELS.

2. THE INCENTIVE AWARD RECOMMENDATION READS AS FOLLOWS:  
BEGIN TEXT: FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE IN THE PLANNING FOR AND EXECUTION OF SECURITY SUPPORT TO THE VISIT OF J. E. BUSH, AND OTHER PROMINENT AMERICANS, TO MAIDUGURI, GOMBE, BAUCHI, KANO AND LAGOS, NIGERIA DURING THE PERIOD 3-8 MARCH, 1989.

THE SUCCESS OF THE IMPORTANT VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT'S  
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SON, JEB BUSH, WAS, IN A LARGE PART, BECAUSE OF THE

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OUTSTANDING PLANNING AND THE SUPERB SECURITY SUPPORT PROVIDED BY REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, ROBERT J. FRANKS, THE NIGERIAN SECURITY ELEMENTS WERE OUTSTANDING. HE DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL CAPABILITY FOUND IN FEW OTHER SECURITY PERSONNEL.

BOB WAS FACED WITH PROVIDING ALL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE JEB BUSH VISIT AT A SITE APPROXIMATELY 400 MILES FROM EMBASSY SUPPORT. AFTER AN INITIAL ASSESSMENT, HE TRAVELED WITH THE GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER TO MAIDUGURI TO ESTABLISH LIAISON WITH ALHAJI INDIMI, THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF M AND W PUMP CO. (NIGERIA) LTD., THE HOSTS OF THE VISIT. HE IMMEDIATELY BEGAN COORDINATION WITH BORNO STATE SECURITY PERSONNEL. FROM THIS MEETING, HE MADE AN EVALUATION OF THE SECURITY SUPPORT WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY, THEN RETURNED TO LAGOS TO ARRANGE THAT SUPPORT.

IN LAGOS, MR. FRANKS BRIEFED THE AMBASSADOR, DCM AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR AND COORDINATED WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICE OFFICIALS. BEFORE ARRIVAL OF MR. BUSH PARTY, MR. FRANKS AGAIN TRAVELED TO MAIDUGURI TO PROVIDE ON THE SPOT SUPPORT. BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATORS ON THE M AND W STAFF, MR. FRANKS ALSO BECAME DEEPLY INVOLVED IN OTHER ASPECTS OF SUPPORT INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING. HE ASSUMED THESE ADDITIONAL DUTIES WITHOUT CAUSING ILL FEELINGS, A MOST DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT.

MR. FRANKS DIRECTED PEOPLE, VEHICLES, AIRPLANES AND OTHER RESOURCES. HE PERFORMED SUPERBLY AT EACH SUCCESSIVE STOP AS THE PARTY MOVED FROM MAIDUGURI TO  
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BAUCHI, THEN GOMBE, KANO AND LAGOS. HE WAS UP BEFORE DAYLIGHT, AND MARSHALLED THE FORCES TO GET THE PARTY ORGANIZED FOR EVENTS IN KANO AND THE TRIP TO LAGOS.

FROM ARRIVAL IN MAIDUGURI TO DEPARTURE FROM LAGOS, IN THE FACE OF REAL AND PRESENT POSSIBILITY OF THREATS TO THE AMBASSADOR AND THE BUSH PARTY, BOB PROVIDED SUPERB SECURITY SUPPORT AND COORDINATED EXCELLENTLY THE FEDERAL POLICE, MILITARY, AND STATE SECURITY SERVICES ASSIGNED

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TO THE PROTECTIVE DETAIL.

MR. FRANKS' PERFORMANCE WAS EXEMPLARY. HE FULLY MERITS  
THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE MERITORIOUS HONOR AWARD.  
END OF TEXT.

FOR CDO ADAMS: REQUEST THAT A COPY OF THIS CABLE BE  
PLACED IN MR. FRANKS OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FILE. LYMAN

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