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Dear Mr. President,

I was very pleased and was told of your very kind post yesterday at Camp Lejeune concerning my decision to retire from active military service. Thank you for your thoughtful letters. I assure you I will continue to accept my responsibilities until my departure in late spring.

I remember well our first meeting in the Oval Office when you appointed me NATO's Supreme Allied Commander and the subsequent times we met in Normandy, Berlin, Brussels, Paris, and Bamberg. Your visit to Bavaria at the beginning of our deployment sent a clear message of your personal commitment to the operation and to the troops. Your willingness to take risks for peace has brought peace to a very troubled region of the world and hope for the children of Bosnia.

Again my gratitude for your words. Karen joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Clinton a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Respectfully,


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 General Douglas
 the President

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