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No 1 Special Force,
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My Dear Colonel,

I felt that I would like to write to congratulate you and the Officers and Men of your Group on your splendid effort on behalf of this Force on the night of 17th/18th February. I understand that on that night not only were all the operations flown for No. 1 Special Force successful, but also those mounted for other agencies taking part in Special Operations, giving you the fine record of 100% success on one of your busiest nights.

It has been brought to my notice that from time to time a "Unit Citation" is given to American Units responsible for any single particularly fine effort; and I should like to think that the appreciation expressed by us at this HQ of the work of your crews could be in some measure responsible for bringing this cherished reward to your Group.

The operations flown for us on the night of 17th/18th were all of considerable importance and most of them have already been gratefully acknowledged by the British Missions in the field who received them. It is noteworthy that two of the total of eight sorties flown were to ground LAGOON GREEN, which must represent one of the most difficult operations ever attempted by crews engaged in this work.

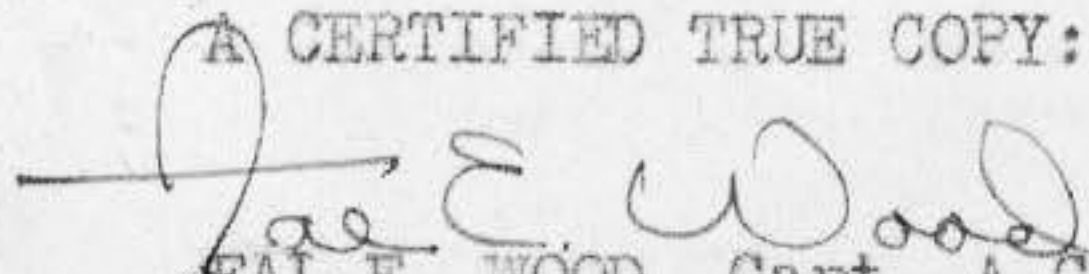
May I close by saying that it is not only this fine single effort that we appreciate, but also the keenness, perseverance, and mounting degree of success shown by your Group over these last few months. Without such skill and cooperation on your part our work would indeed be meaningless.

Yours sincerely,

s/ R. T. Hewitt
Lt Col.

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