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MEMBERS OF THE "RED DEVILS" REUNION OF THE 508TH PARACHUTE
INFANTRY REGIMENT MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS

FELLOW VETERANS:

AS A NAVY VETERAN AND GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA I WISH TO WELCOME
ALL OF YOU TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND THE GREAT CITY OF NEW
ORLEANS FOR YOUR 19TH ANNUAL REUNION.

YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE A MATTER OF RECORD. YOUR PARACHUTE
JUMPS INTO NORMANDY ON D-DAY 1944 AND SUBSEQUENT JUMPS INTO
HOLLAND PLAYED A VITAL PART IN TURNING BACK THE ENEMY FORCES.
AGAIN THE 508TH PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FAMED "BATTLE OF
THE BULGE."

YOUR SELECTION AS HONOR GUARD TO GENERAL EISENHOWER'S SHAPE
HEADQUARTERS AFTER HOSTILITIES CEASED BROUGHT ADDITIONAL FAME
AND RECOGNITION TO YOUR UNIT.

IT IS A DISTINCT PLEASURE AND HONOR TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE
GREAT STATE OF LOUISIANA. HAVE A WONDERFUL AND PRODUCTIVE
REUNION.

Laissez les bon temps roulez!

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin W. Edwards".

EDWIN W. EDWARDS