

TALKING POINTS FOR USE BY
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-- HONORED GUESTS ...

-- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

-- IT IS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PRIDE THAT I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY ...

-- PRIDE IN TODAY'S DEFENSE ATTACHE SYSTEM...

-- PRIDE IN THE TRADITIONS OF SERVICE TODAY'S ATTACHES HAVE INHERITED ...

-- FROM MILITARY ATTACHES WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE THEM.

-- THAT'S WHY YOU AND I ARE HERE THIS MORNING...

-- TO HONOR THOSE WHO ARE PART OF THAT TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE.

-- I WAS REMINDED OF THAT TRADITION ONLY LAST MONTH ...

-- WHEN I TRAVELLED TO NORWAY FOR A CEREMONY HONORING CAPTAIN ROBERT LOSEY.

-- CAPTAIN LOSEY WAS THE ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE TO NORWAY IN APRIL 1940 ...

-- WHEN THE GERMANS INVADED THAT COUNTRY.

-- HE WAS TRYING TO LOCATE THE NORWEGIAN GENERAL STAFF AMID THE CHAOS OF WAR ...

-- WHEN THERE WAS A GERMAN AIR ATTACK.

-- EVERYONE TOOK COVER IN A RAILROAD TUNNEL.

-- IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBSERVE THE BATTLE AND REPORT ON GERMAN AIR TACTICS ...

-- CAPTAIN LOSEY WENT TO THE MOUTH OF THE TUNNEL TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON...

-- AND WAS KILLED BY A PIECE OF SHRAPNEL.

-- EVERYONE ELSE KEPT THEIR HEADS DOWN...

-- BUT ATTACHES CAN'T ALWAYS DO THAT.

-- AND SO HE BECAME THE FIRST AMERICAN MILITARY CASUALTY OF WORLD WAR TWO ...

-- A YEAR AND A HALF BEFORE OUR COUNTRY FORMALLY ENTERED THE WAR.

-- THAT'S ANOTHER THING ABOUT ATTACHES:
-- THEY'RE OFTEN OUT THERE ON THE LEADING EDGE OF EVENTS ...
-- WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES TO REPRESENT OUR COUNTRY AND ITS INTERESTS.
-- THAT'S CERTAINLY TRUE OF THOSE WE ARE HERE TO INDUCT TODAY INTO OUR ATTACHE
HALL OF FAME.
-- TOGETHER, THEY HAVE BEEN STATIONED ON EVERY CONTINENT OF THE WORLD ...
-- FROM HUNGARY TO HONG KONG ...
-- FROM BEIRUT TO BRAZIL.
-- THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT PLAYERS ...
-- IN MOST OF THE CRISES AND MAJOR EVENTS OF THE PAST 20 YEARS.
-- FROM THE COLD WAR IN EASTERN EUROPE TO CIVIL WAR IN ANGOLA...
-- FROM OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND STORM IN THE MIDDLE EAST ...
-- TO OPERATION JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA.
-- THEY ARE WORTHY COMPANY FOR CAPTAIN LOSEY AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR ATTACHE
HALL OF FAME.
-- AND SPEAKING OF THOSE OTHER MEMBERS ...
-- WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE WITH US AS OUR FEATURED SPEAKER THIS MORNING ...
-- ONE OF THE CHARTER MEMBERS OF OUR ATTACHE HALL OF FAME ...
-- LIEUTENANT GENERAL VERNON G. WALTERS.
-- FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS ...
-- OUR GUEST SPEAKER THIS MORNING HAS LIVED AT THE CENTER OF WORLD
HISTORY.
-- HE ENTERED ROME WITH GENERAL CLARK IN 1944.
-- HE WITNESSED TRUMAN'S HISTORIC WAKE ISLAND MEETING WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR.
-- HE WAS AT PARIS AT THE ABORTED U-2 CONFERENCE IN 1960.
-- HE SERVED AS TOP-LEVEL INTERPRETER, NEGOTIATOR, AND TROUBLESHOOTER
-- FOR SIX U.S. PRESIDENTS.

-- HIS CAREER AS A DEFENSE ATTACHE INCLUDED MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF HIS ARMY CAREER.

-- HE PRECEDED THREE OF TODAY'S HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES IN THEIR ATTACHE ASSIGNMENTS.

-- OUR SPEAKER'S LONG CAREER ALSO INCLUDES SERVICE AT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

-- AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.

-- SHORTLY AFTER CONCLUDING HIS TOUR AT CIA...

-- HE RETIRED FROM ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE ON 31 JULY 1976.

-- GENERAL WALTERS DID NOT, HOWEVER, LEAVE PUBLIC SERVICE.

-- FROM 1981 TO 1985 HE SERVED AS AN AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE UNDER PRESIDENT REAGAN.

-- IN 1985 HE BECAME AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS...

-- AND IN 1989 AMBASSADOR TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

-- WHILE HE WAS IN THAT POST ...

-- ONE OF TODAY'S HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES SERVED AS HIS DEFENSE AND ARMY ATTACHE.

-- ALL THIS BRINGS ME TO A DILEMMA.

-- SHOULD I BE INTRODUCING GENERAL WALTERS OR AMBASSADOR WALTERS?

-- I'M NOT SURE OF THE PROTOCOL OF THE SITUATION ...

-- BUT I'LL BE GUIDED BY THE WISE MAN WHO ONCE SAID ...

-- HE KNEW OF GENERALS WHO BECAME AMBASSADORS ...

-- BUT NO AMBASSADORS WHO BECAME GENERALS.

-- PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING ...

-- A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT ...

-- MILITARY ATTACHE ...

-- AND ASTUTE DIPLOMAT ...

-- LIEUTENANT GENERAL VERNON A. WALTERS.

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June 27, 1995

Lt. Gen. James Clapper
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Dear General Clapper,

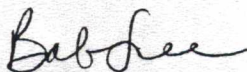
How special it was of you to invite Anne and myself to attend the 1995 ceremony of the inductees to the Attache Hall of Fame. Your personal invitation was very much appreciated. It was an honor to be present and to learn first hand the accomplishments of some of the outstanding attaches representing our country. We appreciate the special recognition that you gave to Captain Losey. We have asked for a copy of your remarks for our scrapbook. I hope this is possible. It's important, not only for attaches, but to everyone "to keep their head up, be observant, and take some risks". Your comments were very apropos for not only attaches but for all of us.

Please extend our thanks to Susan for passing on the Dombas pictures. The warmth and hospitality of the Norwegian people will never be forgotten, however the pictures help keep those special days alive. Thanks again for taking your time to represent our country at the Memorial Services.

We would appreciate it if you would extend our thanks to Colonel Giles Light and Lt. Sharon Laahs for making our visit to Bolling so comfortable. We have been very impressed with all the military personnel that we met over the past year in connection with the Captain Losey story. As a civilian it makes me proud to see the caliber of people serving in our Armed Forces.

Thanks again for including us in the induction ceremonies. If you and Susan are ever in Chicago please feel free to give us a call and come by and visit.

Sincerely,



Bob Lee



DIRECTOR DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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Dear Bob-

Thanks very much for your very gracious letter of June 27th. Attached is a copy of the text of my remarks.

I couldn't agree with you more about the warmth and hospitality of the Norwegians; that visit will always be a highlight of my tenure as Director of DIA. I will be happy to convey your thanks to Giles Light and Sharon Leach.

Sue regretted missing the ceremony, and seeing you ("the dog seems fine now") — but sends her very

best. And, thanks so much
for the open invitation.

Again, it was good to hear
from you. I hope you'd always
consider yourselves as part of
the DIA - attache family.

All the best -

Sincerely,

Jim Clapper

April 25, 1997

Mr. Joseph Tombrello
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Dear Mr. Tombrello,

As you know, there will be a memorial service for Captain Robert M. Losey, Class of '29, on May 16th. Approximately 200 Norwegians will participate in this ceremony. At the lunch following the memorial service, I would like to present a West Point saber to the head of the Norwegian delegation. This saber will be taken back to Dombas, Norway, (where Captain Losey was killed) and placed in the local museum. As you may know, this community has erected a monument in Captain Losey's honor and conducts memorial services each year. The death of Captain Losey is well documented in the local museum with articles, pictures, and shrapnel of the bomb that killed him. This community has done a superb job in keeping alive the memories of the sacrifices of all Americans and Norwegians who gave their lives to defend freedom during World War II. I feel that the saber would best represent Captain Losey's life as a military officer and our appreciation to the Norwegians for remembering such an outstanding West Point graduate.

A second saber would be presented to Mr. Keith Thienemann. Even though Mr. Thienemann is not a descendant of Captain Losey, Keith knows as much about his life as anyone. Keith is a genealogist and a historian. He has spent countless hours over the last few years in gathering information and has produced a phenomenal slide show depicting the life and history of Captain Losey. This slide show will be shown at the luncheon on May 16th. More important, Keith attended the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Norway with our family a couple of years ago and showed the slide presentation to numerous Sons of Norway lodges throughout Norway. We also had the opportunity of showing it to the Special Forces Honor Guard that attended the memorial service along with General Clapper.

In addition to the time that Keith has spent in educating hundreds of people about the life and death of Captain Losey, he has also done a great deal of lobbying in order to encourage the United States postal system to make a memorial stamp. If you are not familiar with this effort, please let me know and I will be happy to send you one of the bound brochures that Keith has produced. Without Keith Thienemann's encouragement, enthusiasm, and unselfish dedication, the story of Captain Losey's death would not have been kept alive in the minds and hearts of so many Americans and Norwegians. At his own expense, Keith has traveled to Norway and West Point to tell the story of a West Point graduate. Too often a soldier can give his life for his country and that sacrifice is forgotten. Captain Losey is just a symbol of the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of military personnel who lost their lives in World War II. Keith Thienemann has played an important role to help keep those sacrifices visible even with the passing of over 50 years. I know that the presentation of the saber in memory of Captain Losey and West Point would be recognition well deserved. If there is doubt in anyone's mind as to the importance that Keith Thienemann has played in developing the story of Captain Losey, I would be happy to send you the albums of press clippings, pictures, letters written, video tapes, slides, and pictures that Keith has compiled. I know that if time permits, he also plans to put this presentation on video tape and provide copies to Norway, West Point, and Captain Losey's descendants.

Thank you in advance for your help in conveying this request to the appropriate people. I am more than willing to cover any cost incurred in providing these sabers. If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Lee