## TALKING POINTS FOR NATIONAL D-DAY MUSEUM RECEPTION

- \* I WANT TO THANK DR. STEPHEN AMBROSE, THE RENOWNED HISTORIAN AND EISENHOWER SCHOLAR FOR HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS TO HELP MAKE THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT A REALITY.
- \* I WELCOME OUR MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRY HERE TONIGHT. THIS MUSEUM IS ABOUT YOU, AND ABOUT A NATION THAT FOCUSED ITS ENTIRE MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL MIGHT TO BRING ABOUT A SINGLE EVENT THAT CHANGED THE MAP OF EUROPE AND THE COURSE OF HISTORY.
- \* GENERAL EISENHOWER, THE ARCHITECT OF D-DAY AND A FELLOW KANSAN SAID: "NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF THIS GREAT REPUBLIC, NOR THE FURY OF AN AROUSED DEMOCRACY." THIS MUSEUM WILL BE A TESTAMENT TO THE COURAGE, DEDICATION, AND SKILL OF THOSE WHO MADE D-DAY POSSIBLE.
- \* THE CENTRAL MESSAGE OF THE D-DAY MUSEUM IS THE COOPERATIVE ROLE OF INDUSTRY AND ARMED FORCES THAT MADE VICTORY POSSIBLE.
- \* AS A VETERAN OF WOULD WAR II, FIGHTING IN ITALY JUST BEFORE THE D-DAY INVASION, I HAVE ALWAYS HAD A KEEN INTEREST IN -- AND GREAT RESPECT FOR -- THE COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP THAT D-DAY EMBODIES.
- \* THE MUSEUM WILL ALSO SERVE A VITAL EDUCATIONAL FUNCTION FOR SCHOOL GROUPS AND YOUNGER VISITORS WHO NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT IN WORLD HISTORY.

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- \* YOU ARE CO-HOST WITH SENATOR JOHNSTON AND CONGRESSMAN LIVINGSTON (R-LA), 6:00-8:00, MANSFIELD ROOM
- \* CEO'S AND REPRESENTATIVES OF DEFENSE CONTRACTORS ARE EXPECTED
- \* GENERAL SULLIVAN, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE DON RICE HAVE ACCEPTED
- \* SENATORS THURMOND, WARNER, STEVENS, AND INOUYE ARE EXPECTED TO DROP BY. A DEAR COLLEAGUE HAS BEEN SENT OUT INVITING SENATORS
- \* GEORGE WILLS WILL INTRODUCE YOU FOR BRIEF REMARKS
- \* STEVE AMBROSE WILL FOLLOW YOUR REMARKS WITH A SHORT FILM/SLIDE SHOW ON THE MUSEUM PROJECT.
- \* I HAVE INFORMED THE ORGANIZERS THAT YOUR SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT ONLY A FEW MINUTES AND THAT YOUR ARRIVAL TIME CANNOT BE PREDICTED AT THIS TIME.