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CONSULAT GENERAL DE FRANCE A MIAMI

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**Mr. Leonidas Zois**  
565 Broad Street  
Newark, NJ 07102

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Dear Mr. Zois,

Your decision to fight for freedom during World War II was an admirable act, demonstrating your courage and selflessness. The solidarity that you showed towards our country and people as a Private First Class, Company C, 291<sup>st</sup> Infantry, participating in the Liberation of Normandy, the Liberation of Northern France, the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of the Rhineland will never be forgotten, and rest assured that we are eternally grateful. I am pleased, therefore, to attach the Legion of Honor Medal and readdress my sincere and warm congratulations.

On behalf of our government and people, I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations for your induction into the French Legion of Honor. Without your bravery, and that of those who fought alongside with you, France and Europe might have never been liberated from the barbarity of Nazi occupation. Your efforts are both admirable and an example to follow and it is our pleasure to award you France's highest military distinction.

We will always be grateful for your enormous efforts and I am thrilled to formalize our gratitude through the attached award. Inside you will also find a CD titled "*The French Will Never Forget*," through which you will be able to see our undying gratitude for your bravery.

Congratulating you for your well deserved medal,

**Gaël de MAISONNEUVE**  
*Consul General of France*