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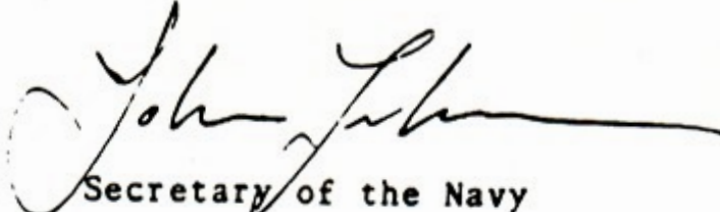
The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the  
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

MARINE SECURITY GUARD BATTALION

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service while protecting lives, providing physical security, and safeguarding classified material at American embassies and consulates throughout the world. From 1 February 1979 to 31 January 1984, there was a dramatic increase in attacks against our diplomatic facilities abroad. The Marine Security Guard Battalion responded bravely and well to these critical situations. Faced with demonstrations, civil disturbances, bombings, armed attacks, and actual combat, the Marine Security Guard Detachments of the Battalion met the challenge, despite the casualties and fatalities they suffered in these actions. By their outstanding performance, resolute determination, and unstinting dedication to duty, the enlisted personnel of Marine Security Guard Battalion reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

  
Secretary of the Navy