

1 July 1969

**MEMORANDUM FOR: LIEUTENANT COLONEL CONNELLY, GENERAL OFFICERS BRANCH**

**SUBJECT: Proposed DSM for Lieutenant General Harry J. Lemley, Jr.**

1. Lieutenant General Lemley ends his tour as DCSOPS in late July. The length of his tenure and the quality of his performance make him exceptionally deserving of the Distinguished Service Medal.
2. A proposed citation is inclosed. It would be highly desirable to obtain approval of this award in time for its presentation by the Chief of Staff prior to LTG Lemley's departure.

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Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff  
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## PROPOSED CITATION

Lieutenant General Harry J. Lemley, Jr., 019756, United States Army, distinguished himself by outstandingly meritorious service as Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Headquarters, Department of the Army, during the period 1 September 1966 to 3 July 1969.

Throughout his unusually extended tenure in a position of such critical and demanding importance, Lieutenant General Lemley advanced the best interests of his service and his country in a manner consistently reflective of selfless personal dedication, superb judgment and singular qualities of leadership. Serving continuously through a period marked by the build-up in South Vietnam, the Paris Peace Talks, the Middle East Crisis, complex preparations for Arms Limitation discussions, the PUENLO and EC 121 incidents, and other crisis situations, Lieutenant General Lemley represented a uniquely respected source of military advice and counsel that served the highest security interests of the United States, providing essential continuity and experience through major changes in the Army staff, the Department of Defense and the National Administration.

As the primary representative of the Chief of Staff in the resolution of joint military issues by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Lieutenant General Lemley was unparalleled in his appreciation of United States National security in its broadest context. Respect for his penetrating and incisive understanding of the major issues, together with keen appreciation of his fundamental and unbiased dedication to the requirements of national defense, accorded to him a position of leadership and influence among his

Service colleagues and substantially advanced the national interests in the vital field of security. This accomplishment was particularly evident in the field of strategic planning where his extraordinary qualities of practical foresight, organizational acumen and perception of the key factors involved in the formulation of major plans resulted in improvements which, to a marked and most significant degree, increased the soundness and the practicality of these key strategic documents.

In a position of such central influence on the shape, the structure, and the effectiveness of the Army, Lieutenant General Lemley met each demand on his services and his talents with qualities of surpassing ability and accomplishment. His tenure, marked by the deepest devotion to his country and a series of brilliant contributions to its security remains a model and an inspiration which personify the highest traditions of military service and reflect on him a degree of personal credit fully deserving of the nation's gratitude as exemplified by its highest award for military merit.