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Dear Mr Williams,

I have the pleasure of informing you that the President of the Republic has appointed you to the rank of *Chevalier* in the *Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur*.

I offer you my warmest congratulations on this high honour in recognition of your acknowledged military engagement and your steadfast involvement in the Liberation of France during the Second World War.

As we contemplate this Europe of peace, we must never forget the heroes like you, who came from Britain and the Commonwealth to begin the liberation of Europe by liberating France. We owe our freedom and security to your dedication, because you were ready to risk your life.

I am happy to enclose your insignia of *Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur* and once again extend to you my heartfelt congratulations.

Since a large number of decorations has to be awarded between now and the end of this year, I shall be unable to present this honour personally to every single veteran. However, if you would like an award ceremony to be organized for you, I invite you to contact your region's French Honorary Consul, who has been informed and is at your disposal. The Honorary Consuls' contact details are enclosed with this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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