2308, June 27, midnight. For the President:

Reference my Army cable last night advising of my presentation to Marshal Stalin of the Stalingrad and Leningrad scrolls, following is approved text of Marshal Stalin's statement in accepting them:

"I accept the scrolls of honor from the President as a symbol of the fruitful collaboration between our Governments which is being effected in the name of the freedom of our peoples and the progress of humanity. The scrolls of honor will be presented to representatives of Leningrad and Stalingrad."

I have given this to the American correspondents here for release for Wednesday morning papers. I have told them that I presumed the White House would release the text of your letter to Marshal Stalin and the scrolls, but that as Stalin's statement was a Moscow story I would ask that it be not (repeat not) released from the White House but allowed to come from them.

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