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The death of the Honorable HERBERT CLARK HOOVER, 31st President of the United States, which occurred on 20 October 1964, at New York, New York, is announced with deep regret.

Mr. HOOVER was born on 10 August 1874 at West Branch, Iowa. He earned a B.A. degree in Engineering from Stanford University in May 1895, and for the next 18 years was engaged as a mining engineer and consultant in North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. As a result of his abiding interest in people, he served on relief commissions and committees in several countries abroad, and, from August 1917 until June 1919, was the United States Food Administrator. He once again demonstrated his humanity when he accepted the Chairmanship of the European Relief Council which was engaged primarily in providing food for the distressed European peoples. He was appointed Secretary of Commerce in March 1921 and served until August 1928. He was elected President of the United States, was sworn into office on 4 March 1929, and served until 3 March 1933.

Mr. HOOVER received more honors than any other President in our history. He was recognized in his own country and many other countries of the world as a humanitarian and statesman, receiving some 468 medals, awards, and honors, including 67 gold medals which were bestowed upon him both by American and by foreign organizations and societies. Honorary citizenship was conferred on him by 26 European cities. He also received honorary degrees from 85 institutions in the United States and abroad and 60 honorary memberships from societies of science and technology. After his service terminated in the highest office in the Nation, he wrote many books, was active in public speaking, and continued to engage in Government activities for many years. In 1946, at the request of the President, Mr. HOOVER served as coordinator of food supplies for 38 countries and made a study of the economic situation in Germany and Austria.

Mr. HOOVER was a great philosopher, an eminent statesman, and a wise philanthropist who devoted his lifetime to the interests and welfare of the peoples of the world. The death of this distinguished humanitarian will be mourned by this Nation and countries the world over.

As a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. HOOVER, the National Flag will be displayed at half-staff on all installations under the control of the Department of the Army for 30 days from the date of death.

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Memorial services will be conducted for Mr. Hoover at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol, Washington, D.C., and graveside services at Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, Iowa. He will lie in State in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol, Washington, D.C., from 1500, Friday, 23 October 1964 to 0930, Sunday, 25 October 1964 and will be buried at West Branch, Iowa, on Sunday, 25 October 1964.

The Commanding Generals, First United States Army, New York, New York, the Military District of Washington, Washington, D.C., and Fifth United States Army, Chicago, Illinois, will render appropriate honors.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

HAROLD K. JOHNSON,
General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

Official:

J. C. LAMBERT,
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The Adjutant General.