Dear Incoming Fellow:

Congratulations on your acceptance into the International Counterterrorism Fellowship Senior Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) program at the College of International Security Affairs (CISA), the newest and most cutting-edge war college within the National Defense University (NDU). This program combines a senior-level JPME program with a rigorous Master of Arts in Strategic Security Studies that includes a thesis.

CISA is one of NDU’s five colleges, and has been designated as the Department of Defense flagship for education and the building of partnership capacity in combating terrorism and irregular warfare at the strategic level. The College’s mission is to educate and prepare civilian and military national security professionals and future leaders from the United States and partner nations for the strategic challenges of the contemporary security environment. A recently aired interview about the College and its relevance appeared on White House Chronicle (a weekly news and public affairs program), and is available for viewing at http://www.whchronicle.com/2013/04/a-discussion-of-the-anti-terrorism-college-at-the-national-defense-university/.

Your selection to attend this JPME and graduate program at NDU recognizes your potential for significant future contributions to your service/agency and the Nation. We know you will find the experience intellectually challenging, professional rewarding and personally satisfying.

In addition to the rigor of the academic program, you will also have the opportunity to interact with your global peers, as over half the student body is comprised of International Counterterrorism Fellows. You will also interact with colleagues from the Interagency as well as the military services. These professional and personal linkages are cited as a highlight by CISA alums worldwide and are unique to the CISA experience.

Please report to NDU, Abraham Lincoln Hall (Building 64), Room 2212, Fort McNair, on Monday, 4 August at 0830 for in-processing. Should you have any other questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Sheila DeTurk, CISA Registrar, at (202) 685-7784 or sheila.deturk@ndu.edu.

On behalf of the entire College, I would like to extend a warm welcome and best wishes towards your academic success.

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