Dear Incoming Student:

Congratulations on your acceptance into the South and Central Asia Security Studies Program at the College of International Security Affairs (CISA), the newest and most cutting-edge college within the National Defense University (NDU). The program consists of a rigorous Master of Arts in Strategic Security Studies degree 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. An 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/](http://www.whchronicle.com/2013/04/a-discussion-of-the-anti-terrorism-college-at-the-national-defense-university/).

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

In addition to the rigor of the academic programs, you will also have the opportunity to interact with peers and professionals from around the world, as half of CISA’s student body is comprised of International Counterterrorism Fellows from our international partners. You will also interact with colleagues from the Interagency as well as all Services. These professional and personal linkages are cited as a highlight by CISA alums and are central to the CISA experience.

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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