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Dear Members:

Thank you for the two most recent letters that summarized your July 2017 and February 2018 meetings. Also, thank you for your service to the National Defense University (NDU). I truly appreciate the excellent work that you, as members of the Board of Visitors (BOV), perform for our Nation. You have my personal thanks for a job well done.

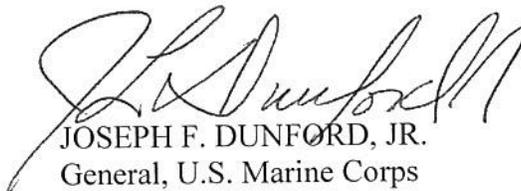
I am satisfied that the Department has recognized the proper scope of NDU's management headquarters element. Please continue to monitor the implementation of the proper billet totals as we incorporate them during the budgeting process. This will limit NDU's vulnerability in any future headquarters reductions.

I agree that it is vital to provide funding for the sustainment of NDU information technology across the Future Years Defense Program. My staff will work closely with NDU and the Office of the Secretary of Defense to ensure the level of technology is commensurate with a premier university's needs.

I am pleased to learn that the BOV is involved early in NDU's strategic planning process. I ask the BOV to review the plan's implementation at every future meeting. This will ensure NDU remains on track with its activities or codifies any updates that are required due to changing circumstances.

Again, I am grateful for the superb effort the BOV puts forth for the joint education community. The University and the Joint Force are better because of your efforts.

Sincerely,

  
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