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ADM Patrick Walsh, USN (Ret.), Ph.D.
Chairman, National Defense University Board of Visitors
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Dear Admiral Walsh:

Thank you for your letter regarding the May 2020 meeting of the National Defense University (NDU) Board of Visitors (BOV). As always, I rely on the BOV to provide the best advice in helping NDU accomplish its mission.

Your support and feedback regarding NDU's curriculum transformation are most welcome. I recently signed the Vision and Guidance for Professional Military Education and Talent Management. Your continued feedback and advice will be invaluable as NDU moves forward with its transformation and implements the Vision and Guidance.

I note the other observations and recommendations you express in your letter and appreciate your strong support for NDU's curriculum transformation. I look forward to a discussion about all planned initiatives to modernize academic programs. I value the BOV's consistent reporting on both the progress and the remaining challenges with NDU facilities. The Department of the Army and Joint Staff have more to do to ensure appropriate facilities for the Nation's premier joint education institution.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership of the BOV and the efforts of the entire board in support of the joint education of our men and women in uniform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Milley", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and includes a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the name.

MARK A. MILLEY
General, U.S. Army

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