

UNCLASSIFIED



CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

WASHINGTON, DC 20318-9999

CM-0169-24  
22 June 2024

Gen Norton A Schwartz, USAF (Ret.)  
Board Chair, National Defense University Board of Visitors  
National Defense University  
300 5th Avenue, SW  
Fort Lesley J. McNair  
Washington, DC 20319-5066

Dear General <sup>NORTON</sup> Schwartz:

Thank you for the phone call on 23 May 2024, and your letter regarding the 18 April 2024 meeting of the National Defense University (NDU) Board of Visitors (BOV). I appreciate the board's efforts regarding NDU's reaffirmation of accreditation, financial status, facility planning, and status of ongoing renovations. Your attentiveness will help ensure that NDU remains vibrant and viable well into the future.

Institutional stability is vital to NDU's ability to maintain its accreditation, so I am pleased to hear the positive news about the Middle States Commission's recent assessment on NDU civilian accreditation. Please keep me informed about the commission's next evaluation when it becomes available. I also appreciate the efforts to ensure membership continuity on the BOV. Retaining knowledgeable members will reinforce NDU's institutional stability.

The NDU President's efforts to fill vacant personnel billets and meet the university's facility and information technology needs are compelling. The Joint Staff will consider his advocacy for an increase in NDU's topline in the Fiscal Year 2025 President's Budget to reflect needed financial support.

I share your concern for the funding status of Roosevelt Hall. I agree that a revitalized Roosevelt Hall is critical to NDU's future as an educational institution. Please let me know how I can best provide advocacy on this issue.

I welcome an opportunity to address the board and have asked my staff to review my availability to attend the next board meeting on 25 September 2024. Thank you for your continued leadership of the BOV and the members' dedicated support to NDU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Q. Brown, Jr.", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

CHARLES Q. BROWN, JR.  
General, U.S. Air Force

UNCLASSIFIED