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Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, USA
Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear General Walters:

The National Defense University, under the direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will conduct the annual Defense Strategy Seminar during the period 14-25 June 1976. The Seminar brings together over 250 selected Reserve and National Guard officers, prominent in their communities and representing a large cross section of civilian professions—primarily business, education and law.

It is my pleasure to extend to you a most cordial invitation to address the members of the Seminar in Eisenhower Auditorium, The National War College at 9:30 a. m., Monday 14 June, on the subject: "The International Environment and Key National Security Issues Confronting the United States." This is the initial topic of the Seminar and is aimed at creating a basic framework for subsequent, more detailed examination of national security affairs.

The range of your remarks may be as broad or as narrow as you deem appropriate. We would request, however, that you devote the majority of your time to a description of the current international environment and to consideration of the framework in which states seek their objectives. We realize this is an almost impossible task to cover in one lecture, and you may want to discuss only key national security issues or to list such issues for follow up in the question and answer period.

The lectures during the Seminar normally are about forty-five minutes in length, followed by a question and answer period of approximately thirty minutes. However, if you prefer a shorter lecture with more time for questions, this is agreeable. We hope you will be able to remain with us for an additional discussion with a representative group from the participants. If you find it convenient, we shall be honored to have you as our guest at a luncheon.

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Lectures and other presentations, as well as questions and answers, customarily are not recorded or transcribed, and never without the express wish of the speaker. Our practice in this matter is dictated both by the need for operational economics and by our long-established policy of nonattribution which enables our speakers to bear in mind that recordings or transcriptions, if made, may be subject to the public disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, as amended by Public Law 93-502.

In the event you desire additional information or assistance in preparing your address, please do not hesitate to call on any of us here at the University. Captain Lennart G. Holmberg, USN Director of the Seminar, is our faculty member most familiar with the scope and purpose of your address. He may be reached by telephone at (202) 693-8491.

Should you be able to accept this invitation, we shall communicate with you further regarding the administrative arrangements for your visit.

We hope that we shall have the opportunity of welcoming you to the National Defense University on 14 June.

Sincerely,



M.G. BAYNE
Vice Admiral, US Navy
President