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MEMORANDUM FOR CGSOC Distance Learning Students

SUBJECT: Academic Misconduct

Congratulations on your decision to pursue intermediate level education through the distance learning Command and General Staff College's Command and General Staff Officers Course (CGSOC) - Common Core and Advanced Operations Courses.

As you begin your studies with the Department of Distance Education, let me emphasize to all distance learning students the issue of academic misconduct. As part of your enrollment, each of you signed an Academic Ethics Statement. Unfortunately, not all of our students either understand what they signed or follow the guidance. To get right to the point, I need to emphasize proper ethical conduct for distance learning students. The most common problem involves using someone else's work. That could be the use of other students' work or plagiarizing any documented work.

I urge you to familiarize yourself with this policy; if you have questions, ask for assistance! We encourage students to share the knowledge they gain from our course with others – the result being a more proficient field grade officer. However, you must remember that some of your academic assessments are a reflection of your individual work as dictated by the course learning objectives. Your work must be a reflection of your individual effort in order for us to determine whether you have met the learning objectives and course requirements for graduation.

Academic misconduct is a serious violation that can result in an AR 15-6 investigation. If the investigation determines that the violation occurred, students may be dismissed from the course with no chance to reenroll and potentially receive a General Officer Letter of Reprimand. I do not need to expand on the career-ending consequences of such actions. We have heard many excuses from students on why they resorted to academic misconduct or that they didn't really understand the rules. These post-offense comments generally do not change the outcome.

Even though you are enrolled in a distance learning course, we have faculty available to assist you. There are faculty advisors with the Common Core DL course, TASS faculty with the DL TASS option, and AOC faculty within our AOC DL program. If you have questions or concerns about what support or assistance may be allowed – or if some action might cross the line into academic misconduct – contact your advisor or faculty immediately to seek clarification.

I wish you the best in our course and in your career.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Robinson".

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