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Norman W. Bernstein
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Dear Mr. Bernstein,

Congratulations to the Columbia College Class of 1959 on your 50th Reunion!

And congratulations to your panel for drawing interest to the discussion of returning ROTC to the Columbia campus. Our military needs the intellectual depth that students from its finest schools can bring to the force. Students who enroll in ROTC learn leadership and organizational skills that serve them throughout a lifetime of service, whether in or out of uniform. Above all, our country benefits by revitalizing in our brightest young people a sense of national service as an obligation of citizenship.

I am delighted to see that you and your classmates carry alumnus Alexander Hamilton's legacy of military and public service into the twenty-first century. Please accept my warmest wishes and grateful appreciation for your continued service to our nation.

All the best from CENTCOM,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David H. Petraeus". The signature is fluid and cursive.

David H. Petraeus
General, United States Army
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