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MEMORANDUM REGARDING COURSE CREDIT

FROM Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace Program (LDESP)
TO Student
SUBJECT: NS 3078: The Role of the United States in Promoting Peace and Stability

We are pleased to inform you of the LDESP program's course credit approval. At no additional cost you are now able to enroll and receive four graduate level course credits through the Naval Postgraduate School if you complete all of the requirements for NS 3078. Enclosed is a school enrollment form. You have now completed the distance learning phase I and residence learning phase II. You are now two thirds through completions of the requirements for graduate level course credits. The final requirement is a 7,500-8,000 word research paper.

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1. Course Credit Guidelines
2. Registrar Information Sheet

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Sustained Peace

1. Complete the enclosed enrollment form and mail or fax:

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Attn: SGT Daniel Fields
Naval Postgraduate School GL-356
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2. Complete the 7,500 to 8,000 word research paper.
3. Send the completed research paper to;

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5. POC is SGT Fields at 831-656-7678 Fax 831-656-2993 or dwfields@nps.edu

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF RESEARCH PAPERS FOR NS3078

General: Each of the research papers should focus on a specific policy problem relevant to post-conflict. Essays should be divided into three parts. The introduction should set out what is the essential theme or problem you are examining, that is, what is the basic research question? Some alternative initial answers to your research question may also be suggested at this point. The body of the paper should present relevant evidence bearing on the central issue of your paper. The emphasis here should be on analysis, not just the assembling of facts. The conclusion to the paper should offer your own views as to what is the best answer (or answers) to your research question.

Procedures: To initiate the process of gaining graduate credit for NS3078, you are asked to submit an initial "research design" (e-mail is fine for this). The first page of the design should consist of three paragraphs: 1) The essential scope and "research question" to be addressed in the essay; 2) A defense of why this particular project is worth doing; 3) A tentative description of how you plan to go about doing the research (i.e., what kinds of resources will you be using? where are they to be found? etc.) The second page should offer a preliminary "topic outline" of the specific issues you plan to cover and in what order. I will then respond to your research design with whatever suggestions I may have for fine-tuning the project (assuming the basic topic seems appropriate). The next step is for you to submit in hard copy a rough draft of your essay. I will mark this up in some detail and also give you my overall impressions of the draft. After this is returned to you (by mail), you prepare the final version of the paper and return it to me (again in hard copy). Within a week I will read this final version, and assuming it is satisfactory, will record a grade for you in NS3078 that will provide you with four graduate units of credit.

Specifics: Papers should be approximately 7500-8000 words in length and be fully documented, i.e., appropriate use of footnotes to indicate the source of the data, direct quotes, tables or graphs, and so forth. There are several suggested citation formats, and you may use whichever one you prefer--just be consistent. A bibliography is also required. All material taken from the Internet should be cited from the original source (e.g., government agency, newspaper or journal) in the footnote and the URL only indicated in the bibliography. The latter should consist of the sources that you have actually consulted--please avoid padding--and typically will be about 2-3 pages in length. Finally, pay special attention to proofreading. The essays in NS3078 are expected to be of professional quality, which means that typographical or spelling errors or unusual assaults on English grammar or punctuation are to be avoided at all costs. Naturally these little gremlins can creep into even the best papers, but if you have more than two or three, you are entering into the "red zone". It sometimes happens that high-quality papers (in terms of their substance) are significantly weakened because of sloppy proofreading.

Miscellaneous: There are no set deadlines for you to finish the various phases of your project--this will obviously be influenced by your own work schedule as well as

possible future deployments or assignments. You should be aware, however, that I am typically out of the country from approximately the middle of June to the middle of August. It is possible to contact me either by phone or by mail during this period (I can give you the relevant information if needed), but all things considered it would be better if we could finish your project either before or after this time-frame. One final note: it would be highly advantageous if we had at least one personal conversation on your work during the course of our association. I have listed below various telephone numbers where I can be reached while in Monterey. Please don't hesitate to arrange a convenient time in which we can talk. I am very gratified that you have decided to write this paper in order to finish your work in NS3078, and I want to be helpful in any way that I can. Good luck!

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REGISTRAR INFORMATION SHEET
DISTANCE LEARNING

(Please Print Legibly)

Last Name First Middle Social Security Number

Rank/Grade _____ Designator (Military only) _____

Service _____

Degree Program (yes or no) _____

Curriculum number _____

E-mail Address _____

Site/Location _____

Course # _____

Course Start Date _____

NAME OF SCHOOLS WHERE YOU WERE AWARDED DEGREES:

EXAMPLE-- Calif State Univ at San Jose, CA BA/BS...../Political Science 1995

Name of Institution, State Degree Rec'd/Major Year Awarded

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Under the authority of 5 USC 301, the above information is to become a permanent part of your student record. The information provided will not be divulged without your written authorization to any one other than for official business with the appropriate agencies of your country or service.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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