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General Colin L. Powell  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Pentagon Room 2E-873  
Washington, D.C. 20318-0001

Dear General Powell:

I teach a large undergraduate course on "The Impact of the Vietnam War" here at Santa Barbara. It is probably the most popular course on campus, and may have the highest enrollment of any course within the University of California system. It was featured three times on "60 Minutes," with Ed Bradley serving as the able commentator.

We have opportunity to do one of the classes this year from Washington, D.C., directly by television satellite into the lecture hall on campus. The time we have reserved is 2 p.m. (which corresponds to our 11 a.m. west-coast time) on Tuesday, February 18.

We would be thrilled if you would be available to address the class from this vantage point. I would be in the studio with you, and would ask you to talk a bit about the two wars (Vietnam and Persian Gulf), and then would open it up to the students in Santa Barbara who would communicate with us by telephone.

This will be an historic event for us -- the first time that the University of California is involved in such an effort. And you will find the students to be respectful, appreciative, and well prepared.

I very much hope that you can say yes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter H. Capps".

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