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The Honorable Samuel R. Berger
Deputy Assistant to the President for
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Dear Sandy:

I would like to invite you to be the keynote speaker for the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC 59) luncheon on Tuesday, April 23, 1996 at 12:00 p.m. in the Pentagon's Executive Dining Room. This luncheon will give you an excellent opportunity to reach approximately 60 influential citizens who were selected because they are leaders in their professions and communities yet have limited knowledge of the military and national security issues.

The JCOC program introduces the group to the most senior DoD officials and to Defense Department policy, programs, personnel and equipment. JCOC participants include representatives of many professions as well as entertainment and sports celebrities. I have enclosed a list of some recent JCOC participants.

I plan to address this year's group at their welcome dinner, Monday, April 22. The Pentagon portion routinely includes speeches by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretaries of the Army, Air Force, and Navy and the Commandants of the Marine Corps and the Coast Guard. Later that afternoon, the group leaves for five days to observe field activities and participate in training exercises at the Norfolk Naval Facilities, Nellis Air Force Base, the Army's Fort Lewis and the Marine Corps' Camp Pendleton.

If your schedule permits, I would be pleased to have you participate in this year's JCOC conference. The group would benefit from learning about the administration's perspective and involvement in recent military deployments as well as the critical role of the NSC in the defense arena. Please have your staff contact Ms. Linda Tripp, JCOC Director, at (b)(6)

William G. Perry

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