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Class of 2027,

Before you is an incredible opportunity. Thucydides wrote, “True strength of spirit would rightly be attributed to those who have the sharpest perception of both terrors and pleasures and through that knowledge do not shrink from danger.” The CISA Joint Special Operations Master of Arts (JSOMA) program grants you 10 focused months for sharpening your “perception of both terrors and pleasures” in order to meet the needs of our nation.

You will find no better guides than the CISA faculty and staff. They expect great things from you and will help you achieve your academic goals. Your professors at JSOMA are extremely accessible and have remarkable knowledge and insight that they will deftly wield to hone your abilities as a practitioner of Irregular Warfare.

Your classmates bring a range and depth of experience that allows you as a team to act as a force multiplier for your individual learning. Embrace the opportunities to work with them and gain a fresh perspective on the world. The personal and professional relationships fostered at JSOMA are worth more than any diploma. At the same time, recognize that this experience offers a break from the day-to-day grind of your professional life. Use it wisely.

Bring an open mind; you will be able to fill it. Carry the burden of your curiosity; it may not grow lighter, but you will be sharper for it. Share your journey; you are taking for granted things other students have not yet learned. Examine what you know; challenge yourself and turn weaknesses into strengths.

Congratulations, and do not hesitate to reach out. Matthew.h.bloomfield.mil@socom.mil

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