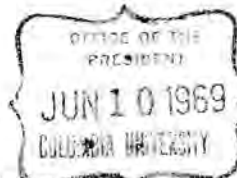




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Dear Doctor Cordier:

Thank you for your letter of 20 May, in which you have stated the policy of Columbia University relative to the NROTC. In view of the solid Navy/Columbia relationship which has benefited the Navy and our Nation for twenty-three years, I deeply regret Columbia's decision to phase out the NROTC.

In accordance with your request, the NROTC will not have an input of students into the Class of 1973, and the Naval Science subjects currently offered will be compressed into a schedule which will enable all students presently enrolled to complete them by spring 1971. A supplementary program will be developed for the Class of 1972, in order that these candidates may complete all objectives of the NROTC instructional plan prior to commissioning with their contemporaries of the NROTC Program.

Captain Rehnberg will assist you in working out the details of the changes in scheduling. Also, unless circumstances intervene, Captain Rehnberg will be extended for an additional year in his assignment at Columbia.

The Navy will honor its commitments to the midshipmen now enrolled at Columbia. I was pleased to receive your affirmation of the right of the students now enrolled to pursue the approved program of instruction leading to a commission in the Navy on graduation.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles K. Duncan".

CHARLES K. DUNCAN
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