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The Honorable Robert Dole
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Dear Senator Dole:

I want to let you know that you will shortly be receiving an invitation to speak from Eliot Cohen, who runs the strategic studies program at SAIS. I hope that you will consider it favorably. Eliot runs an annual international staff ride for his students; when I was dean at SAIS I would go along with the group on these adventures, and they were marvelous. The students study the campaign in question and then walk the ground, examining military decisions through extended discussion and role play.

In March, Eliot will be taking the students to Monte Cassino, and for four days they will explore the Italian campaign up to the liberation of Rome. They would benefit enormously from a chance to hear your reflections on your experiences in the Italian fighting.

The SAIS students are marvelous. Graduate students all, they are particularly well represented in public service: my military assistants have included Marine colonels who graduated from the school. One SAIS graduate is an Army Colonel whose brigade supervised the capture of Saddam Hussein. They are in Baghdad as I write, running the US Institute of Peace's program, and serving in a variety of capacities in our embassy and in the field. For many of them, these staff rides are a defining moment in their education, and enormously valuable.

Eliot may already be known to you: he is a prolific author and has been a valuable member of the Defense Policy Board throughout this administration. It would be a congenial audience, and I think that you would find the students—as I always did—a tremendously curious, stimulating, and idealistic group of people.

Sincerely,

Paul Wolfowitz

1/25 - spoke to
"Thayer" in Eliot Cohen's
off. No way to know when he
will return - if we can work
it out, we will call

