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General Stephen J. Townsend  
Commanding General  
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Dear General Townsend:

Thank you and your staff for the hospitality and outstanding support during my recent visit to Fort Eustis and U.S Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

Every day since 1973, seemingly behind the scenes at times, TRADOC has been at the business of building the Army—from recruiting to training and leader development to futures. As we undertake the biggest reorganization of the Army since the inception of TRADOC, your counsel and leadership, along with the knowledge and skills embedded in your command, will be an invaluable resource. Our time together during my trip reinforced this to me.

Again, thank you for your time and your insights. Please extend my thanks to your entire team, and keep up the great work. Army Strong!

Sincerely,

Mark T. Esper

*Thanks again for  
hosting Leah and me  
for dinner in your  
home, too!*