Memorandum to Presidents

Date: June 29, 1973
From: Office of the Chancellor
Subject: Governor's Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve

Attached is a copy of Governor Rockefeller's statement of support for the Guard and Reserve. Dr. T. Norman Hurd, Secretary to the Governor, has asked that the three points of agreement be incorporated into our policy and that the principles be publicized throughout the University system.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Thanks very much.

Ernest L. Boyer

Attachment

This memorandum addressed to:

Presidents, State-operated Campuses
Presidents, Community Colleges
Deans, Statutory Colleges

Copies for information only sent to:

Chancellor Kibbee
Dean McGrath
President Miles
Vice Provost Risley
Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve

We recognize the National Guard and Reserve as essential to the strength of our nation and the maintenance of world peace. They require and deserve the interest and support of the American business community, as well as every segment of our society.

In the highest American tradition, these Guard and Reserve forces are manned by civilians. Their voluntary service takes them from their homes, their families and their occupations. On weekends, and at other times, they train to prepare themselves to answer their country’s call to active service in the United States armed forces.

If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, a broader public understanding is required of the total force concept of national security—and the essential role of the Guard and Reserve within it.

The Guard and Reserve need the patriotic cooperation of American employers in facilitating the participation of their eligible employees in Guard and Reserve programs, without impediment or penalty.

We therefore join members of the American business community in agreement that:

1. Our employees’ job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced because of their service in the Guard or Reserve;
2. Our employees will be granted leaves of absence for military training in the Guard or Reserve without sacrifice of vacation time; and
3. This agreement and the resultant policies will be made known throughout the organization and announced in publications and through other existing means of communication.

April 10, 1973

Frieda Richardson
Secretary of Defense

Title: Governor
State of New York
Employer