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The President has received the April 25 - 27, 1974, Report of the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy. The Board, which met at Colorado Springs, Colorado, is required by law to meet annually to inquire into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, financial affairs, academic methods and other matters relating to the Academy which the Board decides to consider and to report its findings to the President.

The Board consists of 15 members: six Presidential appointees, three Vice Presidential appointees, and four appointed by the Speaker of the House. The remaining two members are designated, respectively, by the Chairman of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees.

The Board reached the following conclusions:

1. The professional expertise and educational techniques of the faculty instructors and the open, enthusiastic participation of the cadets were favorably impressive.
2. The scholastic achievement of Academy seniors of Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) and in earning prestige scholarships result from and attest to the quality of education being provided by the Academy.
3. The Academy's innovative academic program has stood the test of time with outstanding results in educating career officers during its first twenty years.
4. An all-military faculty can best relate the subject matter being taught to the military profession, and by precept and example can best motivate the cadets toward careers as Air Force officers.
5. The overall morale of the Cadet Wing remains high.
6. The best quality materials available to match the requirements of the cadet activities and the environmental conditions at the Academy are being used in cadet clothing.
7. The Academy's efforts to reduce attrition are in line with the Board's previous recommendations concerning this subject, and the Academy's systematic and extensive efforts in dealing with the attrition problem are to be commended.
8. The procedures utilized upon complaints of honor violations adequately preserve the rights of accused cadets and satisfy the requirements of due process of law.
9. The Airmanship Programs provide a significant contribution to career motivation.
10. The Academy is being capably and effectively administered.
11. Lieutenant General A. P. Clark, Superintendent of the Academy, has demonstrated superior ability and integrity and a sincere dedication to duty.

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The Board made the following recommendations:

1. That the previous conviction and recommendation is reaffirmed in support of an all-military faculty at the Academy.
2. That the matter of continuing the program providing Life Science courses to selected cadets in preparing them for possible direct entry into medical school after graduation from the Academy be placed on the agenda for reconsideration at the Board's Fall Meeting.
3. That the Academy Foundation's plans to finance and construct an Education Center at the Academy be accomplished in two phases: first, a Visitor's Center, and second, conference facilities, using income from the Visitor's Center to meet construction costs.

The Board was composed of the following members:

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