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The President,
Howard University,
Washington, D. C.

Supplementing announcement of the Secretary of War comma dated May eight comma providing for comprehensive system of military instruction in institutions of collegiate grade comma beginning with the next fall term comma a plan for carrying out this policy has been approved and will be mailed you shortly period Plan includes provision for forty-seven days training camps comma August first to September sixteenth comma for selected students and faculty members from colored institutions comma who will be trained as assistant instructors to help officers who will be assigned to institutions period No commissions issued but certificates of qualification as instructors period Presidents of institutions are requested to select one student for every twenty-five in attendance last academic year and one faculty member for each one hundred students or less of last year's male enrollment of students eighteen years or over period Notify them to report to Commanding Officer comma The Washington Training Camp comma Howard University grounds comma Washington comma D. C. on August first period Five days lee way in reporting permitted if necessary period Select men of highest type physically and mentally and most capacity for leadership period Must be citizens and men who expect to return to college next fall period Maximum age limit forty-five period Emphasize great value of opportunity offered period Advise those selected have physical examination by reputable physician to determine physical fitness for severe training period Both students and teachers will be under temporary enlistment for forty-seven days when they will be discharged period They will receive housing comma uniforms comma subsistence comma equipment and military instruction at Government expense period Also pay of a private parenthesis thirty dollars per month parenthesis and reimbursement of transportation to and from camp at four cents per mile period Wire commanding general comma Eastern department Governor's Island comma New York comma number to attend from your institution period

McCain

The Adjutant General.