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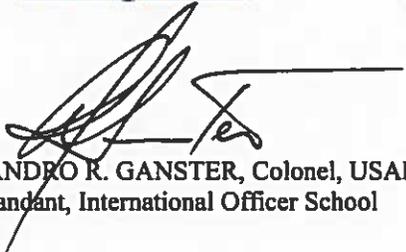
1 December 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STUDENTS (IMS)

FROM: International Officer School
120 S. Mitchell Street
Maxwell AFB AL 36112

SUBJECT: International Officer School (IOS) Welcome Letter

1. As commandant of IOS and Director of Air University International Affairs, I congratulate you on your selection to attend Squadron Officer School (SOS) and welcome you to Air University (AU). This package provides reporting instructions and general information to help facilitate your transition to the United States. My faculty and staff are committed to your success, and we are excited to share with you the many services and programs AU has to offer during your stay.
2. **Students must arrive no earlier than 22 Feb 21 and no later than 24 Feb 21** to complete required in-processing. **Mandatory briefings for all students will occur on 26 Feb 21.** Please be advised that you are not authorized to bring dependents to SOS, so any information you find online that pertains to dependents is not applicable to you.
3. In addition to preparing you for SOS, the IOS Preparatory Course is designed to provide you with insight into U.S. culture, government, and economic institutions beyond what you will be exposed to in your military studies. Depending on COVID-19 conditions at the time, you will participate in Field Studies Program (FSP) trips in Montgomery and the local area; these trips are mandatory.
4. We invite you to view the IOS website [at http://www.airuniversity.af.edu/IOS/](http://www.airuniversity.af.edu/IOS/) where you will find a list of the many resources available to you. Additionally, the website will save you time while providing you with guidance on some of the important actions you will want to take care of soon after your arrival. You may also visit the SOS website at <http://www.airuniversity.af.edu/SOS/> to give you an idea of what is expected after graduation from the IOS Preparatory Course.
5. Again, congratulations on your selection, and we look forward to your arrival in the United States, Montgomery, and Maxwell Air Force Base. Should you need to contact IOS before you in-process, please call our student administration section at (334) 953-6915 or email au.imsa@us.af.mil.


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