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From: Director, Marine Corps War College
To: Class of 2013

Subj: MCWAR RECOMMENDED READING LIST AY12-13

1. Purpose. To provide the Marine Corps War College Class of 2013 with preparatory reading material for the upcoming academic year.

2. Required Readings. These short doctrinal publications will give you a “warm start” on both the Marine Corps in general and on a number of recurring themes that you will experience throughout the academic year. Find the time to download and read both publications prior to reporting to the College this summer.

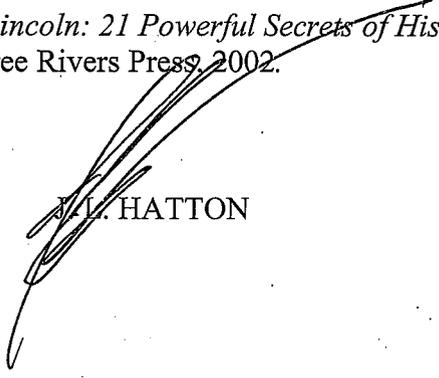
- *Warfighting*, Marine Corps Doctrinal Publication 1 (MCDP 1), 20 Jun 1997.
- *Strategy*, Marine Corps Doctrinal Publication 1-1 (MCDP 1-1), 12 Nov 1997.

3. Recommended Readings. Listed below are several books that warrant your review prior to arriving at the College. The list is not all inclusive, nor is it mandatory. Instead, the list is provided to expose you to some of the major issues and ideas that will be addressed during the academic year. They were selected based on their scholarly merit, currency, applicability, relevancy, and readability. Depending on your schedule, you may choose to scan each book on the list or select one or two for a more careful reading.

- *Thinking in Time: The Uses of History for Decision-Makers*, by Richard Neustadt and Ernest May, Free Press, 1988.
- *The Landscape of History: How Historians Map the Past*, by John Lewis Gaddis; Oxford University Press, 2002.
- *The Strategy Bridge: Theory for Practice*, by Colin S. Gray; Oxford University Press, 2010.
- *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, by Daniel Kahneman; Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011.
- *On the Origins of War: And the Preservation of Peace*, by Donald Kagan, Anchor, 1996.
- *Wired for War: The Robotics Revolution and Conflict in the 21st Century*, by Peter Singer, Penguin Press HC, 2009.

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- *The Accidental Guerrilla: Fighting Small Wars in the Midst of a Big One*, by David Kilcullen; Oxford University Press; Reprint Edition, 2011.
- *Every War Must End*, by Fred Charles Iklé; Columbia University Press; Revised Edition, 2005.
- *Speak Like Churchill, Stand Like Lincoln: 21 Powerful Secrets of History's Greatest Speakers*, by James C. Humes; Three Rivers Press, 2002.



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