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Subject: FW: Hot Media Issue

General Rosa's office is asking whether the Governor would like to talk him about this issue. His office has no additional information and has begun an investigation into the incident.

From: Cardon B. Crawford [mailto:crawfordc1@citadel.edu]

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 11:55 AM

To: Schimsa, Rebecca

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Rebecca,

Below is a note from Lt Gen Rosa that we will be sharing with members of the media shortly. These are all the facts we have at this time. Lt Gen Rosa will be addressing the SCCC at 1130.

We will share more information as it becomes available. We just wanted to make sure you heard it from us and not the media.

Very respectfully,

Cardon B Crawford

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Statement from The Citadel

A social media posting, which I find offensive and disturbing, was brought to my attention this morning. It shows an upper class cadet in front of seven cadets with pillowcases over their heads. In accordance with college policy, we immediately began suspension proceedings for those cadets known to be involved, and we are continuing to investigate this incident. Preliminary reports are cadets were singing Christmas carols as part of a "Ghosts of Christmas Past" skit. These images are not consistent with our core values of honor, duty and respect.

We will provide more information upon completion of the investigation.

Lt Gen John W. Rosa, USAF (ret)

President, The Citadel