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Major General Jack O. Bradshaw
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Dear General Bradshaw:

Thank you for your letter of 8 July regarding the Class of 1958 gift of a Perpetual Endowment Fund to support the Corps of Cadets and the United States Military Academy. On behalf of the West Point Association of Graduates, I am pleased to formally acknowledge this wonderful gift and thank the Class for its foresight and generosity. The gift is documented as a deferred, revocable gift in the records of the WPAOG Planned Giving Office. We are also pleased to inform the Superintendent of this remarkable gift.

In your letter you note the importance of having the endowment fund formally recorded to ensure that the West Point AOG and the Academy will be continuously aware of the fund well into the future. We agree completely. A knowledgeable beneficiary will help ensure Class gift intent is effectuated. Accordingly, we suggest that Class endeavor to keep the WPAOG files current with copies of relevant documents. At present, we do have a copy of the November 1999 *By-Laws of the Endowment Board* with the May 2005 *Addendum* and assume this is the most current version. We do not have a copy of the Charitable Gift Fund agreement with Fidelity and suggest this be provided as well.

For our part, Nancy Calhelha of our Planned Giving Office has been in touch with our attorney to better understand the unique aspects of this innovative gift and ensure that we correctly record and provide for future monitoring of the endowment fund.

This gift epitomizes the spirit of the Long Gray Line as your Class reaches out to grip hands with cadets many years hence. I'll be happy to talk with the Class about recognizing the gift at the Leadership Conference.

West Point for Thee!

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