



May 3, 2007

UMUC 2007 Graduates, Family Members, and Friends,

Americans living and working in Europe, especially those associated with the U.S. military in Germany, are considered to be under an increasing threat of terrorism. During the past few months there's been broad media coverage of this situation. All UMUC faculty and staff are completing anti-terrorism awareness training to better prepare them for dealing with this new environment and UMUC Europe has for the first time in its history created a security officer staff position. This past week this matter was brought to my attention in another very real way when U.S. force protection staff suggested that we re-think our plans for having our annual Commencement Alumni Neckar Cruise. It was an alarming reminder of our exposure as an American community living abroad.

In light of this situation, it's my judgment that having the boat ride this year wouldn't be a very responsible thing for us to do. I know it's been a trademark Commencement event and that many of you are going to be disappointed. However, I've consulted with our veteran staff on this matter and there's a uniform agreement that the risk is too great and that making this decision now is better than being compelled to make it later. Despite your disappointment, we think that you are going to understand all too well the reasoning behind the decision. We'll be in contact with each of you individually to inform you about this change in plans and provide you with leisure options in the Heidelberg area for you, your families, and friends on Saturday afternoon, May 26, 2007.

We're going to do whatever we can to make this Commencement a memorable day for you. Our staff is experienced and extremely capable, so I know that despite this change all of you will have a wonderful time. Thank you very much for your understanding. I look forward to seeing you on Commencement Day, May 27, 2007, at Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg.

Very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allan J. Berg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Allan" being the most prominent part.

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