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To: Prospective instructors and staff, GSAR College
From: Training Director, GSAR College
Subject: Va. Wing, CAP Ground Search and
Rescue College.

1) The Ground Search and Rescue College is a four-day training course for CAP Ground Team members, designed to provide instruction in subject areas such as survival and mountain rescue. Subjects in which adequate local instruction exists (e.g. Red Cross first aid and CAP communications) will not be covered in the course of the College, even though proficiency in these subjects is required for ground team members, as adequate training and certification procedures already exist (e.g. Red Cross first aid cards, CAP ROP cards).

2) As presently planned, the College will be held at the Miller School of Albemarle, west of Charlottesville, Va. on 26-29 August, 1977. (Fri.-Mon.). Food and lodging will be provided by the Miller School at a nominal price, with the exception of meals which will be eaten in the field, which must be provided by the participants.

3) Five principal subdivisions of the subject matter have each been assigned to a principal instructor. Each principal instructor is responsible for providing by August 1 a brief course outline for that particular portion of the College, consistent with the material to be taught and the time, instructor, and equipment limitations with which we must work. Principal instructors should look over the enclosed information and make comments or changes as soon as possible. (The standards of competence are presently in preparation, and will be mailed to all principal instructors as soon as they are ready.)

Please note that the text materials marked with arrows on the enclosed list must be prepared by the principal instructors,

and that assistant instructors must be selected and briefed for each subdivision of the College, by the appropriate principal instructor.

4) As far as size of the classes, we are limited by the number of instructors, etc, but we must have a minimum of 50 participants in order to make the use of Miller School economically feasible. If we assume that a minimum of 5 instructors and/or staff will be making use of the school's facilities, we still must accept 45 students. Needless to say, this will be quite an instructional challenge. Possible approaches include the use of good audio-visual aids and breaking the group up into several sections, and rotating these sections through several small sessions on different subjects.

5) Acceptance letters and final information will be sent out on the 29th of July according to our schedule, so any information that should reach the students before the College should be in Dave Carter's or Keith Conover's hands 4 or 5 days before this.

6) I thank all of you for your time, interest, enthusiasm, and hard work. If the College goes as planned, it will be the best thing eastern search and rescue, the CAP or the ASRC has seen in quite a while.

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