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Dear Readers,

This past spring the Journal made a mistake in publishing a highly controversial article, *Trahisson des Professeurs: The Critical Law of Armed Conflict Academy as an Islamist Fifth Column*, 3 Nat'l Sec. L.J. 278 (2015), by William C. Bradford, who is currently an assistant professor at the United States Military Academy. As the incoming Editorial Board, we want to address concerns regarding Mr. Bradford's contention that some scholars in legal academia could be considered as constituting a fifth column in the war against terror; his interpretation is that those scholars could be targeted as unlawful combatants. The substance of Mr. Bradford's article cannot fairly be considered apart from the egregious breach of professional decorum that it exhibits. We cannot "unpublish" it, of course, but we can and do acknowledge that the article was not presentable for publication when we published it, and that we therefore repudiate it with sincere apologies to our readers.

Moving forward, the current Editorial Board is committed to generating legitimate scholarly debate, representing all points of view, in the area of national security law. However, we have learned from this experience, and we recognize the responsibility that attends our publication decisions. The process of selecting articles is one our Editorial Board takes very seriously, and we are re-examining our selection process to ensure that we publish high quality scholarly articles.

National security law is an evolving field, and we are grateful to our readers for providing feedback that helps the Journal grow as an organization. To those who reached out to us, thank you for taking the time to provide us with valuable and constructive criticism. We appreciate your ongoing readership and support.

Sincerely,

Rick Myers
Editor-in-Chief