Megan Franco

(Interim Secret Clearance)

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SUMMARY

Skills: Excellent written and analytical skills, highly organized, quick learner.

Interpersonal Skills: Excellent teamwork, and oral communication skills, flexible and hardworking.

Technical Skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and basic HTML and CSS.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

SYMTECH-CORPORATION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE- CA/OCS/CI

Child Abduction Case Assistant Primary Responsibilities:

Washington, D.C. (May 17 2015- Present) Hours per week: 40

- Collected and compiled data on child abduction cases in Near East and South Central Asia for the new congressional law— International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act (ICAPRA) tracking system.
- Independently applied rules and regulations to entered set data into a spreadsheet that will be sent to Congress. Also provided briefings to other Case Assistants on correct implementation of the law and what the standard operational procedures are.
- Provided time sensitive information to Congressional representatives and staff on
- Reviewed incoming emails, letters, faxes and correspondence from courts and posts and forwarded them to the appropriate officer for response.

Major Accomplishments

- Successfully completed all tasks within each deadline for the International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act task spreadsheet by gathering detailed and lengthy information on over 60 cases and inputting all required information into a large excel spreadsheet.
- Effectively participated in working groups that established standard operational procedures for the newly implemented Congressional law H.R. 32. 12 aka ICAPRA, which helped to increase the efficiency of the department and clarify the departments new role in the law.

CENTER FOR ARMS CONTROL AND NON-PROLIFERATION

Communications Intern Primary Responsibilities:

Washington, D.C. (January 2015- Present) Hours per week: 32

- Collected and compiled data on mailing rates from website database.
- Analyzed collected data using Microsoft Excel.
- Updated content on the organization's website and blog using HTML and format specific to website platform.
- Multi-tasked in a fast-paced environment, simultaneously maintained social media accounts and the organization's website.
- Produced content for newsletters.
- Organized current website content for transition to a new web platform.
- Added events to the company's online calendar, helped schedule appointments and meetings.
- Monitored e-mail accounts, checked voicemail, distributed messages to staff and management.
- Handled external callers in a professional manner.

Major Accomplishments

- Created an extensive excel spreadsheet to analyze the open click rate of weekly development e-mails, produced charts in order to visualize optimal send times for e-mails.
- Successfully completed all assignments within deadlines necessary produce a bi-weekly newsletter on the organization's accomplishments.
- Mastered use of outdated web-platform to assist others.

INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL STRATEGIC STUDIES, NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY

Research Analyst Primary Responsibilities:

Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. (July 2014 - December 2014)

Hours per week: 40

- Assisted in research process for publication of a book for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the lessons learned from the post 9/11 era.
- Worked on a team to determine the necessary steps to accomplish the assignment, and the method in which to complete each step.
- Gathered materials required to complete the project.
- Analyzed data from primary and secondary sources.
- Established a comprehensive outline with key information.

Research Intern (January 2014-June 2014)

Hours per week: 32

- Compiled research on Kurds in Syria using online research databases.
- Summarized relevant articles and publications.
- Proof-read and edited Research Fellow's submissions to the university, worked closely with Research Fellow in developing and editing chapter outlines.
- Produced executive summaries of notes taken at meetings and events to Research Fellow.
- Trained incoming interns in research methodology for our assignment.
- Worked as a team to complete our project.

Major Accomplishments

- Worked directly with Deputy Director of Institute for National Strategic Studies to create a thorough research methodology.
- Created an annotated bibliography of crucial scholarly articles that addressed the issue of Kurds in Syria.
- Successfully trained new interns by demonstrating how to achieve desired outcomes and providing support throughout the research process.

DICKINSON COLLEGE MULTILINGUAL WRITING CENTER

Carlisle, PA

Arabic Language Tutor

(September 2012-May 2013)

Hours per week: 4

- Assessed writing assignments of Arabic students.
- Taught and used complex problem-solving skills as an approach to difficult grammar structures.
- Helped to reorganize and restructure sentences and paragraphs to strengthen Arabic writing assignments.
- Tutored students in Arabic.

Major Accomplishments

- Raised grades of students whom I tutored and increased their confidence in reading, speaking, and writing Arabic.
- Developed interpersonal skills in order to tailor my lessons to the learning styles among my students.

NAVY HERITAGE COMMAND MUESUM, PHOTO ARCHIVES

Washington, D.C. (May 2012-August 2012) Hours per week: 32

Primary Responsibilities:

- Worked independently to collect information for a reference document.
- Compiled photos and photo journals for the reference document with minimal supervision.
- Collaborated with other interns in office organization.
- Greeted and assisted visitors in finding photographs and documents.

Major Accomplishments

• Successfully completed the reference document of all photos and photo journals of US Naval operations pertaining to the Middle East within the archives.

EDUCATION

<u>DICKINSON COLLEGE</u> – Carlisle, PA **B.A. Middle East Studies (May 2013)** *Minor in Arabic* GPA: 3.5/4.0