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Mao's Yan'An Red Base

1. What interests you about China?

The Chinese civilization is one of the oldest on Earth, and I suppose that is the most interesting aspect of China for me – its longstanding tradition. Throughout its several thousand year history, many of the nation's original customs and values have continued to modern times, withstanding only minor adaptations to accommodate an ever-modernizing world. In more modern facets, China is the world's largest center for industrial and agricultural production and also holds the world's largest population. Being able to create and nourish such a flourishing economy in the face of an overwhelming population and difficult crises ensuing in its trading partners' lands is impressive, and, therefore, serves as a huge point of interest for me in China.

2. What interests you about Communism?

What interests me most about Communism is purely the theory of Communism – we have seen in several instances its failure when applied in real life to large populations, but on paper, it's a really good idea. The notion of complete and total equality in a society is fascinating and the fact that it is impossible to achieve in modern times poses interesting questions about our morals and goals as the human race, in addition to speaking to our lifestyles. What must we change about ourselves and the way we live in order to achieve a perfect Communistic society? What were the failures of previous attempts at Communism and how can they be fixed? In comparison to other forms of government, such as Democracy, Monarchies, and Theocracies, how do the fundamental ideas and values of Communism conflict or support those of these alternative forms of governance?

3. Explain your experience doing role-play, in Model UN or any other activity (including acting, etc.).

My previous experience with doing role-play includes several theatrical productions, as well as participating in several Model UN conferences. I received a Verbal Commendation at the Dartmouth Model United Nations conference.

4. Do you have a particular interest in a certain time period, type of government, etc.? If so, why?

I really enjoy studying ancient governments because I feel that with such little precedent and experience, the ability to make any kind of leadership and ruling effective must have been brilliant. In today's world, it's easier to come up with effective systems of government because we have thousands of years of human history, and, with that, failures and successes, off of

which to base any new system; we can evaluate the pros and cons of things that worked in the past and things that failed and combine the best aspects in order to create the most effective government and, ultimately, the most utopian society possible. However, in ancient societies such as the Senate of Ancient Rome and the Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt, there were no prior failures and successes to evaluate. In other words, everything in these governments was original, which speaks to the intellectual limits of human beings and our natural tendency to create order.