Mao’s Yan’An Red Base--Crisis Committee Application

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1.What interests you about China?

Historically, China is one of the most innovative societies on the planet. Some of the earliest human civilizations flourished along the Yellow river and the ancient Chinese are frequently credited with the inventions of paper, gunpowder, early printing, and the compass. Today, China flourishes economically, while also rising as a center for technological and scientific innovation. Additionally, the culture and government are fascinating. I have wanted for years to study abroad in China once I attend college; I hope that by immersing myself in the country and the culture, I will gain a better understanding of both.

2.What interests you about Communism?

I think that Communism, conceptually, is one of the most unique forms of government thus far implemented. As with all socialist governments, the collective good of the many is placed above the needs of the individual, or even governmental authority (at least in theory). This is actually highly unusual, as the vast majority of social constructs center around the good of the elite and privileged few, or to maintain the prestige of the government--leaving the middle and lower classes at the mercy of higher socioeconomic strata. Communism, in the abstract state, is the government for the masses, and if implemented correctly could be used to create an effective and efficient government--the likes of which have never been seen. While prior attempts in our society to create a Communist state have largely failed (often due to corruption), communism could be used as a tool to create a utopian society, in which all were cared for and all individuals were truly equal to one another; and I think that it is this potential for enormous success, and the manner in which Communism might be applied, that interests me.

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

etc.)

I joined my school’s MUN club last year, as a freshman, and attended the 2014 conference at Yale, representing Haiti in the Special Summit on Food Security (FOOD). Aside from this, I have no acting experience, however, I believe that I represented my country and views quite well, and I certainly enjoyed doing so.

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

why?

I am actually quite interested in the second World War, as well as with the abstraction and historical implementation of Socialist forms of government, primarily (as stated above), I see them as a turning point in history, from which the world congealed into a more global culture (the former), or the potential to build a better society for the future, creating equality for all (the latter), respectively. I am also interested by the Space Race and the Islamic Golden Age--again, due to the discoveries and innovation. I was extremely excited to see this committee listed for Princeton Model UN.