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**2050 National Security Council Application**

1. What is your past Model UN experience?

I do not have any Model UN experience, but I have experience in leadership programs such as the Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership conference and the American Legion Jersey Boy State.

1. What do you think will cause the next major global conflict?

I think that the next global conflict will be started by the assassination of a world or powerful leader. In a world of great hostility, governments or organizations may resort to anything in order to take down their enemies. A direct strike on a government’s leader may be presumed as a possible action in order to afflict damage on another nation.

1. What is your favorite utopian future and why?

My favorite utopian future is one where knowledge and freedom runs rampant. Knowledge is the key to everything. It allows man to think and to know what to do. A society full of knowledge will allow for better judgments and the better treatment of mankind.

1. What is your favorite dystopian future and why?

My favorite dystopian future is one where people realize that there is no such thing as a perfect society. Often, people’s drive to create a “perfect society” just drives them to further their imperfection. Society is imperfect because man is imperfect.

1. Is it easier to imagine the end of the world or the end of capitalism? Briefly imagine one of them.

It would be easier to imagine the end of the world instead of the end of capitalism. Capitalism is the economic policy that dictates every major economy. Even China, a country that is communist in every way, has influence of a free market system within its economy. Capitalism encourages productivity and competition in nations and amongst nation. Without that competition, the economies of nations would collapse causing extreme chaos.

1. Where will you be in 2050?

I see myself working in my desired career as a teacher. Educating the future thinkers and innovators in the events that has occurred and will occur from now until 2050