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To Whom It May Concern,

As a recent Business and Political Science graduate from New York University as well as a current Investment Analyst at General Electric, I am extremely interested in pursuing a career with the Central Intelligence Agency as a Leadership Analyst. I am particularly interested in working in a government-based analyst position because my previous experiences both in quantitative business as well as my experiences living and studying abroad have prepared me well for a career with the United States government in a role that would capitalize on my unique skillset.

As a United States Citizen, I graduated with a B.S. in Business and Finance plus a minor in Politics from the first joint Sino-American University, New York University Shanghai. I spent all four years of my undergraduate education studying Business and Politics alongside Chinese in Shanghai, pausing only to study abroad in Washington D.C. for a semester. While in D.C., I learned that I had a passion for the important work that the government does to keep Americans safe and educated in an international world.

During my education, I was an honor’s intern with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, where I performed economic research as part of the Office of International Affairs. On a daily basis, I was understanding how U.S. policy played roles in influencing social and economic outcomes in foreign countries. My internship taught me more than strong research and analysis skills, however, as working as part of the SEC was my first taste of government work and taught me that a career with the government would be more fulfilling, both personally and professionally, than working in the private sector. I also have an intimate understanding of the background approval process, and have no qualms about my ability to pass in order to become a reliable, effective, and efficient government employee.

While studying in Washington D.C., I also interned with policy think-tank The Hudson Institute. As a research intern, I helped lead the institute’s Kleptocracy Initiative. As an intern with The Kleptocracy Initiative, I took on many of the same roles that a Leadership Analysts with the CIA faces daily. I traced foreign leader’s financial trails, using my Chinese skills to connect Chinese business leaders with kleptocratic policies that worked against citizens, both foreign and national with the intention of helping shape national policies when dealing with foreign leaders with kleptocratic tendencies. Many times, these leaders had connections with other key decision-makers in the political, economic, military, or social arenas- dissecting these relationships as a Leadership Analyst would capitalize on both my experience working at The Hudson Institute as well my ability to contextualize from my education abroad.