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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

ATCC-EEN-MUM

27 March 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR 2015 Tom Smith New Mexico Chapter of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers

SUBJECT: The 2015 Tom Smith New Mexico Chapter of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers \$1,000 Scholarship

1. I have already directly assessed in the Active Duty component of the Army as a future Military Intelligence Officer. I will report for training on July 22nd of this year. I am committed to four years of active duty service within the military intelligence branch, and intend to remain in the service longer while furthering my studies.
2. When I graduate in May, my degree will be a Bachelors of Liberal Arts with a focus in International Peacekeeping. I have maintained a cumulative GPA of 4.07, and I will graduate Summa Cum Laude with a designation in Honors. I am currently the top cadet in the Lobo Battalion and was ranked in the top ten percent on the national order of merit list. I have taken many courses throughout my time at UNM towards understanding international systems, the causes of international conflicts (both international and civil wars), the international options and responses, and the outcomes of failure, including but not limited to International Peacekeeping, The Laws and Ethics of War and Peace, Globalization and Human Rights, International Politics, and Children of Genocide. I have participated in a short international exchange program to Ecuador in college and a full year high school exchange to Italy. I have intermediate proficiency in Portuguese (a language the US Army has identified as critical), Spanish, and Italian.
3. During the summer of 2013, I attended "Leader 1" at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security and Cooperation (formerly the School of the Americas). I worked with military students from Colombia, Peru, and Poland with instructors also from the US, Guatemala, and Brazil. We were trained in the field on modern tactics, improving and protecting the rights of civilians, serving under civilian authorities, and the consequences of failure, all in Spanish. I was also an orientation leader for the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program in Washington DC during the summer of 2012. The goal of the program is to build peaceful friendships between students and families from over 40 countries that have significant Muslim populations and citizens of the United States on a grassroots level. The students who are selected are prestigious youth with an interest in international peace and security. I guided the students through what to expect in the coming months as well as taking them to the US embassies from their own countries and meeting with representatives from all fifty states. Currently, I am the Lobo Battalion Commander and oversee over 140 cadets in the program. I work with my staff to design training that will shape the future officers currently in the program to be technically and tactically proficient.

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4. I have already directly assessed in the Active Duty component of the Army as a future Military Intelligence Officer. I am also currently applying for a Rhodes scholarship and will, if accepted, go to Oxford next year in order to obtain a Master of Science in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies as well as a second Master of Science in Global Governance and Diplomacy. Both of these degrees will help me understand and analyze intelligence in order to provide the best recommendations to my commanders. This will also extend my service commitment an additional six years.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Ireland', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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