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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

Congratulations on your nomination to serve as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations. It is a source of pride to have a leader from South Carolina representing us on the world stage.

We briefly met last year at Belfair in Bluffton when I asked a question about military retirement and taxes. As a new resident to South Carolina, I was impressed with your open interaction with everyday citizens and your work towards addressing our concerns. I thank you for making my wife and I feel welcomed. We are happy with our decision to settle in SC after years of military deployments.

I would like to assist your SC leadership team in your transition to the United States Mission to the UN (USUN) in New York City where I served for two years. I am proud to have led the military office at USUN during a truly successful and professional Bush-Obama transition in 2008 and 2009. I know what right looks like. In addition, upon the nomination of the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, I served in the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs at the United Nations for 6 years until July 2015. I am a no drama, proven leader who has more to contribute in advancing U.S. interests in a complex international environment.

I am confident your nomination process will be smooth and wish you the best as you transition to the world stage. I would be honored to serve with your team either in New York City or Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,



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OBJECTIVE: A senior executive position in international programs, security sector reform, intelligence management, national security policy, or defense-related industry.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS: Over thirty years of experience leading complex organizations worldwide and a consistent record of professional and academic success. Strengths in the following areas:

- Proven leadership in the Joint (multi-service) and Combined (multinational) military environment
- Expertise in U.S. national security policy, political-military affairs and security sector reform
- Hands-on experience within the U.S. interagency, NATO, EU, OSCE, AU, and the United Nations
- Excellent planning, problem solving, and written and oral communication skills
- Extensive experience in Europe, the former Soviet Union, Balkans, and Africa
- United Nations documented proficiency in Russian; UN language training in French

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Master of Science, Strategic Studies; U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA
Master of Arts, International Affairs; Columbia University, New York, NY
Master of Science, Business Administration; Boston University, Boston, MA
Bachelor of Science, Engineering; United States Military Academy, West Point, NY
Command and General Staff Officer Course, Ft. Leavenworth, KS
DIA Joint Military Attaché School, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC
US Army Russian Institute, Garmisch, Germany (Post-Graduate Studies, in Russian)
US Army Ranger, Airborne and Air Assault Schools

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Deputy Project Manager, Tsay/FW, Department of Public Works Aug 15 to current
Ft Stewart and Hunter Army Air Field, GA
Management of a \$32 million base operations and maintenance contract.

Principal Secretary and Liaison Officer to the Military Staff Committee Aug 09 to Jul 15
United Nations, New York City, NY
Plans, coordinates, and executes the work of the Military Advisers from the United Nation's Permanent Five Security Council Members (China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, and United States).

Chief of Staff, Military Staff Committee, United States Mission to the United Nations Jul 07 to Jul 09
(Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy – J5, Joint Staff)
Provided military advice to U.S. Permanent Representative to the UN through coordination with the Joint Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense, State Department, and National Security Council.

Defense and Army Attaché (DATT/ARMA) Aug 05-Jul 07
United States Embassy, Belgrade, Serbia
Represented the Secretary of Defense and other senior U.S. military leadership to Serbian counterparts. Principal military advisor to the U.S. Ambassador.

Army Attaché (ARMA) Jul 02-Jun 04
United States Embassy, Kiev, Ukraine
Directed Army Attaché Office operations in support of the Global War on Terror, Ukrainian defense reform, and NATO accession.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, various locations worldwide 1982-2002
Successive assignments of increasing levels of responsibility, from platoon- to division-level.

BIOGRAPHY
MARK C. EASTON
COLONEL, U. S. ARMY (Retired)



Colonel Mark C. Easton, U.S. Army (Retired) is the Principal Secretary to the United Nation's Military Staff Committee. He plans and coordinates the work of the Permanent Five Security Council Member's Military Advisers (China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, and United States).

Prior to his retirement on 1 September 2009, COL Easton served as the Chief of Staff, United States Military Staff Committee, J5/Joint Chiefs of Staff, serving at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York City.

COL Easton spent most his career in overseas assignments. Most recently, he served as the Defense and Army Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade, Serbia. He worked closely with the Serbian Ministry of Defense and General Staff during the Montenegrin independence referendum, Serbia's entry in NATO Partnership for Peace (PfP) and helped coordinate interaction between NATO Kosovo Forces (KFOR) and Serbian Armed Forces along the Administrative Boundary Line with Kosovo.

Prior to Serbia, COL Easton was the Army Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Kiev, Ukraine. He planned and coordinated with the Ukrainian Armed Forces to deploy their 1,600 soldier brigade contingent to Iraq in 2003 as part of Multinational Division-North. COL Easton also served in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, Russia, and United States at various levels of the Army.

Mark Easton is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He holds a Masters of Business Administration from Boston University, a Masters in International Affairs from Columbia University, and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He has passed the UN language proficiency exam in Russian. He continues his French Language studies at Level 6 in the UN Language Program. He completed Level 2 Advanced Training on Security Sector Reform with the International Security Sector Advisory Team of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces. He completed the Course on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration at the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Stockholm, Sweden.

He lives in Chatham, NJ with his wife, three children and two dogs.

As of July 2015