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**Date:** 8/9/2017 1:30:54 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up from Shaw AFB Visit

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Major, I sent your email on to Kevin. I think that he'll pass his thoughts on to you. Thanks again, and please let me know if we can be helpful in the future.

Danny

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**From:** Shaun Hoeltje  
**Sent:** Monday, August 7, 2017 10:10 PM  
**To:** Danny Varat  
**Subject:** Follow up from Shaw AFB Visit

Danny,

I was the pilot who gave Lt Gov Bryant the F-16 briefing and simulator tour a few weeks ago at Shaw AFB. People are still talking about how he landed it on his first try. Hopefully you all had a good time. I wanted to follow up with a brief email.

After 11 years of flying the F-16 in the USAF, I am separating active duty and my family and I will settle down permanently in SC. I will continue part time service as a pilot in the Air National Guard at McEntire this fall and remain there for the foreseeable future.

I am also seriously considering service in political office, perhaps in a future run for State House or Senate. I currently reside in District 67 (House) and 35 (Senate). Based on his voting record, it appears the Lt Gov and I share the same conservative principles. As a result, I was curious if he would be willing to sit down for a brief meeting at some point so that I could get his perspective and perhaps any advice he may have. If not him, then perhaps he can recommend someone in the state GOP that could point me in the right direction.

Nonetheless, I don't want to waste Lt Gov Byrant's time. If he has the time, and he thinks it to be appropriate, I would appreciate any time he has or any direction he might be able to provide.

Thanks in advance and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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