Candidate for:

INVESTIGATION & INTELLIGENCE

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With experience in covert investigations, and a recognized knack for assuming diverse roles, I apply with confidence for an internship with CSIS.

As Field Collection Investigator with the Terrorist Investigation Assignment (TIA), I tracked the activities of radical terrorist groups and worked closely with Congress, media, and US federal and law enforcement agencies. The assignment included producing transcriptions, analyzing messages, and undercover work. My handler at TIA noted that I was one of the top investigators who could get out of a situation when needed. And I realized that I am adaptable when it comes to assuming a cover role, having played a student, professor, businessman, and more.

This ability may be attributable to degrees in political science (BA), and intelligence and international security (MA), but also to my insatiable and wide-ranging curiosity. The Executive Director, TIA, wrote "Ralph exhibited an intellectual curiosity matched only be a fastidious commitment to detail that rivaled that of my best analysts."

Over one year's time, I was involved with 15 assignments. The research could take up to two weeks to complete, the projects themselves up to ten days, and the ensuing report again some ten days to compile. I enjoyed every facet of investigative work: the in-depth researching of literature searches, cross-referencing, internet searches—in fact, with an affinity for the technical, I excel at probing these resources. The field work provides an outlet for my curiosity and my ability to converse on many topics, establishing a level of credibility. I also enjoy compiling the reports, for which I have a literary knack.

I invite you to read over my resume as it outlines more relevant skills and accomplishments. I bring to your attention that I also have a detailed CV detailing my travels, presentations, publications, and undergraduate extra-curricular activities. Please let me know if this is of value to your evaluation of my suitability. In the meantime, thank you for the consideration.

Yours truly,

Ralph R. Clark