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American Enterprise Institute
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To Who It May Concern:

My name is [NAME] and I am highly interested in the American Enterprise Institute's Defense Planning and U.S. Global Strategy Summer Internship. I am currently an undergraduate student at [SCHOOL], specializing in a major in International Politics with a concentration in Security Studies, as well as a minor in Spanish. In alignment with AEI's mission to build a safer world and ensure U.S. leadership in the global arena, I believe that a sound and effective U.S. National Security Policy positions our country to lead from the front and ensures the defense of not just our country, but the broader international community as a whole. As such, I believe my values, education, and professional experience make me a perfect fit for the AEI Internship Program.

With this internship's focus on the operations of foreign militaries and actors' abilities to modify strategic environments, I believe that my experience as a research intern with the Hudson Institute's Center for Political-Military Analysis qualifies me for this role because many of my projects with this organization concentrated on the military operations and strategies of countries such as China and Russia. As a research intern, I wrote policy briefs and analytical essays on these states' tactical doctrines and their military capabilities, giving me unique insight into these topics while sharpening my research skills.

As an editor and writer for [SCHOOL]'s international relations newspaper, [name], I have learned how to write succinctly and present information in a way that is accessible and understandable for the paper's readership. I believe that these skills would transfer smoothly to a potential internship with AEI and allow me to support the institute in any way possible.

As a student interested in how the United States integrates its security and defense policies with its foreign policy strategy, my hope is that this internship would shape my views and understanding of U.S. defense policy formation and how the country prioritizes different threats in an increasingly complex and challenging global security environment. Thank you for considering my application, and please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions or for references.

Sincerely,
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