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Hillary: Virginia Military Institute, George C. Marshall's school, through Pat Lang, would like to give you the Distinguished Diplomat Award. See Pat's note below. Though you must receive endless invitations, I think this one would be a particularly good venue for you for a host of obvious reasons, and where you could deliver a speech. You will have various speeches to give. You can give one at VMI and get honored. You can respond through me or to Pat directly one way or another. Also, I had a long conversation with Pat, who has many sources within the higher echelons of the military, and he describes what the generals are doing on Afghanistan deployment as a "slow motion mutiny." He believes the White House trying to counter it through press leaks as though this is a primary campaign generates contempt. Cheers, Sid

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From: Patrick Lang [redacted]
To: sbwhoep [redacted]
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Madame Secretary

I am a 1962 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. VMI has always been predominately a hard science and engineering school. I happen to have been an English major there. Today, there are more cadets with a "major" or "minor" in International Relations and Political Science than in any other field. The whole student body is around 1200 in number and deliberately kept to that size to keep quality up and to continue to rely on a teaching system that is almost tutorial in nature.

The Institute's most revered alumnus is George C. Marshall. His library is there as well as a brand new "Marshall Center for the Study of Leadership and Ethics."

I am a member of the advisory board of the "International Relations and Political Science" Department. The Institute (and the department) gives a prize from time to time to truly "Distinguished Diplomats." Under that rubric have been included a few who were not strictly diplomats but who have been of great service to the United States. Jim Lilley was a recipient as was Susan Eisenhower, last year's recipient.

When I recently met with the Superintendent of VMI (my classmate), I told him that you would make an admirable recipient for the "Distinguished Diplomat" award. He was very welcoming of the idea. You may know him, General (ret.) JHB Peay.

I enclose a page from the VMI website that described Ms. Eisenhower's award last year.

VMI now has a substantial number of women cadets. It seems to me that your presence there for this purpose would be a great symbol and a vast encouragement for them.

Best Regards

W. Patrick Lang (Pat)

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