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VIA FAX

Dear Sonya:

Please excuse the unsolicited and brief nature of this correspondence. It is with the best interests of your students in mind that I have written. In brief, I am a grandson of John J. Meng, a prominent society figure and former President of Hunter College in New York and several other New York educational institutions that served women as well as the general population. As it happens, I am also a significant third-generation American technology industry figure who now lives abroad in Belgium as a political refugee. In the recent past I have been victim of various crimes, some committed by the US Government and others committed at and/or by universities and so I wanted to provide you some brief information on a conversation I overheard recently on a train in Belgium that relates to recruitment on your campus and that is not entirely above-board.

Again, I have dealt extensively with American government corruption as both a victim and an adversary, the latter now for sport. On Friday evening, 1st October, I boarded a train from Brussels to Leuven. Shortly after the train departed, a modestly-overweight blonde woman, perhaps in her late 30s, began a loud phone conversation that I later observed was a four-way videoconference. In the space of under a minute the entire train car learned that she was a Mount Holyoke alumna and an American diplomat; that she was working on putting together a networking session for the Department of State at Mount Holyoke, etc etc etc.

Now, there are several important aspects to this. In a professional sense, it is not exactly ideal to announce publicly what schools are targeted for diplomatic recruitment; nor is it ideal that a diplomat announce this publicly in a major European capital. Secondly, and separately, “networking events” are not the right way to recruit diplomatic talent. American-style networking results in an inverted labor market where socially-adept but otherwise unskilled people are compensated the most; this is playing out horribly in the USA right now. I personally expect that within 20 years the USA will be a failed rogue state with third-world quality governance over it. Moreover, students targeted or prospectively targeted for recruitment should be contacted directly by government employees. I feel very strongly about this as over a decade ago I once helped recruit a young man into diplomatic service indirectly for one of the Nordic governments. It was a mistake for me to assist with that situation, and diplomatic work ultimately proved a poor fit for his origins and aptitudes. Please trust me that it is extremely dangerous to your institution and to your students to allow indirect recruitment to occur on your campus under the pretext of “networking sessions”. The Department of State is an extremely dangerous employer at the moment, and not just because the nature of its work puts its employees in harm's way – it is run by criminals. You may as well be allowing the Sicilian Mafia to hold networking sessions.

Finally, and most importantly, the Department of State itself should not be undertaking recruitment activities at a time when it has shut down all consular services due to the pandemic and political instability. At the moment, a personal directive from President Joe Biden - “Nigger Joe” as I refer to him in my own circles – is the latest excuse provided by the Department of State to stop providing

nearly all consular services abroad to Americans as diplomats “focus on other things”. This has caused major inconvenience in my own life, as it happens, as I am trying to renounce US citizenship for personal safety and tax reasons at the moment. I would therefore ask you, for the good of all Americans abroad, to prevent any such networking session from occurring on your campus until such time as consular services to Americans abroad resume, and until the Department of State have been forthright and direct with you, both about whom and what they are recruiting for on your campus.

Again, I provide this information with only the best of intentions, and with the safety and security of your students and campus at heart.

Please contact me with any questions.

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