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From: LtCol [REDACTED]
To: Branch Head, International Affairs Branch (PLU)

Via: Commandant, Joint Military Attaché School

Subj: LANGUAGE SUSTAINMENT PROPOSAL FOR LTCOL [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TO CENTRE LIGUISTIQUE POUR ETRANGERS, TOURS, FRANCE

1. Purpose. To propose TAD to Tours, France for French language sustainment training prior to assuming billet as Marine Attaché to Dakar, Senegal.

2. Objective. The objective of this trip is to improve French language proficiency, especially more practical, conversational French. I transfer to Dakar, Senegal in December 2012 as the Marine Attaché where complete comprehension and oral proficiency is critical to mission accomplishment. I was enrolled in a French language course via a Defense Language Institute (DLI) Washington sub-contract for approximately 6 months prior to beginning Joint Military Attaché School (JMAS). My scores after this training yielded a 3/2+/1+. My weakness is oral proficiency with native speakers. In exploring all resources and possible training venues CONUS and OCONUS, complete immersion in a French speaking country promises to provide the best learning environment for rapid progression in oral proficiency. Given my PCS timeline, I am afforded the opportunity to improve my French speaking capability via immersion in a French speaking country.

3. Training concept. Language training will be conducted through intensive, small group classes, amplified with one-on-one classes at an accredited and highly reputable French language school and full immersion in France. I also plan to live with a host family to 1) defer the cost of lodging and per diem, and 2) increase the amount of immersion.

4. Itinerary. The following itinerary is proposed:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Activity</u> |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 20 Oct* | Sat | Depart Virginia for Tours, France |
| 22 Oct | Mon | Begin intensive language course |
| 16 Nov | Fri | End intensive language course |
| 17 Nov | Sat | Depart Tours, France for Virginia |

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*This date can be somewhat flexible. I understand that based on the availability of funding in the new fiscal year, dates might shift to the right. I am available to execute the training through early December, when my final PCS timeline begins.

5. Funding. Commercial airline tickets, lodging, per diem, and language training tuition will be paid using funds obtained from the Defense Language and National Security Education Office (DLNSEO) for Foreign Area Officer (FAO) language sustainment. The approximate budget for the training is outlined below.

| <u>Type Expense</u> | <u>Estimate</u> |
|--|-----------------------|
| Flight | \$1,000 (~\$800-1200) |
| Lodging in Tours | \$00.00 |
| Partial Per Diem | \$1840.00 |
| Language school tuition (Includes lodging and half board) | \$3106.00 |
| Total | \$5946.00 |

6. Reconciliation and Assessment. A voucher will be submitted through DTS within 5 days of trip completion in accordance with Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR). An after-action trip report will be completed within 15 days of trip completion with copies provided to HQMC/PP&O/PLU and DLNSEO. I will PCS to Dakar, Senegal within 30-45 days of trip completion to begin assignment as Marine Attaché to Senegal.

7. Background. My current DLPT score for French is 3/2+/1+. I am currently assigned to Joint Military Attaché School (JMAS), Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) in a FAO billet.

8. The Commandant, JMAS, endorses funding of this trip.

9. Point of contact. I can be contacted by phone or e-mail at (703) 340 5460 or uvapreston@yahoo.com.

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