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Mr. Samuel Chang  
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Dear Mr. Chang:

As a native of Washington D.C., I have long been an avid reader of *The Mid-Atlantic Monthly*. Political debates initiated by one of my parents – both federal attorneys – were open for my participation only if I could keep up with the issues. *The Mid-Atlantic Monthly* came through with a generous helping of current political thought while simultaneously fueling my growing interest in journalism. It is with keen interest that I am responding to the posting on your website for an Editorial Assistant. As a senior with a Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) major at the University of Pennsylvania, I am eager to begin my journalism career this summer with *The Mid-Atlantic Monthly*.

The skills and experiences presented on my resume complement my genuine interest in the Editorial Assistant position and speak to my readiness to perform with excellence the proofreading, research, and administrative tasks it entails. As my resume documents, I have taken advantage of nearly every available opportunity to write for the current events departments of local and campus-based periodicals: *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, *34<sup>th</sup> Street Magazine*, *Philadelphia Magazine*, and *The City Paper*. These varied experiences have honed my writing and observation skills and guided me toward a sense of my own style. They've convinced me that journalism is, at its core, an opportunity to engage our nation's most valuable asset – citizens' critical thinking skills – toward committed civic involvement. *The Mid-Atlantic Monthly* does this extraordinarily well (as in your recent series on public school education) and would be the premier place for me to begin my career in political journalism. I want to learn *The Mid-Atlantic Monthly*'s approach to analyzing and portraying current events from the inside.

Within two weeks, I will contact you to inquire about arranging an interview to discuss the position and my qualifications further. Thank you for taking the time for my letter and resume. I look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,

Benny Franklin