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Cover letter to Julia

6 Sep 68

Mum K.

Dear Colonel Wilson,

I find myself back in school again, this time at The Army intelligence school in Baltimore. God and my CO willing I will graduate November 8 from the counter-intelligence course. I plan to apply shortly for a direct commission in Army intelligence and I would be very appreciative if you could provide me with a letter of recommendation. If the letter were addressed "To Whom It May Concern" and noted your own background in intelligence work I think it would be very helpful. For your information I graduated from Yale in 1964 and the University of Chicago Law School in 1967. I practiced for a year with Ross, Hardies, O'Keefe, Soback, McDougald & Parsons. I was a political science major in college and practiced <sup>law</sup> in the areas of corporate and municipal law. Following the assassination of Martin Luther King and the subsequent riots and civil disorders I had an opportunity to become involved in and closely observe the responses of the police, <sup>the</sup> military and the judiciary.

While such a commission is virtually impossible to come by, I think a strong thoughtful letter from you would be a big help. Please give my regards to Mrs. Wilson.

Best wishes, Bill

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Dear Bill:

I am enclosing the letter you requested. Good luck to you - I hope you make it. Even if you don't, I am sure that you will find your tour of duty in Army Intelligence a rewarding one.

If I can be of any further assistance, please call on me.

Sincerely,

*Minor K. Wilson*

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am a retired officer of the Regular Army. My last assignment from approximately July of 1956 through October 1959 was as Deputy Chief and Chief of the Security Division in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (OACSI) in the Pentagon. Since retirement I served as Aide and Legal Adviser to O.W. Wilson while he was Superintendent of Police in Chicago and at present as General Counsel for the Board of Chicago City College.

I have known William J. Bowe for several years, first while he was a law student at the University of Chicago Law School and later as a practicing attorney. Before entering the Army, Bill Bowe practiced as an associate in the firm of Ross, Hardies, O'Keefe, Babcock, McDugald and Parsons, a well known and respected law firm here in Chicago. He is an able young lawyer of unimpeachable character, and in my opinion he is superb officer material. He comes from a fine family with a long history of public service and Bill himself demonstrated his own civic mindedness by voluntarily serving as an observer for the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations during the disorders in Chicago following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

I have no hesitancy whatsoever in strongly recommending that this able young lawyer be given a commission in the U. S. Army. Intelligence is indeed fortunate to have such an opportunity.

Sincerely,

/s/ Minor K. Wilson

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13 Sep. 68

Dear Nick

I received your letter of recommendation.  
Thanks for nothing.

Bill

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Office of the Dean

September 10, 1968

Private William J. Bowe  
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Dear Bill:

Enclosed is my libelous letter. I don't know what they can get me for -- perjury and everything else, I suppose.

If you get commissioned, I think in return I should get a new carpet for my offices, or perhaps you could come out and paint the barn.

With best regards,

*Mail*

*See Army file*

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September 10, 1968

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I understand that Private William J. Bowe, RA 68032746, is applying for a direct commission in Army Intelligence.

I have known William Bowe for about three years. The most extensive contact came within the last eighttteenth month period during which he was a third-year law student and practicing with the Ross, Hardies, O'Keefe, Babcock, McDugarld and Parsons in Chicago. During this time I ahad the opportunity to judge Bowe on just about all the traits which I think would be of interest to you and which you would desiere in a commissioned officer in Army Intelligence.

Bowe is completely reliable. He is able to delegate work well, yet retain authoritative responsibility for his work and that of others. He also ahas a friendly personality and a quick, dry wit, enabling others to work and complete any task with enthusiasm. His cooperation with and consideration ofor others in any project has been quite commendable. I have complete trust in Bowe's mature judgment, and from the point of view of personal appearance and personality, I never had the slightest hesitation about having him represent the Law School. While he was a student here he contributed a number of original ideas to many aspects of law school life and was constantly alert for possible new courses of action. He was a very good student and worker here in the Law School and required virtually no supervision.

In summary, I regard Bowe as a person of supe ior intelligence who works hard and effectively; is a leader; is cooperative, reliable, responsive and energetic. I think you will find him a person of integrity, physical vigor, and persnal character. Poised and self-confident, Bowe is extremely articulate.

I do not know what qualifications you seek in a commissioned officer in Army Intelligence ,1but if you are looking for someone with the above qualifications, then I highly recommend yooor considering William Bowe.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ George Fee

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Assistant Dean

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September 25, 1968

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Private William J. Bowe was associated twith my law firm over a period of approximately two years. During a substantial proportion of this period he worked directly under my supervison and direction. I believe my professional relationship with Private Bowe fully wqualifies me to express an informed opinion of his capabilities and his willingness to develop and exercise them.

I consider Private Bowe a man of superior intelligence, with investigative and creative ability. He analyzes problems well; has the industry and perser=verence to pursue a matter to a logical conclusion; and the intellect to develop the appropriate solution. He has the poise to handle responsibility cooly and the conscientiousness to discharge it completely. He learns quickly and thoroughly and has hthe mental ability to associate ideas so that what he has learned enables him to deal with problems he has had no previous familiarity with.

I am pleased rto recommend Private Bowe for a commission and I am cdertain that he will advance as erapidly as the opportunity to do so is made available to him.

Respectfully,

/s/ Melvin A. Hardies

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Dear Bill:

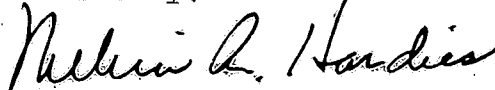
I regret the delay in responding to your letter of September 6, 1968. At the time I received it I was occupied with some other matters and put it in the middle drawer of my desk where I thought I would surely not overlook it. Unfortunately, it got under some other papers and I did not rediscover it until today.

I am not quite sure how a letter of the kind you want would be most effectively written, and if you have any suggestions for improvement in the enclosure you may treat it as a draft and return it for preparation in final form with such suggestions as you feel are appropriate.

Presumably Baltimore (and Washington which cannot be difficult to reach) afford more opportunity for pleasant diversion than Fort Leonard Wood and I trust you are taking good advantage of whatever the circumstances offer.

With my very best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Melvin A. Hardies

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