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Dear Mr. Wildenstein,

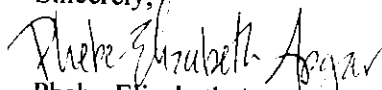
I would like to thank you for providing the financial assistance that made my stage this summer possible. Working in Paris has been one of the most enriching experiences of my life thus far, and so I feel deeply indebted to you for supplying my scholarship. I would like to tell you a little bit about myself, so you might better understand to what ends your gift has gone.

I am currently majoring in international economic policy at the Woodrow Wilson School. My focus area is Western Europe, and specifically, I am interested in the impact that the European Union will have on France economically, politically, and socially.

My stage this past summer at SAGE France tied in perfectly with my studies. SAGE is a financial software producer who sells primarily to large businesses and banks. Due to the coming of the Euro and the year 2000, SAGE has undergone an extensive campaign to create and market financial software which will aid its customers in segueing into this new economic system. Of course, it is imperative that the customer know exactly why and how SAGE's product will help his business, so a great deal of research was done into the details and specifics of the single currency and market. I found it extremely interesting to watch and to participate in this process.

Though Princeton boasts a wonderful language program, there is an invaluable experience in living abroad, an edge that cannot be found in a classroom alone. I also believe that there is no better place to learn about business than in the commercial world. My stage this summer provided me with the quadruple benefit of improving my language skills, exploring a culture that I love, participating in a foreign business community, and learning first hand about a topic that fascinates me. Once again, I thank you for your generosity in making this experience possible.

Sincerely,


Phebe-Elizabeth Apgar '00