

Princeton, NJ 08544  
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Mr. Guy Wildenstein  
c/o Michelle Freeman

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Dear Mr. Wildenstein,

My name is Maria Renee Moran, and this summer I was fortunate to have received a fellowship from the American Society of the French Legion of Honor. I spent the summer in Paris as an intern at the Prefecture Ile-de-France. I wanted to tell you how much I appreciated the opportunity you gave me. I had the most wonderful summer of my life, and I have memories that will last a lifetime.

My internship provided the perfect opportunity for me to combine two of my interests, French and government. As an intern, I was able to interact with members of the Cabinet on a daily basis and learn what their role is in the Prefecture. As time passed, I also began to work on projects assigned to me by my supervisor, who was the head of the Cabinet. My favorite was helping organize the first press conference of the new Prefect. I was also invited to attend several ceremonial functions, such as the placing of a bouquet at the tomb of the unknown soldier at the Arc de Triomphe by the new Prefect.

Being given the opportunity to spend an extended period of time in Paris was amazing. By the end of the summer, I really felt as if I knew the city and had enjoyed what tourists and weekend travelers never have the time to see. I gained a respect and love for the French culture--especially the food! Thank you very much for having given me this opportunity. I will cherish it forever.

Sincerely,



Maria Renee Moran