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My long-term career goal is to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) as an agent. The FBI is a United States department that is part of the criminal justice division and is restricted to investigating criminal activity on United Sates soil. Becoming an FBI agent is considered a dream career for many who choose to pursue a career in the field of criminal justice, and so competition is stringent. Qualifications are demanding, as well. First, the successful candidate must earn a degree in criminal justice from an accredited university. Second, the candidate must live within the United States. The candidate must also have three years' experience in the field of criminal justice. The candidate should be able to physically engage in combat and should be proficient in handling a number of fire arms. The candidate should also fall in the age range of between 23 and 37. Finally, the candidate must commit to remaining an FBI agent for a minimum of three years.

An invaluable source for anyone wanting to know more about the FBI is The Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice website <www.fbi.gov/>. Besides providing information on criminals wanted by the FBI, it also has pages devoted to the history of the creation and development of the FBI, news stories, and current concerns with public safety, and information on careers within the FBI. In addition, it caters to children and adolescents with a page containing links to games and other fun activities.

Once I am successful in my endeavors to become an FBI agent, I will become affiliated with a number of organizations in support of my position as an agent and in fulfilling my duties. One such division that assists the FBI in carrying out its responsibilities is the National Centre for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC), which is part of the Critical Incident Response Group (CIRG). A main focus for this division is criminal activity involving arson, bombing, and other possible terrorist activities. Individuals within this organization also complete initial

training at the FBI Academy. Another organization on which I will depend for support in my role as an FBI agent is the FBI Agents Association (FBIAA). The overall purpose of the FBIAA is to protect careers, to safeguard financial concerns, to maintain safe and healthy work environment, and to oversee the needs of those who are retired from the FBI as well as those who are currently active.

Several organizations feed information to the FBI and are crucial in helping the agency to keep all US citizens safe. One such organization is the Child Welfare Information Gateway www.childwelfare.gov/. As implied by its title, it is most concerned with the safety and well-being of children and their families. It is charged with enforcing laws involving adoption procedures, addressing incidents of child abuse and neglect, and other problems that relate to the protection of children. Another vital organization to the FBI is Trafficking in Persons http://www.justice.gov/criminal/opdat/achieve/traffic-n-persons.html. Criminal activity involving the unlawful selling and retention of persons is a serious problem in the US as it is elsewhere around the world. The FBI works diligently with the Trafficking in Persons Criminal Justice Division in rescuing these individuals and in shutting down such operations.

I have every confidence that with diligent hard work, I will meet the criteria to be seriously considered a candidate for becoming an FBI agent and look forward to contributing my skills and knowledge to such a vital organization within the United States Justice Department.

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