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Dear Assistant Provost Bernard-Amos,

Thank you for supporting my research paper entitled “Multiple Fronts and Conflict Resolution: Impact of Rivals on Civil Conflict Adversaries’ Negotiation and Settlement Behavior.” I will be starting my faculty development grant sponsored one course release time in Spring 2021. I have been working on this project and two other research projects throughout 2020. This report will summarize some of the progress I have made in these three projects this year.

I will publish this research in the article form. I plan to submit the manuscript for review to the prestigious peer-reviewed academic journal *Foreign Policy Analysis* next month. This journal is published by Oxford University Press and the International Studies Association (ISA). It has an impact factor of 1.329. I have also submitted the abstract of the paper to the Midwest Political Science Association’s 2021 (Virtual) Annual Meeting. You can find the current version of the paper on Attachment 2.

I have also published a coauthored paper in November 2020. This coauthored paper is entitled “Rebel Rivalry and The Strategic Nature of Rebel Group Ideology and Demands.” It has been published in the prestigious peer-reviewed academic journal, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Published by SAGE, this is the top journal in the conflict resolution subfield and has an impact factor of 2.644. This paper was also presented at the Eurasian Peace Science Conference in January 2020. You can find the publication on Attachment 3.

My solo paper, entitled “State Intervention, External Interveners, and the Durability of Peace Agreements,” has also been conditionally accepted for publication this month to the prestigious peer-reviewed academic journal *International Interactions*. This journal is published by Taylor & Francis and the International Studies Association (ISA) and has an impact factor of 1.247. You can find this paper on Attachment 4.

I will use my one course release time in Spring 2021 to do the following:

1. Continue working on and submit my “Multiple Fronts and Conflict Resolution” paper for publication.
2. Finish my last round of revisions to ensure my conditionally accepted paper is published in 2021.
3. Continue working on my Spring 2021 courses and their compatibility with Zoom and Canvas, especially for the course I will be teaching for the first time, POL 482 Senior Seminar.



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4. Fulfill my duties as the new advisor to the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, as the Faculty Representative to the Truman Scholarship at LU, and as a faculty advisor to 28 advisees.
5. Work on my duties as a By-Laws Committee and Study Abroad Committee member.

I thank you for the opportunity and for your support.

Sincerely,

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