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Dear Madam or Sir,

I am extremely interested in applying for the position of Wordsmiths, US Government, with Palantir. I have extensive experience in researching, conceptualizing, designing, and creating website platforms; responding to the needs of markets in a wide-variety of arenas. I am extremely familiar with the American government, its inner-working, and many of its actors. I originally moved to Washington, DC in '81, determined to forge a career in politics, and interned on Capitol Hill from '81 to '85, while attending George Washington University (GWU); but quickly became disillusioned with the American political process, and the hedonism of the '80s.

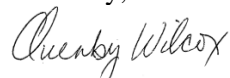
I left the USA in '88, and lived in Europe and South America until '09 when I returned to the USA seeking assistance from the US State Department, and local domestic violence (DV), women's rights, and civil/human rights NGOs—to no avail. My ex-husband is one of the crash-n-burn bankers, responsible for the repeated financial collapses; culminating in our divorce in Spain in '07-'12. Since then, I have been preparing my case for presentation to the international courts, challenging the Spanish government's defense in *Gonzalez Carreño vs. Spain*, 2014 (CEDAW), which claimed “judicial error, and a failure to exhaust.”

Family court systems are violating the rights of women and children at rates of 70-90%, with legislative and executive branches grossly negligent in overseeing the judicial branch. And, all of the NGOs who are supposed to be assisting victims are no more effective, than the government agencies they are supposed to be overseeing. For the past 8 years, I have been lobbying the State Department, Congressional members, and White House staffers regarding the problems Americans Abroad face in corrupt, discriminatory judicial systems around the world—to no avail. Donald Trump won his for Presidency with a promise to “Drain the Swamp” because “The Swamp” desperately needs Draining.

I am very familiar with the problems the US government faces, domestically, as well as internationally, and have already begun to lobby recently appointed Secretary of State Tillerson, National Security Advisor Flynn, and Attorney General Sessions, as to the problems in court systems, the problems it is causing for American overseas, as well as the legal responsibility of consulates to protect and defend, the rights of their citizens in foreign jurisdictions. Not only do I have an innate ability to understand the complexities of government agencies, their inner-workings, and their responsibilities to citizens under human rights standards. But, I am very adept at bi-partisan, outreach programs to government agencies.

I believe, I would be a great asset to Palantir. Not only do I possess excellent analytical skills, but I am extremely adept in conceptualizing, as well as transforming ideas into results-based management systems, and IT solutions. I have been closely following the development of IT software and website platforms, and their applications, since 2005. Furthermore, I possess excellent writing skills, and can examine a wide-variety of variables, and concisely explain how, and why they are inter-related. My experience and knowledge lend themselves to this position, and I would appreciate the chance to further discuss this opportunity with you in person. I have included my resume below for your perusal. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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[Linkedin Profile](#)

Trilingual, Results-Based Manager with 40 years' experience in Projects and Events Management. Human Rights activist, focusing on issues related to women and children. Networking professional with an audience of over 7000 professionals on the Internet, from the banking, finance, and global mobility industries, as well as legal, business, and development communities.

EXPERIENCE

2006- Present **Global Expats & www.global-xpats.com, Wash., DC - Founder**

- Conducted marketing research, data-base compilation, as well as maintaining all administrative and managerial duties in the project
- Prepared [Business Plan and other marketing material](#) for investors
- Conducted social media campaigns on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter
- Developed a political and legal platform promoting the rights and interests of Global Expats constituents (expat families)
- Content web administrator for www.global-xpats.com

11/2011 – 11/2015 **International Monetary Fund, Wash., DC - Administrative Assistant (Contractual and Temporary)**

- Administrative assignments in the Western Hemisphere, Monetary and Capital Markets, European, Legal (Financial Integrity Group), External Relations, and Institute for Capacity Development departments

5/2009- 2/2011 **International Monetary Fund Family Association (IMFFA) (Global Employment), Wash., DC - Administrative Assistant/Office Manager**

- Created a filing system, as well as communication system between board and committee members
- Created a data-base of membership, cross-referencing members; their interests, professions, etc.
- Assisted with publication of the information booklet, monthly magazine, and weekly newsletter
- Provided advice and assistance to members about family issues, the DC area, childcare, etc.
- Reduced annual administrative costs by 10%

2/2008 - present **Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) – Madrid, Spain and Wash., DC – Human Rights Legal Counsel (Volunteer)**

- Prepared the case, *Wilcox vs. Spain*, for Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) against the Spanish government for their failure to protect. The case challenges the Spanish government's defense of "inadmissibility" in [Gonzalez Carreno vs. Spain, 2014 \(CEDAW\)](#). A synopsis of the case is included in an official correspondence to the Spanish [Defensor del Pueblo in 2014](#)
- Researched and prepared background report for CEDAW presentation. The report, [Financing for Development \(FfD\): A Midsummer Night's Dream](#), as well as all official correspondence with the Spanish and American governments, highlighting the many public policy issues are posted on the activism website, www.warondomesticterrorism.com

1/2013 - present **WaronDomesticTerrorism.com – Wash., DC – Founder & Administrator (Volunteer)**

- Maintain activist website (www.warondomesticterrorism.com), exposing the human rights violations and discrimination against women in courts and societies around the world
- Reports posted on the site are the following: [Domestic Abuse as a Human Rights Violation & the Principle of Due Diligence: An Intersectional Approach](#); [Abuses of Power in Our Societies and Court Systems: Implications and Solutions under Human Rights Law](#); [The Failure of Courts to Protect Child Victims of Sexual Abuse](#); [Financing for Development \(FfD\): A Midsummer Night's Dream](#); [Family Courts in Crisis Newsletters](#); and [Workplace Bullying](#); as well as a [bibliography](#) of research

- 11/2013 - **HuffingtonPost.com, Womenalia.com and LinkedIn.com – Wash., DC – Blogger (Volunteer)**
 present • Blogs on [LinkedIn](#), [HuffPost](#), [Womenalia](#) and [Reuters Foundation](#), explore the many challenges trailing-spouse, homemakers face while abroad, as well as the political, social, and economical problems the world is facing at present, concentrating on abuses of power and violation of rights at every level of society. Please see attached a list of all blog postings since 2013
- 2002- **Bogotá Accueil (Fédération Internationale des Accueils Français et Francophones à l’Etranger (FIAFE) – www.fiafe.org Bogotá, Colombia - Président (Volunteer)**
 2003 • Represented the French community of Bogotá at official functions and Embassies
 • Organized cultural visits, educational seminars, tours of museums and art expositions, dinners and formal functions, manual arts classes for children, and English classes
 • Organized a conference for Ingrid Betancourt, Colombian Presidential candidate for 2002 (cancelled due to her kidnapping by FARC guerrilla)
- 2001- **International Group of Bogotá - Bogotá, Colombia - Secretary (Volunteer)**
 2004 • Assisted in the formation and development of this cross-cultural group whose mission was to coordinate cooperation between the various expatriate clubs and communities in Bogotá
- 1999- **Bogotá Accueil (FIAFE/www.fiafe.org) Bogotá, Columbia - Board Member (Volunteer)**
 2002 • Participated in monthly board meetings and management of the association
 • Organized children’s manual art classes and events
 • Directed monthly English classes, book club, and cooking club
- 1998- **American Women’s Club of Bogotá (Federation of American Women’s Clubs Overseas (FAWCO)/www.fawco.org) Bogotá, Colombia - Secretary (Volunteer)**
 1999 • Attended monthly board meetings and participated in management of the organization
 • Participated in monthly international cooking club and annual fund-raising Bazaar
- 1989 **Dean Witter Reynolds - Miami, Florida - Executive Assistant**
 • Managed the administrative office, overseeing twenty employees
 • Handled client complaints, administrative problems, and maintained accounts payable
- 1987 **Shearson Lehman Bros., Wash., D.C - Stock Trader and Program Coordinator**
 • Managed approximately \$10M within a \$20M blue-chip stock trading program
 • Monitored movements of 200 stocks and option, maintaining 10% profit margin on trades
 • Compiled financial reports and analysis
- 1986 **E.F. Hutton, Wash., D.C. - Sales Assistant to Financial Planners**
 • Handled all administrative work and client contact, executed trades and processed legal documents
- 1981- **Senator J. Bennett Johnston (D) LA., Wash., D.C. - Intern**
 1985 • Responsible for a total re-organization of administrative archives
 • Supervised the summer interns, organized in-coming mail, and maintained filing system
 • University Thesis on nuclear non-proliferation

SKILLS

Languages: **English:** native, **French:** fluent, **Spanish:** fluent

Proficient: Microsoft Word, Outlook, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel, SharePoint, Travel Portal, and Tabs3

EDUCATION

1981- **BBA (International Marketing/Political Science) George Washington University**
 1985

A few months after Ronald Reagan entered office as president of the United States for the first time, I started my first job as an intern on Capitol Hill. While I eventually [abandoned a career-path in the political arena](#), I never forgot the important lessons I learned from my boss Patsy Guyer, Executive Assistant to former Senator J. Bennett Johnston (LA). What I learned from Patsy, was not only the importance of a well-functioning administrative workflow and organizational system, and how to structure one, but also the necessity for teamwork and a hands-on, 'fair-but-firm' managerial approach in succeeding at any endeavor. Circumstances of my life in the '80s were as turbulent and chaotic as they have been in the [past decade](#), so the examples and lessons Patsy gave to me were of great significance — and a rock of stability and sanity in a time where my life desperately needed it. Recently, on the Internet, I found a [letter](#) from Senator Johnston where he paid tribute to Patsy Guyer — his words mimic my sentiments exactly:

Patsy [] handled a huge array of responsibilities over the years, ranging from supervising State offices to managing summer interns, to creating and overseeing an exceptionally efficient mail operation. But if Patsy should be singled out for anything, it is her management of and deep personal commitment to a case work operation that is unmatched in the volume and quality of service it has rendered to countless thousands of Louisianians in need. I am very proud of the aid my office has given over the years to people who had nowhere else to turn...

We were able to be effective principally because Patsy Guyer has an astounding network of friends and colleagues throughout Congress and among Federal agencies and, most of all, because she greeted every case, no matter how routine, with the enthusiasm and commitment she brought to her first day on the job in November of 1972. Whether the challenge was to bring home from Abu Dhabi a tragically injured Louisiana businessman, locate a missing child in a Rwandan refugee camp or organize a food airlift to Cambodia, we always knew Patsy would have the ingenuity and contacts to start the process and the absolutely iron-willed determination and dedication to see it through to completion. I have never known a more selfless and giving individual...

No other words could more perfectly describe the person I knew and admired. Patsy, through her actions (not words) showed me to what extent 'getting the job done' necessitates dedication, perseverance, networking, and absolute iron-will determination that won't bend even when faced with the most obstinate federal bureaucrat that the US government can conjure up. (And, my message for the give-me-the-run-around State Department officials that I have been writing to for the past 8 years, is that I was taught by Patsy Guyer, [so I'm not going anywhere](#) until they start doing their job!)

Unfortunately, the vital importance and role that the administrative function plays within an organization has been lost in the past decades. Masters and doctorates are as common now as high school diplomas once were - with too many people forgetting the importance of street-smarts and common sense in actually getting things accomplished. In fact, much of the elevated level of negligence in the 'modern' world (see my blog [The 70/90 Rule & the Principle of Due Diligence](#)) is due to a dearth of qualified administrative personnel within the labor force, coupled by 'too many chefs spoil the soup' syndrome at all levels of management.

Not only is the [Feminist movement 'stalled'](#) — [everyone, and everything, seems to be 'stalled' these days](#), for the simple reason that no one will take action. Everyone is so busy chasing their tails in speech after speech, conference after conference, and meeting after meeting - that no one is minding the store. Never before has mankind possessed so many extremely highly-educated populations and work-forces, extra-ordinary technological capabilities, and a multitude of research and information in all of the physical and social sciences. However, we still find ourselves at the 'cross-roads' to humanity because of rampant greed, immorality, and apathy as much in the public sphere as in the private sphere. The actions (or inactions) that we, as a global

community, take in the coming decades will determine the survival or demise of the human race and this planet - with the present inertia amongst our leaders tipping the scales towards our demise.

As Ian Goldin states in *Divided Nations: Why Global Governance is Failing, and What We Can Do About It*, and I quote,

As we work on the many global challenges we are struck by the need for global solutions. If there is one thing that keeps us awake at night, it is the absence of global leadership and even awareness of the scale of the global challenges... Humanity is at a crossroads. This could be our best century ever, as we find the means and collective will to overcome poverty, disease, and many of the other tribulations that remain endemic despite human progress. Or it could be our worst century, as systemic risks and the unintended consequences of technological progress and globalization overwhelm the gains and lead to devastating destruction. The outcome will depend on our collective ability to understand and take action to address key challenges. It depends on global management. The widening gap between our knowledge of the issues and the failure of global leaders to address global concerns is our biggest challenge.

The future, however, will be unlike the past. We face a new set of challenges... Resolving questions of global governance urgently requires an invigorated national and global debate. This necessitates the involvement of ordinary citizens everywhere. For without the engagement and support of us all, reform efforts are bound to fail.

Even though the need for enhancing global governance is widely recognized in the politically correct rhetoric of today, as Goldin points out,

too often reforms [] are equivalent to rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic... The world has changed in fundamental ways since the institutions were formed and so it should come as no surprise that they are overwhelmed by new challenges. Concerted reform may in some areas close the governance gaps, but for the most part the participants in these reform efforts include representatives of the governments who have resisted reform and so significant reform is stymied.

If good governance is going to become an effective tool in facing global challenges, we must start looking towards implementation, implementation, and more implementation - but effective implementation by real-live human beings who understand real-live problems. What is needed is the hands-on, no-nonsense approach of Patsy Guyer - someone who didn't gawk at any task, and who was tireless and dedicated in moving mountains within the nightmare, bureaucratic, minefields of the American federal government.

This is what America (and the World) needs! Action, and more Action — from someone with the moral integrity of Patsy Guyer.

[El Chapo, Sean Penn and the Failed War on Drugs](#)

by Quenby Wilcox

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The recent *Rolling Stones* article [“El Chapo Speaks”](#), and video interview with the Mexican drug lord, El Chapo (Joaquín Archivaldo Guzmán Loera), with Sean Penn has caused much commotion in the press and on the Internet. Unfortunately, the buzz which Mr. Penn's article produced was not the response that the author had hope for — as indicated in his [60 Minutes interview](#), when he states that his article had “failed.” However, in

examining *any kind of failure* here, it should be noted that what “failed” was not Mr. Penn’s article, or even his interview with *El Chapo*. What “failed,” was the press’s inability to seize the opportunity afforded by Mr. Penn’s article to open a much-needed discussion on the failed American “War on Drugs” — as Mr. Penn has repeatedly stated. While I believe the reaction of the press to Mr. Penn’s article — character assassinations, rather than exposure of the *hypocrisy* and *fiasco* that has been the “War on Drugs” — is a sad testament to the *lack of integrity and freedom of the press* in the USA. While I find, the accusations launched at Mr. Penn unimportant in the discussion and dialogue that is needed surrounding the “War on Drugs”, I recognize these accusations have “high-jacked” the issues Mr. Penn wished to raise — and unfortunately, should be addressed before addressing the real issues at hand.

First, the accusation from [Don Winslow](#) (who does not possess a degree in journalism himself) that Mr. Penn is not a journalist and/or that his self-proclaimed “experiential journalism” is not true journalism, is completely baseless. Mr. Winslow’s accusation shows a lack of proper research and knowledge regarding his subject matter. There are many well-known and reputable journalist, anchors, and other news people who do not have degrees in journalism — Oprah Winfrey, Larry King, Ellen DeGeneres, Jimmy Kimmel, Joy Behar, Rosie O’Donnell, Brian Williams, Peter Jennings, Walter Cronkite and John Chancellor, Nina Totenberg Carl Bernstein, William Safire, Fareed Zakaria, Glenn Greenwald... the list goes on. Even Edward R. Murrow did not possess a degree in journalism. So, it does not appear that a degree in journalism is a requirement to practice journalism. And, therefore the argumentation that “Penn is not a journalist because he does not possess a degree in journalism” (particularly in light of his extremely impressive “resume” in the film industry), would be comical if not for the very serious subject matter that Mr. Penn is attempting to expose, the failed “War on Drugs.”

Then, the accusation that Mr. Penn is not a *real* journalist because he is a self-proclaimed “experiential” journalist, is ridiculous. While Mr. Winslow (and others) may not appreciate Mr. Penn’s style of reporting, Mr. Penn’s style is perfectly “legitimate,” and one used by journalists around the world. As [Robert Boyton](#), of the *New New Journalism* states:

In the thirty years since Tom Wolfe published his manifesto [1973], “The New Journalism,” a group of writers has been quietly securing a place at the very center of contemporary American literature for reportorially based, narrative-driven long form nonfiction. These New New Journalists-Adrian LeBlanc, Michael Lewis, Lawrence Weschler, Eric Schlosser, Richard Preston, Alex Kotlowitz, Jon Krakauer, William Langewiesche, Lawrence Wright, William Finnegan, Ted Conover, Jonathan Harr, Susan Orlean, and others-represent the continued maturation of American literary journalism. They use the license to experiment with form earned by the New Journalists of the sixties to address the social and political concerns of 19th century writers such as Lincoln Steffens, Jacob Riis and Stephen Crane (an earlier generation of “New Journalists”), synthesizing the best of these two traditions. Rigorously reported, psychologically astute, sociologically sophisticated and politically aware, the New New Journalism may well be the most popular and influential development in the history of American literary nonfiction. The New New Journalism explores the methods and techniques these journalists have developed, and looks backward to understand their dual heritage—their debts to their predecessors from both the 1890s and the 1960s. ...

What this new breed represents is less a school of thought, or rule-defined movement, than a shorthand way of describing the reportorial sensibility behind an increasingly significant body of work. So now, finally, I come to the real issues that Mr. Penn wished to raise, and in doing so, I again turn to Glenn Greenwald; this time in his speech *Century of Lies, 2011* at Rice University’s, Baker Institute for Public Policy,

The War on Drugs is, in my view by far, the most profound and destructive policy failure of the last 50 years. Every generation has various policies that future generations look back upon - not with just disagreement - but with bafflement as to how the citizenry could possibly have failed to realize the irrationality and evil of very conventions and orthodoxies...

Advocates of drug prohibition typically cite a variety of problems grounded in drug usage and related pathologies as to why that policy is justified and yet the amazing thing about the War on Drugs, about drug prohibition is that that policy, at best, has no effect on those problems and, in most cases, exacerbates them and makes them far worse.

One of the most comprehensive studies on drug prohibition was issued this year by the Global Commission on Drug Policy and it was composed by some of the world's leading experts in the area including people like former UN Secretary Kofi Annan, the former Secretary General of NATO, multiple former presidents of a variety of countries, people like George Schultz, Paul Volcker and the report was incredibly well-documented but its bottom line was as stark and it is obvious. And that is:

"The global war on drugs has failed."

Not is failing, not is likely to fail - but has failed.

I think the easiest way to understand why that's so and the magnitude of the failure is to compare it to a historical precedent which is alcohol prohibition because alcohol prohibition, like the War on Drugs, did almost nothing to alleviate the problem it was intended to address which was the decision by many adults to consume alcohol. And yet what it did instead was spawn extreme amounts of violence in the form of gangs and others who, because alcohol was driven underground, engaged in violence to compete for dominance over the industry.

And there really are only two differences between alcohol prohibition and drug prohibition that I can see. One is that only took Americans 13 years to realize back then what a grievous error prohibition was and they repealed it - whereas we are now going on 40 years of this incredibly failed drug war. And the second is that the violence spawned by drug prohibition is so much greater than the violence spawned by alcohol prohibition....

So, let's look at the cost of this War on Drugs that has now been going on for decades. The first cost is that it has turned the United States into the world's largest prison state. We imprison 2.4 million citizens - more than any country on the planet, by far - including countries that have larger populations than the United States such as China and India.

I think the most striking statistic in this regard is that the United States accounts for just under 5% of the world's population and yet 25% of the world's prison population is on American soil. 1 out of every 4 prisoners is in an American prison. The primary reason for that development, there are several, but the primary reason is our obsession with drug prohibition and the Drug War. In federal prisons, for example, 57% of inmates are serving time on drug charges and most of them were convicted on charges of possession not distribution.

Beyond this sprawling prison state the War on Drugs is indescribably racist both in application and effect...

As a result of these racial disparities he said, "America's criminal justice system has deteriorated to the point that it is a national disgrace."...

Now there are economic costs of the drug war which are astronomical. When you add up the costs of law enforcement, of arresting drug users, bringing them into the criminal justice system, prosecuting them, imprisoning them, and then add to that the extraordinary and always growing interdiction efforts that the U.S. government engages in both domestically and internationally - it's called a drug war because we employ our military to a vast extent in order to find drug supplies and disrupt them. The costs are in the hundreds of billions of dollars...

And so the economic costs, this hundreds of billions of dollars that have been expended in a variety of ways over those decades has huge opportunity costs - think of the things we could do with that money...

Then there's the fact that the drug war has spawned a very under-discussed and yet glaring evil and that is the privatized prison industry. Our prison populations are simply too great due to the drug war for states to manage any longer...

Then there is the destruction of civil liberties that the War on Drugs has brought and ushered in and continues to usher in. I write a lot about the erosion of civil liberties and the War on Terror but the precursor to almost every one of those abuses is the War on Drugs....

For the full text please go to [Century of Lies, 2011](#). And, I thoroughly encourage everyone to read Mr. Greenwald's speech in its entirety.

These are the issues for which Mr. Penn and Ms. del Castillo risked their lives. However, instead of being praised by fellow journalist for having attempted to initiate a debate on the *failed War on Drug*, these two people have been berated and chastised by journalists and citizens, alike. I hope people, and journalists, will cease and desist from deviating the public, and other journalists, from the important issues at hand. And, rather than squabbling over semantic and personal attacks on Mr. Penn's writing style and personal opinions—which quite frankly have more logic and sanity to them than most of the other ones I have heard, or read, to date—address and discuss the issues laid forth by the *esteemed lawyer and journalist* (who is not a *real journalist* either), *Glenn Greenwald* in his speech above.