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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

October 30, 1995

Samuel V. Wilson
President
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampden Sydney, VA 23943

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for the invitation to Vice President Gore to join you for the participate in a program to launch the Hampden-Sydney College Public Service Initiative.

The Vice President sincerely appreciates your interest in his attendance, but, unfortunately, other commitments prevent him from accepting your invitation. The Vice President is disappointed to miss the opportunity to join you, and he has asked that I convey to you his best wishes for a successful event.

Thank you again for your letter. Please feel free to contact my office again with future requests or questions. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Kimberly H. Tilley
Director of Scheduling

cc: Senator Charles S. Robb
Mr. Rod O'Connor



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 22, 1995

The Honorable Al Gore
Vice President of the United States
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice-President:

I write in the hopes of enticing you to take the lead role in a program formally to launch the Hampden-Sydney College Public Service Initiative (an academic concentration designed to prepare students for careers in public service), tentatively slated for November 15, 1995. The program will begin in the late evening at the U.S. Capitol (tentative time to begin is between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., the final time to be determined by your schedule). Senator Charles Robb is reserving a room at the Capitol for our use and we anticipate a crowd of approximately 100 people.

We would be honored indeed if you would provide introductory remarks at the program. Congressman L.F. Payne and other members of the Virginia congressional delegation will follow your remarks with a few of their own. We then intend to honor several of our alumni who have held positions of import in public service (such as former U.S. Senators Paul Trible and William Spong).

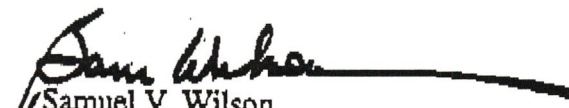
As you may know from conversation with Joel Velasco and Rod O'Connor, Hampden-Sydney College is the tenth oldest institution of higher education in the United States, having been founded six months before the Declaration of Independence in 1776. We are proud to claim among our alumni a sizable number of U.S. Congressmen, twelve U.S. Senators, several state governors, numerous state legislators, and one U.S. President (William Henry Harrison). This small college located in the heart of Southside Virginia has a long history of preparing leaders in all walks of life and, I strongly believe, is uniquely situated to continue to train tomorrow's leaders.

Our Public Service program is in its first official year and combines academic course work with internships with public officials as a more formal means of preparing future government leaders. The program already has generated much interest among students, alumni, and government officials. The Washington baptism of the program is a major step toward fulfillment of our vision for the initiative.

I am fully aware that your schedule is very busy. Therefore, we would not expect you to remain for the total program on November 15 though we obviously would be very honored if you could do so. It is certain that your presence will be the highlight of the day for all of us. I do hope you will be able to join us.

With highest regard,

Sincerely,


Samuel V. Wilson
(Lieutenant General, U.S. Army-Retired)
President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 1, 1995

Honorable Harris Wofford
Director, Americorp
Corporation for National & Community Services
8th Floor
1201 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20525

Dear Senator Wofford:

I am writing to ask that you seriously consider an invitation to attend a very special Hampden-Sydney College event--the official "baptism" of our Public Service Program. This occasion is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room SC-5 of the US Capitol building in Washington. We would be honored to have you speak briefly on the value of preparing young people for service to their community, state, and nation.

Hampden-Sydney's Public Service Program is of relatively recent vintage--in its present form. I add the qualifying phrase, "in its present form," because this institution has been educating young men for service to our nation ever since the school was founded in 1775 by a handful of early American patriots, among whom were Patrick Henry and James Madison, and our alumni rolls over the years since then call out the names of one US President, 13 US Senators, 24 US Congressmen, 8 Governors, 32 State Senators, 81 members of the Virginia House of Delegates--not to mention several US cabinet members, a number of ambassadors and State Supreme Court justices, along with hundreds of doctors, lawyers, judges, ministers, teachers, business leaders and members of other honored professions contributing to the public weal.

In our Public Service Program we strive to build further on Hampden-Sydney's traditions of service and to do an ever better job preparing young people for productive public careers, especially in today's political arena. More importantly, we want very much to work with other schools and universities engaging in similar endeavors in the hope that we can learn from each other and develop relevant undertakings of a complementary, joint, or exchange nature. To put it in other words, what we are seeking to achieve, the basic idea, is far more important than the credit line for any one educational institution, such as Hampden-Sydney, however distinguished its traditions. In essence, we feel that in an era when the general public seems disenchanted with our political processes, we need to help bring in young people who can make a difference in public life.

Let me add that, in encouraging students to consider careers in public service at all levels, we not only have them complete a number of special courses on campus, but we also have them pursue internships to give them "hands on" experience with work in the public sector. This is a critical aspect of the program, where we have been successful in placing students in internship programs with a number of federal and state agencies (with senators and congressmen in Washington, in federal departments and agencies, on several state and local government staffs, in the US Intelligence Community, in overseas embassies and even in the Office of the Vice President.) A number of these students upon graduation have gone on to permanent employment with those very offices and agencies with which they had interned. It is these current and former interns who will be at our November 15th affair and whom I would like to present to you on that occasion.

Mr. Harris Wofford

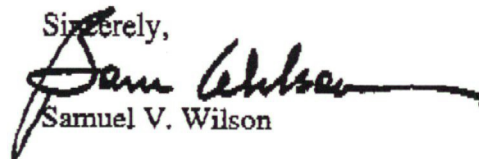
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I very much hope you can join our celebration on November 15. Although the Vice President has expressed his regrets for the evening, we do anticipate that several of his staff members, Hampden-Sydney graduates, will be with us. We have invited the entire Virginia congressional delegation (as well as certain of your other colleagues in both the Senate and the House), the chairmen of the Democratic and Republican national committees, the current governor and lieutenant governor of Virginia, the Chairman and the other fourteen college presidents of the Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges (VFIC) and a handful of other dignitaries who have been helpful in one fashion or another in our present program. Additionally, we will be presenting special awards to William Spong (in absentia) and Paul Tribble, the last two graduates of Hampden-Sydney to serve in the United States Senate, and to Eugene Hickok, Class of 1972, who is the new Secretary of Education for the State of Pennsylvania. And of course we will be saluting a group of fine young men, as well as those like them in other colleges and universities, who are dedicated to preparing themselves for service to country.

With respectful, high regard,

Sincerely,



Samuel V. Wilson

P.S.--I will call you on Monday, November 6, between the hours of 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. to speak with you about this exciting evening.

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Dr.	Kathleen	Gill	Bowman		President	Randolph-Macon Woman's College
Dr.	James	A.	Davis		President	Shenandoah University
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Dr.	Richard	L.	Morrill		President	University of Richmond
Dr.	Thomas	R.	Morris		President	Emory and Henry College
Dr.	Jane	Margaret	O'Brien		President	Hollins College
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**HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE
PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM**

**United States Capitol Building
Washington, D.C.
November 15, 1995**

WELCOME
President Samuel V. Wilson

ENDORSEMENTS

Mr. XXXXXXX
(title)
Hampden-Sydney Public Service Program

Honorable Lewis F. Payne, Jr.
5th District Congressman

Harris Wofford (invited)
Director, Americorp

CONFERRING OF AWARDS
President Wilson

Honorable William B. Spong, Jr. '41

Honorable Paul S. Tribble, Jr. '68

Dr. Eugene W. Hickok, Jr. '72

RECOGNITION OF CURRENT STUDENTS
Dr. David E. Marion
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CONCLUSION

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