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Dear Portfolio Show Visitor

"Why do you want to make movies?". Countless times I have asked this question of myself, and I am still looking for a clear answer. Of course, I know the obvious reasons. I like to record, I love movies, and I know that no matter how stressed I am when I work on set, the joy that the process of making films gives me can't be beaten. And the novelty that a film can provide audiences with every passing onscreen moment is amazing to me. I'm sure I'm getting closer to the answer and I'm writing this letter because I want to share my path to find it with collaborators who share my captivation with the form.

Due to the Korean policy, I had to serve in the military for 2 years. During that period, I was able to experience and learn from many things that I would never ordinarily have a chance to. During this disruption of my regular life, I worked endlessly on self-improvement. I completed 5 full-length scenarios and 3 short-scenarios, read over 80 books and watched over 100 movies. Above all, what I am really proud of is that I maintained a journal (a practice I continue to this day) that helped keep my personality intact in the midst of the rigid regime and suppressed freedom of military life.

Now in college, I have made 5 short films where I took on a new challenge for each piece and tried to tell a new story. Also, I participated in countless films in various crew position. As a collaborator, my philosophy is, 'When you work as a crew member, strive to help the director shoot one more take.'

I believe that the world is made up of relationships and our connected understanding of one another. It is critically important to understand how to communicate with people and more broadly, the various cultures and worlds made up of those people. As an international student at Portland State University, I am learning these skills, in large part, by pursuing my passion for filmmaking.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. For more detailed information about my work, please refer to my resume and personal webpage. If my thought here or work resonate with you, and if you'd like to meet to talk more, please feel free to contact me. I guarantee that it will be more interesting than this one-sided communication!.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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