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To: [Dang, Quynh H. \(Fed\)](#)
Cc: [Dodson, Donna F \(Fed\)](#)
Subject: Re: Best utilization of ITL's investments in next generation of engineers and scientists.
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Thank you very much for this information, Quynh.

Kevin

From: Dang, Quynh (Fed)
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:28:50 PM
To: Stine, Kevin (Fed)
Cc: Dodson, Donna F (Fed)
Subject: Best utilization of ITL's investments in next generation of engineers and scientists.

Dear Kevin,

I introduced Think Dang to you a couple of years ago because you would like to hire people like him in the future for your next generation of talented engineers and scientists.

I know him very well. He is a geeky/nerdy science person. He is majoring in Math and minoring in computer science. His GPAs at American University and George Washington University have been around 4 points. He was the top Math person at his high school. He is also a very good programmer.

He works hard and he is a disciplined and focused engineer/scientist. He is also a modest and humble person.

He worked as an intern for Dr. Howard Cohl in the ACMD division in summer 2015. Also, he has been working as a Pathway student for Dr. Dustin Moody in the field of isogeny cryptography for post quantum. Please talk to those individuals to get their assessments about Think Dang's work ethics and abilities.

ITL has been investing a lot of resources on Think Dang because he is a kind of next generation of talented engineers and scientists that ITL and NIST need. The current hiring freeze imposed by the White House does not apply to his situation. In another word, normally a person like him will be converted to a normal new hire if he/she does the work we need very well.

For some difficulty, we (CSD/Crypto group) do not plan to convert him to a new hire as normally would happen. When there is a need for a Pathway engineer or scientist student, please give him a fair consideration! If he is a right person for the job, please move him to your division! He will graduate from college this coming fall semester.

Have a safe travel.

Regards,
Quynh.