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Dear James,

I would like to first take an opportunity to thank you and Rosie for offering to respond to all my enquiries and queries regarding the role I am applying to. Both your prompt explanations have reassured me that this role affords the respective balance between independent work and collaboration. I hope the following cover letter explains why I have applied to your team specifically and to which areas within the OBR.

Being a part-qualified labour economist and Royal Economic Society member, I have researched a number of arXiv and SSRN papers based on private signalling and core allocations which celebrate the concept of Pareto-Nash equilibrium. My previous research focuses on wage bargaining, labour migration and game theory. I have aimed in recent publications to provide insight into President Donald Trump's Rose Garden tariff announcement by providing an open-access review of the effects of tariffs on evidence-based economic policy.

I have also worked in the past as a Data Analyst at Société Générale Newedge UK (SGUK) Limited which is a futures broker-dealer. I worked out of their Central London office for 10-months between May 2014 and February 2015 co-ordinating the harmonization of SGUK's commission and fees data management system – SunGard GMI prior to a strategic decommissioning of this system in favour of a new proprietary system called Consensus Solutions. I covered every major global market, co-ordinated Bloomberg-to-Excel VBA macros, and begun my CISI Level 1.

Finally, I am happy to share that given my experience at SGUK, and as part of the process, I am ready to pre-engage in an application-specific data analysis and/or economics presentation on a topic of your choosing. I will be aiming to join the OBR under the Grade D salary band, and I may as per the job description, require an arrangement upon my onboarding that actualises and supports flexible work. Once the presentation topic has been finalised, please kindly reach out via the above e-mail (provided).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alfred Mayaki'.

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