**Cover Letter**

Re: Posting Software Engineer, New Grad

Dear Palantir Recruitment Team,

I’m writing in response to the role as a Software Engineer - Apollo platform. I was excited to see this position being available to join a team working on one of Palantir’s core platforms. During my time in the military, I developed a strong appreciation for the kind of mission-driven impact Apollo supports. I believe I would be a great fit for the team, bringing a mix of resilience, collaboration, and a relentless drive to grow—especially as I transition into a new field.

While my attached resume provides an overview of my background, I want to highlight how my current work and projects directly align with your expectations:

You’re looking for:

* Familiarity with data structures, storage systems, cloud infrastructure, and front-end frameworks
* An engineering background in fields such as Computer Science, Software Engineering, or Mathematics
* Experience coding in Java, C++, Python, JavaScript, or similar languages

I offer:

* Hands-on project experience from the Microsoft Software and Systems Academy (MSSA), where I’ve designed a Calculator App using C# and WinForms, an end-to-end .NET MAUI app , and a basic SQL Server integration project, where I connected a local database to practice CRUD operations and explore back-end data flow. These projects are helping me build a solid grasp of object-oriented programming, data structures, and UI/UX design.
* A foundation in software engineering principles, backed by an immersive and rigorous curriculum. I continue to explore additional resources outside of class, including Udemy courses and independent projects, to accelerate my learning.
* Programming experience primarily in C#, with increasing exposure to Python and other languages as I take on diverse challenges to strengthen my versatility.

More than just technical growth, I bring the discipline and team-first mindset that were core to my role as a Special Forces Green Beret—qualities I’m eager to apply in another collaborative environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I'm excited about the opportunity to contribute to Palantir's mission and would welcome the chance to discuss how my background and drive align with your goals. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there are any questions regarding my resume or experience.

Sincerely,

Dave Hancock