## Dear Amanda,

I am excited to apply for the EMEA Markets Breaking News Reporter position, confident that my track record of delivering compelling stories under tight deadlines and expertise in data analysis makes me a strong candidate for this role.

From sharp and deeply reported analyses to fast-paced trunks with twists and turns, I have anchored the TMT file over the past four years, leading coverage on eight red alert stories just in 2025. I have also been entrusted to lead shifts for the US companies team that has sharpened my news judgment and helped me better understand our audience while working with senior editors.

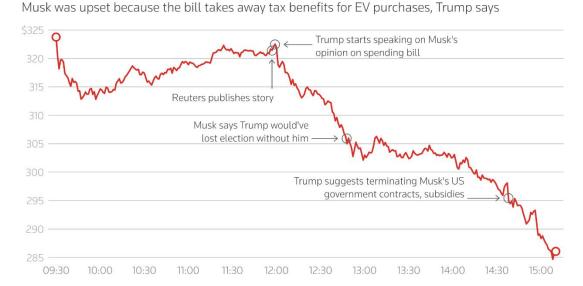
Highly skilled in programming languages and large data sets for thoughtful analysis, I frequently pair fast copy with visualizations to improve readability and highlight what text alone cannot.

I plan to utilize my learnings and hit the ground running by aiming to expand my source book quickly, establishing strong relationships with key stakeholders, and staying ahead of market trends to provide timely and insightful reports.

Some of the key stories I have worked on this year include the <u>launch of Trump Mobile</u> and the network of businesses that power it, how <u>U.S. tariffs would raise prices</u> of Apple's iPhones, the <u>dynamics of funding</u> for robotics startups and <u>numerous public spats</u> between President Trump and world's richest person Elon Musk.

When Tesla shares started falling because of CEO Elon Musk's criticism of President Trump's legislative ideas in June, I wrote about the brewing animosity ahead of events that eventually led to a record \$152 billion drop in the EV giant's market capitalization with reaction from traders and the political dynamics driving the selloff.

## Tesla shares slide as Trump hits back at Musk over spending bill



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It showed my ability to pre-empt breaking news by spotting market-moving catalysts early and responding with quick, well-contextualized copy before peak stock movements.

Covering U.S. tech companies like Rivian, Uber, and Duolingo has helped me build a workflow tailored for velocity: prewritten earnings scaffolds, alerts for key stocks, and a rolling roster of traders, asset managers, and sell-side analysts.

My ability to blend breaking news with enterprise reporting shows my versatility. By uncovering significant stories like the <u>web of brands behind Trump Mobile</u> and the <u>use of Tesla's Full Self-Driving</u> by Uber and Lyft drivers, I demonstrate keen investigative skills and strong news judgment. This adaptability highlights my nimbleness as a breaking news reporter.

I'm eager to bring that energy and focus to the EMEA Markets team. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Akash Sriram