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Dear Slackers:

This letter is in response to the *Build and Release Engineer* job opening in San Francisco. During the past year, *Slack* has been an essential component of my development workflow. Nothing I've tried has been as successful for communication with my team members - plus integration with *Github* activity and on the lighter side, *Giphy* hilarity has been a game changer. As a recent college graduate with open source experience and a drive for automating tasks, I feel I may have something to offer Slack.

My education has provided me with a strong foundation in Computer Science – algorithms, software engineering models but for me, programming has always been a passion. I started a Linux User Group on campus to foster a community among my peers and we keep in touch with *Slack,* of course. Moreoever, my FOSS side projects have sharpened my skills and given me a chance to work on things outside the scope of academia. A pretty good description of my skill set is a little bit of everything, with a background in software development, packaging and deployment.

Years ago, before I had heard of anything like *Chef* or *Puppet*, I wrote my own unsophisticated deployment tool called *check4scripts*, that I used to distribute BASH scripts among my friends. Another pertinent example is *JustBrowsing*, a Linux distribution that I developed and maintained, gaining a following in the thousands world-wide. Finally, a more recent project was a collaboration, *GuessWhat*, which involved deploying our webapp using *Cloud Foundry*.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to schedule an interview to futher discuss the position. I am confident that I will be a good fit in the Slack workplace environment and that Slack will be a good fit for me as well. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,
Kevin Mittman