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To whom it may concern,

I am very interested in your Global Security Analyst position. I feel as though my education, experience and interests make me a suitable candidate for this vacancy. In my last role I was a Watch Commander & Intelligence Analyst in the Security Operations Center (SOC) of the World Bank Group (WBG) where I managed a team of Watch Officers. Our primary responsibility was to monitor the world in real-time for events that could impact WBG staff or operations. This had us cover a variety of incidents ranging from terrorist attacks to protests to natural disasters. We gathered information from open source research, media outlets, vendor provided applications and additional assets. I would then write, edit and distribute intelligence reports to stakeholders along with providing updates as necessary. Additionally, we produced a Daily Security Brief for senior leadership which delivered pertinent international news and reported on incidents that directly impacted the WBG.

One of my critical projects at the WBG was acquiring and customizing the social media application Dataminr which filters significant events and critical breaking news via social media feeds. I also created and led a training seminar for Corporate Security personnel on the application. It has served as a crucial early warning device and significantly improved response time to high-impact events while also proving to be invaluable as an intelligence collection tool.

Prior to working in the WBG's SOC, I was an Intelligence Analyst with the private security firm, At-Risk International. I created country reports, city threat assessments and intelligence briefs for a variety of clients such as NGOs, federal contractors and c-suite level executives. The country reports included sections on overall stability, political issues, and foreign relations. Another prime role was to monitor and investigate people and organizations of interest on behalf of clients, many of whom represented divisive political positions within the United States.

I volunteer as the Director of Special Projects for Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YPFP), a non-profit organization. In this position I manage third-party stakeholder relationships with senior-level experts from public, private and nonprofit sectors to create Leadership Modules for YPFP membership. The modules are education programs exposing a cohort of professionals to thought provoking content, topics and speakers. Additionally, I organize, moderate, and lead public facing events on emerging policy issues. I was also a Project Manager for two stand-up/stand-down modules, one on international security policy and another on political risk. While in this position I created curriculum, directed staff, recruited speakers, selected applicants and organized sessions. I previously Chaired the Combating Terrorism Working Group (CTWG) where I organized and lead monthly seminar style meetings on a variety of topics relating to terrorism while also acting as a subject matter expert (SME) for YPFP.

I earned a B.A. in Criminology & Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland in 2010 where I focused on international relations and terrorism. I also completed a M.S in International Affairs in 2014 at Florida State University (FSU) along with earning a Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management & Homeland Security.

Thank you for your time, Ryan Young