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Dr. Evil,

ATTN:
SRE Hiring Manager
Evil Corporation

I am writing to express my interest in the SRE position that appeared in my LinkedIn feed today. {{ADDL_PARA1}}

I am excited to see that my skills and expertise - gained over 30 years of performing software, network, and systems engineering roles – are nearly identical to the requirements Evil Corp is looking for in the SRE position and I would love an opportunity to discuss and interview for the role.

Automating manual, error-prone, inefficient processes has been at the fore throughout my career, and as my work history indicates, has been so since before the emergence of the “SRE” concept, and long pre-dating the DevOps movement.

While 30 years in the industry has given me a mature set of technical and “soft” skills, please don’t equate decades of wisdom and experience with outdated or irrelevant tech skills. I have continually updated and evolved my skill stack along with the shifting tools and initiatives leveraged by IT during my career.

In addition to the directly relevant technical skills listed, I possess a strong problem-solving mindset, a keen sense of diplomacy, and an ability to understand the big picture - quickly discerning how various systems interrelate. Additionally, I have consulted as an automation engineer for JP Morgan Chase in NYC and Royal Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh, and as an SRE consulting for Bread Financial/Comenity on behalf of PwC and provided managed services to Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas as my customer, so have some exposure to IT in the context of FinTech/FinServ.

In my spare time I am continuously learning and staying abreast of emerging technologies, such as Generative AI (Language, Image, and Audio) teaching myself about GANs, LSTMs, Transformers, Diffusion models, etc. My hobbies include making robots produce visual art, making music that sounds like it was made by robots, and writing code and prose on related topics.

Thank you for considering my application. I am eager and excited about the potential to collaborate with your team.

Sincerely,

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