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Cover letter

Hi Salas O’Brien team,

I call myself a technomancer. Technology has felt like magic to me since I was a kid, but the part I have come to care about most is making complicated systems dependable for the people using them.

Your infrastructure role caught my attention because it combines modernization with ownership. Moving toward cloud-managed systems is useful when it makes the environment easier to operate, not when it simply moves the same problems somewhere new. I have spent much of my career working at that intersection of older infrastructure, practical automation and the people who need it to keep working.

At FRII, I ran the NOC and engineering escalations, built tooling for operators and hosting customers, and handled monitoring and recovery verification. After several years there, I was trusted with sole systems-engineering responsibility for about a year through an ownership transition. I migrated workloads from Hyper-V and ESXi into Docker and Kubernetes, completed smaller server and firewall upgrades, and ran the SOC 1 and SOC 2 audits. Keeping services running and leaving clear procedures mattered as much as making the technical change.

Through Technomancy IT, that responsibility has been end to end. For Excell, I rebuilt legacy servers and employee computers, implemented Windows Server, Active Directory and VPN access, and helped connect a satellite location. Across client work I have more than five years with Azure, Microsoft application administration and Entra ID implementation, alongside extensive hands-on AWS work. I also build the integrations and tooling around these environments, rather than stopping at administration.

My foundation is self-taught and systems-driven. PowerShell, Bash and application development give me different ways to investigate a problem and remove repetitive work. AI has become another useful tool in that process, but I still have to understand the change, test it and be accountable for the result. That fits the care your team describes around automation and clear operational handoffs.

Salas O’Brien’s engineers work on things people depend on. I would like to bring that same sense of responsibility to the infrastructure behind their work: simplify what can be simplified, modernize what needs it, and make sure the next person can support what we build.

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