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To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting my resume for a position at your organization. I am able to accommodate your needs as early as mid-May, 2008. Transportation is in my blood; there's a certain kinetic force propelling me perpetually forward. Why, after-all, read a book nestled in on a comfortable armchair, when a city-wide circumferential bus route is available for seating? Not only is it for this reason that I find a position in Logistics so compelling, but also for the myriad of reasons that indicate a good fit between my qualifications and the needs of your company in this position.

Having studied International Business at Western Washington University, I have become very versed in the global business environment, while simultaneously celebrating the importance of local roots. There, through various course requirements, I also developed a strong interest in global transportation and logistics, global society, culture and politics.

I am currently employed as the General Manager for Anchor Appraisal, a small real estate appraisal firm that I spent the last year building from the ground up. This position has allowed me to use all the skills and experience I gained in the College of Business and Economics in order to put them to use in a real business environment. The realm of activity in my current position is almost entirely administrative, consisting of all aspects of business management. My duties range from business development and growth to advertising and marketing to accounting, community networking, scheduling and providing excellent customer service to clients and potential clients.

I was previously employed at YBM ECC, an English-language education academy, in South Korea's third largest city, Daegu. Working in a very small environment, my organization skills have developed extensively, as it was necessary to remain highly organized in such a small and busy working environment. In addition, I have become accustomed to daily speaking in front of youth and adult audiences. This has also aided in the development of excellent time management skills, especially for lecture purposes. Living abroad, I have learned to think in a more geocentric school of thought rather than in an ethnocentric (or USA-centric) attitude. I have also improved my Korean language skills greatly.

Through college, I worked two consecutive seasons for Holland America Line as a Tour Director. My primary duties were the facilitation of all tour logistics, speaking publicly, events planning and facilitation of cross-border movement of people with the US and Canadian customs offices. Through this position, I gained much experience working with people of many nationalities. As a Tour Director, I was able to develop my oratory skills due to the fact that one of my primary daily duties consisted of speaking on a microphone daily in front of as many as fifty adults.

I would generally consider myself a leader. In college, for example, I was an elected member of the Student Government team; primary tasks were working with students and promoting diversity. And prior to that, I was president of the Korean Language Club, where I planned, coordinated, and implemented fundraising and logistics for a homestay in Korea with a total of 12 participating students.

I have no fears of taking ownership of a problem and for me, the most personally rewarding aspect of employment is the positive result—tangible or intangible—of a task of which I took personal charge. Thank you for considering me for the position, I hope to receive your feedback soon.

Yours truly,

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