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Hiring Team
Northstar Mission Systems
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Naperville, IL

Dear Hiring Team at Northstar Mission Systems,

I am applying for the Cyber Security Engineer, Junior role at Northstar Mission Systems. Your work supporting national security missions through cyber and mission software interests me, and I would like to help protect **government-critical systems** and sensitive data.

My recent work in a university cyber defense lab involved monitoring simulated **Windows and Linux enterprise networks** through **Splunk and Elastic**. I correlated authentication, endpoint, DNS, and firewall events, then checked phishing, malware, and unauthorized-access alerts against host artifacts and activity timelines before escalation.

I have applied the **Incident Response lifecycle**, **Cyber Kill Chain**, and ATT&CK concepts to classify threats and guide containment and recovery. I wrote incident-response playbooks, used **Python and PowerShell** to prepare investigation summaries, and produced root-cause findings, risk assessments, dashboards, and remediation recommendations.

I hold a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity, **active Top Secret/SCI with Polygraph clearance**, and U.S. citizenship. My training includes **Splunk and Elastic** SIEM work, Windows and Linux security artifacts, enterprise network protocols, and detection tuning. I am ready to learn from senior engineers and take ownership of careful, well-documented security work.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to discussing how my security operations experience can support Northstar Mission Systems.

Sincerely,

Spencer Nash