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Dear Michael Smith,

**Application for Museum/Exhibition Curator Role**

I would like to apply for the above position with the National Archives, as advertised on your website. I am due to finish my PhD in History at the University of Sussex at the end of June 2020.

Having researched and worked in public historical outreach for nearly a decade, I am particularly impressed by the way the National Archives balances physical outreach spaces with digital archives, and offers accessible resources to both the general public and academia. As a scholar of Amazonian history, I used the 2017 exhibition *Americas Through a Lens* to create innovative seminar and lecture materials for my undergraduate students.

I believe that I have the potential to succeed in this position due to the skills and interests I have developed through my PhD and work experience:

- Advanced analysis skills gained through curating over 3,000 data points for my 300-page doctoral thesis
- Excellent communication skills developed through teaching both the complexities of specialised subjects and broader strokes synthesizing big picture/large-scale historical processes to undergraduate students
- Highly developed application of research areas in professional work, such as the Historical Content Work, and familiarity with digital archives such as the TransAtlantic Voyages database, and a competence in digital visualisation tools
- Strong leadership skills demonstrated when organising seminars, conferences and international collaborations, and delivering academic talks

I am extremely keen to pursue a career in curation at the National Archives and feel that the advertised post is a fantastic opportunity to learn and develop my skills in this field. I would relish the opportunity to work for the National Archives, and I look forward to the opportunity of meeting you and your colleagues in the near future.

I enclose my CV and I am available for interview at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Jordan Brown