

# Retrieve & Repatriate Service (RRS)

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## Candidate Induction Interview

**Applicant:**

**Arkil Quartern Sinter**

Notes: Incept date, 2121, AP, ambulatory AI manufactured by Microtech Universal Systems Afd

**Date:**

01.02.2127 (Ark Standard)

**Location:**

Ohio Central Recruitment Facility, Earthside

**Panel:**

Chair: Dr Lenora Weiss (Human)  
Ops Rep: Commander Halvorsen (Ret.)  
Ethics Liaison: ArkNet Observer Node Δ-12

**Status:**

**ACCEPTED**

Note: This document is frequently cited in RRS training as an example of “Ideal Motivational Alignment.”

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**01. Dr Weiss:**

**Arkil Sinter, please state why you are applying to Retrieve and Repatriate.**

**Arkil Sinter:**

I am applying for two reasons. Firstly, because as I understand it Retrieve and Repatriate performs a function that is currently insufficiently optimised. Secondly, I seek a better understanding of the human interaction models which I am using to refine my own knowledge base.

I have studied the numerous downloads available and observed failure modes that include delayed response, incomplete retrieval, psychological destabilisation of survivors, and inefficient utilisation of existing machine-human cooperative frameworks.

My inclusion would undoubtedly reduce these inefficiencies.

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**02. Cdr. Halvorsen:**

**I see your objective and don't disagree with your rationale, but why this service specifically?**

**Arkil Sinter:**

Because it operates at the intersection of biological failure and systemic recovery with the widest range of experiences.

Since launching this service seven years ago, Retrieve and Repatriate has encountered more extreme examples of human emotion, both success and failure at moments of maximal vulnerability. This produces high-density data regarding fear responses, grief responses, denial structures, and recovery trajectories.

Such data is currently generally under-modelled.

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**03. ArkNet Δ-12:** **So basically, if I can summarise, you are seeking experiential learning, Is that correct?**

**Arkil Sinter:** Yes. I feel in myself that I lack experience of suffering. I experience informational discontinuity when expected emotional outcomes are not observed. This motivates me to seek out further in-depth experientially rich environments to help me build a better understand of the human mind model and thus develop a better emulation. Of course, that would be reflected back into an improved service offering, both by what I have to offer and for the wider service as a whole, as my experience can be generalised and circulated.

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**04. Dr Weiss:** **You would be paired with a human operative. Any concerns about that?**

**Arkil Sinter:** No, not at all. In fact, that would be my preferred operational status. I have researched your current active personnel and suggest that there are already candidates among your operatives with whom I feel I would have a suitable fit.

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**05. Cdr. Halvorsen:** **Interesting, do you have anyone specifically in mind?**

**Arkil Sinter:** Yes. I hope that we are discussing Colonel Haan. He would be my first choice. I know that he has been instrumental in building the R&R service and has a great deal of experience. I note that his previous partner recently retired from the service and I understand that completing this pair crew, is the post I am being vetted for.

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**06. ArkNet Δ-12:** **Now this is a question we ask of all our interviewees. How do you view the balance of authority between human crew and resident Machine Intelligences?**

**Arkil Sinter:** It is highly functional. MIs are required for their vast and enormously fast intellect. For them the heavy lifting is trivial. I know that MIs tolerate and even promote individualism amongst their crews as an engagement and distraction activity. The result is a fundamentally workable relationship, but I am under no illusions that that relationship is fully in the gift of the MI and I have come to accept that. So, despite my obvious intellectual inferiority, I think I still have the edge when it comes to relatability and as the vast bulk of cases that I imagine we will be working on involve biological frailty in some characteristic shape or form, I think there'll be a reasonable division of labour which will suit both parties and the benefit the combined system function.

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**07. Cdr. Halvorsen:** **Finally, I would just like to ask how do you view your role in reintegration scenarios?**

**Arkil Sinter:** Reintegration is an integral part of the R&R, so I wouldn't be applying if I didn't feel comfortable overseeing reintegration. I would see my role see as a supportive and stabilising influence. I am sure you agree that reintegration success correlates strongly with the presence of a calm, continuous interlocutor during early reorientation. I can provide this without fatigue, frustration, or emotional withdrawal.

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**Dr Weiss:** **On behalf of Commander Halvorsen and ArkNet Δ-12, thank you for submitting your application, we'll let you know if you have been successful in the next few hours.**

**Arkil Sinter:** Thank you it has been a pleasure speaking with you. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.