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To whom it may concern:

I have known Mr. Hoff, both as a student and an employee, from mid-December 1984. At that time Mr. Hoff was hired as a member of the Operations Crew of the University of Washington Aeronautical Laboratory, F. K. Kirsten Low Speed Wind Tunnel. The tunnel is self-supporting and does research and developmental testing on aircraft for companies such as Boeing, Beech, Cessna, and on trucks for Kenworth, Peterbilt and other firms.

The operation of the tunnel is carried out by two crews of primarily undergraduate students from the College of Engineering. The Operations crew installs the model, carries out required calibrations, runs the tunnel, acquires the data and plots the results. The Computing Crew takes the raw data and applies the necessary corrections to put the data into a useable engineering form.

Mr. Hoff became a staff member of the Operations Crew in January 1986, and chief of the crew in December 1987. As a staff member he had the additional duty of training new crew members and monitoring their work. As Chief of Operations Mr. Hoff is responsible for scheduling crew work hours, determining pay rates, and recommending new students to be hired.

During the 1987-88 school year Mr. Hoff is taking the Aeronautics and Astronautics Department undergraduate Aerodynamics courses. Based on his performance in the first course, and his work at the tunnel, he has become the first non-A&A major to become chief of either crew.

Mr. Hoff is an intelligent, industrious and dedicated worker. He gets on well with his fellow employees and company engineers who use the tunnel, and thus has been an asset to the facility. I strongly believe Mr. Hoff will be an able, dedicated, and useful employee.

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