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COMPANY C, 27TH ENGINEER BATTALION (C)(A)
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation for Ahmad Khalid Siddiqi

1. Ahmad Khalid Siddiqi served as a language interpreter for Charlie Company, 27th Engineer Battalion from September 2004 through November 2004 while the company was forward deployed in the *Paktika* Province of southeastern Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terror. His speaks both *Pashtun* and *Farsi*.
2. He was primarily assigned to operate as an interpreter at a Traffic Control Point (TCP) along a major highway, controlled by coalition forces that ran between Afghanistan and Pakistan. This TCP searched approximately 100 vehicles and 1,000 civilians on daily basis. Ahmad served as the liaison between the Afghani Security Force (ASF) guards who ran the checkpoint, and the U.S. forces that over-watched the area, and was crucial in ensuring that U.S. forces had good situational awareness of all activities at the TCP. He was also essential in the screening of local nationals in an effort to locate wanted persons. He was required to work on an arduous schedule, staying at the TCP for 36 hours out of every two days.
3. He was frequently called on to facilitate negotiations between U.S. forces and local national elders and leaders, especially related to agreements about local national labor workers hired for construction on the base. He also occasionally served as the interpreter who assisted in supervision of multiple work crews of local national labor, where he helped ensure that the construction workers understood the intent and design of the required construction project.
4. Ahmad's service to Charlie Company was invaluable during this deployment. I would recommend him for further employment as an interpreter.
5. POC for this memorandum is the undersigned at 396-3321 and William.n.craig@us.army.mil.


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Commanding