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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Official Letter of Recommendation for Ahmad Khalid Siddiqi

DATE: 26 September 2006

I have known Ahmad for approximately 6 months as a cultural expert and interpreter for my civil affairs special operations team in Zabol province. In that time he has been a vital part of my team and it's nationally recognized success.

Ahmad is first and foremost one of the most honorable and honest men I've had the pleasure to work with both here in Afghanistan and in the United States. He takes his responsibilities to me and my team very seriously and his loyalty to us is unquestionable. I trust him as I trust one of my soldiers.

He is also an outstanding cultural analyst. Ahmad provided me with key insight through his ability to convey very complex and emotional issues between two very different cultures. His understanding of over 8 languages enabled me to take him anywhere and feel confident I could do my job.

On a personal note, I and my civil affairs team enjoyed our time with Ahmad immensely. He taught us many things about his culture and always brought a great attitude and sense of humor on every mission. As a person you could not ask for a better individual with stronger character than Ahmad. We all know Ahmad is destined for great things and are honored we were able to know him. He will be missed a great deal and we wish him absolutely nothing but the best and brightest of futures.

If I can provide anyone reading this letter more background on Ahmad, please contact me at:

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