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To Whom It May Concern:

I commend Protocol Assistant Mr. Ahmad Khalid Siddiqi for his excellent performance heretofore for the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. In his first year on the job, he has shown a strong acumen for protocol work and I see bright things in his future. As Assistant Chief of Mission here, I can attest that we rely on Mr. Siddiqi every day for communications, event, and cultural support in our interactions with both Afghan and foreign governmental and non-governmental institutions.

While 2013 represents a momentous year of change with the transition to an Afghan lead in security and other areas, it has created a heavy schedule for the Mission. Mr. Siddiqi has proven his ability to quickly acclimate to the protocol team. He has staffed several high-level visits and events, ensuring that all aspects before, during, and after went off smoothly. This is no easy task, as over the past twelve months the U.S. Embassy has had the Secretary of State, the State Department's Undersecretary for Political Affairs and Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asia, and numerous congressional delegations come to Kabul.

In his time at the Embassy so far, Mr. Siddiqi has shown that he has a solid work ethic and ability to multitask under pressure as a team player. He is part of a small team that supports the political and representational activities of not just one, but five Ambassadors working in Afghanistan. This has often included very long hours and work on weekends. Mr. Siddiqi maintains a smile through it all, getting along well with his co-workers and Afghan counterparts.

I recommend Mr. Siddiqi for any future opportunity that will advance his professional career, both within and outside of U.S. Embassy, Kabul. His skills and professionalism would serve as an asset to any employer or organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Llorens', written over a horizontal line.

Ambassador Hugo Llorens  
Assistant Chief of Mission