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To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Courtney Gaber for admission to your institution. I firmly believe that she will soon become one of your highest achieving students.

This past summer, I had the opportunity to supervise Courtney in a short-term internship at the Assassination Records Review Board. I found her to be inquisitive and self-motivated, so I assigned her a project that reflected the qualities I believed I saw in her. Courtney fulfilled every expectation I had, and more. She proved to be meticulous, hard-working, self-disciplined, and showed a degree of maturity and dedication not usually seen in someone her age. The project was completed without error and largely on her own; very little direct supervision was required.

An incident I find very revealing of Courtney's abilities and character occurred on the final day of her internship. I had arranged for the Review Board staff expert on medical evidence to give a presentation to all the interns we had working for us at that time. As this man probably knows more about the medical aspects of the Kennedy assassination than anyone else in the world, it was a unique opportunity, and one that the student interns were particularly looking forward to. Courtney was approximately 75% done with her assignment; not wanting her to miss the presentation, I told her that I would gladly finish it for her, and that I appreciated her hard work. She politely declined, telling me that she wanted to finish what she had started, and continued to work, missing the presentation but completing the project with the same diligence she had showed throughout. I must say that I was highly impressed with that display of dedication and discipline. I have every confidence that she will bring that same strength and dedication to her studies, and that she will excel above and beyond her peers. I fully expect that she will be a valued contributor to your institution's community.

I would be more than happy to answer any questions about Courtney or discuss her abilities in further detail. Please feel free to call me at (202) 724-0088, ext. 259, if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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