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To whom it may concern:

My name is Dorothee Honhon and I am an assistant professor at the McCombs School of Business of the University of Texas at Austin. In the Spring of 2008, I was teaching the Operations Practicum course (OM 386.4) and Jim English was one of my students. As a student in the Dallas-Fort Worth MBA program, Jim was not allowed to take the course for credit so he audited it.

In this course, students are put in teams and they work on a project sponsored by a company. Jim chose to work on the project sponsored by Frito-Lay. Because he lived in Dallas, Jim could not come to Austin to meet with the other 4 students in the team but he joined our weekly meetings by phone. He was a very active member of the team and participated even more than some students who had registered for the course. The Frito-Lay project consisted in analyzing some data using Excel and Jim was very knowledgeable about the program. As the only team member who knew Visual Basic, Jim programmed all the macros by himself. He did an excellent job which earned him the praises of the Frito-Lay managers. There was a total of 8 students in the class and I can honestly say that Jim was the best student among them. I would have certainly given him an A if I could have assigned him a grade.

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Sincerely,



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