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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the privilege of working with Milfred E. Thomas since 1995, and as the Lead Engineer for the Cr:LiSAF Tunable Laser Development Program, I have been in the position to observe several commendable characteristics in him. During a critical stage in the laser system design, Milfred was introduced to me as one who had impeccable mechanical expertise. I described the laser system requirements and my concerns with Milfred, and asked for any input that he could offer. A few days later, Milfred came to me and proposed a mounting system for the laser rods, for which he had already produced computer generated mechanical drawings. He also suggested possible solutions for temperature control issues that we were experiencing with our thermo-electric coolers. I was also particularly impressed by the responsibility that Milfred took to see that the approved changes were successfully implemented and explained to the rest of the team.

Milfred's demonstration of initiative, creativity, and independence, providing solutions to critical issues without close attendance and guidance, was tremendously valuable to me and the whole Cr:LiSAF team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christyl C. Johnson".

Christyl C. Johnson
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