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LETTER OF REFERENCE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

It is my sincere pleasure to recommend Meruyert Seitova as an excellent teacher and scholar of English language and literature. I am York Norman, a professor at Buffalo State, State University of New York, USA. I came to know Meruyert by being her coordinator on her research internship program. Over the course of this past three months, I found that she distinguished herself in all aspects. She was fully engaged, punctual with deadlines and interacted well with me, fellow students, professors, library staff and others.

Overall, Meruyert is highly intelligent and has good analytical skills. Her project on English, Russian and Kazakh literature demonstrated her ability to come to a detailed understanding of the literary practices of other, very different cultures, and to analyze the consequences of those practices for contemporary literary theories.

Meruyert has excellent communication skills. Her written work is clear and concise, as well as interesting to read. She demonstrated her oral articulateness in the discussion sections that were an integral part of the program. She always explained her views very logically and gave supporting arguments that were both easy to follow and persuasive.

It was a pleasure getting to know Meruyert on a professional and personal level. I am confident that she will continue to be successful in her current career, advancing to doctoral studies or in any direction she chooses to pursue, and will be asset to any organization or institution with which she is associated.

If I can be of any further assistance, or provide you with any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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