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To Whom It May Concern,

I met Alexey in 2010 in an unconventional way. My computer programmer quit abruptly when he was offered a full-time job in a major company. I had work that needed to be completed right away. I interviewed a few people but they were not qualified. Then I looked on CRAIG's LIST—in the section where people post their resumes and describe the job that they are seeking. Alexey stood out among the dozens of applicants as the best educated and most experienced programmer. He had excellent grades and awards and honors for his achievements at the University. He also knew the widest variety of programs from among the applicants. He also had experience programming at a simulation laboratory and provided me with letters of recommendation that commended his performance. The other reason that I hired Alexey is because he is so well-spoken (even in English), quick-witted, cooperative, and insightful. He asked many well-informed questions during the interview. I also gave him a task that I had given others to complete. He completed it without delay or error.

Alexey worked as a programmer in our Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory in Boston University for the summer (i.e., from June to September) of 2010. The paradigms that we were trying to program had many layers of within-subjects factors and complex visual and auditory displays. Moreover, once he completed a section of the program we would pilot test it and decide to change some parameters. So he was constantly being made to redo or undo that which he had done correctly but we had found did not work for the experiment. He simultaneously worked on about five paradigms during his employment. When he realized that the experiments were in flux, he programmed in short cuts for making changes. Even after he left these short cuts enabled us to independently modify the programs further. He also set up databases for the results which allowed us to process the output data quickly and efficiently.

Alexey's knowledge, wit, and steadfast attention and commitment to the task were obvious from the beginning and he quickly accommodated to the new environment and programming language. He successfully handled his duties and completed all programs in time. He patiently but quickly and carefully modified his programs according to our changed needs. Because of his diligence and responsibility he did his best to accomplish everything he worked on in time before leaving.

Alexey came in early each morning and worked straight through the day. He is a very diligent person but has a wonderful sense of humor. I gave him some award-winning American novels to read and he was able to read them and enjoy them. His mother is a professor—he clearly is well-rounded and sophisticated in his interests and knowledge and very intellectual and curious. He works well in a team and is very respectful and smart. You will enjoy working with Alexey.

I recommend Alexey without reservations. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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