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Dear Sir/Madam,

I know Ivan Ivanov, who asked me to write in his behalf, since September 1991. In 1991/1992 academic year I gave a course of lectures on electronics in his department and also supervised his laboratory work on the subject. Although my acquaintance with Ivan wasn't too long, it was so close that I could well estimate his character and ability.

Ivan proved himself to be a very strong student. He showed his ability to learn quickly new concepts. The subject I taught was apparently an unusual and uncomfortable one for him at first but he managed with it very successfully for he organized and pursued his studies effectively and diligently. He is apt at solving problems on paper, besides Ivan possesses the knack of experimental work. In laboratory Ivan often demonstrated his ability to deal with the problems he encountered in experiments in non-standard way. His approach to his tasks can be best described as thorough and attentive. Such important for career success qualities as feeling of responsibility and ability to cooperate with people are also a credit to him. Ivan's knowledge of English is very good and certainly cannot create an obstacle to his studies in the USA.

By and large, I believe that Ivan Ivanov has excellent prospects of success and strongly recommend him for graduate standing at the Department of Physics and Astronomy of Dartmouth College.

