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MEMORANDUM: Letter of Recommendation for Nic van Heerden

To Whom it May Concern,

Nic van Heerden served as the leader of my Personal Security Detachment during my deployment to Iraq. He is outstanding in every respect and I will fight to retain him on future deployments.

Nic is a leader. Every other member of the Erinys 30 member security detachment looked to him for guidance and leadership. During movements throughout Iraq, I was always confident that he would handle any eventuality with ease and successfully lead us through enemy engagements.

Nic is a complete professional and he is extremely knowledgeable. His planning is thorough, his execution is impeccable – always ready to respond to changes – and his control of the situation unmatched. I have observed none better than Nic.

Nic is a man of integrity. The very foundation of my trust in his abilities lies with his complete honesty. Count on Nic to take responsibility for the actions of the entire team.

I attribute my safe and successful assignment here in Iraq to Nic van Heerden's completely professional and outstanding performance. I highly recommend him for service in any form of personal security, he is truly the best.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH SCHROEDEL
Colonel (P), Engineer
Deputy Commanding General