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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I would like to express my sincerely gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Nic van Heerden for his selfless dedication to duty on my personal security detail during my time of service in Baghdad as the Deputy Administrator and Chief Policy Officer of the Coalition Provisional Authority. His leadership was key in the ability of his team to always get me where I needed to go whether in Baghdad or throughout the rest of Iraq. He was my point of contact with the rest of team, and always made me feel comfortable operating in a combat zone.

In a mission as important as this one, everyone has a role to play – security often being the most critical of all. Putting my own security in the hands of the MVM team, I have been able to focus my efforts entirely on the issues facing Iraq today. In that respect, Nic's MVM team has contributed significantly to a better future for the people of Iraq.

Under constant threat and dangerous, ever-changing circumstances Nic was a consummate professional, always focused on the mission at hand, displayed great professionalism and awareness of diplomatic protocol, and most of all ensured my own personal safety and that of my staff.

Respectfully,

Ambassador Richard H. Jones
Deputy Administrator and Chief Policy Officer