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To Whom it may concern

Re: Tom Meyer, M.A..

Gentlemen,

In the spring of 2008, Tom Meyer attended my class in Historical Geography at the Jerusalem University College in Jerusalem. In the spring of 2009 he audited the class to deepen his understanding of the subject. During these years he has also taken part of the various field trips linked to the geography courses at the Jerusalem University College. His classroom participation and the many informal conversations we had outside of class (often at breakfast) convinced me that Tom has great potential for doing graduate work. He has both a good academic background and a strong motivation to make a contribution to scholarship.

As a person, Tom exhibits a congenial and outgoing personality and an understanding for those who might not share his views. He would undoubtedly make a positive contribution as a teacher.

Therefore, it is without reservations that I recommend to you Tom Meyer, M.A. as a potential teacher of historical geography.

Respectfully submitted,

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