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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend to you Mr. Mohamed Baghdadi. I know him through the fine work he has done for the Arabic side of the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Languages and Literatures at Dartmouth College. I served as the chair of that department from January 2013 to December 2015, and during that time I benefitted from Mr. Baghdadi's guidance and support for both my department's study abroad program in Rabat, Morocco, and his service as an Arabic language instructor here on the Dartmouth campus in fall term 2015. In all respects Mr. Baghdadi has been a most talented educator.

In the spring of 2015 I accompanied a colleague to Morocco in order to check on the final preparations for an upcoming new Dartmouth College study abroad program there. Mr. Baghdadi is the "point man" for the program, and over the course of four or five days he walked us through the preparations he had in place for the program. Mr. Baghdadi coordinates the homestay experience for our students in Rabat, and he graciously arranged for us to visit three such families during our visit. It was utterly clear at this time that he had screened and selected the families with the utmost care, and also that he had prepared them for the experience of hosting an American college student. It is also worth noting that the families clearly feel both a warm admiration and a respect for him. My sense that the students were in good hands on this count proved well-founded; the homestay experience during the first offering of the program went very well. We have all expectations that such will be the case going forward, thanks to Mr. Baghdadi's expertise and attention to it.

During the visit to Morocco we also discussed the academic side of the Dartmouth program; furthermore, we did a "walk through" of a study excursion. In these dimensions, too, Mr. Baghdadi proved himself thoroughly prepared for the upcoming program. He understands the unique needs of the American student of the Arabic language and the culture of Morocco and the Middle East, and he is able to facilitate meaningful engagements with them. The Cultural Center for Language and Training (CCLT), directed by Mr. Baghdadi, is an ideal facility, conveniently located and well equipped. Dartmouth College is lucky to be able to partner with him for the administration of our program in Morocco.

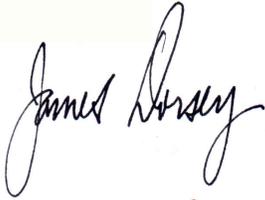
To meet a sudden need for language instruction on the Dartmouth campus in fall 2015 Mr. Baghdadi kindly agreed to join us for a term. He was an ideal colleague, teaching inspired classes and navigating the various student issues with all fairness and care. I was particularly appreciative of the manner in which he checked with me as Department Chair to be sure that his responses to a delicate

student situation were both in keeping with the college and department cultures and were fair as well. He is an instructor of great integrity, I believe.

Finally I think it worth mentioning that Mr. Baghdadi is a warm and collegial individual, quick with a witty joke and generous with his input on all items of mutual interest. He is an absolute delight to work with.

For all these reasons I very highly recommend to you Mr. Baghdadi.

Sincerely yours;

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James Dorsey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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