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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Jason C. Gogela

Relationship: Supervisor

To Whom It May Concern:

Corporal Jason C. Gogela completed the Counter Intelligence Specialist course in June 2002. He was activated from the SMCR and joined CI/HUMINT Company during January 2003. He was assigned to the HUMINT Analysis Cell (HAC), an element that had never been used at the Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) level. Breaking new ground, and with little or no training in analysis and limited guidance, he undertook his work with zeal. He read messages and reports, compiled and organized data, and conducted initial analysis of HUMINT information. He made assessments and discussed recommendations with analysts from the I MEF Intelligence Operations Center and other intelligence and fusion cells that were formed within the I MEF G-2. The purpose of this letter of recommendation is to convey not only how instrumental Corporal Gogela was in executing the mission and achieving the goals of the HAC, but also how quickly he could adapt to new roles and challenges as his mission changed.

Corporal Gogela conceived, planned, created, and populated the relational databases containing thousands of personalities, installations, and organizations that would be the core of HAC intelligence products for I MEF during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In doing so he demonstrated a high degree of initiative, leadership, and flexibility. The results of this work were products that facilitated planning by the I MEF staff during all phases of operation Iraqi Freedom and that provided immediate benefit during the assault phase. Information compiled by Corporal Gogela was sought after by units and by personnel both within and outside I MEF. After the assault phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the database became the focal point of human intelligence analysis at I MEF. The information in the database was utilized by ad hoc cells created by the G-2 to answer critical and time sensitive intelligence requirements for the I MEF Commanding General and his staff. The information was also used by the I MEF Intelligence Operations Center and by fusion cells at various command levels in concert with information from other intelligence disciplines to formulate comprehensive intelligence assessments.

Corporal Gogela exhibited great acumen, stamina, patience, and initiative during his six months working in the HAC in support of CI/HUMINT Company and I Marine Expeditionary Force. He was called upon to advise and brief personnel of various ranks, often including field grade officers. He performed his duties with a level of professionalism and experience that far exceeded his grade and time in service. Corporal Gogela was an invaluable asset during his time with I MEF, and I have total confidence that he will significantly enhance the capability of any organization he works with in the future, civilian or military.

Sincerely,



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