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1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

26 November 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

**SUBJECT:** Letter of recommendation for Specialist Julian Polousalmatchy,

I am truly honored to recommend Specialist (SPC) Julian Polousalmatchy for any position which he may apply. He has supported my meetings with the full range of Iraqi dignitaries, from the Prime Minister to local tribal Sheiks for the past 15 months. His dedication and flawless performance enabled me to communicate effectively without fail every time.

SPC Polousalmatchy is highly skilled in both written and verbal translation. In our work developing the Provincial Government, bringing tribes together to reconcile their differences, and communicating with a variety of religious leaders he has provided accurate and quick written translation for all manner of briefings and correspondence. This skill, a critical and rare one, allowed me to easily respond to written requests for support from Iraqi leaders and average citizens alike. It also facilitated partnership operations with the government, police and Iraqi army by enabling the brigade to provide clear and concise written information and orders to these groups.

His ability to provide conversational translation was unmatched by any other linguist on our team. SPC Polousalmatchy is quick to grasp a line of conversation and translate long segments of speech to enable a smooth flow of discussion. This skill is essential for high level meetings, briefings, and informal discussions.

SPC Polousalmatchy has demonstrated his dedication to duty and a willingness to sacrifice greatly to achieve the unit's goals. While performing his duties as my primary command linguist, SPC Polousalmatchy was wounded by a suicide bomber who detonated himself 10 feet from our location. Despite his wounds, SPC Polousalmatchy continued to provide support and enabled my Soldiers to communicate with the Iraqi forces attempting to reestablish security, and wounded civilians attempting to get to medical care.

It is without reservation that I recommend SPC Polousalmatchy for any position he may apply for. He has a demonstrated record of success as a performer who can be depended upon to provide quick and accurate support in any situation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. W. Sutherland", is written over the typed name.

DAVID W. SUTHERLAND  
COL, IN  
Commanding