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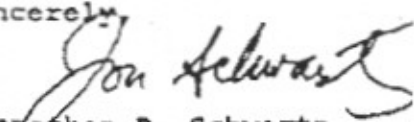
Dear Mr. Strock:

I understand that Richard Barlow is under consideration for a position with EPA in the law enforcement field. I would like to submit the following recommendation on his behalf.

Before recently assuming my current position, I worked for several years as a specialist on nuclear proliferation in the State Department Office of Legal Adviser. One of my responsibilities was to monitor the procurement activities of foreign governments because under U.S. legislation sanctions are applied to countries that illicitly seek U.S.-origin commodities for nuclear weapons purposes. In this capacity, I had occasion to work with Mr. Barlow closely on several projects.

I was extremely impressed with Mr. Barlow's intelligence, analytic ability, enthusiasm and dedication. He proved to be a remarkably energetic public servant, a self-starter with tremendous motivation to see that the job got done. On sensitive matters with potential law enforcement implications, in particular, he exhibited an ability to master complex and sometimes conflicting information and to develop lines of inquiry. I am confident that in a law enforcement setting such as the EPA he would make a significant contribution to the government's ability to investigate and prosecute violations of U.S. law and regulation.

Sincerely,

  
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for Near Eastern and  
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