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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It was a privilege to have Dr. Walter Dorn as a Visiting Professional with the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) in the International Criminal Court (ICC) between 15 March to 19 May 2010, during part of his sabbatical in 2010.

Walter brought with him a wealth of knowledge and international experience, covering several disciplines. He fostered a cross-fertilization of ideas between the fields of political science, international (UN) affairs, military/intelligence studies and international criminal law and contributed to the debate on complex issues facing the ICC.

Despite his lack of legal training, he showed a strong grasp of legal concepts and the principles behind the Rome Statute. He was able to introduce my staff to new and innovative concepts that could have immediate application to the work of the Court. In particular, he pioneered the study of "plausible deniability" for use in the ICC. He led a roundtable on this issue for senior staff members of the three OTP divisions (the Investigation Division, the Prosecution Division and the Jurisdiction, Complementarity and Cooperation Division) and gave a lecture for all ICC staff as part of the ICC/OTP Guest Lecture series. He also assisted my Office in refining its case selection policy, in particular, by elaborating the reasons for focusing on leaders in our investigations and prosecutions. Our work in the field and the courtroom may well benefit from the intellectual contributions that he has made.

In his work, Walter showed himself to be hard-working and dedicated, exhibiting a strong commitment to and enthusiasm for the cause of the Court. His friendly and cheerful disposition also made it a pleasure to work with him.

I personally enjoyed my intellectual exchanges with him and I thank him for his advice and help.

I regret that his visit was for such a limited period. I hope we can repeat the experience in the future and I look forward to continuing collaboration with him.

Should you require further information about Dr. Dorn, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Prosecutor