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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Mr. Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr. is an absolutely superior government worker in every respect. He has performed in an unbelievably complex arena for the past year. He has had a direct impact on United States policy in the Middle East. His position papers, briefs, action memoranda and verbal counsel have been invaluable to me, the Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, Under Secretary for Policy and the Secretary of Defense, as well as the National Security Council.

He is a tireless worker who has performed at least four levels above his grade on a daily basis. He represented me at meetings with Senators and Congressmen many times, and was a key witness for Congressional staffers on a regular basis.

His thoughtful and far-sighted advice during the critical Lebanon situation were instrumental in salvaging it from catastrophe. He is an expert in the area and his expertise is recognized by highest level military, DOD civilian and State Department personnel to include the Ambassador.

I rely completely on him to do the seemingly impossible with a minimum of guidance. He is a top notch performer whose potential is limitless. If I were a forecaster, I would forecast Linc Bloomfield to be at least Secretary of State if we are fortunate enough to keep him in Government service.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward L. Tixier".

Edward L. Tixier
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