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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that Mr. Dan Woodley served as an unpaid intern at the *Phnom Penh Post* during the period of Dec 4, 1999 to Feb 5, 2000.

During his tenure at the *Post*, Mr. Woodley undertook a variety of research and reporting assignments, all of which he handled with professionalism and tact.

For our year-end issue of 1999, Mr. Woodley compiled a summary of key events for the year as well as "quotable quotes" by reviewing all previously published back issues for the year. He managed this task with minimal guidance and the end result was a comprehensive and thoughtful 5,000 word summary of the major stories in Cambodia during 1999.

As well, Mr. Woodley undertook several news assignments related to complex issues within the current Cambodian political environment. One of the difficult stories Mr. Woodley tackled dealt with the burgeoning illegal trade in the drug ecstasy, a story of such significance and timeliness that we ran it on the front page.

Overall, Mr. Woodley proved to be an extremely valuable addition to the *Post's* small staff of reporters and editors. He demonstrated an enormous amount of intelligence, cultural sensitivity, and individual initiative. I should note that the Cambodian journalism environment is one that is fraught with pitfalls; if a reporter screws up here he can end up dead. Within this context, Mr. Woodley's accomplishments take on even greater significance. With little supervision and no prior direct experience in Cambodia, Mr. Woodley was able to handle complicated reporting assignments in a manner that was both effective and productive.

Having witnessed first-hand Mr. Woodley's capabilities, I can say with confidence that this young, energetic and talented man would be a welcome asset to any newspaper's staff.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Hayes
Publisher & Editor-in-Chief