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To Whom It May Concern:

I had the opportunity to observe Mr. Tudor Seulean's professional contributions at the U.S. Information Office in Cluj-Napoca, Romania during the period of 2005-2007, until the office was closed by the U.S. State Department in a streamlining and cost-cutting move.

Although as Deputy Chief of Mission to the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest I did not work in the same office as Tudor, I had close and regular contact by phone and email with both Tudor and his American supervisor, a U.S. Foreign Service officer. I was enormously impressed by Tudor's wide range of professional skills and how well he handled an extremely diverse set of responsibilities. Frankly, I attribute the success of several visits I undertook to Cluj-Napoca during my tenure most of all to Tudor's careful and thoughtful preparation of meetings and events in which I took part, along with his consistent professionalism in dealing with both colleagues and contacts.

Tudor's work throughout his ten years of U.S. government service was consistently outstanding. While American supervisors would come and go, Tudor was the lynchpin of our diplomatic, consular, informational and commercial activity in Transylvania for the entire decade. On a number of occasions, he ran the office for lengthy periods between the assignments of U.S. Foreign Service officers. That is why I was delighted to see him receive a prestigious State Department Meritorious Honor Award upon the closing of our Cluj-Napoca operation, in recognition of his invaluable service to the U.S. government.

I would recommend Tudor enthusiastically, and without reservation, for a wide variety of responsible professional positions. Please feel free to contact me for further information if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Taplin".

Mark A. Taplin
Deputy Chief of Mission