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USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55)  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past three years, I have known Mr. Timothy D. Hensley. He was stationed on board USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55), as an Operations Specialist (OS). As his direct supervisor, I can say, without hesitation, that he was one of the brightest young men I've served with during my twelve years of naval service.

In a division of forty personnel, Mr. Hensley set himself apart from his peers by maintaining a positive, mature and professional demeanor with character above reproach. He eagerly sought out difficult assignments qualifying in positions normally reserved for senior personnel.

Mr. Hensley has been a leader since he joined the Navy. As an OS, he quickly advanced to Second Class Petty Officer (E-5), scoring in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile on his advancement examination. He earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Qualification, a rigorous qualification program that requires many off-duty hours to accomplish. He was Command Schools Coordinator, where he arranged over 2,000 individual school requests for crewmembers.

During an arduous six-month deployment, he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his service as Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group Tactical Information Coordinator. In this highly demanding and technical position, he was responsible for designing, implementing, and managing a multi-dimensional data link to keep theater warfare commanders apprised of up-to-date tactical situations. This critical skill, in which only 5% of all OS's achieve qualification, was vital to the success of Operation Allied Force in the Adriatic Sea. During sustained combat operations to free Kosovo, Petty Officer Hensley supervised a watch team that identified and tracked over 1000 allied air combat missions, ensuring that there were zero friendly-on-friendly engagements, and that no threat approached any of the dispersed battle group assets.

Mr. Hensley was a valuable asset to LEYTE GULF and the Navy, and he will surely succeed in any endeavor. Timothy Hensley has my highest respect and is strongly recommended for admittance to your university. He is sure to succeed!

Sincerely,



Gregory L. Renick  
OSC(SW)

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YOU CALLED). THIS IS JUST  
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