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Re: Reference for Robert Arreola

I am pleased to recommend Robert Arreola. Rob worked as an unpaid law clerk for the Assassination Records Review Board during the summer of 1996. The Review Board is an independent Federal agency mandated with identifying, clarifying and collecting records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. During his summer at the Review Board, Rob's work included one lengthy research memorandum on a complex issue presented by our agency's enabling statute and several other short research projects. His work on these projects consistently exceeded our expectations for first year law students. He proved that he could quickly grasp the nature of a new assignment, immediately locate and analyze the relevant statutory language, and neatly tailor his research and writing to fit the question at issue.

Rob was a diligent worker and produced written products that were clear and thorough. He wrote an excellent memo on the effect of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act upon privately owned records in the possession of Government agencies. Although the assignment required Rob to digest relevant portions of our agency's enabling statute and corresponding legislative history, to combine Federal legislation with common law concepts of "possession" and "custody," and to apply his conclusions to particular groups of assassination records in the possession of Government offices, he handled the work easily. He not only completed his assignment in an efficient manner but added insightful legal analysis to our understanding of the relevant issues. Once he completed the memo, he played an integral role in transforming his research into a formal opinion letter.

I also was impressed with Rob's personal qualities. He is perceptive and confident, and is also very personable and eager to take on responsible work assignments. Although my experience with Rob is limited to one summer, he was an impressive intern and I would be delighted to work with him again.

If I can answer any questions or elaborate on any of my comments, please do not hesitate to call me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
General Counsel and

Associate Director for Research and Analysis