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ASCENT LOGIC CORPORATION

To whom it may concern:

For more than two years, I worked with David Gardner as a colleague and later as his supervisor. When he first joined Ascent Logic Corporation as a contractor technical writer/editor in 1994, he was part of a newly assembled documentation team tasked with producing an 11-volume documentation set in six months. With little experience in FrameMaker or UNIX, he quickly mastered the software and operating system in addition to the systems engineering application software we were documenting.

Dave actively participated in our technical publications group meetings, offering insights based on his experience in other industries. He got along well with other members of the team and his editing skills were a valuable asset to our overall documentation effort. With difficult deadlines, he was willing to go the extra distance to help the team get the documentation out on schedule.

When we re-designed and converted our paper documentation to a context-sensitive, online electronic delivery system, Dave contributed to the process with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and use new processes. His people skills enabled him to work well with engineers and software developers in getting critical information for the documentation. And when the decision was made to release our software product in Japanese, his proficiency with the language was helpful in translating software specifications for developers, setting up the Japanese systems in our corporate offices, and working with our Japanese colleagues and customers. His knowledge of Russian proved useful in translating letters and documents from one of our contacts in Moscow.

Dave is a motivated and enthusiastic employee. His abilities as a copy-editor are hard to match. I believe that his many skills and experience make him capable of handling a wide variety of positions in many different industries.

Sincerely,

Candace Etcheverry
Publications Manager