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To Whom It May Concern

Ioan Andrei Cursaru

It is a great pleasure to write in support of Ioan Andrei Cursaru, who I know as Andrei Cursaru. This is a general reference and recommendation supporting Andrei's application for an internship. I have known Andrei for one year.

I am an Associate Professor of Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick, where I have been working for around twenty years. In my time at Warwick, I have held a wide variety of senior academic and administrative roles at department, faculty and university levels, as well as serving as external examiner at a number of leading UK universities. I have supervised seven PhD students to completion, six of whom are now working in academia whilst the seventh is working as a government official.

Andrei is known to me as one of my Masters students (2018-19 cohort), and as a research assistant on my current project analysing the politics of nuclear waste. As a student on my MA module on the Global Politics of Nuclear Weapons, Andrei took part in class discussions, delivered several very good individual research presentations, and wrote an excellent 5,000 word essay. Andrei has also been a major asset as a Research Assistant working on my project on nuclear waste. He has done a huge amount of work gathering information (primary and secondary data on nuclear waste policy and research in the US, UK, Finland and Belgium) and organizing it according to my specification. He has also written summaries of major findings and contributed draft sections of the manuscript.

I confirm that Andrei is a person of good character and standing. In personal terms he is friendly, reliable and considerate. He has no weaknesses of character of which I am aware. In professional terms, and this is where I know him best, Andrei, is highly intelligent, hard-working, conscientious and trustworthy. As noted above, he has made a significant contribution to my ongoing project on nuclear waste management, meeting and exceeding every requirement and expectation of the post.

In short, I believe that Andrei would make an excellent intern: he is intellectually very gifted, is a person of good and strong character, is collegial, hardworking, dedicated and meticulous. In short, and on the basis of long experience in this field, I cannot imagine anyone more suited to the position on offer. I recommend Andrei to you very warmly and without hesitation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email if I can help further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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