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Dear Amir Estakhri:

I want to take a moment to thank you for and acknowledge the professional Dari-English linguistic services you have provided our country's Armed Forces and the United States Army in particular.

I highly recommend you for the most important interpretation and translation services.

Twice during the last year I have engaged your services for the Afghan National Army's Chief of the General Staff, General Bismillah Khan Mohammadi, through the Department of State's Office of Language Services, for high level meetings and conferences in the United States with senior Defense Department Officials, senior Generals, and prestigious academic institutions, such as the U.S. Army War College. Your linguistic skills are the best I have ever experienced - simultaneous, accurate, and in a quality of language at which native speakers marvel, both English and Dari speakers. Moreover, Gen Bismillah Khan Mohammadi trusts you implicitly and always insists on having you as his interpreter, trusting no others for such sensitive assignments. You are entrusted with these important meetings not only because of your language skills, but also due to your nuanced understanding of cultural sensitivities, both American and Afghan; as well as the ability to accurately understand and reflect the nuances of Gen Mohammadi's speaking style and approach.

On each assignment you have worked long hours without rest or pause in many different locations, traveling as required to provide consistent, competent, and professional services. You have tirelessly sought to ensure that your interpretation and translation services reflect proper style, technical and professional language, and respect for the messages of both sides.

I wholeheartedly recommend you for continued service to our country's Armed Forces. I look forward to working with you in the future.

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