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Gentlemen:

This letter is written in support of Tom Burden.

Tom was a student at Carden Hall for the first nine years of his education. He was in my eighth grade class for his last year. He is certainly a very bright young man. I found him to be receptive and easy to teach.

One important thing that stands out in my memory is almost unbelievable. A neighbor (and parent with three students in our school) would directly undermine the Burden's authority and parenting of Tom by giving him gifts and letting him use a car. These actions were not sanctioned by the Burdens, and they made it very difficult by undermining the family value system. This situation made it hard for Tom to establish his values and chart a sound course through his teenage years. Carden Hall just completed its 46<sup>th</sup> year with close to 500 students each year. A situation like this has never occurred before or since.

Tom and I met last April, and I was very impressed by his values. He seems to know now who he is and what kind of a man he plans on becoming. Tom seems to have grounded himself in traditional values, such as honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and reliability. Thus, he is remaking his life on a very positive track. In view of his solid maturity and clear thinking, I feel that Tom deserves an upgrade to a general discharge. Tom expressed a deep desire to find a way to serve his country in the military, if possible.

I feel that Tom Burden has a very bright future.

Sincerely,



Albert H. Jones

Mr. Jones' background:

1953	Graduation from USMMA, Kings Point, New York
1953-1954	Destroyer duty (Task Force 77) – Korean War
1955	Naval Special Forces (BUDS – Class 13)
1955-1956	UDU – 1 & UDT – Team Twelve
1956-1960	USN Reserve
1958	Stanford University – MBA
1963-2009	Executive Director and Owner – Carden Hall, a Private School