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Prof. James Glazier
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Dear Professor Glazier:

This letter is concerned with the application of Dr. Florin Despa for a faculty position in your department. I am familiar with the candidate and with his work, ever since he was a postdoctoral fellow in the University of Leuven and, subsequently, when he joined the group of Professor R.S. Berry at the University of Chicago.

I am very much impressed with the scope and depth of the work of Dr. Despa. He has worked in a broad spectrum of research fields, including transport and diffusion, nucleation, EXAFS scattering and topography of dynamics of clusters, nanostructures and glasses. This work led to interesting results in the areas of cluster dynamics and rearrangements of complex systems which are related to biomolecules. He made significant contributions to the properties and behavior of complex systems, in particular on the nanoscale.

Dr. Despa is a creative and original scientist. I have been impressed with the scientific conversations I had with him and the ones he had with other scientists. Talking science to him is always stimulating and inspiring. He will make a most significant contribution to the scientific atmosphere in the department he will join.

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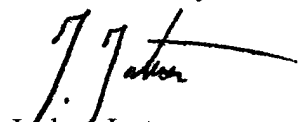
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I am also very much impressed with the candidate's ability as a theoretician. He is very talented and skilled in the methods of mathematical physics to be used for the solution of problems and these are chosen with considerable ability. The combination of originality and talent manifested by the candidate is very impressive.

Dr. Despa will be a very good university faculty member. His talks and seminars I have attended were extremely well organized, clear and of the highest quality. He will be an asset to any scientific department he will join.

I recommend his candidacy in strong terms.

Yours sincerely,


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