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To Whom it may concern :

Reference for Leo Silbert

Leo was my Phd student in the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge. He worked on simulations of concentrated colloids using a code developed in the Cavendish. He was an active student and produced a good thesis and a number of papers on the effect of aggregation forces on colloid rheology. Leo was always keen to follow a career in physics. Since leaving the Cavendish he has worked in Sandia and more recently in Chicago. Leo has been working on simulating and understanding granular flows. I have spoken recently with him on this topic – he is both very knowledgeable and contributing to this fast moving area. He has also discussed his ideas about network models and I am pleased to see him taking on a new area. Leo is self-motivated and pursues research with some vigour and skill. He is a well balanced man, easy to work with and a team player. I imagine he would be a good and effective teacher with quite some rapport and understanding of students.

Yours truly

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