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(state the category or categories)

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Mr. Prichard has not only made a significant contribution to the education of architectural students, he has also given freely of his time and talents, guidance and sage council to the practicing architects in this area. His reactions and observations of all National and Regional AIA Conventions he has passed along and shared with fellow State Chapter members, making another significant effort in promoting better understanding.

I have known the nominee for 14 years in the relationship of Idaho Chapter AIA

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Signed Nat J. Adams

Typed Signature Nat J. Adams

Date October 28, 1963

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During the period of years which I have known Mr. Prichard, his actions have been governed by two basic desires: to promote the interests and ideals of the institute, and to advance the status and quality of architectural education in the state of Idaho.

These motivations were manifest repeatedly during the several years I had the pleasure of serving with him on the Board of Directors and as President of the Idaho Chapter, A.I.A.

My high regard for Mr. Prichard is shared not only by the Architects of Idaho but those in the adjoining state of Washington, many of whom received there University training in his department.

I have known the nominee for 10 years in the relationship of colleague

Signed H. Curtis Finch

Typed Signature H. Curtis Finch

Date 11-5-63

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Providing personal and individual guidance to students beyond the realm of Professor of Architecture, including holding evening seminars in his own residence for advanced students, has additionally provided encouragement for beginning students to qualify;

His devotion and enthusiasm for Architecture has caused him to be a one man "crusade" to establish prestige to the College of Architecture which at one time was at a low ebb even within the University of Idaho;

His successful initiative and guidance in the field of public relations has been instrumental in pictures and news stories in papers throughout the State of Idaho pertaining to Architectural activities;

His personal efforts within the State of Idaho Governmental Officials has finally rewarded the University with construction funds to improve the teaching facilities for Architecture at the University of Idaho

For set up

I have known the nominee for 17 years in the relationship of student to teacher;... and professional acquaintance

Signed Harald E. Gerber

Typed Signature Harald E. Gerber

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As a former student of Mr. Prichard, I hold the highest esteem for his educational achievements, but moreso, by his deep personal interest in Architecture that he transmits to his pupils.

This interest gives the student the advantages he needs to start a life in our profession. It has been proven many times over to myself and to all the architects in this area who have had the opportunity of employing his former students.

Accepted

I have known the nominee for 16 years in the relationship of Student and professional associate.

Signed Rodney J. Grider

Typed Signature Rodney J. Grider

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Mr. Prichard is a man of undisputed integrity, both as an individual and as an architect.

He inspires his students to continually strive to accomplish the important art of functional and creative design. He is an excellent lecturer on the history of architecture.

He is a critic who has a good eye for proportions, balance, and aesthetics.

Graduates from the U. of I. Department of Architecture are continually sought after by architectural firms in the Northwest.

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I have known the nominee for 17 years in the relationship of a student and professional associate.

Signed

Typed Signature Chester L. Shawver

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Mr. Prichard has been somewhat the "guiding light" for architecture in Idaho for many years. Not only has he developed a school of architecture at the University of Idaho, which is one of the finest in the West, offering individual, professional instruction to each student, but he has been a moving force in the organization and growth of the AIA in Idaho and the Northwest.

I know of no one who has contributed more for the general good of the architectural profession in the Northwest than has Mr. Prichard.

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I have known the nominee for 14 years in the relationship of education.

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Signed Glen E. Cline

Typed Signature Glen E. Cline, AIA

Date 21 October 1963

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Theodore Jan Prichard's service for over thirty years as Head of the Department of Art & Architecture, University of Idaho, has contributed significantly to the advancement of Architectural Education and the Profession of Architecture in the State of Idaho and the Northwest.

The growth of the Department and the standards established in the Department are entirely due to this man's devotion to his work as an educator and an architect.

The ability displayed as architects by many graduates of this school attest to the excellence of instruction offered.

Public service rendered to the State of Idaho as a member for over twenty years on the State Board of Architectural Examiners, as well as on other Boards and Committees, has been outstanding.

I have known the nominee for 35 years in the relationship of Educator and Architect.

Signed Frederick C. Hummel

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I first encountered Prichard when he and I were fellow-students. At that time he showed striking talent in design. During his 37 years of service to the University of Idaho I have seen him annually at school meetings, but I have no intimate knowledge of his school or of Prichard's professional achievements in detail. His record is impressive; he has chosen to devote himself to building up this school, at the expense of other possible experiences and opportunities. Except for his two-year advanced studies program at Harvard in the forties, he has remained steadfastly in residence in Idaho, and has created there a school having a wide influence on professional life in the northwest mountain region. No doubt this choice of a sparsely-settled area corresponds to a temperamental need on his part for complete independence. Yet his career is a very significant accomplishment by its concentration on a single objective, and the school at Moscow will always be a monument to his devotion.

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I have known the nominee for 39 years in the relationship of contemporary professional

Signed Lawrence B. Anderson

Typed Signature Lawrence B. Anderson

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Ted Prichard has made a distinguished contribution to architectural education in a difficult area of the country.

Working against severe financial and geographical handicaps, he has consistently striven to provide the best in architectural education and has materially achieved this goal.

I have known the nominee for.....19.....years in the relationship of Classmate at Harvard,  
colleague and fellow educator.

Signed Fred Bassetti

Typed Signature Fred Bassetti

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*Handwritten signature: Breuer*

*I have known Professor Prichard since 1944 and I consider him to be an unusually interesting member of our profession. His enthusiasm for architecture and for teaching architecture is remarkable. So also is his human involvement with his students and with his fellow architects. I am happy to give his nomination for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects my full backing.*

I have known the nominee for nineteen years in the relationship of student and fellow architect

Signed Marcel Breuer

Typed Signature Marcel Breuer

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Ted Prichard has been the most significant force in architectural education in the State of Idaho for many years. The growth of the Department of Art and Architecture at the University of Idaho is a matter of record. His students testify as to the effectiveness of his leadership.

Mr. Prichard has been active in Institute service and leadership in regional activities for over fifteen years. As an educator, he has contributed more consistently to AIA affairs than any other educator in this region.

Factor

I have known the nominee for 20 years in the relationship of regional AIA activity.

Signed Robert L. Durham

Typed Signature Robert L. Durham, FAIA

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I was one of Mr. Prichard's first students in 1926 at the University of Idaho.

Although he was a young architectural teacher at the time, he did help to instill a love and respect for architecture in all of us. I have watched his progress as a teacher for these many years and know that here was a dedicated teacher of architecture and one worthy of recognition as a Fellow in the A.I.A.

Strong ✓

I have known the nominee for 37 years in the relationship of Student and Architect

Signed Wayne S. Hertzka  
Typed Signature Wayne S. Hertzka, F.A.I.A.

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Ted Prichard has developed a good school of Architecture against tremendous odds. The University of Idaho is located away from urban centers, yet Ted Prichard has managed to bring people to his school and take his students on study trips to the point where he has overcome this problem. I have on numerous occasions made arrangements for his students to visit our newer buildings and have observed the enthusiasm and interest that Ted seems to achieve with his students.

I have known the nominee for 15 years in the relationship of AIA and fellow Architect.

Signed

*Perry B. Johanson*

Typed Signature Perry B. Johanson, FAIA

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It gives me great pleasure to recommend the nomination of Theodore Jan Prichard to the position of Fellow in The American Institute of Architects.

I think his achievement in the field of education is unique.

His college is located geographically in a very isolated area of the country, but he has been very successful in attracting visitors to the school. He has also been very successful in incorporating the cultural interests of the community in school programs.

He is dedicated to the combination of architecture and the arts, with their relationship to architecture.

It is my opinion that men of his character, who strive against defects in our society to produce an environment for creative education, should be recognized by our Institute.

I have known the nominee for 15 years in the relationship of Teacher

Signed

Typed Signature

Paul Hayden Kirk, FAIA

Date

October 24, 1963

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Theodore Jan Prichard has been known by the writer for over twelve years and during that time had, on many occasions, witnessed his intense interest in Architecture and the fostering of a better and more complete educational system for our future architects. During my acquaintance with him he had always shown a willingness to participate in the activities of professional architectural groups including The National Council of Architectural Registration Board and has been chairman of the N.C.A.R.B. Foreign Education Committee for a number of years. This man has proven his dedication to Architecture.

I have known the nominee for twelve years in the relationship of professional friend.

Signed Earl L. Mathes

Typed Signature EARL L. MATHES

Date NOVEMBER 1, 1963

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Mr. Prichard is a highly capable architect, particularly responsive to the larger scope of architecture than just as a practicing architect. In this broader sense of professional activity, he has portrayed strong leadership, sound and sensitive judgment, and a dedication to the all-inclusive functions of the architect and the American Institute of Architects. The following "brief" supports the above statement as significant accomplishments:

- Charter member and founder of both the Spokane, Washington, and Idaho Chapters of the A.I.A.
- Contributions as President of Idaho Chapter, chairman of numerous regional committees and participation in at least 10 national conventions.
- Member of many affiliated organizations related to teaching and practice of architecture.
- Contributed articles and reviews to literature and the arts, and the A.I.A. Journal.
- In being head of and by dedication and ability, he has increased tremendously the stature of the School of Architecture, University of Idaho.

I have known the nominee for fifteen years in the relationship of architect.

Signed

*Royal A. McClure* Spokane

Typed Signature

Royal A. McClure, A.I.A.

Date

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Ted Prichard is a brilliant man of the highest character. He has dedicated his life beyond reasonable limits to the education of architectural students in a small school and, at times, against odds which were overcome at his personal expense, including physical improvements at the Idaho Department. He has built what is now a well recognized Department in the West and his graduates are much in demand here. It is my opinion that his efforts at the University of Idaho have tended to upgrade architectural schools in the entire area.

Ted is a widely traveled practicing architect, a magnificent speaker and writer, sometimes a poet, most always a worthwhile critic on a wide range of subjects, and I personally consider him to be an authority on architectural history. He was a founding member of the Idaho and Spokane AIA chapters and he has been and is still a constant participant in AIA affairs, including chapter Presidency, national committees, the State Board of Architectural Examiners and its resulting NCARB affiliations. He has held many responsible positions in educational circles including Acting Dean of the College of Letters and Sciences at the University of Idaho.

Ted Prichard is the personification of what an architectural educator should be and, in my opinion, he is a very worthy if not belated candidate for fellowship.

I have known the nominee for 18 years in the relationship of Student and Friend

Signed

*John W. McCough*

Typed Signature John W. McCough, AIA

Date November 4, 1963

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I have known the nominee as a friend, and we have associated at various professional gatherings. I have also known some of his faculty.

His great contributions are (1) in heading a school of art and architecture which encourages and produces individualists and constructive thinkers and (2) in presenting his own fearless and educated appraisals of architecture to his colleagues.

Mr. Prichard has an unusually deep knowledge and understanding of much of the history of architecture. He has unselfishly devoted much time to the advancement of educational activities in the Institute.

I have known the nominee for 15 years in the relationship of colleague.

Signed [Signature]

Typed Signature John M. Morse

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The nominee's record and accomplishments in architectural education from 1926 to 1963 can hardly be set down in a few lines. His achievements in education have been expanding increasingly over this long period of years. A key demonstration is the growth of his department, and with that growth quality has always been paramount.

His interests and activities have not been limited to the classroom. He has found time to increase his own knowledge through travel and study; he has found time to write. He has found time to Serve the Institute in many ways. His Service to the Public and to the University of Idaho has been most fruitful as his dossier will reveal. He has found time to keep in close touch with the problems of the profession he serves as an educator through his own private practice, an activity too often unknown by our educators.

For all these reasons and many more I heartily endorse his nomination to Fellowship for his Achievements in Education.

I have known the nominee for 20+ years in the relationship of observing his activities and growth in the A.I.A. and related fields.

Signed Glenn Stanton F.A.I.A.

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The candidate by his competence, patience and diplomacy has brought his professional School to a high status of recognition in the region and in the University. In doing this he has enhanced the position of the profession in the public estimation and in the academic community.

He has served not only his profession but higher education generally in his University. It is very unusual to find an architect occupying the position of Dean of a College of Letters and Science. Professor Prichard's appointment to such an academic position is an indication of his caliber as an educator and administrator. Operating from the realm of higher education he has served his University, his State and the Architectural profession to very good effect.

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I have known the nominee for 24 years in the relationship of fellow educator.

Signed Walter A. Taylor

Typed Signature Walter A. Taylor, F.A.I.A.

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In my opinion, Theodore Jan Prichard, of all candidates in the Northwest Region, is one of those who most deserves to be named a Fellow in the Institute. He has through sheer perseverance and hard work developed the architectural department of the University of Idaho into an institution of high quality, a fact which brings him the esteem of his students and of the architects of the region. His accomplishments have been in the face of difficulties which would have discouraged less enthusiastic men.

To recommend him to you is a pleasure.

I have known the nominee for 10 years in the relationship of AIA

Signed Paul Thiry

Typed Signature Paul Thiry, FAIA

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It has been a privilege through the years of my knowing Ted Prichard to listen to his comments on architecture--historic and contemporary--and to glean from them the breadth of his understanding and perception. Although I have never been a student of his, my respect for his capacity to present clearly, succinctly, interestingly and pungently the precepts and concepts of our profession is deep and very real, for it is this kind of leadership which our future generations of architects need as the basis on which to work out their own philosophy of design. Professor Prichard is not only a fine teacher of architecture but a man of wide culture, and in this as well he is an excellent example to his students, for architecture to be truly itself can never be narrow. Few architects--if any--are ever asked to head a College of Letters and Science. That Ted Prichard was not only asked to do this but did so with distinction is testimony to his breadth of attainment. In addition to these accomplishments as educator, he is an architect of no slight talent: his houses have been sensitively conceived and carefully executed, to his clients' delight.

I heartily recommend him to you for Fellowship.

I have known the nominee for 12 years in the relationship of friend and colleague

Signed Elisabeth K. Thompson

Typed Signature Elisabeth K. Thompson, A.I.A.

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I am well acquainted with the architectural program at the University of Idaho and in recent years I have had the opportunity to lecture and become intimately acquainted with many of Mr. Prichard's architectural students. The University of Idaho Architectural school is not large by comparison, nor is it conveniently located or adequately housed and financed. The community, aside from the University, does not provide a great amount of stimulus. Yet, Mr. Prichard has somehow (and many times almost single-handedly) produced mature graduates to equal most any west coast university. Mr. Prichard's greatest contribution to his students is stimulus. Early in their architectural education his students receive that intangible quality which dedicates them to the practice of architecture. The records of his students speak for the quality of accomplishment, both on their behalf and Mr. Prichard's. I have met many highly skilled and greatly experienced architects in the field of education, but I have yet to meet one whose ability exceeds that of Mr. Prichard in reaching the student and instilling in him the dedication that is essential to good, and in some cases great architecture. I wholeheartedly recommend Mr. Prichard for fellowship for his exceptional achievements in the field of architecture education.

I have known the nominee for 16 years in the relationship of a friend and sometimes business associate.

Signed

*Bruce M. Walker*

Typed Signature Bruce M. Walker

Date

October 15, 1963

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In recommending Dr. Theodore J. Prichard to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, I wish to emphasize his candidacy with respect to three major points. First, Professor Prichard is a man of great stature. He has charm. He has a deep intellectual background, and he is a man of great integrity and sound judgement. He towers above the giants on many campuses. He exercises a wisdom which he achieved through strict intellectual discipline and experience.

Second, he is an unusual architect, both as a practitioner and as a teacher. He has given most of his career to teaching, but had time permitted, I am fully convinced that he would have been one of Americas great creative architects. Although, he has given much to creative architecture as a practitioner, he has given far more of his creativity to his students.

Third, Professor Prichard has been an admirable Head of our Department of Art and Architecture. He has always had a real insight into the needs of other academic disciplines in addition to his own. In this sense, he has reached a level of maturity seldom achieved by most department heads. In fact, I turn to Dr. Prichard more than any one man on campus for advice and council. While I am away from the campus, he serves as Acting Dean of the College.

I have known the nominee for.....34.....years in the relationship of professor, colleague, Head of Department while I was Assistant Dean and Dean of the College of Letters & Science.

Signed Boyd A. Martin

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FACTUAL DATA

THEODORE JAN PRICHARD, A.I.A.  
Box 211, University Station  
Moscow, Idaho

Born: May 28, 1902, at Thief River Falls, Minn.

High School: Lincoln High School, Thief River Falls, Minn., 1919

College or University:

University of Minn., St. Paul, Minn.	B.A. (Arch.) 1925
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.	M. Arch. 1944
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.	Two Yrs. Doctral Program
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.	Two Carnegie Summer Fellowships
University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon	Carnegie Summer Fellowship
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.	Appleton Scholarship
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.	University Scholarship

Travel:

European Travel two summers; traveled in Near East for six months.

Achievement in Education and Literature:

Department of Art & Architecture, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho -

Instructor, 1926 to 1929.

Assistant Professor, 1929 to 1944.

Professor, Head of Department of Art & Architecture, 1944 to date.

Acting Dean of College of Letters & Science in absence of Dean,  
1962 to 1963.

Chairman of Executive Committee of Letters & Science, 1963

In 1926 the Department of Art & Architecture had an enrollment of 20 Art Majors and 15 Architectural Majors. In 1962-1963 the total enrollment of the University was 4700 students; in the same year the Department of Art & Architecture enrollment was 800, with 119 Architectural Majors.

Professor Prichard became head of the Architectural section of the Department in 1929 and head of the Department in 1944. He has built a Department from one that had small recognition to one that has gained wide recognition throughout the entire West. This he has done against many odds, such as inadequate quarters, and inadequate salaries for his teaching staff. His Department has gained much in stature during the past fifteen years, and he has been able to increase the teaching staff to one that is adequate in ability and size. The Department will have a new building exclusively for its use within the next 18 months.

Architectural graduates of the Department are sought after by the leading offices in the Northwest each year.

Professor Prichard has taken every opportunity to increase his education during the years that he has been with the school, so as to better serve the school and its students.

He has gathered around him a staff of instructors dedicated to the teaching of architecture. His students admire him for his ability as a teacher and his devotion to the school. He has kept abreast of all that is best in architecture.

The graduates of this school have demonstrated that they understand the responsibilities of the Architect and a professional, and many have shown creative abilities requisite to contributive practice.

Graduates of this school are practicing Architects throughout the entire West, in Hawaii and Alaska, as well as other parts of the United States.

#### Literary Work:

<u>Reviews</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Name of Book or Periodical Containing Work</u>	<u>Year Published</u>
Criticism	"Painting & Reality" By Ettiene Gilson	A Quarterly for Literature and the Arts, Vol. II, No. 1	1960
Criticism	"Berenson, A Bio- graphy" By Sylvia Spriggs	Journal of the American Institute of Architects, Vol. XXXIV, No. 5	Nov. 1960
Criticism	"The American Muse" By Henri Dorra	In Preparation	

#### Service to the Institute:

First affiliated, Washington State Chapter, 1931.  
Corporate member of the American Institute since 1940.  
Founding member of the Spokane Chapter and founding member of the Idaho Chapter.  
President of the Idaho Chapter, A.I.A., 1961.  
Preservation Officer for the Regional Committee on Preservation of Historical Monuments, 1962 (Northwest Region).  
Regional Chairman, Vertical Committee (Northwest Region), National Committee on Awards & Scholarships, 1957 to 1960.  
Has attended ten (10) National A.I.A. Conventions and eleven (11) A.I.A. Regional Conferences.  
Program Chairman, Northwest Regional Conference, Sun Valley, Idaho, 1960.

#### Service to the Public and to the University of Idaho:

Member of the Idaho Board of Architectural Examiners, 1943 to date. Chairman of the Board, 1962 to date.  
Member of the Borah Foundation for Outlawry of War University of Idaho.  
Member of Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.  
Member of Society of Architectural Bibliographers.  
Member of National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.  
Member of Association of University Professors.

Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee on Evaluation of Foreign Schools of Architecture, 1962.

Member, Rhodes, Fullbright and Foreign Scholarships Committee.

Member, Woodrow Wilson Scholarship Committee.

Architectural Work (Recent Work):

Nursing Home, Grangeville, Idaho; Genetics Laboratory, University of Idaho, U.S. Forest Service with Walker & McGough of Spokane, Washington; Green and Soltman residences, Grangeville, Idaho; Mader House, Pullman, Washington; McKenzie House, Hoods Canal, Washington; Elsie Nelson House, Moscow, Idaho; City Hall Complex, Kellog, Idaho; Recreational Center, Kellog, Idaho; Medical Arts Building Remodeling, Moscow, Idaho.

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Professor Theodore Jan Prichard is a superb teacher, an outstanding administrator and a real scholar of broad interests. He has inspired and given extraordinary fine training to student architects as is well attested to by their success as practicing architects. The excellent work he has accomplished in his limited private practice is a credit to his chosen profession to which he has dedicated his life and interests. He commands the highest respect of his colleagues and associates at the University of Idaho and in his profession.

I have known the nominee for 36 years in the relationship of friend and supervisor

Signed [Signature]

Typed Signature D. R. Theophilus

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My principal acquaintance with Mr. Prichard has been in his role as teacher.

Not being a member of the profession, I am unable to make any professional estimate of the mans architectural accomplishments. I am, however, most happy to accord him the highest of tributes as a teacher of architecture to many who are noteworthy members of the profession.

His talents as a teacher are outstanding; his character and integrity impeccable and his total personality is a great credit to his craft and profession.

I have known the nominee for 10 years in the relationship of Chairman of the Jury

Signed James O. Lynch

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