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To whom it may concern-

I'm writing this recommendation to express my thanks for Robert Murch's help on my story for Smithsonian.com, "The Strange and Mysterious History of the Ouija Board" (October 28, 2013, Smithsonian.com) – his contributions were absolutely invaluable. Without the benefit of the years of research he has put to the subject, I fear the story would have simply been a rehashing of false history and rumour!

Mr. Murch was also exceptionally patient and giving with his time, speaking with me over several days; throughout the process of writing the article, he made himself available to me several times and was very prompt in responding to questions. He even provided rare images that we certainly would not have had access to otherwise – so it's truly no exaggeration to say that the article would have been much poorer (and probably shorter) without him. Additionally, I remain very much impressed by the quality of research he has conducted and the sheer amount of historical evidence and record that he has chased down.

My thanks again,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Rodriguez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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