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To whom it may concern:

I wish strongly to recommend Dr. Michael Guhin for the position of Visiting Professor and Concentration Chair for International Relations at Georgetown University. I have known Guhin since 1969 when, as a member of the Scientific Affairs staff of the National Security Council, he participated in a small conference on chemical and biological warfare I had organized at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Boston. During the ensuing years I have maintained regular contact with Michael, now Ambassador Guhin, who I regard as a particularly astute and effective official of the US government.

Guhin played a key role at the NSC and subsequently at State, coordinating agency participation and preparing briefs for Henry Kissinger when the Nixon and Ford administrations were reviewing US policies regarding biological and chemical weapons and reaching a series of far-reaching decisions which, *inter alia*, established non-proliferation as a top US priority in the CBW area leading to the renunciation of biological and toxin weapons, curtailment of the military use of herbicides, ratification of the 1925 Geneva Protocol, and negotiation of the biological and chemical weapons conventions. As an informal advisor and close observer of those deliberations, I was greatly impressed by Guhin's ability rapidly to grasp the essentials of each issue, both political and technical, always in an objective and forward looking manner, and then to capture the essence of the matter in characteristically lucid memoranda and analytical documents and verbally in formal and informal settings.

I have kept close contact with Guhin in the years since then, often turning to him for an astute and balanced assessment of issues in the area of arms control and non-proliferation of mutual interest. I am sure that his great range of experience in government, his focus on the larger issues combined with close knowledge of essential details and, not least, his constructive and friendly demeanor would make him particularly effective in classroom and other interactions with students of international relations.

Sincerely,

Matthew Meselson