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Dear Selection Committee:

I've know Ruben Safir for over 15 year and found him worthy of friendship and trust. We have worked together on projects and community work. I originally recommended that he be allowed to attend the Masters Degree program at Long Island University and I'm happy to see he graduated this year, in May of 2017.

Now he wishes wants to continue his education and pursue a PhD. I would likewise recommend him for PhD studies. I believe he would be a positive addition to your campus.

Sincerely,

Richard Stallman

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