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To whom it may concern:

I have known Dr. V. David Sanchez A. for 15 years. We have interacted in different ways, most notably through my involvement as Associate Editor of the Neurocomputing Journal. David in his role as founding Editor-in-Chief invited me and my involvement in the journal has been uninterrupted ever since. He also has led this eminent Elsevier Science publication as Editor-in-Chief from the very beginning.

His research activities at the German Aerospace Research Establishment, as Professor of Computer Science at the University of Miami, and more recently at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory have won world-wide recognition. Examples include his robot vision leadership role for the Space Shuttle STS-55 flight and his recent nation-wide award to design micro-spacecraft for a series of Mars missions.

David has contributed in the areas of neural networks robotics, computer vision, signal processing, brain and space science, and affine fields. One of his key capabilities is R&D leadership. His dynamism in neurocomputing and computational intelligence has gained extraordinary resonance from the scientific community. This includes his recent work in neural pattern recognition, independent component analysis and blind source separation, support vector machines, and bioinformatics.

In short, Dr. David Sanchez is a world class leader in his field and a peer whose friendship and cooperation I have especially appreciated.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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