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To whom it may concern:

From 2019 through 2021, as the plaintiff in the case of Richard Thorner v. Randy Welch, Thomas Hess, and R & J Welch, LLC (originally filed in the Allentown, Pennsylvania Magisterial District Court, MJ-31102-CV-0000008-2020), I had the opportunity and pleasure to work with John Reznikoff of University Archives. As a practicing attorney of nearly 33 years, I have rarely encountered an expert witness who so readily grasped both the task and goal at hand, but who also significantly contributed to the overall case strategy. He was methodical, quick-thinking, poised and, most importantly, persuasive. As the result of his involvement, I was able to successfully prosecute my case to a satisfactory conclusion.

The case involved what was purported to be a hand-written "pass" by President Abraham Lincoln. After purchasing it from the defendants, Randy Welch and Thomas Hess, I began to have suspicions about its authenticity. I decided to send it to Mr. Reznikoff, one the nation's premier autograph/document experts who, upon careful examination through forensic technology, determined that the document was printed, not written. As a result, I sought a refund from the defendants but was rebuffed. Litigation resulted, and I retained Mr. Reznikoff as my expert.

Mr. Reznikoff approached his role in an extremely professional manner both in the preparation of the case, but also when testifying at the time of the initial hearing. He participated in several telephone conferences with my attorneys to not only outline his findings, but also to educate them with respect to the process of confirming or disputing authenticity of documents and how that difference impacts the values of such things. I can unequivocally state that as the direct result of Mr. Reznikoff's involvement and testimony, I was able to prevail against the wrongdoers.

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To the extent you have any further questions regarding my experience with Mr. Reznikoff and University Archives, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Richard Thorner

RT/sls