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RE: JAMES T. BORN, P.I.

To Whom It May Concern:

This agency could no longer handle the voluminous number of consumer complaints, and type of complaints we had been receiving for more than a year regarding a specific licensee. Dr. Trimmer turned to the Nevada Division of Investigation to recommend outside expertise. They felt James T. Born was the only investigator they were aware of, who would be capable of handling such a difficult case. The alleged offenses were occurring behind closed doors, and frequently after midnight in the 24 hour city of Las Vegas, often resulting in the death and/or disappearance of animals.

Mr. Born's expertise proved extraordinary, and was critical in bringing the case to an expeditious and successful conclusion.

Mr. Born and his staff obtained background information on subject licensee, licensee's clients, associates, pharmaceutical orders, et cetera. They interviewed clients carefully without compromising our licensees' right to the presumption of innocence. Mr. Born's reports were detailed, professional, and contained accurate time records.

Mr. Born went beyond the call of duty on numerous occasions, including researching case law for attorneys review. Mr. Born and his staff coordinated their investigative procedures with NDI, Federal and State DEA officials, as well as accompanying State Veterinary Board investigators on surprise hospital inspections leading to the confiscation of illegally possessed drugs, and the acquisition of evidence.

As the investigation lead to public hearings, threats to the lives of those involved in the investigation were received, and there was one attempted murder of a witness. Mr. Born, using his contacts, and with the permission and assistance of various state and federal agencies, provided impressive protection for staff, and all persons involved during the lengthy hearing procedures.

I worked personally with Mr. Born during this most unpleasant case, and, consequently, have great respect for his abilities.

There are many aspects, which cannot be covered in a letter, regarding both the primary

case Mr. Born was initially hired for, and other cases he assisted this agency with. Therefore, should you wish to discuss our association with Mr. Born further, or should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

Reenie E. Whitney Executive Secretary

cc: The Board