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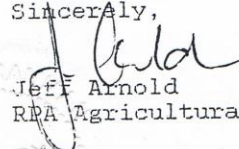
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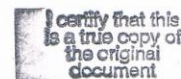
a dangerous change to promote among people who were long used to receiving everything for free. Nevertheless, he implemented RPA's reform and the results have been quite impressive. Work gets done faster than before.

Engineer Nazir is very diplomatic and this virtue has made him extremely successful at working with leaders from many different parties and tribes. He is not interested in politics and power but with the improvement of his fellow citizens' lives. What is happening in Afghanistan today is hampering his mission. Recently, his staff finished surveying Nangarhar provinces main irrigation canal for a United Nation Development Project. If his department had been given the contract to repair the canal, it would have been the biggest single project in IRC's history. Unfortunately, one of IRC's senior staff and his driver were murdered in this province and all IRC projects there have been shut down indefinitely. This tragic event has stifled the progress and the excitement Engineer Nazir showed for his work. With chaos reigning in Kabul and the rest of his extended family living with him in a suburb of Peshawar, he has decided that perhaps it would be better if he worked abroad for a few years in a place where there are less problems.

Having had many long philosophical talks with him over some difficult chess games, I am sure that Engineer Nazir will return to his birthplace and continue to work for the betterment of his people with the same drive that he showed as an Olympic basketball player. Engineer Nazir is a dedicated worker and a perfectionist but not so consumed by his work that he overlooks his staff and friends. He has tremendous managerial and technical skills. His employees worked hard for him because they saw the kind of energy and commitment he had for his job. He demanded a high calibre of work from his staff and was given it. Engineer Nazir is as active in the field as he is making tables on a computer. I highly recommend that he be given a temporary work visa to the United States or other country so that he can work in safety until Afghanistan solves its problems.

Sincerely,

  
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