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Sebastian Schulman
Translation Fellowship Program
Yiddish Book Center
Amherst, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Schulman,

I would like to recommend warmly and whole-heartedly Mr. Yohanan Casiano for the Translation Fellowship Program at the Yiddish Book Center. I have known Mr. Casiano for three years as his PhD advisor, and he has always struck me as a very capable and hardworking scholar. His mastery of languages, German, Hebrew, English, Arabic and Persian has been most impressive and should arouse the envy of any scholar working in the field. His ability to address and analyze complex theoretical problems in the field of linguistics and apply them into well documented historical research has been highly remarkable.

Mr. Casiano's devotion to scholarship was manifested in his hard work at a time when he moved to Israel as a new immigrant, with all the difficulties that such a change of life entails. He has read and analyzed very large amounts of theoretical literature and the primary historical sources necessary for his project, working many hours each day. He is the type of the student any teacher would wish to have, a student and a person who dedicates his life to learning and scholarship.

Having known Mr. Casiano for three years, there is no doubt in my mind that he will make an excellent fellow at the translation program of the Yiddish Book Center. I therefore reiterate my warm recommendation and my strong conviction that enrolling him in the Translation Fellowship Program you will not only help a promising scholar but serve your cultural mission of supporting the preservation and continued vitality of Yiddish culture.

Sincerely,

Professor Meir Litvak
Director