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Dear Peter:

I enjoyed visiting your class August 22, and would like to share some observations.

I am always pleased to have a lecture commence with an overall picture of topics to be covered. I think that this is particularly helpful for university students in their notetaking.

You had a nice, relaxed manner as you described the concrete operational phase of cognitive development and related it to both the child and the parents. I was also pleased to see the ways in which you tied this information to the previous lectures.

You offered well chosen illustrative examples and you asked for feedback for indication of clarity by the students. As the lecture progressed, the students increased their contributions and began asking questions which showed interest in the topic. My suggestion in this area is that you might have asked them to provide new examples related to the concepts which you were discussing. This is always a good technique to determine if they are understanding your somewhat sophisticated points. This was particularly possible since they had seen a movie which provided an overview of the stages of development.

Overall you showed good preparation and expertise in the subject matter.

In addition to visiting your lecture, I will comment on your handling of the student whom we discussed on several occasions. It is difficult for a new or part-time faculty member to give a failing grade the first time around, and I understand this. I was pleased to see that you kept me informed of the student's behavior and work as the quarter progressed. In the event that the "F" is questioned, you have prepared me to meet with him and fully support your decision, which was unquestionably the correct one in light of his actions.

As I pointed out to you Tuesday, the possibilities of any hiring in your area are extremely limited. I will keep your file active and in case an opening arises, we shall certainly consider you. Good luck.

Submitted by candidate 12-6-78.

Sincerely,
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