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To Whom It May Concern,

The five years of design work with Tapani Talo can best be described as productive and professional. His love for the 'cutting edge' and ability to listen to results in keeping clients happy, and the working drawing team up to date. He had the opportunity to tackle some of our challenging office buildings: London Bridge development (2 million sq.ft.) next to London Bridge (1986/87); and foremost for his development, the Times Square four Towers (4 million sq.ft.), with several increasingly more economical variations (1988/89).

In a large multipurpose project like the Port America development (1987/88) near Washington D.C., his involvement ranged from office towers, hotel, trademart and retail, to an exhibition hall. In Singapore we enjoyed the benefits of a growth economy in the design for the finest of shopping complexes, a 450,000 sq.ft. project called Pontiac Marina which is currently under construction.

In our deliberations about current design while working on any given problem, his past travels, sense of history and his own work allowed him to be highly flexible and understand that working and learning is a continuous living process. Unfortunately, a lack of new design work and drastic cuts in staff ended my association with Mr. Talo in January 1992.

Yours sincerely,

