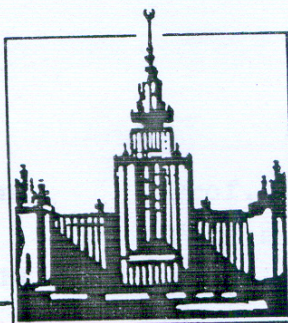


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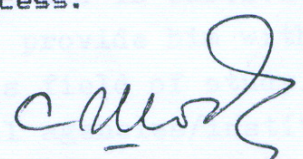
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am glad to announce that Dr. J.G. Ray has been a personal acquaintance of mine for the last three years [1989-92]. I assisted him in the use of soil micromorphological methods in his research investigations into the complex problems of root-soil interactions of wild perennial grasses during his Ph.D. work. Dr. Ray displayed a unique initiative, exceptional diligence and sound professionalism in his research. He mastered the various techniques of soil micromorphology in our prestigious laboratories and has used the most modern methods of rhizosphere investigations using a scanning electron microscope. He is familiar with almost all the latest works on the topic all over the world. His Ph.D. thesis and the research publications in national as well as international forums/journals testify to his expertise in his field and are graded at the highest modern scientific level.

I am sure that Dr. Ray is now a highly qualified specialist in Ecology and Soil Science and ofcourse he would be an asset to the best Research and Educational Institutions in the world. I am proud of this student of mine, and I wish him every success.

Moscow,
25th August 1992.


[Dr. Sergey A. Shoba]