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Dear Professor Atreya,

I would like to thank you for hiring me at the Industrial Assessment Center and supporting me throughout the past year and a half. When I came to you in the beginning of the winter 2004 semester, I had just taken thermodynamics and was beginning my upper-level undergraduate coursework. One of the first recommendations I made for the IAC involved a heat exchanger, so although I had yet to take a heat transfer class, Dr. Everest guided my learning of some basic principles that allowed me to make the recommendation. My academic career benefited from on the job learning like this, as well as having to remember and use what I learned in my coursework to solve real world problems.

Besides vastly expanding my engineering knowledge, my ability to work in groups and communicate ideas to others has greatly improved. Because of my interaction with everyone from line workers to company owners, I now feel confident in my ability to strike up a conversation with people from anywhere in an organization and to draw on their knowledge to overcome any obstacle in the way.

Prior to the IAC, I had no true engineering experience outside of the classroom, which put me at a distinct disadvantage when it came to interviewing with employers. After I went on a few assessments, I was able to fondly recall different trips to interesting manufacturers when conversing with recruiters. Besides going on the assessments, my tasks in the IAC office – which included writing, revising and compiling recommendations and reports as well as marketing assessments – has proven to be invaluable so far in my career.

Again, thank you for giving me this opportunity and I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

