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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to say the Dr. Abdelkrim Jebbour has collaborated with me in the context of a National Science Foundation sponsored research grant "The Reflexes of Focus in Phonology", for which I am the principal investigator. One of the projects in this grant, which began in 2002, is to study the basic intonational patterns of Tashlhit Berber and some aspects of the question of the relation between meaning and intonation in Berber. The project actually began during an earlier research stay of Dr. Jebbour in my department, and has continued through the course of the grant. He has the official status of a consultant for the grant.

Dr. Jebbour's participation has been essential to the success of this project. He has had full responsibility for creating the text materials that have been recorded and analyzed. He has also taken the initiative to create a website in which the results of the grant project would be made accessible to the larger world. In the case of the Berber project, this involves sentences, their recordings and an intonational transcription. We expect to publish our findings when the research is completed.

If you would like any more information about the Dr. Jebbour's consultancy on this grant, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisabeth Selkirk".

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