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Subj: Letter of Recommendation, Elegance to Simplicity

1. Since assuming the position of President & CEO of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, I have occasionally had a requirement for catering services. On every instance I have turned to the catering firm "Elegance to Simplicity", and I have always been extremely pleased with the service.
2. Elegance to Simplicity is owned and operated by Andrew Schneider, a retired Marine Master Gunnery Sergeant. I knew Master Gunnery Sergeant Schneider when both he and I were still on active duty. He enjoyed an extremely successful career as a Marine in the food services field and eventually rose to the number one position in that field. Upon retirement he started his own catering business which has grown into a very successful enterprise. His reputation and quality of service is such that you frequently see his firm catering events at the highest levels of the Defense Department and on Capitol Hill.
3. Andrew Schneider is a true professional. Every aspect of his business reflects his desire to provide the very best to his customer. The quality, variety, and creativity of what he places on the table reflect his expertise as a master chef. His dependability, punctuality, and thorough preparation allow one to approach an event with the complete confidence that all will transpire exactly as planned. His confident and cheerful manner is reflected in his employees. Their efficient, professional demeanor makes for a most enjoyable event by all attending any event he caters. Finally, I must add that his rates are very competitive. He provides exceptional value.
4. In summary, Andrew Schneider has earned my complete trust and confidence. I will always turn to Elegance to Simplicity for any event I host. Simply stated, you can do no better.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "HP Osman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

H. P. Osman  
Lieutenant General, USMC (Ret)  
President & CEO