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Office of Admissions
Northwestern University Medical School
Room 4-142 Ward Building
303 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Sirs:

R. Douglas Thorsen of Minneapolis is a candidate for admission to your 1973-74 freshman class in Medicine.

This is an outstanding young person. He maintains high academic performance and effectively grasps and utilizes his basic science training. He works numerous hours weekly for this laboratory. He has been here over two years and has developed into one of our most valued workers. His experience started as an Electrocardiogram Coder for population studies, and he then became involved in applied physiological research on the effect of physical conditioning on cardiac ectopic activity.

More recently Mr. Thorsen has acted as a full collaborator in posing questions about the contribution of the electrocardiogram to mass risk prediction. He has examined these questions on his own, programming and carrying out the analyses, and sharing authorship in a series of abstracts and papers on multivariate risk functions.

Mr. Thorsen has a very happy family life and is a mature man in his thinking, productivity and emotional life. I expect that he will become an outstanding physician regardless of the field he enters, and recommend him as a remarkably superior candidate to medical school.

Sincerely,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director
and Professor of Medicine

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