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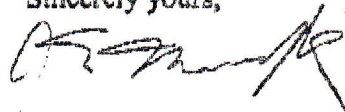
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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a note to verify that Piero Berti was invited to Brown Medical School and the RI Hospital along with Paolo Miccoli. This is to discuss video assisted parathyroid surgery, and to actually participate in operations with me at the RI Hospital. It was a great pleasure to have both Dr. Berti and Dr. Miccoli at Brown University. They were extremely helpful in helping us establish minimally invasive parathyroid surgery at Brown University.

If I can be of further assistance please let me know.

Sincerely yours,



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