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Dear Susan,

**Maria Werries** attended my Maine Photographic Workshop “National Geographic Travel Magazine Assignment last year, and she completed a very successful assignment. Her assignment was the lighthouse keepers, and she learned how to gain access in a difficult situation to pursue the images she needed in order to tell the story. She worked long hours and made her subjects feel comfortable. And she even befriended the local lobstermen to get out on the water for a different perspective. Maria seemed to fit into their lives easily in order to get a variety of images that an editor or art director might need to work with in layout.

Maria is very determined to pursue a career in photography. She has the strength and drive to push the limits when she is dedicated to a particular project. Please call me if you have further questions.

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