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Reference: Gunter Richard Thiede

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the P-1 visa petition filed by Flint Meadow Equestrian Center, LLC on behalf of Gunter Thiede.

I have served on committees for both the USAE and USET for many years. I am currently co-vise chair for the Dressage Committee for the USAE. Additionally I am an FEI rated judge. This position allows me to travel around the world and view first hand the top competitors and horses. Because only a select few riders can compete in dressage competition on an international scale, those who rise to the upper level in this area of equestrian sport are truly among the top equestrian athletes in the world.

Through my many national and international experiences, I have known Gunter Thiede for many years. Based on his accomplishments in International Dressage Competitions in Europe, I believe that he is a world-class equestrian competitor. As such, Mr. Thiede would be an asset to any dressage training facility. His ability to train and show dressage horses in international competition, coupled with his drive for success in the sport will enhance the winning reputation and international achievement of any facility presented with the opportunity to employ him.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Very Truly,

Anne Gribbons

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November 4, 2003

U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service

Reference: Gunter Richard Thiede


To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a member of the United States Equestrian Team for many years. I was a bronze medalist for United States dressage team in the 1976 Olympics, and have ridden for the United States in many international competitions. This position allows me to travel around the world and view first hand the top competitors and horses. As dressage events become more popular, the competitions require that the riders and their horses must have the top level of correct training.

Through my many national and international experiences, I have known Gunter Thiede for approximately ten years. He is an excellent horse trainer as well as an outstanding competitor and instructor. He has competed successfully at Grand Prix in international competitions and would be a great addition to any horse training facility. Mr. Thiede is able to provide a high level of dressage training for horses and riders that is not readily available in the United States.

I have instructed at Flint Meadow Equestrian Center. The center has talented horses and riders but lacks the consistency of an on site instructor/trainer. The students would advance much more quickly and with correct training having Mr. Thiede as the resident instructor. This would allow them to be competitive at top competitions. This will be much more difficult if they must depend on periodic clinicians.

Very Truly,


Dorothy Morkis



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November, 17. 2003

Reference: Guenter Richard Thiede

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the P-1 visa petition filed by Flint Meadows Equestrian Center LLC on behalf of Guenter Thiede. I am a member of the German Olympic Federation. I have been a Federation Member since 1992. In my capacity as OSP-manager, I am familiar with the sport of dressage, and the rigors of training required to gain acclaim in the sport. Because only a select few riders can compete in dressage competition on an international scale, those who rise to the upper level in this area of equestrian sport are truly among the top equestrian athletes in the world.

Based on Mr. Thiede's accomplishments in International Dressage Competitions in Europe, I believe that he is a world-class equestrian competitor. As such, Mr. Thiede would be an asset to any dressage training facility. His ability to train and show dressage horses in international competition, coupled with his drive for success in the sport will enhance the winning reputation and international achievement of any facility presented with the opportunity to employ him.

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December 23, 2003

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

RE: Advisory Opinion for Mr. Gunter Richard Thiede

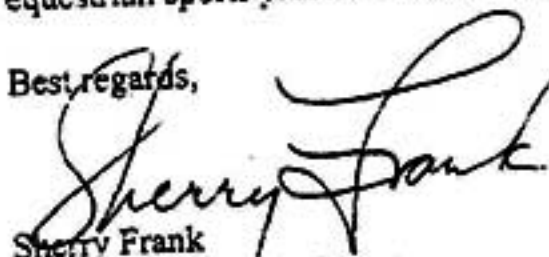
Dear Examiner,

I am writing to you as the Assistant Executive Director, of USA Equestrian, the National Federation and National Governing Body for equestrian sports in the United States. This Federation acts as the regulatory body for the international and Olympic equestrian disciplines (Combined Driving, Dressage, Eventing, Show Jumping, Endurance, Reining, and Vaulting) as well as 18 other breeds and disciplines, and in that regard, it sanctions approximately 2900 equestrian competitions annually, and educates and licenses all of the judges, technical delegates, and stewards who officiate at these competitions. As the largest multi-breed organization in the U.S., the Federation has more than 80,000 members. The Federation is also affiliated with the Federation Equestre International (FEI), the international governing body for equestrian sports and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

I am very familiar with the discipline of Dressage and have reviewed Mr. Thiede's submission and supporting documentation. Mr. Thiede is an internationally known and respected dressage rider and trainer at the highest level of the sport, a position which requires a high level of experience and talent. His expertise will be an asset to the equestrian community in this country.

Based upon the material presented by Mr. Thiede, it is our opinion that Mr. Thiede meets the standards of distinction in equestrian sport sufficient to qualify for the P-1 Visa. Therefore, we have no objection to the granting of this petition. Please be advised that there is no labor union for equestrian sports professionals in the United States.

Best regards,



Sherry Frank
Assistant Executive Director
International

US IMMIGRATION and NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Mittenwald, Nov. 24. 2003

Ref.: Gunter Richard Thiede

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an Official International Judge of the Federation Equestre International and was for many years Chef d' Equipe of the German gold medal team, the 2002 World - Championship in Jerez Spain included. I also travel around the world to judge the top competitors and horses in the highest competitions, like the Olympic Games 1992 in Barcelona and 1996 in Atlanta.

As dressage events become more and more popular the competitions require that the riders and their horses must have the top level of correct training.

Through my many national and international experiences, I have known Gunter Thiede for many years. He is an excellent horse trainer as well as an outstanding competitor and instructor. He has competed successfully at highest level international competitions and would be a great addition to any horse training facility.

Mr. Thiede is able to provide a high standard of dressage training for horses and riders that is not readily available in the United States.

Very Truly



Uwe Mechlem