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It is with great pleasure that I write this recommendation for Michael Allen. I have worked with Mike for almost a year now on the *Deepwater Expedition*, a dynamically positioned drillship owned and operated by Transocean Drilling Ltd, the largest and most technologically advanced offshore drilling company in the world.

I count daily on Mike's technical prowess, sound judgement, and keen ability to interact with and manage an extremely diverse group of crew members, clients, and other passengers here on the *Deepwater Expedition*. In going about his tasks, Mike has regularly proven himself to be a proficient, trustworthy, and reliable First Officer. He is well liked and highly respected by both myself and the rest of our crew here on the *Deepwater Expedition*.

I recommend Mike to you as a very capable Chief Mate or Master. If you wish to discuss this matter any further, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Trant', is written above the typed name.

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