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RE: Mr. John-Hans Melcher
World Languages International
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Mr. Melcher was contracted by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety Training and Recruiting Division to pilot his foreign language learning system to teach police cadets thirty Spanish phrases in the Basic Police Officer Training academy setting.

Mr. Melcher's approach to imprinting foreign language phrases into the student's memory was a departure from the rote memorization methods traditionally taught. Mr. Melcher is extremely dedicated to his system of teaching foreign language phrases. Mr. Melcher tailored the program to the Academy's specific needs and worked closely with our cadets and staff to ensure the students' success.

Mr. Melcher used various audio, visual and memory techniques facilitated by the use of MP3 players, digital voice recorders, recorded CDs and the Internet to teach each student the selected phrases. One of the features that set's Mr. Melcher's program apart for other foreign language learning programs is the use of the student's own recorded voice to engrain the phrases into their memory. Once a student completes the program they have a CD of the phrases in their own voice to continually refer to in order to reinforce the phrases and continue to enhance the instinctive connection between the meaning in the student's native language and the spoken phrase in the foreign language.

I would encourage any organization interested in training their personnel in the use of key phrases in a foreign language to seriously consider Mr. Melcher's program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark R. Shea".

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