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Subject: Re: Review of Dr.Hussein Amin's work
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Dear Prof. Stannard:

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December 6, 1999

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Dr. Amin's scholarship is admirable in both breadth and depth. He is recognized internationally as a major contributor to knowledge about broadcasting in the Middle East. He has a solid mastery of historical methods, quantitative empirical work, international and comparative research, news analysis, and communication technology. His is one of only two major accounts of mass-communication in the Arab world. (The other is the work of Douglas Boyd, with whom Dr. Amin has collaborated in the past.)

Dr. Amin's work encompasses an historical view in a political, cultural and social context. His well-reearched accounts are models of conciseness and clarity. They trace the role of broadcasting in social change and revolution in Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Algeria, Sudan, Lybia, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Tunisia, the smaller countries of the area, and the countries of the Middle East. They also exhibit a mastery of related literature and a keen sense of political realities and opportunities for journalists under sometimes trying circumstances.

My conclusion is that Dr. Amin's contributions both in terms of scholarly productivity and academic service fully qualify his promotion to professorship in a high-quality program.

Sincerely yours,

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