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To whom it may concern,

RE: Mrs Maria Gustin
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I have been Mama Lena's doctor since 1997.

I initially did not know of her great achievements and reputation.

When I first met Mama Lena she looked very fragile, short of breath and very thin. She was suffering from a very serious heart problem which made any small effort very exhausting. I was very impressed with her graceful smile and resilience. She never uttered a complaint. Her simplicity was in direct contrast to the extraordinary achievements and reputation that precedes her.

In August 2001 Mama Lena was diagnosed with bowel cancer. At the age of 87, frail and with a very bad heart, the prognosis was poor. If she was lucky enough to survive the surgery the recovery will be lengthy and the post operative complications are numerous. I was expecting the worse.

During her major abdominal surgery (anterior resection) she was found to have two cancers in the bowel and the cancer had already invaded the surrounding lymph nodes. Despite all the odds that were stacked against her within a few days she had recovered with no complications. She was at home just 1 week after the surgery, smiling, not complaining and humble.

I am uncertain as to how a miracle is defined nor am I a believer in such events but I can sincerely attest to the fact that Mama Lena's recovery is unbelievable.

Yours sincerely,

Dr F. Abouzeid

