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To Whom it may concern,

This is to confirm that the courses RE303 [= RELN3503] and RE305 [=RELN3500], which Norman Joseph Smith studied in 2001, were courses offered by the University of Queensland in Buddhist Chinese and were taught by Dr Roderick Bucknell. They focussed on reading and translating texts from the Chinese Buddhist Agamas.

In addition, Mr Smith has successfully completed the following courses in Pali studies at the University of Queensland under the instruction of Dr Primoz Pecenko: In 2000, RE303 Advanced Study of Religious Texts A [= RELA2104 Introduction to Pali], RE305 Advanced Study of Religious Texts C [= RELA2006 Intermediate Pali], and in 2001, RELN3501 Advanced Study of Religious Texts B [Advanced Pali]. In the latter, the course required the translation of some discourses of the Buddha, one being the First Discourse of the Buddha [Dhammacakka... Sutta].

If any further information is required, feel welcome to contact me.

Yours,



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