

November 3, 1997

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation
90 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Sirs:

It is with genuine enthusiasm that I recommend Mr. John Monteleone for a Guggenheim Fellowship.

As the author of six plays on Broadway, including "Luv" and "Jimmy Shine," and the co-writer of the film "Tootsie," among others, it is some thirty-five years in theater and film that causes me to celebrate John's talent as both writer and actor.

I would be very happy to speak to anyone to further discuss what it is that qualifies John for the kind of encouragement and support that your organization is famous for.

Sincerely,

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Murray Schisgal
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