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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As the attached material indicates, I am a physicist at Stanford University working in the field of lasers in which I have several patents and publications, including co-authorship of a textbook on lasers widely used throughout the United States and Europe.

As part of my professional work in education and technology, I am continuously involved in assessing various forms of educational systems. In this capacity I have come into contact with and have studied extensively the system developed by L. Ron Hubbard known as Scientology.

Although critics viewing the system from the outside may form the impression that Scientology is just another of many quasi-educational quasi-religious "schemes", it is in fact a highly sophisticated and highly technological system more characteristic of the best of modern corporate planning and applied technology. Examination of the system at close hand reveals that upwards of millions of manhours of carefully-supervised research have gone into the development of the system, and the successes obtained in the rehabilitation of people's abilities and emotional stability is truly phenomenal, even in such areas as alcoholism and drug abuse which are known classically to be highly resistant to conventional therapy techniques.

From a more technical viewpoint, the use of the "E-meter" to measure physiological variables which correlate with emotional responses can be viewed as representative of a large-scale innovation in medical analysis and computer education known as "physiological feedback." These techniques are currently being applied on an increasing scale by the medical profession in the treatment of physical and emotional

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ailments which require that a person learn to control high blood pressure, anxiety states, muscular tension, etc. In the technical community here at Stanford we have projects underway employing the techniques developed in Scientology, which techniques have been found to be quite advanced and practical.

The philosophy and understanding of human nature which has arisen from these studies and is expounded in the Scientology literature I find to be an uplifting and workable system of concepts which blend the best of Eastern and Western traditions. After seeing these techniques in operation and experiencing them myself, I am certain that they will be incorporated eventually on a large scale in modern society as the readiness and awareness level develops.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May 1970.

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