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To Whom It May Concern,

I am an author and psychologist--a family therapist, and eclectic individual psychotherapist with an appreciation for narrativist epistemologies. I am a public speaker on radio and TV. In the 1990s debates about the mental health system took place on radio. Thus I was on the Oprah show, Geraldo, and William Buckley Jr among others. Today, 2 years after my new book (The Spiritual Gift of Madness, Inner Traditions, 2012), I reach my audience through radio (e.g. Coast to Coast AM) and Internet magazines and social media.. In the late 1990s I went to Court over 35 times to testify as an expert witness on psychodiagnosis on behalf of clients who were embroiled in custody disputes, clients unfairly diagnosed as mentally ill whom I believed, on the basis of evaluation over several weeks, were capable of being responsible custodial parents. I am an editor of the academic review, The Journal of Mind and Behavior.

Todd Giffen consulted me 2 months ago. We had sessions at least twice a week. Mr Giffen shows no sign of "schizophrenia," or any thought disorder or affective psychosis. Despite the duress to which Todd has been subjected he manifests considerable ego strengths. Despite his unconventional beliefs he expresses himself clearly and has assimilated an enormous amount of information about government mind control. A psychological assessment should not be an inquisition. Clients should not be considered "psychotic" because they have "new age" or spiritual beliefs. They should not be deemed paranoid because they think they are subject to "mind control." For example, if one year ago a client said he felt all his email was being examined by the CIA, most psychologists would have considered him paranoid. But Edward Snowden showed we are all being watched by NSA. Thus psychologists' were wrong. They assumed because their clients had unusual beliefs they were "delusional." Psychologists must renounce epistemological hubris. We cannot assume a belief is delusional, even if it is wrong. There is a difference. I learned this from my mentor Dr Thomas Szasz. Szasz strongly objected to labeling a person mentally ill on the basis of the fact that his/her belief system was unconventional.

One of the indication that Todd is not mentally ill but mentally healthy is his remarkable resilience and flexibility. He was subjected to physical and sexual abuse both by his parents and by staff in Oregon State Hospital. These abuses by the staff occurred during a US Department of Justice investigation of violation of patients' civil rights that was initiated October 2006. Wrong-doing was extensively documented in local newspapers. For example, The Statesman Journal article dated 12/09/2007, ("Security slips at Oregon State Hospital still a problem") noted the presence of contraband smuggling rings involving staff. Some of the contraband included bolt cutters and hack saw blades which according to the article was part of an escape plot devised by patients with the help of staff to escape. One of the staff members implicated in this plot had a romantic relationship with one of the patients who had planned to escape. She was the woman whom Todd had alleged had sexually abused him the previous year.

Todd's life story is very elaborate and troubled--what happened at Oregon Hospital was the tip of the iceberg.. What is noticeable right away is that despite the extensive abuse he experienced and the lack of a strong support system amongst his family, Todd seems unusually mature. He grew up in spite of considerable stress and lack of unconditional love. He has done extensive research on his own, and he has enough knowledge on the subject to teach a college course on it. His extroverted orientation has enabled him to seek out and create his own support system. He is very honest, has a strong sense of right and wrong, and has no signs of sociopathy..

Diagnosis is not objective if the evaluator assumes his worldview is "the truth.": I have evaluated Todd Giffen for two months. My assessment is not based upon my agreement or disagreement with his political beliefs. Todd does not show symptoms of paranoia--he is outgoing, socially engaging and basically trusts people. He has many friends. I have been arguing for 25 years in my work that most psychologists are doctrinaire. They

assume their worldview reflects "reality." Assessment of personality traits and psychopathology must not be based upon conformity to the dominant paradigm because we have seen that the paradigm accepted by the profession and/or society changes as more information becomes available, and as fashions changes. For example, Ernest Hemingway's psychiatrists' said he was paranoid because he felt he was being spied upon. We know now thanks to FOIA request that he had been under surveillance. Hemingway's suicide was partly the responsibility of the "mental health" system.

I have had psychotic patients who did not trust the world, and whose communications were often incoherent. They often believed people were talking about them. In these cases I did not believe that they were subjected to surveillance and harassment--not to unusual degree. Because of Todd's emotional trustfulness I cannot rule out his contention that he is subjected to surveillance and control. Of course I have no way of knowing for certain. I only know he is extremely well read and makes a cogent argument that he is subjected to directed energy technology. He even manifested the symptoms caused by this kind of "brain hacking," e.g., tachycardia and severe sudden heart problem; this is confirmed by hospital records.

MK-Ultra was a CIA program in which American citizens were non-consensual subjects in experiments. Over 35,000 subjects were given LSD without their knowledge. The CIA admitted this to the Church Committee. I have read books by individuals who have been targeted today. Robert Duncan has revealed that the technology used to control individuals' minds is highly developed. Duncan has degrees from Harvard, MIT, Dartmouth, and Stanford and helped design cybernetic weaponry and mind control technology for the CIA.. He states he thought the technology would be used to improve mental health. After he discovered it was used to torture unwitting targets, he became a whistleblower. His book Project: Soul Catchers, Volume 2 reveals numerous cybernetic weapons that were used on innocent Americans who are guinea pigs in CIA experiments.

Todd believes that since the time he left Oregon State Hospital he has been subjected to harassment and surveillance by either police and /or government agencies. He is a member of Freedom from Covert Harassment and Surveillance, and has been enormously helpful to other members--both by providing psychological support to other members and by sharing his vast knowledge of mind control based on his own experiences and his extensive research.

Due to the facts described herein I cannot give Todd a definitive diagnosis. He is sad and depressed--but this could be a result directly or indirectly of being subjected to directed energy waves. He suffers from anxiety--again the source is indeterminate. I repeat that what can be said definitively, is he is not psychotic or delusional. While he may be wrong his belief that he has been subjected to brain hacking is a credible inference. The reading he has done on the topic tends to corroborate his story and demonstrates a capacity for self-direction and initiative.

He has spoken to numerous experts in this field including Dr Hildegard Staninger, an industrial toxicologist who has effectively determined whether individuals were targeted and by which satellites. She claims 90s% of her subjects were correct. I recommend that Todd be evaluated by Dr Staninger. If further information is needed please contact me.

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When Spies and Crime-Fighters Squabble Over How They Spy On You, Slashdot.org June 26th, 2014. They keep their investigation tools secret and classified and never tell the victims they used 'em.

<http://yro.slashdot.org/story/14/07/27/0230225/when-spies-and-crime-fighters-squabble-over-how-they-spy-on-you>

The Washington Post reports in a short article on the sometimes strange, sometimes strained relationship between spy agencies like the NSA and CIA and law enforcement (as well as judges and prosecutors) when it comes to evidence gathered using technology or techniques that the spy agencies would rather not disclose at all, ever mind explain in detail. They may both be arms of the U.S. government, but the spy agencies and the law enforcers covet different outcomes. From the article:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-switch/wp/2014/07/25/how-the-nsa-keeps-its-toys-from-law-enforcement/?hpid=z15>

[S]ometimes it's not just the tool that is classified, but the existence itself of the capability -- the idea that a certain type of communication can be wiretapped -- that is secret. One former senior federal prosecutor said he knew of at least two instances where surveillance tools that the FBI criminal investigators wanted to use "got formally classified in a big hurry" to forestall the risk that the technique would be revealed in a criminal trial. "People on the national security side got incredibly wound up about it," said the former official, who like others interviewed on the issue spoke on condition of anonymity because of the topic's sensitivity. "The bottom line is: Toys get taken away and put on a very, very high shelf. Only people in the intelligence community can use them." ... The DEA in particular was concerned that if it came up with a capability, the National Security Agency or CIA would rush to classify it, said a former Justice Department official.