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To: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: FYI: proposal draft, at long last...

Date: Sat, 12 Dec 2009 16:41:59 +0000

Attachments: CogBot_v18.pdf

Attached version is slightly rearranged (so it's only 25pp and the rest is in appendices), in the off chance you want to send it to someone or read it ;-)

The handful of "big-name school AI profs" I asked to read/review it are mostly quite busy now due to finals/holidays, so they may not get to it till early January ... in the meantime I'll focus on my book...!

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On Sun, Dec 6, 2009 at 12:16 PM, Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

> ok standing by

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> On Sun, Dec 6, 2009 at 2:01 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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>> Hi,

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>> FYI, we finally put together a proposal that I'll be happy sending to
>> some of the conservative-minded "big shots of academic AI" in search
>> of endorsements (attached). It was revised based on detailed feedback
>> from a few "medium shot" AGI researchers whose judgment I respect
>> (Selmer Bringsjord at RPI, J. Storrs Hall, Joscha Bach, Pei Wang and
>> John Sowa (who headed an AI research team at IBM for 30 years)).

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>> I'm going to send it to a few other researchers I know for feedback
>> over the next few days, and then assuming they don't have any bad
>> comments, I'll send it to some "big shots" at name-brand universities
>> (people who I know only slightly and who don't know much about my
>> work) in search of the requested endorsements...

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>> Sorry the process is taking so long ... I'm not usually so
>> painstaking, actually ... but I *really* want to avoid the possibility
>> of failing to get the requested endorsements for avoidable reasons.

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>> If I fail to get the endorsements because the academic AI folks at
>> name-brand universities just don't like my ideas, then so be it ... I
>> can't really help it if these people have terrible intellectual
>> judgment ;-)

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>> But I don't want to fail because of a stupid reason like not
>> presenting my ideas in the right way, so I want to be really sure the
>> proposal represents the ideas in a way that's both accurate and
>> "culturally correct".... Itamar has been really helpful in this
>> regard as he's written a bunch of (successful) NSF grants ... whereas
>> my government-funding successes have been most in bioinformatics,
>> which is a little different...

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>> Updates soon, I hope ;-)

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>> -- Ben

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