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Subject: Re: AGI R&D Proposal

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Attachments: Epstein_AGI_Proposal_Summary_2013_v6.pdf

.. this version has a typo fixed ;p ...

On Mon, Dec 2, 2013 at 7:40 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> Hi Jeffrey,

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> Attached find a research proposal such as we discussed.

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> Please let me know when you'd like to talk next; I can make myself
> available anytime for this, but late morning or early evening your
> time works ideally given the time zone differences...

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> As you'll see, I decided to take up your invitation to "think big" ...
> this is a full fledged proposal "from here to AGI", with lots of
> exciting incremental progress along the way...

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> I hope you'll be able to take the time to read it over ;)

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> Of course it would be AWESOME to start a project like this
> full-speed-ahead sometime soon !! ... I'd be happy to discuss that
> with you at any time...

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> As you'll see, the project as I conceive it is neatly divided into
> modular teams, so it could be done as one big co-located team, or it
> could be done via a group of interacting teams at different locations
> (including some in university labs, fitting with your general funding
> M.O. of supporting university labs)...

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> OTOH if that sort of "AGI Brooklyn Project" style initiative is too
> much for you to bite off at the moment, I would still VERY much value
> help meeting the \$45K obligation for the 10% "Corporate Sponsorship"
> of my 2014 "10 AI programmer" Hong Kong R&D grant. This will help us
> get OpenCog to do cool enough stuff that you will have an easier time
> getting interest from others in the broader proposal.... For
> instance, I'm pretty sure that during 2014 we can get OpenCog to
> demonstrate a capability for deception in the game world ;)

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> I recall you mentioned in our conversation that you think I should
> "be somewhere." I guess you mean at some US institution. I am
> pretty open to relocating anywhere if this relocation is part of a
> major AGI funding/R&D initiative. On the other hand, here I have
> managed to get the gov't to allocate me \$\$ for AGI programmers, which
> is nice. One possibility, if you're agreeable, would be for you to
> fund me to have a research professorship at Hong Kong Poly U, which is
> where the OpenCog programmers here are situated. That way I could
> spend the bulk of my time on OpenCog AGI work, which would be

> great.... Of course that is not as good as having the full fledged
> AGI project funded, but it would let me work better toward getting
> OpenCog to do cool stuff that will help attract funding for the larger
> project...
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> Anyway you get the idea... hope we can talk soon...
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