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Dear Eddie,

Congratulations on your award as Alternative Natural Philosopher of the year at the recent regional meeting of the Alternative Natural Philosophy Association at Stanford for your original and creative research linking quantum physics to psychology. And further congratulations that the theory group in Stanford's department of physics has recently extended a courtesy affiliation as a Visiting Scholar to you for the next two years.

As you are aware both myself and others at the Mental Research Institute have found aspects of your work intriguing over the years. We are glad to see that you are receiving some well-deserved recognition. In addition, we hope that these distinctions will be of help in your ongoing search for support and that your patience and perseverance will be rewarded.

Your efforts remind me somewhat of the early days at the Mental Research Institute. Trying to fund truly pioneering work is very difficult, frustrating, and can be quite hard on one. As you know our own persistence in advancing our interactional approach eventually paid off and led to the evolution of family therapy in the 1950s, in addition to other foundational work in therapy some of which, such as our brief therapy approach, eventually attracted your own attention and talents.

Should proper support for your research be forthcoming, I believe that the Mental Research Institute, as an independent, multidisciplinary, non-profit research and training center, might be an ideal place for you to continue certain of your ongoing activities appropriate to our mandate "to conduct and encourage scientific investigation, research and discovery in relation to human behavior for the benefit of the community at large."

Keep up the good work and hang tough. And again, congratulations.

With best wishes,



John Weakland, Co-Director
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