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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Ronald Grossarth-Maticek

On a recent visit to Germany, I had the privilege of hearing Dr. Ronald Grossarth-Maticek speak concerning his work on "Life Events, Psychosocial Conflicts and Modes of Stress Exposition in Cancer Patients", of reviewing some of his written work and of having the opportunity to speak at considerable length with Dr. Grossarth-Maticek about his psychosomatic work as well as his earlier work on personality traits in student radicals, both being areas in which I have had considerable interest. (My major work concerns the relationship of stress, emotions and personality variables to immunologic resistance to disease.) I feel that Dr. Grossarth-Maticek is a gifted and creative researcher. I do not use the word "creative" lightly since I feel that truly innovative theoretical work is rare. His work is outstanding, both empirically and in terms of its sophisticated formulation of psychosomatic theory. His concepts have great heuristic value for other researchers. Beyond being a meticulous investigator, Dr. Grossarth-Maticek possesses an intuitive and perceptive mind that leads to deep insights and true originality. His work has real significance for interface of sociology, psychology and medicine in the service of understanding of complex disease processes. His work is in the forefront of this important and expanding field and fully deserves adequate support. Rarely have I been so impressed with a young research investigator in this difficult field.

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