John Brockman Associates, Inc.

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Prem Das P.O. Box 2516 Santa Cruz, CA 95063

Dear Prem Das:

I received the mss. today along with the two yarn pieces under separate cover. The mss. looks most impressive. I wish to wait until the weekend to read it with care. I'll respond next week. But, I definitely want to represent you and the book just on a brief look Concerning the contract: I realize you went to great trouble and expense in preparing your version. This agency has its own standard clientagency agreement, one which is very standard for the business. The major difference between our terms is that I would be the fiduciary agent: i.e, collect all monies, pay you 90% and myslef 10%. This is the only way I am able to work with clients. I realize that we have not met and you have little basis for faith and trust. May I suggest that you talk to a few of my clients in your area, and perhaps be guided by their recommendations:

Will Schutz 408 667 2200
Page Smith 408 426-2156
Gregory Bateson 408 336-2572
John Lilly 213 457-9600

I can assure you that we are scrupulously and meticulously forthright with regard to our client's royalies and advances and, to be sure, present our best efforts at all times in their behalf. I am enclosing two copies of our agreement, which I hope you will be able to sign.

I also want to add that with regard to a minimum amount... We can make no promises, but in no event are you compelled to sign anything or make any deal. The author is the principal, we merely represent. You sign (or don't sign) the publishing contracts.

Best.

ohn Brockman

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