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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PHILLIP ANICH OF ASHLAND, WISCONSIN

Phillip Anich wrote to me in early 2015 because he had seen a report of my work on a stored-heat solar cooker, which is one that stores heat throughout a tropical day and allows a meal to be cooked in the evening. To do this I have to aim a lens at the sun for four-to-six hours. He had been developing an aiming device (a hydraulic timer/drive) for a similar purpose. He told me the principle of his device. It came as a considerable surprise, because I had originally proposed to use clockwork, but I was not making good progress, and I had just conceived of a device working on Phillip Anich's principle. He was considerably ahead of me, having built working prototypes integrating both the aiming and timer/drive systems, and I yielded all credits to him should he decide to patent it.

We have been corresponding since then, and he is making a version of his timer/drive that will fit the new version of my solar cooker.

I have been very impressed with Mr. Anich's work, which he has communicated to me via photographs, drawings and descriptions (we have not yet met). He shows a great deal of creativity, dedication and experimental skill. He shows signs of being a genius,

I have been surrounded by clever, dedicated people during a long period at MIT, where I have been on the faculty since 1966. I recognize that Phillip Anich is very bright, focused, and will produce devices of great value. I wish to affirm my sincere confidence in his abilities.

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David Gordon Wilson with Phillip Anich
Anich home, Ashland WI 7/15/2016