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Dear Taibi,

Thank you for your letter of 28 June 2005 and for the enclosures you sent with it.

I have carefully read through all the materials you sent, with particular attention to the four requests you put to Vann and myself in the fifth paragraph of your letter.

I also faxed the materials through to Vann, and he and I have noted the points you raised. Vann, like me, is more than happy to comply with the four requests you put to us regarding assurances as to how we present your material, and so I am now replying to you on Vann's behalf as well as my own.

We now therefore formally give you the following assurances:

- (1) Neither of us is claiming, will ever claim or would wish to claim, the originality of the material you have integrated. If anything we have written gives or seems to give the impression that we are so claiming, this was unintentional on our part, and we apologise to you for it.
- (2) Neither of us is calling what we ourselves do, the "Process Model", nor will we ever use that designation for what we do.
- (3) We acknowledge that what we call the Process Model in our book and teachings, integrating types [adaptations] with Drivers, channels [modes], process scripts, Assessing Matrix, and other dynamics that you have integrated and presented and copyrighted, is your Process [Therapy] Model.
- (4) In any future editions and presentations we will update and credit what you have done accurately and with your prior approval.

As well as giving these formal assurances, we want to add: we see your Process Therapy Model as a major advance in the field of psychotherapy and human understanding. We greatly admire the creativity, clear thinking and close observation on your part that allowed you to develop your Process Therapy Model. We have always seen ourselves, as writers and

TA trainers, simply as "messengers" carrying your message to the psychotherapy and counselling trainees to whom we present. Though we have carried this message, the message itself has always been yours, not ours, and we have done our best at all times to make this clear.

What we have learned from your recent communications is that we have not succeeded in making it clear enough that we were only messengers. Further, that the message we have been carrying has been one that was out of date. We are sorry about both these things, and we assure you that before embarking on any future writings on this subject matter, we will contact you in the way you suggest, invite you to give us the updated information you have developed, and negotiate with you for the rights to that information. In verbal presentations, we shall ensure to the best of our ability that we incorporate the updated theory and applications that you have included in the materials you have sent us.

We thank you for confronting us in such a clear and OK manner, and we hope that our response is equally clear and is in line with your wishes.

We look forward to being in touch with you and to learning further from you in future.

With all good wishes,

Ian Stewart and Vann Joines