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BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR CASE EVALUATION

Please fill out the following confidential questionnaire. Please use additional paper/ space. There is a 10-page maximum (12pt. font) single-spaced. If you wish to submit more, there could be an additional fee. Ask other family members and friends for their input. Having all relevant personal information to help us be maximally helpful is helpful. Answer each question according to your ability. Use either the reverse side for long answers or include additional paper. Please print or type! Include a recent photo. Thank you.

Your Name:............................................................................................. Date:..................

Address:...........................................................................................................................

Your Phone number:(...........).............................................

Your email address…………………………………………

Your relationship to cult member:.............................................................................

How did you hear of us? Who referred you?....................................................................................................

Name of cult member:.........................................................Age:........... Sex: M.... F....

HISTORY OF CULT INVOLVEMENT

Name of group:..............................................................................

Date recruited:................................................. Where:...............................................................

1) Briefly describe the chronology of events. Include details such as names of significant cult members and leaders, length of time from initial contact to total commitment, what jobs the individual has had in the group (as well as what location), and what kind of communication the individual has had with family and friends since joining. Please be as complete as possible!

2) What are the reasons given by the individual why they have joined this group?

3) Has the individual ever expressed any doubts or difficulties as a member to anyone?

INDIVIDUAL'S FAMILY BACKGROUND

Father's name and occupation: ..............................................................................................

Mother's name and occupation: ............................................................................................

Marital status: Married ................... Separated ................... Divorced ....................

Siblings: Name Age Sex Occupation Location

4) Which person has been closest to the cult member?

5) Describe the pre-cult family environment. Detail the significant relationships or lack of relationships. Describe the communication patterns within the family. Have there been any fights or estrangements that have had an impact on family members? Have there been any significant changes? Has alcoholism/ drug use/ violence/ sexual abuse/ adoption affected any member of the family? Please describe the family atmosphere as completely and accurately as possible.

6) Describe any other significant relationships. Include details about best friends, boys/girlfriends, and other close relatives. Describe any patterns of behavior observed.

7) Who is/is not willing to help? If anyone is unwilling to help, why?

INDIVIDUAL'S BACKGROUND

8) Educational background and interests:

9) Special hobbies and talents:

10) Religious background (and history of religious involvement):

11) Employment experience (include what jobs, where, how long, and reason for leaving):

12) Previous career goals and aspirations:

13) Describe the person's physical health (history of medical problems):

14) Has there been any prior drug use (include which drugs, degree of use and treatment):

15) Describe the person's social, emotional, and psychological well-being (include any history of previous problems, i.e., death of relative or friend, sexual/emotional abuse, etc.). As many members of the family should answer this question as possible.

16) Describe the individual's activities and mind just before joining. Please use as much detail as possible.

COURSE OF ACTION

17) Describe how each family member has reacted to the cult involvement. Include details on the kinds of interactions (and frequency) with the cult member. Please detail.

18) Describe what action you have taken until now. Include the names of any books or professionals (ex-

members, too) that you have contacted. If you have attempted an unsuccessful intervention, make sure to attach additional paper and describe fully.

19) Describe your plans for the future:

20) Are there any resources or limitations that we should know about? Please provide details on whether there are significant financial resources (property, bank accounts, trust funds) that the cult could be after or large debts, criminal charges, or other liabilities to cult membership.

21) Is there anything else that we should know?

After you complete and return this form, you can schedule a Zoom consultation through Calendly. If there is an urgent situation, you can call Jim at 617.396-4638. The office is closed on weekends. We also use Protonmail.com for encrypted email. You can take out a free account (do not use your real name). Let us know who you are. [admin@secure.freedomofmind.com](mailto:admin@secure.freedomofmind.com) and [hassan@secure.freedomofmind.com](mailto:hassan@secure.freedomofmind.com) should be used together for all emails to us. Remember, this form is strictly confidential.