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Informed Consent Form

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The purpose of the research questionnaire described below is to gather psychological information for research purposes, and in some cases for clinical insights to assist Dr. McConochie if he is evaluating you for an agency (e.g. the V.A. or Social Security Administration).

Confidentiality. If the questionnaire is only for research purposes, your personal identifying information will be kept confidential. Your basic score(s) will be shared with you if you wish. If the questionnaire is for clinical purposes, the information will be included in the report to the referral agency with your name, but otherwise will be kept confidential, as when used for research.

You do not have to complete this questionnaire, and you may decide not to do it even after you have started it. No untoward consequences will result to you if you choose not to do it, other than limited understanding of your clinical conditions. Just return it to Dr. McConochie.

If you choose to complete it, please read on.

This particular research topic is: Measuring Political and Military Leadership Traits. It requires you to complete a questionnaire of 120 items that take about 20 minutes to complete.

Access to Results: The content in clinical forms, e.g. those measuring dimensions of brain, mental or emotional problems, cannot be shared directly with you if done for the V.A. or the Social Security Administration, under the restrictions of Dr. McConochie's contracts with these agencies. The information will be used by the doctor to prepare his diagnostic report for the agency. The data will also be saved to file and analyzed for research purposes, without your name, to protect your privacy.

Possible Discomforts: In general, no untoward discomforts are expected to result to you from this project unless you are strongly disinterested in new information about the topic. One topic is clinical, including traits such as depression, suicide-proneness, anxiety, reactions to back surgery, gun-violence, embezzlement, intelligence or brain damage.

The other main research topic is political, such as ratings of political leaders on dictatorship/democratic dispositions. These questionnaire results will be shared with you.

Note: If the research topic contains politically-relevant information, such as ratings of political leaders on traits relevant to leadership competence, or the relationship between political orientation and endorsement of war, racial or religious beliefs, human rights or teacher salaries, then some research findings may surprise and discomfort citizens who endorse traits that are associated with threats to the common good. The researcher seeks knowledge that ultimately promotes the common good, as reflected in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, scientists' warnings about the dangers of human-caused climate change, and as historically jeopardized by instances of overpopulation, religious prejudice, gun violence, disease epidemics, authoritarianism and war.

Prospective Research Benefits. The prospective benefits to measuring human opinions, symptoms, attitudes, etc. are many, including more accurate, reliable and valid diagnosis and treatment of psychological disorders, improving understanding of human political and government behavior, reducing treats to the common good (e.g. suicide, gun violence, war, dictatorships, global climate change) and deeper understanding of the evolutionary and psychological underpinnings of governments, religions and definitions of the common good. Psychological research can also help define and measure the psychological traits that underlie successful employment in civilian life and placement in both management and line worker positions. Psychological tests help select and place citizens in military positions as well.

The present psychologist is happy to answer questions, lecture, share research findings, etc. on any and all of the above topics. His research findings appear in papers on his web sites, Politicalpsychologyresearch.com and Testmasterinc.com. His book on political research findings, *Party Time!*, is available at Amazon Books. Manuals for his many clinical tests are available to researchers and clinicians. These are available from the author.

If you are willing to complete the questionnaire, please do so online, which constitutes your agreement to this document.

You can contact Dr. McConochie to resolve any questions or uncomfortable feelings you may have about this project, including questions about your rights as a participant. You can contact him via the above phone or email information.