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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Michael Minovitch has asked me to describe to the best of my recollection the work he did on determination of interplanetary trajectories on our computer. I will do so as follows:

I believe that it was in 1962, when I was still Chief of Programming Numerical Analysis Research, UCLA, that Mr. Minovitch came to ask me for computer time to permit him to calculate interplanetary trajectories. When he described his ideas regarding the numerical calculations involved and the hope that such an analysis would yield the possibility of multiple planet observations, I became very interested and was able to obtain for him a fair amount of computer time at UCLA. As he described it to me, his ideas were quite original and sound, and worth supporting.

Later on I lost sight of Mr. Minovitch when he left the university and went to work, but I recall how he came some two or three years ago requesting further computer time at UCLA to work on his gravity thrust ideas which he had begun to explore around 1962, I believe, and which were developing quite well. I asked him why he couldn't do this at JPL where he was working at the time, and he answered that this was not possible as JPL was not interested in supporting this project. I tried my best to get him some computer time but computer time was tight and I was not able to help him.

Yours very truly,

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