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United States District Court
Northern District of California
Case No. 4:24-CV-04722-YGR
Case Title Musk et al. v. Altman et al.
Exhibit No. 7
Date Entered
Mark Busby, Clerk
By: , Deputy Clerk

From: Sam Altman <sam@ycombinator.com>
To: Elon Musk <erm@spacex.com>
Subject: Re: followup
Date: Mon, 19 Oct 2015 08:47:19 -0700
Importance: Normal

Happy to talk about it any time--very focused on getting this right!

Thanks--you were actually the main inspiration for that. We've had such a struggle getting our capital-intensive businesses funded (unless the founders were already rich from a previous startup) that we figured we should just do it ourselves.

On Mon, Oct 19, 2015 at 3:27 AM, Elon Musk <erm@spacex.com> wrote:

> Let's discuss governance. This is critical. I don't want to fund something that goes in what turns out to be the wrong direction.
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> Btw, great move on the continuity fund!
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> On Oct 18, 2015, at 11:36 AM, Sam Altman <sam@ycombinator.com> wrote:
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> Good seeing you a couple of weeks ago.
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> As discussed I think starting with a $100MM commitment (and leaving the time unspecified) is the way to go.
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> Everyone we discussed but Gates is committed to donating. Hope to have him locked down next week. I am going to sit down with Zuck, but I still think it's probably too problematic given Facebook AI Research.
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> Two big new recruits that we expect to sign offer letters this week: John Schulman and Wojciech Zaremba.
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> Specific asks for you:
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> 1) Can you donate $30MM over the next 5 years?
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> 2) Can we call you an "advisor" but leave unspecified what you'll do in detail and figure it out as we go?

3) Will you be on the Safety Board with me? I'd like it to eventually be 5 of us, adding the next 3 over the year or so. This will be the "second key" for releasing anything that could be dangerous.

Sam