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> Hey, just have a few follow-on questions to bring some clarity to the ask:
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> How much has each donor contributed?

We're targeting a total of $100M - out of respect for the individuals, the breakdown is private.

> How many funders do you foresee having ultimately?

We're talking to handful of other folks (fewer than 5 in flight right now); in the interest of simplicity I don't expect to grow much beyond that.

> What is your anticipated engagement model with donors after the initial contributions?

We understand our donors are all super busy, and we don't expect time from them.

> Who are the current candidates for lead scientist?

We have an extremely well-respected person lined up as lead scientist. He's currently extricating himself from his employer, and being very careful about how the news breaks. I should be able to share his name within the next few weeks.

Let me know if I can clarify anything further!

- gdb

> On Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 8:55 AM, Greg Brockman [redacted] wrote:
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>> Hi Marissa,
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>> I'm the former CTO of Stripe, and I'm now running the first group in
>> YC Research (http://blog.ycombinator.com/yc-research), a non-profit AI
>> lab building towards artificial general intelligence.
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>> On the funding side, we have a small group of really fantastic
>> individuals donating, including Elon Musk, Jessica Livingston, Reid
>> Hoffman, and Peter Thiel. Because AI is something that should be built
>> on behalf of all humans rather than any particular group, we're
>> looking to broaden our set of funders within the industry.
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>> We'd particularly love to have you involved. (We're open to pretty
>> much any amount you feel comfortable with: Sam's donating $10M, I'm
>> personally doing donating $100K - what would be most impactful would
>> be having you officially as a donor.)
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>> For some more details, here's a rough draft of our launch blog post:
>> https://ycr.quip.com/TQxVAXbubFqN. We've been quietly assembling a
>> team of some of the best AI researchers and engineers in the world,
>> and expect to proceed with transparency and that public announcement
>> in the next month or two.
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>> Incidentally, the HN discussion of the YC Research announcement [2]
>> was HN's all-time most highly-upvoted launch story. I expect the AI
>> group in particular is going to get a lot of attention, and we're
>> being very careful to get the best people involved and position it for
>> maximal impact.
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>> I'm happy to chat at any time: Redacted – PII / gdb@ycr.org. In any
>> case, thanks for the consideration!
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>> [1] https://ycr.quip.com/TQxVAXbubFqN

>> [2] https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=10347821
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