OFFERING YOUR EVIDENCE

A short note for organisations, researchers and others who already hold evidence of harm.

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> **You have already done the hard part. We grade and preserve what you bring, we do not build cases or gather evidence for anyone, and you keep control of what is yours.**
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> Evidence that sits in one organisation's files helps that organisation. Graded, preserved and findable, it can help every case that needs it, long after the project that produced it has ended.

WHAT IS TRUE TODAY

Evidence moves between organisations by personal trust, built over years and extended slowly, because nobody can be sure a source is what it seems. Funding cycles end, teams move on, and files are lost or sit where only their authors can find them. A court or a regulator then asks one question: how do you know?

WHAT YOU GET

- **An independent grade that travels with the evidence.** At least two reviewers, each declaring any relationship to the subject, under a published standard. The grade can be revised, and the original stays visible.
- **Preservation beyond your own organisation.** Each record is fingerprinted on arrival and held at two independently governed sites, in Geneva and near Reykjavik.
- **Your rights stay yours.** You keep copyright; we hold only a usage licence, and what you give cannot be sold or transferred to a commercial interest. These safeguards are proposed and Swiss counsel will test them before the entity is formed.
- **A choice of how open it is, in design.** Open in the public Library; open from a date you choose; or sealed, with a key only you hold. Only the open Library is specified today.
- **The same terms for everyone.** No funder influences a grade or holds a key.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE YOU DECIDE

- A grade can be low, and a low grade is public. We will not soften it, and you may reply beside it.
- Once an item is published and graded, its history stays visible. Rewriting history is what we promise not to do, so decide before you deposit, not after.
- The sealed and dated options are proposals. We will not describe them as available until lawyers have told us what we can honestly claim.

WHAT WE DO NOT DO

We do not campaign, litigate or gather evidence for any case, and we do not decide how you use what is yours. We take no government money in the core. The Threshold Initiative is in development and not yet incorporated.

WHAT NOW

Read how each item is handled in the companion note. If you hold evidence you might offer, tell us what would make you willing to trust us with it, and what would stop you. We would like to design the terms with you, not for you.

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