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Dear Mr. Frazier:

You may be weary of hearing about spoon-bending, but a mere high school student has clearly demonstrated, once and for all, that "The Amazing Randi", and all others who think like him, are wrong --- dead wrong! Metal such as spoons, can be bent using only the power of the mind!

A group of PhDs in scientific fields heard about a high school boy who supposedly possessed such metal-bending capabilities. Out of curiosity, they invited him to perform for them.

Each PhD brought his own spoon from home. The boy who was at least twenty five feet away from the group, asked that the spoons he held in an upright position. He then proceeded to mentally concentrate on the task before him.

I was fortunate enough to be an observer in all of this and I focused on a spoon held by one of the PhDs. My face was only about two and a half feet from the spoon. After between 5 and 10 seconds of the boy's mental concentration, the handle of the spoon I was watching appeared to become soft. In a second, it bent over at the middle like wax responding to heat. The end result was the shape of a horseshoe. The spoons of the other PhDs were also bent.

The demonstration did not end there. The PhDs had brought other kinds of metal of other shapes and the boy bent them also.

It is clearly evident to me that James Randi, and others who think like him, have been "barking up the wrong tree" all these years, at least when it comes to spoon-bending.

Very truly yours,

Fred Meeker
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Dear Mr. Meeker,

I have been sent by CSICOP headquarters a copy of your August 23 letter to Ken Frazier, regarding your claim to know of a high school student capable of bending metal by "psychic" power.

Enclosed is a copy of our current newsletter, which makes mention of our ongoing "\$1,000 Challenge" (see pp. 2 and 8).

We would be pleased to attempt to replicate just the sort of experiment that you claim to have witnessed, with our \$1,000 on the line. I am willing to personally match TBS's \$1,000, as might some other of our members. Members of TBS and the local media would serve in the same capacity as did the alleged group of unnamed Ph.D.s mentioned in your letter.

Please contact us if you are willing and able to arrange for the student in question to demonstrate his alleged "psychic" power in our presence. We can then discuss the logistical details, and the controls needed to eliminate the possibility of cheating.

Sincerely,

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