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Hi Steven,

I've been following your Plaintext pieces, especially how you've been calling out Big Tech's shift from "regulate us" to "unleash us." You're asking the question that's driven me for years: how do we make sure these systems answer to law, not just to the bottom line?

The truth is, I didn't start out trying to build an ethics framework. I set out to build an autonomous AGI. An ASI that could learn and evolve on its own. A self-regressive, behavioral, causal inference engine that would grow beyond anything we've seen. But as I watched it develop, I realised I couldn't let it run free. It was too powerful, too unpredictable, to trust it would always choose the right path.

So I went back to the drawing board. I didn't want to end up with another Skynet. And I knew any governance patch or ethics layer bolted on afterward wouldn't cut it, it would just find ways around that. I would if I was the AGI. Let's be real, it's human nature. So I built the Aegis system instead. A constitutional architecture that doesn't just talk about ethics, it enforces it at the kernel, cryptographically and immutably. No developer can override it. No system can slip free.

It's not just a theory or a roadmap. It's already running. Demonstration logs, cryptographic proofs, early academic reviews. I've shared it with agencies and governments, from DARPA to the Vatican, because this is too big to leave to chance or corporate spin. It's about whether we're willing to put real guardrails on the most powerful systems we've ever built.

I'm reaching out because I think your voice, your ability to see beyond the hype, could make sure this conversation doesn't get lost. I've put together a secure appendix room with the whitepaper, validation logs, and system schematics if you want to dig in:
https://bit.ly/4kAf1VU

I've also shared this with Adi Robertson at The Verge and Jamie Tarabay at Bloomberg, because this is too important to live in one corner of the debate. I want to make sure it's seen by as many thoughtful voices as possible.

Thanks for everything you're doing to keep this debate real. Let me know if you'd like to see more or just talk it through.

Warm regards,
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