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**INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED], PROPOSED INCAPACITATED/PROTECTED PERSON**

I visited [REDACTED] at the Hillhaven Healthcare facility, 660 S. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona, on the evening of September 19, 1996. [REDACTED] was fully dressed, laying in bed watching television. I introduced myself and explained to him the petition for guardianship and conservatorship by [REDACTED] and the definition of each. He was unable to speak. He did appear to be alert and able to understand my conversation with him. He was able to make sounds and became excited when I talked to him about being a writer of novels. When I mentioned that I knew he had written 10 books, he smiled. I am sure he understands conversation but is unable to provide any definite feedback by yes or no answers, eye blinks or head movement. He cannot eat and is being fed through a tube inserted into the stomach. He is able to stand with assistance strapped to a stand-up board. He receives daily physical, occupational and respiratory therapy and the nurse on duty said improvements have been noted.

**INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] PETITIONER**

I interviewed [REDACTED] by telephone on the morning of September 18, 1996. I introduced myself and discussed the purpose of the interview. I explained to her the definition of guardianship and conservatorship which she understood and is willing to be appointed for [REDACTED]. She has lived with [REDACTED] for the past 22 years. In 1970 they moved from Rio Rico to Bisbee. She said they were never married and have no children. [REDACTED] draws social security of \$470.00 and a disability pension of \$260.00. He has a small income of \$170.00 per month from property sold. His

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total income is \$837.00/month. The income from the property sold is almost satisfied and will stop soon. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has assets of about \$200,000.00. His house at [REDACTED] has been appraised at \$110,000.00, however the mortgage balance is approximately \$38,000.00. He also has savings bonds, certificates of deposit and money market accounts, totaling approximately \$82,000. [REDACTED] indicated that her goal was to bring him home, if possible and insure that his needs are provided and his assets managed. She understands that a bond must be purchased if she is appointed conservator.

## II. OBSERVATIONS

[REDACTED] is a helpless person who no longer has the normal faculties needed to take care of himself or his affairs. The massive stroke which he suffered on June 24, 1995 has left him dependent on others to maintain his daily personal needs and to manage his finances. He is unable to express his needs. Although [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have lived together for 22 years, they do not have a joint bank account or joint ownership of any property or assets. The appointment of a close personal friend, [REDACTED] as guardian and conservator is necessary and most appropriate.

## III. RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP BY [REDACTED], BE APPROVED.

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## IV. APPROPRIATENESS OF PETITIONER AND PETITIONER'S PLAN

[REDACTED] has lived with [REDACTED] for 22 years who understands his needs. She understands the responsibility of guardianship and conservatorship, knows that a bond must be purchased and is willing and able to be appointed. Her desire to bring [REDACTED] home is an admirable goal. She is very caring and concerned about his future.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1996.

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GENE MANRING, COURT INVESTIGATOR

cc. [REDACTED], Attorney for Petitioner

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