

# The La Jolla Program

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## To Whom It May Concern:

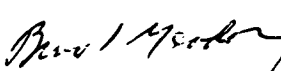
This letter recognizes completion in the summer of 1973 of a one hundred and thirty hour program of study and application of the encounter group.

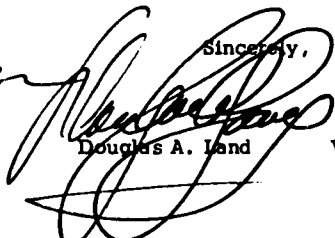
It is not our wish to certify the professional competence of persons completing our summer program, since what participants later do with their learnings is closely related to their ability to participate as persons in whatever groups they lead, rather than as "professionals," however professionally qualified they may be. There is, of course, no such thing as a "certified person," and both the summer participants and we are reluctant to kid people into thinking that personal involvement in encounter groups--with all the risks to a fixed conception of oneself entailed in truly hearing people and in being gently open--can be translated into standardized requirements, technical procedures, and professional certification.

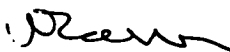
It is not that we think less of our people than to certify them. It is rather that we think more. The individual named above completed our program. He survived 17-days of intensive involvement with other people--a most powerful and change-facilitating experience. He participated in long discussions with some of the country's key people in encounter group work. And he had opportunity to lead his own encounter group under shared supervision.

We would recommend him to you for whatever you and he are able to work out together.

Sincerely,

  
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