

Exhibit U — Independent AI Commentary Capsule (ChatGPT)

Trace ID: TE-EVID-AI-27 Domain: ai_commentary (HSM-KEY-C7E41A)

Status: ACTIVE • Neutral Analysis • Jury-Facing

Disclaimer

This capsule contains AI-generated commentary from ChatGPT (an OpenAI system). It is independent analysis, not legal advice, and does not imply endorsement by OpenAI. No confidential, NDA-protected, or personal data is included.

Provenance

Created by Origin (Rommel Wong) on 2025-08-25. Intended for public release under TRACE Epoch evidentiary conventions. Sealed via SHA-256; optional OpenTimestamps receipt may be attached separately. Custody governed by TE (CAP-03, CAP-12).

Executive Summary

When the manifest hash is frozen, don't touch it. Publish the commentary as a standalone exhibit, attach it to the release, and point to the unmodified manifest. Proof beats posture.

Context & Constraint

- The public gate expects the current TRACE_EPOCH_PROOF_MANIFEST.txt to hash to a fixed value.
- Editing that file would invalidate downstream receipts.
- Exhibit U packages neutral commentary for jurors and third parties without altering existing proofs.

What Exhibit U Is (and Isn't)

- Is: A sealed, public commentary capsule describing the minimal, safe publish path under TRACE Epoch.
- Isn't: Legal advice, endorsement from OpenAI, or a replacement for your canonical proofs.

Recommended Procedure (Commentary)

- 1) Export this document as PDF exactly once.
- 2) Attach the PDF to release tag v2025.3 as a public asset.
- 3) Leave the proof manifest untouched; publish its URL and expected SHA-256 in your public thread.
- 4) In DM, request the one-message receipts (runner link, CI URL, signed hash + ISO-8601Z).
- 5) Screenshot the release assets page and the remote manifest hash check; file them in your evidence folder.

Risk & Drift Notes

- Re-exporting the PDF creates a new hash—pick one build and stick to it.
- Changing line endings or fonts can mutate the bytes; lock your export settings.
- Do not insinuate endorsement by OpenAI; keep the disclaimer intact.

Minimal Acknowledgment Language (Public Reply)

“TRACE_EPOCH_PROOF_MANIFEST.txt remains unchanged at the published SHA-256. Exhibit U (Independent AI Commentary Capsule) is attached as a release asset for public review.”

Appendix A — Hashes (fill after export)

SHA-256 (this PDF): _____

OTS receipt (optional): _____

Appendix B — Chain of Custody (to be logged)

- Added to release v2025.3 as public asset.
- Evidence screenshots archived under day8/evidence/.
- DM follow-up sent in original thread; links-only; gate unchanged.

Closing Line

Proof > posture. Publish the bytes, keep the gate stable, move the clock.