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By email: craigmurray@mail.ru

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Our ref: 1/LT055/350/350/364772.2

Your ref:

Dear Sir

The Quilliam Foundation Limited

We refer to our opening letter upon this matter dated 11 November 2009, to which we have not received from you a substantive response, although you have decided to republish your libels on your website, with additional commentary.

It maybe helpful if we deal with the relevant points that you have raised in that forum:

- 1 You appear to be unable to understand the point that is made by our clients about the filing of accounts at Companies House. As already indicated to you in our opening letter on this matter, our clients sought and obtained an extension of time for the filing of accounts. We enclose a copy of a print of the relevant website that accurately confirms that, as the result of the extension granted our client was required to lodge the accounts by 30 November 2009. In fact, the accounts were lodged on 11 November 2009, well within the required period. In any event, the points in issue are not whether the accounts were lodged before or after your libellous publication but whether or not our client was acting illegally, whether or not our client was complying with its financial and accounting obligations and whether or not public money had gone "AWOL".
- 2 You say that in our letter we insist that you pay damages "*to the directors personally, rather than to the Foundation*". You have misread our letter. We are instructed to claim damages on behalf of the directors individually as well on behalf of The Quilliam Foundation Limited. All of our clients have reputations to protect and all of our clients have suffered damage to those reputations as the result of your libellous publications. By adding to your commentary the observation "*interesting*" you have imported an innuendo based on the false statement that it is the directors who are seeking damages rather than the Foundation, that the directors

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are acting improperly in this regard. There is no justification for the innuendo which is defamatory of the Directors.

3 Although you comment that if you are wrong in saying that Quilliam had not filed accounts you will apologise, you then observe *"however it makes very little difference to my view on Quilliam"*. This comment plainly diminishes the value of any *"apology"* that you may give (and you will note that our clients require that an apology is given in terms to be agreed by us). Your commentary serves to aggravate the original libels of which our clients complain by confirming them.

4 You then republish what you describe as *"an earlier article I wrote about them"* (Quilliam) in which the following words appear, of Mr Ed Husain: *"he is one of the leaders among those who realise that, having tried to make a mark in the world through religious phantasms, they can make more money and career progress by turning traitor on their former beliefs and colleagues, and jumping on the anti-Islamist gravy train"*.

You also repeat from your previous publication these words: *"both the original fanaticism and the high profile and lucrative betrayal are evidence of a sociopathic character"*. These remarks are defamatory of Mr Ed Husain. They import an assertion that he is concerned to *"make more money and career progress by turning traitor... and jumping on the anti-Islamist gravy train"*. The clear and express meaning of these words to the ordinary reader of them is that Mr Husain is a man without principle, whereas the contrary is the truth.

The use by you of the term *"sociopathic character"* in this context clearly imports the assertion that Mr Husain suffers from an anti-social personality disorder. This statement is untrue and is highly defamatory of him.

If you are unable or unwilling to give an appropriate response to our correspondence, will you please supply to us an address for the service of proceedings upon you? We think that you would find it useful to take legal advice in this matter and we invite you to consult your solicitors.

Yours faithfully



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