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Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:19 AM
To: Lawrence Krauss
Cc: Keith Porter; [REDACTED] Jennifer Smyser; Ben Loehrke; Danielle Jablanski; Patty Papke; Lawrence Krauss
Subject: Re: Tempe workshop

Dear =eith:

I =eread my note to you, and realize that I too may have acted before my =ead was fully calm, and I apologize to you for that. While I am =isappointed that you proactively communicated to all the participants =before writing to Amelia, or me or Rachel, but what is done is done, and =t was probably inappropriate for me to ask you to write a follow-up =etter. It should be up to you to decide how you would proceed following =ur communication. (For what it is worth, I did have a brief =onversation with Ben near the end of the meeting expressing to him =fforts by a news organization to defame me, in the context of the =iscussion we all had the night before.)

In any case, I am very =orry you felt blindsided, but given what I described in my letter below =t certainly didn't seem appropriate at that time to talk widely =about something that had no credibility or seemed to have no likelihood =f appearing.

As=far as the video of the public event is concerned, once again, we will =efinitely remove you from the film if you wish. But at this time =t seems to us to be disingenuous to retroactively remove all evidence =hat Stanley was one of the supporters of the event, which after all, =ent very well and was on a topic that all of us care about. =certainly the Stanley Foundation can make different decisions in the =uture about partnering with Origins, but I at least do not think it is =ppropriate to try and change the realities of the past, by erasing =evidence of what I believe were all of our honest efforts to cooperate =o produce something we could all be proud of. I hope you agree. =nbsp;

Sincerely,

Lawrence

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On Feb 26, 2018, at 10:59 AM, Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED] =rote:

Dear Keith:

I am very concerned by your letter, indicating your actions =nd requests, a number of which seem both inappropriate and =nprofessional. I understand your shock and concern upon seeing the =uzzfeed story but I believe your response was inappropriate for a =umber of reasons. Let me outline them:

1. In December Buzzfeed contacted my University and me =ith almost everything that was in the story. I provided =counter-evidence including information from ASU and ANU, another =iversity I am affiliated with that investigated the Australia =llegation. As a result of this I received a note from Buzzfeed =hat they were not publishing the story. Buzzfeed continued to =ester my institution for information, but as there was none, and as =sentially the entire story is false (the counter-evidence we provided =s not included in the story) there was no expectation that a story =ould appear. I had in fact related my concerns about Buzzfeed to =achel Bronson in November, which prepared her for the slanderous call =he received from them shortly after making false claims and asking why =he allowed me to be associated with the Bulletin. She understood that =he allegations were false and had been dealt with. Moreover, a lawyer =ho I had contracted because of concerns about Buzzfeed had prepared and =ent a cease and desist letter to them to stop their harassment. =e had no expectation that they would publish false stories after being =nformed that they were false, and for all of these reasons it would =ave been inappropriate to bring this personal matter up to you or your =rganization at the time.

2. I am very disappointed that you decided to send a letter =o all participants about this without consulting me or my staff. This =as unprofessional as well as being discourteous to both me, my Origins =olleagues, the ASU Origins Project itself, and all of the =orkshop participants. What you have effectively done is to =ropagate what we believe was slander to a broader audience, and without =ny substantiation was extremely inappropriate for you to do in the =ontext of your position as a representative of the Stanley Foundation, =ndependent of any personal anger you may felt. It would have =een appropriate to consult us first. It is unprofessional to =espond personally in the heat of anger, and any decision about this =hould have waited till calmer heads prevailed.

3. Your reaction regarding the workshop is also =f some concern here. Allegation, and indeed allegation by =uzzfeed of all places, is just that. There should not only be a =resumption of innocence but you should note that all organizations that =ave looked at these claims, including ASU and the Origins Project, have =ismissed them. ASU was aware of all the allegations and chose to take =o action because there was no evidence. I am saddened that you, =n behalf of your organization acted so rashly as to email participants, =nd now want to remove Stanley's name from an event that everyone =nvolved felt was professional and wonderful and had nothing at all to =o with the Buzzfeed story. You are essentially impugning the =rigins Project and ASU because of your concerns about me, valid or =ot. And for your information, I have never been accused or found =n violation of sexual harassment regulations by any organization with =hich I have been associated. I have not been 'banned'=from universities or institutes, as I informed the Buzzfeed reporter =long with documentary evidence. I have never groped, assaulted, =r harassed anyone.

It =s too late to completely undo some of what has been done, but I would =equest two things.

(a)= First, that you write the participants a letter of apology =ndicating that your original email was sent before the matter was =iscussed the me and the Origins team. That I have reported =o you that not only are the accusations false, but that ASU had been =ware of them and had dismissed them. And that you have been =nformed that Buzzfeed had been informed of this, along with =ounter-evidence provided to them, prior to publication and in December =ad indicated they were not going ahead with publication. For this =eason, this issue was not discussed with you prior to the =eeting.

(b)=That you reconsider your requests regarding the workshop. We =ould certainly be willing to remove any video of you personally, but =our other requests are inappropriate And as we said earlier, we =ould never use any video of any participant at the workshop without =heir explicit permission.

Sincerely,

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On Feb 26, 2018, at 7:26 AM, Keith Porter

<mailto:[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Amelia,

The accusations against Lawrence have caused us considerable =istress (no doubt you are in the same boat). I am particularly =oncerned that, according to the BuzzFeed article, Lawrence was aware of =he pending story since at least December yet did not alert us that the =tory was coming.

This failure to disclose is unprofessional and, as I am informing you now, forces us to sever all ties with Lawrence. By extension this means we need to sever ties with the ASU Origins project until the problem is resolved. I am cc'ing Lawrence on this message (along with the relevant Stanley Foundation staff).

I have sent an email to all participants in the Tempe event letting them know that we were unaware of these accusations.

Further, I request that you do not publish any video from the Tempe workshop or the Perry event. If you proceed with publishing video from either, I ask that you remove all references to the Stanley Foundation in any form, remove the faces and comments from all Stanley Foundation staff (including my intro at the Perry event), and blur out the Stanley Foundation logo anytime it appears on screen.

I also recommend that you seek specific consent from all participants in the Tempe workshop before publishing their images or comments in video or other form.

I deeply regret this turn of events, and I hope you understand our position.

Thanks

Keith

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