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Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 5:37 PM
To: Lawrence Krauss
Subject: Re: final draft email

yes, but i dont think they will respond. =C2 so a call is better this is not academia, th=s is tabloid

On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 12:37 PM, Lawrence Krauss =
wrote:

><=span> wrote:

Dear Neil and Michael:

=div>Attached is a copy of some correspondence from Buzzfeed, which has fol=owed on six months of attempts (following on their being contacted by a th=rd party who made a claim regarding a selfie session at an event in Austr=ia that ASU and ANU had previously shown to be false) to produce allegatio=s of sexual harassment by me. Over this period they produced 5 false=allegations, primarily off of web claims which I subsequently demonstrated=to be false. Nevertheless the harassment by them has continued.

Most recently, Buzzfeed searched for other defamatory =amples, and through someone, presumably at Perimeter, received the follow=ng claim.

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—At the Perimeter =nstitute’s “Quantum to Cosmos” Festival in October 2009, a woman made a f=rmal complaint of sexual harassment against you. The institute immediately=removed you from the premises and banned you from ever coming back.=/div>

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After I disp=ted this claim, they came back with the following claim, which they said w=s on the record by someone from Perimeter:

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=n October of 2009, you went to Waterloo, Ontario, to be a guest speaker at the Quantum to Cosmos Festival <<http://www.perimeterinstitute.ca/video-library/collection/quantum-cosmos-festival-2009?page=2>> at the Perimeter Institute.

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During the event, a sexual harassment complaint was filed against you.

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You were immediately removed from the premises and banned from ever coming back.

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The institute would not provide more details to respect the complainant's privacy. </=pan>

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I disputed this, and included an email from you, Neil as a demonstration that it was false (I redacted the information that was not relevant to them):

Begin forwarded message:

From: =/span>"Neil Turok" [REDACTED]

<mailto:[REDACTED]>

Subject: Holden XXX

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Date: March 31, 2011 at 9:30:26 AM MST

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Larry,

I hope you're doing very well. It was nice to have you at PI for the Q2C Festival and I do hope you'll be able to visit again soon.

I'm writing in regard to Holden XXX, who I have been working with recently ...

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With my best wishes, Neil

Subsequent to that, Buzzfeed came back with the following:

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Thank you for sending the email from Neil T=rok. We have raised this with the Perimeter Institute, which has clarified=its position, as follows:

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During the event, a sexual haras=ment complaint was filed with the administration against you.

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In 2012, as part of a formal review of it= internal policies, the institute made a decision that you would not be in=ited to return.

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I believe this final claim is fal=e, and I would like confirmation from you. It may be a fine point, but I b=lieve it is important. Originally Michael informed me immediately af=er the event in 2009 that there was a complaint of inappropriate com=unication with one of the staff--something I still dispute--but be that as=it may, he informed me by email that I shoudn't communicate with t=e staff I had interacted with at the time, and the matter was then conside=ed closed. Several years later I was invited to give another public=lecture but your outreach coordinator later rescinded the invitation, alth=ugh I was reimbursed for that. As you are aware, I subsequently disc=ssed my concern about this with Neil in Vancouver in that year, and inquir=d about exactly what it was all about, and informed him that either a form=l procedure to resolve any issue in which I could participate and respond =ight be appropriate, or the matter should be dropped. Neil said he would e=plore the matter, and neither he, nor anyone else, ever contacted me follo=ing that. I have never been informed of anything like Buzzfeed has =laimed. Indeed I have been invited back to Perimeter for scientific meetin=s by various colleagues in the intervening years. I would fin= it highly irregular if any formal procedure took place with such an outco=e without my knowledge or without any due process, and without subsequentl= informing me, and all evidence I have suggests the contrary.

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I am very concerned by this claim below, for obvious re=asons. First, the original Perimeter source provided false and defama=ory information to Buzzfeed, changing a story only after I provided counte=-evidence. The accurate history if there is one, is that the=e was a complaint from someone at Perimeter about inappropriate communicat=on and that 3 years later a decision was made by the outreach coordi=ator, perhaps in collaboration with others, not to invite me back at that =ime for a public lecture. I would like to have your confirm for me t=at Buzzfeed's claim is incorrect a it stands. I would prefer =o leave it at that, but if necessary one could add that there was a report=of inappropriate communication with an employee at the event at the time, =hich I disputed and the matter was closed.

Please=confirm my understanding of this issue for me if you will. As you ca= imagine, making this public is embarrassing for me, Buzzfeed has tr=ed, at every turn, to misrepresent facts in the worst possible light, it i= important for me to not allow them to continue to do this with impunity.=C2◆ For example, they contacted my university and asked if there any cla=ms fo sexual harassment against me, and though the University explicitly r=plied there were none from the University, but that there was an external =llegation about a remote event that the University had investigated and ha= discredited (the one I mentioned above) and about which they would theref=re not provide further information, Buzzfeed informed me that they intende= to report that they contacted the University with

a request for information about sexual harassment allegations at ASU and that the University would not give them any information.

Last, while it would not be surprising if Buzzfeed has reinterpreted statements from perimeter staff just to elicit a response, but if a member of your staff made the original false allegation to Buzzfeed (violating confidentiality in the process I expect) I wanted you to be aware of this possibility, and if necessary act accordingly.

I really appreciate your prompt attention to this request.

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