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**From:** Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 5:42 PM  
**To:** jeffrey E.  
**Subject:** Re: final draft email

thanks. I will bet you that the COO at least will respond. =nbsp;I would bet you a lot of money, but I would hate to go broke as =ell as being defamed if I am wrong. :) Sigh.. Lilli just heard =he didn't get the job she was up for.. it was down to 2 people =n the end.. I feel so badly for her too.. Nashville is damn =xpensive, and she is trying so hard to get work again. Wonderful =eek. :)

Lawrence

On Feb 14, 2018, at 10:37 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

yes, but i dont think they will =espond. so a call is better this is not =cademia, this is tabloid

On Wed, =eb 14, 2018 at 12:37 PM, Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED] wrote:

by =his, do you mean the email is ok as is? I won't send it =ill after I call.

On Feb =4, 2018, at 10:34 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

ok

On Wed, =eb 14, 2018 at 12:29 PM, Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Neil and Michael:

Attached is a copy of some correspondence from Buzzfeed, =hich has followed on six months of attempts (following on their being =ontacted by a third party who made a claim regarding a selfie session =t an event in Australia that ASU and ANU had previously shown to be =alse) to produce allegations of sexual harassment by me. Over =his period they produced 5 false allegations, primarily off of web =laims which I subsequently demonstrated to be false. Nevertheless =he harassment by them has continued.

Most recently, Buzzfeed searched for =ther defamatory examples, and through someone, presumably at Perimeter, =eceived the following claim.

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

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After I disputed his claim, they came back with the following claim, which they said was in the record by someone from Perimeter:

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In October of 2009, you went to Waterloo, Ontario, to be a guest speaker at the Quantum to Cosmos Festival 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. =/span>

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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: "Neil Turok" <

Subject: Holden =XX

Date: March 31, 2011 at 9:30:26 AM =ST

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Larry,

I =ope you're doing very well. It was nice to have you at PI for the Q2C =estival 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 =ith recently ...

With my best wishes,  
Neil

Subsequent=to that, Buzzfeed came back with the following:

Thank you for sending the email from Neil Turok. We have =aised this with the Perimeter Institute, which has clarified its =osition, as follows:

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

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In =012, as part of a formal review of its internal policies, the institute =ade a decision that you would not be invited to =return.

I believe this final claim is false, and I would like =onfirmation from you. It may be a fine point, but I believe it is =important. Originally Michael informed me immediately after the =event in 2009 that there was a complaint of inappropriate =ommunication with one of the staff--something I still dispute--but be =hat as it may, he informed me by email that I shoudn't =ommunicate with the staff I had interacted with at the time, and the =atter was then considered closed. Several years later I was =nvited to give another public lecture but your outreach coordinator =ater rescinded the invitation, although I was reimbursed for =hat. As you are aware, I subsequently discussed my concern about =his with Neil in Vancouver in that year, and inquired about exactly =hat it was all about, and informed him that either a formal procedure =o resolve any issue in which I could participate and respond might be =ppropriate, or the matter should be dropped. Neil said he would explore =he matter, and neither he, nor anyone else, ever contacted me following =hat. I have never been informed of anything like Buzzfeed has =aimed. Indeed I have been invited back to Perimeter for scientific =eetings by various colleagues in the intervening years. I =ould find it highly irregular if any formal procedure took place with =uch an outcome without my knowledge or without any due process, and =ithout subsequently informing me, and all evidence I have suggests the =ontrary.

I am very concerned by this claim below, for obvious =easons. First, the original Perimeter source provided false and =efamatory information to Buzzfeed, changing a story only after I =rovided counter-

evidence. The accurate history if there =s one, is that there was a complaint from someone at Perimeter about =inappropriate communication and that 3 years later a decision was =ade by the outreach coordinator, perhaps in collaboration with others, =ot to invite me back at that time for a public lecture. I would =ike to have your confirm for me that Buzzfeed's claim is =ncorrect a it stands I would prefer to leave it at that, but if =ecessary one could add that there was a report of inappropriate =ommunication with an employee at the event at the time, which I =isputed and the matter was closed.

Please confirm my understanding of this =ssue for me if you will. As you can imagine, making this public =s embarrassing for me, Buzzfeed has tried, at every turn, to =isrepresent facts in the worst possible light, it is important for me =o not allow them to continue to do this with impunity. For =xample, they contacted my university and asked if there any claims fo =exual harassment against me, and though the University explicitly =eplied there were none from the University, but that there was an =xternal allegation about a remote event that the University had =nvestigated and had discredited (the one I mentioned above) and about =hich they would therefore not provide further information, Buzzfeed =nformed me that they intended to report that they contacted the =university with a request for information about sexual harassment =llegations at ASU and that the University would not give them any =nformation.

Last, while it would not ber surprising if Buzzfeed has =eiinterpreted statements from Perimeter staff just to elicit a response, =ut if a member of your staff made the original false allegation to =uzzfeed (violating confidentiality in the process I expect) I wanted =ou to be aware of this possibility, and if necessary act =ccordingly.

I really appreciate your prompt attention to this =equest.

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