
From: Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 4:21 PM
To: jeffrey E.
Subject: Re: CLARIFICATION: response to your email

Oh. On plane now and can't call. Bt= what is purpose of call exactly?. If someone I know called me about this I=would ask them to email me with details. I will try calling him when I=land in any case. Am going to send you revised email to look at too once I a= above 10000 feet.

Director, The Orig=ns Project at ASU
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School of Eart= & Space Exploration and Physics Department Arizona Sta=e University, P.O. Bo= 871404, =a href="x-apple-data-detectors://1/1" x-apple-data-detectors="true" x-a=ple-data-detectors-type="address" x-apple-data-detectors-result="1/1">T=mpe, AZ 85287-1404 F [REDACTED]
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Sent from my=iPhone

On Feb 14, 2018, at 8:13 AM, jeffrey E. &l=jeevacation@gmail.com <mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com> > wro=e:

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On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 10:28 AM=Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED]
wrote:

after 5 tries of what? =m at airport.

On Feb 14, 2018, at 8:17 AM, jeff=ey E. <jeevac=tion@gmail.com
<mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com> > wrote:

After five tries

On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 9=50 AM Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] > wrote:

In limo. To airport. I can't find direct number. I think it is best to send a touched up version of the letter by email first and trying to reach out to Neil after. I know from experience that if I contact Neil by phone he will say he will look into it and not say anything specific. Let me know about letter.

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On Feb 14, 2018, at 6:43 AM, Lawrence Krauss <

Trying that now. But the letter, which is rough as I read it and has to be fine tuned, is quite collegial so if I can't reach him I would like to send a touched up version of it this morning.

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On Feb 14, 2018, at 6:37 AM, Jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

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Did you call him

On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 9:32 AM Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]> wrote:

So should I send this? Please let me know ASAP.

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Lawrence M. Krauss

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<http://[REDACTED]com/lkrauss1

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[REDACTED] wrote:

welcome JEE: HERE IS MY PROPOSED EMAIL. GOING to NEIL TUROK. Comments

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[REDACTED]

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Dear Neil and Michael:

Attached is a copy of some correspondence from Buzzfeed, which has followed on six months of correspondence, following on a claim that two universities I am affiliated with had previously shown to be false. Buzzfeed produced 5 false allegations off the web which I subsequently demonstrated to be false, in an attempt to suggest a history of sexual harassment by me.

Following that Buzzfeed searched for other defamatory examples, and through someone at Perimeter received the following claim.

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—“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 this claim, they came back with the following claim, which they said was on the record by someone from Perimeter:

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.

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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:

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Subject: Holden XXX

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

To: <

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Dear Larry,

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

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

<=iv>With my best wishes,

Neil

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Subsequent to that, BuzzFeed came back with the following:

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

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During the eve=t, a sexual harassment complaint was filed with the administration against y=u.

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In 2012, as part of a formal review of its i=ternal policies, the institute made a decision that you would not be invite= to return.

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As you can see, the original claim by BuzzFeed= which they claimed was verified 'on the record' by Perimet=r, was false. I believe this final claim is false, and I would like c=nfirmation from you.. It may be a fine point, but I believe it is important= Originally Michael informed me immediately after the event that ther= was a complaint of inappropriate communication with one of the staff, some=hing I indicated then and reiterate now, I am not aware of at all, but be t=at as it may, he informed me at the time by email that with no further comm=nication with that person, the matter was closed. Several years late= I was invited to give another public lecture but your outreach coordinator=later rescinded the invitation, although I was reimbursed for that. A= you are aware, I subsequently discussed this with Neil in Vancouver in tha= year, and inquired about exactly what it was all about, and informed him t=at either a formal procedure to resolve any issue in which I could particip=te and respond might be appropriate, or the matter should be dropped. Neil s=id he would explore the matter, and neither he, nor anyone else, ever conta=ted me following that. I have never been informed of anything like B=zzfeed has claimed. Indeed I have been invited back to Perimeter for scient=fic meetings by various colleagues in the intervening years. </=iv>

I am very concerned by this claim below, for obvious=reasons. First, the original Perimeter source provided false and defa=atory information to BuzzFeed, changing a story only after I provided

count=r-evidence. Second, as you are aware Perimeter has never contacted me=about any such proviso in the interim. The only document I ever recei=ed was in 2009 from michael assuring me the matter was closed, whatever it w=s. I would find it highly irregular if any formal procedure took plac= with such an outcome without my knowledge or without any due process, and w=thout subsequently informing me.

I expect t=e correct statement, if there is one, is that there was a complaint from so=eone at Perimeter about inappropriate communication at the final party or w=ile being driven back to the hotel after it (for all I know it may have bee= about religious issues), and that 3 years later a decision was made by the=outreach coordinator, perhaps in collaboration with others, not to invite m= back at that time for a public lecture.

Pl=ase confirm my understanding of this issue for me if you will. As you=can imagine, making this public is embarrassing enough for me, especially s=nce I personally maintain whatever I may have said wasn't inappr=ate, and there was certainly no sexual harassment by any definition of that=word.. indeed there was nothing sexual in any discussion I know of. N=vertheless, if something is to be reported, indicating that it was a commun=cation issue, and there was no formal ban on my returning to Perimeter (esp=cially as nothing along these lines was ever communicated to me and I have r=ceived invites since that time) is less damning than suggesting otherwise.&=bsp; As Buzzfeed has tried, at every turn, to misrepresent facts in the wor=t possible light, it is important for me to not allow them to continue to d= this. For example, they contacted my university and asked if there a=y claims fo sexual harassment against me at the University, and though the U=iversity said there were not, but that there was an external allegation abo=t a remote event that had been discredited (the one I mentioned above), Buz=feed announced they would report that they contacted the University with a r=quest for information about sexual harassment allegations and were not give= any information in return..

Last, it could b= of course that Buzzfeed has reinterpreted statements from Perimeter staff,=but if a member of your staff made the original false allegation to Buzzfee= (violating confidentiality in the process I expect) I would like you to at=least be aware of this and act accordingly.

=hanks very much for your prompt and immediate attention to this request.

Lawrence Krauss

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Begin forwarded message:

February 13, 2018 at 2:54:26 PM PST

To: Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>

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

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In 2012, as part of a formal review of its internal policies, the institute made a decision that you would not be invited to return.</div>

If you wish to further comment on or clarify any of these points, please get in touch with us by tomorrow (Weds).

Thanks,
Peter Aldhous
(415) 800-3471</div>
(415) 503-7323

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On 2/12/18 8:20 AM, Lawrence Krauss wrote:

Although I wasn't going to bother and shouldn't need to, just one example among many: in this case 17 months after Q2C, email from the Director of the Perimeter Institute. I don't know how it could be much clearer.. (= have redacted out the rest of the body of the letter because it refers to a hiring issue that is irrelevant to you).. </iv>

Begin forwarded message:

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

Subject:&nb=p;Holden XXX

Date: =/b>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 ...

With my best wishes,

Neil

<mailto:[REDACTED]> wrote:

On Feb 9, 2018, at 3:04 PM, Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>

Oh yes, definitely and demonstrably.. I dispute everything except the first bullet point, with substantial evidentiary email communication... so you had better a=ert whoever went on the record at the perimeter institute about the consequences of making false allegations.

LMK

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On Feb 9, 2018, at 12:44 PM, Peter Aldhous
[redacted]; wrote:

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Dr. Krauss:=/span>

To clarify,=we plan to publish each of the following statements, which
have all been co=firmmed on the record by the Perimeter Institute:

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In October of 2009, y=u 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 t=e Perimeter Institute.

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During the event, a sexual harassment complaint was filed against y=u.

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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
complai=ant's privacy.

Do you dispute any of these statements?

If you would like to further clarify your position on these statements, please contact me before 12 noon Pacific on Saturday, Feb 10.

Peter Aldhous

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Peter Aldhous


Science reporter |

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On Thu, Feb 8, 2018 at 12:00 PM, Lawrence Krauss

 wrote:

Peter:

Got your phone call yesterday shortly before I finished a lecture and then headed to the airport to return home late last night, as I had indicated in my last email. I am responding below to your issues, which are yet again false and/or misleading. I cannot keep doing this. I have told you repeatedly that there is no basis for a story here. I and others have responded to false allegations, but you and your colleagues have continued to barrage me, my family, and my colleagues with a series of false allegations and innuendo for the past 6 months. So it seems you have decided to produce some kind of defamatory story, independent of evidence to the contrary, and you are asking me to help you do your work to write it. I don't know what else to say. I ask you again to stop this harassment, and not write a story based on false and misleading defamatory allegations to justify some foregone conclusion that might defame me and/or other individuals or groups, and in the process can hurt genuine efforts by many of us to address important issues, from encouraging diversity in STEM education around the world, to fighting ideological efforts that endorse sexism, racism, homophobia or attempt to suppress free speech and free thought.

—MK

On Feb 5, 2018, at 9:48 AM, Peter Aldhous <

Dr. Krauss:

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Since our earlier correspondence, further incidents have come to our attention. I've outlined the details below and would very much like to include your response to each in our story.



—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.

I am not made aware of any formal complaint of sexual harassment against me at Perimeter, which would have resulted in either formal proceedings or letters or emails to me. I did attend the "Quantum to Cosmos" Festival for several days and was never 'removed from the premises'. After I left I received thanks and further assistance from the staff. Nor was I banned from returning to Perimeter. I have maintained a collegial relationship with various colleagues there who have invited me to return on several occasions. <=p>

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Peter Aldhous, PhD

= Science reporter | 


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