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Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Lawrence Krauss
Subject: Re: CLARIFICATION: response to your email

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On Fri, Feb 9, 2018 at 8:27 PM, Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED]> wrote:

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Subject: <=span style="font-family:-webkit-system-font,Helvetica Neue,Helvetica,sans-serif">Re:
CLARIFICATION: response to your email

Date: February 9, 2018 at 2:04:43 PM PST

To: Peter Aldhous <[REDACTED]> <mailto:[REDACTED]> >
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Cc: [REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]> >

Oh yes, definitely and demons=rably.. I dispute everything except the first bullet point, with substanti=l
evidentiary email communication... so you had better alert w=oever 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 Aldho=s [REDACTED]
<mailto:[REDACTED]> > wrote:

Dr. Krauss:

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

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Do you dispute any of these statements?

If you'd 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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On Thu, Feb 8, 2018 at 12:00 PM, Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>
<mailto:lawkrauss@gmail.com> > wrote:

Pet=r:

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.

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On Feb 5, 2018, at 9:48 AM, Peter Aldhous
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dr. Krauss:=/div>

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 "

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" 9D 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. ◆=A0

—Former employees of the Origins Project told us that the working environment sometimes made them feel uncomfortable, partly because of your behavior, which they described as sometimes unprofessional and juvenile. They called you a "sexist" and a "womanizer."

In particular, they described the following incidents:

* In early 2016, after a transgender panelist for an upcoming event negotiated a higher appearance fee, you joked at a group meeting that “she’s got balls,” two witnesses said.

* During another meeting around that time you showed off a vaguely suggestive doodle you had made of a woman bent over, two witnesses said.

* “It was like being in a room with a 5-year-old and a 15-year-old boy at the same time,” one former employee said. “He had no filter.”

* At a dinner event at the school’s University Club in October 2015, a 19-year-old undergraduate said she was left feeling acutely uncomfortable when you looked at her from head to toe, smirked, and told her that you liked the short jumper she was wearing. Two witnesses confirmed her account.

* In April 2016, another staffer angrily posted on Facebook about how you “suggested that I should dress up like a hula girl while advertising for an event.”

* Another employee was so upset by your behavior that she started keeping a written record of offensive incidents. “Said he understood why people didn’t like to hire women of child bearing age because it isn’t fair to have to pay maternity benefit,” she wrote in one entry. “Said he’s going to buy me birth control so I don’t get pregnant and inconvenience him. Asked if I was planning to get pregnant.”

I am proud that the Origins Project has been an open and supportive program since it was created. Our team works in a transparent environment of candor and trust, where people can thrive and discuss all issues openly and frankly with mutual respect as part of a safe supportive team. Staff are encouraged to provide feedback and I and my managers have regular meetings with staff to discuss potential problems and concerns. No one has ever brought up complaints along any of these lines to any of us, nor has anyone complained to the University in this regard about any such issues. Quite the contrary.

Further miscellaneous information:

You are politically liberal. In your public appearances, writings, and tweets, you have decried sexism, racism, and homophobia.

You tweet provocatively about subjects including Islam, Muslims, Christianity, and Christians. Recently, you have tweeted links to articles questioning whether the #metoo movement has gone too far.

We also noticed your recent tweet about growing diversity in the skeptic movement. Our own report on that issue presents a complex picture.

Several female skeptics, after sharing personal accounts of misogyny and harassment <https://www.buzzfeed.com/markoppenheimer/will-misogyny-bring-down-the-atheist-movement> by men in the community, have been subjected to Gamergate-style online attacks, including rape and death threats <http://skeptichack.org/page-of-hate/>. In recent years, famous freethinkers have been criticized for their Islamophobia, for <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/apr/03/sam-harris-muslim-animus> cheering <https://www.facebook.com/Michael.Brant.Shermer/posts/10154093771021386> the alt-right media personality Milo Yiannopoulos, and for lampooning feminism and gender theory https://www.skeptical.com/reading_room/conceptual-penis-social-construct-sokal-style-hoax-on-gender-studies/.

* Do you had any comments on the view that parts of the skeptic/a=heist movement appear to be sliding into <<https://www.salon.com/2017/0=29/from-the-enlightenment-to-the-dark-ages-how-new-atheism-slid-into-the-it-right/>> the alt-right?

Again, if you wish to comment on or clarify any of these po=nts, please get in touch with us as soon as possible. If I do not respond =mmediately it is because I am on another call or teaching, so please leave=the best phone number to reach you.

Thanks,
Peter Aldhous

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