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Subject: Buzzfeed strikes back.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter Aldhous [REDACTED] **Date:** <=b> February 5, 2018 at 8:48:41 AM PST
To: Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED]
Subject: URGENT: Buzzfeed News inquiry re allegations of sexual harassment

Dr. Krauss:

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 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. =/p>

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

* "It was like being in a room with a 5-year-old a=d a 15-year-old boy at the same time," one former employee said. =80 He had no filter."

* At a dinner event at the school's University Cl=b in October 2015, a 19-year-old undergraduate said she was left feeling ac=tely uncomfortable when you looked at her from head to toe, smirked, and to=d her that you liked the short jumper she was wearing. Two witnesses confir=ed her account.

* In April 2016, another staffer angrily posted on Facebo=k about how you "suggested that I should dress up like a hula girl w=ile advertising for an event."

* Another employee was so upset by your behavior that she=started keeping a written record of offensive incidents. "Said h= understood why people didn't like to hire women of child bearing age becau=e 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 preg=ant and inconvenience him. Asked if I was planning to get pregnant."=/span>

Further miscellaneous information:

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

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

We also noticed your recent tweet about growing diversity in the sk=ptic movement. Our own reporting on that issue presents a complex picture.<=span>

Several female skeptics, after sharing personal accounts of misogyny and harassment<=span style="font-size:11pt;font-family:Arial;color:#000000;background-color:#ffffff;font-weight:400;font-style:normal;font-variant:normal;text-decoration:none;vertical-align:baseline;white-space:pre;white-space:pre-wrap;"> by m=n in the community, have been subjected to Gamergate-style online attacks,<=span> including rape and death threats <http://skepchick.org/page-o-hate/> . In recent years, </=span>famous freethinkers have been criticized for their Islamophobia, for cheering <https://www.facebook.com/Michael.Brant.Shermer/posts/10154093771021386> the alt-right media personality Milo Yiannopoulos, and for l=mpooning feminism and gender theory <https://www.skeptic.com/reading_rou=/conceptual-penis-social-construct-sokal-style-hoax-on-gender-studies/> .

* Do you had any comments on the view that parts of the sk=ptic/atheist movement appear to be sliding into <https://www.salon.com/2017/07/29/from-the-enlightenment-to-the-dark-ages-how-new-atheism-slid-into-the-alt-right/> the alt-right?</=span>

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

Thanks,

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