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From: Peter Aldhous [REDACTED] Date: February 5, 2018 at 8:48:41 AM PST  
To: Lawrence Kraus [REDACTED]  
Subject: URGENT: BuzzFe=d 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.

\* 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 extremely 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.”

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 reporting on that issue presents a complex picture.

Several female skeptics, after sharing personal accounts of misogyny and harassment by men in the community, have been subjected to Gamergate-style online attacks, including rape and death threats <http://skepchick.org/page-of-hate/>. In recent years, 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 lampooning feminism and gender theory [https://www.skeptic.com/reading\\_room/conceptual-penis-social-construct-sokal-style-hoax-on-gender-studies/](https://www.skeptic.com/reading_room/conceptual-penis-social-construct-sokal-style-hoax-on-gender-studies/).

\* Do you have any comments on the view that parts of the skeptic/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?

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

Thanks,

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