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Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 11:11 PM
To: jeffrey E.
Cc: Lawrence Krauss
Subject: Fwd: Follow-up

sigh.. this is what I am dealing with. although I take this as good news, since the allegation is so manifestly false and illy.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Follow-up

Date: June 21, 2018 at 7:09:51 PM =DT

To: Erin Ellison [REDACTED]

Cc: Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED], Carla Mahnke <[REDACTED]>

Dear Erin:

Thank you for sending this photo, which is quite important, for a variety of reasons, so I particularly appreciate the opportunity to respond.

As is quite clear from the photograph, this is not a case of photobombing, which involves intruding on someone's selfie or photograph without their knowledge or permission. Rather, it appears that these women were both aware and happy to have me take a picture with them, presumably at their request, as shown by the fact that the woman in the center has her arm around me in a friendly way.

Second, if I remember our interview correctly, I believe Ms. Thompson stated that this photo was taken after she claims she witnessed me touch someone's breast inappropriately. If that is the case, then this photo is further evidence that Ms. Thomson's account of the alleged groping incident is not credible, since both seem quite happy to be posing for a picture with me, without any sign of being upset. Quite the contrary.

More important, it also demonstrates once again that Ms. Thomson distorts and misrepresents her and my experiences at that meeting. This is as much an example of photobombing as the earlier photograph was an example of groping. It is hard to imagine why this picture would be used to support my allegation by Ms. Thomson against me.

In any case, this provides, in my mind, explicit evidence that her post hoc description of events at the time is distorted, and/or fabricated. Finally, I repeat that 'girl on girl' action is not something I would generally say, and I have no memory of saying that.

Thanks again for sending this.

Lawrence Krauss

On Jun 1, 2018, at 2:59 PM, Erin Ellison [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Dr. Krauss:

As you may recall, during your interview with OEI on April 4, 2018, we discussed an allegation brought forward by Mel Thomson, who claimed that during the 2016 Australian Skeptics National Convention, you photobombed a picture with her and another female (who Mel had just kissed on the cheek) and allegedly made the comment, "girl-on-girl action". You did not recall the incident, but indicated that you could have photobombed a picture. You also explained that "girl-on-girl action" is not the kind of thing you would say. OEI recently received the picture in question and I want to give you the opportunity to review it and respond to the allegation again. Please see below and let me know if you have any further information or thoughts. Thank you.

Regards,

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