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**From:** Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED]  
**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 =his as good news, since the allegation is so manifestly false and =illy.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: =/b>Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED]

Subject: =/b>Re: =ollow-up

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

To: =/b>Erin Ellison [REDACTED]

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

Dear Erin:

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

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

Second, if I remember our interview =orrectly, I believe Ms. Thompson stated that this photo was =aken after she claims she witnessed me =ouch someone's breast inappropriately. If that is the =ase, then this photo is further evidence that Ms. Thomson's =ccount of the alleged groping incident is not credible, since both seem =uite happy to be posing for a picture with me, without any sign of =eing upset. Quite the contrary.

More important, it also demonstrates =nce again that Ms. Thomson distorts and misrepresents her and my =xperiences at that meeting. This is as much an example of =hotobombing as the earlier photograph was an example of groping. =nbsp;It is hard to imagine why this picture would be used to support =ny 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 =irl' 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. =rauss:

As you may recall, during your interview with OEI on April =4, 2018, we discussed an allegation brought forward by Mel Thomson, who =laimed that during the 2016 Australian Skeptics National Convention, =ou photobombed a picture with her and another female (who Mel had just =issed on the cheek) and allegedly made the comment, "girl-on-girl=action". You did not recall the incident, but indicated that =ou could have photobombed a picture. You also explained that =E2◆◆girl-on-girl action" is not the kind of thing you would =ay. OEI recently received the picture in question and I want to =ive you the opportunity to review it and respond to the allegation =gain. Please see below and let me know if you have any further =nformation or thoughts. Thank you.

Regards,

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