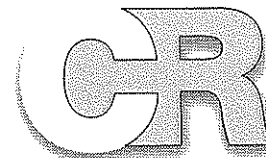


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Wikileaks

Dear Sirs

Mr Nadhmi Auchi

We represent Mr Nadhmi Auchi and have been instructed in relation to untrue and highly defamatory material appearing on the following pages of the 'Wikileaks' website:

1. *"US Defense Inspector General: Mobile Telecommunications Licenses in Iraq, 2004"*¹;
2. *"Eight stories on Obama linked billionaire Nadhmi Auchi censored from the Guardian, Observer, Telegraph and New Statesman"*²; and
3. *"From Baghdad to Chicago: Rezko and the Auchi Empire"*³

This letter is written pursuant to the pre-action protocol on defamation. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our client's claim in this jurisdiction in relation to material contained within and accessible from the three web pages referred to above. This letter has important legal consequences and we strongly suggest you pass this to your lawyer or insurer for advice on your response.

US Defense Inspector General: Mobile Telecommunications Licenses in Iraq, 2004

We refer you to the above webpage, which was posted on 22 September 2008. The page contains a 'Summary' of, *"Preliminary Findings: Report to the Inspector General into Mobile Telecommunications Licenses in Iraq"* ('the Pentagon Report') and a hyperlink to access the full Report.

The allegations contained in the 'Summary' of the Pentagon Report are untrue and highly defamatory of our client. In particular, which list is not exhaustive:

¹ http://wikileaks.org/wiki/US_Defense_Inspector_General:_Mobile_Telecommunications_Licenses_in_Iraq%2C_2004

² http://wikileaks.org/wiki/Eight_stories_on_Obama_linked_billionaire_Nadhmi_Auchi_censored_from_the_Guardian%2C_Observer%2C_Telegraph_and_New_Statesman

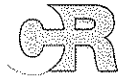
³ http://www.wikileaks.se/wiki/From_Bagdad_to_Chicago:_Rezko_and_the_Auchi_empire



1. The assertion that our client *"is connected to Presidential Candidate Barak Obama via Obama linked businessman Antoin "Tony" Rezko"* is highly misleading. Our client has never conducted any business with Senator Obama of any nature, and the implication that our client was involved in the sale of Senator Obama's property is entirely false. Our client had a business relationship with Mr Rezko.
2. It is untrue that our client *"served as Saddam Hussein's principle international financial manipulator and bag man"*. Our client never met or spoke to Saddam Hussein. Further, our client was not involved in any of Saddam Hussein's operations. In an apology to our client the Mail on Sunday stated *"We are happy to make clear that Mr Auchi is not linked to Saddam Hussein. He left Iraq in 1980 and has never been back."*
3. It is untrue that our client was involved in any corruption in relation to cell-phone licenses or was in any way involved in an *"elaborate scheme to take over and control the post-war cellular phone system in Iraq"* as claimed or at all.
4. It is untrue that our client was involved in the bribery of foreign governments or individuals as claimed or at all.
5. It is untrue that our client *"arranged for significant theft from the UN Oil-for-Food Program to smuggle weapons and dual-use technology into Iraq in violation of UN and other International Export Control Regimes"*. Our client had no involvement whatsoever in the Oil-for-Food scandal. Our client had a minority shareholding in Paribas when it was bought by BNP. As a result of the acquisition he then became a minority shareholder in BNP Paribas. This was after BNP had entered into the Oil-for-Food contract. Since the merger our client sold his shareholding in the bank. We refer you to the United Nations document "Report on the Manipulation of the Oil-for-Food Food Programme" which contains no mention of our client or any company of his.

By hyperlinking the full Pentagon Report to your webpage you are incurring liability for the publication of the defamatory allegations contained therein (which as far as we are aware have not been published by the Pentagon itself). These allegations are all false. In particular, which list is not exhaustive:

1. It is untrue that our client *"played a role in the Iraqi-European arms trade" or "persistent role in Iraq weapons purchases"*. He is not, and never has been, involved in the arms trade as alleged or at all in any country.
2. It is untrue that our client *"behind the façade of legitimate business, served as Saddam Hussein's principal international financial manipulator and bag man"*. As stated, our client never met or spoke to Saddam Hussein.
3. It is untrue that our client has engaged in any unlawful activities or worked with Iraqi intelligence operatives as claimed or at all.
4. As stated above, our client had no involvement whatsoever in the Oil-for-Food scandal.
5. Our client flatly and categorically denies any wrong doing in relation to matters that led to his conviction in France. He has applied to the European Court of Human Rights for a ruling that the trial resulting in his conviction breached his fundamental right to a fair trial. He is also suing Elf Oil for dragging him unwittingly into the scandal.
6. As stated, it is untrue that our client was involved in any corruption, rigging or fixing of contracts, bribery or other criminal activity in relation to cell-phone licenses as claimed or at all.



7. It is untrue that our client is a "global arms dealer", "played a significant role in the armament trade" or has a "history of illegal international arms traffic". As stated, our client has never had any involvement in the arms trade whatsoever.
8. It is untrue that our client bribed "foreign governments and individuals prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom to turn opinion against the American-led mission to remove Saddam Hussein".
9. It is untrue that our client was a "personal fixer for Saddam Hussein". As stated, our client never met or spoke to Saddam Hussein.
10. It is untrue that our client is a "corrupt supporter of Saddam Hussein's regime who got his money from doing deals, especially illegal arms transfers, for Saddam". As stated, our client never met or spoke to Saddam Hussein and was not involved in any of Saddam's operations.
11. Our client did not act as Saddam Hussein's "international finance man" and did not "assist [Saddam] with procurements for [his] telecommunications infrastructure". We repeat the fact that our client never met or spoke to Saddam Hussein and was not involved in any of his operations.
12. It is untrue that our client conspired with Saddam Hussein to assassinate Col. Abdul-Karim Qasim in 1959.
13. It is untrue that our client "brokered weapons deals with Italian and French companies selling arms to Iraq". As stated, our client has never been involved in the arms trade as alleged or at all.
14. It is untrue that our client "is one of Saddam's principal financial intermediaries in the West". As stated, our client never met or spoke to Saddam Hussein.
15. It is untrue that our client "was employed to pay bribes from Italian companies to win oil contracts in Iraq because of his close links to the regime." As stated, our client is not involved in bribery of any form.
16. It is untrue that our client used money from military contracts in Iraq as alleged or at all. Our client has had no involvement in military contracts. He was not involved in brokering a deal to sell Italian frigates to the Iraq defence ministry as alleged or at all. Our client has never owned a Panamanian company called the Dowal Corporation, or any company of a similar name.

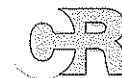
The Pentagon Report which you are responsible for publishing in this jurisdiction has been discredited. For example, we refer you to The Los Angeles Times' article "*Pentagon Deputy's Probes in Iraq Weren't Authorized, Officials Say*" published on 7 July 2004⁴ and to the apologies published to our client in the Financial Times⁵, The Times⁶ and Mail on Sunday (copy attached). In the circumstances, it is extraordinary that you should have chosen to publish the Report, or indeed failed to state that the Report has since been discredited.

Furthermore, you should note that some of the newspaper articles which are relied on as sources in the Pentagon Report have now been withdrawn from publication. In particular, we refer you to the article entitled "*Tycoon in quiz over ties to Labour*" which was published in *The Observer* on 6

⁴ <http://www.commondreams.org/headlines04/0707-03.htm>

⁵ <http://search.ft.com/ftArticle?queryText=auchi&aje=true&id=080103000363&ct=0>

⁶ <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article694687.ece>



April 2003. The article is quoted verbatim at Annex H of the Report, which contains a biographical summary of Mr Auchi. This article has already been the subject of legal proceedings that were settled, the terms of which included the publication of a letter on 16 October 2005, affirming the article's inaccuracy and to which we refer below.

The webpage also contains a hyperlink to an article by Bill Gertz called "*Inside the Ring*"⁷ that was first published in the 29 February 2008 edition of the Washington Times and which repeats many of the defamatory allegations referred to above and below. Whilst this article is the subject of separate legal proceedings against the publishers of The Washington Times, we hold you responsible and liable for the republication of the allegations via the hyperlink from your webpage.

Eight stories on Obama linked billionaire Nadhmi Auchi censored from the Guardian, Observer, Telegraph and New Statesman

We refer you to the above page, posted on 25 September 2008. The 'Summary' on this page contains numerous allegations that are defamatory of our client. In particular, which list is not exhaustive:

1. It is untrue that our client is a fraudster, or has even been engaged in "*grossly fraudulent*" activities in Iraq, or anywhere else.
2. It is untrue that BNP Paribas is, or was, an, "*...Auchi controlled bank, BNP Paribas, which was the sole financial institution receiving billions in "Oil-for-Food" program money*". As stated above, our client had no involvement whatsoever in the Oil-for-Food scandal.
3. It is misleading to state that our client was extradited to France. In fact, he went to France for questioning of his own volition.

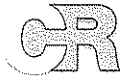
Further, the page contains a hyperlink to a WinZip file or "dossier" containing eight articles and three blogs. These articles contain numerous untrue and highly defamatory allegations regarding our client. It should be noted that Guardian News & Media Limited, in particular, accepted that the articles that it published contained "*some significant inaccuracies*". In addition, it undertook not to republish the allegations and has written to search engines requesting that they no longer publish the article complained of and remove all links and hyperlinks to it on the internet. We enclose a sample copy of one of the letters sent. Guardian News & Media Limited also agreed to pay a substantial sum in relation to our client's costs.

For the avoidance of doubt, we set out below each of the defamatory articles and their allegations (which list is not exhaustive) that are contained in the dossier file and for which you are liable:

Observer article dated 2 February 2003 by Martin Bright and Antony Barnett entitled "Labour blocks extradition of Iraqi tycoon"

1. It is misleading to state that our client refused to go to France for questioning. In fact he asked for questions to be put in writing and offered to meet the Judge in London. As stated, our client he went to France for questioning of his own volition.
2. It is untrue that our client "*received £10 million commission on an Italo-French bid to build a pipeline for Saddam in 1986*" or that, as far as our client is aware, Italian fraud investigators claimed this.

⁷ <http://www.gertzfile.com/gertzfile/ring022908.html>



Guardian article dated 2 April 2003 by Mark Hollingsworth entitled "Billionaire linked to Labour arrested in London"

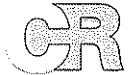
1. It is untrue that our client has "*past links*" with Saddam Hussein's regime, "*was close to Saddam Hussein*" or sheltered funds for him. We repeat the fact that our client never met Saddam Hussein nor ever even spoke to him.
2. It is untrue that our client has had any involvement in the sale of Italian warships to the Iraqi regime in 1980 or at any time. As stated, our client has never been involved in buying or selling arms.

Observer article dated 6 April 2003 entitled "So, Norman, any regrets this time?"

1. This article repeats the defamatory allegations above concerning our client's involvement in the sale of Italian warships to the Iraqi regime. As stated, he has never been involved in buying or selling arms to Iraq in 1980 or at any time.

Observer article dated 6 April 2003 by Martin Bright, Antony Barnett and Mark Hollingsworth entitled "Tycoon in quiz over ties to Labour"

1. It is untrue that our client "*built his financial empire on peddling his influence with Saddam Hussein's Baathist regime*". Our client never met or spoke to Saddam Hussein and was not involved in any of Saddam Hussein's operations as we have previously made clear.
2. Our client flatly and categorically denies any wrong doing in relation to matters that led to his conviction in France as we have made clear above.
3. It is untrue that our client "*was tried alongside Saddam Hussein for his involvement in a conspiracy to assassinate an Iraqi prime minister in Baghdad in the 1950s*". Our client was not involved in such an attack as alleged or at all.
4. It is untrue that our client was involved in allegations with regard to bribery in Italy.
5. It is untrue that our client was involved in "*an attempted assassination, two of Europe's largest political corruption scandals and a series of multi-million pound oil and arms deals with Saddam Hussein*".
6. It is untrue that our client "*built his fortune on secretive deals with the Iraqi regime*".
7. It is untrue that our client's career "*began in the back streets of Baghdad in a post-war world of coup plots, intrigue and murder*".
8. As stated, it is untrue that our client "*once stood trial with Saddam Hussein for conspiring to assassinate Iraq's Prime Minister Abdul Karim Qasim*". Our client was not involved in such attack, as alleged or at all.
9. It is untrue that our client first established himself in Britain with "*money he had earned from deals carried out for the regime in the pre-sanctions era of Iraq and as a member of Saddam Hussein's Baathist regime*". As stated above, our client was not involved in any of Saddam Hussein's operations.
10. It is untrue that our client "*used money from military contracts in Iraq*" as alleged or at all. Our client has had no involvement in military contracts. As previously stated, he was not involved in brokering a deal to sell Italian frigates to the Iraq defence ministry as alleged or



at all. Our client has never owned a Panamanian company called the Dowal Corporation, or any company of a similar name.

11. Our client had no involvement whatsoever in the construction of a pipeline from Iraq to Saudi Arabia and it is untrue that he received any "*commission*" whatsoever in that regard.
12. It is untrue that our client "*used to pay bribes to Iraqi government officials to win the deal for the Italians*". As stated, our client was not involved with bribery as claimed or at all.

Observer article dated 16 November 2003 by Nick Cohen entitled "The politics of sleaze"

1. It is untrue that our client had any involvement with Saddam Hussein when Saddam Hussein was "*acquiring his taste in blood*" or at all. As stated, our client never met or even spoke to Saddam Hussein. Our client also was not involved in and, at the time it happened, had no knowledge of the assassination attempt on Abdul Karim Qasim.
2. It is untrue that our client was involved in allegations with regard to bribery in post-war Italy. To his knowledge he was not investigated.
3. It is untrue that our client, or any bank of his, held money stolen by Saddam Hussein and/or Colonel Gaddafi or, as far as he is aware, that a Belgium Ambassador claimed this.
4. It is untrue that our client was involved in making illegal payments in connection with a deal to sell Italian frigates to the Iraqi Defence Ministry. As stated, our client is not and has never been involved in buying or selling arms to Iraq.
5. It is untrue that our client was close to Saddam Hussein and his government, as a result of which he acted as the international intermediary to secure the contract for the construction of a pipeline from Iraq to Saudi Arabia for a Franco-Italian consortium.
6. It is untrue that our client was "*handed*" to France by Britain. He went to France of his own volition, as stated.
7. It is seriously misleading to imply that our client's "*backing*" of Orascom is in some way sinister. He is in fact a passive investor, owning only 2.5% of the company and had no knowledge of the mobile phone contract until it was publicly announced. It follows that he had no involvement in it whatsoever. Our client also plays no part in the management of the company.

Observer article dated 16 November 2003 by Antony Barnett and Mark Bright entitled "MP questions Iraq role of Briton tainted over Elf"

1. It is seriously misleading to claim that our client "*brokered a number of deals with Saddam's regime*". He was involved with contracts with Iraq during the period in which Iraq was considered to be a friend of the West. On sanctions being imposed, our client ceased conducting business with entities in Iraq.

'Accuracy In Media' website posting dated 24 August 2008 by Andrew Walden entitled "Iraqi Billionaire Threatens Reporters Investigating Rezko Affair"

1. It is untrue that there was a "*secret loan*" or indeed any impropriety in our client's property dealings and in particular in the loan referred to of \$3.5 million to Mr Rezko. The loan was part of a commercial transaction with Mr Rezko, made at a commercial rate of interest and secured by the personal pledge of Mr Rezko and specified assets. The payment was made

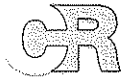


to an account of Mr Rezko's attorneys. Our client is in no way responsible for Mr Rezko's subsequent detention. Mr Rezko appears to have had his bail revoked because of his failure to properly disclose the loan. This is not, of course, a matter for which our client is in any way responsible.

2. As stated, our client flatly and categorically denies any wrong doing in relation to matters that led to his conviction in France.
3. It is untrue that our client had any involvement with Saddam Hussein, as stated.
4. It is untrue that our client was involved in bribing "*fabulously corrupt leaders of post-war Italy*".
5. It is untrue that our client, or any entity of his, held money for Saddam Hussein or Colonel Gadaffi.
6. It is untrue that our client's company was a "*key source of weapons procurement for Iraq*". He is not involved in the arms trade as alleged or at all in any country.
7. As stated above, our client had any involvement whatsoever in the Oil-for-Food scandal.
8. It is untrue that our client is a "*global arms dealer*". He is not involved in the arms trade as alleged or at all in any country.
9. It is untrue that our client was Saddam Hussein's "*principle international financial manipulator and bag man*". We repeat that, in fact, our client never met nor spoke to Saddam Hussein and was not involved in any of his operations.
10. It is untrue that our client has engaged in any "*unlawful activities working closely with Iraqi intelligence operatives to bribe foreign governments*". As stated, our client is not involved with bribery of any form.
11. It is untrue that "*Mr Auchi was a leading supplier of arms to Saddam's regime*" or was involved with "*Saddam's intelligence service*". As stated above, our client never met or spoke to Saddam Hussein and was not involved in any of Saddam Hussein's operations.
12. Our client has no recollection of meeting Senator Obama when he visited Michigan and Illinois in April 2004, or at any time. Our client had a business relationship with Mr Rezko.
13. With regard to the claim that our client was "*attempting in 2005 to win a U.S. visa with the help of Mr Rezko and several as-yet-unnamed Illinois political figures*", our client has no knowledge of this. He did not authorise Mr Rezko to contact the US State Department or Illinois government officials to help in this regard.
14. It is untrue that our client is a "*Saddam Hussein crony and Oil-for-Food banker*". As stated above, our client never met or spoke to Saddam Hussein and had no involvement whatsoever in the Oil-for-Food scandal.

“Nadhmi Auchi and the Observer” posted by Martin Bright of the New Statesman on ‘Bright’s Blog’ on 22 April 2008

1. This article repeats the misleading and inaccurate allegation concerning our client's conviction in France.



2. Our client is not, in any way, responsible for Mr Rezko's detention. Further, our client has no personal knowledge of Mr Rezko being a fundraiser for Senator Obama and has neither conducted any business with Senator Obama of any nature nor contributed to any campaign fund of his. Indeed, he does not recall ever having met Senator Obama.

The defamatory allegations contained in Mr Bright's posting dated 22 April 2008 set out above were subsequently repeated in a further posting on 'Bright's Blog' entitled 'Mr Nadmi Auchi (an update)' dated 4 June 2008.

"Elf executives are jailed over £210m 'black box' fraud" by Philip Delves Broughton – filed 13 November 2003 from telegraph.co.uk

1. This article repeats the misleading and inaccurate allegation concerning our client's conviction in France.

You should also be aware that The New Statesman Online recently removed access to your web pages from its website within 48 hours of being put on notice that it was liable for the publication of these allegations.

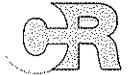
"From Baghdad to Chicago: Rezko and the Auchi empire"

We refer you to the above article, by "*former senior official of US defense, State, and Commerce Departments*" John A Shaw, which was published on your website on 10 October 2008. The article contains numerous highly defamatory and false allegations about our client, in addition to other false claims about him. In particular, which list is not exhaustive:

1. It is untrue that our client directs or is in any way involved with any "*corrupt international financial combine*". Our client is not involved in corruption of any form.
2. As stated, our client flatly and categorically denies any wrong doing in relation to matters that led to his conviction in France.
3. It is untrue that our client is "*the fountainhead of a source of corruption flowing from Iraq, to France, Italy, and the United States*". As stated, our client is not involved in corruption of any form.
4. It is untrue that our client "*successfully posited Saddam's UN Oil for Food scheme*" in Paris as claimed or at all. As stated, our client had no involvement whatsoever in the scandal. Our client had a minority shareholding in Paribas when it was bought by BNP. As a result of the acquisition he then became a minority shareholder in BNP Paribas. This was after BNP had entered into the Oil-for-Food contract. Since the merger our client sold his shareholding in the bank. I refer you to the United Nations document "Report on the Manipulation of the Oil-for-Food Food Programme" which contains no mention of our client or any company of his.
5. It is untrue that our client's business is "*complexly organized and appropriately camouflaged to conceal any criminal activity*". Neither our client nor any of his businesses engages in any form of criminal activity.
6. The assertion that our client's "*methodology*" "*under cover of seeking legitimate business, buy whoever is necessary in the political decision chain to control the process and the outcome*" is entirely false. As we have already made clear, our client is not involved in political bribery or any form of bribery.



7. It is untrue that our client was involved *"with Saddam Hussein as part of a Baathist assassination squad"*. Our client has never been part of an assassination squad, conducted business with or indeed ever met Saddam Hussein, as we have already made clear to you.
8. It is untrue that our client is a *"shadowy puppet master"* to Mr Rezko, guides or finances him as claimed or at all. As stated, our client and Mr Rezko were business associates.
9. The implication that our client was involved in the purchase of Senator Obama's property is entirely false. As stated, our client has never conducted any business with Senator Obama of any nature. Indeed, our client does not even recall ever having met Senator Obama. Our client had a business relationship with Mr Rezko. It is not a matter for our client if Mr Rezko chose to raise money for Senator Obama or to whom he donated money.
10. The implication that our client was involved in the funding of Senator Obama *"as part of Rezko's scheme to purchase government contracts through kickbacks from campaign contributions"* is also entirely false. Our client has never funded Senator Obama, and has never been involved in kickbacks or the purchase of government contracts as claimed or at all.
11. It is untrue that our client has a corrupt network *"across the world"* or at all. As stated, our client is not involved in corruption of any kind. You should note that the *Wall Street Journal* article to which you refer is subject to separate legal complaint.
12. It is untrue that our client *"had spent two decades as Saddam Hussein's broker in the international oil and armament worlds"*. As stated, our client never met or spoke to Saddam Hussein and was not involved in any of Saddam Hussein's operations.
13. It is untrue that our client *"bought an aura of respectability by buying senior politicians and favourable press"*. As stated, our client is not involved in bribery of any form.
14. It is untrue that our client *"had been Saddam Hussein's senior arms dealer and had morphed into his principal international financial bagman"*. As stated, our client never met or spoke to Saddam Hussein, was not involved in any of Saddam Hussein's operations and has never been a 'senior arms dealer' for Saddam Hussein or anyone else.
15. It is untrue that our *"had become the Godfather of the UN Oil for Food scheme"*. As stated above, our client had no involvement whatsoever in the scandal.
16. It is untrue that our client offered *"million dollar bribes for multi-million dollar contracts"* or bought his way to foreign leaders as claimed or at all. As stated, our client is not involved in bribery of any form.
17. It is untrue that our client *"was a frequent visitor to the Green Zone in Baghdad during the CPA era"* or *"met numerous times with CPA viceroy L. Paul Bremer"*. Our client left Iraq in 1980 and has only been back to the country once, in late 2007.
18. It is untrue that our client had *"bought his way into France"* or *"cultivated President Mitterand and President Chirac, as well as key members of their cabinets"*. As stated, our client is not involved in bribery of any form.
19. It is untrue that our client was involved in an *"extensive scheme to trade off campaign donations to Illinois politicians for jobs and multimillion dollar state and city contracts"* with Mr Rezko or at all.



20. It is untrue that our client has any connections to *"the Iraqi spy ring about to go to trial in Detroit"*.
21. It is untrue that there is a *"pattern of buying influence which tied directly into the Illinois Democratic Party"*, in relation to our client. As stated, our client is not involved in bribery or 'buying influence' as claimed or at all.
22. It is untrue that our client underwrote the purchase of Senator Obama's house. As stated, our client has never conducted business with Senator Obama or made any kind of payment to him.
23. It is untrue that our client is a "principal beneficiary of the entire Iraqi cellular telecommunications tender", was engaged in "fixing the contracts for the entire Iraqi telecommunications system" or was involved with corruption in relation to cell-phone contracts in Iraq as claimed or at all. Our client has no knowledge whatsoever of any such investigation, other than claims he has read in the press, which he believes to be false. Despite it now being 2008 our client, nor anyone on his behalf, has been contacted by the US police or other investigators with regard to such an investigation.

Our client reserves the right to rely upon further allegations should he decide that it is necessary. As you are no doubt aware, you are liable for the defamatory allegations you have written, in addition to the defamatory publications you have published and republished. In addition, we put you on formal notice that any further or secondary publication caused by you will aggravate the damages claim.

The publication of these offensive, false and defamatory allegations has caused our client considerable distress and embarrassment. It is a matter of grave concern that you appear to have made no attempt whatsoever to contact our client or any representative of his before publishing the summaries, the Pentagon Report and the various articles and blogs listed above.

Unsurprisingly, our client is concerned about the effect that your publication has had and continues to have upon him both personally and professionally and, accordingly, we ask you to remove the defamatory pages from your website immediately.

Should you failure immediately to remove the defamatory content from your website, we reserve our client's right to issue proceedings for libel against you seeking damages and an injunction, without further notice to you. In this eventuality the proceedings will be in England, where our client has lived and worked for over 25 years, in respect of your publication of the grave libels in England.

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Yours faithfully

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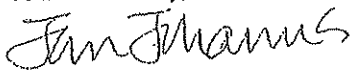
We write to give you notice that we have received a libel claim from Mr Nadhmi Auchl concerning six archived articles. Having considered Mr Auchl's complaint, we accept that the articles contain some significant inaccuracies and have removed the articles from our website.

We write to ask you not to publish the articles complained of and to remove all links and hyperlinks to them. The articles are:

1. the Observer article dated 2 February 2003 entitled "Labour blocks extradition of Iraqi tycoon"
2. the Guardian article dated 2 April 2003 entitled "Billionaire linked to Labour arrested in London"
3. the Observer article dated 6 April 2003 entitled "So, Norman, any regrets this time?"
4. the Observer article dated 6 April 2003 entitled "Tycoon in quiz over ties to Labour"
5. the Observer article dated 16 November 2003 entitled "Politics of sleaze"
6. the Observer article dated 16 November 2003 entitled "MP questions Iraq role of Briton tainted over Elf".

Thank you for your assistance with the above.

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