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Dear Mr James

As I am sure you are aware, your firms name and alleged activities are featured on the website Shell2004.com.

Someone has recently remarked that your firms name appears in a considerable amount of the correspondence published on the website. They asked if I had ever contacted Hakluyt to provide an opportunity for your firm to clarify the situation. I had to admit that I had not done so. This is why I am now writing to you.

I have documents which prove that Shell Transport and Trading Co directors/shareholders - one a former Group Chairman of the Royal Dutch Shell Group - have simultaneously been directors/major shareholders in Hakluyt. As you know, that is a matter of public record.

One titled Shell Transport director, the late Sir Peter Holmes, was the President of The Hakluyt Foundation. Another titled Shell Transport director, Sir William Purves, was the Chairman of Hakluyt & Company Limited. On 20 October 2003 you and he co-signed and approved the Financial Statements for the company submitted to Companies House. Thus Shell directors were the ultimate spymasters of Hakluyt which employs many former MI6 agents including your good self (a founder of the firm).

I had no idea at the time when Police were investigating matters involving undercover activity against my family and I (some of which was admitted by Shell) that Shell was so intimately associated with a firm whose whole expertise is based on covert operations. Shell did not disclose this potentially materially important connection to the Police.

I agree that it is only fair to put some questions directly to you so that any misconceptions or mistakes can be rectified.

1. Can you kindly advise whether Hakluyt has had any contact with Shell in

regards to my family or me or our former business?

2. Has Shell ever used your firm's services in relation to my family, me or our former business?

3. Has the mysterious Paris based "spook", Mr ***** *****, ever had any association with Hakluyt? It is reasonably certain from his credentials that Mr ***** is a member of the intelligence community. Courtesy of the US Freedom of Information Act, a report of his initial involvement in a US intelligence project is published on the US National Security Archive website.

4. Has Mr "Christopher Phillips", purportedly a "director" of "Cofton Consultants" (a non existence company) ever had any association with Hakluyt? Mr Phillips, an admitted Shell undercover agent, used outright deception (including presenting fake documents) during his clandestine mission, which Shell laughable described as "routine credit enquiries". As you may know, he was caught red-handed illegally checking private mail at our offices.

5. Does your firm have an on-going close relationship with Shell?

6. Did Shell use your firms' services as alleged in the Sunday Times story published on 17 June 2001?

7. Is your firm a front for MI6 as many MP's seem to believe i.e. the commercial arm of MI6? This speculation is of course based on solid foundations - the background to your firm and its support and blessings from the highest level of MI6.

These are all straightforward questions and I will happily publish your response on an unedited basis. I will understand if you only choose to answer some questions. This is your opportunity to disavow any involvement by Hakluyt in the Donovan/Shell affair if that is the case and to put right any misconceptions.

Please be advised that I fully support the activities of MI5 and MI6 when they are engaged in the UK national interest, for example in the fight against terrorists.

However it is entirely inappropriate if such resources have been utilised or highjacked by an arrogant deceitful multinational giant (and/or by a collection of the establishment elite) for their own purposes e.g. to counter legitimate campaigning activity and/or litigation brought in the UK courts.

In other words, I would strongly object to the "establishment" using a publicly owned and funded resource against what they consider to be anti-establishment threats to their status and position. I note in this connection that the list of titled individuals closely associated with your spying firm reads like a roll call of the establishment - what I have described as a titled mafia. A unique collection of the most powerful and wealthy people in the UK brought together in an enterprise which to ordinary people like myself appears sinister and disturbing.

In this connection, please also be aware that in the interests of the personal safety of my family and me, I have recently written to all MP's, so that they are fully conversant with these matters.

Shell has for some reason ignored all questions relating to Hakluyt. However, if you confirm in the terms set out above that Hakluyt has had no association with Shell in regards to these matters then I will make no further reference to Hakluyt in correspondence. Furthermore, if you so desire, I will also write to every party I have previously contacted on the subject and make them aware of your denial.

Could you kindly respond via my email address: alfrededonovan@hotmail.com

Yours sincerely
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