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Dear Mr Donovan

**Shell Smart Card Consortium**

I have been asked to respond to your letter of 15th June addressed to Dr Fay.

My clients are most concerned to learn that you have received anonymous threatening telephone calls. That is certainly not their, nor this firm's, way of conducting litigation and I can certainly assure you that such behaviour would not be authorised or condoned by my clients.

Nor can we shed any light on the identity of the mysterious Mr Hoots. It would appear, from the letter you have received from The European, that Mr Hoots is indeed a journalist, though not employed by them. It does not appear, however, that my client's media department has been contacted by Mr Hoots in pursuit of his supposed story.

Obviously if the police are to investigate the matter, my clients will co-operate fully with them. Meanwhile, thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Yours sincerely

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