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Sent: 19 April 2007 17:30
To: Judith Willietts (E-mail); Leslie Turnberg (E-mail); Lord Archer (E-mail)
Subject: E-mail from Charles Hay - Chairman of UKHCDO

Dear all

Please find below two e-mails I have received from a Mr Charles Hay, who initially does not tell us what position he fills.

Does anyone have any specific concerns, as I can confirm I have now received the transcript from yesterday and am going through it and will take out any references which are possibly defamatory.

Many thanks

Vijay

First e-mail:

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Charles Hay

PS: The university is about to phase out my server and so my full e-mail address will change again. I would therefore encourage you to use either the reply button or one of my pseudonyms, which will continue to work. These are: [GRO-C] or charles.hay@[GRO-C]

Second e-mail:

Dear Mr Mehan,

Since I think it is inevitable that some of your witnesses will give evidence which is both defamatory and untruthful and that you will publish it on your website, I shall take independent legal advice on this matter.

I trust that you will share my concerns with Lord Archer and the other assessors.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Hay
Chairman UKHCDO

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