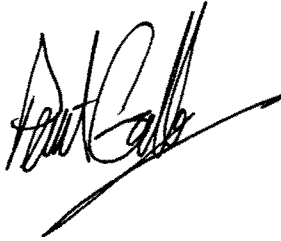


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SUBJECT: **Investigation by SIU into “Possible Assault” in OIOS offices**  
OBJET:

Attached are an exchange emails and a Voluntary Statement provided by me.

On 3 February I was contacted by Sgt. Bramwell of the SIU and invited to attend an interview. When I asked under what authority the SIU were acting, the response was unsatisfactory, but I was advised that it was an investigation of “*a possible assault*” in the OIOS offices.

Unless I am very seriously mistaken and this relates to some physical thuggery by knife fist or gun (of which I am completely ignorant), the “possible assault” that Sgt. Bramwell has been tasked to look into relates to either or both of two “non-incidents” which, I am given to understand, might have taken place, had nobody prevented them from taking place, which they could have done by the simple expedient of *stepping aside*.

Unfortunately, if indeed these non-incidents did actually take place (as opposed to the actual incidents not taking place) I know absolutely nothing about them anyway, because they did not consciously involve me.

If anyone is slightly confused about this, please be assured you are not alone.

On 27 January, my FRO, Dan Wilson asked me about “*an incident*” that may have happened (or not happened) involving Roberta Baldini on 23 January and I said I knew nothing about any incident, as I was certain there had never been anything that involved me that could be construed as “an incident.”

Then on 30 January, he asked about another “incident” that may have happened (*or maybe not, who knows?*) involving Vlad Dzuro one day earlier, on 29 January. I said I was absolutely positive I knew nothing about it because there was no doubt in my mind that there had not been any “incident”.

The attached statement should part the clouds and allow the light of comprehension to shine through – but in retrospect, it appears Dan Wilson may have been asking the wrong question; he should perhaps have asked if I denied knowing nothing about any incidents that did not happen.

Please read my statement.

Having exhausted the opportunities to report me for something that I have actually done that would actually warrant some corrective action, it appears that some of the best and brightest investigators on the UN payroll are now making complaints based on possible future acts, or things that might even have taken place in Parallel Universe.

In this regard, as we have apparently left the realm of Newtonian physics behind us, I can only pause to contemplate the jurisprudential implications of whether someone could be guilty today, of kicking Schrodingers cat tomorrow, when it is still in the box.

A number of more serious questions remain to be answered:

- 1) **Was there “a possible assault” in this office on either 23 January or 29 January or both? (Or even on any other date.)**
- 2) **By what authority do the SIU seek to investigate an OIOS staff member, and in particular for a Cat.1 act of misconduct?**
- 3) **Was the report from the OIOS staff member made to the SIU in good faith?**

and

- 4) **What action did the SIU take to determine whether there was anything approaching ‘probable cause’ to initiate any kind of fact-finding or investigative process into this alleged “possible assault”?**

I will leave #4 aside for the time being and address each of the other three:

#### **“Possible assault”**

I personally do not believe that anything happened, or at least, if anything did happen, it had nothing to do with me and I was not even aware of it, as I have already put in writing in a Voluntary Statement which is signed, and is attached.

That said, **I will co-operate with any properly authorised investigation into it.**

Without wishing to pre-empt the jurisdiction question, if Sgt. Bramwell wishes to ask any further specific questions, if he cares to put them in writing and send them to me, even though I am on Home Leave I will endeavor to get back to him with written responses as soon as conveniently possible.



### **Authority of SIU to investigate misconduct**

This is not a trivial matter. Curiously enough, it is a question to which I have to confess I have never known the answer.

Sgt. Bramwell's response is not satisfactory and an explanation of this question of jurisdiction is needed, for the benefit of everyone in OIOS/ID.

For no other reason, I think it would be advantageous for all of us to clarify the matter now. If nothing else, this could prevent the subject of a future investigation raising the same challenge with a more acute defensive incentive than I have, and using it to overturn any findings against him.

**Can we have the question of jurisdiction clarified?** Call it "training" if necessary but an explanation is due.

### **Report being made in good faith**

Whilst I may be prepared to believe in UFOs, the Loch Ness Monster and even that there may be fairies at the bottom of my garden, I do NOT believe it is entirely a coincidence that the two persons involved in the two non-incidents of 23 and 29 January just happen to be the same two persons who have been responsible for a long series of groundless and increasingly petty reports, starting on 14 March 2013, and which can be attributed to the failure of the same two persons to comply with the relatively straight forward use of the English language in ST/AI/2010/5, compounded by the inability the same two persons to justify that document that they wanted me to sign on 1 March and which I really am getting royally sick, tired and fed up having to remind people about.

At the present time, of course I am not in a position to say with any certainty whether the SIU are pursuing some private initiative of their own, or whether they may have been misguided by information received by parties who I have to say remain technically unknown to me at this time. Given recent events and the application of the *cui bono* test, however, I would be prepared to lay a heavy bet on it - if only there was a bookie that would take my money.

**I have reasonable grounds to believe that a report of potentially criminal conduct has been made in bad faith.**

I am prepared to tolerate reports of misconduct from ordinary staff members being tainted by a degree of petty back-stabbing, but I believe it is of the utmost importance that a more professional standard be demanded in a report generated by anyone employed in an investigative role. I do not believe it is acceptable that anyone drawing a salary as an investigator should be trading in unfounded rumour or innuendo, or should misrepresent facts to serve a petty political agenda of their own.

This is going to have to involve a complete and thorough review of this report of a "*possible assault*" from its inception.

Given that I was clearly the subject of this complaint, I must allow for the theoretical possibility (however remote) that there was an assault, possibly, so in that regard it would be improper of me to be directing how the investigation into that allegation should proceed.

You have my statement, I am prepared to provide written responses to any interrogatories you may send me when I am away.

If it is still deemed necessary, please be assured I will attend any interview as soon as I get back from leave and I will answer questions verbally - if anyone can think of any.

I have no issue with Sgt. Bramwell and certainly have absolutely *no* desire to take action against him personally for doing his job. I am inclined to suspect he is a witness to a bad faith report, rather than some covert Persecutor in Chief with conspiratorial motives.


It is, however, my intention to pursue this matter.

In that regard, can I ask both of you to address two management issues

- 1) Can you agree who has jurisdiction to investigate the “possible assault” and move that investigation to an early conclusion?**
- 2) Can I be provided with more information about what was reported to SIU and the nature of what it was that I am alleged to have done.**

I am quite happy that Sgt. Bramwell continues with the investigation, and I will be happy to accept documents with names redacted, at least for the time being.

Thank you very much



cc. Sgt Bramwell, SIU  
Dan Wilson