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Dear Ms. Geocaris:

We received an important and troubling report on Wednesday, which we understand is already in UC Irvine's hands, regarding the Muslim Student Union. The report was prepared by the Investigative Project on Terrorism led by Steve Emerson, one of the foremost experts on terrorism who is often asked to share his expertise with law enforcement, government officials and the public through TV, radio and newspaper interviews. The Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT) disclosed that despite the Muslim Student Union's claims to the contrary, the Muslim Student Union preplanned and orchestrated the repeated disruption of the speech delivered on campus by Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren on February 8, 2010. According to the evidence in the report, the disruptions were not carried out by individual students of their own accord, as Muslim Student Union officials have repeatedly claimed. In fact, the IPT shows that a Muslim Student Union official sent an e-mail advising members about how to cover up the group's involvement in the disruptions. This report provides the latest evidence of the Muslim Student Union's repeated violation of university policies, which should result in the imposition of severe sanctions. We understand that the university is presently verifying the authenticity of the latest evidence. Once that is done, we urge the university to finally take the steps it should have taken already: The Muslim Student Union's registered status should be revoked.

As you surely know, prior to Ambassador Oren's speech, Muslim Student Union officials had represented to the University that the group was not going to disrupt it. After the speech, which was interrupted approximately a dozen times by students who stood up and screamed at Ambassador Oren that he was a murderer and a war criminal, the Muslim Student Union repeatedly denied any involvement in the loud and disgraceful disruptions, claiming that individual students acted on their own.

These e-mails show that the Muslim Student Union has once again lied to university officials. In an e-mail to the Muslim Student Union board dated February 6, 2010, the group's president described the "game plan" for the Oren event, detailing the

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roles of the disruptors, and the plan for the actual disruptions, which would be “throughout the whole time.” The e-mail instructed the disruptors to be “VERY LOUD, firm and strong,” and were told to “remember that this is a planned/calculated response.” The plan also provided details about how MSU members would communicate with one another during the speech. Members were advised to “stick to the script.”

The IPT reported that the Muslim Student Union’s objective was to stop Ambassador Oren from being heard; according to Muslim Student Union meeting minutes, “our goal should be that he know that he [the Ambassador] cant [sic] just go to a campus and say whatever he wants.” Muslim Student Union members were reportedly advised to “push the envelope.”

The IPT also reported that a week after the event, the Secretary of the Muslim Student Union sent an e-mail about how to respond to questions about the disruptions of the Ambassador’s speech, directing students to say that the Muslim Student Union was not involved:

“It was NOT an MSU event. This is probably the most important thing to remember to say. The 11 [disrupters] acted on their own accord, and it was not organized or put on by MSU. If asked about MSU stance, **MSU DID NOT ORGANIZE THE PROTEST**, but MSU does condemn the university for sponsoring the Oren speech” [emphasis in original].

As we have already pointed out to Chancellor Michael Drake, the relentless screamers who tried to intimidate and silence Ambassador Oren and to prevent the audience from hearing his views, violated numerous university policies, including: (1) Section 30.30 (which prohibits interfering with the university’s right to conduct its affairs in an orderly manner and to protect the rights of others to exchange ideas); (2) Section 102.08 (prohibiting conduct that threatens a person’s health or safety); (3) Section 102.09 (prohibiting harassment); (4) Section 102.13 (prohibiting obstruction or disruption of university activities); (5) Section 102.14 (prohibiting disorderly conduct); (6) Section 102.16 (prohibiting participating in disturbing the peace); and (7) Section 102.16 (prohibiting failing to comply with university officials’ directions). The IPT report now reveals that the violations were caused and committed by the Muslim Student Union, and that the group violated an additional policy by claiming that it was not behind the disruptions – Section 102.02, prohibiting “dishonesty, including but not limited to fabricating information . . . [and] furnishing false information”

This week’s revelation about the Muslim Student Union’s latest misconduct comes months after our disclosure to you that the group may have used the campus as a base for fundraising for the terrorist group Hamas when it solicited funds for George Galloway’s Viva Palestina group last May. The fundraising not only may have violated federal law, but also numerous university policies regarding the solicitation of funds on campus, as well as the policy prohibiting dishonesty. As you know, the Muslim Student

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Union lied to the university about the nature of the event, stating in writing that the event was not going to be a fundraiser when in fact it was.

Last September, you responded to the disclosure about the Muslim Student Union's conduct regarding the Galloway event by representing that the university was investigating the conduct. To our knowledge, the investigation has never been completed, and the group has not been disciplined for its actions.

We agree with the sentiments recently expressed by U.S. Congressman John Campbell to Chancellor Drake: "[T]he University has historically demonstrated a greater degree of leeway to the MSU than any other group on campus. Undoubtedly, if a certain group believes greater latitude exists in accordance with their actions, no matter the reason, this kind of unacceptable behavior will be repeated and escalated."

That is exactly what is happening. The university's refusal to hold the Muslim Student Union to the rules and polices that apply to every other student and student group has sent the dangerous message that the group can do and say whatever it wants without any consequences. As Congressman Campbell noted, the MSU has started to take UCI down the path where illegal, discriminatory and hateful conduct is permitted and condoned. We believe that the university will bear the responsibility if the group's conduct escalates into violence or other dangerous actions.

UC Irvine should finally send the message to the Muslim Student Union that the university will no longer tolerate its outrageous misconduct. As U.S. Congressman Brad Sherman told the Chancellor last December, after the Muslim Student Union's conduct at the Galloway event was revealed, the Muslim Student Union should be prevented from operating on campus "unless and until its leadership is purged of those responsible." On Wednesday, the Jewish Federation of Orange County spoke out, calling for the university to respond to the situation "firmly and quickly," and stating that the Federation's "initial review" of the evidence revealed this week "leaves no doubt that the MSU leadership and their followers intentionally lied to UCI officials."

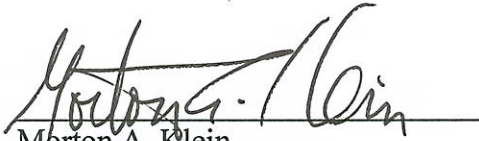
Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience about (1) the status of the investigation into the disruption of Ambassador Oren's speech in light of the new troubling and powerful evidence, and (2) the status of the investigation into the Muslim Student Union's conduct in connection with the Galloway/Viva Palestina event last May. We were informed that the university was going to complete the latter investigation by the end of 2009, and that date has long since passed. The university's continuing failure and refusal to enforce its own rules and to follow through on its promises has and will

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give the Muslim Student Union the green light to engage in further conduct that is wrong, hateful and possibly even illegal.

Thank you. We look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,


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