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Multiplepoinding

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By e-mail and first class post

Chief Constable v Murat Aksakalli, Republic of Turkey & Thomas Minogue

Dear Ms MacEwan, I have received your letter dated 28 May re the above and would comment on it as follows:

You write on behalf of your client, the Chief Constable, and ask me to withdraw my Defences and Condescendence and Claim for the gold wreath, which is the subject of the above case. In support of your reasons why I should do this, you enclose a report running to some 48 pages which purports to show that the wreath is from Turkey and not from Greece as I claim.

However the photographs in that report are blurred and the wreaths shown are almost unrecognisable and certainly not sufficiently clear to support the narrative that accompanies them.

With regard to this report you go on to say that I: "can see the principal at 7/1 of process". What does that mean?

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I have no great desire to go to the trouble and expense of court hearings if the wreath is not the one I supposed it to be and to that end have always been willing to come to see the evidence that would clear up my impression one way or another, but you have not allowed me to do so.

It also seems odd that after refusing to allow me sight of the wreath, or of having any description of it, I am now given a 48-page dossier by you on behalf of your client, after I had gone to the trouble and expense of lodging a claim and defences in the multiplepoinding .

You previously stated in an e-mail of 7th April that: "*My client will not be providing facilities to examine the fund meantime*." Now you overwhelm me with details of the most exhaustive examination of the gold wreath, which I can't read, or at least it contains photos that I can't see clearly enough to determine whether I am looking at a gold wreath or a pile of cornflakes!

You then go on to warn me of dire consequences by way of award of expenses against me personally, which Stephen House will seek to enforce, should I not drop my Defences. I take this as a bullying and threatening statement.

Let me make my position clear. I am currently retired from business, but in the 25 years I successfully ran my engineering company, I employed thousands of men and women and wound-up the business in 2001 not owing a single penny to anybody.

During the life of Kingdom Engineering – the company I formed and ran which was approved to work for H.M. The Queen, the MOD, most government departments and major companies – I had at times to engage in the normal sort of contractual business dispute associated with that industry.

One, single arbitration involving British Petroleum Chemicals Division, lasted 31^{1/2} days, with a further two days at the High Court in London.

Over the years my company paid out legal fees at the high end of the six digit range to pursue actions I thought were justified. I have never shirked my responsibilities or debts, so find your veiled threats quite distasteful.

I have always sought to avoid the courts were possible, and to that end sought to see the fund "in medio" in this case so that further action might be avoided, but if the courts offer my only recourse to satisfaction/justice, then so be it.

Like your letter this letter is written without prejudice to my whole rights and pleas and may not be founded upon.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Minogue.