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Dear Mr Megrahi,

My Parliamentary Petition PE 306 calling for a register of membership in organisations such as the Freemasons for members of the Judiciary

I write in connection with the above petition to you to ask if you are aware of concerns regarding the involvement of members of the Speculative Society in your trial and conviction?

The main thrust of the concerns that have been raised by others centre on the fact that 6 of the 9 Judges and a member of the Defence team who participated in your trial and appeal were undeclared members of the Speculative Society. The I.P.O. issued a press release (enclosed) dealing with this matter.

I will be raising this issue with the Scottish Parliament on 4th March 03 as well as several other cases in connection with my own petition as it deals with principles of openness which I feel are not presently addressed by the judicial process in Scotland.

I have written to Professor Hans Koechler the President of the I.P.O. inviting him to make further representations, which (if made) will be put before the Scottish Parliament. I think it only fair that you are given the same opportunity.

Therefore if you have a view on this matter or would like further information on the Speculative Society or the terms of my petition please contact me.

I would make it clear that I am not familiar with the details of your trial and therefore I am unable to form a view as to your innocence or guilt. Nevertheless I do have serious concerns that you may not have received a trial by an impartial tribunal as defined in law.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Minogue. Petitioner.

Enclosures: I.P.O. Press release, and Herald article plus Sunday Herald article.



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4th September 02

Dear Sir,

I write to advise you that during the course of investigation I undertook as part of my Parliamentary Public Petition 306 calling for a register of organisations such as Freemasonry for members of the Judiciary I unearthed information about a society called the Speculative Society. I think that it would be fair to say that this society is a Quasi-Masonic organisation. The membership details which were obtained by me listed members up to 1972 and from the Speculative Society's own documentation I was able to establish that the following members of the judicial process of the Lockerbie Trial and Appeal were Speculators: The Lord Advocate, Peter Lovat Fraser, Spec No 1818; The Law Lords, MacLean, Spec No 1736; Coulsfield, Spec No 1698; Cullen, Spec No 1702; Osborne, Spec No 1721; Nimmo-Smith, Spec No 1811; After I had imparted this knowledge to Robbie the Pict he obtained an unofficial copy of the names of the membership who had received extraordinary privileges to date and from this list it can be seen that I.G. Armstrong (Advocate Depute) and David S.Burns Q.C. are also members although I do not have Spec No's for them.

I realise the implications of so many people from the same sodality being involved in the same trial. I am also aware that this information may have been made known to the defendants before the trial in which case it would have no significance. However when I became aware that you were representing a defendant in the Lockerbie Trial I felt that I had a duty to make you aware of what I knew. I have a deep conviction that a defendant is entitled to know of such matters when he appears before a judge and that is precisely what my P.E. 306 calls for.

Should you require any further information about me or what I have learned of the Speculative Society please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Minogue.

Tom Minogue

From: "Eddie MacKechnie"
To: "Tom Minogue" <tomminogue@btinternet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2002 11:11 AM
Subject: RE: The Speculative Society's Address
Dear Tom,

Thanks. I share your curiosity but will be very frank. I'm not keen to raise this issue at this stage because Prof R Black QC is a member and a vociferous supporter! He assures me there is nothing sinister in it but agrees it had its roots in Freemasonry or accepts that might be the case. To be held in reserve I think, from my perspective at least.

Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tom Minogue [mailto:tomminogue@btinternet.com]
Sent: 10 September 2002 10:19
To: Edward MacIver McKechnie
Subject: The Speculative Society's Address

Dear Edward, Thank you for your letter of the 6th Sept the contents of which I note. As you appear to be intent on investigating the status of the Speculative Society I enclose a letter I received yesterday from the society which may be helpful to you if it spares you the waste of time and effort that I incurred. I have been trying to establish the whereabouts of the societies offices and a contact name since June so that I may make a more balanced judgment on their activities in connection with my Petition 306. Sadly it appears that I will be left to form my conclusions as to the propriety of the Spec from what information I have unearthed in publications by the Spec and this is less than reassuring. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. Regards, Tom Minogue.