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Mr. Peter Stockton  
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Dear Peter,

I am enclosing the French article per our discussion. Please see how you are directly quoted in what is an extraordinary defamation.

There is a second matter I hope we can discuss because I do not want to get into a "xxxxxx" contest.

I am currently in the process of taking legal action against *Le Monde*. In the discovery process, I obtained documents in the hands of *Le Monde* lawyers which are internal, confidential, preliminary, government documents. These documents bear the label of your office. In my view, and everyone else I have shown this to, their possession by *Le Monde* is at best inappropriate and probably illegal. I do not claim or believe your office would send these to France, but I would hope that there could be greater care by all concerned because, as you know, quarter-truths, half-truths, etc., are the basis for most lies and slander in this world. People can select what they wish and misuse it repeatedly, as has already happened to me on several occasions in this horrible affair.

Peter, I have always been taught that slander is the worst crime a man can commit short of physical murder. I believe it.

Thus, I fervently ask you to be very careful with such documents. I must rely on your conscience and your abilities to monitor these things, and not in the spirit of zealotry when and do harm where you do not mean to do so.

Sincerely yours,

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