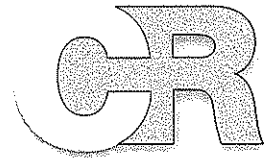


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**By Email: lcjohnso@ix.netcom.com**

For the attention of Larry C Johnson

Dear Sir

**Mr Nadhmi Auchi**

We are instructed by Mr Nadhmi Auchi with regard to your blog <http://noquarterusa.net/blog/>.

It has been drawn to our attention that your our blog contains highly defamatory and false allegations about our client, in addition to other false claims about him. In particular, which list is not exhaustive:

**Monday, January 28 2008, Will Rezko Blow Up Obama?**

Our client flatly and categorically denies any wrongdoing in relation to the matters that led to his conviction in France, which he is now appealing.

Further, Mr Rezko is not our client's "buddy". They were business associates but are no longer.

**Comment by Smilin' Jim 2008-01-28 20:46:34**

It is untrue that our client "served as a quartermaster for Saddam's flying column". Our client has never met or spoken to Saddam Hussain and was not involved in any of his operations.

In an apology to our client the Mail on Sunday stated "We are happy to make clear that Mr Auchi is not linked to Saddam Hussein. He left Iraq in 1980 and has never been back."

**Comment by JerseyJeffersonian 2008-01-28 21:29:36**

The comment provides a link to an article "IRAQ: British tycoon in quiz over ties to Labour" which was originally published in the Observer. This article is the subject of a legal complaint to the Guardian.

**Comment by mostest 2008-01-29 09:59:58**

As stated, our client's relationship with Mr Rezko was a business one. Our client did not authorise anyone, including Mr Rezko, to approach any "Illinois government officials" to ask for clearance.

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You are requested to kindly remove the false material that we have identified above, as well as the link to the Observer article from your blog.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carter-Ruck'.

**Carter-Ruck**