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Your ref: 115620

Dear Mr Milloy,

Subject to the Editor's approval, I suggest the following clarification to resolve this complaint.

A column on 12 July suggested that Wikileaks founder Julian Assange had hacked into the security services and published information which got people killed. Mr Assange asks us to clarify that Wikileaks does not itself 'hack' but provides an electronic drop box for anonymous sources. While the US government has warned that Wikileaks disclosures put lives at risk, no such deaths have to date been reported.

I would be grateful for your confirmation that this is acceptable so that I can make the necessary arrangements.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely, *



Alex Bannister
Group Managing Editor

Ben Milloy

From: Sarah Graham [redacted]
Sent: 24 February 2012 10:32
To: Ben Milloy
Cc: Tal Gottesman
Subject: RE: Our Ref: 115620 and 120121

Hello Ben – sorry for the delay in response. Tal is back this week so I'm not so snowed under.

The points below are all fine with us except one:

1) Autobiography of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is a sales flop

Mr Assange suggests a change to Tal Gottesman's proposed amendment. Instead of stating '*accuse him of rape and sexual molestation respectively*' he would like it to say '*accuse him of Category 3 (less serious crime) "rape" (so-called 'minor' rape, a concept in Swedish law) and sexual molestation respectively*'.

We'd like some other way in which to word this because this level of detail just won't make sense to our readers. We're happy to amend the wording to '*...accuse him of Category 3 (less serious crime) "rape"...*'

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Ben Milloy

From: Sarah Graham [redacted]
Sent: 24 February 2012 12:31
To: Ben Milloy
Cc: Tal Gottesman
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Hi Ben – to confirm, we're happy with all wording below.

Regarding the online clarifications column, that article is the online version of the Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday's page 2 column. This article didn't appear in either title. However, we are happy to append the clarifications to each article complained of.

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