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To: Verbruggen, Aldo; Jonathan van der Linden
Subject: RE: Request from Norwegian TV - the case against Jonathan van der Linden

Inderdaad,,

Bespreken we morgen. Ik ben voorstander van zoveel mogelijk info voorziening dat de case niet schaadt maar helpt

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Vraag: werken we mee aan informatie voorziening ? Laten we morgen in alle rust bespreken.

Beste groet,
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Hi Aldo,

Well, what a development with Mr. Smith and his demands and conditions. Awaiting for your update on this :) Let me just first tell you that we would like to come to Amsterdam to interview Jonathan on Friday next week (22. Nov), no matter if there will be a trip to the US or not.

Meanwhile I wonder if you could help us with some more information/documentation regarding the case against Jonathan and what you have found out through internal BCC documents/emails and the questioning of BCC people . This would help us prepare for the interview and trip to the US.

1. Regarding the evidence pointing to loans being granted to the leadership from funds raised by members of BCC, and then not being paid back to BCC since the loans were written off:

- Does your evidence show that this type of financial transaction involves Kare J Smith as well as Bernt Aksel Larsen?
- Does your evidence show that the leadership (including Mr. Smith and Mr. Larsen) has spent this borrowed money from BCC in their own personal interest, such as shares in companies, cars, properties, etc?
- Could you share the evidence with us now (documents, emails, etc) so that we are prepared when we meet you?

2. Regarding the Hippo Mundo Charity and the funds raised for the project meant for handicapped children having the opportunities to ride horses:

- Hippo Mundo Charity has many different types of projects around the world (<http://stichting-hmc.nl/en/projecten/>). Is "Stichting Paardkrachting" in the Netherlands the charity project that you told me about, and which the government closed down because they did not have accounts made public for many years?
- Was it Mr. J. H. Stall, President of Hippo Mundo Charity, who admitted this to you during the questioning of him?
- Could you send us the written statement from Mr. Stall and the documentation of the government closing down the charity?

3. Regarding the tax structure made by BCC in order to avoid as much as possible to pay taxes to Norway:

- Could you please explain a little more about how BCC has managed to do this, including sharing whatever documentation you might have on this?
- You mentioned that board meetings are held in Malta; which board for which company are you talking about? Any evidence on this that you can share?

4. Regarding the status of Bernt Aksel Larsen shifting from witness to suspect:

- What exactly is he now suspected for?
- Will he be questioned more before the court case, and if so; when and where will this happen next?

5. When (and if) the questioning of Mr. Smith takes place in New Haven:

- Will both you as well as the investigative judge question him, or just you?
- How about Mr. Smith's lawyer, will he/she question him as well?

6. As far as we understand, the last attempt to interview Mr. Smith in this case was by Skype in 2018.

- Why did this attempt fail/who was responsible for it not to happen?
- What date in August was this scheduled?

7. Finally, if it again ends up that Mr. Smith does not show up for the interview in New Haven:

- Will he be breaking the law then? Isn't it compulsory to turn up for an interview as a witness?
- Or is it up to him because he lives in the US and not in the Netherlands?

Hope you have the time to give me a quick reply and help me with this :)

Regards,
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Emne: SV: Request from Norwegian TV - the case against Jonathan van der Linden

Dear Aldo,

Thank you for our talks on the telephone today; looking forward to interview you and your client Jonathan van der Linden in Amsterdam, as well as to travel to the US with you to cover the questioning of Mr. Kåre J Smith in New Haven.

Regarding your conditions concerning the interview with Jonathan van der Linden, we can confirm the following:

1. In reasonable time before the publishing of the documentary about BCC, you and Jonathan van der Linden will have the opportunity to see what we are using from the interview with Jonathan van der Linden to make sure that all the facts are correct.
2. During the interview, Jonathan van der Linden or you will at any time have the possibility to ask for a pause in the interview in order to discuss among yourself if you want to answer the said question or ask us to retake the question.

As mentioned on the telephone, my colleagues Inger Sunde (director of the documentary) and Ole Jørgen Kolstadbråten (cameraman) will do the interviews in Amsterdam and travel with you to the US. I am copying Inger in this conversation so that you have her email address as well.

Please tell us as soon as possible about your flight schedules as well as if we can do the interview with Jonathan van der Linden on Friday Nov 22nd.

Regards,
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Emne: Request from Norwegian TV - the case against Jonathan van der Linden

Dear Mr. Aldo Verbruggen,

I am contacting you regarding the case against your client Jonathan van der Linden and the planned questioning of Mr. Kåre J. Smith on November 26th in the US.

I am a journalist working for many years with investigative documentaries at NRK (Norwegian Broadcasting Corp) in a program called "Brennpunkt". Together with my colleague Inger Sunde and our photographer Ole Jørgen Kolstadbråten, we have recently focused on the inner life of different Christian congregations/organizations operating outside the main stream Norwegian society and culture.

One of our targets of interest is Brunstad Christian Church (BCC). We have spent weeks and months now talking to different people with background from BCC, learning about their experience as well as what they think of the organization and the leadership.

Many x-members point to the strong emphasis on money at BCC, either directly through pressure on members to donate money or contribute to the organization by voluntary work. At the same time, many point to the fact that the current leadership (represented by people like Kåre J. Smith and Bernt Aksel Larsen) has managed to build a personal wealth in contrast to and way beyond what they preach.

Bearing this in mind, we find it particularly interesting that Kåre J. Smith now for several years has dodged the attempts from the Public Prosecutor in Netherlands to undergo an interview in connection to BCC's case against your client.

About ten days ago I had a talk with Jonathan van der Linden about the possibility to interview him or his lawyer about the case, as well as the possibility to travel to the US to cover the questioning of Mr Kåre J. Smith. He told me then that he needed to discuss this with his lawyer first.

However, I have not heard from him since then. I am therefor instead taking directly contact with you, hoping to have a talk with you about our request.

Looking forward to hear from you soon :)

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