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Tom McIver  
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Dear Mr. McIver:

This letter is written on behalf of Mr. Al Seckel who has recently apprised me of certain false accusations and misinformation which you have communicated to several of his employers, acquaintances and colleagues within the skeptical and scientific community. The accusations which you have directed against Mr. Seckel include, but are not limited to, charges that he has plagiarized articles for publication; that he lacks a solid background in science, creationism and/or evolutionism; that he "demonstrates an appalling lack of regard for accuracy and proper acknowledgement of the contributions of others".

Mr. Seckel has informed me that you have published the above accusations in the form of letters, phone calls and direct communications with members of the Skeptical community, the Board of the Southern California Skeptics, certain college professors and employing editors of the Santa Monica News and the Los Angeles Times for whom Mr. Seckel writes articles.

Each of these accusations is entirely false and unsupportable. More importantly, these statements are libelous and slanderous and have been employed by you to wrongfully interfere with numerous of Mr. Seckel's contractual and employment relations as well as any prospective advantage he stands to derive from these relationships.

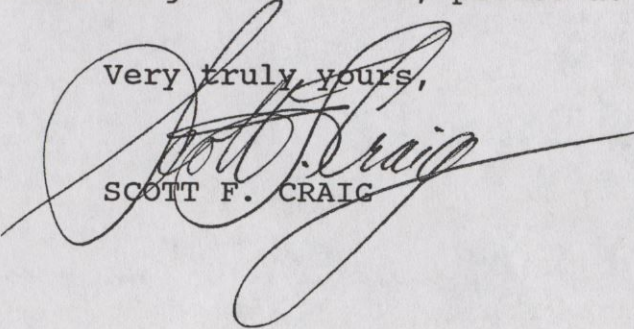
The purpose of this letter is to advise you that if you continue to communicate false accusations against Mr. Seckel or in any other manner attempt to intermeddle in his social or employment relations with others, this firm will institute a lawsuit against you for the recovery of substantial monetary damages.

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I therefore strongly urge you to give prompt and serious consideration to this letter and to guide your conduct in a manner which will avoid the certainty of judicial proceedings. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
SCOTT F. CRAIG

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