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Dear Ms Moorlen

I attach for your information and file a copy of a self-explanatory response received from the solicitors acting for Shell UK Limited. Since DJ Freeman has failed to deny that they have instructed an investigative agency, we will ask whether they are prepared to do so.

I spent two hours at the local Police Station yesterday afternoon. Rather than completing a Statement, which would obviously have been a considerable task given the background to these matters, the Police are entering details about the recent events onto a computer file. An investigation (by BT) has revealed that the anonymous call (from 0171 377 2150) originated from a payphone in London E1. The Police asked what action I would like them to take. It was agreed after discussion that they will await developments from the letter that our Solicitors have sent to Cofon Consultants (attached) and the inquiries being made by your Lawyers in regards to Mr Hoots.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Donovan

Shell Smart Card Consortium

I have been asked to respond to your letter of 15th June addressed to Dr Fay.

My clients are most concerned to learn that you have received anonymous threatening telephone calls. That is certainly not their, nor this firm's, way of conducting litigation and I can certainly assure you that such behaviour would not be authorised or condoned by my clients.

Nor can we shed any light on the identity of the mysterious Mr Hoots. It would appear, from the letter you have received from The European, that Mr Hoots is indeed a journalist, though not employed by them. It does not appear, however, that my client's media department has been contacted by Mr Hoots in pursuit of his supposed story.

Obviously if the police are to investigate the matter, my clients will co-operate fully with them. Meanwhile, thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Yours sincerely



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