

Rt Hon Jack Straw MP
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Dear Mr Straw,

I am writing to support the case of Paul Trummel who we believe may be a victim of miscarriage of justice after serving 111 days in prison for publishing constitutionally protected information.

The case has a potential impact on all journalists and the NUJ and International Federation of Journalists, as well as the American Civil Liberties Union, have backed Mr Trummel in this case.

I am aware that Mr Trummel has written to you himself raising concerns about the actions of British Consulate officials and seeking copies of documents he has requested.

I would urge you to intervene in this matter, and help make available to Mr Trummel documents which are vital to his defence. Since this case impacts on the freedom of the press, I hope you are able to intervene to assist Mr Trummel and to help ensure he is able to secure justice.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Dear
General Secretary