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Jeremy Dear et al.

What action has NUJ taken to convene a **public** inquiry during the two years since the meeting with Gareth Thomas MP?

Please provide PDF copies of documents and correspondence since 26 Jan 07 which contain details of all action on this matter. This information should be sent before 10 Feb 09. Do not refer this request to third parties.

26 Jan 07. Meeting at House of Commons, London among Gareth Thomas MP, John Toner, Philip Sutcliffe and Paul Trummel to address the matter of dereliction by Seattle Consul (posing as Consul General) who allegedly colluded with a Seattle judge to unlawfully allow the transfer of a member to solitary confinement without legal counsel in contravention of Vienna Convention.

Thomas received a PDF that contained relevant documents and media clips that he specifically requested also a covering letter and chronology. He was told that the press coverage at the time of incarceration was extensive - 900 items published worldwide. He was given a selection of clips mainly published by *Seattle Weekly*. Some of the documents were annotated for greater clarity. The press clips were highlighted where they contained false, inaccurate, or misleading information and conjecture not fact-checked prior to publication. Other off-the-record documents which contained supporting, first-hand evidence that verified and supported contentions were withheld pending inquiry.

The topics discussed included consular/CFO malfeasance and denial of human rights. The documents supported claims of conspiracy and a cover-up. Final comment by Thomas at the end of a meeting that lasted for more than an hour: "If you had not received the support of NUJ officials at this meeting I would never have believed that this bizarre behavior could have occurred". He promised to ask for an FCO inquiry.

04 Dec 07. Published Excerpt: "Gareth Thomas MP, West Harrow has received frequent reports about the dangerous situation in Seattle yet apparently does not appreciate the implications. He took four years to arrange a meeting at which he commented on the bizarreness of the circumstances; however, he has done virtually nothing else to resolve ongoing physical restrictions and harassment. Instead, Thomas has procrastinated by sending repetitive correspondence which delays addressing the issues. He must take immediate action directly with FCO to resolve all matters without further delay and launch an independent investigation of consular dereliction during the past six years.

Thomas's constituent, a British journalist born in London, suffered cruel and unusual punishment in King County Jail, Seattle without trial or legal representation. Washington Supreme Court later exonerated him of wrongdoing in a unanimous decision by nine judges. He has for six years suffered physical assaults and death threats while HM Government and its Consulate-General [later found to be a UK Consul posing as a UK Consul General] continues to ignore the plight of this law-abiding UK citizen." . . .

"FCO apparently has its priorities confused in its rush to pander to US political needs and a Zionist mafia in Seattle. It continues to go to extreme lengths to repatriate allegedly dangerous foreign nationals (suspected terrorists) from Guantanamo Bay who previously resided in the UK yet ignores the plight of some of its own citizens and prefers others.

Seattle British Consulate claimed to represent UK government and British interests in Washington state and promised to provide services to British nationals. Requested several times to visit the journalist in jail by his friends and colleagues, Broom neglected to do so. Instead, he accepted at face value the perjured testimony that Doerty sent to him attached to a letter after two unlawful *ex parte* (in secret with bias) discussions. Doerty recorded those conversations and the documents that he sent to him in a letter and in his proceedings.

British Government appointed David C. Broom, Consul, British Consulate, Seattle during December 1999 and removed him during July 2004 prior to the consulate closing (30 Sep 05) when it transferred all documents to British Consulate-General, San Francisco. The generic term "consul" defines a diplomat or official representative of a government in one state who resides in the territory of another. Most nations maintain consulates in major foreign cities with the primary purpose of safeguarding their resident and traveling citizens while on foreign soil. A secondary duty relates to maintaining commercial interests.

Broom claimed in *Seattle Times*: "Britain and Washington state are major trading partners; as British consul general, I am vested in the state's recovery and continued competitiveness and economic success". In several other articles he also signed himself "Consul General"; however, Robin Newmann, Vice Consul Political, Press and Public Affairs, British Consulate-General, San Francisco refutes Broom's claim to that title.

Evidently, heads of British consulates classify as consuls not consuls general. The British government reserves the term "consul general" for heads of consulates-general and does not permit people of lower rank to use it. This misnomer represents only one of a series of misrepresentations and lies propagated by Broom during his term in Seattle. A diplomatic source who worked with Broom during a previous foreign assignment verified repugnant, undiplomatic behavior by Broom.

During Broom's tenure, Judge James A. Doerty committed judicial misconduct, perverted the course of justice, and violated constitutional and human rights of a British subject. Doerty issued a series of contempt orders effectively to silence investigative reporting. He misapplied law by granting a restraining order which deprived the journalist of his constitutional rights to free speech and liberty then imprisoned him indefinitely.

Although aware of the circumstances, Broom did nothing to relieve the situation. Instead, he consorted with the judge apparently to protect commercial interests allied to Seattle Jewish Mafia for whom Doerty acted as straw judge. Broom lied in writing about his *ex parte* involvement with Doerty and withheld official documents. Now, Consulate-General, San Francisco has admitted to destroying those records probably in an attempt to cover up Broom's dereliction. The linked correspondence supports that contention. Like any fox that hears the sound of barking, Broom has since gone to ground."

In its finding, Washington Supreme Court took into consideration *amici curiae* briefs by: American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU - Seattle); American Society of Authors and Editors (ASAE - New York); International Federation of Journalists (IFJ- Brussels); National Union of Journalists (NUJ - London); and, *Seattle Weekly* (A local newspaper in Seattle, Washington).

British Consulate-General (San Francisco) and Washington Superior Court continue to abrogate rights granted under UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international accords. Dear, Kirby, Mincoff, and Thomas have not responded to reports and requests for help on these issues.

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