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Minister of Home Affairs and National Security  
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Dear Dr Farrugia,

I write once again also on behalf of my three sons.

We find your reaction to our private letter dated 27 November 2017 both degrading to us as a family and degrading to your position as our country's Minister of Home Affairs and National Security.

Our 27<sup>th</sup> November letter asks only that you maintain the standards you must by law. Our concerns are not with you as a Member of Parliament, and how you choose to use your parliamentary privilege, whether responsibly or not, but with your actions as our Minister of Home Affairs and National Security.

Contrary to your media statement, there is no information on the investigation into my wife's assassination that is in the public domain. There are only leaks to the media from the police, about which we have written repeatedly to the Malta Police Force and received no acknowledgement or reply. As the minister responsible for the police, your comments in parliament and the media statement legitimise and endorse those leaks.

We remind you that dispensing confidential information, whether you were asked for it in parliament or not, by whoever may have asked, could sabotage a serious investigation and is more than irresponsible. It is also criminally irresponsible and it is a violation of our rights under Articles 2 and 6 of the European Convention.

We remind you that the state has a positive obligation deriving from the articles of the same convention to ensure that investigations are independent, impartial and effective. It is your duty -- not a favor for you to dispense or withhold -- to ensure that the investigation is conducted in this way.

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It is also your duty to protect the right to life by ensuring that the state is a credible deterrent to crime. The state cannot be a deterrent if the investigation continues to be ineffective due to willful or careless sabotage.

We remind you that a defect in the procedural action required of the state resulting in an ineffective investigation may lead the European Court of Human Rights to find the state responsible both for a violation of the substantive right to life and for failure to comply with its procedural obligation. When the lack of an effective investigation affects the family of the victim, it may in addition amount to inhuman and degrading treatment.

Our letter was sent to you privately, from the widower and children of an assassination victim to their country's minister responsible for the police and ultimately the assassination investigation. We remind you that we are the widower and children of a person assassinated on your watch as Minister of Home Affairs and National Security and not your adversary, political or otherwise.

It is inappropriate and irregular that the Maltese government publishes a citizen's private letter to their Minister. It is inappropriate and irregular to send that letter to every media outlet in the country with an accompanying media statement. It is inappropriate and irregular for you, as our Minister of Home Affairs and National Security, to 'Tweet' that statement and for our Prime Minister to re-Tweet it.

We are surprised that you, our Minister of Home Affairs and National Security, responsible for the safety and security of all citizens, would think it wise to expose my sons and me to more danger and subject us to more anxiety than we are already experiencing.

We are surprised that you could not write to us privately as we wrote to you privately as the minister on whom we depend for a serious investigation into my wife's assassination and on whom we depend for our safety and security.

We are surprised that the government found the time to publish our letter openly and to issue an accompanying media statement, but still has not found the time to address our concerns about the effectiveness and independence of the ongoing investigation. This is while the Malta Police Force has failed to reply to or even acknowledge the substantial number of letters and emails we have sent asking for basic information on the investigation into my wife's assassination and on leaks from the police to the media.

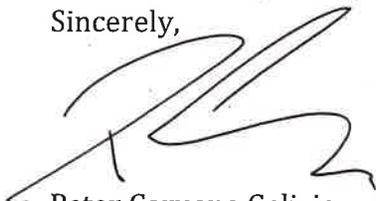
Unlike you, we are not in a position of power beyond that of common citizens. We are only a family asking for our fundamental human rights to be respected. We are deeply unsettled that you lashed out at us, the widower and children of an assassination victim, and used the full apparatus of the state to do so.

If only you had turned your sights so aggressively on the assassins rather than the victim's widower and children, then perhaps the assassins would not still be at large a month and two weeks later.

If only you had thought more of my wife's assassination than to describe it in your interview with The Malta Independent on 27 October 2017 as an unluckily successful bombing in a series of less successful bombings that we have seen in this country, then perhaps the state's credibility in deterring violent crime would be more effective.

We urge you to respect the rights of citizens and conduct yourself with the integrity required of your position. Perhaps then people will think twice before blowing up a journalist in broad daylight on your watch.

Sincerely,



Peter Caruana Galizia

Also on behalf of Matthew Caruana Galizia, Andrew Caruana Galizia, Paul Caruana Galizia