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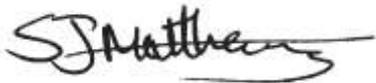
Dear Mr Machover,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 October 2017.

Firstly, I would like to make absolutely clear that the Party has come to no decision about the content of the article. Please accept our apologies if the language in our letter of 3 October 2017 was unclear to you. At this stage, the allegations about your article remain allegations – the Party's intention was merely to inform you of the allegations about your conduct and that they did not solely relate to a breach of rule 2.1.4.B. The Party is making no assertion as to their truth or validity and implies no guilt regarding any breach of rule 2.1.8 as this has not been subject of an investigation or hearing.

Your letter stops short of actually stating that you do not support Communist Party of Great Britain and/or Labour Party Marxists. The Party is trying to assess whether the matters of fact in this case are subject to legitimate dispute. It would be helpful when the Party comes to assess this fact if you categorically stated whether you do or do not support either of these organisations at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



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Communication from Moshé Machover to the legal queries unit

30 October 2017

I refer to your letter of 26 October 2017.

1. Your apology is wholly inadequate, as it sidesteps the matter for which you ought to apologise. Your letters of 3 and 6 October were in fact all too clear. It was perfectly clear that you included in them an allegation of antisemitism on my part, which should never have been put in the letters at all, as it is plainly otiose as far as the purpose of the letters is concerned. Moreover, by use of the words 'apparently antisemitic article published in your name' you lent some spurious credence to that scurrilous allegation against me. I am still awaiting your apology for this.

2. As for your suggestion that I categorically state whether I do or do not 'support' (whatever that means) the organisations you name (CPGB and LPM): I find this suggestion entirely inappropriate. It carries a whiff of McCarthyism.

In any event, I have dealt with this issue in my letter of 16 October. I stated that I am not nor have ever been a member of either group, and challenged your accusations of 'supporting' them; see points 8 – 12 in my letter of 16 October.

I reject your attempt to move the goalposts now that you appear unable to justify your unfair and improper decision of 3 October to summarily expel me. It is up to you to provide valid evidence that since I became a member of the Labour Party I gave illicit support (however that term is defined) to either or both of the said groups. I know of no such evidence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Machover' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Moshé Machover