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Dear Sheikh Khalid Bin Mahfouz and Sheikh Abdulrahman Bin Mahfouz.

**"Forbidden Truth"**

As you know I and Jean-Charles Brisard are the authors of "Forbidden Truth", a book circulated widely in Europe and the US since it was first published in the autumn of 2001.

The Book contains very serious and highly defamatory allegations about you both, which were detailed in the correspondence and court documents which I received from your solicitors. These included allegations that, through your businesses, families and charities, and directly, you knowingly supported and assisted terrorism by being principal backers to Osama Bin Laden and Al Qaeda. As a result of what I know today, I accept and acknowledge that all of those allegations about you and your families, businesses and charities are entirely and manifestly false.

The allegations were based on information which I have now been able to establish has been largely withdrawn or refuted in the intervening years since "Forbidden Truth" was first published, and to my knowledge has never been verified. I did not anticipate at the time the Book was written that the information which we relied upon would later be withdrawn or refuted. Notwithstanding research into terrorism financing, I have learnt nothing since the publication of the Book which suggests there is any further evidence supporting the allegations. I therefore now unreservedly withdraw all of the allegations about you both in the Book and confirm that I will never repeat them.

I appreciate the very serious damage that has been caused to your reputations by the allegations in the Book. I also accept that the allegations caused you and your family very great distress. For all of this I am truly sorry.

Yours sincerely  
Guillaume Dasquié

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