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Attn.: Mr •,•• Federal Bureau of Investigation, Patrick J. Fitzgerald Federal Building 219 South Dearborn Street, Fifth Floor Chicago, Illinois 60604

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General:

1. The purpose of this letter is to report a felony attack on our websites coupled with an organised conspiracy, extending across several states of the Union, to inflict personal violence on me, to violate my civil rights, and to make an illegal clone of my • cell phone in pursuit of these aims; and to request that the FBI identify and pursue the perpetrators.

Personal:

- 2. I am a British citizen, DAVID JOHN CAWDELL IRVING, dob March 24, 1938. At the time of the alleged offenses I was engaged on a lawful private lecture tour of the United States and about to return to the U.K., my permanent place of residence, as stated at the head of this letter. My UK passport number is •••, and my visa number 98341473 issued in London September 21, 2009.
- 3. I am the well known author of many history and biographical books published by major publishers in the U.S.A and around the world. (The Viking Press, Simon & Schuster, and many others).
- 4. I also run my own publishing house in the UK and USA (registered in Florida): Parforce UK Ltd, dba Focal Point Publications, of the above address.

5. Since February 1998 we have operated a number of websites in connection with our business, primarily www.focal.org, www.fpp.co.uk and www.irvingbooks.com.

History of Complaint:

- 6. Because of an increasing campaign organised by the Anti-Defamation League, an influential and well-financed New York based organisation, against mainline publishers who published my works, most recently against the St Martins Press in New York, we have become increasingly reliant on these Internet websites to maintain our level of commercial operations. The websites finally totalled about 1,000 megabytes of materials, posted in 22,000 files.
- 7. The websites were all hosted on the US-based commercial hosting service known as APlus Inc. and more currently at its successor corporation, Codero. Addresses:

APlus Net 7500 W 110th St, Suite 400 Overland Park KS 66210 USA Phones 888 301 2516 | fax 913 890 7701

and at

Aplus.net. 110 East Broward Blvd, Suite 1650 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 1-866-993-0373

Contacts: at the time of the hacking problem we dealt with several APlus technicians, including Andrew Nebel (Level II Technician) and Ryan Marchman, Abuse Specialist, both at email address: abuse@aplus.net

Our account registration number at APlus.net is AP3240317557

- 8. On November 13 APlus.net began what they called a "platform upgrade" under which they "migrated" their customers' websites to a different hosting company, Codero, located at 7500 W. 110th St. Overland Park, KS 66210. Phone: 877 999 2750 International: 913 890 8250.
- 9. This "migration" began at noon on November 13 and was completed on Saturday morning November 21; we customers were advised one week previously that "during the upgrade period listed above FTP and SSH will be restricted" and we would be unable to make any changes to the website content (which mysteriously does not appear to have stopped the hackers however).

10. At the end of September 2009 I embarked on a two month tour of about fifty cities in the USA, speaking in private to people who wished to meet me, hear me, and have me autograph their books. Registrations for these talks, which were necessarily held in private (see para. 11). were managed largely through our website at http://www.irvingbooks.com/functions (a page which currently is "down" and has been since its destruction)

Campaign of Violence:

11. Beginning in 2000, my talks in the USA and elsewhere have been subjected to a rising level of harassment by organised political and anarchist bodies. As the FBI is aware, a dinner given by me for university professors and other guests at a well known Chicago restaurant (Stefani's, a very good Italian restaurant just opposite the De Paul University on W Fullerton Ave) on September 19, 2000 was twice invaded by about twenty masked men armed with baseball bats who smashed up the tables and attacked my fifty dinner guests. There have been other incidents.

Websites hacked and destroyed; emails stolen:

12. At about 6 pm on November 13, 2009 – *i.e.*, the day the above-mentioned website "migration" began – I was informed by a phone call from London that all my websites had been "hacked" and destroyed. In place of our lawful materials, which had been deleted and destroyed, were placed unlawful pages posted by some unknown body. (For your convenience I will email this page to you as a WEBARCHIVE attachment.) These latter pages made clear that the hackers had obtained the password(s) both of my websites and of my AOL email account. We have not managed to ascertain how they did this, as they were properly constructed passwords. We suspect that they obtained this from cloning one of our two mobile phones.

Continued violence:

- 13. That same evening November 13 an organised hostile crowd attacked my lecture location at Pompton Plains, the Regency House Hotel, NJ.
- 14. On the following evening a hostile crowd of 25 to 30 thugs invaded the New York hotel where I was lecturing, the highly respected Doubletree in Times Square, and attempted to force an entry to my lecture room, having proclaimed their intention on websites for several days of doing physical violence to me, illustrated with bloodcurdling images of hatchets, bloodstained knives, etc. The mob attacked one member of my audience A••and my personal assistant Jaenelle Antas with pepper sprays.

Results of the hacking:

15. The destruction of my commercial websites has resulted in the loss of thousands of dollars of business. Because of their complexity – the programmer who designed them vanished into retirement in February 2008 – it has so far

proved impossible to restore their functionality, and they will have to be rebuilt from the ground up. It may be no coincidence that the hacking occurred at the period of maximum vulnerability at the server end, as the databases have been lost without recall. We estimate the loss at around 15,000 a month (because of the high traffic generated by the lecture tour).

16. The hackers invaded my personal e-mail account focalp@aol.com, stealing all the current files they could find on the account and posting them with the address book on various Internet websites including Wikileaks, and mirror sites. This has resulted in considerable damage, violent attacks on those identified in the stolen materials, and harassment of them and others including members of my family.

cell phone "cloned" and misused:

17. From about November 15 onwards it became apparent to us that one of our two • mobile phones, the one with my number • • • •, was being interfered with. This interference may of course have begun much earlier. We noticed that we were receiving misdirected calls. Somebody – possibly one of the perpetrators? – phoned to say he was receiving calls that should have been for me. We received a number of "bait" texts, e.g., "Please call me?" "Where are you Dave?" etc., in a vain attempt to get me to text a message back (which we did not).

18. As soon as we recognised the link between our use of this cell phone and the fore-knowledge of these opponents as to where we were located -- at Pompton Plains they even identified the hotel room I was staying in, and put that on the Internet! – we began removing the battery from both phones at tactically appropriate times. This ••• phone interference reached its peak on the evening of the "Edelweiss" restaurant violence, November 22. My personal diary records:

As a call seemingly from a "California" number comes through, I pick up the phone: I can hear loud voices coming from the phone before I press any button – a man, then a woman, then the woman again saying: "I can't hear you. Are you there? Cough if you can hear me." Not a normal phone conversation, more like an overheard snatch of walkie talkie - very loud, as though it is right nearby.

(Note that on my website version I have changed • to • for a self-evident reason).

19. We therefore believe that the "Edelweiss" attack group – who are currently facing trial in Chicago on January 6 - had illegally cloned our • telephone. Somehow they had obtained its unique factory-set electronic serial number (ESN) as well as my publicly announced telephone number (MIN). The actual • phone concerned is currently held in Indianapolis and available for tests if

20. If you wish to examine my recent • accounts online at • • • you have my authority to do so herewith: • •

. We were rather surprised at the November and December call charges on this number, which were twice as high as previous months, and we suspect that these may have arisen from illicit use by unauthorised persons.

Possible physical invasion of my laptop:

- 21. Possibly related is that while working in my Holiday Inn Express hotel room in Saugas, Massachusetts, on November 16 or 17 I gained the odd impression on which I remarked at the time to my assistant Mrs Antas that a DVD had been left jammed inside my laptop. If so it was certainly not mine. It was impossible to insert a blank DVD as there seemed to be one already present in the drive. The extraction mechanism is faulty and often does not work, making it a lengthy job to extract a DVD. Illegal access to the machine would of course have required physical access to my laptop which, while not impossible, would not have been easy. A few days later however the mechanism was clear again and this episode has remained a mystery.
- 22. A well-timed search of premises might locate the cell phone clone device, a duplicate DVD, and stolen data in the possession of one of the "Edelweiss" attack group.
- 23. I request that the FBI investigate these felonies, identify and prosecute the culprits. The FBI can count on my fullest support in the investigation.

Yours sincerely,

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