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Dear Dr Farrugia,

Re: Assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia – 16th October 2017

My sons and I were dismayed to find that, while you as the Minister responsible for the Police Force found the will to reply to a Parliamentary Question with confidential information that harms the police investigation and separate magisterial inquiry, you, your subordinates, or any member of the Police Force, have been unable to answer any of the six written communications and legal letters which we have sent to the Commissioner of Police and other members of the Force since the 31 October 2017.

Whereas you were reported to have stated to Parliament, "*I am also informed that the magistrate has access to certain personal items which belonged to Daphne Caruana Galizia,*" we remind you that it is not in the public interest that the items of evidence available or not available to the Police and to the inquiring magistrate be named or that the existence of any evidence be publicly acknowledged unless there is an overriding need, for example for allowing the public to identify a suspect at large -- and in that case it will fall upon the Police Force to communicate that need through their Community and Media Relations Unit, and not via your ministerial office.

We remind you that the perpetrators of the assassination are most likely to have access to a computer and are capable of understanding spoken and written English and therefore capable of understanding your public statement that certain items of evidence are available to the inquiring magistrate.

When confidential information is made known to you, we trust that you will from now on desist from ensuring that that information is communicated to the public and, in turn, to the perpetrators of the murder, which we remind you are still at large among us forty-one days later.

We remind you that communicating confidential information is not only a violation of Articles 2 and 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights, but that it also has serious implications for you personally were you to have consciously or not sabotaged the investigation.

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We remind you that according to Article 135 of the Criminal Code, as a person vested with public authority, on having hindered the execution of the law, you shall, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for up to three years.

We also remind you that under Clause 6 of the Second Schedule pursuant to Article 24 of the Police Act (Cap 164 Laws of Malta) members of the Police Force who divulge information which they have obtained by virtue of the functions of their office will be guilty of committing an ethical breach. We trust that the next time a member of the Force communicates such information to you, , you will instead file a complaint of breach of confidence with the Police Commissioner in order to initiate disciplinary proceedings, rather than relaying it to the world

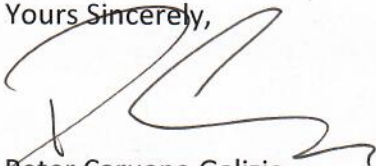
We also remind you that under the same provision, members of the Force may not without proper authority communicate to the public or to the press on any matter connected with the investigation. We trust that, considering that there have been between ten and twenty documented instances of such communication in the media since October 16th 2017 you will instruct the Police Commissioner to initiate an internal investigation.

We finally remind you that according to Article 257 of the Criminal Code, the act of disclosing secret information on your part or on the part of any member of the Government, public service and the disciplined forces of the State is a criminal offence that is punishable with a fine of up to €46,587.47 and a term of imprisonment of up to two years or both such fine and imprisonment.

My family and I are prepared to use all legal means at our disposal to ensure that you and the Government you represent are not permitted to sabotage either the magisterial inquiry or the police investigation, which according to law must be independent, impartial and expedient.

We will leave nothing to chance.

Yours Sincerely,



Peter Caruana Galizia

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