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Dear Mr Smith

Thank you for your letter of 29 January responding to mine of the same date.

Your clarification that the press cannot infer from your statement to the Sunday Times that it has been established that the University (or indeed any individual associated with the University) has breached the terms of the Freedom of Information Act is welcome. As your observations related to the Holland case the reference in some of the papers that your statement referred to "refusing to hand over raw data" must also be incorrect, as were the references to unlimited fines.

I note that it is, nonetheless, not your intention to issue any clarification to the press as you feel you cannot be responsible for the way in which they interpret or write around your statement. However, you will appreciate that it is the University's reputation which has been subjected to these damaging and incorrect assertions claiming to be based on your statement and we must take some steps to put this right. We will be writing to the media which carried reports based on your statement, pointing out the inaccuracies and asking them to rectify the position. If they are unwilling to do so we will have to consider taking the matter to the Press Complaints Commission. In either case, we may have to provide copies of the correspondence between us of the 29 January 2010.

Again, thank you for the promptness of your response to my previous letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Summers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a long, sweeping underline.

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