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**RE: DSK Mariam Ethiopian Orthodox Church**

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**Re: DSK Mariam Ethiopian Orthodox Church**

To whom it may concern:

My firm has been retained by the DSK Mariam Ethiopian Orthodox Church to address concerns they have regarding vicious lies being spread about them both in print and on the radio. It is my desire to address these statements in a civil and cooperative environment so more drastic, litigious measures need not be taken. There are very serious accusations being levied by yourself and others and these statements are not only false, but could cause serious damage to be inflicted on the Church, and it is this damage I am attempting to avoid.

It is my understanding that certain statements have been made, incorrectly, associating the Church with various political factions and political points of view which are absolutely erroneous. These statements have led to confrontations between the church and a small handful of its members and has now led to this false information being disseminated on the internet, where there is no telling how many people may read this information and assume it to be correct.

As an attorney and a defender of the United States Constitution, I would in no manner attempt to hamper anyone's freedom of speech. This is one of the basic tenets of our country and should be protected at nearly any cost. However, freedom of speech does not entitle you to make statements that are lies, inflammatory or could lead to or encourage violence upon another. This is in fact what you are either doing, or heading towards doing with your statements, and they will not be tolerated.

I have advised the Church that they have several options at this point, the least of which is this letter requesting that all statements of this nature against the Church cease immediately, as well as an immediate withdrawal of any statements on any website regarding this matter. Should this not happen within the next seven (7) business days, the Church may avail themselves of other options including but not limited to a lawsuit for libel, slander, injunctions against future

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statements, a request for financial damages as well as attorney fees.

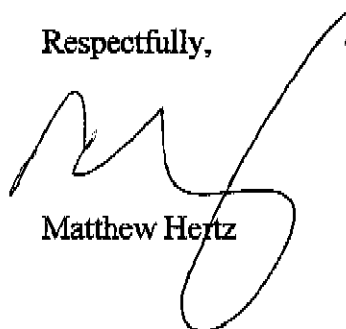
I do not need to explain to you the cost or time that will be wasted by *all* parties if this matter proceeds beyond this stage. It is not in your best interest, nor the Church's to continue beyond this letter, but the Church is prepared to do whatever it has to in order to preserve its own reputation, the image and reputation of its Priestess and the valued name of the Congregation.

I implore you to consider your next steps carefully and decide if it is really worth continuing the propagation of blatant lies in light of the consequences that can befall you should these statements continue in any form whether that be spoken or published.

I also direct that you do not contact anyone from the Church regarding these matters and direct all future communications to myself, in writing.

I look forward to your full cooperation and the end of this unnecessary ordeal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Hertz', written over the printed name.

Matthew Hertz

CC:

Client