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Subject: The Spectator - Prince Andrew story

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Dear [REDACTED]

Our writer Dominic Green has written about Prince Andrew's correspondence with the Southern District of New York, and how it is being characterized by Geoffrey Berman.

I was wondering whether you would be prepared to comment on the following excerpts from Mr Green's story. He attempted to contact the press office earlier today but was not able to get through to anyone:

'Berman has actively misled the global media and the global audience,' my source alleges. 'The Duke's legal team has dozens of email exchanges with the Southern District, proving that there has been full cooperation.'

On January 27, Berman denounced the Duke from the steps of Epstein's Manhattan townhouse. Berman claimed to be facing a 'wall of silence' and 'zero co-operation' from Andrew. But this, my source tells me, wasn't true: 'Berman must have known we had an email trail.'

...the DOJ made no effort to contact Prince Andrew during Jeffrey Epstein's lifetime. Only after Epstein's death in August 2019 and the BBC's broadcast of [REDACTED] accusations in November 2019, did the DOJ approach the Prince – not as a suspect, but as a witness.

'The lawyers responded immediately,' I'm told. In early January, the Prince's new legal team suggested that they draft a proposal for how Andrew would deliver his witness statement. The DOJ, my source reports, accepted this approach.

Although the DOJ wanted to talk with Andrew as a witness, Berman seemed to imply that Andrew had aided Epstein's crimes: 'Epstein couldn't have done what he did without the assistance of others.' This, I'm told, was an 'overt breach of the DOJ's own rules on how to engage with witnesses, and the need to maintain privacy and confidentiality'.

After Berman's attack in January, there was a 'very frank exchange of views' between Andrew's lawyers and the Southern District. But Andrew's team played by the rules and didn't release emails that would prove they were negotiating with the Southern District in good faith.

We plan to publish the story at 3pm ET, but can update the story to include any response. If this request for comment should be directed towards your press office, I'd appreciate it if you could pass it onto them - there is

no way of contacting them on the SDNY site as their mailbox is full and no one is in the office.

Yours sincerely,

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