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Legal Dept.,  
The Evening Standard.  
• attn.: Londoners Diary.\*  
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Dear Sirs,

The purpose of this letter: This letter puts your publication on notice that if you should print or otherwise publish anywhere including on your Internet website or associated websites any statement carrying the defamatory and now demonstrably untrue meaning, whether implicit or explicit, that I am “**an active Holocaust denier**”, or any variations on that phrase carrying the same purport, then I reserve the right to issue without further notice a Claim in Defamation against yourselves and the author or authors of the libel, and I shall produce this letter at the hearing of the action as evidence that you published the said libel in the face of such a written warning in support of a possible claim for aggravated damages. You will find that no other newspaper within the jurisdiction now ventures to utter this libel.

I refer you to the article entitled “*The denier is denied drinks*” in the Londoner’s Diary published in *Evening Standard* on March 5, as cited below, which has also been published on your website. The article, on the whole of which I shall rely if this matter comes to trial, refers to a public meeting which I attended and contains the following libellous paragraphs:

HOLOCAUST denier David Irving proved that he still knows how to make an unpleasant nuisance of himself at the German Historical Institute in Bloomsbury Square this week. German holocaust expert Professor Peter Longerich, who was a major witness at the libel trial between Deborah Lipstadt and Irving, was giving a talk on Himmler to tie in with his new biography. Seated in the small audience was Irving with a suitably Aryan-looking blonde beside him.

Trouble came at the end when the Institute director, Andreas Gestrich, welcomed everyone to drinks “except Holocaust deniers”, looking at Irving, who had sat quietly throughout in the front row.

An unknown man at the back then got up and shouted: "That includes me too. I am a Holocaust denier too." Then Irving stood up, red in the face and shouted: "And ban my books from your library, will you? Why do you have my book in the library?" The director looked very embarrassed. Guests tottered off for drinks, wondering why Irving had been let in the building in the first place.

Argument: I am a public figure, and you have published the libels within the jurisdiction. I refer you to the many statements I have made in public which are a matter of record and will destroy any pleaded defence of justification. These include but are not limited to my biographies of Dr Joseph Goebbels (1996) and of Hitler (1977, 1991, and 2002), where I describe in detail the mass shootings of Jews and others behind the eastern front. The language you have used ("an unpleasant nuisance") will not help any attempt at a public-interest defence. Your journalist made no attempt contact me before publishing the libel.

My statements in both the Lipstadt trial (2000) and the Vienna trial (2005) left no doubt that I believe (accepting that the Höfle document and Korherr report are authentic and not forgeries) the Nazis and their accomplices murdered at least 2.4 million Jews in the "Reinhardt" camps along the Bug River (Treblinka, Belzec, and Sobibor); minor question arise over Auschwitz, but Holocaust historians have also asked them.

I have demonstrably stated so in public since 1991 (my discovery of the Adolf Eichmann files), 1992 (my discovery of the Hans Aumeier manuscripts and subsequently the full exploitation of the CSDIC files): you will find these statements throughout my website (go to [www.fpp.co.uk/search](http://www.fpp.co.uk/search)) and repeated in my interview with *The Guardian* newspaper published on September 29, 2007, which you can read most easily at [www.fpp.co.uk/online/07/09/Guardian\\_interview.html](http://www.fpp.co.uk/online/07/09/Guardian_interview.html), and repeated in *The Forward*, the foremost US Jewish newspaper (*ibid.*, /online/07/09/Forward.html).

The published diaries of my recent visits to these death camps will destroy any doubts you might still entertain:

<http://www.fpp.co.uk/docs/Irving/RadDi/2007/020307.html> *et seq.*

Notice: Should you recklessly and maliciously repeat the lie as defined in the first substantive paragraph to this letter – as you may feel tempted to do now – I reserve the right, subject to the provisions of the UK Pre-action Protocol for Defamation, to issue and serve a Claim in Defamation without further notice.

In the circumstances, I must ask for a *written undertaking* that you will not repeat this libel, namely that I am a current and active Holocaust denier, failing which I reserve my rights as said to issue proceedings.

Yours faithfully

David Irving