

It became plain to me that I had no hope of a fair investigation of the allegations against me. In particular I would not be allowed to call defence witnesses; indeed I was not allowed to tell anyone of the existence of the allegations. I was also banned from entering my own Embassy, and confined to my house in Tashkent.

It became too much for me, and I sent this email back from Tashkent to my union representative, Kate Smith, just before leaving to go into psychiatric care for depression. I am surprised by how articulate and clear-minded my email was.

Craig Murray
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Craig Murray Tashkent - CONF

From: Craig Murray Tashkent - CONF [/o=HMG
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To: Kate Smith
Subject: FW: PERSONAL - from Diane Corner

Kate

Sadly I can't take much more of this. When I described it to you as "unremitting hostility" from the Administration that was, I feel, putting it over-mildly. I am returning to St Thomas' for psychiatric treatment, because I am judged suicidal (I must admit I did consider it very seriously, but happily decided against).

My own view is that by bullying me into mental illness, not least by entirely spurious resignation deadlines and DV reviews (and a continued stream of false allegations of pressure made by the same people who brought the original allegations), the office has already done something to me which must be actionable.

I want most strongly to question the procedure. I am not allowed to make known the allegations to those, not least LE staff in the Embassy, who would come forward to defend me if they knew. Nor am I allowed to approach potential defence witnesses. It seems to try to arrange any kind of defence against being sacked is in itself a disciplinary offence for which I can be sacked. I am now allowed to let the Administration have a list of "defence" witnesses whom I would like Tony Crombie to interview, and they themselves will decide which of my defence witnesses should be allowed. Those witnesses allowed will then be interviewed without being told what the allegation is about which they are being interviewed, which will hardly help them volunteer the correct and relevant information. This is Kafkaesque in the extreme. I do not see how the DSA or the FDA can allow this to proceed. Frankly if it can't protect a long-standing member from this sort of persecution, I don't see the point of the organisation.

Can you come see me in St Thomas on Tuesday? Diane Nelson in MWD should have contact details.

Craig

-----Original Message-----

From: Tessa Redmayne
Sent: 03 September 2003 16:26
To: Craig Murray Tashkent - CONF
Subject: PERSONAL - from Diane Corner

Craig

Diane Corner asked me to send this to you in her absence this morning



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Tessa Redmayne