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Gentlemen

I'm sorry about the general quality of this note - I punched it out on my blackberry after a long day. I missed one important comment made by JW during my meeting with him. He suggested that FD would be willing to continue acting on behalf of BSGR if we agreed that we would not in any way directly or indirectly criticize George Soros or the organisations he is associated with.

Regards

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**From:** Dag Cramer  
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On 29 October Ben Brewerton our PR consultant informed me - off the record - that his Manager John Waples informed him that Lord Mark Mallock- Brown ( the Financial Dynamics Chairman responsible for the business area

Europe Africa Middle East - EAME ) said that George Soros had personally requested directly of him that Financial Dynamics cancel its contractual arrangements with BSGR ( these arrangements have been in place since May 2009). The reason for this request was according to BB based on several unspecified allegations put forward to MMB about the integrity of BSGR's business practices but also a specific claim by George Soros that BSGR had organised the assassination attempt of the President of Guinea Alpha Conde which took place in July 2011. MMB passed this allegation on to JW who subsequently approached BB which led to a discussion between them about the FD/BSGR relationship. BB advised that BSGR is a trusted client and that he in fact is busy defending BSGR from a smearing campaign that is orchestrated by George Soros and NGO's associated with him. BB informed that after careful consideration JW made a decision to continue the business relationship with BSGR and gave BB his support and authority to do so. When BB informed me of these developments we agreed to hold a meeting with JW to demonstrate BSGR's appreciation for FD's / his support and also discuss the possibility of embarking upon an expanded relationship as a result of our growing needs to address the PR campaign being conducted against us. On Thursday 8 November we agreed to have lunch today at 12:30 Monday 12. November to discuss these requirements. This morning at around 10:00 I received a call from BB who informed me that JW had informed him that FD can no longer maintain a business relationship with BSGR and that he and JW would come to my office to discuss the cancellation of their arrangements with BSGR.

At the meeting JW described at length a situation where George Soros has over the last month frequently called to exert pressure on MMB to cancel FD's contract with BSGR. When I asked JW if Gorge Soros had made any specific allegations about BSGR in this context he claimed that he was not aware of the actual nature of the conversations. He did however say that George Soros had informed MMB that if he did not get FD to act in accordance with his advice, MMB ran the risk of becoming the story and in fact this morning FD had been approached by a news blog called Home Politics, ( previously unknown to them ) asking questions about MMB specifically in the context of FD's relationship with BSGR. When I suggested that such an approach. should merely be ignored and questioned why FD should even consider responding, he told me that MMB had become agitated by the risk of having his personal reputation becoming subject to media speculation. JW also conceded that this was not a situation he felt comfortable with and that his instinct was to stick with us his client but he had no other choice than to step down as a result of a direct instruction from his Chairman. He also conceded that MMB has a close relationship with George Soros and " is on the board of one of his companies" and that perhaps MMBs" decision was based on personal economics and bias. He agreed with me that it was MMB who was conflicted and not FD and this situation is exacerbated by the fact that BSGR was an existing client when MMB joined FD. Upon investigation after the meeting I have established that the relationship between George Soros and MMB is indeed a close one. MMB is the deputy Chairman of George Soros Asset Management, sits on the board of several of the NGO's sponsored by George Soros and according to Wikipedia rented and lived in an apartment owned by George Soros when MMB was working for the World Bank and United Nations in New York. MMB was also a Minister in the Governments of both Tony Blair and Gordon Brown.

JW also informed me that George Soros in his opinion had a personal obsession about BSGR and is determined to ensure that VBG's mining license is withdrawn/cancelled by the GOG. He said that it was his professional opinion that the media coverage ( including the recent articles in the FT ) was being promoted by George Soros and that the articles lacked substance to such an extent that he finds it strange. As a remedy he suggested that MMB might be able to arrange for a meeting between BSGR and George Soro to mediate our differences - I responded that I am unaware of any reason why George Soros is waging his campaign against BSGR.

JW informed me that it was important to give BSGR notice of cancellation so that they could tell the above mentioned blog that they had cancelled their contract with BSGR. At the same time he told me that they would be willing to continue to provide BSGR with PR services until we find an alternative provider. (in fact our contact calls for three months written notice ) and at the time of writing we have not received any formal notification. At a meeting with BB which took place at 1900 he informed me that JW ultimately decided to follow BB's advice ( as well as my suggestion ) not to respond to the blog that had caused MMB such concern in the first place. At this meeting with BB he also informed me that the Journalist Helen Thomas at the FT one of the main collaborators on the recent articles that have published allegations against BSGR was in fact aware of FD's intention to cancel its contract with BSGR. BB told me that when BSGR released its press statement on 5 November HT phoned him telling him she was surprised that FD was releasing the statement as she had been told that FD would no longer be working for BSGR. BB is of the opinion that this information can only have come from George Soros as the only other people aware of these discussion were himself, MMB, JW and me ( I informed AA and BS of my 28 October discussion with BB ).

At the end of the 1230 meeting I requested that JW organise a meeting with MOB and that the meeting take place at the offices of Onyx FA on 14 November and that MMB explain to me how he can justify his instruction to his subordinates. JW agreed that this was a reasonable and fair suggestion and in my opinion appeared to be relieved by my request. This meeting has subsequently been confirmed and will take place at 1200 on 14 November in Onyx FA's offices.

When I subsequently met with BB at 1900 ( just the two of us ) he suggested that I present MMB with the merits of BSGR, its high standard of business practices and track record. He suggested that I question MMB' decision and motive for directing his subordinates in the manner he has and BB feels strongly that MMB has painted himself into a corner. I think its clear to both of us that it is MMB that is conflicted and his only reason for taking the action he has is based on unfounded allegations made directly to him by George Soros as well as an ambition to protect his position of receiving benefits from George Soros. Its unlikely that he will be able to stand up to a direct confrontation with BSGR solely based on the merits of his position as it's currently presented.

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