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Til: 'Helmuth Nyborg'
Emne: SV: VS: Vedrørende sagen i UVVU

Kære Helmuth Nyborg

Som svar på Deres e-mail af 6. februar 2007 kan jeg oplyse følgende:

ad 1) Sagen skal behandles i udvalget vedrørende videnskabelig uredelighed for kultur- og samfundsvidenskabelig forskning (UKSF). Det er endnu ikke besluttet, hvem der skal deltage i behandlingen af sagen. En oversigt over medlemmer og suppleanter kan findes på www.fist.dk

ad 2) Jens Mammen og Lise Togeby, som begge er medlemmer af UKSF, vil ikke deltage i behandlingen af sagen. Der vil blive indkaldt suppleanter i deres sted. Som nævnt er det ikke besluttet, hvilke af suppleanterne, der deltager i behandlingen af sagen. Den endelige sammensætning af udvalget foretages, når sagen er klar til drøftelse.

ad 3) UVVU vil ikke som udgangspunkt tillade udefrakommende at deltage i sagens behandling. UVVU vil, når sagen er klar til drøftelse, vurdere sagen. Såfremt UVVU finder, at der i medfør af § 11 i UVVU's bekendtgørelse skal nedsættes et ad hoc-udvalg med eksterne sagkyndige, vil UVVU foretage en partshøring over den påtænkte sammensætning (jf. § 11, stk. 1).

UVVU anmoder Dem om fremover at rette henvendelse til UVVU på dansk.

Med venlig hilsen

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Emne: RE: VS: Vedrørende sagen i UVVU

Dear Annette D. N. Rasmussen.

Thank you for information about the minutes of the case as of 3. February 2007.

Please allow me three questions:

- 1) What are the names of the particular individuals in the UVVU Committee that will be dealing with this case?
- 2) Is, will or have Professor Jens Mammen, Psykologisk Institut, Aarhus

Universitet, in any way been involved in the dealings or decision in this case?

3) Will the Committee allow a number of internationally highly respected researchers and two Danish professors in public law to act as consultants in the case, with point of departure in the material as presented to UVVU?

Question three is raised for the following reasons. First, it is probably fair to say that the Nordic countries have few individuals who are capable of proper evaluation of the particular and highly complex circumstances surrounding research on sex differences in intelligence in general. Moreover, the case raises questions about what is common practice in the field in particular, and further about freedom of speech, choice of method, and personal competency and previous involvement that calls for specialists in public law. Second, the presidents for more international societies (International Society for Intelligence Research, ISIR, and Society for the Study of Individual Differences, ISSID) have offered to provide their general view on the so-called "Nyborg case".

I have taken the liberty of enclosing an article for the Committee on scientific fraud published in a little known journal by Brian Martin in 1992. It raises a question relevant for the present case: Why are certain things called fraud and others not. Martin argues that science in general is a "messy process" with no golden standards and where much could be open to suspicion and where journal editors seldom will accept a more "realistic" account of how a research project proceeded. In this situation "Fraud is what scientists tell each other is fraud" and "The social definition of fraud is one which is convenient to ... the scientific elites (p. 2). Obviously, deliberate fraud is an entirely different thing that can never be excused, but neither can the unrestrained attempt in the present case to incorporate a large number of irrelevant aspects (e.g. mean substitution method (that was not used in the final publication) or the number of subjects in different phases of a 30-year project) in order to make my investigation look suspicious.

Sincerely yours
Helmuth Nyborg
Adslev, 6.2.2007.