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Mr. Anthony Astaphan, SC
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Dear Senior Counsel,

On December 22, 2016 CBS News started airing a promotional item entitled "Preview: Passports for Sale" with the announcement that Steve Kroft would, on Sunday January 1, 2017, report "on how small cash-starved countries, such as the island nations of Antigua and Dominica, offer citizenship for a price, creating ways to ease travel for international citizens, including those running from the law".

I was, as Leader of the Opposition, interviewed by Steve Kroft and a small extract of that interview was aired in the advertisement in which I am quoted correctly as saying that it costs one hundred thousand dollars to get citizenship; one can pay the money from wherever he is, and doesn't even have to come to Dominica to get the citizenship; and agreed with Mr. Kroft that it was something like a mail order citizenship.

On Friday December 30, 2016, an interview was aired on Kairi FM Radio Station in which you described me in the vilest of terms over the fact of my interview (which is yet to be aired), prefacing your comments thus: "And then we find out Lennox has volunteered to assist CBS in a story that is obviously, based on the preview, premised on lies . . ."

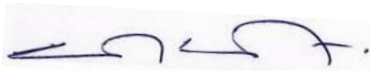
You then went on to say, among other things, that it was my intention to "sabotage the Citizen by Investment Programme"; that my actions amounted to a "terrorist declaration of war"; that I had embarked on an "economic form of terrorism"; that "the only honest motive Linton would have [to travel to Antigua for that interview] is a desperate pathological desire for facial recognition"; that "Linton from today should be branded as a traitor to this country"; and that I "deliberately suppressed facts that [I] know to be true".

You further described me as "a despicable man, a pathological man, unpatriotic, . . . and absolutely disqualified to represent any single human being in this land . . . or any life form whether in the form of a horse, a donkey, or a dog in any scenario or in any place".

Notwithstanding your political leanings, it behoves me to enquire of the basis on which you have determined to defame my character and my duty as a Parliamentary constituency representative in that manner, and to a listening audience which transcends the country's borders. As a man learned in the law, you are fully aware of my fundamental right of freedom of expression and the freedom to hold and communicate opinions without interference which is guaranteed by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Dominica. And, as a human being living in a plural and democratic society, the rules of common decency should certainly govern your conduct and behaviour.

I expect a response from you forthwith, as it is my intention to seek legal advice on this extremely despicable behavior which you have so boldly exhibited - even as you mourn the recent death of your father.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lennox Linton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

LENNOX LINTON