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FOR URGENT AND PERSONAL ATTENTION

Dear Sir Lynton

Boris Johnson's Resignations

I refer to my letter of the 18th (e-mailed to you on Sunday) to say that it is time for Mr Johnson to decide what he is to going to do, and to act on his decision. I provide important information now which allows you to advise and counsel ahead of him deciding.

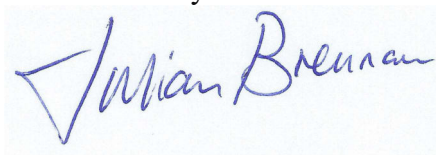
The matter is quite simple. Either I am right in what I have stated about him acting criminally and he must therefore submit his resignation as Prime Minister to Her Majesty the Queen; or he is right and can face my challenge head-on and swear the enclosed Affidavit and circulate it as I set out in my Open Letter. Please read Appendices 1 & 2.

I will expect Mr Johnson to tender his resignation to Her Majesty the Queen and allow for a smooth transition of power that has full regard for the public interest, and for him to resign as Leader of the Conservative & Unionist Party as appropriate according to circumstances.

Please access the document which I uploaded on to the internet yesterday. The front cover of that document is at Appendix 3. Click on the link below for the full document:-

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Yours sincerely

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Julian F. Brennan

Appendix 1 – Affidavit (3pp)

Claim No: _____

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE**

B E T W E E N:

THE PRIME MINISTER

Claimant

– and –

JULIAN FRASER BRENNAN

Respondent

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CLAIMANT

I, **ALEXANDER BORIS DE PFEFFEL JOHNSON** (commonly known as Boris Johnson), a Member of Parliament and Her Majesty's Prime Minister and Head of the UK Government, of The Flat, 11 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA, make oath and say as follows:-

1. The Respondent accepts that he is the sole author, editor and publisher of various statements about me which could come within the scope of section 1(1) of the Defamation Act 2013.
2. It is my intention to issue a Claim for Defamation against Mr Brennan and serve it on him on or before 30 June 2022. I will seek damages and costs.
3. So there can be no doubt about my current position I state that at no time since 24 July 2019 have I acted criminally in any of the offices I hold, and have not ever failed to account to Parliament for acting illegally as alleged.
4. One breach of Regulations is known about. I accepted and paid the fixed penalty notice issue to me by the Metropolitan Police and I have apologised for my error.

5. I have most certainly not acted "*fraudulently*" (ie in breach of section 2, 3 or 4 of the Fraud Act 2006, as read by section 5) and I am not a "*fraudster*" (ie a person who is "guilty" of fraud as stated in section 1 of the Fraud Act). I have not acted in the course of, or in connection with, or in furtherance of, any fraud (*per* section 6 or 7 of the 2006 Act) and have not done anything which is illegal in relation to an "article" (within the meaning of section 8 of the Fraud Act).
6. I emphasise: I have not committed any offence of fraud as the Leader of the Conservative Party; a Minister of the Crown; a Crown Servant; a Privy Counsellor; or the Head of the UK Government.
7. Members of The Cabinet, Members of the 1922 Committee, all MPs and Peers, all Members of the Devolved Administrations and the legislative bodies to which they account, and all registered electors can be assured that I have not acted criminally in any way that comes within the Fraud Act 2006.
8. It follows from what I say above that, in relation to fraud offences which the Respondent says I have committed, his written statements saying that I have "*acted criminally*"; that I am "*a crook*"; and that I am "*corrupt*" are also defamatory of me. The Respondent's assertion that I am a "*fraudster*" and am "*corrupt*" will come within my Claim against him.
9. It speaks for itself that if what has been written and published about me by the Respondent in relation to fraud is true, or substantially true, I will not be able to swear this Affidavit without acting criminally. A failure to swear it, or swear a different Affidavit which has the same effect as this in denying that I have acted illegally in ways that come within the scope of the Fraud Act 2006 (on or after my appointment as Prime Minister by Her Majesty the Queen), will obviously require me to resign all my public offices and apply to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to be appointed to the position of Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Chiltern Hundreds (and on appointment cease to be a Member of Parliament).
10. I agree with the Respondent that it is in the public and national interests for the truth of this matter to be established as speedily as possible and accept that, subject to me providing him the Full Particulars with my Claim Form, he

is willing to allow me to act without submitting a Letter Before Claim. This and/or any other Affidavit and/or Witness Statement will be served on the Respondent with my Claim Form and other Documents.

11 I confirm that the Respondent has stated that I should seek advice from my own personal Solicitor, in addition to that given by any lawyer employed, or paid for, by HM Government; that the only legal and honourable course of action open to me is to resign and vacate all the public positions I hold; and that I cannot swear this Affidavit (or swear one which denies that I have acted fraudulently) without me acting criminally. I am aware that if I issue a Claim for Defamation I will face a Response which will plead and particularise instances of fraud which Mr Brennan says I have committed, and that he will do the same in response to any other legal proceedings issued against him by any part of the Government or by any other public authority.

12 I confirm that Mr Brennan does not encourage me to swear this Affidavit and does not encourage me to issue a Claim against him. He believes I will act criminally if I do either. I understand that I swear this Affidavit on pain of perjury.

Sworn by Boris Johnson)
at 10 Downing Street)
in the City of Westminster)
this 22nd day of June 2022)

Before me

A Solicitor

Appendix 2 – Open Letter (1p)

You must resign, or you must sue me for defamation

Dear Prime Minister

There is no question that you have acted fraudulently, and that you have deceived Parliament and the British people about your criminal conduct. You should have resigned on Sunday and gone “quietly”, but you insist on hanging on. This letter breaks the logjam.

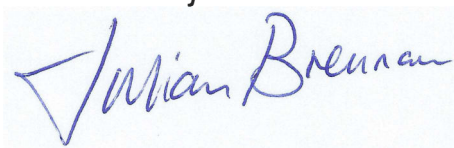
The immediate problem you face is not what will happen in the two by elections on Thursday if you go now, but what will happen if you do not. The country will be outraged to find out afterwards that you knew you should have resigned when the Gray Report was published, and that you misled Conservative MPs in order to win the “No Confidence” vote held by the 1922 Committee. You cannot stop the truth from coming out so you may as well resign now.

If you say I am wrong and that there is no cause for you to resign the public offices you hold then you can deal with the issue quite simply tomorrow. If you do not resign you should swear the Affidavit I sent to Lynton Crosby this afternoon (copy attached); and, subsequently, provide a copy to Members of the Cabinet; every member of the House of Commons Liaison Committee; and every member of the Executive Committee of the 1922 Committee. After sending a copy to the Speaker of the House of Commons and placing a copy in the Commons’ Library you should release it to the press and media.

I do not encourage you to do this, as you will act in breach of criminal law if you swear it. In reality you have no option but to speak with Her Majesty the Queen by phone, inform her of your resignation and allow for the orderly handover of power to another Minister to succeed “temporarily”. If you do not resign, and do not swear the Affidavit, you will be forced out of office by your own Cabinet. If you do not go, Ministers will have no choice but to indicate their lack of confidence in you by resigning from the Government.

It speaks for itself: we cannot both be right. Either you have not acted criminally and can swear the Affidavit and continue as Prime Minister without fear of any consequences. Or you cannot swear it as it will lead to you being reported to the Metropolitan Police, with evidence of your criminality being submitted with it. What you cannot do is not swear it and stay on as Prime Minister. I say you must go.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 3 – Front Cover of “*The Flat in No. 11 Downing Street*” (1p)



The Flat in No. 11 Downing Street

Documents relating to the fraud committed by Boris Johnson, and to his opportunity to issue proceedings for Defamation in the High Court or submit his resignation to Her Majesty the Queen

