

The Education of Nations... in Securing Peace and Avoiding War

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Open Letter

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10 January 2024.

Dear Sir,

Re: Misleading the Monarch?

I regret to inform you that I must question whether His Majesty King Charles III was in full possession of the facts when he agreed to make your predecessor a KCMG in last year's Birthday Honours list? You may recall how our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II was misled by the Prime Minister, as advised by HM Attorney General, and thus acted illegally concerning the prorogation of Parliament in 2019. I issued an online bulletin and article dated 31 October 2019 on a remedy in that connection.

In this case, though, any illegality was committed by your predecessor, Sir John Chipman KCMG, and the IISS Trustees. My criminal complaint of alleged fraud by false representation under the Fraud Act 2006 was made by open letter dated 23 July 2021 to the IISS Chair of Trustees concerning the strategic dossier Russia's Military Modernisation: An Assessment published by IISS on 30 September 2020. It was made openly in view of the complicity of the Charity Commission for England and Wales and English Attorneys General since 28 June 2000, when the judgment of the Court of Appeal was handed down in the case *Re: Project on Demilitarisation* (Prodem), in their failing to apply an 'irenical perspective' as defined by the High Court and emphatically endorsed by the Appeal judges. My complaint was neither investigated nor my summary of the material facts and relevant law refuted. It remains, therefore, outstanding though I have no reason to believe you are implicated at all.

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My Purpose:

To forewarn the public one more time that the world is heading for another Great Power war.

As in 1920, the reason is the failure of political institutions to apply 'an irenical perspective' even-handedly. Post-Cold War, the term was first defined in English charity law on 9 October 1998, drawing on a United States case of 1917, and affirmed by the Court of Appeal on 28 June 2000.

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My attached letter, which is not a public document and sent in my consultancy capacity concerning the Cabinet Office's National Risk Register: 2023 Edition, questions whether any classified secrets are required to determine the threat level of nuclear war? His Majesty's concern with the environment is well-known and of longstanding but the risks of man-made climate change from a nuclear war would dwarf in scale of destruction and in immediacy anything that greenhouse gases would produce.

I believe I can prove that our monarch and our country have been deliberately and systematically misled about the risks of nuclear war at this time, and the public benefit of applying an irenical perspective to obviate or mitigate such an existential threat. The IISS annual publication, The Military Balance, whose production team you led for years, and the associated data base, are a crucial asset in addressing these matters but the current modus operandi of IISS risks undermining the central work of educating the public in the differing means of securing a state of peace and avoiding a state of war.

You, therefore, now face a simple choice of loyalty to the rule of law and the public benefit of applying an irenical perspective or loyalty to your former boss and current Executive Chairman. Ultimately, this means impartial loyalty to the whole factual truth, above all policy considerations, not just to the parts which suit a particular political perspective.

I hope you make the right decision.

Yours faithfully,

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cc His Majesty King Charles III (for information)
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Director, Serious Fraud Office (since 25 September 2023)
Chief Executive, Charity Commission for England and Wales

N.B. I have an email dated 12 October 2023 from a manager in the Charity Commission which states:

'There is no further role for the Commission with regard to the purpose you are trying to achieve.'

That purpose (page 1 above) is the application of 'an irenical perspective' even-handedly.

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The Prodem Legal Case

For copies of the Prodem judgments, see: <https://www.ipp2000.org/ipplaw.html> For an analysis of these judgments, see Peter M. Southwood, 'A Bleak House Today: How English Charity Regulators Missed the Mark in 2000 and Beyond', Article no. 2 (6 March 2019) at <https://www.directionofconflict.org/what-we-do> Additionally, see all of Peter M. Southwood's letters, articles and closing bulletins of 'The Paris Peace Conference 1919 Remembered' and 'The Education of Nations' bulletins, particularly the indictment of the English charity regulators on 10 April and 11 September 2020 available at: [Peace or War \(directionofconflict.org\)](https://www.directionofconflict.org/peace-or-war)