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Mr. Daurius Figueira  
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Dear Mr. Figueira

**Re: Cocaine and Heroin Trafficking in the Caribbean -  
The Case of Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and Guyana  
by Daurius Figueira**

I bring to your attention a letter dated December 01, 2011 from Mr. Michael A. A. Quamina, Attorney-at-Law, on the above-mentioned subject.

The letter notes in part *"The book levels a number of extremely serious charges against the Syrian-Lebanese Community, of which my clients are an integral part, by making unequivocal statements to the effect that the Syrian-Lebanese community is heavily involved in the illegal narcotics trade. The offensive words can be found firstly at page 32"*.

The letter on page 6 also notes *"As you will not doubt agree, the statements of this lecturer are ludicrous, absolutely false, totally scandalous, and bigoted. The writing is without any factual basis whatsoever, and the proof of same is in the fact that the entire work is devoid of any or any academic authority to support the conclusions arrived at with respect to my clients' community. There is no empirical or other evidence to support any of the categorical statements made by this lecturer. Simply put, what this lecturer has done, is to launch a virulent and unjustified attack against my clients' community, which is made up of well-established members of society..."*

I would be very grateful to receive your comments on this matter, so that I am in a position to respond to Mr. Quamina and the representatives of the Syrian-Lebanese Community.

Sincerely



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Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal

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