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Dear Ambassador SOBEL

A website "bringseanhome.org" created by Mr. David George Goldman has been persistently making a campaign reviling the image of my family, my son, my daughter's in-law memory, and my professional reputation through the constant sending of e-mails and telephone calls.

I do not have the opportunity of talking about the theme, which in my country is prohibited by law (art. 155 in the Civil Process Code) since it involves family and a minor.

The matter involves judiciary procedures in the Federal and State Courts, where Mr. Goldman lost in all stages and in both jurisdictions.

My daughter-in-law BRUNA BIANCHI CARNEIRO RIBEIRO LINS E SILVA passed away on August 22, in consequence of complications after the delivery, giving birth to my first grand-daughter, Chiara. From this event until now my family has not had peace anymore or the right of mourning.

Before marrying my son JOÃO PAULO, Bruna was married in the USA, having her marriage also registered in Brazil, to DAVID GEORGE GOLDMAN (resident in New Jersey), with whom she had a son, SEAN RICHARD BIANCHI CARNEIRO RIBEIRO GOLDMAN, who today is 8.5 years old.

Bruna and David lived together only for 4 years, when they separated. Bruna got married because of a pregnancy, after a few months dating David. During this 4 years, they did not sleep in the same bed for 3 years.

David took them (Bruna and Sean) to the airport when they came to Brazil in 2004.

David did not work, earning just a little money from his eventual works as a "model". He always demanded money from Bruna and her family, for he did not work, I repeat. For these reasons and other serious private problems, when Bruna arrived with her son in Brazil, she decided to

call him stating that she no longer wanted to remain married. Even invited to come to talk about, with tickets paid in advance to him by Bruna, he refused.

She seeks a lawyer here in Rio de Janeiro and gets the custody of the child who at the time was 4 years old. He took the initiative of denouncing to the Court of New Jersey the kidnapping of his son Sean, including as accomplices the parents of Bruna, his in-laws, Raimundo Ribeiro Carneiro and Silvana Bianchi Carneiro Ribeiro. A process of search and seizure of Sean was filed in the Federal Court of the State of Rio de Janeiro, and in parallel the process of custody of the child was under way in the Court of the State of Rio de Janeiro.

David hired a private lawyer, and had all possible freedom to defend his thesis.

David and Bruna, through their respective lawyers, presented their defenses and argumentations, and in the end, in all stages of the lawsuit, both in the Federal Court and in the State Court, DAVID lost, and the Federal Court did not considered "kidnapping" the act of Bruna.

During 4 and a half years of separation, David came to Brazil 4 times, to participate and attend trials, providing testimony at hearings, next to his lawyers. David never sought his son SEAN, ever since the separation. In the opportunities when he was in Brazil, he never made a phone call to the family and did not use the Justice during all those 4,5 years in order to try to obtain rights of visitation to Sean, which would have been very easy to obtain.

Since the separation occurred, David has never contributed with "one cent" for the maintenance of Sean, situation that so far remains: complete emotional and material lack of assistance in relation to Sean.

Bruna, six months after their arrival in Brazil, meets JOÃO PAULO, my son, who was divorced from his first wife. They decide to live together with Sean (which in Brazil is called "stable union", "de facto" union or "common law marriage"). Bruna, through her lawyer in the United States, then tries to get her divorce there, but David avoids receiving the court bailiffs. Since the marriage had also been registered in Brazil, Bruna files for divorce here in Rio de Janeiro, a divorce based on the "de facto" separation. When David last came to Brazil to attend the trial in the Superior Court of Justice last year, he was formally served by a bailiff, at the moment when he was next to his lawyers in this Court. David had the opportunity to defend himself and did not do so, the Brazilian Justice then decreed the divorce of the couple.

After having obtained the divorce, Bruna and João Paulo were formally married on September 01, 2007.

Throughout this period of coexistence in a real family with João Paulo and of absence of David, the child, Sean, began to create a paternal image after my son, João Paulo.

Ever since João Paulo began to live with Bruna, it was he who supported Sean, having the family paid for his studies, maintenance, employees, clothes, doctors, sports, etc ... I repeat once again, without any contribution from David, in that gap of 4.5 years.

Last year, in order to drop the process in the Supreme Court of New Jersey in which he accused his in-laws, Raimundo and Silvana, of being accomplices of kidnapping, David demanded U\$ 150,000.00 from the family, who paid it, to close this case that was causing them problems every time they traveled to the USA.

With the death of Bruna, occurred on August 22, my son, considered in Brazil the "affective father" of Sean for the last 4.5 years, filed a process in the Family Court of Rio de Janeiro and obtained a preliminary order appointing him as the "Temporary guardian" of Sean, until definitive trial. However, David came to Brazil and through a lawyer he hired here filed a process with his defense and demanding, only now, visitation to the child. The visitation was temporarily denied by the prosecution, opinion that was ratified by the Judge, since they considered that it would be protecting the interests of Sean. It was decided that he should undergo a psychological evaluation before seeing the biological father (David), due to the long period of absence.

David's lawyer appealed to the Court of the State of Rio de Janeiro, but the decision was temporarily maintained.

In the face of such facts, David returned to the USA. Since then, our family LINS E SILVA, and Bruna's family, have had no more peace.

David distorted the whole truth, created a blog, www.bringseanhome.org where he tells "his truth" totally distorted. He created a page to get funds (donations), making money and having profit out of this situation, picturing himself as a "poor dad" and a suffering victim of the kidnapping of his son (which did not occur). He shows as he is prohibited to see his son, who has blood relation, without mention the time he never ask for it in the last 4,5 years.

Would he ask now if Bruna was alive?

He is giving interviews on ABC, on NBC and on several newspapers. He explicitly places the name of my son and mine on his blog, asking people who are at his side to communicate through emails.

In the e-mails received, he informs my e-mail address and that of my son, the web site of my office, as well as that of the UIA, IABA, IBA, IAML, ISFL, ABA and other institutions where they are receiving numerous emails that are offensive to the honor of my family.

In Brazil we cannot make any declaration, by express prohibition in the law (section 155 of the Code of Civil Procedure). But he (David) has no such restriction and through a firm of press relations sends "press releases" to all TV networks and newspapers, which bother us daily. However we cannot, by law, talk about the cause which involves a minor and family.

Our life and family are being reviled abroad and here in Brazil, where David threatens, after having lost in all stages, to renovate another request for search and seizure of Sean, who is now entirely adapted to his new affective reality with a newborn sister, a "father" who assumed such affective condition 4.5 years ago, living today in an apartment together with his maternal grandparents.

Meanwhile, David took from the family U\$ 150,000.00 last year. He enjoys the house in New Jersey where he lives, half of which belongs to Bruna and now to their son.

It is clear for us that he has different intentions other than simply reclaiming his son and giving him affection, something that he hasn't even tried to do during these past 4,5 years. Everything points to the fact that in his condition of legal representative he has the perfect opportunity to administrate the assets left by Bruna, which are fairly representative, so he can continue to live without working as he always did, and at the expense of Bruna's family.

Foremost, we are here to protect Sean's interests. The kid has lived more time in Brazil with my son, Bruna and now his sister Chiara than with his biological father, and here he has all the conditions for a complete life in a secure and loving family environment.

Sean is a Brazilian citizen as well as he is an American citizen. Why does Sean need to live in a country whose language he do not speak anymore, with a biological father who refuse to visit him for the past 4 years? Why

does the Brazilian Law not be applicable to David and to Sean, I insist, a Brazilian citizen? A Brazilian Superior Court is not able to understand the facts and solve this conflict with justice?

Taking all this in consideration I ask you if you consider review your position regarding such case.

Waiting for your considerations and hoping we can soon meet personally to discuss this case, I remain at your disposal for any further information you may need.

Kind regards,

Paulo Lins e Silva

PS - I am attaching a copy of the mentioned document issued by the Superior Court of New Jersey and the check sent to Mr. Goldman, Feb, 19th 2007.