Dear Bibi Shaw,

I am writing in response to your letter of October 23, 2013 and the subsequent article which appeared in the St Maarten News Network.

At the outset, let me make very clear that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will not tolerate the publication of untruths and statements that cannot be substantiated against the institution or any of its officers. In this regard, please consider this as a warning that any further articles maligning the character of any staff member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will result in legal action being taken against you.

For the record you should be informed that the consular visit conducted by Consul General Michael Brotherson was authorised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guyana after the required protocols were followed with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of St Maarten.

Elisabeth Harper

Director General

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