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Dear Sirs:

As you were notified in advance, your current issue of National Enquirer makes numerous false and defamatory assertions about our client Tom Cruise. Your trumpeting these false and vicious lies about Mr. Cruise will cause him hundreds of millions of dollars of professional and personal damages, for which we intend to hold American Media, and everyone who participated in the perpetuation of this scurrilous attack, jointly and severally liable.

I'll begin with your disgraceful and lurid cover with its bogus, red and yellow headlines announcing one cruel lie after another about Mr. Cruise.

Your cover announces, as a fact, that "THE REAL TOM IS A MONSTER!" Mr. Cruise is certainly not a "monster." He is a caring father, a hardworking actor and, above all, an honest, decent man.

Your cover tells the world in huge red and yellow headlines that Mr. Cruise's home is a "HOUSE OF HORRORS!" Mr. Cruise's home, which you have pictured, is by no means a "house of horrors." It is a gracious and loving family home.

Contrary to your blaring headlines, Mr. Cruise has not engaged in any “abuse” or “humiliation” of Katie Holmes. Nor has he ever subjected her to any “punishments.”

Ms. Holmes did not lead a “tortured life” with Mr. Cruise. Despite their divorce, their relationship was generally a loving one.

Your interior story is similarly riddled with lies.

Again, you report the false assertion that “the real” Mr. Cruise is “a monster” and that his home is a “house of horrors.” You add that his marriage to Ms. Holmes was “a living nightmare.” That too is false.

It is also untrue that Mr. Cruise subjected his wife to “relentless verbal abuse, emotional punishment, humiliation and intimidation.” These are all egregious lies. He did none of these things.

Mr. Cruise did not do or say any of the things attributed to him in your article. Nor did his sister.

Ms. Holmes did not get “a new apartment without Tom’s knowledge.” They got the apartment together. He was completely aware of it.

You represent that “the gardener, the housekeeper and the bodyguards were all Scientologists.” In fact, none of them were Scientologists and none of them reported what Ms. Holmes said or did to David Miscavige or anyone else – more lies.

Mr. Cruise’s home in Telluride, like his home in Beverly Hills, is a pleasant and loving home. Suri was not forced to stay for five months in a tiny windowless room. She spent most of her time with Tom and Katie. She slept in a nursery adjoining their bedroom. It has a window.

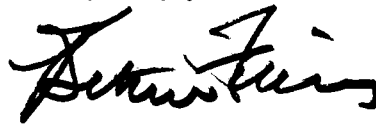
Finally, you say that “Katie was almost treated like a battered wife” and quoting a so-called “expert,” who has never even met Mr. Cruise, you say that he “displays many of the symptoms of a man who beats up his wife.”

These are all lies – vicious, hurtful, damaging lies.

Without limiting any of Mr. Cruise’s rights or remedies for the enormous damages you have caused him, please consider this a demand that you immediately retract each and every one of your false assertions about Mr. Cruise with the same prominence and emphasis as you gave your original false and defamatory assertions.

I intend to call to the Court's attention your long record of printing and publishing malicious lies about celebrities in order to enrich yourselves at their expense; and that these disgusting lies about Mr. Cruise will be there for all time, to be read by his children and, someday, his grandchildren. In addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars in compensatory damages, your conduct cries out for an additional award of punitive damages.

Very truly yours,



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