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Dear Prof. Miller,

Thank you for the interest you have shown in the work of the European Commission.

With reference to the Expert Group on Violent Radicalisation, the names of the members of the Group were not published in view of the sensitive nature of the subject. No member of the Group declared any conflict of interest. The synthesis report to which you refer has only been adopted very recently (in May 2008) by the Expert Group and it is expected that it be published soon. There have been no other tasks performed by the Expert Group in question to date.

The members of the Group were appointed by the Director General of Directorate General Justice, Freedom and Security Mr Jonathan Faull in accordance with Commission Decision JLS C(2006) 1505 setting up a group of experts to provide policy advice to the Commission on fighting radicalisation. In accordance with article 3 (1) of the same Decision the appointment of the experts was made from "among specialists with competence in the areas of violent radicalisation and terrorism" and such competence included "experience deriving from academic research and published work".

Yours sincerely,

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