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Mr Malcolm Roberts  
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Dear Mr Roberts,

Thank you for your email and letter concerning Professor Karoly.

I have reviewed the attached material with interest, as it represents a very spirited exploration of points of debate on this engaging subject. In my assessment, however, it does not show that Professor Karoly has offended against the normal basis of scholarly argument, or abused his position as a university professor. Whilst I appreciate that you strongly disagree with his views and argument, including his interpretation of the material on which he relies for his claims, his action in that regard does not, in my opinion, amount to misconduct.

All proponents of opinion on any given area of disciplinary expertise are free to rehearse their arguments for and against various positions through long-established public fora: professional and academic journals, the media, conference panel discussion and open correspondence.

Best wishes for a continuing discussion.

Yours sincerely,



**The Hon Alex Chernov AO QC**  
Chancellor