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Subject: RE: Board Response to inquiries re: Oct. 16 statement - Risen book

All,

I just talked to Nathalie about the section on a possible independent investigation (see below revised section). Next week at the Consolidated meeting, the Board will be taking up the question of what additional steps, if any, APA should take to reassure our members (the "reasonable middle" not the ones who cannot be convinced) that we acted with integrity throughout this PENS process, as we all believe we have, and that claims made to the contrary are baseless.

Because the Board will be exploring all possible options for reassuring our reasonable members, AND the fact that we want to get the document we've been working on out BEFORE Consolidated, we need to revise the section on an investigation. I see two types of revisions, not so much in terms of substance, but more to remove mention of our stance on an investigation. One change would be in the title of the section; I am not sure what the title should be, if it needs a title (maybe just "Additional Information").

The other change is to remove the first and last sentences of the second paragraph. That graph could just begin with, "In addition, prior to the Risen book..." That's it from me.

Norman

What is APA's position on an investigation?

APA strongly believes in transparency. Over the past ten years, APA has spent considerable energies answering an array of questions related to its position on interrogations—much of the information in this document has been disseminated on multiple prior occasions. In addition, APA has sponsored public presentations to address its position on interrogations. In 2007, the APA Board of Directors invited APA's most vocal critics to help plan and participate in a mini-convention at the annual Convention. This program had nine sessions and 44 speakers representing a broad range of perspectives. The Board of Directors gave complete discretion to the mini-convention planning committee. No question or issue was taken off the table.

APA does not support an investigation based upon guilt by association, innuendo, incorrect facts, and incomplete data, as found in Risen's book. Prior to Risen's book, the full correspondence among PENS Task Force members had been made public by a former task force member and conveyed to a U.S. Senate Committee. That Committee found no grounds for further oversight activity focused on APA. Furthermore, in 2010^[E1]^[N2], the Physicians for Human Rights group asked the FBI to open an investigation into their allegations of improper

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behavior by APA. As has been reported in news coverage^[N3] of the Risen book, the FBI received and reviewed that complaint and, according to an FBI official, found no reason to open an investigation. False allegations that are continually repeated are no basis for an investigation.

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