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Dear Sirs

Yoko Ono

We act for Yoko Ono. We write with regard to your article entitled "Yoko Ono Dines on Corgi" released on 30 May 2007.

The article makes the sensational allegation that our client ate dog meat during an appearance on a London radio station with Mark McGowan on Tuesday 29 May 2007. This allegation is completely untrue and highly defamatory of our client. Our client did not appear on the radio program referred to and was not even in the UK on the day in question. She has never eaten dog meat of any kind and the allegation is offensive and extremely distressing to her. The truth could have been very simply verified by checking the facts with our client, yet you completely failed to do this.

We have contacted numerous press agencies and publications about this story. By way of example, we enclose a copy of the apology published by The Press Association.

In the circumstances, we require you to remove the story immediately and to publish the attached apology. In return for this prompt action our client will forego commencing legal proceedings against you.

We expect to hear from you by return.

Yours faithfully

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YOKO - AN APOLOGY

In our story headed "Yoko Ono Dines on Corgi" which we published on 30 May 2007, we claimed that Yoko Ono had appeared on a radio program with performance artist Mark McGowan and had tasted the dog meat which he was eating.

We now accept that the story was completely untrue and without any foundation. Ms Ono did not appear on the program and was in fact in Moscow attending the opening of her show in the Moscow Biennale.

The story was a hoax, for which we fell. We apologise unreservedly for the offence and distress caused to Ms Ono.

