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Transcript

Station: NEWSTALK ZB (AUCKLAND) Date: 01/09/2014

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Compere: LARRY WILLIAMS Summary ID:W00058674214

Item: NATIONAL MP JUDITH COLLINS HAS RESIGNED FROM HER CABINET PORTFOLIOS AFTER HACKED EMAILS FROM WHALE OIL BLOGGER CAMERON SLATER SUGGEST SHE WAS INVOLVED IN A CAMPAIGN TO UNDERMINE THE SERIOUS FRAUD OFFICE. [CONT]

INTERVIEWEES: CAMERON SLATER, BLOGGER, WHALE OIL

Audience: Male 16+ Female 16+ All people

LARRY WILLIAMS: Welcome into The Cauldron on this Monday. We have less than three weeks to the election and it's a dirty, murky campaign dominated by hacked emails, with allegations the Government has been involved in not only leaks, but corruption. Over the weekend, Judith Collins resigned after emails suggested she was involved in some sort of campaign to undermine the Serious Fraud Office. At this point, none of the allegations have been sheeted home, have been substantiated. The Prime Minister claims that they are a left-wing smear campaign. There are now inquiries, or there's going to be inquiries, all over the place and I just hear that Labour is complaining, or making a complaint, to the police.

Tonight on The Cauldron to debate all these issue and some policies and the polls and all that sort of stuff, Barry Soper and Josie Paganì. First, Cameron Slater, one of our regular panelists, but the fact that Cameron is now a central figure in many of the allegations, Cam is standing aside

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from The Cauldron today, but he's with me to discuss the dramatic events across the weekend and then we will get comment from Josie and Barry and Cameron Slater from Whale Oil is with me.

Cameron, good evening to you sir.

CAMERON SLATER: Good evening Larry.

LARRY WILLIAMS: Alright, Cameron, so Judith Collins has been purged. Ms Collins denies the allegations, she calls for an inquiry herself. I want to know this: did you receive any inside information from Judith Collins on the SFO?

CAMERON SLATER: No I did not. Not at all, not ever. Judith Collins is one of the hardest people to get any information out of and in fact, most times, if I want information, I don't even bother talking to her about it because she simply puts up a wall and says that she can't deal with this information, that she's the minister responsible, or she tells me that - or indeed, anyone else and I've confirmed this with other journalists in the last couple of days - she simply says you need to put in an Official Information Act Request in. She plays by the book, by the rules every single time. And for someone who does what I do, it's extremely frustrating that she does do that.

LARRY WILLIAMS: Did you pass on any information to Collins about the SFO?

CAMERON SLATER: What I did was discuss with her on where the media was going with the ensuing public fiasco around Adam Feeley and his - and the stolen bottle of wine that he celebrated with his staff. I knew what the Herald was going to publish, I knew what NBR was going to publish and I knew what other journalists were going to publish and I simply passed that on. There's nothing untoward about that and the suggestion from members of the Opposition, from media harpies that are

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out there, that people in positions should become sort of hermetic monks and not actually speak to anybody is just ridiculous.

LARRY WILLIAMS: Why did you say Collins was gunning for SFO boss Adam Feeley then?

CAMERON SLATER: Well I got the feeling that she was quite cross with the fact that Mr Feeley was in the media all the time and that this bottle of wine issue had come up. Me saying gunning for - it's probably a wrong term - turn of phrase, but I could imagine that ministers would be angry when chief executives are constantly in the media rather than doing work.

LARRY WILLIAMS: So you embellished the email, right?

CAMERON SLATER: Yes, I did.

LARRY WILLIAMS: So, it was what; B.S. was it? All B.S.?

CAMERON SLATER: No, not at all. Not at all - there's no way that it was B.S. but let me tell you about discussions with Judith Collins, they are generally one-way discussions. You talk, she listens. That's about it.

LARRY WILLIAMS: You had Collins' ear, right?

CAMERON SLATER: [Indistinct] information that comes back the other way.

LARRY WILLIAMS: So you had Collins' ear, obviously, because you are friendly with Collins.

CAMERON SLATER: We're friends. She rung me constantly during the passing of my mother and the quite hard that ensued with that. She visited Mum and talked with me through all of those sorts of things...

LARRY WILLIAMS: Right.

CAMERON SLATER: She's a very good friend and friends talk.

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LARRY WILLIAMS: So when you talked about the SFO then, you - what did you say, you said, I've got some information on Feeley; and what did she say? She said well, feel free to pass it on; what happened?

CAMERON SLATER: Well we had a discussion and I said this is what Jared Savage is going to run, this is what other people are going to run, this is what Matt Nippert's going to run. These journalists who are all sanctimoniously pointing their finger at me for daring to communicate with people all shamelessly used me for the last nine years to either put their stories up, confirm their stories or in fact, in some instances, win awards at Canon Media Awards off of the back of the stories that I packaged up and gave them. It's really quite hypocritical of them to

all of a sudden get all high and mighty and ride that horse for all it's worth.

LARRY WILLIAMS: Alright. We'll come back in just a moment. Cameron Slater with me; Newstalk ZB, it's now 14 past four.

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Were you aware that Hotchin and all of those guys were out to get you?

Um... look it's easy to be wise after the event. I would say that I was always puzzled about the intensity about the various smear campaigns generally about me and the SFO. But to be honest, how coordinated was it? I have I no idea.

So you were aware of smear campaigns?

Well smear campaigns suggests that there was a conspiracy or some kind of coordination. I saw lots of attacks in the media and I saw attacks, not just about me but about why we were doing things. I didn't draw any dots in relation to that, I just thought they were bloggers or journalists or individuals with an axe to grind.

If what's suggested proves to be true, that somebody's paying somebody to pay somebody to blog against you, and you'd known that at the time, what would you have done?

I don't think I would have done anything differently to what I did at the time. I never chose to investigate or not investigate, charge or not charge, based on what was going on in the media.

And so the inference I suppose among some is that you leave early, the bloke who comes in after you starts and runs the SFO, there are no charges against Hotchin and people add two and two and come up with whatever number they come up with; there is nothing in that?

Look anyone who knows me or Simon McArley knows we are slightly contrary people. We do what we believe we need to do. Um... I never spoke to Simon after the decision not to charge and... but you know...as I say knowing Simon, Simon would have come to that conclusion because he personally felt it was the right one. What conclusion I may or may not have come to is academic; I wasn't in the organisation at that point.

Much has been made of the fact that you left early. Why did you leave early?

Well Mike you've been to Queenstown. That's the reason.

That's the it, literally?

Yeah, absolutely. Look I left because I'd wanted to move my family to Queenstown for about ten years. Anyone who knows me knows that. I loved working at the SFO, I had I great time. I left on my own terms.

So there was nothing untoward in your early departure at all?

Absolutely not. In fact I think Ian put out something last night about that. I always had a great relationship with the State Services Commission. I had spoken with Ian about other opportunities in Wellington but the fact was there's nothing wrong with Wellington I just prefer living in Queenstown.

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What was your relationship with Judith Collins like?

Look no one would believe me if I said it wasn't a little bit tense for a period there but overall no different to any other Minister. We got on as Chief Executives and Ministers do – constructively, professionally. What's going on in the media now – look to be honest – I don't want to be drawn on it until there is whatever investigations there might be and the truth comes out. I don't know what the facts are and I might comment on them when I know what the facts are.

Why was it tense?

Oh because of the issue over Rodj Petrovic and the champagne she was not happy about. And I took that on the chin and moved on.

And there was nothing more to it than that? So you did something that could be argued was foolish, she was angry about it and that was that?

Well from my point of view that was that. As I say, I don't know if anything else sat behind it but as I say I don't want to be drawn on that because right now there aren't a lot of facts and when there are facts we might know something else.

But as it sits at the moment, you would have no reason to believe that the Minister was after you in any way, shape or form?

I don't want to speculate on that. I have always worked with any Minister, of any Government on exactly the same basis. One of trust and professionalism and until someone proves otherwise, that's the way I would work with any Minister.

You sound sort of cagey in that sense? And if you don't want to comment that's fine but... do you know what I'm saying? The cagier you sound the more people who listen will go hang on maybe there is something there? Would it not surprise you if Collins was after you?

Look I truly don't want to speculate on things which have not been proven or otherwise and that's not being cagey, that's just being... I think it's really unwise to speculate on what might, or might not have been until those facts are known. I think everyone's saying we welcome an inquiry. If there's to be an inquiry, I would cooperate with it and I would be pleased to find out what the facts were. Frankly, given the situation, I hope the basis on which I have always operated was the right one but until that's proven or disproven I just think it's dumb to speculate.

It was a week, in which Judith Collins was finally undone by her association with Cameron Slater, although on Friday she seemed very confident:

QUOTE: If it became even more perhaps apparent that the party is taking a hit because of your situation with etc, would you consider walking?

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No because for a start the party's not taking a hit on this.

The accusation is that Slater was being paid to undermine the SFO head Adam Feeley, the inference is the possibility that Collins was perhaps feeding Slater some sort of information and therefore undermining him. Cameron Slaters with us, good morning.

Good morning Mike

~~Was Collins working with you on Feeley?~~

~~Absolutely not~~

Were you getting paid to undermine Feeley?

I don't discuss any work that I do on my website.

So that's still possible that you were then?

It's possible, but I'll neither confirm nor deny.

And is Carrick Graham involved in this along with Mark Hotchin?

Ah, I'll neither confirm nor deny who I work with.

Is Collins guilty of anything at all?

No she's not. She's completely innocent. She's the victim of a long term smear campaign, which I imagine when the details do come out will reveal just who actually is playing dirty politics in New Zealand.

And who is it? Do you know?

Well you have to ask who benefits from all of this. Who benefits from the Justice Minister losing her job? Who benefits from an apparent one sided campaign that's only released a selection of emails that make National look bad? And which political party is running a vote positive campaign. If you believe that all of those things are a mere coincidence then I've got a bridge that I can sell you Mike.

Is anything going to happen out of your complaints about these emails of yours been stolen, do you think?

Well Police appear to be working very studiously on trying to track down the hacker and I've received an acknowledgement from the Privacy Commissioner that they're looking into Nick Hager and I'm yet to receive an acknowledgment on the breach the Prime Minister made on Saturday morning releasing another private email of my own.

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What about the Inspector General? You've been called in, or subpoenaed in; do you think anything will come out of this at all? Is there anything to uncover?

No I don't think there is. I know exactly what happened over the Official Information Act request. I don't believe there's anything untoward there. Certainly not buying the... ah... the sanctimonious indignation of Phil Goff. I mean we've got to remember here that this was all initiated because Phil Goff lied about being briefed.

He said he wasn't briefed when in fact he was?

That's right so on the 11 September I'll tell the truth and it won't be any different from what I've said all along on that case and everyone's going to find out that the conspiracy theories that David Cunliffe and Phil Goff and half the left wing are running are nothing more than conspiracy theories. The thing that's most outrageous about all of this, Mike, is that there is a political criminal conspiracy here to bring down a Government. And the media whose job it is to hold the powerful to account are chasing after a private citizen with private emails that were stolen. They're as complicit in this as Nicky Hager and the hacker.

Appreciate your time, Cameron Slater.

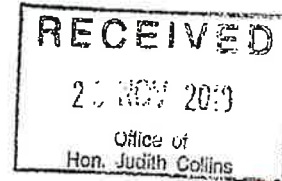
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26 November 2010

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Dear Minister

I write on behalf of the Media Freedom Committee in support of the National Business Review newspaper and its request to the government to consider changes to the Serious Fraud Office Act.

At its regular meeting this week, the committee considered issues surrounding the SFO's demand last month that the NBR provide it with documents under a 'production order' -- the first time, to our knowledge, that such a provision has been used against a media organisation.

We have seen the letter to you from Nevil Gibson, editor-in-chief of the National Business Review on October 22, and have had the benefit of your reply, dated November 2 and a briefing from Nevil Gibson on your subsequent meeting on November 17.

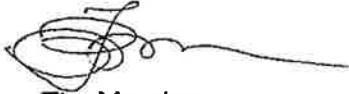
Media Freedom Committee members are unanimous in deploring the SFO's misuse of its powers to demand information from the NBR newsroom. These powers could not have been intended by Parliament to be used against legitimate news gathering, and certainly not in a manner in which confidentiality of sources could be threatened.

Far from being a reassurance, the fact that this is the first time such an order has been used against the media is of profound concern. A new director and new approach to SFO investigations ought not to cut corners and imperil legitimate media freedoms. There is a real danger that those who act as confidential sources for stories of great public importance -- very often highly sensitive matters involving the powerful and those in authority -- will no longer feel secure to bring matters to public attention via the media if these unchecked powers remain.

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The Media Freedom Committee urges you as the Minister in charge of the SFO to change its Act, specifically to exclude news media from examination and production orders. In the meantime, we support the NBR's call for the SFO to be instructed not to invoke its powers against news organisations until the Act can be amended.

Yours sincerely



Tim Murphy
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Media Freedom Committee

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