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David Cockburn, Certification Officer, Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations delayed investigation and adjudication of a complaint for five months. By that, he effectively granted Jeremy Dear, General Secretary, National Union of Journalists impunity to extend a seven-year pattern of illegal activity for another year.

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David Miliband MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; Sir Peter Ricketts, Permanent Under-Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service; Jack Straw MP, Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor; and Gareth Thomas MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for International Development continue to cover-up of HM Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) dereliction in a consort with Dear.

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Cockburn neglected to process a complaint arguably for political expedience. By that, he delayed and denied justice. Facts indicate that he had no intent to process the complaint in the first place. His stonewalling classifies as a political ploy given involvement by three Labour ministers and a foreign office official, effectively accessories after the fact to international crimes associated with the complaint.

Cockburn used general denial which forms no part of an adjudication process unless legitimate reasons exist for refusal or delay. In that case he must cite precedents and state a rule which allows an appeal. He acknowledged receipt of the complaint, which met all legal requirements, and a plethora of supporting documents then stonewalled processing them.

Cockburn threatened to strike out the complaint on grounds that it failed to supply basic information for an "arguable complaint". In plain English, he used a veiled threat to dispose of the complaint without due process by attacking genre instead of addressing content.

Since the filing, Jeremy Dear, General Secretary, National Union of Journalists (NUJ); David Rotchelle, Chair, London Freelance Branch (LFB); and Philip Sutcliffe, Vice-Chair (LFB) and National Executive Council (NEC) fabricated election formalities prior to the NUJ Annual Delegate Meeting (ADM) 2009 scheduled for Southport, Merseyside (19 Nov 09).

They perverted the course of justice by misusing their dues-funded positions for personal gain and colluded to manipulate elections to maintain an illegal *status quo* and to cover up alleged misappropriation of public funds by withholding access to financial and other records.

Cockburn effectively supported their illegal activities by delaying and denying justice. His actions show an illegal pattern or practice which has adversely affected trade union member rights under the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (the Act).

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