Re: Obituary of Mr Colin Jordan

To: reader@guardian.co.uk

Dear Leslie Plommer,

Thank you for your E-mail re Colin Jordan. Regarding corrections to his obituary; he was employed in Coventry as a teacher from 1957; a report of his expulsion from the NUT was published in the "Guardian", September 9, 1963.

The main correction your paper should publish re his work as a political theorist is that he never advocated violence against persons of the Jewish faith or race, nor engaged in such violence. He never advocated or engaged in or plotted acts of arson, and he was not responsible in any way manner shape or form for the Mesifta Talmudical College Fire, which was a proven accident as evinced by the letter from the St Pancras Coroner to which I referred your paper.

At this very moment, the Prime Minister is enmeshed in a scandal of gargantuan propositions relating to smears concocted by one of his staffers (without his knowledge) against his political opponents. If someone at Downing Street had accused David Cameron of being complicit in murder we would probably see a criminal prosecution.

Granted that Colin Jordan was no David Cameron, and certainly Mr Gable is no Labour spin doctor, but I am sure you will appreciate the analogy. Mr Jordan's first wife was a fanatical Jew-hater who said she would like to see synagogues burnt by statute, and she was rightly convicted of complicity in what today would be called racially motivated arson when no such anti-Jewish laws were forthcoming.

Her husband on the other hand was an ideological anti-Semite; shameful though that may be, and was never implicated in any way, manner shape or form in arson or anti-Jewish violence of any kind.

Many of Mr Jordan's writings are now freely available on-line, and though he might well be described as an angry old man, most of this anger, certainly since the 1990s, was directed against the police and the political establishment, whom he believed, with some justification, were involved in a witchhunt against him. At one point he brought a successful legal action against the police, and before that he sued a radio station over allegations made by Ray Hill, who was then, by his own admission, working with Gerry Gable.

In 1965-6, there was an extensive criminal investigation into the London synagogue arsons, and all those responsible were brought to book; Mr Jordan was cleared of any involvement in any of the fires, and in any case, as stated, the Mesifta Fire was not arson.

Mr Gable has spread wilful lies against a man he obviously hates, and he has used your newspaper to as a vehicle to spread these lies to possibly tens of thousands of people.

You published these lies in good faith but now they are exposed as lies you have a public duty to correct them. I should point out this is not the first time the "Guardian" and other

newspapers have been used by Mr Gable to spread gross lies, but that is another story. I look forward to seeing your correction in print.

Yours Sincerely, A Baron