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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you with reference to an allegation of manslaughter/murder and a series of arsons dating back to November 1964. I realise this is a long time ago but I am advised there is no statute of limitations on such crimes in Britain. Also, as far as I am aware, all but two of those alleged to have been involved are still alive. Furthermore, as these crimes were racially motivated, this is another reason for them to be re-investigated.

In August last year, the magazine *Searchlight* claimed that John Colin Campbell Jordan had been involved in an arson campaign against Jewish premises, mostly synagogues, in London during the 1960s. This article was written by Gerry Gable, who as long ago as 1987 boasted to the *Jewish Chronicle* newspaper that his investigation had resulted in the conviction of the arsonists, that he had been praised by the judge at one of the three trials, and that the police were basically incompetent.

The fire at the Mesifita Talmudical College in November 1964 predated the arsons campaign, and in October 2000 I received a letter from the office of the St Pancras Coroner to the effect that a verdict of accidental death had been returned on the victim of this fire.

After the *Searchlight* article appeared, I was contacted by Mr Jordan, who had taken legal advice regarding defamation proceedings; he also forwarded me a letter from Gerry Gable's solicitor. Colin Jordan died in April this year, and Mr Gable's claims regarding arson at the Mesifita College have since been repeated in his magazine and in the *Guardian* and *Jewish Chronicle* obituaries of Colin Jordan - which he wrote.

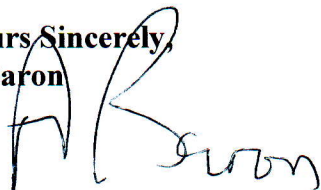
I took this up with the *Guardian*, but the paper was unrepentant. A subsequent complaint to the Press Complaints Commission resulted in an amendment to the *Guardian* obituary, but the paper is standing by Mr Gable, who claims to have documentary evidence implicating Colin Jordan, and apparently others, in the Mesifita fire.

Obviously, if this is the case, then this evidence should long ago have been turned over to the police.

I am writing to request that you ask your cold case unit to re-investigate these allegations, as it may result in other members of the arsons gangs being charged in connection with the Mesifita fire. Also, if Mr Gable has had evidence of complicity in manslaughter or murder and has been withholding it all this time, it is my understanding that this constitutes a criminal offence

**in itself. As stated, according to Mr Gable himself, he does indeed have such documentary evidence, and was prepared to use it against Mr Jordan in civil proceedings. I am surprised that his lawyers have not advised him to pass it on to the police. I stress again that this is only my personal opinion but from my limited knowledge of the criminal law there is a matter here that clearly needs to be resolved, especially in the current political climate.**

**Yours Sincerely,  
A Baron**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Baron'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'A' and 'B'.