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Side-by-Side Comparison of Two Recent Articles on “Government Agents Put Pressure on Muslim’s Lawyer”

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Mr. Yusuf Estes' article: <http://www.islamnewsroom.com/news-we-need/1673>

Mr. Sherwood Ross' article: <http://www.globalresearch.ca/the-fbi-and-the-cia-pressured-us-lawyer-to-betray-his-arab-and-muslim-clients/25840>

INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND FOLLOW-UP

The initial assumption made in this case was that it seemed Mr. Yusuf Estes copied the content of the article from Mr. Sherwood Ross' article, making a few minor adjustments in the beginning of the article only. This assumption was made for three basic reasons:

- 1) Mr. Sherwood Ross' article (dated July 31, 2011) was published before that of Mr. Yusuf Estes (dated Sept. 24, 2011).
- 2) The slight differences and additions that do not match the style of the rest of the writing found in Mr. Yusuf Estes' article are typical of acts of plagiarism.
- 3) Mr. Yusuf Estes' history of plagiarism. (See our other case studies.)

07-24-2013: Mr. Sherwood Ross was contacted by email, given the links to Mr. Yusuf Estes' article, and asked for an official statement regarding the matter.

07-25-2013: A response from Mr. Sherwood Ross was received by email. He confirmed for the record:

Yes, it IS a steal from my article on Professor Francis Boyle's visit from government authorities who sought to have him inform on his clients. Paragraph after paragraph is identical. You are right to try to put an end to this kind of theft.

07-25-2013: Since Mr. Sherwood Ross confirmed that the article was in fact his, and he even named the source referred to in the article, this case study was concluded – Mr. Yusuf Estes is guilty once again of plagiarizing the work of others.

12-19-2013: Case study published for the benefit of those interested in plagiarism studies in general, and to warn against the specific violations of academic integrity perpetrated by Yusuf Estes as well. A series of case studies of the plagiarism of Yusuf Estes is made available at www.YusufEstesQuran.com, as well as other reports of incidents of academic dishonesty.

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