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**From:** Kjaerum Morten (FRA)  
**Sent:** 19 January 2012 14:46  
**To:** NEMITZ Paul (JUST)  
**Subject:** RE: Personal

Dear Paul,

The Danish electronic media and net journals covered the story Monday 16 and the printed media on Tuesday 17 largely repeating the net versions from the day before. Over all the message has come across that it is an issue of financial irregularities – no fraud and no losses for anybody – and that the amount is minimal. Of course some part of the media had dramatic headlines which were not based on the actual text. For now I consider the issue for having no or only minimal media interest. Next week 24<sup>th</sup> the report from the state auditors will be published. I have not seen it but according to the information conveyed to me it is broadly speaking less dramatic than what the minister had in his press briefings. Thus, if that is correct the media will most likely not reopen the issue. I will keep you informed.

Best regards,  
Morten

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**From:** NEMITZ, Paul  
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dear morten, thank you very much for this, paul

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Am 15 janv. 2012 um 21:54 schrieb "KJAERUM Morten (FRA)" <[Morten.Kjaerum@fra.europa.eu](mailto:Morten.Kjaerum@fra.europa.eu)>:

Dear Paul,

Happy New Year.

I write this e-mail to inform you about an issue that may develop this week in relation to my previous position as Director of the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR):

The Institute was since 2002 part of a larger organizational structure, The Danish Centre for International Studies and Human Rights (DCISM). The two institutes The Danish Institute for International Studies and DIHR was thus linked by the DCISM structure, which administered the institutes. A complicated structure, which in recent years did not offer much added value, thus the new Danish Government has now decided to separate the two institutes.

In preparation of this process a deficit in relation to a small number of projects was disclosed. Today it is assessed that the loss is app 3 million Danish Crowns (€400.000) over a 12 years period. The total turn over in

the period was app 1.000 million Danish Crown (€ 135 million). The irregularities seem at this stage to have been carried out by one person in the administration but without any personal gains. Nobody in the management including myself was informed about this accountants “creative” approach to financial administration.

The State Auditors like any other institution receiving considerable state funds regularly audited the DIHR/DCISM and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had a supervisory function. Apart from that DIHR contracted Price Waterhouse Coopers on a long-term contract and other firms to assist in the auditing of specific projects. None of these auditors have previously detected any irregularities in this regard.

The Institute was administratively very well run and projects correctly accounted for as stated in several evaluations of the institute, however it is beyond doubt that irregularities have taken place regarding a small number of projects. That is now being sorted out by the State Auditors and their report will be released on Tuesday 24th.

Nonetheless, the new Minister of Development Assistance has decided to make a press release tomorrow (Monday) at 11.00 regarding the issue. Since the Institute always has attracted public interest it will most likely be reflected in the media.

If I am contacted I will shortly stress my surprise and that it is all new to me. At the same time I will underline that it is a single incident in a big organisation. But as you know, one can never predict the perspective, media will find of interest.

I will keep you informed and if you need further details please do not hesitate to call me. Martin Selmayr has been informed as well.

Best regards,  
Morten

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