

Statement by David Chesnoff:

These documents are not as they are being characterized.

Recently Mr. Copperfield was the victim of an unsuccessful extortion attempt by a disgruntled former employee. We believe these documents are a smear campaign which is a product of that unsuccessful shake down effort.

Meetings with the audience, and secrecy of technique are extremely important for an illusionist of Mr. Copperfield's stature. The procedures his organization followed were designed to ensure that the people brought up on stage were advised of the importance of secrecy while enhancing goodwill. The backstage meet and greets with David and his staff allowed his organization to maintain contact with audience participants, to re-invite them and their families to future shows, to advise them of potential promotions that would be right for them, and to thank them for their participation.

The distorted and twisted claim that these meet and greets were designed as a dating service for Mr. Copperfield is ridiculous. In fact, thousands of audience participants were greeted in this fashion.

The innuendo that voluntary meetings with audience members has anything to do with forced, nonconsensual activity is both untrue and unfair.

As we have previously stated, Mr. Copperfield has never forced himself on anyone and has a spotless record and reputation.

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