

Statement

Gregory Strong has been a friend of mine for over 20 years. I first met Greg and his wife in Beijing China around 1990 when he was working at a university there and I was working at the International School of Beijing.

Greg moved to Tokyo a year or two before us when he was hired by Aoyama Gaukuin. I moved here in 1993 and began working at St. Mary's International School. We have kept in contact here, usually meeting two or three times a year for dinner and conversation. Greg is a big supporter of St. Mary's. Greg attends our Carnival every year and often encourages his students to attend.

During dinner conversations we would talk about the usual things friends do - work, travel, politics, books, movies, family, mutual acquaintances, etc. After the court case we met for dinner on at least two occasions, November 29, 2010 and May 18, 2011. There may have been one or two other times as well but I do not have the dates.

Greg was well aware of our school's trouble with Ms Tran from the first union picketing. He was at the Carnival in which Ms. Tran held a union demonstration. Greg knew how stressful it was for me to be involved in an extended court case. At some point during our conversations, I explained to Greg about the Internet blogging against our school and the YouTube videos (protest, scholarship, etc) that had been posted by Ms. Tran. I did not, however, reveal any details of the court settlement because I was never told the details. That information was kept confidential by the Headmaster.

Respectfully submitted,



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