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**Sent:** 4/24/2015 9:55:30 AM  
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I asked Luke about this too but he said they aren't ready to publish yet.

Right, Luke?

On 24 April 2015 at 14:54, Liz Wasden <liz.wasden@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

Thanks for the update.  
Agree, wouldn't comment.

Is there a chance we can publish ahead of them?

On Fri, Apr 24, 2015 at 8:37 AM, Luke Lewis <luke.lewis@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

Here is the investigation. Unfinished, please don't circulate.  
[http://www.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed/\\_draft/3760908](http://www.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed/_draft/3760908)

On Fri, Apr 24, 2015 at 2:34 PM, Alice Suh <alice@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

fyi: Liz- just spoke to Luke and he said Tom and Alan are working on this story. It's a big story that isn't ready to be published yet and press gazette got word of it and apparently connected to CEN and is asking us to comment, and will run his piece at 4 pm today. It doesn't seem like he knows what the story is about other than a legal letter that I have not seen.

Luke- can you tell us more about the legal letter?

Liz- don't think it's worth commenting on our end unless you have a different take.

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Dear Alice/Luke -

I'm writing a story about Buzzfeed and I really wanted to give you the chance to provide a comment.

I understand Buzzfeed is investigating the news agency Central European News. I have seen a legal letter which is circulating at various UK national newspaper which are clients of CEN.

It seems that Buzzfeed has written to a number of CEN's clients accusing it of fabricating stories.

Having seen the legal letter I have put the accusations to CEN.

They said they are groundless and that by Buzzfeed contacting their clients they have lost a significant amount of business. CEN apparently employs 35 journalists around Europe.

They also said they see themselves as a major competitor of BuzzFeed and feel that BuzzFeed is unfairly targeting them as a competitor with the intention of undermining their business.

Please do let me know if you would like to comment.

I will be putting my story live at 4pm GMT.

Regards,

Dominic

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