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To: Tom Phillips
CC: Alan White
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Subject: Re: Verification, CEN and Emergent

Hey guys,

Alan, very nice to meet you! Tom, thanks for the intro. I have a couple of other CEN stories that I would add to the list. I am trying to dig into one right now, though I am committed to doing that for Digg. (We have a content partnership whereby I write up some of the rumors I track for them as Digg Originals.)

I'd love to talk, as I think CEN needs to be exposed. I'd also love to chat about Emergent in general. I'm currently working to raise financing for it and am also looking for partnerships, such as the initial one I have with Digg. I'm heading to the middle east on Wednesday but I could talk today at 4 pm Montreal time (same time zone as New York) or tomorrow at 5 pm.

Best regards,
Craig

On 1 December 2014 at 10:50, Tom Phillips <<mailto:tom.phillips@buzzfeed.com>> wrote:
Hey Craig – just wanted to drop you a line for a couple of reasons...

First up, I just wanted to introduce you a chap on our news team here at BuzzFeed UK - Alan White. Alan 's one of our resident viral news experts and is very good at spotting hoaxes from a mile off, so he 'd a handy guy to know. Alan, meet Craig. Craig and I go way back (in internet debunking years).

Secondly, we 've been thinking about doing a piece on CEN/Central European News as a source for a large number of dubious stories that go big on the web (such as [the Justin Bieber/bear story](#) you wrote about – I remember we 've chatted about them before.) A lot of their stuff falls into that tricky territory of "looks unlikely but hard to definitively debunk ", and we 'd like to get your opinion on some of it.

For starters, here are a couple of stories Alan 's flagged up – <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2791108/mob-rule-chinese-adulteress-stripped-naked-beaten-senseless-latest-attack-kind.html> and <http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/520992/Penis-cut-off-meat-cleaver-India> – have either of them crossed your radar?

Also, as I think I said before, we 've been looking at Emergent quite a lot recently, and it 'd be really good to have a general chat about that too...

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