

“Dear Mr., Kiriakou,

I am a South African investigative reporter and the author of six books. My latest book, *The President's Keepers*, is the biggest-selling non-fiction book in South African history and won among others the Association of American Publisher's International Freedom to Publish Award.

The book exposes state capture by former president Jacob Zuma. I was, as a result, criminally charged and the State Security Agency attempted to ban the book.

I am currently doing a follow-up and want to ask you about Aristidis (Aris) Danikas, a South African / Greek citizen that in the early 2000's blew the whistle on the extra-judicial killings performed by a group of policemen.

As a result, 26 policemen, including a top general, were charged with murder and suspended. Danikas left South Africa and went back to Greece.

Over the past eight years, a picture has emerged that the targeting of the policemen was part of Zuma's state capture project. The general in question, Johan Booysen, was targeted because he charged and investigated several of Zuma's cronies for fraud and corruption.

The newspaper that carried the "expose" of Booysen and his men have withdrawn all their stories.

A top-level panel appointed by the prosecutions boss has found that top-level prosecutors conspired to manufacture evidence against Booysen and his men. The Panel found specifically that the evidence of Danikas was worthless.

On his Linked-In profile, he quotes you as saying the following about him: "It is my pleasure to recommend Aristeidis Danikas. Aris is quite simply the single most impressive technologist I've ever encountered. His mastery of technology and engineering set him apart from other such entrepreneurs in Greece and across Europe. Even more importantly, he has proven himself to be an adherent of the very highest ethical standards, even at a great personal cost. No more honest person is out there."

Have you in fact said this about Danikas?

Have you ever met him?

Thank you for your co-operation.

Regards,

Jacques Pauw
Author & Journalist”