

PRESS RELEASE

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**Paris, November 27, 2011** - The NY review article is inaccurate and speculative. Sofitel Luxury Hotels has cooperated with law enforcement authorities for the entirety of this case as was its civic and legal obligation. As the civil trail remains pending in the US, it would not be appropriate to comment on the facts of the case. However Sofitel would like to clarify two misleading points from the article in discussion.

The article states that two Sofitel employees were seen "celebrating" on tape for three minutes. In fact, the incident in question lasted only 8 seconds and both employees categorically deny this exchange had anything to do with Mr. Strauss-Kahn. In regards to room 2820, the hotel's digital history indicates the guest checked out of this room at 11:36am with the housekeeper cleaning the room shortly thereafter. Again, the innuendo that the guest in room 2820 was involved in the incident is false and utterly baseless. Sofitel has fully cooperated from the beginning of the case and maintains its commitment to preserving the security and privacy of its clients and employees.

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