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DSK case : Accor Position

The media decided today to release the video of the two Sofitel employees mentioned by the journalist Edward Jay Epstein in an article last week, along with other sequences.

The idea that these videos prove Accor's involvement in a conspiracy is non-sense.

The two Sofitel employees were questioned by our lawyer in the United States, Lanny J. Davis, to whom they declared having no knowledge of the political status of Dominique Strauss-Kahn before this tape excerpt .

They also reaffirmed that they could not remember exactly the reasons for this "congratulatory action".

Mr. Davis added that they had also indicated in the different interviews that they were relieved to hear that the housekeeper had finally made the decision to allow the hotel to call the police.

Accor would like to point out that the video sequence mentioned by Edward J. Epstein actually lasts for some ten seconds or so and not three minutes, as indicated by the journalist, a correction recently published by the American magazine "The New York Review of Books".

Throughout this affair and as is its duty, Sofitel has always cooperated with the American legal authorities and handed over all requested information and elements needed for the procedure.

Despite malicious and unfounded allegations, it is not for Accor to take sides and/or comment on any aspect of this matter. Accor intends to observe a position of strict neutrality in this case.

Accor was not favorable to public dissemination of these video sequences, which unnecessarily expose members of the Sofitel New York staff to the curiosity of the media."



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