

**Statement from Isaac Larian
CEO of MGA Entertainment**

America has always meant something to me and my family. As a nation of immigrants, we pride ourselves in having personal freedoms, liberty and justice for all in this nation of growing diversity. *I came to this country to avoid religious and ethnic persecution.* Yet, I am saddened that in today's day and age, in 2008, where for the first time an African American is running for a president, there's still racism in this country.

The fact that one juror in our trial versus Mattel had the courage to come forward and tell how another juror had made ethnic and racial slurs against me and my family, made me sad and wondering how a fair verdict in this trial could have been reached. But that juror had the decency of approaching the court by telling presiding federal judge Stephen Larson what had transpired behind close doors and that is what makes me proud of our legal system of justice.

There's no question that this jury is now tainted and we must have a new, unbiased jury to hear this case.

I was moved last week when I saw highlights on television from Senator Barack Obama's speech in Berlin in front of 200,000 Germans, where he called for the walls of racism around the world to come down. It made me proud to be an American. There is no place for hatred based upon racial, ethnic or nationality in this great country of ours. I am sure Mattel feels the same way.

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