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## About the future of The Investigative Desk

On August 8, I sent out an explanation of my break-up with DOR Foundation.

In September, a glimmer of hope for restoration appeared. Board secretary Xandra Schutte offered that suggestion in a letter and a subsequent conversation. It turned out to be no more than a suggestion. At the end of October, I sent Schutte a detailed proposal. She would discuss this with the board. As yet, I haven't received an answer.

It is now time to look at the future. I will resume my search for new possibilities to continue the top-institute for investigative journalism that I was in the process of creating.

In view of this, I have invoked my copyrights to the names De Onderzoeksredactie, The Investigative Desk and (Investigative) Teaching Lab. DOR Foundation has accepted that these will stay my intellectual property. This also applies to the underlying mission and philosophy, which I laid down in a series of articles and texts. Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, I am free to use these names and texts at my own discretion.

My search will take time. In the first months of 2016 I hope to be able to report whether The Investigative Desk will have a new future and what that future looks like.

Sincerely,

*Marcel Metze*