



This Court has discretion to refuse the Plaintiffs' request seeking to compel discovery from a foreign nonparty. *See Yellow Pages Photos, Inc. v. Ziplocal, LP*, 795 F.3d 1255, 1273 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2015) ("The decision whether to issue letters rogatory lies within the discretion of the district court."). The deposition sought is impermissible and unlawful on multiple grounds, not the least of which is that the self-same Plaintiffs have a direct defamation action pending against Mr. Steele in the United Kingdom in which the requested deposition is strictly prohibited. Plaintiffs thus are seeking to employ this Court in an end-run around their limitations in their parallel U.K. action.

To more fully itemize and support his objections to the Hague Request, Mr. Steele respectfully requests the Court to allow him to file a motion to quash the Hague Request or before **August 24, 2017** (*i.e.*, within fourteen (14) days).

Respectfully submitted, this 10th day of August, 2017.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I have this day filed the foregoing MOTION TO INTERVENE OF CHRISTOPHER STEELE with the Court's CM/ECF Service, which will provide electronic notice to counsel of record this 10th day of August, 2017.

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