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1. False and malicious misrepresentation of the words or actions of others, calculated to injure their reputation; libellous detraction, slander.

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2. A false charge or imputation, intended to damage another's reputation; a slanderous report.

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