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Dear Hein

Thank you for your email.

I am of course happy to acknowledge your contribution to the UCI and the many positive achievements of your time as President. However I am not going to respond to the various comments in your emails. I would remind you that earlier in 2013, you wrote to all the Presidents of every national cycling federation informing them that you no longer wished to have any involvement in the world of cycling. I have tried to respect that wish.

After a long election campaign, the UCI Congress made its views clear on 27 September in Florence, and elected me to the position of President. From that vote and from the reactions I have received since that time, it was clear that the national federations, the cycling family, and the wider world of our stakeholders and partners, wanted to see a change in leadership at the UCI. I intend to return the trust that the Congress and the cycling family has placed in me by carrying out my duties to the best of my abilities, without fear or favour.

That is exactly what I and my colleagues in the new administration of the UCI have been doing in the three months since the election. I have been most gratified by the responses to the progress we have already made, from people within the Olympic movement and across the entire spectrum of the sporting and cycling worlds. At the conclusion of my four year term, Congress will have the opportunity to judge me on my record.

An important part of this will be the outcome of the Independent Commission which will look into the controversies of the last few years. Details of how this Commission will operate will be announced shortly. Given that the Commission will look into, amongst other things, allegations concerning the UCI in the years in which you were President, it is clearly not appropriate for me to have any form of discussion with you or anyone else which might pre-empt or prejudice the work of the Commission. I am sure you will understand and respect that.

Please copy this response to all the people to whom your email was BCC copied.

Best regards

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