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Dear Brian,

Sorry for being a bit late with my answer.

I take note of your remarks as to the IC-spendings and the electoral process. As to the latter, allow me to not comment. As I told you, I want to stay far from cycling and the UCI. At the same time it is sad to see that the sport of cycling on itself is apparently doing much better than the governing bodies. The lack of unity is devastating.

The IC has been a waste and your (or Pat's) future IC will again be a waste. It is all done under the pressure of the media, guided by fiction writers as Walsh who needs complicity-theories to sell books. What is there still to "IC"? There was massive EPO-use in endurance sports and there was no detection method. No need for cover-ups since there were no positive cases. Did we know? Yes we did and that is why we have financed universities to search for detection methods; launched hematocrit controls and were the first to approve the French detection method, 3 years before WADA approved it!!!!!! All this because we knew.....but we did not know WHO!! That is the point that you should bring instead of unconditionally calling for IC's and "expressing that Hein Verbruggen should participate....." That Brian, is not fair towards me. You have been in there as a Commissaire; I don't know but I suppose you have been acting as an a.d.-Commissaire. Have you ever been approached by anyone from the UCI with requests "to close your eyes" for irregularities? I don't think so.

I was the first to offer opening of all my files, including my bank accounts, to the IC. I have nothing to hide. But after this harassment and unfair treatment by (in particular the British) press , by LA (see my mail to him) and - in a certain way- by you (see above), I have changed and I tell you now that you can get your IC's doing whatever they want to do and if they find any indications of wrongdoings they can show me and I will comment. In the meantime, please stop using my name in your electoral campaign!

One final remark about IC's. Did you read about the German doping scandal? State supported general doping! Doesn't that ask for WADA-actions such as an IC? What about the Spanish athletic successes in the nineties (confirmed by Dr. Fuentes)? Doesn't that too ask for WADA-actions as an IC? What about the EPO-problem in other endurance sports?? What about the a.d.-activities of other IF's during the nineties? What about comparing those with your (!) sport? In other words, whether it is you or Pat, it is totally absurd to give WADA again another opportunity to continue its destructive attitude towards cycling by asking them to be involved in an IC for only one sport instead of telling them "yes, OK with an IC but NOT exclusively for my (!) sport". That is something the cycling fans want to hear!! Administrators that defend our sport against unfair treatment by the media and by WADA!! And what do you guys do? You are defending that WADA gets another opportunity to slur cycling because you are afraid of the media.....

As to your allegations of my involvement in the elections, please go back to your first mail: you more or less accuse me ("a number of people told you") of "actively campaigning against you". When, in all honesty, I informed you that I do not, you ask me now if "I have spoken or written to anyone about you in the last months". So you see how difficult it is to defend oneself against rumors, lies, false accusations. Fact is that I have not campaigned against you; I have not written to anybody about this election and I will not do this. Fact is also that I would not hesitate to voice my clear

disagreement with any candidate who is dragging me into his or her campaign by linking me exclusively with negative things, such as IC's, corruption and these unfortunate LA-donations (I saw your letter in SportIntern this week. It would have been fair if you would have added that it took you also 5 years before concluding that it was not appropriate to have accepted that money.....!).

Brian, I would prefer to end our mail exchanges here. I said what I wanted to say and I guaranteed what you were asking for. Wishing you all the best,

Best regards,

Hein