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Dear Brian,

This mail answers your mails of yesterday, January 7th and of December 23rd.

Your mail of December 23rd can hardly be qualified as an answer. Indeed, the main comment I made in my mail of December 22 was about the fact that you unilaterally and without consultation, took the decision that the UCI would withdraw from the joint complaint against Mr. Kimmage. It means that you allow Mr. Kimmage (and seem to agree with him) when he calls the UCI "corrupt"! I take this as a clear sign of your subjectivity with regards to my person and I repeat that it is a totally inappropriate attitude towards your predecessors who were involved in this case TO PROTECT ALSO THE UCI's IMAGE AND INTEGRITY.

I should perhaps appreciate your statement that you are "of course happy to acknowledge my contribution to the UCI and the many positive achievements of my time as President", but frankly, I don't. This simply has to do with the fact that your servile attitude to the British press has just a little bit too often brought you to statements as "McQuaid's biggest mistake was to not have distanced himself from Verbruggen".

Your further comments in the December 23rd mail are extremely alarming. You confirm in particular THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE NEW IC WILL BE PART OF THE RECORD THAT YOU WILL BE JUDGED UPON!! That strengthens of course my worries. I recall that already under the previous Presidency, an IC was set up with the aim of investigating the allegations regarding the UCI under my and Pat's Presidency. After that IC was disbanded, negotiations took place with WADA to set up another IC. Those IC's were NOT part of a political campaign, while the IC you are working on, is.

You will easily appreciate that it is crucial for me to have guarantees that this new IC does NOT function as part of your political program against opponents, but that this IC is entirely independent and neutral. And it is for that particular reason that I believe that the future IC-Members are entitled -BEFORE they accept their nomination(!)- to get cc's of my mails in which I clearly express my worries as to your subjectivity given your political aims with this IC, as they are entitled to know also that I am only interested in a broad investigation into the adequacy and integrity of the UCI's a.d.-policy under my Presidency (I guess this goes also for Pat) and not only into so-called "wrongdoings" since '98/'99. In this respect I refer to my November 13th mail that was never answered.

Your statement that any contacts between you and me might pre-empt or prejudice is utmost worrying. I think frankly, that a discussion between us is far more neutral and balanced than a unilateral nomination of an IC that is apparently given a task the outcome of which should fit the purpose of you presenting it as part of your balance for the next elections. If you fear that the new IC might be pre-empted or prejudiced by anything like you answering my questions, how can you expect that anyone can be assured that the Commission is neutral and independent?

Best regards,

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