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5 **Q This is Friday.**

6 A Yep.

7 **Q How's your state of mind?**

8 A Bit fatigued.

9 **Q Why?**

10 A Because I've been in meetings every day since
11 9:00 last Monday nonstop.

12 **Q Why is that?**

13 A Because that's part of the job. That's the work
14 of --

15 **Q That's a dull thing.**

16 A -- different groups. I've got Professional
17 Cycling Council, Anti-Doping Foundation,
18 Management Committee, Congress this morning.

19 **Q Did you see any cycling?**

20 A I did on Sunday, yeah, but not since then.

21 **Q Sunday was a success?**

22 A Sunday was a big success, yeah. Huge success.

23 **Q For who? For you?**

24 A For Everybody. For the -- for the teams. For
25 UCI. For the organizers. For everybody.

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1 **Q Why?**

2 A Because it was a competitive race on a good
3 course. A lot of people out there watching us.
4 And it gave the team something to race for as a
5 team, and to win a World Championship as a team.
6 And I could see from -- quite easy from the
7 emotions of the riders just before the
8 presentations, those, you know, this Omega team
9 that won, that it really meant a lot to them.

10 **Q Worthwhile continuing?**

11 A Absolutely worthwhile continuing. But we'll
12 always be the only event in the World
13 Championship program for teams. Rest of the
14 week is national federations, and it will remain
15 so.

16 **Q Is there any anti-ideas in your organization,**
17 **people who don't like that?**

18 A No, not at all; no. No. And bear in mind there
19 may be -- maybe the teams, or some of the teams,
20 because they would have a vested interest. But
21 the national federations, who are our main
22 stakeholders, want that the World Championships
23 remain for national federations, and correctly
24 so. I feel very strongly correctly so.

25 Because you couldn't change -- this race on

1 Sunday, you couldn't change it to a -- to a --
2 another --

3 **Q Professional team?**

4 A -- to professional teams, like, another
5 Liege-Bastogne-Liege or another Amstul Gold or
6 another whatever. You know, the World
7 Championships is always different and that's one
8 of the -- one of the beauties of the World
9 Championships is that it's different in every
10 race because it's national teams, takes place
11 every year, and it's got a great history as
12 national teams. So we did -- there's no --
13 there's no reason to change it.

14 **Q But this time trial for commercial teams is**
15 **going to stay there?**

16 A That will stay there. There are reasons for
17 that too, good reasons for that. Because --

18 **Q Commercial reasons?**

19 A No, no. Not commercial reasons, no. Sports
20 reasons. National teams today couldn't afford
21 to develop the equipment to put together a
22 national team in a team time trial. Because the
23 teams have it. They use it during the year. So
24 it makes a lot of sense in that sense.

25 Also, the old team time trial which is for

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1 national teams, the old hundred kilometer team
2 time trial became sort of boring because it was
3 a hundred kilometers of set distance.
4 Organizers set out to try to find the fastest
5 course possible. It was run on auto routes and
6 highways and everything in order just to try to
7 break the record of the previous years.

8 And, whereas, this one is done over unset
9 distance. So it won't be going for records. It
10 will be a race every year on a -- on a different
11 course and there -- with a -- with a good
12 winner.

13 And so say for sports reasons is lots of
14 reason why it's done like that.

15 **Q Mr. McQuaid, you signed a contract with Qatar**
16 **for having the Worlds over there. May I ask**
17 **why?**

18 **A** For -- for a variety of reasons we decided to go
19 to Qatar. Sports reasons, globalization of the
20 sport, and, also, in the past we've always had
21 World Championships three, four, five years in
22 Europe, once outside Europe, and then, four or
23 five years in Europe, once outside Europe.

24 Today, with the economy in Europe, we can't
25 do that. We have to look outside of Europe.

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1 We already have World Championships awarded to
2 Ponferrada, Spain in two years' time, 2014. And
3 there's a possibility we may have to withdraw
4 that from Ponferrada because they haven't got
5 the money to organize it. We're waiting and
6 discussing with them at the moment, and the next
7 couple of weeks will tell.

8 But in Europe, there are not many countries
9 in Europe now, at the moment, with the European
10 economy at the moment, that can afford to
11 organize and host a World Championship. So
12 Qatar, which has a history of cycling from the
13 point of view that the Tour of Qatar has been
14 organized there for the past 10 years, have an
15 interest, and interest in developing cycling in
16 Qatar, in developing it for the society.
17 They're building a velodrome at the moment as
18 well. And they put forward a bid for the World
19 Cycling Championships, and they made it very
20 attractive. For the first time ever, the
21 organizer will be paying the accommodation for
22 all the teams. That's never happened before.

23 **Q That is a cheap one from my side. Then you go**
24 **for the money.**

25 **A** No, we're not going for the money; no, we're

1 going for the sport.

2 **Q You're going for the money.**

3 A No, no, no. Naturally, we're going for money
4 because we need money. The World Championships
5 is the most important event in the UCI calendar
6 for the UCI revenues in order to assist us
7 develop the sport and work on the sport; and so,
8 therefore, we do need the money, yes, of course.
9 Make no mistake about it. I have no qualms
10 about saying that.

11 But we, at the moment, there are not too
12 many people bidding for World Championships
13 because of the economies.

14 **Q Is it too expensive?**

15 A It's expensive. I wouldn't say it's "too
16 expensive." It's no more expensive than many
17 other major sports events. In terms of economic
18 value and return for investment, it more than
19 delivers what --

20 **Q But if you go and have your World Championships**
21 **in the high 30s, what is next then? I mean, you**
22 **have to deal with sportsmen, sports people.**

23 A You have to deal with sportsmen, yeah.

24 **Q Yeah?**

25 A Yes, indeed. And we've looked at all that.

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1 We've had medical people look at the -- look at
2 the situation, and they've assured us that, yes,
3 it can be run in Qatar.

4 **Q So you have a good idea about that?**

5 A Yeah.

6 **Q The feeling is okay?**

7 A The feeling's good, yes. The reaction to it has
8 been very good within the cycling family.

9 **Q Sure.**

10 A Yeah.

11 **Q Okay. Are there any problems at UCI at this
12 particular moment?**

13 A No.

14 **Q Or am I going into a mine field now?**

15 A No, you're not going into a mine field. There's
16 no problems at UCI at the moment, no.

17 We're in -- we had our Congress this
18 morning. We're in the -- our financial director
19 reported we're in good financial health.

20 **Q Are you healthy?**

21 A We are building the -- we are building up the
22 reserves and -- again. Making profits. And a
23 portion of the profits is going into the
24 reserves. So the UCI is in good financial
25 health.

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1 Like every other president of international
2 federation, I would love to have double the
3 amount of money I have to spend on the
4 development of the sport, but we have to work
5 within the budgets we have.

6 **Q And then the mental.**

7 A But the UCI is in good -- in good health.

8 **Q And then the mental thing.**

9 A The mental side?

10 **Q The mental side.**

11 A I'm in good -- I'm in very good health.

12 **Q Yeah?**

13 A I'm just about -- I'm just about to go out for
14 an hour on my bike this afternoon before I spend
15 the weekend going to races. And then -- I am in
16 good condition, thanks.

17 **Q That sounds good. So the president is on his**
18 **bike?**

19 A He is indeed.

20 **Q But what is the general opinion of people in the**
21 **street concerning bike riding at this particular**
22 **moment? You think it's a healthy one?**

23 A Yes, absolutely. You only have to look at
24 London. We had the biggest crowd ever seen at
25 an Olympic event, and at a bicycle race in

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1 London, for the road race, one-and-a-half
2 million people.

3 They came out to see and support a bicycle
4 race.

5 **Q Yeah. But did that cover the problems that were**
6 **alive?**

7 A The prob- -- what problems are you talking
8 about? Are you talking about the problems of
9 the past or the problems of today?

10 **Q You always talk about the past and today.**

11 A Yeah. Well, unfortunately -- unfortunately --

12 **Q You have to --**

13 A -- in cycling we are forced to talk about the
14 past when it might be better not to talk about
15 the past. But the past, you cannot deny the
16 past.

17 **Q No.**

18 A And I have no intention of --

19 **Q You're going to --**

20 A -- denying the past.

21 **Q Your going to have a good life in future --**

22 A Yes.

23 **Q -- if you know your past?**

24 A Exactly, yeah.

25 **Q Right?**

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1 A Exactly.

2 Q **But do you know your past?**

3 A I do know the past, yes. And we recognized --

4 Q **That's not a healthy one.**

5 A No, it's not a healthy one. I have stated that
6 since I became president that our past has not
7 been a healthy past. I have stated since I've
8 became president that we had a culture of doping
9 in this sport. And we have to get rid of the
10 culture.

11 Q **You're the first one to mention the name. I
12 didn't mention the name --**

13 A I know.

14 Q **-- "doping."**

15 A Yeah, I know you didn't. But you were referring
16 to it at the same time.

17 Q **No. Can you read my mind?**

18 A You weren't talking about ledger sport -- ledger
19 cycling or track cycling or any of that. I know
20 what you --

21 Q **How about --**

22 A -- were talking about.

23 Q **Okay. How about the word is now on the table.**

24 A Yeah.

25 Q **Yeah?**

1 A Uh-huh.

2 Q **How is --**

3 A That doesn't mean we have to spend --

4 Q **How is --**

5 A -- the rest of the program talking about it.

6 Q **How is the situation now?**

7 A The situation now is very good and very healthy.

8 The situation, the reports we get back from our

9 medical experts, the UCI's medical experts on

10 the parameters on the values that they see of

11 athletes are a lot better than what they were

12 10, 15 years ago during the era of EPO.

13 The biological passport is a very strong

14 weapon in the army. And there's only one weapon

15 in the army of the fight against doping. And

16 the UCI also has other weapons, for instance,

17 education. We're spending a lot of time and a

18 lot of effort in education and prevention. And

19 then the pelaton is a lot healthier than it was

20 in the past.

21 It's -- it's a question, as I say, of

22 culture change. And the new riders coming in,

23 we have to understand, there's got to be a

24 culture change, and they are doing it. And the

25 evidence is there that they're doing it.

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1 Q Unfortunately, you have some hath winds --

2 A Yeah.

3 Q -- coming from the U.S.

4 A Uh-huh.

5 Q How do you cope with that?

6 A I cope with it. You know, you just change up
7 your gear and you cope with it as you have to
8 do. Same as on a -- on a bike when you face a
9 challenge, you have to cope with it.

10 And we are still waiting, at this point in
11 time, from -- with the information with the
12 recent decision from USADA, and with the -- with
13 the full case file from USADA on the decisions
14 that they've taken already to give life bans to
15 individuals.

16 I would presume, since they have given a
17 life ban, that the case file is complete and
18 it's quite difficult to understand why they --
19 why the file hasn't arrived with us yet.

20 Q But do I -- but do --

21 A When we get it, we will study it.

22 Q Yeah.

23 A And whatever -- if the evidence in there stands
24 up and stacks up, then we will sanction.

25 Q Do I understand you well? You did not receive

1 **one word from them --**

2 A No.

3 Q **-- until now?**

4 A No. Anything that -- anything we received from
5 them, correspondence, has also been put into the
6 public domain by them as well. So we haven't
7 received anything.

8 Q **So you're waiting for the reports?**

9 A Waiting for the reports, yeah.

10 Q **And then what you gonna do?**

11 A Then our legal dep- -- legal people will study
12 the report, read it, and they will report what
13 they feel should be done with it.

14 Q **What could be done?**

15 A There's a variety of things could be done. It
16 could be appealed to CAS. There's going -- you
17 know, there's elements in there that we have to
18 study about jurisdiction. There's elements in
19 there we have to study about statutes of
20 limitations. We can, as I say, go to CAS. We
21 could sanction -- we could endorse the sanctions
22 that USADA have handed down.

23 You know, it's any number of -- any number
24 of options. And we will -- we will take
25 whatever option is justified.

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1 Q Have you got any idea of how people in the
2 street have their opinion about what's going on
3 around Mr. Armstrong and the rest of the bunch?

4 A I do. I read the newspapers.

5 Q Yeah.

6 A And I can see the same thing that those people
7 are reading. So --

8 Q Well, they want to know.

9 A -- it's unfortunate.

10 Q They want to know.

11 A Well, we would love to know too. But we don't
12 know. We absolutely don't know. All we know is
13 what we read in the papers.

14 Q That's a stupid situation.

15 A It's a crazy situation, exactly. We have tried
16 to get the information from -- from USADA, and
17 they've, so far, refused to give it to us.

18 Q Is there any --

19 A And even when we argued with them over
20 jurisdiction, they didn't even give us the
21 elements in the file on jurisdiction so we could
22 agree with them whether they had jurisdiction or
23 not. They've given us absolutely nothing.

24 That's the system. The American way of
25 doing things, maybe, I don't know.

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1 **Q Did they set a date?**

2 A No, they haven't given us a date; no. Within a
3 period of time. That's all. I mean, we heard
4 some rumors a week ago that it would come this
5 week during the World Championships. I was told
6 that it will come before the end of the month.
7 I read an article yesterday which said it could
8 be another couple of weeks.

9 **Q But you're not on the phone with them?**

10 A No, no, no, no.

11 **Q Not at all?**

12 A Not at all, no.

13 **Q So you're waiting?**

14 A No contact. We are waiting, yeah.

15 **Q Is that a healthy situation?**

16 A It's not a healthy situation because all of this
17 is, is carried -- being carried on in the public
18 arena. And, you know, with books coming out and
19 people giving stories and interviews and all
20 this other thing.

21 It's not a healthy situation but there's
22 nothing we can do. We're caught up in a
23 situation we can't do anything about.

24 **Q Very personal question. Did you contact**
25 **Mr. Armstrong?**

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1 A No.

2 Q Did he contact you?

3 A No.

4 Q There was none whatsoever?

5 A No. No, no.

6 Q Any estimation from your side what he's going to
7 do?

8 A No. Only -- only what -- what he has already
9 done and declared, you know, some weeks back
10 when he said that, that he's not going to bother
11 fighting it, so...

12 Q But there will be a solution?

13 A Of course, there will be a solution. Of course,
14 there will be an end to it.

15 Q Is that before Christmas?

16 A I would hope so. But we're not -- we're not
17 dictating the time frame here, unfortunately.

18 Q So you're sitting on your hands. You can't do
19 anything?

20 A No. We have to wait for the file and try not do
21 too many interviews about it because you get
22 caught up in it and so forth.

23 Q You hate to do those things?

24 A Well, I think it's unfair. And I'm not saying
25 you're unfair to bring the subject up. It's

1 unfair on the UCI to be in this situation where
2 they're waiting on a file. They're waiting on
3 information. They know nothing about what's in
4 the file. And it's been talked about by the
5 media on a daily basis.

6 **Q Okay. Let's stop with this one. There's**
7 **another one. The general pardon rule that came**
8 **up.**

9 **Can you say something about that, or is**
10 **that still...**

11 **A No, I can say that, first of all, it was never**
12 an intention of giving a general pardon.
13 Because we follow the rules. We have to follow
14 the rules. And the rules don't allow anybody
15 give anybody a general pardon.

16 You can get up to six months is the
17 minimum. I mean, 18 months off a two-year ban
18 for giving information which leads to -- to
19 other people being sanctioned as a result. So
20 it was no -- there was never a question of a
21 pardon.

22 We talked, also, about truth and
23 reconciliation. That was -- it was more along
24 those lines that I was talking about when I
25 spoke in London when this first came up in July

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1 at the Olympic Games. Our Management Committee
2 discussed it this week because I put it on the
3 agenda. And the general feeling was, of the
4 Management Committee, was that it's not an area
5 we should get into because, truthfully, you
6 cannot compare this situation of doping in sport
7 with a truth and reconciliation where you've two
8 different sectors of society against each in
9 South Africa, and they had to, to come together.
10 And so far, it's not the same situation. And
11 the situation is -- I mean, being realistic,
12 who's going to come forward and give you the
13 information? And what do you do with the
14 information?

15 So -- and the Management Committee decided,
16 and then that was further supported today at the
17 Congress when the five presidents of the five
18 continental confederations came to me with a
19 motion which read, at the end of the motion it
20 asked the Management Committee -- first of all,
21 it expressed con- -- full confidence in the
22 Management Committee dealing with items such as
23 dealing with anti-doping.

24 And secondly, it gave the Management
25 Committee the -- the -- the instruction to

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1 continue the work that the UCI is doing at the
2 moment and to continue to fight against doping
3 in it -- in every way possible. To follow the
4 rules, the applicable rules at all times. And
5 to concentrate on preparing and ensuring that
6 there's a clean program for cyclists and
7 athletes coming into our sport today. And to
8 concentrate on today's athletes and tomorrow's
9 athletes and invest our money on the testing and
10 the prevention and the educational programs of
11 today's athletes rather than dealing with --
12 with athletes of the past.

13 **Q There's a South African --**

14 A That doesn't deny the past, or anything like
15 that, but it is being realistic and them telling
16 us what to do now and for the future.

17 **Q There's this South African saying, probably you**
18 **heard about it, and it says "Alles sal reg kom,"**
19 **everything will be all right.**

20 A Yeah, I could say the same in Ireland, as well,
21 as everybody's always very positive and
22 everything will be all right.

23 **Q Are you a happy camper?**

24 A No, I'm not a happy camper; no. I'll be honest
25 with you. I'm not a happy camper with this

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1 hanging over our head. Because it's -- it's
2 something we could do without. And I am -- I
3 get angry, and I'm very angry. And I told my
4 federations this morning that I am angry because
5 of this whole -- this whole thing. Not talking
6 about the merits of the case, or anything like
7 that, but the mere fact that if these
8 allegations, and we're talking, still, and
9 everybody needs to understand, we're still
10 talking about allegations which haven't been,
11 you know, haven't been shown or haven't even
12 been reviewed by any independent tribunal.
13 USADA are the only people that have -- that have
14 handled this so far. No independent tribunal
15 has even reviewed these allegations. So we're
16 talking about allegations.

17 But if everything is true, or a large part
18 of it is true, what are in those allegations,
19 and what are in, you know, in the statements and
20 the books and so forth have so far been coming
21 out, then I have to be very, very angry that at
22 the time when we were post-Festina and all that
23 happened with the Festina affair, that guys were
24 still going out and trying to beat the system.
25 And -- but by the same token, the UCI has

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1 nothing to be apologetic about. Because the UCI
2 has always been the federation doing the most in
3 the fight against doping. We have tested those
4 athletes, and tested them many, many times. And
5 Armstrong himself was tested, he said, something
6 near 500 times, and has always been negative.

7 So it's not the UCI's fault if he was
8 negative. It may not be anybody's fault. But
9 the laboratories couldn't find the positive,
10 WADA couldn't find the positive, and they're the
11 ones who set up the system. So there has to be
12 question marks asked about the system as well.

13 And, indeed, WADA recently, and I'm on the
14 executive board of WADA, WADA recently has set
15 up a working group headed by our good friend
16 Dick Pound. And the title of the working group
17 is "The Ineffectiveness of the Fight Against
18 Doping" and what can we do to improve the
19 ineffectiveness of the fight against doping.

20 That's recognizing something. And it's not
21 cycling we're talking about. We're talking
22 about sport in general. And that -- that's a
23 concern.

24 **Q Is it still enjoyable to be president of the**
25 **UCI.**

1 A (Laughter). It is. I'll enjoy it when I get
2 out on my bike for an hour out in the lovely
3 lanes around here and whatever. No, it is. I
4 still enjoy the sport. I have a passion for the
5 sport. And I have a passion to do a job in the
6 sport. And I still want to do the job in the
7 sport.

8 I mean, I talked at the very beginning
9 about London. London was magnificent. The
10 crowds in London. The atmosphere in the
11 velodrome. The BMX was magnificent. The
12 mountain biking was magnificent. Cycling was
13 one of the top sports in the London Olympic
14 Games and indeed in the Paralympic Games.

15 That gives great pleasure. And that's --
16 that's what I like dealing with today, and in
17 the future I'm trying to develop that and make
18 that grow.

19 Q **We might have great championships by tomorrow
20 and Sunday as well.**

21 A I hope so. I certainly hope so, yeah,
22 absolutely. I mean, I'm looking forward to
23 seeing the bike race tomorrow because I've been
24 stuck in meetings all week. And the forecast
25 for the weather is fairly good, I believe, and I

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1 think it's going to be a great atmosphere there.

2 **Q Irish weather or Dutch weather?**

3 A No. No, I think a bit of both. I mean, the
4 last time I was here it was raining a lot in
5 '98. So if it stays dry we (inaudible) I don't
6 mind once it's dry.

7 **Q Am I getting a general pardon for asking these**
8 **questions?**

9 A You are. You are. No, I have no problem you
10 asking the questions no more than I have no
11 problem dealing with the answers.

12 (End of video clip.)

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