VIDEO INTERVIEW

OF

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Q   This is Friday.
A   Yep.

Q   How's your state of mind?
A   Bit fatigued.

Q   Why?
A   Because I've been in meetings every day since 9:00 last Monday nonstop.

Q   Why is that?
A   Because that's part of the job. That's the work of --

Q   That's a dull thing.
A   -- different groups. I've got Professional Cycling Council, Anti-Doping Foundation, Management Committee, Congress this morning.

Q   Did you see any cycling?
A   I did on Sunday, yeah, but not since then.

Q   Sunday was a success?
A   Sunday was a big success, yeah. Huge success.

Q   For who? For you?
A   For Everybody. For the -- for the teams. For UCI. For the organizers. For everybody.
1 Q Why?
2 A Because it was a competitive race on a good course. A lot of people out there watching us. And it gave the team something to race for as a team, and to win a World Championship as a team. And I could see from -- quite easy from the emotions of the riders just before the presentations, those, you know, this Omega team that won, that it really meant a lot to them.

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

16 Q Is there any anti-ideas in your organization, people who don't like that?
18 A No, not at all; no. No. And bear in mind there may be -- maybe the teams, or some of the teams, because they would have a vested interest. But the national federations, who are our main stakeholders, want that the World Championships remain for national federations, and correctly so. I feel very strongly correctly so.

Because you couldn't change -- this race on
Sunday, you couldn't change it to a -- to a -- another --

Q  Professional team?
A  -- to professional teams, like, another Liege-Bastogne-Liege or another Amstul Gold or another whatever. You know, the World Championships is always different and that's one of the -- one of the beauties of the World Championships is that it's different in every race because it's national teams, takes place every year, and it's got a great history as national teams. So we did -- there's no -- there's no reason to change it.

Q  But this time trial for commercial teams is going to stay there?
A  That will stay there. There are reasons for that too, good reasons for that. Because --

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

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

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

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

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

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

Today, with the economy in Europe, we can't
do that. We have to look outside of Europe.
We already have World Championships awarded to Ponferrada, Spain in two years' time, 2014. And there's a possibility we may have to withdraw that from Ponferrada because they haven't got the money to organize it. We're waiting and discussing with them at the moment, and the next couple of weeks will tell.

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

Q That is a cheap one from my side. Then you go for the money.
A No, we're not going for the money; no, we're
going for the sport.

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

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

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

Q  But if you go and have your World Championships in the high 30s, what is next then? I mean, you have to deal with sportsmen, sports people.
A  You have to deal with sportsmen, yeah.
Q  Yeah?
A  Yes, indeed. And we've looked at all that.
We've had medical people look at the -- look at the situation, and they've assured us that, yes, it can be run in Qatar.

So you have a good idea about that?

Yeah.

The feeling is okay?
The feeling's good, yes. The reaction to it has been very good within the cycling family.

Sure.

Yeah.

Okay. Are there any problems at UCI at this particular moment?

No.

Or am I going into a mine field now?

No, you're not going into a mine field. There's no problems at UCI at the moment, no. We're in -- we had our Congress this morning. We're in the -- our financial director reported we're in good financial health.

Are you healthy?

We are building the -- we are building up the reserves and -- again. Making profits. And a portion of the profits is going into the reserves. So the UCI is in good financial health.
Like every other president of international federation, I would love to have double the amount of money I have to spend on the development of the sport, but we have to work within the budgets we have.

And then the mental.
But the UCI is in good -- in good health.

And then the mental thing.
The mental side?

The mental side.
I'm in good -- I'm in very good health.

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

That sounds good. So the president is on his bike?
He is indeed.

But what is the general opinion of people in the street concerning bike riding at this particular moment? You think it's a healthy one?
Yes, absolutely. You only have to look at London. We had the biggest crowd ever seen at an Olympic event, and at a bicycle race in
London, for the road race, one-and-a-half million people.

They came out to see and support a bicycle race.

Q   Yeah. But did that cover the problems that were alive?
A   The prob-- what problems are you talking about? Are you talking about the problems of the past or the problems of today?
Q   You always talk about the past and today.
A   Yeah. Well, unfortunately -- unfortunately --
Q   You have to --
A   -- in cycling we are forced to talk about the past when it might be better not to talk about the past. But the past, you cannot deny the past.
Q   No.
A   And I have no intention of --
Q   You're going to --
A   -- denying the past.
Q   Your going to have a good life in future --
A   Yes.
Q   -- if you know your past?
A   Exactly, yeah.
Q   Right?
A: Exactly.
Q: But do you know your past?
A: I do know the past, yes. And we recognized --
Q: That's not a healthy one.
A: No, it's not a healthy one. I have stated that since I became president that our past has not been a healthy past. I have stated since I've became president that we had a culture of doping in this sport. And we have to get rid of the culture.
Q: You're the first one to mention the name. I didn't mention the name --
A: I know.
Q: -- "doping."
A: Yeah, I know you didn't. But you were referring to it at the same time.
Q: No. Can you read my mind?
A: You weren't talking about ledger sport -- ledger cycling or track cycling or any of that. I know what you --
Q: How about --
A: -- were talking about.
Q: Okay. How about the word is now on the table.
A: Yeah.
Q: Yeah?
A   Uh-huh.
Q   How is --
A   That doesn't mean we have to spend --
Q   How is --
A   -- the rest of the program talking about it.
Q   How is the situation now?
A   The situation now is very good and very healthy. The situation, the reports we get back from our medical experts, the UCI's medical experts on the parameters on the values that they see of athletes are a lot better than what they were 10, 15 years ago during the era of EPO.

   The biological passport is a very strong weapon in the army. And there's only one weapon in the army of the fight against doping. And the UCI also has other weapons, for instance, education. We're spending a lot of time and a lot of effort in education and prevention. And then the peloton is a lot healthier than it was in the past.

   It's -- it's a question, as I say, of culture change. And the new riders coming in, we have to understand, there's got to be a culture change, and they are doing it. And the evidence is there that they're doing it.
Q  Unfortunately, you have some hath winds --
A  Yeah.
Q  -- coming from the U.S.
A  Uh-huh.
Q  How do you cope with that?
A  I cope with it. You know, you just change up your gear and you cope with it as you have to do. Same as on a -- on a bike when you face a challenge, you have to cope with it.

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

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

Q  But do I -- but do --
A  When we get it, we will study it.
Q  Yeah.
A  And whatever -- if the evidence in there stands up and stacks up, then we will sanction.
Q  Do I understand you well? You did not receive
one word from them --

A No.

Q -- until now?

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

Q So you're waiting for the reports?

A Waiting for the reports, yeah.

Q And then what you gonna do?

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

Q What could be done?

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

You know, it's any number of -- any number of options. And we will -- we will take whatever option is justified.
Have you got any idea of how people in the street have their opinion about what's going on around Mr. Armstrong and the rest of the bunch?

I do. I read the newspapers.

Yeah.

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

Well, they want to know.

-- it's unfortunate.

They want to know.

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

That's a stupid situation.

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

Is there any --

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

That's the system. The American way of doing things, maybe, I don't know.
Q   Did they set a date?
A   No, they haven't given us a date; no. Within a
period of time. That's all. I mean, we heard
some rumors a week ago that it would come this
week during the World Championships. I was told
that it will come before the end of the month.
I read an article yesterday which said it could
be another couple of weeks.

Q   But you're not on the phone with them?
A   No, no, no, no.

Q   Not at all?
A   Not at all, no.

Q   So you're waiting?
A   No contact. We are waiting, yeah.

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

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

Q   Very personal question. Did you contact
Mr. Armstrong?
1  Q  Did he contact you?
2  A  No.
3  Q  There was none whatsoever?
4  A  No.  No, no.
5  Q  Any estimation from your side what he's going to do?
6  A  No.  Only -- only what -- what he has already done and declared, you know, some weeks back when he said that, that he's not going to bother fighting it, so...
7  Q  But there will be a solution?
8  A  Of course, there will be a solution.  Of course, there will be an end to it.
9  Q  Is that before Christmas?
10 A  I would hope so.  But we're not -- we're not dictating the time frame here, unfortunately.
11 Q  So you're sitting on your hands.  You can't do anything?
12 A  No.  We have to wait for the file and try not do too many interviews about it because you get caught up in it and so forth.
13 Q  You hate to do those things?
14 A  Well, I think it's unfair.  And I'm not saying you're unfair to bring the subject up.  It's
unfair on the UCI to be in this situation where they're waiting on a file. They're waiting on information. They know nothing about what's in the file. And it's been talked about by the media on a daily basis.

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

Can you say something about that, or is that still...

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

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

We talked, also, about truth and reconciliation. That was -- it was more along those lines that I was talking about when I spoke in London when this first came up in July
at the Olympic Games. Our Management Committee discussed it this week because I put it on the agenda. And the general feeling was, of the Management Committee, was that it's not an area we should get into because, truthfully, you cannot compare this situation of doping in sport with a truth and reconciliation where you've two different sectors of society against each in South Africa, and they had to, to come together. And so far, it's not the same situation. And the situation is -- I mean, being realistic, who's going to come forward and give you the information? And what do you do with the information?

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

And secondly, it gave the Management Committee the -- the -- the instruction to
continue the work that the UCI is doing at the moment and to continue to fight against doping in it -- in every way possible. To follow the rules, the applicable rules at all times. And to concentrate on preparing and ensuring that there's a clean program for cyclists and athletes coming into our sport today. And to concentrate on today's athletes and tomorrow's athletes and invest our money on the testing and the prevention and the educational programs of today's athletes rather than dealing with -- with athletes of the past.

Q: There's a South African --
A: That doesn't deny the past, or anything like that, but it is being realistic and them telling us what to do now and for the future.

Q: There's this South African saying, probably you heard about it, and it says "Alles sal reg kom," everything will be all right.
A: Yeah, I could say the same in Ireland, as well, as everybody's always very positive and everything will be all right.

Q: Are you a happy camper?
A: No, I'm not a happy camper; no. I'll be honest with you. I'm not a happy camper with this
hanging over our head. Because it's -- it's something we could do without. And I am -- I get angry, and I'm very angry. And I told my federations this morning that I am angry because of this whole -- this whole thing. Not talking about the merits of the case, or anything like that, but the mere fact that if these allegations, and we're talking, still, and everybody needs to understand, we're still talking about allegations which haven't been, you know, haven't been shown or haven't even been reviewed by any independent tribunal. USADA are the only people that have -- that have handled this so far. No independent tribunal has even reviewed these allegations. So we're talking about allegations.

But if everything is true, or a large part of it is true, what are in those allegations, and what are in, you know, in the statements and the books and so forth have so far been coming out, then I have to be very, very angry that at the time when we were post-Festina and all that happened with the Festina affair, that guys were still going out and trying to beat the system. And -- but by the same token, the UCI has
nothing to be apologetic about. Because the UCI has always been the federation doing the most in the fight against doping. We have tested those athletes, and tested them many, many times. And Armstrong himself was tested, he said, something near 500 times, and has always been negative.

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

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

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

Q  Is it still enjoyable to be president of the UCI.
A (Laughter). It is. I'll enjoy it when I get out on my bike for an hour out in the lovely lanes around here and whatever. No, it is. I still enjoy the sport. I have a passion for the sport. And I have a passion to do a job in the sport. And I still want to do the job in the sport.

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

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

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

A I hope so. I certainly hope so, yeah, absolutely. I mean, I'm looking forward to seeing the bike race tomorrow because I've been stuck in meetings all week. And the forecast for the weather is fairly good, I believe, and I
think it's going to be a great atmosphere there.

Q Irish weather or Dutch weather?
A No. No, I think a bit of both. I mean, the last time I was here it was raining a lot in '98. So if it stays dry we (inaudible) I don't mind once it's dry.

Q Am I getting a general pardon for asking these questions?
A You are. You are. No, I have no problem you asking the questions no more than I have no problem dealing with the answers.

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