Hi Bill:

It's been quite a while. I look forward to catching up over lunch as my husband and I are considering moving back to Austin before long.

Also, regarding the recent frenzy over Lance, I wanted to share with you an email thread between myself and a reporter from ESPN.

I honestly don't remember that particular conversation taking place. I'm not sure who is making up this story, but I just wanted you to know that it's not me (the usual suspect). I have no intention of speaking to the press about Lance. I'm sure they think that I am a good source for a scoop, but I have better things to do these days than rack my brain to recreate a ten year old conversation, only to risk being taken out of context...

Anyway, thought you'd appreciate the tenacity - they've called my entire family!

Hope all is well with you. Tell Laura I said hello.

Lisa

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Gubar, Justine <mailto:Justine.Gubar@espn.com>
To: Lisa Shiels Bela <mailto:lisashiels@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2004 1:13 PM
Subject: RE: Hello

Your point is legitimate. But I have been told that Betsy raised the issue of leaving the room for privacy's sake and Lance said that everyone could stay.

From: Lisa Shiels Bela [mailto:lisashiels@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2004 1:47 PM 
To: Gubar, Justine
Subject: Re: Hello

Yes, I watched the program.

I honestly don't even think there was such a conversation at that time. Do you really think the doctors would ask that type of question in front of all those people? Especially, Stephanie, one of his sponsors?? I would think that the doctors would ask such a personal question in private.

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From: Gubar, Justine <mailto:Justine.Gubar@espn.com>
To: Lisa Shiels Bela <mailto:lisashiels@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2004 12:05 PM
Subject: RE: Hello

Hi Lisa,

The conversation was when you were watching the Cowboys game! Were you able to watch the program last night?

Thanks,

Justine

------- Original Message -------
From: Lisa Shiels Bela [mailto:lisashiels@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2004 3:55 PM
To: Gubar, Justine
Subject: Re: Hello

I don't remember that particular conversation. If I was sitting in front of a couch, then it wasn't a consultation, it was when we were in a guest suite at the hospital watching a Dallas Cowboy's game.

I have not been instructed (yet) on what to say/not say. I honestly don't remember the doctor's even being in the suite at that time.
I was told by people in the room that you were seated on the floor in front of the couch. I know you made a comment to Scott from Nike about having information on this topic. Are you sure you don't remember? I know that is what Lance's people told some of the others in the room to say and they refused.

From: Lisa Shiels Bela [mailto:lisashiels@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2004 2:46 PM
To: Gubar, Justine
Subject: Re: Hello

I'm sorry, Justine, but I don't remember that particular conversation.

----- Original Message -----
From: Gubar, Justine <mailto:Justine.Gubar@espn.com>
To: Lisa Shiels Bela <mailto:lisashiels@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2004 1:17 PM
Subject: RE: Hello.

Thanks. I am sorry for bothering your relatives but for some reason, they seemed much easier to locate than you directly. Again, I apologize.

My question is this:

It is my understanding that in late October 1996, you were present during a hospital room consultation with Lance Armstrong, two of his doctors and Betsy and Frankie Andreu, Stephanie McIlvain, Chris and Paige Carmichael. This was after he underwent brain surgery. The doctor asked if he had ever taken performance enhancing drugs. What was his response?

Thanks,

Justine
Hi Justine:

I will try to help out as much as I can. If you can, please send me your questions via email so that I can respond.

Please continue to contact me directly. Please do not contact my husband/family.

Regards,
Lisa

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Gubar, Justine <mailto:Justine.Gubar@espn.com>
To: lisashiels@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2004 6:22 AM
Subject: Hello

Lisa,

My name is Justine Gubar and I am a producer with ESPN. I have been trying to get in touch with you in regards to a story I am working on about Lance Armstrong. I am interested in about ten minutes of your time. I am not interested in prying into your personal life. All I want to do is verify a conversation with you. Other people's integrity are riding on it. Please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,
Justine

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