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Object: Incorrect allegations in the Richard McLaren Report WADA investigations of Sochi allegations

Mister President of WADA,
Dear Sir Craig,

I am writing to you after the recent publication of the IP report on the WADA investigations of Sochi allegation, in which we can see incorrect allegations which highly affect the reputation of the WADA accredited Laboratory of Lausanne (LAD) as well as mine as Director of the Laboratory at the time of the cited events.

These incorrect allegations can be seen in the chapter 4.3 (beginning p.65): "Incident: WADA Directed Testing of "67 samples". On the page 67 of the present report (McLaren, report II), it is written:

"During the IC investigation in February 2015, the IC learned that although WADA had specifically requested that those particular 67 samples be retained until further notice, they were all destroyed by the Lausanne Laboratory in March 2013."

When the report of these IC investigations was published (Sir Dick Pound report) the Director General of the CHUV (home institution of LAD, the University Hospital in Lausanne) ordered an audit made by professional and independent auditors. The results of the audit and a request of correction on the report has been sent to Sir Dick Pound in December 2015 and copied Mr. David Howman, the Director General of WADA at the time.

The conclusions of the audit report can be summarized by the following:

- From the 67 samples, 55 samples with sufficient volume of urine were analyzed. One (1) sample was reported for AAF, and 54 were reported negative. Those 54 samples (and not all 67) were destroyed more than three months after having been reported negative as it is clearly specified in the ISL. In this case, the laboratory was strictly applying the standards.
- The Laboratory never received before or after the analyses any specific instructions from WADA for those samples.
- As is standard, the laboratory informed WADA of the destruction of the 54 samples. This occurred on 18th March 2013.



- In this same communication from 18th March 2013, in which the Laboratory informed the WADA of the destruction of the B-samples corresponding to the 54 A-samples already analyzed and reported negative, the Laboratory also requested instructions in regard of the remaining 12 samples (with low volume in the A and intact B), which had not yet been subject to any analyses.
- By return e-mail (19th March 2013), WADA ordered to store the 12 samples for three more months and on 24th April 2013, a request was sent to review the list of the samples and to show an interest to split these 12 B-samples. The formal request of splitting the 12 B-samples and to analyze them was sent by WADA Director General David Howman 18th June 2013. Following their split and analysis, two (2) out the 12 B-Samples were found to contain anabolic steroids. These results allowed WADA to characterize reporting failures by the Moscow Laboratory. The Lausanne Laboratory fully cooperated with WADA throughout this operation.

I note that WADA has been transparently informed of the destruction of the 54 samples and did not raise any observation or remark in this respect, including in its return communication of the same date, when instructing the split of the 12 B-Samples. The samples were then effectively destroyed on 5th April 2013, i.e. more than 15 days after WADA had received the corresponding information.

In the annexes of the present letter, I add all the documentation which has been provided at the time. There is in addition a formal English translation of the main conclusions of the CHUV audit report (the official version was published in French). This documentation is not in the files that were published with the report on the WADA Web site.

In retrospect, it is regrettable that the 54 samples were destroyed. However, it is clearly incorrect to allege or suggest that the Laboratory and/or the undersigned would have in any way acted improperly in connection with this destruction.

WADA has already confirmed that this was not the case. It appears, however, that this is not enough to avoid further incorrect statements and allegations to be made, including a highly publicized report.

This letter is a formal request to WADA to make this letter and the attached documentation available to the Public in order to restore the reputation of the Laboratory of Lausanne as well as mine as the former Director, in charge of this operation at the time.

Yours respectfully,

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