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cc : Max Bishop, Secretary FAI

Dear Mr Portmann,

Irregularities at the FAI World Helicopter Championship 2005

As President of the FAI, we feel you that should be made aware of any irregularities which seriously impair the impartiality and reputation of the FAI World Helicopter Championship 2005 and bring the FAI itself into disrepute.

You will recall that the FAI World Helicopter Championship in Austria in 2002 were extremely well adjudicated. However, at the Rouen 2005 Championship there were several instances of irregularities. Worse, these irregularities were not addressed satisfactorily during the course of the competition.

This letter concerns serious allegations of cheating in the events, and even more regrettable, the lack of enforcement of the rules, despite senior FAI officials being made aware of the situation.

We believe that these matters need to be investigated thoroughly in order to protect the authority and reputation of the FAI - the key issue here is the integrity of the FAI itself and its ability to ensure fair, impartial and professional conduct in a major competition.

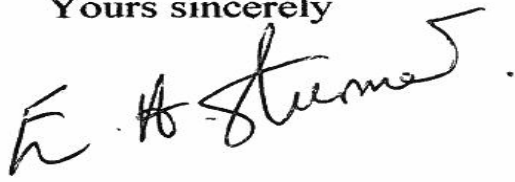
We hesitated before bringing these irregularities to your attention, but truly feel that if not investigated and corrected, they might make participation at the next Championship pointless - if penalties and disqualifications had been properly applied at Rouen, the final team positions would have been substantially different. This can only be disastrous for the World Championship and the reputation of the FAI itself.

I have attached the details of these rule enforcement irregularities as well as a copy of the FAI WHC Chief Judge's official report, which also refers to this matter.

Additionally we feel that we must draw to your attention the conduct of the Jury President who displayed a lack of knowledge of the competition rules and subjected one of our judges to verbal abuse and threats. A second report from that judge is also attached, and an apology requested.

We look forward to receiving the results of your investigation into the irregularities - and most importantly, your assurances for the future. We will be pleased to answer any questions you may have..

Yours sincerely



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