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Re : Mercury case

Dear Mister Rutherford,

Our legal department keeps me informed about the Mercury case including your e-mails in this respect. I have noted in your e-mail dated August 9, 2001 the following: "Once again I believe the UCI is committing a continuing negligence regarding their duties and is therefore subjecting the UCI to possible liability regarding nonpayment and failure to draw on the bank guarantee".

Such an aggressive approach might perhaps work in the USA but it does not in Europe and most definitely, not with me. I have carefully checked all the procedure and the UCI legal department has explicitly followed the rules and procedures as stipulated in our rules.

I therefore do not accept your comments mentioned above and even strongly reject them. Your aggressiveness is not at all justified by a claim of \$6,666.66 and is absolutely counter-productive.

I have given order to our legal department to take the tone of your approach into account when it comes to following up on your request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hein Verbruggen", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Hein Verbruggen
President