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For the Good of the Game

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Mr. Chet Greene  
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Dear Mr. Greene,

Re: The FIFA FAP and the Antigua/Barbuda Football Association

For the records, I wish to dismiss as downright mischievous and misleading any attempts to link the Antigua/Barbuda Football Association to comments I made in Barbados just over two weeks ago with respect to the use and management of the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme (FAP).

To the contrary, your Association has followed the FIFA guidelines and, in many ways, represents a model for the rest of the region. Your Association's involvement in the area of Technical Development is in keeping with FIFA's vision of narrowing the gap and providing a level playing field around the world. That was the rationale for the FIFA/Coca Cola courses which preceded this era and which contributed significantly to the development of football on the African continent.

Antigua/Barbuda's performance in the qualifying competition for the FIFA World Cup 2002 is an achievement very often referred to in FIFA circles as an example for other small and emerging football nations.

Your Association's record of participation in and hosting of OFU, CONCACAF and FIFA competitions over the last four years is eclipsed only by Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica in our region. It is unfortunate that any amongst you would attempt to associate the ABFA with my comments made in Barbados having seen, first hand, the extent of your Association's programme and themselves having an appreciation for the costs associated. After all, there is so much that one million dollars, currency notwithstanding, can do ...

On the question of your salary which was recommended and paid by the FIFA, it is clear that there are persons who are operating out of malice and envy, and as such, I have no intention of dignifying the nonsense I

