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TO: Mr. Wlodzimierz Kwiecinski

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RE:

Clarification to letter dated August 5, 2013

Dear Mr. Kwiecinski, et. al.,

I am writing to you today to clarify misrepresented claims within your letter entitled "New Era of the ITKF" dated August 5, 2013.

First, and foremost, your accusations call for bringing forth the two people that should be held accountable for the current business entity status of the ITKF, the late Ms. Aiko Tori and Sensei Hidetaka Nishiyama, the two sole individuals who incredibly managed all aspects of the American Amateur Karate Federation, the International Traditional Karate Federation, Japan Karate Association of the United States and the National Karate Institute.

It is a fact the ITKF has been a suspended business entity since 2002. All legally operating business entities within the United States is made public knowledge, the status of suspension of the ITKF has been public knowledge since 2002. The reason why Sensei Hidetaka Nishiyama did not address this issue with his ITKF members is unknown to me and why none of his members questioned this in 2002 is also unknown to me. I do know, as fact, when he asked me to assist him at the ITKF Office in 2004 and then full-time in 2005 he was actively trying to correct this situation via his accountant and lawyers. Maybe he was operating under the fact, which can be confirmed by any governmental agency within the United States, a suspended business entity can still operate business if they are in the process of reviving a corporation.

I do not know the exact actions within the office prior to 2002 that lead to the eventual ITKF suspension status, however, it is fact all business entities within the United States must abide by strict deadlines to file forms annually in order to keep active and current. I must at this time point to the fact Ms. Aiko Tori who, unbelievably and magnificently, oversaw all financial aspects to all four karate entities, unfortunately, became afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease. I do not know how long this terrible disease was interrupting her life before she was diagnosed, nor is it my place to disclose such information as both herself and Sensei Nishiyama chose not to discuss this matter with you ITKF members



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and we must respect that decision, however, I assume the majority of you now know. Given the fact of Ms. Aiko's Alzheimer's and Sensei Nishiyama's consuming schedule, it constantly amazes me how they were able to single-handedly manage all four karate federations for as long as they did but these may or may not have contributed to the eventual suspension status of the ITKF.

It is also fact the current ITKF Chairman, Mr. Richard Jorgensen, did not pursue a private initiative to apply for ITKF Tax Exemption this year, I myself submitted the application to follow-up on Sensei Nishiyama's previous tax exemption application submitted in 1999 and again in 2001 and again in 2002, however, must have submitted the application when the ITKF was incorporated as they filed annually as a non-profit tax exempt organization since it's incorporation which indicates they were under the impression they were tax exempt which, to my understanding, could have also initiated the suspension of the business entity in 2002 (please see Attachment #1 A-J). It is a fact the ITKF is organized, began its foundations, and continues to operate as a Non-Profit organization as stated in its original Articles of Incorporation signed by Sensei Nishiyama. Completing the Non-Profit Tax Exempt Application has been pursued since the beginnings of ITKF history and should have been completed since the time of original incorporation. Those that oppose the ITKF being a Non-Profit organization, as it is designed to be, need to question the character and original intentions of the late Sensei Hidetaka Nishiyama when he founded the organization.

To clarify the "fabrication of documents" as stated in your letter forces me to make public a very private time of my family, which having to do so is a complete violation of; however, I feel this must be addressed.

The letter dated November 7, 2008, which you reference, was dated for the date of delivery, not the date of transcription. This letter was in response to your letter received in our office October 16, 2008 (please see Attachment #2). During the approximate six months my father was hospitalized prior to his death, with intermittent leaves to attend the 2008 San Diego Camp as well as to be in the comforts of his own home whenever possible, the ability to continue to conduct business was due to the fact all work was brought to his attention outside of the office and upon receiving his instruction would proceed accordingly. In regards to communications, he would dictate the letters to be sent out and I would follow accordingly. His moments of lucidity and strength was and continue to be an amazing experience to have witnessed. I contribute this to the fact my father was a fighter and fought his illnesses to the very end which no one outside of my family will ever be able to conceive.

If you need to blame anyone for the letter dated November 7, 2008, you need to blame me as I take full responsibility for the fact I was too consumed by my family duties and the business affairs of the karate organizations of that time to not send this particular letter out as soon as it was transcribed. If this was, indeed, a fabricated letter you must ask yourself why it was not sent out sooner as it could have easily been sent out the same day the ITKF Office received your original letter of complaint.



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It is a fact both Sensei Nishiyama and his loyal comrade and secretary, Ms. Aiko Tori, dedicated their lives to their beloved karate federations, it's members and to the art of Traditional Karate until their last breath. All of you have been left with the responsibility to continue this for your future as well as for all future generations. At this moment, it is the decision of every individual member whether or not to continue along the path Sensei Nishiyama and Aiko-san dedicated their lives to, or if you shall destroy it. If ITKF members can not support one another and instead choose to continue to pursue individual agendas, including the pursuit of personal vendettas against one another, then the ITKF members themselves will be responsible for the destruction of the ITKF.

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