



Enstone, 28 July 2009

Mr. Nelson PIQUET

DF-BRASIL

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**SENT BY EMAIL AND REGISTERED LETTER**

Nelson,

I was extremely shocked to learn from Mathieu Michel, and from Bernie, as a matter of confirmation, that you would have declared that Nelsinho was asked by Renault to cause an accident in the 13<sup>th</sup> lap of the Grand Prix of Singapore, 2008, in order to have Fernando Alonso win this Grand Prix with the help of the pace car.

I was also extremely shocked to learn that you were threatening to make this contention before the FIA as a mean of pressure to obtain from Renault, against your silence, a continuation of the Driving Agreement relating to Nelsinho after the last Hungarian Grand Prix notwithstanding the option of termination set forth in favor of the team that was agreed upon between us at the outset of the Nurburgring Race.

Firstly, you can easily imagine that I can certainly not accept your contention that the Renault Team, myself, and your son entered into some sort of conspiracy that would not only have an impact on the result of the competition, but actually, that may put at risk the safety of all the contenders in the Grand Prix just to have Fernando Alonso obtaining a racing advantage. I am outraged that you could think that I myself, not mentioning your son and the other people in the Renault's Team, could have any part in such a strategy that may constitute a criminal offense.

Secondly, I am forced to consider that your threat constitutes without doubt a blatant attempt of exerting blackmail against Renault F1 and myself to extort an illegitimate advantage by way of threats and outrageous lies on the basis of an alleged hear-say.

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I would not wish this to escalate and I will put your current attitude on the ground of the disappointment and grief caused by the results obtained so far by Nelsinho in Formula 1. Please be advised, however that, should you take any step in relation with your blackmail, or make any declaration in connection thereof, I shall have no choice but to introduce against you, and against Nelsinho as the case may be, any action that way be appropriate before any criminal and civil court having jurisdiction on the ground of defamation, false accusation extortion.



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