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Dear Murray,

After some deliberation, we decided to respond, rather than ignore your letter of 09 May 2005.

I must stress that your letter did terrify us: it was a terrible waste of time.

Upon re-reading it, we are of the opinion that your small Hitlerian rhetoric is a failed attempt at managerial posturing. You make it clear that, after all, FAU possesses no monopoly on offensiveness and impertinence: indeed, the remarks you address to the Chairman of another trade union concerning personal relationships, courtesy, decency and responsibilities are high-handed, colonial, and grossly inappropriate.

Take note that I have nothing personal with or against any individual associated with the HKAOA because our relationship has always been on a union to union basis. All views so expressed are general perceptions and reflect FAU's core concern for trade union issues.


Your assertion that "all forms of co-operation are suspended with immediate effect" crudely (and belatedly) acknowledges a state of affairs that has in fact existed since the beginning of your term as President; as such, it signals no significant change in the relationship between HKAOA and FAU, and FAU does not feel deprived in any way.

However, your statement does serve to confirm that it is the HKAOA who has "cast the relationship aside".

We firmly believe that unity is strength, and disunity (whether strategically contrived or otherwise) is not, therefore the FAU will always welcome opportunities for fruitful co-operation with any other unions. At the same time, however, we would always require that such co-operation is built within a framework of dignity and respect. Therefore please desist from proffering further ill-considered and poorly-judged comment, advice or "pointings-out".

When we have reasons to trust that dignity and respect have once again been restored by the HKAOA Presidency, we will consider the request concerning your General Secretary.

Yours sincerely,
By Order of the Exco of FAU


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