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I am aware that former cricketer Lou Vincent and current New Zealand captain Brendon McCullum have made a range of allegations against a cricketer dubbed Player X.

It is well known that the ICC/ACSU has been investigating allegations of corruption and my name has been linked by others to these allegations. I am being asked whether I am Player X.

Based on the limited information I have received during this investigation, I believe it is being alleged that I am that player. These allegations against me are a complete lie.

My name was first publicly linked to this investigation in December last year. The ICC has still not so much as interviewed me, despite numerous approaches on my part and promises on theirs.

To date the full extent of my involvement has been a half day interview with the UK Metropolitan Police in New Zealand. That has not been completed because the police had to return to the UK. I am hopeful of completing this interview in the coming weeks.

I am told that Lou Vincent and Brendon McCullum have given some form of statement to the ICC/ACSU accusing me of match fixing. I have repeatedly asked the ICC/ACSU to produce copies of these statements so that I can respond. They decline to do so but seem happy to leak information to the media which they deny to me.

As for Lou Vincent he appears to have confessed to match fixing in respect of games played in numerous countries around the world, most of which I have had no connection to. He is in a desperate position. He faces potential prosecution and in trying to negotiate a plea bargain he appears to be willing to falsely accuse me of wrongdoing.

As for Brendon McCullum I have no understanding why he would say the things he is alleged to have said. To be clear, I have never approached Brendon, or anyone else, about match fixing or any other improper activity. I am doing everything I can to get to the bottom of these allegations.

I ask that people reserve judgment until all the facts are brought to light.

I have nothing to hide. I have been to court to demonstrate conclusively that I am not a match fixer before. I will have no hesitation in doing so again.

I conclude by saying that I believe there are dark forces at play. These forces have long arms, deep pockets and great influence. I acknowledge that recently I have upset some powerful people in the world of cricket, including raising my own concerns about the health of the game. I believe I am paying the price for that now.