

Since some members of the media have been making incorrect statements, I would like to point out the mistakes regarding the most important points.

First of all, on October 10, 2016, I was asked to go to the Shogi Kaikan to attend a meeting of directors of the JSA regarding suspicions that I had made improper use of shogi software. On that occasion I said, "As Mr. Watanabe will be my opponent in the forthcoming match, please do not invite him to attend the meeting." Since the Ryuo title match was due to start a few days later, I thought that it would be an impediment to playing shogi against Watanabe if he were present at a meeting where I was accused of wrongdoing and had to demonstrate my innocence. However, contrary to my wishes, Mr. Watanabe attended the meeting on October 11.

Secondly, some time in August 2016, when I was studying shogi together with Mr. Sanmaido, I saw him using a smartphone to operate his personal computer at home. I was surprised that this was possible and asked him "how do you do that?" Since he is aware that I don't know much about personal computers, he explained in detail how it was done. Of course, I have never installed a remote control application in my smartphone. I have also never operated a smartphone in the players' resting room during a game.

Incidentally, I did not refuse to hand over my smartphone to the JSA. Initially the JSA did not ask me to hand over either my smartphone or my personal computers. I use my smartphone every day and I thought the JSA would understand that, if they investigate my personal computers, they would realize that I had not downloaded any remote control applications or the like.

However, in order to prove my innocence, I am considering handing over my smartphone and four personal computers to a reliable investigation company, which will analyze the contents of the software I have installed and uninstalled, the exact times I switched these devices on and off, and so on. I would like to select the investigation company together with the JSA, if it will discuss this matter with me. I only possess the above-mentioned smartphone

and personal computers, but if the JSA also wishes to investigate the smartphones and personal computers of other members of my family, I would be prepared to have those included in the investigation. I would not want to be accused at a later date of using a different smartphone or other devices. Before I or the JSA receive the results of this analysis, I would like the investigation company to announce them publicly.

Ordinarily the JSA, which suspects me of wrongdoing, should undertake these procedures. I feel sad that I have to do all of this myself. As before, all I want to do is to play shogi.

I hope that my unfair suspension by the JSA will be lifted as soon as possible.

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