

On October 27, 2016, the JSA set up a third-party committee to conduct an investigation regarding the appropriateness of my suspension from playing shogi and my behavior during certain games. I believe that the JSA set up this third-party committee because there are doubts about the appropriateness of its decision to suspend me. However, my suspension is still continuing. If there are doubts about the appropriateness of this suspension, should it not be lifted before an investigation is conducted?

It can be assumed that the JSA does not intend to lift the suspension until the third-party committee has reached its verdict. However, I have been told that the JSA has so far not conducted any investigation of the personal computers that I handed over to it. It has not held any discussions with a data analysis company either. In these circumstances, I doubt whether the third-party committee will reach a conclusion by the time my suspension is due to end on December 31, 2016. This is a very frustrating situation for me. I was hoping that the personal computers I handed over to the JSA would be returned so that I could have them investigated by a data analysis company.

Accordingly, on October 28, I asked JSA to return these personal computers to me on temporarily. However, the JSA refused to return them because the third-party committee had requested the JSA to keep them under strict storage. Why am not allowed to have my personal computers back?

Since I had no other choice, I have submitted just my smartphone for analysis by a professional investigation company. Most of the companies that I approached refused to take on this analysis because they were afraid of becoming involved in the incident. However, Asueito Advisory Co., Ltd. finally agreed to do it. As a result of their analysis, the list of applications installed on my smartphone is as shown in the attached document (Document 1).

In addition to this analysis, I requested all the available communications data from NTT Docomo Inc. in order to prove that my smartphone was not

switched on or off during the shogi games in question. Unfortunately, however, NTT Docomo only has data that records the dates but not the precise times of communications data. Nevertheless, since the volume of data on the days when I was playing shogi was lower than on the days when I was not playing, it can be seen from the attached document that my smartphone was switched off during the games.

As recorded in the list of applications, there was no shogi software installed in my smartphone. There was also no software that could be used for the remote control of a personal computer. Incidentally, it was impossible to determine the times at which the smartphone was switched on or off because this information could not be extracted.

The above-mentioned documents demonstrate that the allegation that I used shogi software during games is a mistake based on mere speculation.

Why I am still suspended from playing shogi without any proof of wrongdoing? Why have the contents of my personal computers not been analyzed? Why is it necessary to set up a third-party committee to investigate this matter? The third-party committee is merely investigating the appropriateness of my suspension. Even at this stage, it should be possible for the JSA to lift this suspension independently.

As I have said from the beginning, I am willing to submit my smartphone and other devices to the JSA. I also want the personal computers being held by the JSA to be returned so that their contents can be analyzed. However, as a prior condition, I would like my unfair suspension from playing shogi to be lifted.

Because I am under suspension, I suffer from anxiety every day. I cannot sleep well at night. In this mental state, I am afraid that I will not be able to play shogi the way I did before. I feel that my life as a shogi player is being stripped away bit by bit. I am a shogi professional. Shogi is all I know. Please

do not take shogi away from me.

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