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Dear David,

Your injury – the news of which truly went around the world – has also naturally come to my attention. The fact that it has happened so close to the World Cup makes it doubly painful.

Not only has your participation in the World Cup finals for a record fourth time for an English player been put in doubt, but you are also having to endure physical pain. I suffered exactly the same injury and am all too familiar with it. At the risk of sounding too philosophical so soon after your misfortune, it is true that time heals all wounds and that both kinds of pain will cease eventually. We often encounter situations in life that we can only fully understand at a later date, but I am sure that you know that already.

I therefore sincerely wish you a swift recovery and am confident that you will be able to come to terms with this new situation as you always do: with dignity and courage.

Warmest regards,



Joseph S. Blatter