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My dear Friends,

It is true that evaluating fuel loads on Friday has always been a tough job; still, even with the most optimistic view it looked like we would be far off the front. On top of that, given the fact that practice had been wet, rain had affected the runplans of all teams in P3, with some of them focusing more on qualifying and others on race pace.

So we entered the qualifying session with a low degree of confidence: but then, the red flag at the end of the session, due to Kvyat's terrible accident (luckily, the driver escaped unscathed), had left us longing for more. I am more than convinced that both drivers could have further improved, notably Kimi, who looked particularly strong at this stage. In the race, then, Seb jumped on an opportunity to catch second place at the start, then fought hard all the way to keep this position until his second pit-call; but Rosberg's pace was too much even for him. And that became even more clear when Hamilton, after fitting Prime (harder) tires, put in a smashing 1min36sec1.

As for Kimi, he kept the pressure on Bottas till the last tire change, and he managed to jump him owing to Ferrari's superior pace. We know that it would be difficult to repeat the result of Singapore at Suzuka, but both drivers had a consistent race and we can be happy with the result.

Also, our mechanics did an awesome job by sending twice the driver out in less than two seconds!

As a whole, we do seem to be making progress: third and fourth in the race did not put a smile on everybody's face and that means that we are aware of our getting better and we are striving for even more. That's the way to go!

One last word goes to this circuit, which Seb called 'perhaps the best in the world'.

As you can imagine, it was not a normal weekend for many of us-it sure wasn't for me. Going back to the track and seeing the damned turn 7, the runoff area, the impact zone and thinking back to what happened in Jules' accident was hard to accept.

Only time, and the thought of having known and worked with such a nice person and a talented driver as he was, will heal this wound.

Ciao Jules, Forza Ferrari!!!

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