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In anticipation of his upcoming damage control interview with Oprah Winfrey, Lance Armstrong prepared a number of people in advance who were involved in the doping scandal.

The Washington Post [reported](#) that Armstrong has apologized to members of the cycling community he had previously lied to through direct phone calls on Sunday.

Monday's interview will be broadcast on Winfrey's OWN network, and cut back to 90 minutes.

It will be the first public comments by Armstrong on allegations against him since the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency released their report in October. He was stripped of all seven Tour de France titles last year.

The USADA called Armstrong's activity "The most sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program that sport has ever seen," [according](#) to an Associated Press report

on ESPN Los Angeles. Armstrong said Saturday, "I told her (Winfrey) to go wherever she wants and I'll answer the questions directly, honestly and candidly."

But [according](#) to ninemsn, the "candid" confessional will be limited. A source with knowledge of the situation says Armstrong will not provide a detailed report of his involvement with doping, or address specific allegations.

More than a few people want the former cyclist to name names. President of British Cycling Brian Cookson said, [according](#) to Mail Online, "For me the real thing that has to come out is who were these other people involved, who were the people supplying and helping him, the doctors that helped him, the companies that supplied him. Some of the stuff he was taking, apparently, was still in clinical trials so how on earth did he get hold of this kind of stuff?"

London newspaper The Sunday Times ran a full-page ad in the Chicago Tribune [listing](#) ten questions Winfrey should ask Armstrong. Armstrong sued the paper for libel in 2004, and now the Times is suing him to regain about \$1.5 million.

Many sponsors have dropped Armstrong, and he has stepped down from the board at his cancer-fighting charity Livestrong.