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- CUNG LE LIKELY TO FIGHT AGAIN IN 2008

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Speculation has been running rampant lately about the future of Strikeforce middleweight champion Cung Le, and whether his current run as an actor in Hollywood could hinder his desire to return to compete in mixed martial arts.

Strikeforce vice president Mike Afromowitz, during an appearance on MMAWeekly Radio on Wednesday, said the promotion expects the champ back after he finishes the films, while maintaining their support for Le's desire to pursue a second career in acting.

"Cung's going to be a movie star," said Afromowitz about the promotion's middleweight champion. "He's going to be in the film adaptation of the video game Tekken, and he's playing 'Marshall Law' in that, and then he's got another movie coming out with Dennis Quaid, so he's busy in Hollywood right now."

The film he's set to star in with Quaid is a science fiction thriller called "Pandorum," which will start filming this summer in Berlin, Germany according to Bloody-Disgusting.com

Cung Le last fought when he defeated former Strikeforce middleweight champion Frank Shamrock in March 2008. Since that time, fans have been clamoring for his return to action. Regardless of the time off, Afromowitz was adamant about his return.

"He'll be back in the gym. He's still training, and he'll be back at it," he stated.

Afromowitz also mentioned the possibility of different opponents for Le in his next fight, ranging from a rematch with Shamrock to a showdown with a top ranked middleweight.

"You know, it's a possibility he might wind up fighting (Kazuo) Misaki, who we were hoping he'd fight last November, but there was scheduling conflicts on Misaki's side, so it didn't happen," Afromowitz commented on potential opponents. "Misaki's a fighter that we recently signed, so Cung may wind up fighting him or he may just go back and fight Frank (Shamrock) again for his next fight, but he'll be back."

As previously mentioned, Le's next movie project is set to begin filming over the next few months, but Strikeforce executives are expecting him to fight again in 2008.

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"I think he'll fight one more fight before the end of this year," stated Arromowitz.

Fans will also have to wait to see Le's role in Tekken as well because the film is not slated to hit theatres until sometime in 2009.



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