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BY HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM GOPALLAWA PRESIDENT and COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
of the Republic of Sri Lanka

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W. GOPALLAWA

To : Vincent Wimaladharmasiri Kularatne, Esquire,

GREETINGS :

WHEREAS it appears to me to be necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purposes hereinafter mentioned :

NOW, therefore, I, William Gopallawa, President, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, do, in pursuance of the provisions of section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act (Chapter 393), by these presents appoint you, the said Vincent Wimaladharmasiri Kularatne, Esquire, to be my Commissioner for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the following matters :—

- (1) the cause or causes and the event or events which led to the breakdown of discipline in the Vidyalankara Campus of the University of Sri Lanka on or about February 3, 1975, and the circumstances which made possible the ragging of teachers who attended the Diploma course in New Mathematics on February 3, 1975, at the said Campus ;
- (2) whether any person or persons in the employment of the University of Sri Lanka neglected his or their duties, thereby making possible the ragging of the said teachers, and whether any person or persons failed to take necessary and timely action to prevent or stop the said ragging ;
- (3) whether any person, directly or indirectly, engaged himself in ragging the said teachers or any other person who attended the said Diploma course ;
- (4) whether any person intimidated, abused or threatened any other person in authority in furtherance of any act of indiscipline connected with the said ragging ;
- (5) whether the aforesaid ragging was motivated, instigated or encouraged by any person or group of persons or any organization, internal or external, of the students of the said Campus and if so, the person or persons who were responsible for the same, and to what extent they were so responsible ;

and to make recommendations in respect of—

- (a) the disciplinary action or any other action that must be taken against any person or persons responsible for the aforesaid ragging, or whose action or failure to take action made possible the aforesaid ragging ; and
- (b) the remedial measures that should be taken to prevent occurrences of a like nature in future :

And I do hereby authorise and empower you, the said Commissioner, to hold all such inquiries and make all such investigations, into the aforesaid matters as may appear to you to be necessary, and require you to transmit to me within a period of two months from the date hereof, a report thereon under your hand, setting out the findings of your inquiries, and your recommendations ;

And I do hereby direct that such part of any inquiry relating to the aforesaid matters as you may, in your discretion, determine shall not be held in public ;

And I do hereby require and direct all public officers and other persons to whom you may apply for assistance or information for the purpose of your inquiries and investigations to render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may be properly rendered and furnished in that behalf.

Given at Colombo, under the Seal of the Republic of Sri Lanka, this Second day of April, One Thousand Nine hundred and Seventy five.

By His Excellency's command,

H. C. D. WIJESINHA,
Secretary to the President.