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19th June 1997

Gamini Lakshman Peiris Esqr., M.P.,
Deputy Minister of Finance/
Minister of Justice & Constitutional Affairs,
37, Kirula Place,
Colombo 5.

Our Ref: NSA/GLP/97-6

And at; Visumpaya,
Staples Street, Colombo 2.

Dear Sir,

We write on the instructions of our Client, Mr. Nihal Sri Ameresekere F.C.A., F.C.M.A., of 167/4, Sri Vipulasena Mawatha, Colombo 10 and refer to our previous letters dated 27th March 1997 and 18th April 1997 and to the letters dated 9th April 1997 and 21st April 1997 addressed to us by Ms Paul Ratnayake Associates, acting on your instructions, and our replies to the same dated 22nd April 1997 and 28th April 1997, respectively.

We are instructed, that at the same time, Mr. B.C. Perera, Secretary Ministry of Finance/Secretary to the Treasury, had also interceded with our Client, in respect of the subject matter contained in the correspondence referred to above, at the behest of Dr. P.B. Jayasundera, a public officer, who works closely with you, to whom you had given a copy of our aforesaid letter dated 27th March 1997 for such purpose.

We are instructed to state, that notwithstanding your holding office as Deputy Minister of Finance, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, acting in your personal capacity and interest, due to animosity you bore towards our Client, you interfered with and acted against the interest of our Client and the state in the matter of the Hilton Settlement and you are thereby personally accountable, responsible and liable therefor.

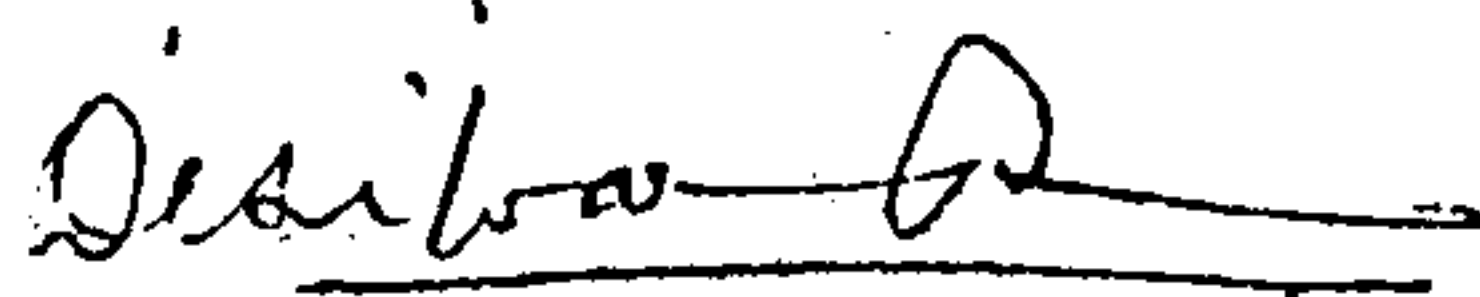
Whilst reiterating the contents of our aforesaid letters dated 27th March 1997 and 18th April 1997, we are instructed to state that your utterances, actions and conduct with deliberate intent to cause injury to our Client, as referred to in our aforesaid letters, have gravely affected the name, standing and reputation of our Client in the eyes of the public, exposing our Client to ridicule and/or contempt and/or to be shunned and/or avoided by right thinking members of society generally, as well as causing our Client great embarrassment, humiliation, pain of mind and severe offence to his dignity.

By reason of the aforesaid, we are instructed, that our Client has suffered considerable loss and damage, which he estimates at Rupees Three Hundred Million (Rs. 300,000,000/-).

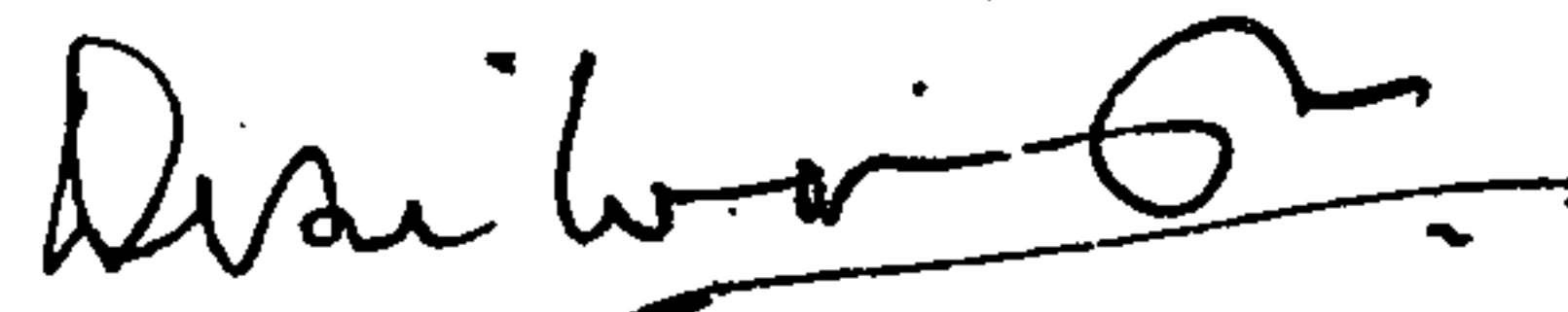
In the premises, causes of action have arisen to our Client to institute legal action against you for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees Three Hundred Million (Rs. 300,000,000/-), together with interest and costs of suit.

This communication is made under and in terms of Section 461 of the Civil Procedure Code.

Yours faithfully,


Attorneys-at-Law

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