

BY ACX COURIER

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Mr. James D. Wolfensohn
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Dear Mr. Wolfensohn

I refer to my Letter dated 13th May 2000 and the very prompt discussion arranged for me in Washington by Ms. Mieko Nishimizu, Vice President – South Asia Region, with Mr. Kenichi Ohashi, Country Co-ordinator for Sri Lanka.

I particularly draw your kind attention to the facts stated in my Letter of 13th May 2000, supported by the documents attached thereto. Consequent to the above discussion, I forwarded my Letter dated 25th May 2000, together with a file containing certain published Articles in relation to the subject of fraud and corruption.

Consequently, I was quite encouraged by the Opening Address made by Ms. Mieko Nishimizu, Vice President – South Asia Region at the Sri Lanka Development Forum held in Paris in December 2000, particularly her following forthright and courageous statement.

“In formulating a new Country Assistance Strategy, my colleagues have been listening intensively to hundreds of Sri Lankan citizens from all walks of life. They said:

“The nation faces a deep crisis;
Public institutions are politicised;
Politicians are not accountable;
.....”


I enclose a copy of my Letter dated 9th February 2001, appreciating the foregoing, forwarded to Ms. Mieko Nishimizu in Colombo during a subsequent visit. I could not however meet her.

In the foregoing facts and circumstances, I attach copies of the following Letters, particularly drawing attention to my Letter dated 13th May 2000 and the documents attached thereto.

- i. My Lawyers' Letters dated 17th December 2001 and 17th January 2002 to Her Excellency, President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga on the appointment of Mr. K.N. Choksy P.C., M.P., as the Minister of Finance of this country, on the recommendation of the Hon. Prime Minister, Ranil Wickremesinghe, M.P.
- ii. My Lawyers' Letter dated 25th July 2002 to Mr. K.N. Choksy P.C., M.P., Minister of Finance, together with the Annexures thereto, exhorting him to face an inquiry or resign, in the given facts and circumstances set out in the said Letter, together with the correspondence attached thereto.
- iii. My Lawyers' Letter dated 23rd August 2002 to Mr. K.N. Choksy P.C., M.P., Minister of Finance, together with the Annexures thereto, in response to his reply dated 2nd August 2002.
- iv. My Lawyers' Letter dated 23rd August 2002 to the Hon. Prime Minister, Ranil Wickremesinghe and Her Excellency, President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, urging, that in the given facts and circumstances, Mr. K.N. Choksy P.C., M.P., ought be required to resign, as the Minister of Finance of our country, or be removed.

I am forwarding you this Letter, together with copies of the aforesaid Letters, in the context of my confidence in you, as a leader from the developed world, committedly spearheading and espousing the agitation against the cancerous menace of fraud and corruption, particularly in the developing world, inspiring other persons to act in such regard. I reiterate the contents of my Letter dated 13th May 2000 in the context of the foregoing.

Yours truly,


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