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COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

A Commission has been constituted for the purpose:

“To inquire into the persons, places, time, circumstances and events by and through which allegations and reports came to be made of an intention or a plan to assassinate the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, to report the findings and recommendations to His Excellency, Brigadier David Granger, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.”

By the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

WHEREAS, it is provided by Section 2 of the Commission of Inquiry Act, Cap. 19:03, of the Laws of Guyana, that the President may issue a Commission appointing one or more Commissioners and authorizing such Commissioner or Commissioners to inquire into any matter in which an Inquiry would, in the opinion of the President be in the Public Interest.

AND WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the President that such an inquiry to inquire into the persons, places, time, circumstances and events by and through which allegations and reports came to be made of an intention or a plan to assassinate the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana would be in the public interest.
NOW, THEREFORE, acting under the provisions of the Commission of Inquiry Act, Cap. 19:03 and by virtue and in exercise of all powers enabling me in that behalf, I do hereby issue this Commission and appoint:

Paul Slowe

To be Commissioner under the said Act to inquire into the matters referred to in the following paragraph and to submit a Report on the findings as to those matters and to inquire into all incidental consequential matters connected therewith.

Terms of Reference

(A) The Commission will:

1. Inquire into the persons, places, time, circumstances and events by and through which allegations and reports came to be made of an intention or a plan to assassinate the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana;

2. Investigate and review the full range of the Guyana Police Force’s actions and responses to the reports and the extent to which such actions were conducted or executed with due diligence;

3. Determine whether any person and in particular, officers of the Guyana Police Force had information before and after reports were made of the plan to assassinate the President and whether any such officers communicated that information to a superior authority;

4. Record and report on what official action was taken on the basis of the information received and whether there was due diligence by the officers of the Guyana Police Force in the investigation of the plan to assassinate the President;

5. Review all actions taken by the Guyana Police Force and examine whether there was evidence of failure, neglect or omission to thoroughly and properly investigate the intention or plan to assassinate the President and determine whether such failure or omission was intentional;

6. Determine the blameworthiness for failure or neglect of officers or persons involved in the investigation and recommend action to be taken against persons found to be blameworthy;

7. Recommend steps that can be taken in order to prevent the recurrence of such incident and can be deemed appropriate by the Commissioner; and
8. Identify systemic issues, if any, in the Guyana Police Force’s competence to investigate matters of this nature.

(b) **Rules of Procedure**

The Commission is directed, further, to:

9. Interview all persons, examine available documents and consider the views of all persons deemed relevant in the opinion of the Commissioner;

10. Render the final report, findings and recommendations to His Excellency, the President, Brigadier David Granger on or before the 18th day of August, 2017 or any later date as may be determined by His Excellency;

11. Conduct the inquiry continually at the Conference Room of the Department of Public Service, Ministry of the Presidency, 164 Waterloo Street and at such other places as may be determined in Guyana as the Commissioner may determine;

12. Conduct the inquiry in public, with reservation, nevertheless, to the Commissioner to exclude any person or persons if the Commissioner deems fit for the due conduct of the inquiry or the preservation of Order;

13. Establish rules for its own guidance, conduct and management of the proceedings before it and the times and places for such proceedings as it may from time to time consider fit;

14. Exercise the powers of the High Court to summon witnesses to examine witnesses; under oath and to call for the production of books and documents;

15. Authorise any person giving evidence or any person who appears to it, to have an interest in the subject of the proceedings before it to be represented at such proceedings or in any part thereof;

16. Commence work on the 11th day of July, 2017 and shall take appropriate steps to ensure that its work is completed and the report submitted within the aforesaid time;

The Minister of State shall appoint a Secretary to the Commission and may appoint Officers of the Commission as may be determined for the purpose of assisting the Commissioner in the discharge of his duties.

The Commissioner, subject to the above, shall establish and regulate his own procedures for the conduct of the Inquiry and shall be governed by the aforesaid provisions of the
Constitution of Guyana, the Commission of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, the High Court Act, Chapter 3:01 and any other Laws enabling.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, at the Ministry of the Presidency, Georgetown, Guyana, this Eleventh day of July, Two Thousand and Seventeen in the Forty-Eighth year of the Republic.

By the President’s Command

[Signature]

Minister of State
Appointing the Commissioner of the Commission of Inquiry

“To inquire into the persons, places, time, circumstances and events by and through which allegations and reports came to be made of an intention or a plan to assassinate the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana;

WHEREAS, it is provided by section 2 of the Commission of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, that the President may issue a Commission appointing one or more Commissioners to inquire into any matter in which an inquiry would in the opinion of the President, be in the public interest.

AND WHEREAS, the President is of the opinion that such an inquiry into the persons, places, time, circumstances and events by and through which allegations and reports came to be made of an intention or a plan to assassinate the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, will be in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, acting under the aforementioned provision and by virtue and in exercise of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I do hereby appoint-

Paul Slowe

As Commissioner of the above mentioned Commission of Inquiry with effect from the date of this Instrument.
Given under my hand and the Seal of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana at the Ministry of the Presidency, Georgetown, Guyana, this 11th day of July, Two Thousand and Seventeen, in the Forty-Eighth year of the Republic.

By the President's Command

Minister of State