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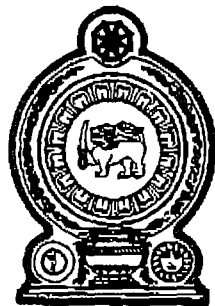
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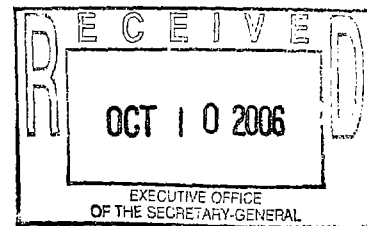
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VERY URGENT

My No. POL/G/196

10th October, 2006.

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary-General
Room 5-3800
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New York

Fax : (212) 963-5012

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to forward herewith, a copy of letter addressed to you by His Excellency Mahinda Rajapakse, President of Sri Lanka, pertaining to providing humanitarian assistance to the people in the North and East of Sri Lanka, content of which is self-explanatory.

I shall be grateful if you could arrange a positive response to the proposal made by H.E. the President of having the UNHCR/WHO escort for the food ships.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Prasad kariyawasam
Ambassador

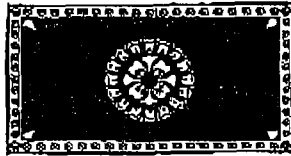
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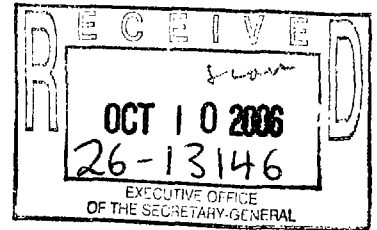
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October 06, 2006

H. E. Kofi Annan
Secretary General
United Nations

Dear Secretary General,

I would like to recall our meeting during the recently concluded Non-Aligned Summit in Havana at which I discussed the matter of humanitarian assistance to the people in the North & East of Sri Lanka.

The Government of Sri Lanka continues to facilitate access to international humanitarian organisations to all areas, including the uncleared areas to provide humanitarian assistance to affected people.

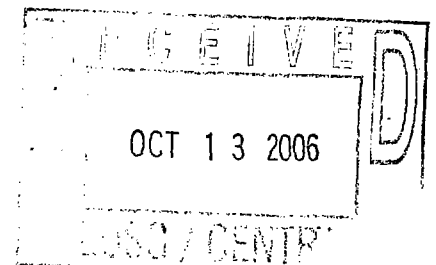
The Government has ensured the supply of food to the Jaffna Peninsula where a larger number of Tamil civilians are living. The Vanni is an uncleared area and is sparsely populated. 6 vessels of food and essential items amounting to 12000 tonnes have already been despatched to the area.

However, the ICRC is unable to provide protection to ships carrying food and other essential items from Colombo to the Jaffna Peninsula, in terms of its humanitarian mandate, due to the intransigence of the LTTE in providing security guarantees. The Government for its part has provided such guarantees to the ICRC. The Government will make every effort to ensure the steady supply of relief items to the people in the North and the East and in particular to those in Jaffna, notwithstanding these constraints.

I would very much appreciate if you could kindly make arrangements for the UNHCR/WFP to extend assistance in the despatch of the food supplies by ship to the affected areas by providing the necessary escort. This would contribute in a meaningful way to the realisation of the humanitarian efforts initiated by the Government.



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You would appreciate that throughout the conflict, the Government has maintained a consistent policy of facilitating unhindered humanitarian access to all uncleared areas despite evidence that the LTTE was appropriating a substantial portion of the essential services worth billions of rupees.

It has been acknowledged that Sri Lanka demonstrates a unique example of a State, even whilst engaged in a conflict, which has consistently funded the provincial administrations, hospitals, schools and development projects in the conflict affected areas, including the uncleared areas.

I look forward to receiving a positive response to the proposal of having the UNHCR/WFP escort for the food ships. I have instructed the Commissioner General of Essential Services to co-ordinate this matter with the UNHCR/WFP.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Mahinda Rajapaksa



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