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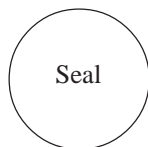
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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**

**Proclamations &c., by the President**

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**BY HER EXCELLENCY CHANDRIKA BANDARANAIKE KUMARATUNGA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**



CHANDRIKA BANDARANAIKE KUMARATUNGA.

To : 1. Hon. Jinasena Wickrama Edirisuriya Esqr. — Retired Appeal Court Judge  
2. Dr. Dilkushi Anula Wijesundara — Medical Specialist  
3. Prof. Mendis Rohanadheera

*Greetings*

WHEREAS, the death of Ven. Gangodawila Soma Thero had occurred in St. Petersburg, Russia on 12th December, 2003.

And Whereas numerous allegations have been made with regard the cause of death and the circumstances under which Ven. Gangodawila Soma Thero's death had occurred.

And whereas it appears to me to be necessary to establish a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of inquiring into the matters hereinafter mentioned, being matters in respect of which an inquiry will, in my opinion, be in the public interest ;

Now therefore, I, Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, President reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, do , in pursuance of section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act (Chapter 393), by these presents appoint you, the said

1. Hon. Jinasena Wickrama Edirisuriya
2. Dr. Dilkushi Anula Wijesundara
3. Prof. Mendis Rohanadheera

to be my Commissioners and to inquire into and report on the following matters :

- (a) Whether the death of Ven. Gangodawila Soma Thero was due to a natural cause. If so, what evidence is available to support such a conclusion. If not, what reliable and probable evidence is available for any other cause for the death ;
- (b) What medical evidence or records available regarding any ailment/s suffered by the Ven. Thero, prior to his demise, especially between his departure to and death in Russia ;
- (c) Whether there were any persons, groups or institutions organized or otherwise responsible for creating any kind of antagonism towards the Ven. Thero ;
- (d) The circumstances relating to Ven. Soma Thero's visit to Russia on or around 11th October, 2003 ; the purpose of the visit ; whether it is personal or otherwise ; persons or group, if any, responsible for arranging the visit ; or whether it was totally a voluntary act on the part of the Ven. Soma Thero ;
- (e) Whether there is reason to believe of any conspiracy or plot to cause the death of the Ven. Thero and if so, what evidence is available in this regard.

And I do hereby appoint you the said Jinasena Wickrama Edirisuriya Esqr., retired Judge of the Appeal Court, to be the Chairman of the said Commission.

And I do hereby authorize and empower you, the said Commissioners to hold such inquiries and make all other investigations into the aforesaid matters as may appear necessary, and require you to transmit to me within **three months** from the date hereof a report or interim reports thereon, under your hand, setting out the finding of your inquiries and your recommendations relating thereto :

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 inquiry, to render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may be properly rendered and furnish, in that behalf :

And I do hereby declare that the provisions of section 14 of the Commission of Inquiry Act (Chapter 393), shall apply to the Commission :

Given at Colombo, under the seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, this First day of December Two Thousand and Four.

By Her Excellency's command,

W. J. S. KARUNARATNE,  
Secretary to the President.

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