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*President of Sri Lanka*

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Mr. A.W.Clausen,  
President,  
The World Bank,  
1818 H Street NW,  
Washington DC 20433,  
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Clausen,

I am writing to thank you for the valuable services that a staff member of the World Bank has provided to the Government of Sri Lanka.

We are grateful to the Bank for having released Dr. Mohan Munasinghe on a three year leave-of-absence, from October 1982 to September 1985, to advise me on energy matters and coordinate national policy formulation and implementation in this key sector. The Government concurs with the judgement of several recent Bank Missions as well as other donor agencies, that significant progress has been made in the energy sector during the past 30 months. For example, the Bank Economic Mission's "Aide Memoire" of December 1983 noted that "the institutional structure for energy policy analysis and management has been greatly strengthened through the establishment of an energy coordinating framework under the overall guidance of the Senior Energy Advisor" (Dr. Munasinghe), further stating that "on the whole, progress towards resolving energy sector issues has been exemplary".

In particular, Dr. Munasinghe has successfully launched several critical energy sector initiatives with my approval, including the formulation of a national energy strategy (NES), the national energy demand management and conservation programme (NEDMCP), and the national fuelwood conservation Programme (NFCP). He has also provided valuable inputs as a Board Member of the Natural Resources, Energy and Science Authority, and served as the founder-President of the Sri Lanka Energy Managers Association (a professional body).

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Outside the energy area, Dr. Munasinghe chaired a committee appointed by me to study national computer policy (COMPOL). Subsequently, he was instrumental in preparing the Parliamentary legislation (based on COMPOL recommendations) which resulted in the creation of the Computer and Information Technology Council (CINTEC) of Sri Lanka. Dr. Munasinghe is currently the Chairman of CINTEC, which is the apex body advising me on the formulation and implementation of national policy on computers and informatics. He is also serving as a Governor of the Arthur Clarke Centre for Modern Technology, and a member of the Special Presidential Commission on National Telecommunications Policy.

In summary, Dr. Munasinghe has made an outstanding contribution in a wide range of critical national activities. Both the Cabinet and Parliament have noted and commended his work. Dr. Munasinghe has also maintained the highest standards in every field of his work. Finally, he has found the time to produce a number of scholarly books and publications which carefully document his theoretical and practical contributions.

I understand that he will be returning to the Bank within the next six months, upon completion of his 3 year assignment here.

I would recommend that his work in Sri Lanka be adequately recognised.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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