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11.09.1984.

To : His Excellency J.R. Jayewardene, President of Sri Lanka.  
From : Dr. Mohan Munasinghe, Chairman, CINTEC. *MN*  
Subject : Inauguration of the Forthcoming First International Symposium on Micro-computer Applications (ISMA)

Your Excellency has already approved the holding of the above Symposium in Colombo during the period 4th to 9th November, 1984.

This will be the first international symposium of its kind, since it will focus attention on the applications of micro-computers for third world development. The symposium will deal with use of micro-computers in areas such as health, agriculture and energy, which affect the large masses of our poor and rural citizens.

The application of computers to help rural and poor people which has not received much attention is one of the priority areas for CINTEC, especially, since the use of micro-computers in the urban industrial context is relatively well-known from the experience of the Western Countries.

Recommendation : It is strongly recommended that Your Excellency accept the invitation to be the Chief Guest at this Symposium, and attend the inauguration on 4th November, 1984, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The principal reasons for Your Excellency's participation are : -

- (1) this international symposium is the first of its kind in the world ;
- (2) it is the first major activity launched by CINTEC - an organization falling directly under Your Excellency;
- (3) it is the first major collaborative activity launched following the signing of the Science and Technology Agreement between Sri Lanka and U.S., during Your Excellency's state visit to the U.S. in June, 1984.

In the event Your Excellency is unavailable, the following alternative candidates <sup>are</sup> proposed.

- (1) Hon. Lalith Athulathmudali
- (2) Hon. Cyril Mathew.

*H.E. regrets unavailability but has no objection to alternative candidates.*

*MN*  
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