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13 March, 1984.

To : H.E. J.R. Jayewardene, President of Sri Lanka.
 From : Dr. Mohan Munasinghe, Chairman, COMPOL. *nm*
 Subject: COMPUTER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (CINTEC)

The CINTEC Act was unanimously carried in Parliament on 6th March 1984, with no amendments. The necessary administrative steps to bring CINTEC into operation are being prepared, in consultation with Mr. S.M.L. Marikar, Addl. Sec./PS.

Full fledged CINTEC activities will take some time to get under way because of lack of staff and budget. However, in view of pressing work, it would be advisable to begin operations, even on a small scale, with a skeleton staff, as soon as possible.

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It is recommended that, in the first instance, a Chairman (or acting Chairman) be appointed for CINTEC, and 3 or 4 staff members recruited on a temporary basis. This will permit early preparation of an initial work programme, staffing scheme, and detailed budget (for the rest of 1984, and for 1985). Once these preliminaries have been dealt with, the remaining 9 members of the Council could also be appointed and major CINTEC activities launched.

Sery
 Mr. Marikar to
 Sec me.

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H.E has directed me to go ahead, in consultation with Mr. Marikar, to prepare ^{preliminary} a staffing plan & budget for 1984 (from 15th April onwards -- effectiveness date).

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