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To : His Excellency J.R. Jayewardene, President of Sri Lanka
From ^{MM} : Dr. Mohan Munasinghe, Senior Energy Advisor.
Subject : Advisory Brief No.13.

The preparation of legislation to set up a National Computer Policy Council is proceeding normally, but will take some time to enact. Therefore Your Excellency's approval is sought to carry out the following actions, in order to maintain our momentum in the area of computer policy implementation during the intervening months.

- (1). The National Computer Policy Committee (which prepared the original report) has now ceased to exist as a working committee of NARESA since its mandate has been completed. However, it would be most helpful if the members of this group could continue to meet on an ad hoc basis and provide me with advice and assistance in implementing our findings, until the National Computer Policy Council has been set up. I propose to summon meetings of this group from time to time through the Ministry of Power & Energy, since budgetary constraints prevent NARESA from continuing to support the activities of the Committee.
- (2). I would like to systematically contact various foreign institutions in the computer field, with a view to obtaining further information and assistance that would help to further the activities of the National Computer Policy Council, when it is set up.

19th September, 1983.

To : His Excellency J.R. Jayewardene, President of Sri Lanka

From : Dr. Mohan Munasinghe, Chairman, National Computer Policy Committee.

Subject : Progress Report on the Draft Computer and Information Technology Council (CINTEC) Act of Sri Lanka.

The first draft of the above Act has been prepared by the Legal Draftsman in accordance with the instructions provided by the Cabinet, and amendments suggested by the Hon. Minister of Education, and other interested persons. I have been in constant touch with the Legal Draftsman's office to see that the draft Act is fully consistent with the original report and recommendations of the National Computer Policy Committee, which Your Excellency had already approved.

This draft has now been submitted to the Attorney General's Office and early comments are awaited. Subsequently, the draft Act will be submitted to the Cabinet for approval, prior to presentation in Parliament.

Since we are now in sight of the formal passage of the CINTEC Act to Parliament, it is recommended that several steps be taken to make an early start in getting this new Institution off the ground as soon as possible. Accordingly, Your Excellency's approval is sought, to begin identifying -

- (a) A short list of prospective candidates to be appointed to the Council by Your Excellency,
- (b) A list of potential staff officers to form the Central Computer Secretariat which would carry out the work of CINTEC,
- and (c) Appropriate office space, equipment and other facilities for CINTEC.