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30th August 2010.

Dear Sir/ Madam.

In response to an invitation from the Chairman of the Presidential Commission on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation (LLRC), I appeared before the Commission at 2 p.m. on Wednesday the 25th of August in Colombo having sent a written submission ahead. I considered this a performance of a civic duty on my part.

In my oral presentation, based on scribbled Talking Points and not on a fully developed text, I outlined my thoughts on the subject expanding on my written submission at some points and adding to them at others. I also responded to the questions asked of me by all the members of the Commission *ex tempore*.

I have been surprised and disappointed by the many distortions of my presentation appearing in the Sri Lanka media and the commentaries based on these erroneous and selective reporting.

Until I am able to obtain an authoritative transcript of my presentation and the question and answer session from the LLRC I have decided to release the attached text of my written submission so that the media and the general public may have a more accurate record of the views I have expressed to the LLRC.

I shall be most grateful if you will please give this the fullest publicity. The full text of the LLRC transcript will be sent to you as soon as it is received.

Yours sincerely,

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