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Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Re : Confirmation of General Court Martial Findings
and Sentences

Further to our discussion this morning Dr Goneyali/Mr Waqanisau
I am now sending you the original letter which was sent to Commander
of RFMF regarding the above issue and was sent back to me.

Thank you for your assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NC Goneyali'.

NC Goneyali
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Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Re : Unprofessional Conduct by the Commander of
Fiji Military Forces

I refer to our telephone discussion on Friday 7th March 2003 regarding the above issue.

I was very annoyed and frustrated regarding the unprofessional, rude, unrespectable behaviour of the Commander of Fiji Military Forces.

On Friday he rang ADC Capt Damuni regarding his intention to see His Excellency the President and he emphasized that he does not want me to be in this meeting. I personally did not agree with this idea because of the need for me to be beside His Excellency all the time in all meetings because of the present state of his mind.

He came on Friday morning and without having the courtesy of seeing me first, he went straight to the Office of the President. I was only told by one of the staffs of the Government House that he was already inside the office.

I then went into the office and as soon as I sat down, he ordered me with a high-pitched voice that I should go outside. I replied that I was not going to go outside and after some exchange of words he mentioned and I quote; "I do not care whether His Excellency will remember what we discussed or not". I then asked His Excellency for his advice and he asked me if I could be excused from his office.

I did not know what they discussed and I did not know when he left Government House. I was surprised when ADC came to my office to deliver the same letter, which was sent to Commander regarding the "Confirmation of General Court Martial Findings and Sentences". This letter was not in an envelope and without any covering letter at all, something which is very unprofessional.

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I felt sorry for His Excellency because I could see that he was disturbed and stressed by what was happening, a situation which I always do not allow His Excellency to reach because of the danger of him getting another heart attack. His Excellency felt sick after this meeting that he had to go home and rest because of the severe headache. He did not come back to work in the afternoon.

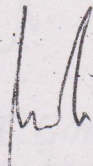
The Commander has no respect at all of the Office of the President. He was sitting with his right leg flexed over his left knee and both of his arms were fully extended laterally over the sofa at ninety degrees. There is obviously something wrong with this man, as no respectable Fijian will ever behave in this manner in the President's Office.

On Monday morning His Excellency admitted that he could not remember anything they discussed with Commander however, I presume that it was about the letter, which was sent to him regarding the "Confirmation of General Court Martial Findings and Sentences".

The Commander's behaviour has been totally unaccepted, unprofessional, unethical and showing disrespect of the Office of the President. I am told that he had also done this to Mr Luke Ratuvuki when he was here as Permanent Secretary in the President's Office.

Commander has definitely breached the Public Service Code of Conduct and should be disciplined accordingly.

I recommend that his present status should be urgently reviewed and that his future postings to be taken into serious consideration taking into account this type of behaviours.



NC Gonayali

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cc: Secretary, Public Service Commission
Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office
Minister for Justice

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