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Rt. Rev. Duleep de Chickera,
Bishop of Colombo,
Bishop's House,
No. 370, Bullers Road,
Colombo 7.

Dear Bishop Duleep,

S.Thomas' College, Gurutalawa

I am writing this letter at the request of the '62 Group' of Old Boys of S.Thomas' Gurutalawa of which I am also an honorary member as their teacher (one of three surviving ones).

The Group has forwarded you an 80 page report on the School after a very comprehensive study and a series of interviews. A copy of the report, which at your request has been kept confidential and has not been circulated among the members, has been given to me in my capacity as a respected teacher and also as a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

The Report has highlighted deficiencies and weaknesses in many important areas which cover aspects such as non-compliance of financial procedures, deterioration in discipline and moral values both amongst staff and students, teacher-student relationships, lack of proper student counselling, the role of the Chaplain, and other matters. I trust that you have already initiated action to look in to these deficiencies and put the school, which had an unblemished reputation under Dr.Hayman and Rev.Foster and even later, back in the correct direction. I am confident that with the appointment of a new dynamic Head Master this could be achieved..

The authors of the report together with me are prepared to give you any assistance you require in this connection. We could also meet you and the Headmaster on a convenient date to discuss the issues highlighted in the Report.

I wish to assure you on behalf of the Group that their objective is not a witch-hunt of those named in the Report, but rather to correct what has happened, learning from these experiences. Their only concern is the welfare of the school which they still love and cherish.

Thanking you,
Yours Sincerely,

