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August 29,2001

Mr.Upali Jayawardena,

Hon.Secretary,

S T C G- O B A

No.27,42nd Lane,Colombo 06Original by- Registered Post

Duplicate by Hand (with annexures)

Dear Upali,

S.Thomas College, Gurutalawa – O B A

I am enclosing herewith a further 26 Data Sheets received by me todate with a list enclosed marked 'A' bringing the total response so far to 247.

According to the Book "50 Years- the History of STCG 1942-1992" compiled by the late Mr.Oliver de Soyza, I find more names should be added to the list of Deceased Members appended at the end of the Draft Directory forwarded to you earlier. A list of such names is enclosed marked 'B'. The total of deceased members would now be 90.

32 Members in the Register are supposed to be abroad and their current addresses are not available. A List is enclosed marked 'C'. This could be circulated to collect the required information.

As at dates, 13 circular letters addressed to 185 + 6 members in the current mailing list have been returned undelivered by the Postal Authorities with the endorsement "Left Address". Their whereabouts need to be ascertained. A list is enclosed marked 'D'.

As at date 19 circular letters addressed to 109 members in the Members Register (that is not being used now) have been returned undelivered by the Postal Authorities with the endorsement "Left Address". Their whereabouts too need to be ascertained. A list is annexed marked 'E'.

I am sending under separate cover 03 Application Forms for Membership duly perfected by the persons concerned, with the appropriate fees for your attention, as you informed me that the current procedure is to submit same to you for further steps.

It would be preferable if after verification etc, and on their being enrolled/admitted as Life Members, they are informed in writing of enrolment straight away so that they have some regular confirmation. In my view announcement of new members at the next AGM alone is inadequate.

I also enclose herewith in summary form, for easy reference, some of the proposals made by us since March 2001 marked ' F'.

The Data as outlined in the addendum marked 'G' should be incorporated in the new Directory in the appropriate places. The Data provided in the Data Sheets sent thus far after the Draft was sent to you should also be incorporated in the Directory. A diskette to enable this was also sent with my letter of July 31,2001.

I am glad that the Executive Committee (or some its members) are prepared to meet us to discuss these proposals which we have submitted in the genuine and sincere belief that it would primarily be for the betterment of the College and secondly for a more organized and effective OBA.

We take the view that the Executive Committee, at all times is under a duty, to act as the Trustees of the Association and therefore should not view these proposals in a narrow manner because, after all the OBA must consider itself as the True Custodian of the Traditions of the College, to be handed down to the next generation.

We feel at is high time that the Executive Committee steered the OBA so that it could play the role expected of it, (particularly because so far the Board of Governors has not played the part one would expect of it,) in so far as matters of policy and administration of the College are concerned instead of permitting each Head Master to have different priorities and personal agendas which would necessarily be in conflict with the best interests of College and with no long-term planning involved.

None of the suggestions or proposals made by us are aimed at hurting the feelings of anybody. If any criticism is made, it is constructive in that we are pointing out the fault and suggesting what we feel is a wiser or more prudent approach. We feel its high time the OBA united as one entity and not leave room hereafter for any bitterness and ill-feeling.

We therefore, hope that all what we have said will be taken in that spirit.

Any further Data Sheets received will be forwarded in due course.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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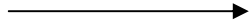
I refer to the telephone conversation you had with me on August 28,2001.

I note that the current procedure which prevails is that Applications for Membership are required to be submitted to you for processing etc.

Accordingly, I am handing you herewith 04 Applications with the appropriate fees.

Name & Address of ApplicantPayment details1. Abdul Hameed Mohammed Faizal
No.207/5, 1st Lane,
Weliwala Road,
Kotikawatte.2. M M Tu an Nizam
NO.153, Indigahagoda,
Gurutalawa3. Wijaya Jayatilaka,
No.14A, Costa Mawatha,
Off Anderson Road,
Kalubowila
DehiwalaSeylan Bank Havelock Town Branch
Cheque No.623499
Dated: August 28,2001
For Rs.1000/-Seylan Bank Havelock Town Branch
Cheque No.623500
Dated: August 28,2001
For Rs.500/-

4. Mr.A K N I Khan
No.19/2,Kalyani Mawatha,
Wattala



Habib Bank AG Zurich
Cheque No.713960
Dated :August 26,2001
For Rs.500/-

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

LAKSHMAN JAYATILAKA

c.c: Abdul Hameed Mohammed Faizal
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