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

Your Lordship,

**FUTURE OF S.THOMAS COLLEGE, GURUTALWA
DISCUSSION ON MARCH 29,2005**

Further to my letter of March 23,2005 and the annexures thereto, I'm enclosing herewith 02 e.mail responses I have received from 02 friends of my vintage in College i.e Jim Connor of Perth & Mahendra Liyanage of California which may be of some interest/use.

I trust the discussion on March 29th will be a Preliminary one and the actual coming to grips with the problems and finding solutions would be left to a Committee of well selected persons. Please do not leave out of the Committee any persons who wish to be a part of it to make some contribution.

Just four points which strike me and which the Board may perhaps give some consideration to, namely:-

- a. Any proposal to raise finance should be in keeping with the provisions of the S.Thomas' College Ordinance No.7 of 1930.
- b. It would be good to make a fresh appointment of a Manager for Gurutalawa who will not have any other responsibilities so that he could devote his full time and energy towards only the administration of that College, to work closely with the Headmaster and the Board of Governors and with the support of the OBA.
- c. In view of the fact that the Members of the Board are in the nature of Trustees according to law, no steps in conflict with the best interests of the College be taken particularly with regard to (a) above and generally with regard to matters relating to Administration.
- d. To be cautious about leaving room for any type of litigation against the Board, the likes of which we have seen in the recent past which will in the long run be detrimental to the good name of the College.

I feel the central theme should be to forget all mistakes and shortcomings of the past committed by whomsoever (except to learn from them) and get together with all who are sincerely concerned about College and see whether a viable salvage operation could be launched with bona-fide intentions.

My sincere wishes for its success.

With Warm Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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