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Excellency,

I had informed the H.E. Dr. José Ramos-Horta, Prime Minister, at our weekly meeting on 12 March 2007 that two out of five PNTL officers nominated for senior positions have been found to be unsuitable for certification. Their names have been referred to the Minister of Interior, and are:

- a. Inspector Delfin Da SILVA (further investigation required due to missing firearm)
- b. Inspector Jorge MONTEIRO (recommended for dismissal for integrity reasons)

I am therefore most disappointed that the two named officers have been publicly nominated for senior positions at today's parade to mark the 7th Anniversary of PNTL. Their nomination for two of the top five posts in PNTL places the entire re-certification process in jeopardy. The tireless efforts of many who strived hard over the last several months to ensure no PNTL officers with disciplinary or criminal cases against them are allowed back into the force may now have been negated. Furthermore, I am sure there will be a severe impact on morale of those PNTL officers who have been found suitable to return to duty. These officers will find it difficult, to say to least, to come under the command of individuals who have past cases against them.

I trust that you will take firm and immediate action to rectify this situation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration

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Special Representative of the Secretary-General
for Timor-Leste

H.E. Mr. Estanislau Da Silva
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cc: H.E. Mr. Kau Pala Yonana Guterres