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My Dear Secretary,

**SUBJECT: INTENTION TO ACQUIRE PORTION 698, MILINCH; GRANVILLE, FOURMIL:
MORESBY**

I write to bring to your attention the PNGDF's intention to grow the force in accordance with the Defence White Paper approved and launched by the Prime Minister, Honourable Peter O'Neill, in December 2013.

While the force is embarking on the growth, we are faced with the challenge of identifying the Land required to build specific Units that would be established in strategic sites to conduct their roles effectively.

The NEC Decision No. 70/2012 has directed the relocation of Murray Barracks and Land has been identified and in the process of finalizing the procurement process.

PNGDF has to be the First responder in all adversaries confronting the country at short notice. The (Special Forces Unit) LRRU based out of Goldie Training Depot is structured to provide the Ready Response capability.

However, Goldie River is the training establishment and the Long Range Recon Unit (LRRU) has to be shifted out to allow the growth of the Unit and allowing the LRRU to grow and allow the flexibility to operate out of its own Barracks. This gives Goldie River to concentrate on training and administration of training related issues and allow the capacity to grow the force.

As the Unit that is required to be deployed at a short notice it has to be located near the city and ideally close to the airport.


The major events such as the 2015 South Pacific Games and 2018 APEC requires LRRU to be close to the city where it can respond easily.

It is fitting that it co-locates with Air Transport Wing (ATW). Therefore, the land identified along the Jacksons air field adjacent to ATW known as Portion 698 Vol. 10 and Folio 2392 land areas of 37 hectares is more suitable for the PNGDF Long Range Recon Unit (LRRU).

This location for the PNGDF Unit has many advantages for its purpose. PNGDF does not have any funds budgeted for this land, despite our interest. Therefore we are seeking the support for possible financial assistance and advice in procuring this Land for military purposes and are asking the National Treasury Department to make available K14 million from this year's National Budget to be paid to Kitoro No, 64 for the said Portion of Land known as Portion 698 Vol: 10 Folio 2392 for the sole usage by the PNG Defence Force relocation and expansion program approved under the NEC Decision No. 70/2012 and the Defence White Paper of December 2013

Thank you for your attention and look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely



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Secretary

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