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His Excellency, the President,  
Presidential Secretariat,  
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Honorable Sir,

**Sub: Regarding on going investigation at TID**

I am a professional reporter operating in Mannar district for the past 8 years. I am so sad to inform you Sir that I didn't come across any harassment even during the war period, but I am now facing unwanted harassments from the TID, due to the wrong information which has been given by a Officer who is in charge of the CID, Mannar – Vavuniya district.

*In respect of the above, I was called twice to attend for an inquiry at the TID Head quarters in Colombo. Firstly, I was called on 09.12.2013 through the Police station, Mannar and I was attended for the inquiry. The officers who was at the inquiry asked me regarding telephone conversations which I had by my mobile phone as per the details they have obtained from the dialog centre and they showed me around 40 letters assumed by them that I have written. They pointed out that one of the report written by me regarding LTTE terrorist and it was mentioned that published on 11.05.2011. As per their information, this report has been sent to the TID by the officer who was in charge of the CID, Mannar – Vavuniya district with his signature and stamped by him. I asked them to show me the proof that I have written that report and also to inform me which web site it has been published, but they kept quite. But they told me that it has been recovered from my email address and they tried to fabricate that it is true. Also they asked me to reveal the password of my email address but I didn't give them.*

Again second time I was asked to report for an inquiry after seven months on 14.07.2014 and I attended the same. Inquiry went on from morning 10.00 to 3.30 in the afternoon. They forced me to accept that the same report was written by me and it was collected from my email address. If they really found from my email address, it is not necessary for them to force me to reveal my email address and the password. I am very much suspicious of their activities and I have not revealed any address or numbers.

Also they told me that if I don't provide my email address and password, they will call me again for an inquiry. Now I have come to know that the officers of CID, Mannar - Vavuniya district has planned to harass and threat my family members too. I smelt that all my telephone calls and my emails are being tapped by them now.

Sir, as a press reporter myself and my family are unable to live peacefully or attend to my official duty independently due to the threats I am facing now.

Respectable Sir, please look in to this matter and see that our lives will be saved from unwanted harassments which is prevailing and see that we are allowed to continue to do our duty as usual.

Thanking you Sir,

Yours obediently,



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Cc to: Secretary, Ministry of Defence  
Minister of Mass Media and Information  
The Press complaints Commission  
Ambassador of United States of America  
High Commissioner of United Kingdom  
High Commissioner of Australia  
Ambassador of France