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Senator the Honourable Anand Ramlogan  
Attorney General of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago,  
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Honourable Attorney General:

The JCC welcomed the appointment of the Uff Commission of Enquiry into the Public Sector Construction Industry, as a means of addressing widespread public concerns over perceived corruption in those operations of the State.

The Uff Report was completed and published in March 2010, which was a real landmark in our history as the first Commission of Enquiry report to be published.

The JCC is writing to seek your intervention on an important matter arising from the Uff Commission. Our concern is not, on this occasion, related to the aspects of possible criminal charges and convictions. We are here pursuing the educational and historic imperatives arising from this important national exercise.

Our concern is with the contribution which the Uff Commission itself represents to our nation and indeed, the wider world of learning. A major advance was made in the actual conduct of the Uff Commission, in that the hearings were televised and the sworn testimony was accessible on their website - [www.constructionenquiry.gov.tt](http://www.constructionenquiry.gov.tt).

For whatever reason, that website, which was formerly run by your Ministry, is no longer accessible. The information which was recorded as evidence in the course of the Uff Commission offers a deep, unprecedented insight into the state of affairs and the conduct of our substantial business dealings.

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That evidence, even those parts which were hotly contested, is literally an indispensable part of our nation's history.

To have those insights now become unavailable would be a serious loss in terms of public knowledge and literally a case of '*One step Forward, two steps Backward*' which future generations would rightly deplore.

It would be a situation rich in irony to have those testimonies vanish from public view while this administration were in office, having promised to implement the Uff Report recommendations.

We are proposing that the actual hard copy documents and the virtual website be hosted by National Library and Information Systems Administration (NALIS), being the most appropriate home for this collection.

If those documents were curated at NALIS, they would form an important repository for research and teaching in critical fields such as Government, Engineering, Surveying, Planning, Social Sciences, Law, Management and other associated fields.

We have taken the initiative of discussing this proposal with NALIS' Executive Director, Ms. Annette Wallace. Ms. Wallace has indicated that NALIS would be supportive of this JCC proposal.

We look forward to your earliest response to our request as outlined above.

Yours respectfully,

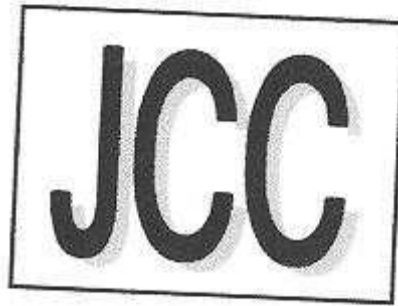
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