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The Prime Minister
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
West Indies

October 03, 2005

H.E. Mr. Jose Miguel Insulza
Secretary General
Organisation of American States
17 Street and Constitution Ave.
Washington D.C., 20006
U.S.A.

Dear Secretary General,

Sometime before March 31, 2006, general elections will be held in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. I am formally requesting that the Organisation of American States send a manageable team of observers for these elections. I am also inviting CARICOM and the Commonwealth Secretariat to send observers.

In our tradition, a notice of between three to four weeks is normally given of the actual date for the general elections. It means, therefore, that should your organisation accede to this request, your team has to be put on notice for prompt dispatch.

In St. Vincent and the Grenadines there is a National Monitoring and Consultative Mechanism (NMCM) headed by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Christian Council which has already been activated for monitoring purposes. This body was established by an all-party agreement for the last general elections in 2001.

Our country has a well-deserved reputation for holding free and fair elections in accordance with the highest standards internationally. Your "Observer Mission" would be helpful in the maintenance of these standards.

Once you agree to send a Team, please advise on the details.

Please free to contact the Supervisor of Elections, Mr. Rodney Adams, whose independent office manages in every respect the electoral process with his staff at the Electoral Office.

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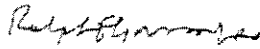
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Feel free too, to contact Mr. Godfred Pompey, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security and the Public Service in which resides broad administrative oversight for the Sectoral Office.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. The Hon. Ralph E. Gonsaves
Prime Minister

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