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Dear Sirs and Madame:

Re: Keynote Presentation Delivered by the Contractor General at the First Regional Law Enforcement Anti-Corruption Conference – Concerns Regarding Jamaica's Anti-Corruption Institutional Framework and the proposed Establishment of the Office of the Special Prosecutor

I am privileged to write directly to you to convey a courtesy copy of the captioned Keynote Presentation which was delivered by me, yesterday, at the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative's First Regional Law Enforcement Anti-Corruption Conference, in Kingston.

The Presentation, which is entitled: **The Need for Political Will and Effective Law Enforcement in the Fight Against Corruption in Regional Jurisdictions – Jamaica Case Study: Proposal for a Single Independent National Anti-Corruption Agency**, examines, among other things, the problem of



corruption generally, why and how it must be relentlessly fought, the failings of Jamaica's present anti-corruption institutional system, and the reasons why the Office of the Contractor General (OCG) is of the considered view that the Government's proposal, for the establishment of an Office of the Special Prosecutor, as presently conceptualized, is not one which will effectively or efficiently resolve Jamaica's challenging corruption problems.

Most importantly, the Presentation goes further to substantiate and to renew the proposal which was made by the OCG to you exactly one year ago, on March 22, 2010, for the establishment of a Single National Independent Anti-Corruption Agency for Jamaica, merging the Parliamentary Integrity Commission, the Corruption Prevention Commission and the Office of the Contractor General, and vesting in same full criminal investigation, arrest and prosecutorial jurisdictional powers over all corruption related matters.

As you are aware, the OCG's considered positions, in the foregoing regard, are now fully supported by the National Integrity Action Forum (NIAF), which has publicly stated that "... *the proposed Special Prosecutor Act, in its present form, should not be allowed to close the issue. It should be "put on hold" either to facilitate amendments to approximate the single anti-corruption agency with prosecutorial powers, or to allow for the draft of a new bill to bring about this result.*"

The details of the NIAF's positions and views are also particularized in the Presentation.

I would, respectfully, take this opportunity to once again ask, through your Good Offices, that the Government and Parliament of Jamaica review its current and proposed institutional arrangements for fighting corruption in Jamaica, particularly in light of the deep concerns which have been raised by the OCG and the NIAF regarding the matter.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurance of my highest considerations.

Very respectfully yours,

Greg Christie (Signed)

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Enclosure