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Bart Kigina,
Justice and Peace Committee,
Head Quarters. Tubiana.
Kieta. NSP.

Dear Bart Kigina,

I wish to thank your committee you have set up to express Justice in this time of problems on Bougainville. May I also extend my sincere thanks to our Bishop who represents the Catholic community. You have received numerous complaints about the in-human treatment by Security forces towards our people. This, I have to say that, it is only a starting point of the inside rottenness of the whole colonialy manipulated government system of Papua New Guinea. There is more to be uncovered for the whole world to hear, and our access is through your committee. Our communication system have been strickly control by government restricting us from expressing our true feelings. In our constitution "Freedom of Speech" is a fake, if our news interviews have to be cut by certain factors of government. To us, the constitution of PNG is just a cover-up of what leaders at high offices profess day and night about the democratic government of PNG. These same leaders are corrupt and dictators.

These same leaders ordered the security forces Shoot to kill when we are fighting for our true democratic rights in this country. This government is not for our people which would secure their freedom of their rights. It is in fact a government for the economy of PNG and Australia. What we are fighting for is to get out of this government which is about to sacrifice the democracy at the mercy of the economy. The pressure from CRA is too much for the government to exercise its own power. Further to this, the Australian government is taking a deep stand to assist PNG government and its Defence Force to fight us. Namaliu government is telling lies saying that Bougainville militants are smuggling weapons from overseas. This is only a cover-up of cold blood murdering of innocent people fighting for their rights. What I see here is that our human race is under a big treat with the existance of BCL through this major factors:-

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- 1) The use of dangerous chemicals in its production line.
- 2) The environmental damage caused by the Panguna mine and an infact that 9 (nine) Prospecting authorities would bring about when mining ontinued ahead.
- 3) A fifth of our total area of Bougainville is already been damaged. No creature will ever exist on it again. Another four-fifths when covered will completely restrict our people from subsistance farming which in return will mean the life of the entire province.
- 4) Social unrest is continuing to increase with the presence of out-side influence.

With this in mind I am deeply concerned for the lives of our future generations. To conclude, I wish to make you aware that, we don't trust PNG government any more. We feel no way a part of PNG. We have already broken away from PNG, however we are finding it hard to declare it to PNG government. We have asked Joseph Kabui time and he is too coward to express our demands to PNG government. We are ready to fight for our people untill we all die. This is the only way left for us and our future generation.

I wish you all our Almighty God's blessing and success in your work for his people. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Francis Ona.

CC: To Bishop Gregory Singkai.
