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Date . 7th December 1987
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Dear Sir

PANGUNA LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

I have been keenly following the wheeling and dealing focusing on the
same Association.

In a meeting I had with you and Mr Aune in my office on 6th September 1987,
I told both of you that the Provincial Government recognizes the new
executives because they were democratically elected on 21st August 1987
witnessed by Fr John Mosis, Mr Raphael Bele and myself. I further advised
that BCL should now commence dealing with the new executives.

I have been greatly surprised to discover from a letter signed by yourself
to Mrs Perpetua Serero, dated 16th November 1987 that despite the
Provincial Government's advice to you, you have decided to continue
recognising the old executives.


Let me warn you that you are playing around with fire! I do not want BCL
to muddle around with landowners internal problems. BCL should merely
respect and accommodate the landowners democratic decisions and choices.

I hope BCL through its recognition of the old executives of the Landowners
Association is not entertaining divide and rule tactic and collusion.

Your immediate recognition of the new democratically elected executives
of the Panguna Landowners Association is requested. You are given till
the end of this month (31/12/87) to comply. If the company fails to
comply then it must be prepared to meet the consequences.

Your utmost attention is requested please.

Yours Faithfully


JOSEPH C. KAKU MPA
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