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Dear Honourable Speaker, President of the Senate and Clerk of the Houses:

Re: Further Documentary Evidence Submitted in Support of Special Report – British Airways Letter of April 19, 2007 – Investigation Conducted into the Sale/Divestment of Air Jamaica Ltd.'s London Heathrow Slots to Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd.

I have the good honour and privilege to write to you in the captioned regard.

I write with reference to the captioned Report of Investigation of the Office of the Contractor General which was formally submitted to you under cover of a letter which was dated March 31, 2009 and also further to my letter to you of April 6, 2009.

In my letter to you of April 6, 2009, reference was made to a letter which was dated April 27, 2007 and which was written to Dr. the Hon Omar Davies, the former Minister of Finance and Planning, by the Chief Executive Officer of British Airways (CEO), Mr. Willie Walsh.

In its letter of April 27, 2007, British Airways asserted, *inter alia*, that it was not “given the opportunity to respond to any perceived shortcomings in its proposal”. The British Airways letter of April 27, 2007, was copied to the then Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Most Hon. Portia Simpson-Miller.

Since my letter to you of April 6, 2009, Dr. the Hon Omar Davies, the former Minister of Finance and Planning



has appeared on several radio and television talk shows, inclusive of the 'This Morning' Talk Show on Nationwide News Network (NNN) and on Garfield Buford's 'Direct' Television Programme on CVM Television, of Wednesday, April 8, 2009.

During the referenced interviews, Dr. Davies made the following assertions:

- (1) That the Office of the Contractor General had failed to place on record a letter which was dated April 19, 2007 from Mr. Willie Walsh, the CEO of British Airways, to he, Dr. Davies. This is a false assertion and one which was evidently made by Dr. Davies to mislead the public. Contrary to Dr. Davies' false assertions, the referenced letter, together with a summary of its contents, were expressly and unequivocally addressed as early as on page 28 of the OCG's 196 page Report of Investigation.
- (2) That British Airways was verbally offered the opportunity to improve its proposal in the six (6) suggested areas for improvement that Dr. Davies had extended to Virgin Airways in writing on April 17, 2007 and that British Airways had advised, in its letter of April 19, 2007, that it was not interested in improving its proposal for the acquisition of Air Jamaica's London Heathrow Slots.

This, too, from all the evidence that the OCG has seen, is a false assertion.

The British Airways April 19, 2007 letter makes absolutely no reference whatsoever to Dr. Davies' allegation that British Airways was provided with an opportunity to improve its offer in the suggested six (6) areas and that that was the opportunity to which, it, British Airways, was responding in its letter.

For the avoidance of any doubt on this matter, a copy of the British Airways letter of April 19, 2007 is enclosed, herewith, for the record. The letter will speak for itself.

I would be grateful if same could be tabled by you in the Houses of Parliament as soon as it is practicably possible.

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

Very respectfully yours

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Contractor General

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Enclosure