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Hon Allen M. Chastanet
Prime Minister & Minister for Finance, Economic Growth,
Job Creation, External Affairs and the Public Service
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Dear Prime Minister,

I write to inform you in my capacity as Leader of the Opposition on the position of the Saint Lucia Labour Party, on the appointment of Mr. Guy Myers to the post of the High Commissioner of Saint Lucia to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

It is the concern of the Opposition that Mr. Myers who served as Minister of National Security in 2011 by virtue of that role was central to the Government's policy at that time which led to the alleged killing of 12 persons during an operation called 'Operation Restore Confidence'.

Consequently, there was strong condemnation from the United States Government and other friendly Governments. This led to a CARICOM-led investigation and submission of the well-known 'IMPACS Report'.

The necessary follow-up action by the Government of Saint Lucia has remained a contentious proposition. It has constantly resulted in strong reactions from the Government of the United States, the EU and the Government of the United Kingdom.

It is difficult to accept that with the matter still unresolved how appropriate can it be for the Minister who had oversight of the operation to be recommended for accreditation to a principal diplomatic posting.

The Saint Lucia Labour Party believes that given the strong sentiments held by the Government of the United Kingdom on the issues of human rights and due process of law, then deliberate consideration should be given to withdrawing the nomination of Mr. Myers and awaiting the conclusion of the process relating to 'Operation Restore Confidence'.

I wish to assure you of my highest consideration.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip J. Pierre', written over the typed name below. The signature is slanted and includes a decorative flourish at the end.

Philip J. Pierre
Leader of the Opposition

CC: British High Commission
Opposition Members of Parliament