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Dear Mr. Siewsaran,

Re: Confirmation of the acting appointment of Mr. Gary Griffith as Commissioner of Police

I have been directed by Her Excellency Paula-Mae Weekes O.R.T.T., President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated September 03, 2021, which was received via e-mail at the Office of the President, on September 06, 2021, and which has been passed to me for attention.

I can confirm that Her Excellency the President on August 12, 2021, received a letter of even date from the Chairman of the Police Service Commission, Ms Bliss Seepersad. Ms Seepersad thereby submitted in compliance with Legal Notice 183 of 2021, a list of suitably qualified persons as nominees to act in the office of Commissioner of Police.

By letter of August 13, 2021, Her Excellency replied to the Chairman. No notification was sent to Parliament by Her Excellency for the granting of an acting appointment in the Office of Commissioner of Police as no such procedure is mandated or provided for in law.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy A. Arneaud

Director, Legal Services

Office of the President