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TO MINISTER FOR
PRESIDENCY HONORABLE
MULYA DOKHA BABALANDA

RE: MY OPEN LETTER ON THE NEWLY CREATED
POSITION OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Warm greetings Mama and thank you for spearheading the fight against corruption, promotion of patriotism and streamlining the offices of RDCs/RCCs country wide. It is noticeable that the discipline of RDCs/RCCs is well stipulated in your regime as minister for presidency Mama.

Section 70(A) of Local Government Act Cap 243 stipulates the appointment of RDC, Deputy or Assistant and the same Act under section (71) indicates their functions.

Writing from the above background, I congratulate the New Commissioners and also laud you Honorable Mama for having closed the staffing gaps in such offices where most Commissioners have to leave the office in hands of their secretaries while in field monitoring government programmes and supervising them.

To avoid internal fights in line of duty, I humbly appeal to your office to clearly stipulate the tasks a head of the New Commissioners to curb egotism and so on.

Centering on mobilization as part of the roles of the New Commissioners, there is a need to mobilize most youths country wide right away from the grass roots and evaluate the implementation of government programmes. It's upon the new Commissioner to devise a mechanism of talking to the said youths because they are the majority who supports opposition. They need to be oriented about development which is being steered by the ruling government.

As part of mobilization, I therefore call upon your office
Mama in collaboration with Uganda Communications Commission
to implement the directive which mandates every broadcast
station to give one hour of their airtime every week to government
and it will upon the new commissioners to fully utilize the
airtime in mobilizing, sensitizing the public about government
achievements and also spread the gospel of patriotism.

On corruption and individuals who want to fail the
government programmes, the New Commissioners should coordinate
with Criminal Investigation Department of Police or Inspector
General of Government to bring the crooks to books as opposed
to writing intelligence reports where no action is taken.

On the same note being that most New Commissioners have
strong media background, they should use it to expose corrupt
carnivals and even fight back incase they are attacked.

Identifying gaps where the government is not doing well as an
institution and ensuring that there is timely delivery of services.
By doing so patriotism will unfold itself as they execute their duties.

Lastly for Commissioners who are harbouring political
ambitions of contesting in their preferred constituencies, some of
which are in the districts they are serving for example the New
Commissioner Bugweri District just to mention but a few. This
will cause conflict of interest in making decisions that affects
their supporters hence rectification required in such incidents.

I once again thank you for your time.

Long live Mama Long live NRM party.

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