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JETSURE
(Jersey Tsunami Relief for North East Sri Lanka)



Mr Bryan Ian Le Marquand (Magistrate)
Honorary Patron

2nd January 2007

Your Ref 513/5(1)

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Dear Sir,

REVIEW OF JERSEY'S OVERSEAS AID

RESPONSE FROM JETSURE

On behalf of the committee of Jetsure, I write in response to your letter of 23rd November. We wish to make the following submissions:-

- (a) We consider that it would be good that the States adopt a policy to increase the Island's Overseas Aid budget to a level in line with the Gross National Income. Indeed, it appears to us that the Island ought to be endeavouring from time to time to increase the percentage of its Gross National Income which it gives away. It was recently suggested by Deputy Huet that as a small community we could not be expected to give as much as large communities. We do not think that this is correct. We have a higher income per person than most of the surrounding nation states and, therefore, ought to be able to contribute a higher proportion of our Gross National Income than others. We are a very wealthy constituency, and therefore it behoves us to contribute proportionally to those who have needs. Those of us who endured the occupation were on the receiving end of much

needed help, and now it is our time to help others.

- (b) Regarding the JOAC's policies, the Jetsure committee are agreed that it is right not to give aid to governments for them to distribute. Our experience in relation to Sri Lanka and particularly in relation to the Tamil community is that the government for political reasons is preventing funds which have given to the government from reaching the Tamil majority parts of the Island. Even the political decision to prevent rebuilding within a certain distance of the shoreline has delayed the rebuilding process. We mention these matters purely by way of illustration. Different political considerations will apply in different countries but, in general, governments simply cannot be trusted to act fairly and competently as channels of aid. The present policy of dealing directly with communities or through church or other agencies which operate locally and which can be trusted should be maintained.
- (c) One method of measuring the effective utilisation of the JOAC's aid budget is to ask for annual reports from the recipients of the aid with photographic evidence where possible.

Yours faithfully



Miss Rosemary Le Breton
Secretary of JETSURE