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MESSAGE

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Please see the attached letter.

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Q.4. The reason why discharge of these devices was thought to be appropriate

A.4. The use of these devices was thought to be appropriate based on the information which suggested that there were hundreds of armed gunmen in West Kingston prior to the entry of the security forces. In addition to distracting and creating confusion among these highly armed gunmen, it minimized the potential for loss of life among the civilians and also the security forces who were facing direct gunfire and the very real possibility of being ambushed at rigged barricades.

b. THE DEATH OF MR KEITH CLARKE

None of the issues raised in your questions relate to the death of Mr Keith Clarke. However please note that arising from the incident three (03) members of the Jamaica Defence Force have been charged with murder subsequent to a ruling from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. This matter is presently before the Home Circuit Court and as such we will be unable to comment on any further queries in this matter.

It is hoped that the information provided will prove useful. Please advise us if we can be of any further assistance.

The Chief of Defence Staff sends his regards.



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for Chief of Defence Staff