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Commission of Inquiry Act (Chapter 31)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER FOR INQUIRY

To: Warwick John Andrew

Know you that I, Julius Chan, Prime Minister, reposing confidence in your integrity and ability do, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 2 of the *Commission of Inquiry Act* (Chapter 31), and all other powers me enabling, by this my Commission appoint you, the said Warwick John Andrew to be a Commissioner under that Act, and authorize you to inquire into and report on matters in which inquiry would be, in my opinion, for the public welfare, that is to say to inquire into the following matters:—

1. The process (including negotiations and procedures) which resulted in the Independent State of Papua New Guinea entering into contractual or other arrangements with a body called Sandline International whereby overseas personnel were engaged to assist the Papua New Guinea Defence Force in dealing with the actions of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army on Bougainville Island.
2. The terms of the contractual or other arrangements made with Sandline International.

And I direct that the Inquiry shall be held in the National Capital District or at such other place or places in Papua New Guinea or elsewhere as to you may appear necessary or expedient.

And I further direct that the Inquiry shall be held in public, but I approve that you permit to be given in private any evidence that in the course of your inquiry you, in your absolute discretion, consider appropriate to be given in private in accordance with Section 2(5) of the Act.

And I further direct that you shall commence the Inquiry without delay and proceed therein with all dispatch and render to me your report on or before 18th April, 1997.

Dated this 21st day of March, 1997.

J. CHAN,
Prime Minister.