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Commission of Police
Rove Police Head Quarter
Honiara Solomon Islands.

APPEAL FOR RECOGNITION FOR SURRENDERING OF HAROLD KEKE.

Dear Commissioner,

To whom it may concern

On first December 2016, I had a meeting with the deputy commissioner of Police Mr. Manelusi in his office at Rove Police Head quarter. During our deliberation I told him my involvement with Harold Keke before he voluntarily surrender to RAMSI.

The deputy commissioner encouraged me to submit a brief account of how I deal with Harold Keke and addresses to the Commissioner of Police Attention to the Deputy Commissioner so here is a short covering letter to the brief account of his surrendering to RAMSI. A detail information contain in a book which I have written but not yet printed several difficulties – the tittle of the book. “The War-lord Harold KekeSurrendered “

Sir, I KamiloTeke, of Taubaha Village Tasahe Heights, North West Guadalcanal do here solemnly and sincerely make the following declaration that without my silent effort to convince Harold Keke to surrender for justice today we will not enjoy this present peace.

I make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and correct.

Yours Faithfully



Kamilo Teke. O.B.E

Seeking assistance for recognition and award.

How Harold Keke surrendered to justice.

APPOINTMENT OF MR KAMILO TEKE AS PEACE NEGOTIATOR BETWEEN SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT AND HAROLD KEKE.

By nature of power conferred upon me through the portfolio subjects assigned to the portfolios for National Reconciliation and peace, I Nathaniel Waena, MP, Minister of national Reconciliation and peace hereby appoint you, Mr. Kamilo Teke to be a Peace Negotiator between the Solomon Islands Government and Mr. Harold Keke, the leader of the Guadalcanal Liberation Front Militia group, your appointment became effective as from 23-12-02.

This appointment was a very important and a challenging one. It was an additional responsibility on top of those responsibilities given previously. The term of reference was clear and I have to do the task accordingly. I shall work in collaborate with Mr. Sethuel Kelly whose area of jurisdiction for coordination shall cover the whole of South Guadalcanal Constituency and the area of jurisdiction shall cover the whole of West Guadalcanal Constituency.

The first attempt of making contact with Harold keke was by the means of letter, based on the verbal information received from Harold Keke's supporters who usually come to Honiara without other people identifying them.

The first letter was sent to him was dated 2nd January 2003. The response to this letter was very positive, he express willingness to meet and have dialogue, but refused to meet and talk with Sethuel Kelly.

On 30th June 2003, I received invitation from Harold Keke requesting me to go and meet with him at Mbiti Village on the Weather Coast of Guadalcanal. I responded positively to his invitation, I thought it was a golden chance and must not miss this opportunity.

On the first July 2003, I went to spend a night at Selwyn College to meet Joseph Sangu and some of Harold Keke's followers for the purpose of drafting a unilateral ceasefire agreement for Harold Keke to be signed on the 4th of July 2003. With the assistance of Andrew Muaki a Lawyer and Mr. Selwyn Selo deputy Principal of Selwyn College at that time. The ceasefire agreement was drafted and sent to Harold Keke for his approval.

In responding to hiss invitation Honorable Y. Sato and I left Honiara at 6:00 am on the 4th of July 2003 on our way to Mbiti Village to meet with Harold Keke. On our arrival we were welcomed by Harold Keke and Villagers. At the same time his armed men were around. The first meeting, I did not really know what sort of meeting is going to be. Anyway, one cannot rule out the risk of life. Harold Keke came and hugged me on my shoulder with tears dropped from his eyes. I stand still without saying a word.

Mr. Harold Keke's conversation with me clearly sees the sentiment of self-pity developing in him. It seemed that Keke was thinking about change, coming to the point of conversion. He

Going to the weather Coast in August 2003

Point considered before going to the weather Coast:

Point one: we have to organize ourselves and arrange a meeting with Keke, now that he was willing to meet us.

Point two: we have to brief Nick Warne he too must be part of the mission.

Point three: Hon .Y.Sato and Kamilo Teke must first contact Harold Keke to find out the date time and location for the helicopter to land.

Point four: The Commissioner of Police must write a letter to Harold Keke and give it to Kamilo Teke to deliver it to Harold Keke.

At the end of the meeting I was given a responsibility to contact Harold Keke to find out the date. Time and location for the helicopter to land- also the Police Commissioner writtjena letter and gave it to me – KamiloTeke – to deliver to Harold Keke.

Also at that meeting it was agreed that the Weather Coast Trip to meet with Harold Keke would be on 7th August. We also agreed that Y.Sato and Kamilo Teke be the front line for the delegation. No gun but just a body.

Composition of delegation to meet Harold Keke as follows

1. Mr. Nick Warner - Special Coordinator (RAMSI)
2. Mr. Ben Macdevitt- Deputy Commissioner of Police
3. Mr. Simon – Head of Army
4. Hon. Y.Sato – SIG Special envoy
5. Mr. Kamilo Teke – Guadalcanal Peace Coordinator.
6. Mr. Peter Bond- Australian Federal of Police.

Our delegation departed Honiara by Helicopter at 9:00am and landed on the HMAS Manoora for about 20 minutes. When all the preparation were done, we left the Manoora and flew to the shore of Mbiti and landed on the beach at 10:00am. Hon. Y.Sato and I went ahead to meet four leading supporters of Keke. We were told that Keke was not available and the delegation would only meet these four people who were Keck's representatives. But Hon. Y.Sato and I were not happy so we demanded that Keke must come and meet with the delegation as it was important for Mr. Nick Warner to talk with him because he had a very important message, which we were not able to tell him. Mr. McDevitt wrote a short letter on our behalf saying that we needed to meet him the next day 8th August.

The letter was dispatched and we all went back to Honiara, except Mr. Peter Bond who stayed behind awaiting the reply to the letter. Keke replied by midnight and the message reached us early the next day. We all then returned to Mbiti and were able to meet Keke and discuss the matters with him including the arrangement for his surrendering himself to RAMSI. We all agreed that Keke, his wife, and small child, with some of his associates would be picked up on the beach of Mbiti early morning on 13th August and taken to HMS Manoora by Helicopter.

Harold Keke voluntarily surrendered himself to RAMSI on 13th August 2003. He made a right and honourable decision.

Implications of Harold Keke's Surrender

13th August can be taken as significant day in the history of Solomon Islands. Mr. Nick Warner Co ordinator of the Australian – led Regional Mission to Solomon Islands. RAMSI welcomed Harold Keke's surrender because it has been months ,weeks and days before anyone can tell what was going to happen in Solomon Islands when RAMSI forces arrived. Keke's surrendering was a very sound decision for he demonstrated true leadership in the sense other former commanders, both IFM and MEF, should see and follow his example for the good of the nation,

13th August opened a new chapter in the history of Solomon Islands. It was indeed a milestone in the restoration of peace in our nation. At last people had an opportunity to make a fresh start in life with development.