

President Janet Jagan,
Government Industrial Estate,
East Bank Demerara
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Dear Janet,

Congratulations on your victory. It is a victory for all races, classes and factions in Guyana. In a highly literate country that was consistently de-schooled and de-civilized for over two decades, some voting inconsistencies were inevitable. But your PPP/Civic coalition was the unmistakable winner. . With a combination of high unemployment, and a demographic situation in which "Garrison Communities" of our youths were subsided by ruling elements to intimidate opponents, one tends to get thuggery instead of a disciplined political opposition. And curing this is a long term challenge. The long and proud history of Guyana's struggle for independence, a history in which you played a vital role, is unknown to a de-schooled generation. With your usual honesty and an integrity that was steeled during a long struggle, I am sure that you will deal with the present crisis and that, you who, in the past fought so valiantly against racism and class prejudices will lead a Government of all the Guyanese people.

Warmest fraternal greetings

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